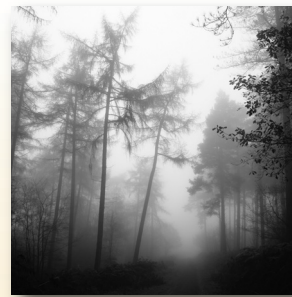




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GBO crew in Norway ~ the trip of a lifetime

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

After months of planning and preparation, five Green Bank Observatory employees – astronomer Dr. Will Armentrout, electrician Anthony Nucilli, telescope mechanic Edgar Friel, works area division head Adam Taylor and scientific data analyst Brenne Gregory – traveled 3,783 miles to Svalbard, Norway, where they spent two and a half weeks salvaging parts from the decommissioned 20-meter telescope at Ny-Ålesund research station.

On August 28, the five-member crew held a symposium at the GBO where they discussed the science done at Ny-Ålesund and what they did while they were at the northern-most city in the world.

Armentrout explained that



THE GREEN BANK Observatory crew of, from left: Anthony Nucilli, Brenne Gregory, Dr. Will Armentrout, Adam Taylor and Edgar Friel, traveled to Ny-Ålesund research station in Norway to deconstruct a 20-meter telescope with the intent to bring back as many spare parts as possible. The parts were packed into the shipping container show above. The decommissioned telescope is a twin to the 20-meter at GBO and has been replaced by two 13-meter telescopes by the Norway observatory. Photo courtesy of GBO

the Ny-Ålesund 20-meter telescope is a twin to the 20-meter at GBO and was built by the same company.

“The impetus for this trip was that they were getting rid of their 20-meter and replacing it with two 13-me-

ters,” he said. “Our objective for going way, way up north see GBO pg 8

Royal Warriors



POCAHONTAS COUNTY HIGH School seniors Hannah Burks and Gavin Walls were named 2023 Homecoming Queen and King at Friday night’s homecoming game at Warrior Field. Photo courtesy of PCHS



THE SMALL BUT mighty Pocahontas County High School Warrior Band – first row, from left: Eric Dibble, Miles Fitzgerald, Hailey Fitzgerald, Miya Johnson and Emilynn Hall. Back row, from left: sponsor Casey Griffith, Olivia Hamilton, Kaidence Cutlip, Jaydn Lane, Reggie Whiting and sponsor Jennifer Nail-Cook. Photo courtesy of PCHS

The little band that knew they could

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

There’s a large room at Pocahontas County High School, with a recessed tiered floor in the shape of a horseshoe. For years, the sound of harmony, cadences and the occasional sour note filled the room, played by future teachers, doctors, parents and, yes, even a certain newspaper reporter. These students fed their

passion for music and became award winning musicians during their time in the Warrior Band.

In August of this year, this large room held nine students who were faced with a challenge. With no band director, it was up to them to keep the program alive. Not only did they meet the challenge head on, they rose to the occasion, found the leaders inside themselves and created a nine-member band with a

big heart. Drum major/director Hailey Fitzgerald; clarinet - Jacy Lane; drums - Miya Johnson; alto saxophone - Eric Dibble; trumpet - Kaidence Cutlip; drums - Miles Fitzgerald; drum - Emilynn Hall; tenor saxophone - Olivia Hamilton; and alto - saxophone - Reggie Whiting; are the core nine members of the band who were determined to

see Band pg 11



CAROLYN STRINGER, OF Southport, North Carolina, left, presented a shadow box containing Pioneer Days badges from 1967 to 2023 to the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau last Wednesday. Stringer’s mother, the late Bernice Underwood Johnson, collected the badges throughout the years. The shadow box was built by inmates at Denmar Correctional Center. Mike Moore accepted the gift on behalf of the CVB. S. Stewart photo

Pioneer Days Badge collection finds new home

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

It’s been a staple of Pioneer Days since the first celebration was held in Marlinton in 1967 – the badge. It’s technically a button which features a landmark each year as part of the

Pioneer Days festival.

The badge used to be the way festival goers gained access to displays and activities. Now, it is a symbol of a decades old tradition of collecting one each year.

One of those collectors was the late Bernice Underwood Johnston. Bernice was

the daughter of Emily North, of Buckeye, and Delmar Underwood, of Trout. Although, as an Army wife, she lived all over the world, Marlinton was always home to Bernice. Each Pioneer Days, whether or not she was able

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Town of Marlinton designated as a Source Water Community!

West Virginia Rivers Coalition has recognized the Town of Marlinton with a Source Water Community award. Marlinton and Harpers Ferry are the first two communities in the state to receive this award. A water utility earns the designation as a Source Water Community if it takes an active role in protecting the waters that serve as its drinking water source. To receive the designation of a Source Water Community, a water utility must partner with the community on source water protection projects and issue a Proclamation celebrating Drinking Water Week during the first week of May.

The Town of Marlinton completed both an education

and a conservation project to contribute to their award. Partnerships on the projects included Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation, Greenbrier River Watershed Association, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, and the West Virginia Conservation Agency.

The Town hosted an annual open house and kid's fishing derby at the water plant. The attendees were given tours of the water plant and spent the day fishing for stocked trout on the banks of Knapps Creek. Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation provided prizes for the biggest fish.

The Town also turned a vacant lot adjacent to the Greenbrier River Trail on Fourth Avenue into a park.

The Wetland Walk is an educational park surrounding a wetland and features educational signage about the role wetlands play in improving drinking water sources.

Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton expressed appreciation for the recognition of the Community Award and was quick to share gratitude for town employees, community partners and the several agency representatives, who assisted in the work, which made this award possible.

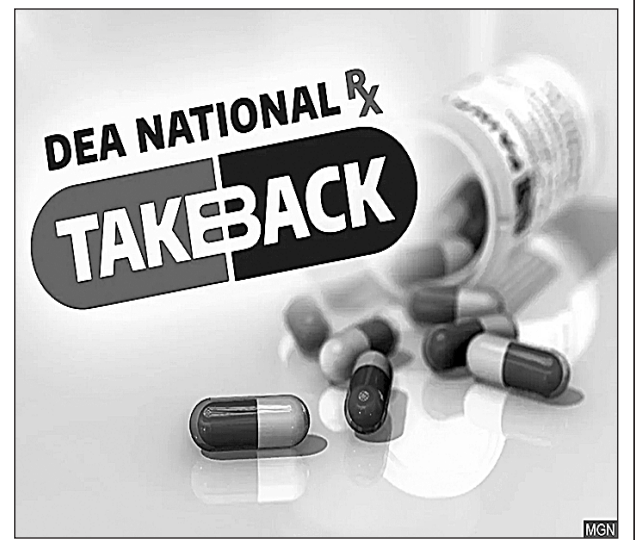
West Virginia Rivers Coalition congratulates the Town of Marlinton on being proactive in educating their community about the important role they play in protecting their drinking water sources.

National Drug Take-Back Day

The Pocahontas County Sheriff's office and West Virginia State Police- Marlinton Detachment will participate in the National Drug Take-Back Initiative Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This program provides the public an opportunity to surrender dispensed pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement for destruction. It also results in removal of potentially dangerous controlled substances from homes in the community, lessening the possibility of accidental poisoning, overdoses and abuse.

Law Enforcement will accept these substances and medications at the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office



at 900 Jail Lane in Marlinton; located behind the Pocahontas County Courthouse.

Please keep in mind that "sharps" (syringes, needles and scalpels) will not be ac-

cepted. Jeff Barlow, Sheriff Pocahontas County Sgt. W. S. Snyder, Commander WVSP - Marlinton Detachment

911 Center Report

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

- The 632 calls were as follows:
 Nature of Call/Total Calls Received
 911 ABD, open, hang-up - 32
 Abandoned vehicle - 1
 Accidental dial - 3
 Agency assistance - 3
 Law, animal control - 16
 Assault/battery - 1
 Accident with injuries - 17
 Auto accident - 14
 Law, breaking and entering - 6
 Law, BOLO (Be on the lookout) - 6
 CAD2CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) - 18
 Law, citizen assist/non-emergency - 23
 Controlled burn - 1
 Destruction of property - 6
 DNR, violation complaint - 5
 Law, domestic - 11
 Law, drug complaint - 2
 DVP violation - 2
 Fire, alarm-elevator - 16
 Alarm, fire - 8
 Fire - non-emergency - 1
 Law, fraud - 2

- Law, general alarm - 23
 Law, shots fired - 6
 Fire, Hazmat incident - 1
 Highway traffic hazard - 12
 Information/notice - 28
 Intoxicated - 1
 Law, criminal investigation - 4
 Law, general complaint - 77
 EMS, medical - 74
 Fire, medical alarm - 2
 Missing person - 1
 Missing/overdue person - 7
 MVC - 1
 Law, paper service - 10
 EMS, patient transfer - 38
 Fire, secure landing zone - 8
 Law, sex crime - 1
 EMS, standby - 14
 Fire, structure - 2
 Fire, suspicious odor - 2
 System test - 15
 Theft of property or items - 4
 Threatening - 1
 Law, traffic complaint - 5
 Law, traffic stop - 47
 Transferred to other agency - 2
 EMS, trauma - 21
 Law, trespassing - 1
 Law, warrant service - 8
 Law, welfare check - 16
 DNR, wildlife management - 6

Circuit Court

The following hearings were recently held in Pocahontas County Circuit Court:

The court denied a motion for bond reduction for Armando Capo, 49, of Brooklyn, New York, due to the nature of his arrest involving a minor and fleeing from an officer. The court set bond at \$5,000 cash/surety with usual conditions and special condition that the defendant is to reside out of state at an address in New York.

Colin Alexander Chaplin, 22, of Marlinton, was adjudged guilty of the felony offense of grand larceny and burglary. The matter was referred to the probation department for a pre-sentence investigation. The court denied a defense motion for bond pending sentencing. Chaplin had entered into a plea agreement in March and had entered the Southeastern Drug Court Program.

Due to the public defender being on medical leave, the status hearing in the case the State vs Kristina Shingleton, 52, of St. Albans, was continued to November 9. Shingleton was indicted on one count, attempted delivery of a controlled substance to a correctional facility, a felony; one count, transportation of a controlled substance onto the grounds of a correctional facility, a felony; and one count, conspiracy to commit a felony.

Brent Prouse, 35, of Huntington, tendered a written plea agreement to the court wherein he pleaded guilty to the felony offense of attempted possession of a controlled substance by an inmate. Adjudication of the plea was deferred and Prouse was placed on probation for two years with normal terms and conditions and is to pay court costs within the two-year period. Counts I and II of the indictment were dismissed.

A jury trial had been set for October 18 in the case the State vs Justin Arbogast, 35, of Valley Head. At a status conference, held October 11, the state filed a motion to continue the trial. The matter is now set for a status hearing December 6. Arbogast was indicted on one count, sexual

assault in the first degree, a felony; one count, sexual abuse by a parent of a child, a felony; one count, incest, a felony. He remains on previously posted bond.

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Skylar Tinscher, 24, of Buckeye, wherein the state advised the court that a plea offer has been sent to the defense and asked for a continuance to allow time to negotiate the plea. Tinscher was indicted on one count malicious assault; one count, attempted murder; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Greg Charles Sharp, 39, of Cass, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Jail for a pre-trial status hearing. The state advised the court that plea negotiations are being discussed. The matter is set for a status hearing November 15. Sharp was indicted on one count, attempted sexual abuse, first degree, a felony.

A pre-trial status hearing was held in the case the State vs Virginia Hall, 41, of Hillsboro, wherein the state advised the court that plea negotiations are being discussed and asked for a continuance. The matter is set for November 15. Hall was indicted on one count, grand

larceny, a felony.

Brian Michael Mason, 35, of Hillsboro, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for a status hearing wherein defense counsel advised the court that the defendant will be entering a substance re-hab program at Anchor Point by the end of October. Mason is to post \$10,000 PR bond with previous terms and conditions with the added condition that he is to complete the re-hab program and is to have no contact with the victim. Mason was indicted on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, grand larceny, a felony; one count, conspiracy, a felony; one count, child neglect creating risk of serious bodily injury, a felony.

A pre-trial status hearing was held in the case the State vs Stephanie Michelle Sharp, 38, of Hillsboro, wherein the state advised the court that plea negotiations are being discussed in this matter although there may be motions to consider. Sharp was indicted on one count, grand larceny, a felony; one count, conspiracy, a felony; one count, child neglect creating risk of serious bodily injury, a felony.

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Cattails ~ ‘supermarket of the swamp’

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

Cattails can be found growing in low-lying, marshy areas not only here in Pocahontas County, but all over the world.

We watch for the velvety brown heads to fully develop on cattails, because they make a natural addition to dramatic fall décor.

But a cattail is so much more than just a pretty face.

They are a veritable wonder of nature – providing sustenance and shelter for a variety of species, from tiny fish to humans and all sorts of life in between.

In addition to fish, their underwater ecosystem is home to many aquatic species, including amphibians. Above ground, they provide nesting material, food and shelter for dozens, if not hundreds of varieties of birds and mammals.

Even when the winter winds begin to blow, a stand of cattails still serves as a protective haven for wildlife. Since before recorded his-

tory, humans have made use of cattails as food, medicine, furniture, building material and tools.

Cattails are perennial reeds which can grow anywhere there is a steady source of water.

Related to grasses, they are in the Typhaceae family and belong to the genus Typha. They usually grow to between three and 10 feet tall.

The species most common in the United States is Typha latifolia, which is widespread around the world in the most temperate parts of the northern hemisphere.

But there are also blue cattails (Typha glauca), narrowleaf cattails (Typha angustifolia) and southern cattails (Typha domingensis).

Mid-summer to early fall is the ideal time for harvesting cattails in this part of the world.

For making arrangements, you’ll want to gather them before they go to seed, while the cattail head is still firm

and brown, with a few flowers left on top.

When you go harvesting, you’ll want a pair of rubber boots, garden shears, gardening gloves and a large bucket or heavy duty garbage bag in which to bring the cattails home.

You’ll also want to be sure the cattails you have your eye on are not on private, protected or restricted land.

Cut the cattails as close to their base as you can. The longer you leave the stems, the more leeway you’ll have when you get ready to use them.

They are naturally dry, so drying them is not difficult.

You’ll need string or twine to tie the cattails in bundles, newspaper, clear craft lacquer or hairspray (doesn’t have to be fancy – the cheap stuff actually works better).

Remove imperfect leaves, or all the leaves if you wish – they do tend to get brittle and will eventually crumble. Trim the stems to varying

see Cattails pg 11

Hoot and Holler – Birds of Prey Saturday, October 21

Enjoy the dark skies and night sounds as Watoga State Park hosts Hoot and Holler, presented by the Three Rivers Avian Center. This special program is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Hoot and Holler reveals that the birds say, “who cooks for me, who cooks for you all?”

Programs such as Wings of Wonder are part of the

Dark Sky certification requirements to maintain national status. We hope you enjoy these nature-based and evening programs that keep us looking up into the night sky.

Saturday’s program will be all about owls native to West Virginia. 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 pro-

tecting these special birds. There is no fee to attend. Open to the public, the program lasts about an hour and is staged in the Activity Building at Watoga State Park – near the pool.

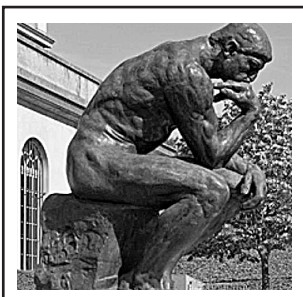
Questions are welcomed. This is a family friendly event. Join us for this evening with the raptors with your host Lora Moran and guests Three Rivers Avian Center and the educational raptors.

PCAG basket weaving class

The Pocahontas County Arts Guild will host Janet Hall, a long time basket maker and teacher at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts in Mount Vernon, Illinois.

Hall has worked in basketry for 10 years. Using reed, she has incorporated antlers or branches, foraged or recycled fibers for added interest, texture and structure to her creations.

Hall invites you to join her for a basket class at the McLaughlin Cabin on Fourth Avenue in Marlinton, Friday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register, contact Rose Driver at 304-799-6486.



TRIVIA

– a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Which two countries have not missed any of the modern-day Olympics?
2. Which American Football team is the only team to go a whole season undefeated, including the Super Bowl?
3. Which country borders 14 nations and crosses eight time zones?
4. Which Central American country has a name which translates to English as “The Saviour?”



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Poetry Corner

THE OLD WOMAN

Something a farmer learns in his life
Is to live with the weather – just like an old wife –
Tired of her crochets, but proud half the way
Of his cranky old woman who works every day.

If it's sunshine he's wanting, why rain she thinks best;
If it's south wind he calls for, she sends him the west;
But season by season, a faithful old spouse –
She works and she briggles – The Earth is her house.
~ Louise McNeill from paradox hill



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Vegetable Chili

1/4 cup olive or vegetable oil
2 cups chopped onion
1/2 cup finely sliced celery

1 cup carrots, sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 tsp. celery seed
1/4 tsp. cayenne, optional
1 tsp ground cumin
3 Tbsp. chili powder
2 cups canned, crushed plum tomatoes with juice
1 cup vegetable stock or water

1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. fresh or dried thyme
1 bay leaf
2 cups cauliflower florets
2 cups zucchini, cut into 1/2" cubes

Kernels from one ear of corn
2 cups canned kidney or pinto beans

Hot pepper sauce, optional
Heat oil in large Dutch oven and add onions, celery, onions and garlic. Cover and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until onions are softened, 8-10 minutes. Stir in celery seed, cayenne, cumin and chili powder. Mix well. Add tomatoes, stock or water, salt, thyme and bay leaf. Stir. Cook 15 minutes, uncovered.

Add the cauliflower, zucchini and corn kernels. Cover and cook 15 minutes.

Add the beans, stir well, and cook 10 minutes more, uncovered. Check seasonings, add dash of hot sauce, if desired. Good over rice or baked potatoes.

Spiced Pumpkin Soup

3 Tbsp. olive oil
1/2 cup sliced onion
6 medium size green onions, white and green sliced separately
1/8 tsp. cayenne
1/4 tsp. ground cumin
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg or mace

5 cups chicken stock
2 1/2 cups pumpkin purée
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup half and half, whole milk or evaporated milk

Heat oil in large, heavy saucepan. Add onion and whites of green onions. Cook over low heat until softened, 8-10 minutes. Add the spices and stir well to coat the onions. Cook 3-4 minutes. Add pumpkin purée, stock and salt. Raise heat to medium; cook 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Let soup cool slightly and purée it in food processor or blender. Return soup to the pan. Taste and add more seasonings, if desired. Heat to simmering. Stir in the cream and simmer 2 to 3 minutes more. Serve hot, with a swirl of cream and green onion tops. Serves 6



Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

The Comprehensive Plan process was a communitywide endeavor. The planning commission was made up of volunteer citizens appointed by the governing body to serve in a largely advisory role.

The Marlinton Planning Commission, over a three year period, held open house meetings, solicited stakeholder surveys, invited local leaders to meetings, and made sure to discuss the comprehensive plan during open meetings for anyone to attend. From these numerous meetings, the commission gathered information, analyzed data, obtained input

and developed the comprehensive plan for the town.

The final plan was voted on and approved at an Open Meeting and was filed as a public record at the Pocahontas County Court House, August 2019. Beginning on page 4-4, it reads as follows: Safe Community— Create a safer community.

Objective 1.1 Ensure law enforcement is a priority in the community

Action Step 1.1.1 Continue to fund at least one town police officer with emphasis on hiring more personnel as needed and funding become available

Action Step 1.1.2 Work with county and state law en-

forcement agencies, when needed, to ensure safety of the community

Action Step 1.1.3. Reestablish a neighborhood watch program. Make sure a plan is developed and volunteers are in place to ensure that it is a long-term endeavor.

Objective 1.2 Provide deterrents and additional safety enhancements

Action Step 1.2.1 Install and monitor surveillance cameras at the park and other targeted public spaces

Action Step 1.2.2. Analyze public lighting options to decide whether existing lighting is sufficient. If existing lighting is not sufficient. Identify where additional lighting would be needed.

Action Step 1.2.3. If new or additional lighting is needed, ensure any new public light fixtures are energy efficient and provide the illumination needed. Consider

requiring downward facing sconces so as to minimize light pollution.

The number 1 and 2 Objectives have not changed. In fact, the need is greater now than before. Over the last five years, we have hired five officers and are currently without an officer. The problem is, the Town does not have the budget to accomplish its goal.

Beginning the process of adopting and implementing a Municipal Fee for Public Safety is a last resort – that is past due. A Municipal Fee to adequately fund a police officer, at a competitive salary, and to provide additional enhancements to assist in growing a professional department is the most logical and timely approach.

I will seek community support to secure and maintain the safety and security of the Town of Marlinton.

Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE

Grammy Award-Winner Dom Flemons, a celebrated preservationist, storyteller and instrumentalist, Friday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for these performances are \$10, and are available at the 4th Avenue Gallery, online at pocahontasoperahouse.org or at the door the night of the performance. Ages 17 and younger admitted free.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

A Very Scary Halloween at Boyer Station Campground Saturday, October 21, beginning at 4 p.m.

Halloween in Durbin, Saturday, October 28, Trick or Treat 5 to 7 p.m. Events at the Durbin Firehouse begin at 7 p.m.

Trick or Treat in Marlinton, Tuesday, October 31, 5 to 7 p.m.

Trick or Treat in Hillsboro Tuesday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m.

EVENTS

Seventh Annual Empty Bowls, Thursday, October 19, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Opera House. Sponsored by Family Resource Network and Pocahontas County Arts Council. Advance tickets, \$25, are available at the FRN office. At the door, \$30.

Watoga 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 Center.

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's Fall Dance featuring music by Half Step Down Saturday, October 28, 8 to 11 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Opera House. Advanced tickets are available by contacting Sara Casto, 304-799-7400 Ext. 1020; or Edwina Garber, 304-456-4117.

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MEETINGS

PCARSE Wednesday, October 25, noon, at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton.

Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority regular meeting Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m. at the courthouse.

Pocahontas County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Thursday, October 26, 2 p.m. in the Durbin BFD Fire Station. The public is invited. The agenda will be posted October 26 on the door of the Office of Emergency Management, 1008 Jury Street in Marlinton. More info: 304-799-3985.

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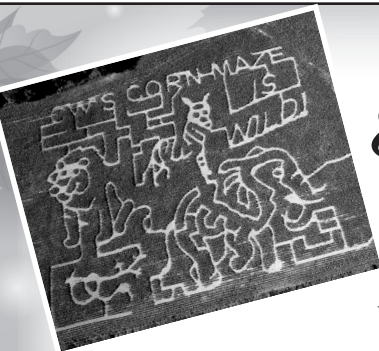
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A Survival Necessities Pack

Melondy Phillips
Staff Writer

When my boys were young and we would go on hikes or camping trips, I made it mandatory that each one of us had to wear a necessities pack on our belt at all times. I taught my boys what each item was, what it could be used for if they got lost or hurt, and how to use it. Training is important. If a four-year-old was sat down in front of a sewing machine without any instructions or ever having seen one previously, would that four-year-old be able to use it? However, even a three-year-old can learn how to blow a whistle or wrap a strip of cloth around a bleeding wound to help it stop. And think about it, what kid wouldn't have fun reflecting sunlight off a mirror at someone. Yet, if they got lost, these simple skills could help keep them alive and get rescued.

To make these packs I first had to decide on their size and shape. At the time, my boys were young and I knew the packs had to be small enough not to be a hindrance. I wanted the boys to be able to wear the packs at all times without noticing they were there—as much as possible. I also had to decide on a style tough enough to survive my boys.

Once I had the packs, I then had to plan on what items would fill them. Every item had to be compact, long lasting and serve at least one important need or function, if not more.

Here is a list of items we use to carry. This will be broken up into two parts since I will go into some details about each piece. Remember, this is only a necessities pack and not a full-on survival pack. This pack should be small and easily carried by a child, who has been taught how and when to use each item, in case of a short-term emergency.

- Piece of steel or magnesium stick: for starting a fire
- A piece of flint (hard rock) could be added to this pack but with the abundance of rocks where we go, it wasn't necessary to carry. Hard

rocks similar to flint, such as agate, jasper, quartz, obsidian and chert, can also be used.

- Having a bit of charred linen sealed in a small plastic bag provides a dry substance to catch a spark on. Other tinder items that work well are: grass, wood shavings, fine pine bark with resin, pine needles, spider webs, straw, leaves, cattails, lint from a dryer and moss to name a few. The tinder must be dry. Wrapping damp tinder in a T-shirt or piece of scrap cloth to draw out moisture and then laying it in the sun is one way to dry it. Another way is by using friction from rubbing rocks together with the tinder in between.

- Side story: Upon receiving a piece of flint for the first time, my three-year-old child ran about the yard striking it on anything metal he could find until he discovered, with excitement, that the wheel of our old wheel barrow created a spark. EUREKA! "Oh boy," I thought. Fortunately, it took a bit more practice to develop the tiny spark into a fire.

- Rope saw: for cutting wood to build a fire or shelter

- Try practicing how to build a simple shelter before embarking on a nature adventure. If lost in the woods, having shelter to protect from weather and predators could greatly increase the survival rate.

- Tiny stainless steel folding pot: for boiling water

- Clean water is essential for life. If the only source of water around is a stagnant pond, water must be filtered and boiled before consuming.

- Compass: It's important to know how to read and use a compass before journeying out into the wilderness.

- Whistle: The sound of a whistle will carry farther and louder than most human voices, and with a lot less effort than yelling, so rescuers can find you more easily.

- Knife or multi-tool with a knife (in its own holster on the belt)

- A knife is an invaluable multi-purpose tool in a survival situation; cutting paracord, tool for building a

shelter, securing and cutting up food sources, starting fires, close proximity defense, etc.

- If the knife has a 1095 carbon steel blade and heat treated correctly, this can also double as a good fire starter tool used with flint; eliminating the need to carry a separate piece of steel. Most other knives, or other metal objects, work fine with a magnesium fire starter stick. If the spine of the knife is rounded, it may not throw a spark but using the edge of the blade could cause quick dulling or chipping of the blade.

- Micro first aid kit
- Cotton swabs
- Scissors: as long as they are sharp, a small folding pair should suffice
- Bandages: can be pre-made/ simple, or gauze pads and tape, or bits of sterilized cotton cloth, etc.; consider space and possible needs
- Ointment: I make my own ointment which, in my opinion from more than 15 years of using it, works a lot better than store bought stuff

- Iodine tablets and chlorine tablets for water purification: When I was young, my dad always had these tablets for water purification in our camping gear. One tablet was for purifying everything in any highly questionable water source while the other was for seemingly safe water or to help improve the taste of the water from the first pill. Before going out camping, my dad filled two cups with water and added a different tablet to each of them. After the tablets fully dissolved, he took a sip of each and had me do the same. The look on his face gave away what I would soon find out, one tasted much worse than the other one. He said the experience was to prepare us for later, in case we needed to use them, we knew we could. I'm thankful for those not-so-pleasant teaching moments. To not be sheltered from every storm, but to give me strength in knowing I could survive the storms to come. Because I had survived before, fear had less power.

- Tweezers: mainly for splinters but can be used for



WHEN PROPERLY PACKED, all of these items can fit inside a 7 x 6 x 2-inch carry pouch and weighs a mere 1.5 pounds, light enough even for a child to wear. M. Phillips photos



other things, as well

- Latex gloves: can be used for more than just protecting hands from bodily fluids, it can also be used to hold water or be tied around an arm or leg to keep applied pressure to a heavily bleeding wound, etc.
- Gauze: not really necessary since leaves can be used but nice to have if space allows

- Alcohol wipes: cleaning wounds
- Plastic trash bag
- This is not for trash. A plastic trash bag takes up very little space but is instrumental at sourcing water when no ground water is easily available.

- One activity I had my children do when they were young was getting water from the forest when no ground water was around. Now-a-days, there are many videos and online resources for how to achieve this; un-

like way back then.

- Waterproof mini flashlight: replace the batteries every year or have a mini solar powered or hand crank flashlight
- Safety pins: you never know when this small item could be helpful
- Emergency blanket: for warmth and rain protection
- Small candle wrapped in foil
- The candle and foil can be used separately or together. The foil should be multiple layers thick. When burning the candle for heat and/ or light, wrapping the

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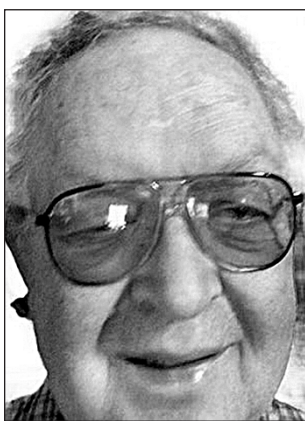
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Obituaries



Everett Carter

Everett Edward "Pete" Carter, 73, of Marlinton, passed away at his residence Thursday, October 12, 2023. Born June 17, 1950, at Logan, he was a son of the late Lenora Carter Smith and Shade Smith.

Pete was a Veteran, having served in the U. S. Air Force for 20 years, and was a member of the Mountain View Assembly of God Church.

On June 12, 1982, he married Judith V. Copeland Carter, who preceded him in death June 29, 2021.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Paul Keith Lane.

He is survived by a daughter, Maria Lane, of Marlinton; son, William Lane, of Jacksonville, Illinois; sisters, Anne (Chuck) McNeely, of Willow Spring, North Carolina, with whom he had a very special relationship, and Susie Smith, of Davin; brothers, Tony Smith and Randy Smith, both of Charlotte, North Carolina, Rupert Smith, of Kisler, and Charles Smith, of Oceana, 14 grandchildren; and two nephews, Christopher (Emily) Smith, of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina, and Ben McNeely, and his children, Lizm and Caroline, of Willow Spring, North Carolina.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton where a funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. with Pastor Shaun Clark officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mountain View Assembly of God Church, 21742 Seneca Trail, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton.



Wanda Harper

Wanda Sue Schoolcraft Harper, 72, of Renick, passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born March 24, 1951, in Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Rev. Samuel M. and Ada Pearl Auldridge Schoolcraft.

Wanda grew up in Buckeye, where she spent many wonderful, carefree days and acquired a love of nature, animals and flowers. She carried this love with her to her home in Renick where she planted many flowers to create a natural setting. She has been described by many as a sweet, kind person with a beautiful smile.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Carlos R. Schoolcraft; and sisters, Phyllis S. McCall and Linda S. Wright.

She is survived by her husband, Richard "Rick" Harper; sons, Bryan Hanna

(Lee Ann), Kevin Hanna (Rebecca), and Jeffrey Hanna (Amanda); sister, Janice S. Gurley; grandchildren, Aiden Hendershot (Abigail), Ezra Hanna, Sam Hanna (Desiree), and Mitchell and Ivy Hanna; special family friend, Michelle Hanna; her K9 companion, Esther; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Dave McCall and Pastor Emory Hanna officiating.

Burial was in Harper Family Cemetery at Renick.

Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net



Kathryn Kolonay

Kathryn Theresa "Kathy" Kolonay, 71, of Marlinton, unexpectedly passed away Thursday, September 28, 2023.

Born March 18, 1952, in Carlise, Pennsylvania, she was a daughter of the late Dorothy Berniece Duffy. Her stepfather, who raised her from an early age, was Lawson Thumma.

Kathy was a proud teacher – inclusive of all. She had a kind and gentle soul and an infinite love of all children, big and small. Her curiosity for knowledge was contagious. Her love for her family was unconditional and constant. She was one of a kind in the eyes of many. She was an avid gardener, genuine listener and admirable knitter. Kathy will be deeply missed, but constantly remembered.

Although born in Pennsylvania, Pocahontas County stole her heart and is where she called home most of her life. She liked to travel, but always said when returning home "There is just something special and comforting about coming home to the mountains of Pocahontas County."

Kathy, who always excelled in school, attended Northern Illinois University, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1976. Later in life, once located in Marlinton, she acquired her Master's Degree in Special Education and Early Childhood Development from West Virginia University by doing satellite classes.

She was a devoted wife, who met her husband, Christopher Kolonay, in Pennsylvania. They relocated together to the hills of West Virginia, initially living in the Snowshoe area, then perma-

nently settling in Marlinton. A proud and patient mother, she had immense love in her being for her two children, Kayley Hook and Dylan Kolonay, whom she adored. She was always supportive and present in their lives with the utmost love and compassion.

Kathy was a wonderful grandmother and mother-in-law to Iyla and Christopher Hook with whom she cherished every second. She enjoyed showering her granddaughter with love and gifts.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

George Pritchard

George Carlon Pritchard, age 87, of Dunmore, died peacefully at his home Friday, October 13, 2023.

Born February 22, 1936, at Dunmore, he was a son of the late Carlon and Sophie Pritchard.

George had a blessed life, attributed to his personal inner strength and his resilience to overcome unanticipated obstacles.

He graduated from Green Bank High School, worked for the National Forest Service, and served in the U. S. Army Armored Calvary Division during the Korean Conflict.

A year after marrying his wife, Kestra, George moved to Cleveland, Ohio, to raise his family. He worked at Jones & Laughlin Steel Company for 30 years. After his retirement, he returned to his family home in Dunmore, where, for several years, he served as an Elder at Baxter Presbyterian Church and on the board of Dunmore Community Center. He was active in other organizations, as well.

George was a person you could always depend on when in need. He displayed a calm demeanor and consistently supported others without seeking praise or thanks. He loved his family, neighbors, friends and church community.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kestra Pritchard; son Geoffrey Pritchard; brothers, Thomas Pritchard and James Pritchard; and sister, Jo Betty McClintock.

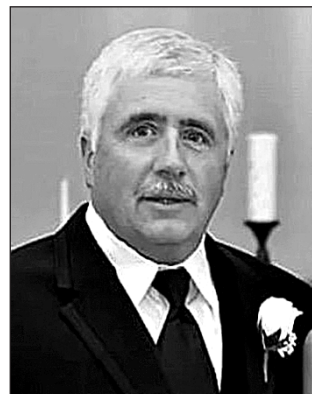
He is survived by his son, Gregory Pritchard, and wife, Patricia; daughter, Beth Bierer, and husband, Neil; grandchildren, Shannon Pritchard and Glenn Pritchard; nephews, James Pritchard and Mark McClintock; and nieces, Betty Herbester, Leanna Bone and Tami Zmek; as well as several

cousins. The family will receive friends Friday, October 20, 2023, from 6 to 8 p.m. at VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton.

Funeral service will be Saturday, October 21, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Baxter Presbyterian Church in Dunmore with Rev. David Rittenhouse officiating.

Interment, with military rites, will be in Dunmore Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dunmore Cemetery Fund, c/o Greg Pritchard, 15249 Browns Creek Road, Dunmore, WV 24934.



Kennison Thompson

Kennison Adam "Kenny" Thompson, Jr., 66, of Green Bank, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at home.

Born January 8, 1957, at Elkins, he was the son of Kennison "Jake" Thompson and the late Sylvia Thompson.

He retired from Frontier Communications in February 2020. He enjoyed his co-workers and the friends he made through the journey.

Kenny loved the outdoors, attending ballgames and talking with friends. His greatest joy was spending time with his kids and grandkids.

Anyone who knew him has heard stories about his adventures with his family.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife of 43 years, Amy Lou Warner Thompson; son, Josh Thompson, and wife, Melia; daughter, Jessica Taylor, and husband, Jonathan; grandchildren, Moriah Thompson, Jenifer Taylor, Joseph Taylor and Isaiah Thompson; sister, Patty Thompson Gore, and husband, John; and nephew, Jacobey Gore; mother-in-law, Sylva Warner; and father-in-law, Emory Warner.

Funeral service was held Saturday, October 14, 2023, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating. Burial was in Arbovale Cemetery Annex.

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The family of Helen L. Irvine would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and family for the many acts of kindness and support shown to us during her illness and at the time of her passing.

Thank you to Lantz Funeral Home; Delmas Barb for officiating at the service; and to the multitude of people who called, visited, sent flowers and food.

We will always be grateful for your support, thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

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The story the four brothers tell

By R. A. Tea Mathews

Their names were James, Joses, Judas and Simon. Four brothers out of five. Do you recall the name of their famous brother?

1. Jesus
2. David
3. Peter
4. Paul
5. None of the above

Lock in your choice, and I'll tell you the correct answer.

Many don't realize they're named in Scripture, but the Bible tells us the four brothers of Jesus are James, Joses, Judas and Simon. (Mark 6:3)

The correct answer is No. 1., "Jesus."

The four scarcely appear in the Gospels, but they have a story to tell. One you may be familiar with.

Remember that Jesus saved the day at the wedding in Cana, turning water into wine. Where did He, His mother, brothers and disciples go immediately after that?

1. To the beach
2. To Nazareth
3. To the synagogue
4. To the temple.

Lock in your choice. Here's the passage.

"On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee ... (it) revealed His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother, and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days." (John 2:1-12)

Capernaum was a beach town on the Sea of Galilee. Scripture says this scene "revealed His glory; and His disciples believed in Him." Like the disciples, obviously Jesus' brothers were also pleased. The correct answer is No. 1, they all went to the beach or at least to a beach town.

How did the brothers feel about Jesus the second time we see them?

1. Even more proud of Him
2. Sad
3. Embarrassed
4. None of the above

Make your choice, and I'll tell you the correct answer.

As Jesus' ministry progressed, well-respected men mocked Him and even called Him insane. Here's



R.A. Tea Mathews

the passage.

"His own people ... came out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, 'He has lost His senses.' The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul,' and 'He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons'... and (others) were saying, 'He has an unclean spirit.'" (Mark 3:20-30)

So, His brothers came to get Him. Here's the passage: "Now His mother and brothers came to Him..." (Luke 8:19-21, Matthew 12:46, Mark 3:31)

Jesus had become an embarrassment. The correct answer is No. 3.

John's Gospel then shows

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Shay No. 3 on Cheat – circa 1905



WEST VIRGINIA PULP and Paper Company's Shay No. 3 with nine carloads of logs at the upper switchback on Cheat Mountain near Cass, W.Va. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection; ID: PHS000079)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, October 20, 1948

The first snow at Marlinton flew in the air Monday morning. The mountains round about were white on top. The first frost at Marlinton was a good white one Tuesday morning. The temperature was 20 degrees.

Oscar and Austin Sharp, the bear hunting twins, killed themselves another big bear last Tuesday. They got him on Days Run. Better than three hundred pounds, this bear had begun to lard up his winter's fat. So, nigh as I can figure, this is his eighteenth bear since the varmints came out of their dens last March and began to kill sheep for their living.

CORNERSTONE

The Masonic Grand Lodge of West Virginia will lay a cornerstone in the new Board of Education Building at Marlinton Saturday, be-

ginning promptly at 2 p.m. M. W. Nelson S. Orkney, Grand Master of Masons of West Virginia, will have charge of the program. Also, a large number of Masonic Grand Officers from various parts of the state are planning to attend...

The Board has long recognized the necessity for a more centralized office and storage space, and so when the requirement for the construction of a Farm Shop and Vocational Agriculture Building arose, it was decided to combine the necessary construction into one building. Therefore, having saved toward this end for a number of years, it was possible to construct this building at a cost of approximately \$110,000 out of regular appropriated funds without any request for additional taxes.

The building houses, on the ground floor, the vocational agriculture and farm shop rooms, designed according to modern approved

plans; a shop for repairing buses, eight bus storage stalls and school supply storage space. Upstairs, there are eight office rooms for the Board of Education, the county Superintendent, Administrative Staff and institutional On Farm Training.

Also, there are five classrooms for taking care of the large seventh and eighth grades...

COME OUT AND VOTE

For Prosecuting Attorney of Pocahontas County, again our party presents Richard F. Currence. He has proven his fitness as a man and his ability as a lawyer to fill most satisfactorily this most important office. He plays no favorites nor does he shirk the rather strenuous work of this office. The last time the people of Pocahontas County elected Mr. Currence, he was away in the United States Navy, defending his country in time of war. He is an experienced lawyer of proven ability in his profession. He has the confidence of jurors and the public generally. If the evidence justifies, he pushes the case to the limit. On the other hand, cases not supported by evi-

dence are dismissed, without cost of trial to public and defendants. I venture the opinion, few courts over the State equal the record of indictments confessed to and convictions returned in our Pocahontas Circuit Court.

Then, too, Mr. Currence is thoroughly familiar with the affairs of the county and a competent and experienced advisor to the County Court.

DEATHS

The funeral of the late Sergeant Garland Moore, of the United States Army, will be held Friday afternoon, October 22, at 2 o'clock at Arlington Virginia, with interment with military honors in the National Cemetery

William Worth Nottingham, aged 80 years, of Marlinton, died Saturday night, October 16, 1948... On Tuesday afternoon his body was laid in the Dunmore Cemetery, the service being held from the Dunmore Methodist Church... The deceased was a son of the late Honorable Adam and Henrietta Phillips Nottingham...

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received honorable mention for the grade he made at the Naval Training School at Hampton Roads. He will either enter one of the trade schools or go on one of the big ships on its European cruise.

WEDDING

Married, Monday afternoon, October 15, 1923, at the M. E. parsonage in Roncerverte, Beecher Meadows and Miss Garcie McCormick, of Marlinton.

BIRTHS

Born to Issac Cashwell and wife, of Marlinton, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Bobbett, on Stamping Creek, a son.

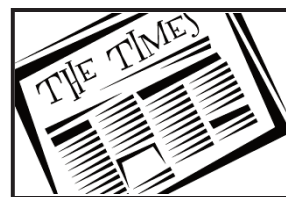
Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, of Marlinton, a son.

DIED

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, October 18, 1973

Charlie J. Taylor, of Dunmore, recently dug a 15 prong stalk of ginseng and his grandson, Gary Wayne Taylor, a 12 prong; each weighed three-fourths pound.

Mrs. E. E. White, Sr., of Minnehaha Springs, saw a flock of geese on her way to Charleston last week.

Mrs. Sandy Rose, of Campbelltown, brought in a branch from a raspberry bush in her back yard. It was about the largest ripe raspberries we have ever seen plus green ones of all different sizes, and bloom, too.

MARLINTON TOWN COUNCIL

At a special meeting, the Marlinton Council ordered a new water pump for the water plant; heard that all the fire hydrants are here; voted to contract EDA to see if any grant money is available.

They heard a report from the State Department of Highways about new street lights which will be installed

with walk and wait lights on corner in about six months with state and federal funds.

After considering eight applications, Don Shrader was hired as a meter attendant. He turned down the job as he had other employment. John Hayslett was employed.

In order to relieve the financial situation, one policeman, Bill Buzzard, will not work after the first of the month.

Dr. Armstrong to Speak

Barbara Nottingham Armstrong, formerly of Durbin, will be the guest speaker for the annual Home Demonstration Program Achievement Activity, October 26. Dr. Armstrong will discuss problems facing today's family... She is a graduate of Green Bank High School and received her B. S. and M. S. Degrees from West Virginia University and a Ph.D. Degree from Ohio State University with a specialization in Family and Child Development... She is the daughter of Mrs. Bruce Nottingham, of Durbin...

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, October 20, 1898

Lost: At the merry-go-round in Marlinton, Saturday night, September 14, a small purse containing \$40 in two twenty dollar bills, belonging to James Kirkpatrick. The finder will secure a liberal reward by returning same to owner.

The Independent in speaking of the late J. E. Bell, Esqr., mentions a characteristic incident. When a boy, Mr. Bell rode behind his father from Goshen, Rockbridge county, to Lewisburg, and was entered as a pupil of the Lewisburg Academy. Upon leaving for home, the father gave his son fifty cents for pocket money, and when the school closed he had half of it left. This was one secret of his successful life, he had early learned the knack of making a little and saving a heap.

THE TRUCE OF THE BEAR

Rudyard Kipling's latest and perhaps greatest poem is "The Truce of the Bear," published by Harper Brothers in Literature. It is inspired by the proposal of the Czar of Russia that a "Peace Congress" be held looking to the disarmament of the nations, and Kipling shows his distrust of Russia in this poem. He has never given Russia the credit of being an enlightened nation of Europe, but regards it as distinctly Asiatic and the natural enemy of the European nations. The poem is the tale of an old blind beggar, who warns a party of hunters of the bear that had cost him his sight. He had had this bear in his power;

had chased it until it was so tired it could hardly move. Then, as he was about to shoot, the brute raised on its hind legs and in a beseeching attitude so moved the hunter to pity that he did not fire.

"Nearer he tottered and nearer, with paws like hands that pray – from brow to jaw the steel-shod paw, it ripped my face away..."

This is the time to fear When he stands up like a tired man, tottering near and near."

Kipling has said that the Russian is an irreclaimable barbarian; that he will do very well until he "tucks in his shirt," meaning until he tries to act like a European.

The poem ends: "There is no truce with Adam-zad, "The bear that looks like a man!"

BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Soon after the War of 1812, there came to our county one of the most interesting and eccentric personalities that our older people remember anything about, Mrs. Diana Saunders, late of Rocky Point, on Dry Branch of Swago. She was the widowed mother of four children, Anna, Eleanor, Cyrus and Isaac. Her cabin home was built near the head springs of Dry Branch, almost in speaking distance of the Rocky Point school house, and just below...

As to her personality, she had been formed in "nature's choicest mould;" and in her youth must have been the peer of Edgar Allen Poe's "rare and radiant maiden."

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, October 20, 1923

A case of very considerable interest in a livestock country was the trial of Divers Sharp of the Williams River country on the charge of stealing sheep. This is one of the grievous crimes known to common law. Sheep are highly important in the scheme of mountain life. They are highly prolific and hardy and valuable. Or they are barren and worthless, and die like sheep, as the saying is. The dogs worry them and destroy them and discourage the industry, and to the uneducated eye one sheep looks much like another and they are easily lost or mislaid. They pay dividends twice a year, in the spring when the wool crop comes in and in the fall when the lambs go upon the mar-

ket... The wool crop of the county has brought in as much as a quarter of a million dollars in a single year and the income from lambs is generally much larger than the clip...

Walter Tibbs was struck by the passenger train on the Marlinton yards at noon Saturday. He suffered broken ribs and other injuries, but seems now on the road to a quick recovery. He was going home to dinner and was walking on a sidetrack. He says he thought he was on the main track and stepped off, as he thought to avoid the fast approaching train. He stepped in front of the train and was knocked about 10 feet high. The injured man is a son of the late Howard Tibbs. He is a highly respected man, about

44 years of age and the father of a large family.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler Sharp, of Stony Bottom, paid this office a visit Saturday. Mr. Sharp tells us that Olen Hamrick, a boy who stays at his place, killed 150 ground-hogs this season.

They tried a man down south the other day for killing another man, and his defense was that the deceased had sent him word that the next time they met that he would shoot him. The trial judge instructed the jury that it was the duty of the prisoner when he got such word to have avoided meeting the threatener, which may not be law, but which is good common sense. But the appellate said that instruction did not properly propound the law, for under that rule a man might not be able to go home, and the prisoner was given a new trial.

Glen L. Vaughan, of Marlinton, who enlisted in the Navy August 31, 1923, has

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was to salvage pieces from their Ny-Ålesund 20-meter telescope, which again, was a twin to ours. The telescope was being decommissioned. It had its last observation Monday, August 14.”

Ny-Ålesund contacted GBO two years ago when the plan to decommission the telescope was set in place and Armentrout said he asked if GBO could salvage parts of the instrument and Ny-Ålesund agreed.

The two 20-meter telescopes were originally built to observe Geodesy, which is a wobble in the Earth. As Armentrout explained, the Earth spins on its axis, which is a regularly occurring movement, but there is also a wobble in the Earth that is less predictable.

The telescopes are used to observe quasars which do not move, so if the telescopes detect movement while observing the quasars, it means the Earth is wobbling.

“Some of them do drift over periods of months or years but, in general, many of them are fairly stable,” Armentrout said of quasars. “We can measure where they are really precisely and use telescopes around the world to measure their locations. When you use two telescopes together, like, let’s say, one in Green Bank and one in Norway, you get really really good resolutions.”

“It’s the same as having a gigantic telescope that would be the size of the distance between your two sites,” he continued. “Obviously building a telescope that is the size of the continent of North America is not feasible, but we can build telescopes that are far apart and use them together.”

While the GBO 20-meter is now used for other observations, the Ny-Ålesund 20-meter and, now, the two 13-meter telescopes which replaced it, continue observing Geodesy.

“In 2000, our Green Bank 20-meter stopped this kind of work,” Armentrout said. “The Navy was originally running the 20-meter for the Geodesy experiments here and they stepped away from our 20-meter. So they gave the telescope to the observatory whereas the Ny-Ålesund telescopes continue operating for these types of programs through current day.”

Since the two telescopes are twins, the GBO was excited to be able to salvage parts it might need in the future, to continue use of the 20-meter. The Norwegian Mapping Authority Karverket which owns the 20-meter donated all the pieces to the GBO.

“A wild man with the grinder”

After the three-day trip, the crew landed in Ny-Ålesund in time for a bite of supper and, the next day, they went straight to work. Months prior, they shipped tools, clothing and other supplies to the research station and were ready to deconstruct the telescope.

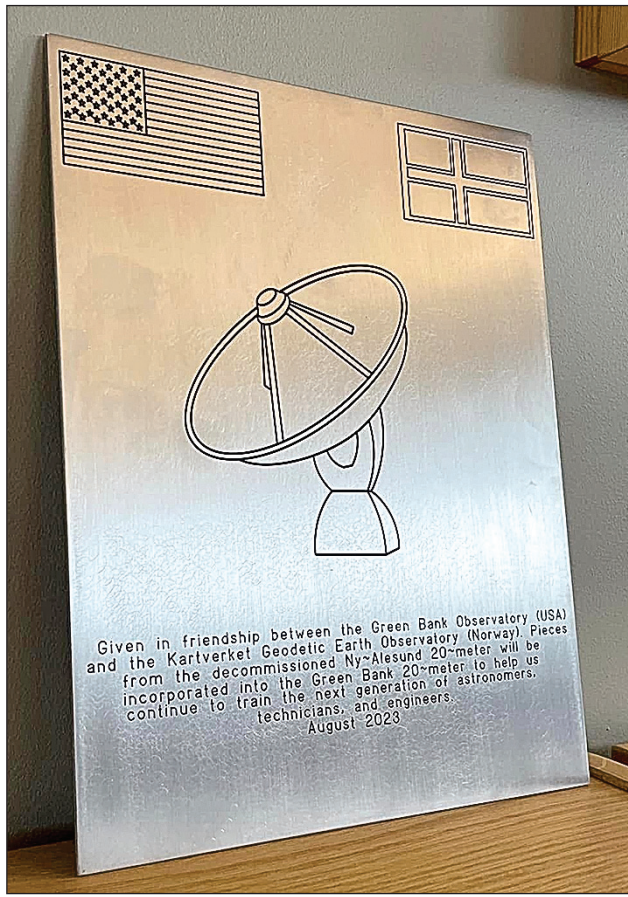
“Deconstructing the telescope was a whole lot easier than trying to fix something on the telescope,” Friel said. “We could use pretty drastic measures as long as you kept the part you wanted safe, so it was a little easier getting the panels off. We just took a grinder and got them off and worked on the ground.”

“Edgar is a wild man with the grinder,” Taylor said, laughing.

It took the crew a few days to get used to the time change – six hours’ difference – and the cold weather, but once they did, they were like locals, working hard in the 24-hour daylight.

The crew had a 20 by 8-foot shipping container and a meticulous packing plan for the parts as they removed them from the telescope.

“We had to fit all these pieces in there, so the first key to that was getting all the panels because they’re pretty big,” Nucilli said. “We didn’t want them to slide around and get damaged. Adam and



THIS PLAQUE WAS given in friendship between the Green Bank Observatory and the Kartverket Geodetic Earth Observatory in Ny-Ålesund, Norway. Pieces from the decommissioned Ny-Ålesund 20-meter will be incorporated into the Green Bank 20-meter to help the GBO continue to train the next generation of astronomers technicians and engineers.

Will did a really good job getting that set up. Then we could build everything else around it. Will and Adam are pretty much built every single one of those boxes.

“Adam drew everything out before we got started,” he continued. “We had minimal room for error.”

Along with stacking things just right like Jenga blocks, there was also the task of distributing the weight as evenly as possible. With large, heavy equipment going into the container, the crew had to make sure it would ship safely.

The shipping container has a weight limit of 22,000 kilograms. “We had guessed we were putting 7,000 kilograms in it and when they weighed it, we had put 6,800 kilograms in it, so we were close,” Armentrout said.

Since the container was internationally shipped, every item had to be accounted for with a serial number and estimated worth for the tariff papers.

“Brenne took care of all the customs paperwork,” Nucilli said. “Every single piece, all the boxes were completely packed with stuff, so every single piece from a screw to a gigantic motor... had to be accounted for.”

“There were a lot more telescope parts than I thought I would ever know,” Gregory said. “A lot of the stuff is twenty years old and not sold anymore, so you’re just sort of guessing on prices and then accounting for inflation.”

While they were deconstructing the telescope, Nucilli said he noticed Ny-Ålesund also had a stockpile of spare parts, which was very unlike GBO. At first, he was disappointed, until he realized why a stockpile is a necessity in Ny-Ålesund.

“We realized, when we shipped two boxes full of tools, some boots, some of our winter clothing there – it took about a month-and-a-half, two months,” he said. “Then you understand. You have to have the parts because if you don’t have it and it breaks, you can’t get one. They were very, very prepared for something to break which I thought was impressive. They planned far into the future.”

Twin telescopes, twin towns

Green Bank and Ny-Ålesund have many things in common that only begin with the twin 20-meter telescopes. The northern-most city is also a Radio Quiet Zone and does not allow WiFi or Bluetooth in a 20 kilometer radius.

Gregory said there are signs similar to those in Green Bank that state WiFi and Bluetooth must be turned off on all devices.

“For us, it was very normal because it’s a Radio Quiet Zone,” she said. “I had all my adaptors, and I was ready to go, but for a lot of people who also come to do

research, I think they’re not exactly prepared for that because they live in cities where they don’t have to worry about that.”

The radar of cruise ships has caused problems and blown out amplifiers at the research station on multiple occasions.

In addition to radio telescopes, other scientific research is being done on the island, including marine biology.

“They do a lot of climate research there, as well, so they’re looking at permafrost,” Gregory said. “All the buildings are actually built on stilts because you’re building on permafrost rather than bedrock. When they were building the new telescopes, they had to dig down really deep in order to reach that bedrock.”

There is also a lot of wildlife at Ny-Ålesund, including arctic foxes, polar bears and reindeer.

“Not quite as majestic as you’d think they look,” Gregory said of the reindeer. “They’re kind of short and round. The reason they are short is a kind of cool evolutionary trait. Ny-Ålesund doesn’t have any trees or large vegetation because of the winds and the snow, and the environment, so there’s

all these little micro greens. The reindeer have evolved to be short so they can reach the ground. During the summer they eat a lot of greens and they get really round.”



MEMBERS OF THE Green Bank Observatory crew remove panels from the Ny-Ålesund 30-meter telescope as the first part of the deconstruction of the decommissioned instrument. Photos courtesy of GBO

Time for exploring

When they weren’t working, the crew did have time to explore the island and its beauty. There was time for several excursions, for which they had protection. If they left a certain perimeter, the crew was required to be accompanied by “body guards” with guns in case they came across polar bears.

Armentrout and Nucilli were also armed after they took a polar bear safety course. The weapons are a last resort, but necessary if the polar bears cannot be scared away by a flare gun or the group acting as one large creature.

Luckily, the weapons did not have to be used.

For the first big excursion, the group went on a hike to a glacier which looked closer than it actually was.

“We dilly-dallied,” Taylor said. “I think every rock got a picture, every flower got a picture. On the way back, we took a short cut and that short cut took us across this pretty large, kind of alluvial

floating plane. When we got there, there was no crossing and there was no getting around it without going all the way back around and it looked pretty shallow.”

Taylor said he was thinking they would have to cross through the freezing cold water when he looked up and saw Friel already on his way.

“I look up, and there’s Edgar, pants up around his knees, no shoes, just going across,” he said, laughing. “That was some cold water. When you were walking across the rocks, it felt like knives were just slicing the bottom of your feet.”

The group even got to take a boat out on a lake. They weren’t allowed to drive a vehicle during their time there, but Taylor said, as long as the person steering the boat was born before 1980, they could go out on the water.

“You didn’t have to ever drive a boat before,” he said. “Edgar hadn’t. So Captain Edgar took us out, and we got to go see the sites.”

Back to America

After 14 days away, the group landed in Washington, D.C. and returned to Green Bank and work.

“First of all, I think we

definitely accomplished our goal,” Armentrout said. “We brought back about a million dollars in spare parts for the 20-meter. This was an amazing and rare opportunity to work with these partners. It’s not every day you have a telescope full of spare parts that you go get. If we could find a GBT somewhere else, we could be happy to go there.”

“It was also a great international collaboration for these people who were willing to give us all the spare parts so they have a second life instead of selling them for scrap,” he added.

The shipping container of parts is currently sitting in northern Norway waiting to be certified for a trans-Atlantic journey.

“At the earliest, we hope to see it here in late October for unboxing,” Armentrout said. “As for the 20-meter in the future, it will hopefully continue on its educational program. We have some discussions on potential new avenues for it, including not just education but satellite downlinks or triggering it for transient discoveries with these new telescopes coming online that are discovering new things nightly that are happening in the sky.”

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The Wooden Box

A Pocahontas County Halloween Story

Ken Springer
Contributing Writer

The leaves are changing and falling to the ground, and we are well into the month that brings Halloween and the promise of spooky stories. Most of us like ghost stories. We may enjoy the delicious little shiver that runs down our spine. Or, maybe we are culturally wired to appreciate what we cannot explain.

Whether we believe in spirits or not is irrelevant when it comes to ghost stories; they stand on their own merit. We humans privilege certain fears; those we can easily walk away from.

Here in the mountains of Appalachia, there is no shortage of scary tales, legends and myths. After all, we come by our fondness for tall tales honestly, particularly if we are among the Scots-Irish who settled in these mountains and hollows. These early settlers brought their music, fierce loyalty to family and many tales haunted by witches, fairies and goblins.

Droop Mountain is no stranger to ghost stories; many spooky tales are told on this long and storied ridge that rises high above the Greenbrier River Valley. Entire chapters by some of the most prolific writers of legend and folklore are dedicated to this one mountain among thousands in Appalachia.

But why this particular location?

Ghost stories often arise from the ashes of tragedy and human suffering. After all, the Battle of Droop Mountain on November 6, 1863, claimed 78 lives and lasted only a few hours. That the battlefield is haunted by soldier spirits is a given, and a slightly spooky feeling is palpable when walking through Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park.

Shortly after the battle, stories began circulating about people seeing headless horsemen, apparitions of mounted soldiers crossing fields, and a young soldier sitting with his back against a tree staring off into a raging battle, now long over. These tales persist to this very day.

This year, I offer you a unique story that has gotten little press. Few people, even on Droop Mountain, have heard the story of the Wooden Box. It may be too scary for the tender ears and understanding of children. Or maybe it is the case that even adults would rather forget about this creepy story.

What was inside that curious box was not just spooky but pure malevolence with

no other intent than wreaking vengeance. And it fell into the hands of a lonely man who yearned for his dead wife and rarely seen adult children.

A Hoarder by any other name is still a packrat Droop Mountain, 1971

Clifton Schumacher was kneeling, pulling parsnips and potatoes from the chilly mountain soil, carefully placing them in a basket. It was late September, and this was the very last of the year's garden produce.

As Clifton stood up, he glanced over at the now overgrown herb garden, Emma's favorite project. Since his wife died almost five years ago, Clifton has stuck with the bare essentials of cooking: meat, potatoes, salt, pepper and butter.

He was ashamed to acknowledge his neglect of the herb garden and how little he had availed himself of the magic of the herbs she worked so hard to grow. He missed the palette of flavors in Emma's masterful culinary skills; he missed Emma every second of every day.

Returning to the farmhouse, Clifton carried the basket of vegetables to the kitchen. To get to the kitchen or any particular room in Clifton's house, one had to negotiate a narrow pathway through boxes, newspapers and magazines stacked almost to the ceiling.

Those who visited him, and there were fewer each succeeding year, tried to ignore the house's condition after Emma's death. However, Clifton had overheard comments by visitors suggesting he was a packrat. Hoarder wasn't yet a common term in those days before reality TV.

Clifton's daughter, Rachel, an anthropology professor at Colorado State University, called her father several times weekly to check on him. She always flew back to West Virginia for holidays, her father's birthday and the anniversary of her mother's death.

Rachel was sensitive to the pain and grief her father endured living on the farm alone and far from his children. While she tended to excuse the house's condition, her brother constantly pestered Clifton about his hoarding.

Roger didn't see his father's continual acquisitions as a way of coping with grief and loneliness but, instead, a sign of dementia. Clifton was anything but demented, and had his son visited more often and had more conversations with his

father, he would know this.

Roger had always tried to control those around him, even as a child. Recently, he was relentless in his constant verbal attacks on his father for filling the house with what he termed "useless junk." Roger always ended each acrimonious phone call to his father: "What would mother think about her once beautiful home?"

It came to a head when Roger arrived unannounced at the family farm one weekend, driving a large moving van. Clifton knew what Roger was planning and braced himself for a confrontation. His son was there for the express purpose of cleaning out the family home.

"Perhaps Roger is right," thought Clifton; "maybe I am disrespecting my wife, which I would never do intentionally."

Clifton did not resist his son's efforts and spent the entire weekend hauling boxes full of books, old clocks, big-eyed children pictures, trinkets, doodads, and knickknacks from the house to the big moving truck; much of it unopened. When they filled the vehicle to capacity, Roger left, promising to return in a few weeks to get the remainder of the stuff in the attic.

After Emma passed on, Clifton was left to ramble around the big old farmhouse alone; maybe he felt the big house was just too empty. He was much lonelier than he let on.

One day, a neighbor suggested that Clifton go to yard sales and auctions to pass the time and make a few bucks reselling items in the Ol' Mountain Trader. Clifton was soon spending his time and a lot of his meager income on things others no longer wanted. The compulsion to buy and hoard became out of control, and Clifton realized it.

Yet, he did resent his son's intimations that he was losing his cognitive functions, as though he had Alzheimer's. "If Roger came around more often or actually listened to me rather than lecture me, he would know better," Clifton said aloud.

On a cold November afternoon a few days later, Clifton decided to tackle the boxes in the attic. These were the first items he had purchased, most from auctions, primarily packed in boxes and crates by the auctioneer. Surveying the "grab

bag" purchases, he started with a box of clothes. None of the garments would fit him, and he doubted Roger was interested in any of it. Clifton decided that he would take clothing and household goods to Goodwill.

It was frigid in the attic, so he would drag each box down to the living room, about the fireplace provided enough warmth to sort through the contents of each crate comfortably.

Later in the afternoon, after Clifton had worked through most of the unmarked boxes, he came upon an old Army footlocker. The stout green container had not just one but two padlocks on it. Stamped on the top lid was Miller, Harold, USMC Base, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1918. Clifton was intrigued and dragged the heavy load down to the living room on a throw rug.

He poured himself a dram of scotch (neat) and sat cross-legged on the floor examining the locks. The dancing flames in the fireplace cast shadows on the walls around him, giving a spooky atmosphere to the evening's activities.

After returning from the barn with his bolt cutter, Clifton cut both locks and placed them on the floor. He was curious about the box's contents, but he restrained himself enough to go about the task slowly to savor the potential treasures inside.

With another dram of scotch added to his glass, Clifton took a sip and sat the glass down, carefully placing his hands on the two latches and gently pulling up. The lid didn't budge.

"All right, he thought, it's been closed for decades, and a sort of vacuum seal has formed; it's time for a prybar."

Clifton plodded to the barn through several inches of snow that fell during the last few hours. Returning shortly with the prybar, he sat the footlocker on a table, placed the claw just under the lip of the lid, and pulled down with some force.

The foulest odor imaginable was suddenly released, temporarily dampening his enthusiasm. Clifton nearly gagged and opened up a nearby window to allow the room to air out. He thought the putrid smell was of something dead, but how could that be?

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Kefir ~ another way to enjoy cultured diary

Melondy Phillips
Staff Writer

Kefir has become more popular in recent years, but the origin of it is a bit clouded in mystery.

Unlike most fermented foods and drinks, to make kefir you have to start with kefir grains. Powdered cultures only produce for a short time before dissipating and using a culture from a previous batch does not always produce another good batch. This may leave one thinking, where did it start?

One common consensus about the origin of kefir grains is that they may have come into discovery in a like manner as cheese. Cheese was first discovered back when it was customary to store and carry milk in pouches made from the stomach of animals, such as a goat or a cow. When the milk came in contact with the rennet within the stomach, a chemical reaction took place causing the milk to separate into curds and whey. Milk kefir grains are actually a cluster of coagulated microorganisms held together by kefirin, a polysaccharide matrix (molecular glue). So, this would be a reasonable assumption since this way of storing milk was common among outlying nomadic tribes.

But how did these invaluable little treasures first get distributed throughout the world?

Dr. Ilya Ilyich Mechnikov, along with Paul Ehrlich, won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1908. This achievement stemmed from his research in 1882, involving the study of starfish larvae. He discovered that white blood cells perform an important immune function known as phagocytosis. This is the process of engulfing and destroying harmful microorganisms and bacteria.

In Mechnikov's Nobel Lecture, December 11, 1908, he started, "Whenever the organism enjoys immunity, the introduction of infectious microbes is followed by the accumulation of mobile cells, of white corpuscles of the blood in particular which absorb the microbes and destroy them. The white corpuscles and the other cells capable of doing this have been designated "phagocytes", i.e. devouring cells, and the whole function that ensures immunity has been given the name of "phagocytosis ... First of all, we found that these cells, taken from the organism, are indeed capable of absorbing and destroying many microbes."

While documenting the life of Mechnikov, also spelled Metchnikoff, Nobel-Prize.org wrote, "Later he took up the study of the flora of the human intestine and developed a theory that senility is due to poisoning of

the body by the products of certain of these bacteria. To prevent the multiplication of these organisms he proposed a diet containing milk fermented by bacilli"

Around this time, rumors about the longevity of life in a small region of Russia, known as North Caucasus, or Ciscaucasia, had trickled across the land. This area, located between the Sea of Azov and Black Sea to the west and the Caspian Sea to the east, had a high percentage of their population living to more than 100 years old. The residents of this region regarded the kefir grains they possessed as "Grains of the Prophet," based on the belief that these grains were gifted to the Monks and Orthodox Christians there. The legend states that Mohammed taught them about the grains and treasured them as a health food. These grains and the method of culturing with them were closely guarded as a priceless treasure that was not to be shared with outsiders.

After hearing about the tribe's kefir grains resource, the Blandov brothers, from the Moscow Dairy, were commissioned by the All Russian Physician's Society to obtain some. The tribe, however, was very protective about their special gift and refused to sell any to outsiders since their deeply ingrained belief said that the power of the grains would be lost if it was shared with others. To help obtain some of these grains, the Blandov brothers resorted to selecting a beautiful female employee, Irina Sakharova, to entice and woo the tribe's leader, Prince Bek-Mirza, into giving up the precious bounty.

Even though she was successful at winning his heart, he, out of fear of his religious laws, would still not hand over any grains. She headed back home to Kislovodsk, empty handed. But according to the tribe's local custom of stealing a bride to marry, the Prince sent men to capture her and bring her back. After the Blandov brothers heard about the capture, they executed a successful rescue plan which delivered her from the clutches of the Prince. Upon returning home, Irina filed a grievance with the Czar who forced the Prince to pay her retribution for the ordeal. She refused all of the jewels and gold he offered. In order to complete her mission, she demanded the fee to be paid with kefir grains, so, in defeat, the Prince had to hand over 10 pounds worth of the never before yielded treasure.

This successful mission led to the first commercially manufactured kefir becoming available in September 1908 at the Blandov brother's dairy in Moscow.

Irina received a letter from the Ministry of Food and Industry of the Soviet Union in

1970, at the age of 85, thanking her for her part in obtaining the priceless grains for her people. Hospitals there used kefir to treat many ailments, from digestive issues to cancer. Today, the commercial selling of milk kefir is a billion-euro industry in the countries making up the old Soviet Block alone and is enjoyed in many other countries around the world.

Research studies have demonstrated the ability of kefir to inhibit fungi, pathogens and tumors, besides merely enhancing digestion and helping with bone density. A study conducted by the National Institute of Health in 2013 showed kefir having anti-inflammatory activity; antagonistic behavior against E. coli, L. monocytogenes, Salmonella Typhimurium, and others; and helps inhibit Candida albicans, Salmonella Typhi, Shigella sonnei, Staphylococcus aureus and E. coli. Other health benefits, according to studies, are lowering cholesterol, controlling blood sugar levels, and has the potential for preventing infections.

Most commercially produced kefir on the market now uses a culture powder. This culture powder contains far fewer probiotic strains than using the actual kefir grains.

Milk kefir is easy to make at home, once you have the grains to start with. Only nonmetallic containers, strainers, and utensils should be used when caring for kefir. A chemical reaction, causing grain illness, a metallic taste or death may occur when metal comes in contact with the grains. Stainless-steel is ok for brief contact such as straining, but glass should be used to store the kefir.

Basic care for milk kefir grains is to add about 1 tablespoon of the grains per cup of milk into a glass jar then cover the jar with a coffee filter or cloth and allow it to sit on a counter for 8-24 hours where the room temperature is around 72-76 degrees. Once the curds and whey begin to separate, strain the culture through a plastic or stainless-steel strainer into a glass jar, place a lid on the jar, and store in the refrigerator. Place the grains back into the jar and add more milk to repeat the process. There are variations to this basic care depending on environmental factors and taste preferences. Mammal milks such as cow, goat, etc., must be used to feed kefir because the grains feed on and convert the lactose, milk sugar, into lactic acid. Milk kefir grains would fall ill or die if plant based "milks," such as almond, are used since they do not have the milk sugars the kefir grains need to feed on.

The flavor and texture of milk kefir varies based on



MECHNIKOV THEORIZED THAT senility may be preventable by sustaining a diet containing milk fermented by bacilli. M. Phillips photo

how long it is left to ferment (the longer, the more tart or sour it becomes but also the higher the bacteria count), if a second ferment is done, the type of milk used, and if any fruits are added. Plain milk kefir, moved to the refrigerator shortly after the separation process has begun, is similar to an unflavored, unsweetened yogurt with the consistency of cultured buttermilk.

Some may be surprised to hear that many commercially sold yogurts only have a few of the beneficial bacterial and yeast strains they are eating the yogurt for, while some yogurts have none at all. On the other hand, a single tablespoon (15ml) of home cultured milk kefir contains up to 60 different strains of about five billion beneficial bacteria, has vitamins A, B1, B2, B3, B6, B9 (Folate), B12, C, D, E, K2, and is loaded with minerals.

As the kefir develops, much of the lactose is used up but some will remain in the final product. For those who cannot tolerate dairy,

water kefir is a good alternative and just as easy to care for. Water kefir is also a good soda alternative as it makes a nice fizzy drink which can be flavored by

adding fruits. Water kefir grains are required to make water kefir. Milk kefir grains thrive on milk sugars and will not survive in plain sugar water.

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Badge, from page 1

to attend, Bernice made sure she got a badge.

Last week, Bernice's daughter, Carolyn Stringer, brought Bernice's collection of badges - arranged in an oak shadow box - to the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau to be displayed.

The shadow box was made by inmates at Denmar Correctional Center, and Stringer said Bernice was so happy with the craftsmanship.

"She had it hanging on the wall for years," Stringer said. "She passed away in August. We had talked to her about different things to do with it and came up with the idea. We got to tell her what would be happening with it, so she was very glad that it would be enjoyed."

Stringer is one of four children - David Johnston and Michael Johnston and the late Richard Johnston. Two of the boys were born in Marlinton, and Stringer and her twin were born in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

"When we were babies, we lived here some in Marlinton," Stringer said. "So anytime we came to town, when it was Pioneer Days, oh boy. They had the big square dances and they had the fiddle contest and all the bluegrass contests."

The shadow box has a plaque at the top stating it is a collection of Pioneer Days badges from 1967 to 2023 and a plaque at the bottom in memory of Bernice.

Stringer was joined by family friend, Debbie Yates, last week when she presented the shadow box to

CVB visitor's specialist Mike Moore.

There is space in the shadow box for three more badges and Stringer said she

hopes the CVB will continue to add to the collection, knowing that her mother would approve.

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GVCD announces Century Farm Program

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District is pleased to announce that the West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts is continuing the West Virginia Century Farm Program.

Beginning this year, in addition to Century Farms, Sesquicentennial Farms and Bicentennial Farms will be recognized.

A Century Farm is one that has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 100 years. A Sesquicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 150 years, and a Bicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 200 years.

To qualify, a family member must live on the farm or must be an integral part of the day-to-day operation of the farm enterprise. The farm must consist of at least 10 acres of the original holdings and gross more than \$1,000 annually from farm products. Line of ownership from the first family member



owning the land may be through wives, husbands, children, brothers, sisters, nephews or nieces.

For recognition, applications must be received by the GVCD no later than April 1, 2024.

Signs will be presented to the qualifying farm families by the GVCD in September. For an application form, please contact the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District at 304-645-6173 or you can download the application in PDF format from the West Virginia Conservation Agency website at http://wvca.us/education/century_farms.cfm

Past honoree's stories and photos can be viewed on the Greenbrier Valley Conservation Facebook page.

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John's Gospel then shows us a third scene. We know the Lord was well into his ministry at this point, since at least two Passovers had occurred.

It was autumn and the time for the Feast of Booths. Look at the passage and see what you think. Do His brothers resent Him?

"Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. Now ... the Feast of Booths, was near. So His brothers said to Him, 'Move on from here ... no one does anything in secret when he himself is striving to be known publicly. If you are doing these things, show Yourself to the world.'" (John 7:1-4)

At the Resurrection, when everyone would have still been in Jerusalem, Jesus tells the disciples, "... go, bring word to My brothers to leave for Galilee, and there they

will see Me." (Matthew 28:10)

The four were on His mind.

Scripture pointedly tells us that Jesus appeared to His brother James after the Resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:7) And James then believed and became the head of the church.

The Gospels show us only these three scenes. What story do they tell?

Those closest to Jesus missed knowing Him. They missed hearing His words of truth. They missed seeing His awesome miracles. They missed out on the Son of God.

And you? Are you the person who spends time with Him every day, or are you missing out on Jesus?

Our God is alive, and He wants you.

The greatest adventure of a lifetime is walking with the Lord. He will answer you, guide you, comfort you. Turn to Him. Do it right now.

Spend time with Jesus.

Band, from page 1

have a band, no matter what.

On the first day of school, principal Joe Riley talked to the students and said it was up to them to decide if there would be a band or not.

"He talked to us and said 'it's your class, you figure out what you want,' and we were like, 'let's continue doing the band,'" Hailey said.

"At first, we were like, 'let's just turn it into a drum-line band,' but only the drummers were on board with that idea," Cutlip said.

While there was a substitute teacher teaching music classes, the students needed to find sponsors to be with them at performances, such as football games and concerts. The students turned to math teachers Jennifer Nail-Cook and Casey Griffith, who have both gone above and beyond in supporting their students in the past. They both signed on and became band sponsors.

"I have a very long history with band and marching band," Nail-Cook said. "My father passed when I was really young, but he was a band director and my mom taught color guard. We would march in with the band when I was five-years-old because my mom was the color guard instructor so it was always a thing. I was going to be in band."

Nail-Cook played clarinet for 15 years, from middle school to college, and always held band in a special place in her heart.

"I have a lot of experience, and they knew that," she said of the band. "I talked to them a lot about band in the past and we dreamed up - wouldn't it be cool if I could come help. We figured out a way that [Casey and I] could."

While Nail-Cook and Griffith are the sponsors, the students are in charge. They select the music and several made instrument changes to better benefit the band.

"Hailey and Miles were searching up music and while Hailey was directing, Miles would be in the back with his tablet searching different songs, finding if we had the instrumentation for it or not," Lane said.

Miles pulled out a selection of music and the students chose their favorites



THE NINE-MEMBER Warrior Band was joined by 30-plus alumni, community members and fellow students at the Pocahontas County High School Homecoming game Friday night. Photo courtesy of PCHS

together.

"They're flexible pieces and they're adaptable to the instruments," Hailey said. "So it doesn't say this is for trumpet. This says B flat instruments and then at the beginning of the pack it tells you what a B flat instrument consists of. It's really forgiving."

"They were really smart about these decisions," Nail-Cook added. "They picked music that has really fluid instrumentation. So B flat instruments need to play this, so it could be trumpet or clarinet or it could be tenor sax. They were really, really smart about picking things that fit the group that we have. I was really impressed when they showed it to me."

When they started, the band mainly consisted of clarinet players and drummers. Luckily, several of the students were willing to switch things up.

"I was a clarinet player for four years," Cutlip said. "When I came up here, we didn't have a trumpet, so now I'm a trumpet player."

"There are nine of us," Dibble added. "None of us are set in stone."

Not having music in their curriculum was not an option for these students. They each have a reason for sticking with band, even when faced with adversity.

"I am a musically oriented child," Cutlip said. "I got in the band in the fifth grade when I was ten, but I had been messing with that clarinet since I was like two. My mother just had it in the corner of the living room and she'd come out, and find that

I would have the pieces all around the living room. That's why it was broken when I brought it in to fifth grade."

"I'm a senior this year and I've also been playing in band since fifth grade," Lane said. "I couldn't play my sophomore year, and I regretted it. I went to one of the band concerts my sophomore year and I was behind the scenes, bawling my eyes out because I wasn't up there."

"When I heard there wasn't going to be a band this year, I was devastated because band really is a family," she continued. "Art classes and music help me throughout my day. Classes get really stressful with work and school, so whenever you get one class period to just be loud and express yourself, it's so important."

The students are the first to admit that when the year started, they were a bit unorganized. For the first two weeks, they didn't do much but hang out in the band room. Then, they got their act together and with the help of Nail-Cook and Griffith, built some structure into the band and even made their own rules.

"The only thing we said was please stay on the same instrument," Nail-Cook said. "The rest they came up with."

Reciting the rules off the dry-erase board, the students shared the rest.

"Instruments and supplies are out and ready five minutes after the second bell," Dibble said.

"Follow horns up and

down, follow the directions of the leader. Only play when directed. No arguing about what we're playing," Cutlip said.

"Keep the band room and playing areas clean and organized. No food or drink except water in room or while playing," Johnson said.

"Instruments go home for practice on weekends," Cutlip said.

"Only play your instrument. Don't switch instruments and don't touch anyone's instrument and don't share germs," Lane said.

The students follow the rules and pick on one another if they don't. They have become a small family, that grew by leaps and bounds in time for the homecoming game last Friday. The students invited anyone and everyone who wanted to join them, to play with them at the game.

Hailey said 35 people signed up - both students and adults - to play with them. It was a great sight at the game to see alumni, current staff, students and community members fill the band section of the stands to play stand cheers and "My Girl," for the homecoming court.

Up next for the band is a slew of performances including Veterans Day ceremony at PCHS, the Marlinton Christmas parade and possibly a Christmas concert. They've also been invited to play at a Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting.

Cattails, from page 3

lengths or all the same length, depending on the look you're going for.

Tie in bundles of five or six cattails about one-inch from the base.

Hang the bundle(s) upside down, away from direct sunlight, in a cool, dry place where good air circulation will ensure that they dry thoroughly.

Allow cattails to hang for two to three weeks.

When they've dried, you'll want to preserve them.

Properly preserved, they will last nicely for a year or more. Unpreserved, they tend to fall apart, scatter seeds and make a big, fluffy mess.

Put newspaper down to protect your work surface and lay the cattails down, several inches apart.

Spray a thin, even coat of hairspray or lacquer onto the entire cattail head (you may also spray the leaves). Allow to dry.

Turn cattails over and spray the other side. Repeat until you have two or three coats of coverage, allowing time for drying between each coat.

Arrange your cattails in a container of your choice.

Of course, a vase will do nicely, but you might also consider a bucket, a crock or a basket. Get creative - a decorative metal trash can or an umbrella stand may do the trick.

To keep your cattails looking fresh for a long time, keep them in a dry area away from direct sunlight. The sun will not only bleach their color but will also make them brittle.

Decorating with cattails is so easy. They look perfect all by themselves, and they're are wonderful for adding height and interest to all kinds of flower arrangements.

Cattails are a natural with hydrangeas and chrysanthemums. Or try placing them among a grouping of bare birch or willow branches.

They also pair nicely with goldenrod and dried grasses in a basket or a vase wrapped with burlap cloth.

Besides making an elegant addition to your home décor, cattails may also find their way into the kitchen.

People have been eating them and using them for medicine for centuries in many cultures in Europe and Asia.

At different times in its growth cycle, every part of the cattail is edible - from its roots to its leaf bases, sheaths and pollen.

Cattails are known for their ability to detoxify polluted or stagnant water as they draw the water in through their stems.

This is why it's important to take care in harvesting them if you are planning to use them for food or medicine.

Cattails taken from unsafe water or harvested near unsafe water should never be eaten or used as medicine.

The roots are called corms, and you can eat them raw or cooked.

I understand their taste resembles a cross between corn and potato.

Cook the young shoots like asparagus, and the young buds like corn cobs.

When the buds which are still left on the stalk start flowering, gather the pollen.

You can mix cattail flour into pancakes and other baked goods.

Cattails were extremely valuable to Native Americans and our pioneer ancestors in early America as the jelly-like substance found between young cattail leaves was both ingested and

applied topically with analgesic and antibiotic effect.

For insect bites, cattail jelly can be applied topically, and the flour can be made into a poultice with anti-inflammatory effect.

You may not be ready to harvest cattails for your dinner table or medicine cabinet, but these days there are many cattail products are available in specialty shops and health food stores.

Indigenous people were weaving cattail baskets and stuffing pillows and blankets since before recorded time.

They also used dried cattail leaves to fashion fish traps and cattail reeds to make arrow shafts.

They used cattails to build lean-tos for shelter in temperate weather.

Their long, sturdy stalks were used to support the structure and their long leaves were woven between the stalks to form the walls.

Modern gardeners put cattail reeds to use in the garden. The reeds can be braided to form decorative support structures and fences, which can be com-

posed at the end of the growing season.

Cattails' long, slender leaves make strong cordage, as well.

Cut them into thin strips and braid them smoothly, then form a three- or four-strand braid to create sturdy twine.

Woven cattail leaves and stems can be used like rattan to make surprisingly sturdy chair seats and even snowshoes.

Cattail dolls have been popular in Scandinavia and elsewhere for thousands of years. Native American tribes used cattails to create little figures for children's toys.

During World War II, cattails' fluffy seeds were even used to stuff life jackets.

Many cultures associated cattails with the concept of peace, and used them much like olive branches.

In ancient Ireland, cattails were gathered and set on fire during the festival of Samhain - named after the Gaelic name for the month of November. Samhain was the precursor of our modern day Halloween.

Cattail bonfires were lit at sunset on October 31st to mark the end of harvest season and the beginning of winter.

Cattail's association with peace-making notwithstanding, there was an old superstition in Britain associating cattails with death.

It is said that if a bulrush - as they are known in Britain - is cut and brought into the house, it can be a harbinger of death.

That said, if you're at all superstitious, then maybe you might think twice about using them in flower arrangements.

I don't subscribe to that superstition myself.

When I was growing up, we had a stand of cattails growing in a wet area in the woods beside our home.

We may not have used them for food or medicine, but we often gathered them to decorate the house, along with all the colorful bounty of fall.

Rather than a premonition of death, the cattails brought a celebration of life and natural beauty into our home.




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

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

First Publication Date: **Thursday, October 12, 2023**
Claim Deadline: **Monday, December 11, 2023**

ESTATE NUMBER: **14552**
ESTATE OF: **STEVEN LEE SNODGRASS**
ADMINISTRATOR: Robert F. Snodgrass
15203 McComb Manor Court
Charlotte, NC 28277-2753

ESTATE NUMBER: **14562**
ESTATE OF: **DANNY DEAN LAMBERT**
ADMINISTRATOR: Dewayne Stacy Lambert
15670 Back Mountain Road
Durbin, WV 26264-9054

ESTATE NUMBER: **14563**
ESTATE OF: **SIDNEY A. JACK**
EXECUTRIX: Carolyn S. Jack
1368 Dry Branch Road
Slaty Fork, WV 26291-9055

ESTATE NUMBER: **14564**
ESTATE OF: **ROGER CLARENCE MCLAUGHLIN**
EXECUTRIX: Leslie Ann McLaughlin
5159 Frost Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-7123

Subscribed and sworn to before me on October 6, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
10/12/2c

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated October 4, 2010, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 328, at Page 676, **Geraldine P. Morrison** did convey unto Todd Taylor and Dan Kennedy, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, **will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Pocahontas County Courthouse, in Marlinton, West Virginia, on November 1, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.** the following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Edray District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Those two certain tracts or parcel of real estate situate on the Waters of Swago Creek in Edray District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, as follows:

Tract Number 1: That certain tract or parcel of real estate situate as aforesaid, and described by metes and bounds as follows: "BEGINNING at a stake on the line of the right of way of the State Road designated as U.S. Route 219, and a point 300 feet distant from the line of Walter Graham; thence with the line of Gail B Dilley for a lot this day conveyed to him, S 80 W 175 feet to a stake on the line of the land of W. H. Rogers; thence N 9 1/2 W 50 feet to a stake; thence with the line of W. H. Rogers, N 80 E 175 feet to a stake on the said State Road right of way; thence with the said State Road right of way; S 9 1/2 E 50 feet to the beginning."

Tract Number Two: That certain tract or parcel of real estate situate as aforesaid, and described by metes and bounds as follows: "BEGINNING at a stake on the line of the right of way of the State Road designated as U.S. Route 219, and a point 250 feet distant from the line of Walter Graham; thence with the line of Lola Workman S 80 W 175 feet to a stake on the line of the lands of W. H. Rogers, of the first part; thence with the said line, N 9 1/2 W 50 feet to a stake corner to the lots formerly owned by Bruno Morrison, and this day conveyed to Gail B. Dilley; thence with the line of the said Gail B. Dilley N 80 E 175 feet to a stake on the said State Road right of way; thence with the said State Road right of way S 9 1/2 E 50 feet to the beginning."

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 14547 Seneca Trail, Buckeye, WV 24924.

AND BEING the same real estate, which was conveyed to Geraldine P. Morrison, by Deed dated October 7, 1966, from Gail B. Dilley and Ana Belle Dilley, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 115, at Page 403.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases, and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
Richard A. Pill,
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The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated August 24, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 319, at Page 461, Richard E. Chandler did convey unto Todd Taylor and Dan Kennedy, Trustees, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, **will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Pocahontas County Courthouse, in Marlinton, West Virginia, on November 1, 2023, at 11:02 a.m.**

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Edray District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All of that certain lot, tract, or parcel of real estate, including the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, all being situate in the Edray District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, on the waters of Crooked Fork, and just of Secondary Route 219/1, and being a part of Lot 4, known as Lot A, in a small subdivision made for Beckwith Lumber Co., and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1 inch iron pipe set on the line of U.S.A. Government Tract #864 on the South side of Crooked Fork and a corner to Cheryl Miles, from which a 30" Sugar tree, corner #4 of tract #864, bears N 59-58-58 W. 450 feet, thence leaving the S.S.A Government and with Cheryl Miles for 1 line N. 30-01-10 E. 380.00 feet to a 1 inch iron pipe set on the North side of a little drain, near the foot of the hill, a corner to Lot B, thence leaving Cheryl Miles and cutting through the land of Robert L. Chandler and with Lot B for the next 2 lines S. 37-27-50 W. 130.55 feet to a 1 inch iron pipe set on the South side of a little drain, thence S 30-01-10 W. passing a 1 inch iron pipe set in a small drain at 295.00 feet, in all 330.00 feet to a point on rocks, and on the line of the U.S.A. Government Tract #864, thence leaving Lot B and with the Government for 1 line N. 59-58-58 W. 120.60 feet to the point of beginning containing 42,813 square feet or .98 of an acre, more or less, as surveyed by William E. Dilley, L.L.S. of Dunmore, West Virginia, in November, 1993, and as shown as Lot A upon a plat and attached hereto and made a part of this description.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of Crooked Fork Road, Marlinton, WV 24954-0447. We have reason to believe the property has a current mailing address of 840 Crooked Fork Road, Marlinton, WV 24954-0447. This sale is being made pursuant to the legal description and prospective purchasers are advised to perform their own due diligence regarding the property address.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Richard E. Chandler by Deed dated April 28, 1994, from Robert L. Chandler and Jeanette Chandler, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 235, at Page 381.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

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SEEKING BIDS

The Pocahontas County Commission is accepting bids for an X-Ray Inspection System and Walk-thru Metal Detector for use by the Pocahontas County Courthouse.

All bids should be submitted in writing and placed in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid - Pocahontas County Commission, Courthouse Security" and delivered by mail or in person to the Pocahontas County Commission, 900 Tenth Ave, Marlinton, WV 24954 no later than November 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Bid Specifications for the equipment are listed below:
X-Ray Inspection System
Walk-Thru Metal Detector

Bids will be opened in the Office of the County Commission located in the Pocahontas County Courthouse, on November 7, 2023 at 9:45 a.m.

For further information, please inquire at the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 304-799-4549, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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

Walt Helmick, President
Pocahontas County Commission
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ACCEPTING BIDS FOR AMBULANCE

The Pocahontas County Commission is accepting bids for an Ambulance for use by the Pocahontas County Ambulance EMS.

All bids should be submitted in writing and placed in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid - Pocahontas County Ambulance EMS" and delivered by mail or in person to the Pocahontas County Commission, 900 Tenth Ave, Marlinton, WV 24954 no later than Friday, November 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Bid Specifications are listed below:

New Ford 350, 4x4, diesel-or gas-powered chassis, with a brush guard mounted on the front. A liquid springs suspension system will also need to be available on the ambulance. The ambulance box will need to support a Stryker cot loading system:

OR

Used ambulance in good condition that already has a Stryker cot loading system mounted.

Bids will be opened in the Office of the County Commission located in the Pocahontas County Courthouse, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

For further information, please contact Commissioner John Rebinski at 304-456-3244 or inquire at the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 304-799-4549, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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POSITION AVAILABLE

The Office of the Pocahontas County Clerk is now accepting résumés for the position of Payroll/Accounts Payable and Deputy Clerk. Résumés will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Friday, the 20th day of October 2023.

Job Description:

This position will be responsible for all activities regarding the management of employee compensation and accounts payable for the Pocahontas County Commission. This will include entering payroll information, calculating wages, processing new hires, insurance, retirement, quarterly payroll reports, processing invoices, payment of creditors and reconciling budget. This position will also have the responsibilities of Deputy Clerk in recording legal documents, assisting the public, preparing daily deposits, answering telephone, assisting with county elections, and performing daily office duties.

Qualifications:

Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and prior experience in payroll and accounts payable to be considered for this position. Applicant must possess good oral and written communication skills and be willing to work with the public and other co-workers in a polite and acceptable manner. A background check and drug test will be required prior to employment.

The starting salary for this position will be determined by experience and will include PEIA Health Insurance, Public Employees Retirement, vacation and sick leave.

You may apply by filing a résumé with the County Clerk:

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NOTICE TO BID

The Pocahontas County Commission will receive bids for heating oil for all Courthouse Offices and the Jail Building, for the period covering November 7, 2023, through October 31, 2024.

All bids should be submitted in writing, noting increases and/or reductions in prices, and placed in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid - Heating Oil" and delivered by mail or in person to the Pocahontas County Commission, 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2023.

Bids will be opened in the Office of the County Commission located in the Pocahontas County Courthouse on Tuesday, the 7th day of November 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

For further information, please inquire at the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office 304-799-4549, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Pocahontas County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Walt Helmick, President
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POSITION AVAILABLE - SANITARIAN 1

The Pocahontas County Health Department is accepting applications for the full-time position of Sanitarian 1.

The position requires: Entry level duties in public health sanitation inspection, investigation and education. The successful candidate must participate in sanitation training program and provide a full range of services in food, milk and water sanitation, sewage and solid waste disposal, school and institutional sanitation, disease and rodent control and disaster sanitation.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university.

Applicants with a major in public health environmental health, environmental science, chemistry, biology, physical science or agriculture may be given preference in appointment.

Special requirements: A valid driver's license and availability of a vehicle for continuous use may be a requisite for employment.

Annual salary range: \$34,261 to \$63,382
Deadline to apply is noon Thursday, October 19, 2023.

Apply online at www.personnel.wv.gov
Job Number: 9930SP

For more information, call 304-558-3950.
Pocahontas County Health Department
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ACCEPTING BIDS

The Pocahontas County Commission is accepting bids for a full-sized Chevrolet SUV for use by the Pocahontas County 911 Director.

All bids should be submitted in writing and placed in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid - Pocahontas County 911 Vehicle" and delivered by mail or in person to the Pocahontas County Commission, 900 Tenth Ave, Marlinton, WV 24954 no later than November 3, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Bid Specifications for the vehicle are listed below:
2023 or newer Full-sized Chevrolet SUV, 4 Wheel Drive, V8 Gasoline Engine, Automatic Transmission, Anti-Lock Brake System, Power Windows, Power Door Locks, Power Heated Mirrors, Air Conditioning, Towing Package, Trailer Hitch. Vehicle should have 10,000 or less miles and be free of any mechanical or cosmetic defects.

Bids will be opened in the Office of the County Commission located in the Pocahontas County Courthouse, on Tuesday November 7, 2023, at 8:45 a.m.

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

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

To: All owners of residential improved property located within the Southern Precinct of the Snowshoe Resort Community District

You will take notice that pursuant to West Virginia Code, 7-25-1, et seq. and Articles III and IV of the Bylaws of Snowshoe Resort Community District, an election will be held on the 17th day of November 2023. This election shall be for the purpose of electing a person to serve out the unexpired term vacated by Mr. Chris Monger, expiring the end of December, 2024, in the Southern precinct as the Residential Improved Property Member of the Snowshoe Resort Community District representing the Southern Precinct.

Voting will be by paper ballot which must be transmitted to the Snowshoe Resort Community District Election Committee in person at 2:00 pm in the Seneca Board Room, at 6099 Snowshoe Drive, Snowshoe, WV 26209 or by regular U.S. mail or electronically (facsimile or email) and **must be received prior to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, November 17, 2023, delivered as follows:**

Via Mail: Snowshoe Resort Community District
Election Committee
PO Box 377
Snowshoe, WV 26209
Via Facsimile: 304-572-5616
Via Email: ruth.bachmann@snowshoedistrict.com

The Southern Precinct includes The Seneca, Snowcrest, Summit, Top of the World, Westridge (north and south), Soaring Eagle, Leatherbark, Treetop, Sanctuary, Loggers Run, Wabasso, Lands End, Timbers, house owned by Currey's (single home), Hawthorne Valley (including Twin Greens and Fairway points) and house owned by Galford's (single home).

Further information regarding the election including replacement ballots, bios and candidate information is available on the District's website at: www.snowshoedistrict.com

Snowshoe Resort Community District,
By: *[Signature]*
David W. Dragan
Its: Secretary

BALLOT

November 17, 2023 Election

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL, IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE SOUTHERN PRECINCT OF THE SNOWSHOE RESORT COMMUNITY DISTRICT

You may only select one (1) Candidate

PLEASE MARK VOTES AS IN THIS EXAMPLE

- Phyllis Burke, Owner
- Michael Culp (representative for Owner Carol Jones)
- Mark Higgins, Owner
- Mike Kremaski, Owner
- Jason Oxman, Owner
- John Saint Georges, Owner

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POSITION AVAILABLE
The Office of the Pocahontas County Clerk is now accepting résumés for the position of Payroll/Accounts Payable and Deputy Clerk. Résumés will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Friday, the 20th day of October 2023.
Job Description:
This position will be responsible for all activities regarding the management of employee compensation and accounts payable for the Pocahontas County Commission. This will include entering payroll information, calculating wages, processing new hires, insurance, retirement, quarterly payroll reports, processing invoices, payment of creditors and reconciling budget. This position will also have the responsibilities of Deputy Clerk in recording legal documents, assisting the public, preparing daily deposits, answering telephone, assisting with county elections, and performing daily office duties.
Qualifications:
Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and prior experience in payroll and accounts payable to be considered for this position. Applicant must possess good oral and written communication skills and be willing to work with the public and other co-workers in a polite and acceptable manner. A background check and drug test will be required prior to employment.
The starting salary for this position will be determined by experience and will include PEIA Health Insurance, Public Employees Retirement, vacation and sick leave.
You may apply by filing a résumé with the County Clerk:
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NA meeting Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. at Hillsboro Library. Call 681-418-1484 for more information. Everyone welcome.

PARKS AND REC

All activities are at the Community Wellness Center, unless otherwise noted.

Friday Fun 4 to 5 p.m. at Durbin Library will focus on fall foliage with crafts, activities and books. Ages three to 10 are welcome, no charge.

Self-Defense - Loran Pryor, second-degree black belt, former competitor with lifelong training experience will offer self self-defense class Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. This introductory class focuses on Jiu-Jitsu self-defense techniques. Ages 12 and older are welcome. Cost is \$3.

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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.

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 Sunday, October 22, at 4 p.m.

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

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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O.E.S.

The following were among those in Charleston for the Meeting of Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and the installation of Mrs. Mary Jo Sharp as Worthy Grand Matron, a historic first for Pocahontas and the Huntersville Chapter, the smallest in the state:

Mesdames Mary Jo Sharp, Frances Graham, Maude Bumgardner, Susie Rogers, Bea Gladwell, Pearl Ward, Blanche Sharp, Mary Elizabeth Weiford, Edna White, Willa Whanger, Madeline

McComb, Mary Kay McLaughlin, Eloise Howsare, Marjorie White, Mary Ann Beverage, Lorena Anderson, Mamie Pritchard, Helen Hannah, Mabel Pearson, Virginia Haddock, Frances Hively, Portia Hamrick, Misses Margaret Wilson, Bobby Jo Sharp and Robert Sharp.

DEATHS

Mrs. Minnie W. Potter, 83, of Buckeye, a daughter of the late James and Matilda Auldridge... Funeral service was held from the Buckeye Presbyterian Church with burial in the McNeill Cemetery at Buckeye.

Delbert Hanson Reed, 59,

of Marlinton, a son of Nettie Waugh Reed and the late Jesse Reed... Funeral service from the Marlinton United Methodist Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Pearl B. Williams, 78, of Airville, Pennsylvania, a former resident of Hillsboro. Funeral service from the Emmanuel Church at Lobelia.

Darlene "Candy" Cain, 16, a sophomore at PCHS, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cain. Funeral service from the Edray Methodist Church with burial in Gibson Cemetery.

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The compiler recalls one or more of her granddaughters as among the most perfect models of feminine form and feather that he has ever observed anywhere.

From the way Granny Saunders used to speak of Jim Madison, Jim Monroe and Tom Jefferson, and wonder how such finicky, limber-jointed, red headed, fiddling and dancing cus-

tomers had ever been made Presidents of our United States, it is inferred that her blooming youth must have been passed in Orange and Albermarle atmosphere...

Persons yet living remember the reply she once made to the salutation, "Well, Granny, how are you today?"

"Poorly enough, to tell you the truth. O, dear me, I am just here and that is all. I have pains in the top of my head, pains in my face, pains in my ears, at the back of my neck, between my shoulders,

in my arms, in my breast, in my body, in my knees, in my ankles, in both of my big toes."

Then pausing a moment, as if trying to think of more places for pains, she would raise her eyes toward heaven and devoutly exclaim, "But, praise the Lord, bless His Holy Name, I have a good appetite."

Few persons have left their impress upon the writer's memory more vividly than Mrs. Diana Saunders.

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Putting on a pair of latex gloves, he slowly removed each item from the footlocker, placing them beside the musty container. Clifton removed military pants, shirts, helmet, poncho, canteen, and other things one would expect to find in a Marine's foot locker.

Eventually, he arrived at a strange wooden box at the very bottom of the container.

Clifton had never seen anything remotely like it:

strange symbols on the lid and an unbroken wax seal over the hasp of the rough wooden box. He debated for some time as to whether he should open it at all.

He sat back in a winged chair, occasionally sipping at his scotch and taking long draws from a cigarette, and staring at the box. "What in hell could be in that wooden box?" he asked himself. His choice of words was uncannily accurate, as he was about to discover.

"Well, there's only one way to find out," Clifton remarked, retrieving the box and setting it on his lap. With

trembling hands, he broke the seal on the lid, shards of hard red wax falling onto his lap. He steadied himself and took a breath. At the moment he began to lift the lid, there was movement inside the box, and the lights in the room flickered. The liquid courage failed Clifton, and he flung the box to the floor.

In that moment of abject terror, he knew full well that he had unwittingly brought something dreadful into his life.

To be Continued:

Ken Springer
ken1949bongo@gmail.com

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William Wanless, aged 66, son of Newton and Matilda Malcomb Wanless, died October 13, 1948... On Saturday afternoon, the funeral was held by Rev. Roger Melton and his body was laid to rest in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery.

Clarence Cameron McLaughlin, Jr., was killed in a truck wreck October 10, 1948, at the age of 25 years. The funeral was held in the

Dunmore Methodist Church with the VFW Post of Marlinton in charge. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McLaughlin, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude, and their six year old daughter, Shirley... Mr. McLaughlin served 35 months with the 66 Black Panther Division of the Infantry; 18 months in Europe...

Mrs. Ella J. White was born November 14, 1864 and departed this life Sunday, September 26, 1948. She was born and died in the

Edray community... On Tuesday afternoon the funeral was held from the Edray Methodist Church, and her body was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery. Mrs. White was a daughter of the Rev. James E. and Louemma Harper Moore... She was married to F. M. White, who preceded her in death 14 years ago...

William B. Tallman, aged 65 years, passed away October 1, 1948, at his home in Cass. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Pearl Tallman...

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POSITION AVAILABLE - The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for a full-time landfill employee. High school diploma or equivalent required. Minimum Class B commercial driver's license and experience operating heavy equipment preferred. This is an hourly position with benefits. Pay is commensurate with experience. Applications and a

job description may be obtained from the Solid Waste Office at Pocahontas County Courthouse. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2023, to: PCSWA, 900-H Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954. EOE. 10/19/2c

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These students reflect the HES Mission Statement: "We will be learners. We will be respectful. We will be successful. Because we are Red Devils!"



PICTURED WITH THE Town of Marlinton's new Work Zone Sign Package products, l to r: maintenance crew members David Slawter, P. C. Dean and Thomas "Chris" Welker and Maintenance Supervisor Josh Sharp. TOM photo

Town of Marlinton awarded Work Zone Sign Package

The Town of Marlinton applied for and was awarded a Work Zone Sign Package valued at \$3,050 by the West Virginia Local Technical Assistance Program (WV LTAP). Marlinton was one of 10 municipalities awarded this package, which will be used to improve work zone safety during road maintenance, utility operations and incident management.

The Town of Marlinton was selected because of its demonstrated need of work zone traffic control devices and commitment to work zone safety. The Work Zone Sign Package Program is one of the many services offered by the WV LTAP to improve roadway safety

across the state. Each package includes 12 portable work zone signs, six sign stands, four barricades, four drums with reflective tape, 16 cones, two reflective "Stop/Slow" paddles, four Class III full-coverage safety vests, and two whistles with lanyards. In addition to the package, each municipality receives a free work zone safety training course taught by the WV LTAP.

"The WV LTAP staff recognizes how important these work zone sign packages are to West Virginia communities," WV LTAP Program Coordinator Andrew Morgan said.

"Both the equipment and the training that goes along with the packages helps en-

hance safety for motorists and workers and facilitates traffic flow in these communities."

Including this year's group of recipients, the WV LTAP has awarded 106 work zone sign packages to state municipalities since the program began in 1996.

The WV LTAP is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the West Virginia Department of Transportation and is housed at West Virginia University.

School Menus

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| <p>October 23- 27</p> <p>Monday: Chicken biscuit and fruit. Beef Burrito, vegetarian beans and fruit.</p> <p>Tuesday: Egg and cheese wrap and fruit. Fish sticks, bread stick, macaroni and cheese, broccoli salad and fruit cup.</p> | <p>Wednesday: Pumpkin muffin square and fruit cup. Lasagna with county-raised beef, garden salad, roll, corn and fruit.</p> <p>Thursday: Apple stick and fruit. Chicken stir fry, brown rice, bread stick, carrots and Mandarin oranges.</p> <p>Friday: Cook's choice.</p> |
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6557 - Green Bank. 5BR/4BA mountain retreat with manufactured log home, cabin, picnic pavilion, outbuildings and serene views. Just steps to national forest. Near the Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$334,000



6581 - Arbovale. 3BR/1.5BA farmhouse on two semi-private acres. Nice sized yard; two outbuildings. Easy access to national forest. Close to GBO, Cass Scenic Railroad and Greenbrier River. - \$160,000



6313 - Slaty Fork. 2.76 acre lot in Fassifern Fields subdivision at the base of Snowshoe Mountain. Just minutes from the Raven Golf Course and mountain activities. Near Elk Springs Resort. - \$30,000



6595 - Marlinton. Lots in town, bordering the Greenbrier River with easy step-down access. Great location to set up base camp to explore the river and trails, state parks and national forest. - \$24,000



6596 - Marlinton. This property offers 2 homes and a detached garage on 2.18 acres in a country setting. Gorgeous views. Great rental potential. Close to fishing, trails, state parks and Snowshoe Resort. - \$165,000



5632 - Lewisburg. Exclusive Lamplighter Subdivision. Lot 3. 0.472 acre. Property is close to all the best the Greenbrier Valley has to offer. Title insurance available. - \$8,999



6559 - Green Bank. 1BR/1BA camp with open living room and kitchen, corner woodstove and electric baseboard heat. Near national forest and Cass Scenic Railroad. - \$22,500



6415 - Huntersville. This property offers a unique 4BR/1BA home and 5BR/2BA lodge on 1.5 acres bordering national forest. Great Recreational business opportunity. - \$159,900



6536 - Cass. Approximately .55 acre just 30 minutes from Snowshoe Resort. Near national forest, Deer Creek and trout fishing. Short drive to Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$14,000



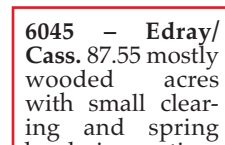
6537 - Hillsboro. Lot C-15. Little Mountain Retreat. 3.5 +/- wooded acres with protective covenants. Easy access, nice building site and great views with perfect privacy. - \$15,000



5531 - Rimel. 9BR/4BA home on 20.59 acres bordering national forest. Perfect for hunting, corporate or family retreat. - \$599,000



4495 - Dunmore. 12 acres with long frontage on Rt. 28. Property has easy access, and small building site. - \$32,500



6045 - Edray/Cass. 87.55 mostly wooded acres with small clearing and spring bordering national forest. Private. Near Marlinton and the Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$250,000



4600 - Edray. 2 +/- acres with city water and sewer. - \$89,900

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