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Faulknier named CVB executive director

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Seven years ago, Chelsea Faulknier, nee Walker, took a job as the events grant coordinator at the Pocahontas County Conventions and Visitors Bureau. She went on to become a marketing specialist and on September 1 of this year she stepped into her new position as the executive director.

Faulknier knew that her predecessor, Cara Rose, had left big shoes to fill, but after seven years working by Rose's side, she felt she was ready to take the plunge and step into those shoes.

"When I was hired and started working with Cara, there was a big conversation between us about the future of tourism," Faulknier said. "I got to work alongside her and got to see all the different projects. I definitely learned a lot from her. When she decided to retire, I felt like [we] agreed on a lot of things."

"I'm a new person coming in with new ideas, but I think we shared the same vision. I really want to see that come to fruition over the course of the next ten, fifteen, twenty years looking down the road."

Faulknier received a de-

gree in advertising, marketing and public relations, so working at the CVB was a great way for her to put her skills and creativity to use to promote her native county and the locations she grew up enjoying.

"I knew about a career in marketing and advertising, but never really thought about tourism and how those work hand-in-hand," she said.

"My passion of marketing and advertising and branding have kind of really meshed with the fun side of the tourism industry, and getting to promote the place I grew up and love and have always called home, and always, hopefully, will call home."

Fond memories from her childhood also help Faulknier give a unique perspective to visitors, who want to know what to expect when coming to the county.

"I definitely grew up going out to Watoga State Park," she said. "I have early fond memories of family reunions and we'd all go to the swimming pool – the cousins and kids having blue lips and all that. The state park there definitely holds a special place in my heart."

"I grew up toward Hillsboro in the southern end of the county, so I loved going up to Cranberry Glades and



AFTER SEVEN YEARS at the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chelsea Faulknier is now its executive director, a position left vacant when former director Cara Rose retired in the summer. S. Stewart photo

definitely used to venture around and hike Droop Mountain and the Falls of Hills Creek.

"Those are some special places that, as a kid, I had a real connection with," she continued. "Watoga holds a special place. Of course, going on school trips to Cass and the [Green Bank] Observatory. Those things really do stick with you."

Knowing those memories have stayed strong for a long time, Faulknier is able to use those experiences to add specific details to promotional materials in order to attract people.

"I think just understanding how impressionable those moments were – there wasn't any real glitz or glamour about it – it's really just see CVB pg 5

'Who' is it



FORTY PEOPLE ATTENDED the Dark Sky "Hoot & Holler" event presented by the Three Rivers Avian Center in the recreation building at Watoga State Park.

This educational event was specifically related to owls and was sponsored by the Watoga State Park Foundation through a grant by the Secure Rural Schools Program.

Owls are nocturnal hunters and the majority of the injuries they receive are from car collisions as they go after dead prey on the roads. They are also susceptible to lead poisoning.

WSPF board member Mary Dawson spoke to the group about the park's Dark Sky certification.

The International Dark Sky Association provided information about Dark Sky approved lighting as well as coloring activities for the kids.

Where the rhododendrons grow

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

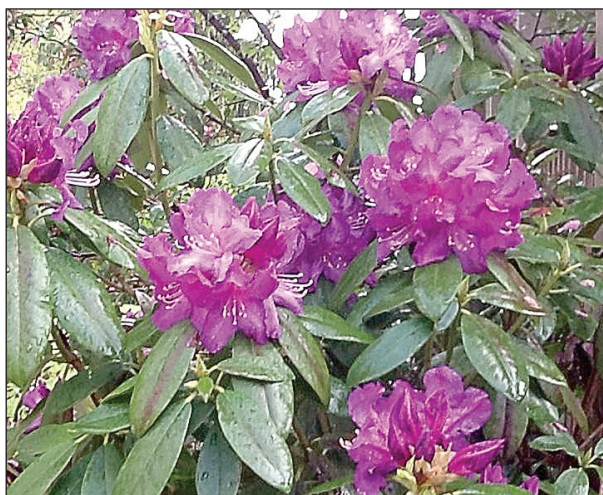
Rhododendron watchers may have noticed that there seems to be a lot of what botanists would call, "organic yellowing" going on with their leaves this fall.

Maybe because their leathery leaves look nothing like what we might think of as evergreen foliage, it's odd to think of them as evergreen. But they are.

And even evergreens, such as pine and spruce trees, shed some of their needles each fall. Sometimes they drop a few and sometimes they lose a large number of needles.

Shortly before winter, a healthy, mature rhododendron (two to three years old) will have a certain amount of foliage turn yellow and die off.

Not to worry. This is a



MOST OF THE rhododendron in Pocahontas County is the Rhododendron maximum variety which is common throughout eastern North America. Azaleas are close relatives of the rhododendron. All azaleas are rhododendrons, but not all rhododendrons are azaleas.

normal stage of its life cycle and is nothing to be concerned about.

Of course, like any plant, organic yellowing can also occur when the plant is

stressed because it's trying to grow in a location that's too wet or too dry, has too much sun or it lacks proper nutrients.

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HHS alum seeking funds for pavilion

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Hillsboro High School may have closed its doors in 1970 to consolidate with Marlinton and Green Bank, but the spirit of those who attended the school remains strong in the small community. For decades, the Hillsboro Alumni Association has contributed to Hillsboro Elementary School and other organizations and one member – Ruth Taylor – is asking the alumni to step up once again, to help fund the new school pavilion.

The school has been seeking grants and donations for the pavilion, receiving a Dramas, Fairs and Festivals grant, as well as donations

from the Little Levels Heritage Fair organization and individuals.

"The idea hit me, why don't we get the alumni involved and leave a legacy," Taylor said. "We're not going to be around forever, and the outdoor classroom is really great because the kids get out and get fresh air, and they're still learning. That's one of the good things that came out of the pandemic – being outside."

Taylor said she met with principal Becky Spencer to discuss the project and while Spencer suggested building the pavilion in stages as the funds become available, Taylor said "let's raise the money and do it all at once."

The school held a square dance and outdoor barbecue

September 20 and raised a large chunk of the funds needed. The event was well-attended, and Taylor said it was a great example of how the community comes together for a good cause and shows its support.

"They had kids out there, teaching them how to square dance," she said. "The playground was absolutely full of the little squirts out there just having a blast. Everybody was enjoying it. There were teachers, parents and people helping serve and everything."

The pavilion is set to be 30 by 60 feet and will be used both by the school and the community. During school hours, it will be used for

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Halloween in Durbin, Saturday, October 28, starting at 5 p.m.
CW's Corn Maze - open through Sunday, October 29
Trick-or-Treat and Trunk-or-Treat in Marlinton, Tuesday, October 31, from 5 - 7 p.m.

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Creative, vibrant communities draw population

Charles McElwee

An eminent, world-leading urbanist Richard Florida has written that “Powering the great ongoing changes of our time is the rise of human creativity [a fourth sector of an economy] as the defining feature of economic life. Creativity has come to be valued — and systems have evolved to encourage and harness it — because it is increasingly recognized as the font from which new technologies, new industries, new wealth, and other good economic things flow.”

The referenced urbanist recognizes that “creativity” requires “creative people,” that “place” matters to them, that “place” to “creative people” possess appealing qualities in “thriving metro areas,” which *The Wall Street Journal*, in recent articles stated “are key to prospering in today’s economy,” and which West Virginia was said to lack.

Florida projects that cities will “grow at nearly double the rate of the rest of the world. More and more people are clustering in urban areas — and there is no evidence to suggest that the trend will slow down anytime soon.”

He later says that “the history of human progress is intimately intertwined with that of cities.” Further on, he says that “regions with greater concentrations of the Creative Class [are] more likely to be economic winners. Those with larger working-class concentrations [are] becoming economically stagnant; some [are] in the midst of grim downward spirals.” Florida lists West Virginia “among the states with the lowest Creative Class concentrations.”

Data indicate that the majority of West Virginia residents live in communities of fewer than 2,500 people and, according to the Office of Management and Budget and Census Bureau, about two-thirds (64%) live in rural areas.

A significant demographic of West Virginia is

that its largest city, Charleston, has an estimated population in 2023 of fewer than 50,000, specifically 46,692. Only one other state in the nation is similar. Vermont’s largest city, Burlington, also has a population of less than 50,000.

Huntington ranks as the second largest city in the state with an estimated population of 45,074. Morgantown ranks third with an estimated population of 29,339. Parkersburg is fourth with an estimated population of 28,978. Wheeling is fifth with an estimated population of 25,924. In sixth-place is Martinsburg with an estimated population of 18,988. Weirton is seventh with a population of 18,279. Fairmont is eighth with a population of 18,034. Beckley is ninth with a population of 16,664. Clarksburg ranks 10th with a population of 15,380. South Charleston is 11th with a population of 12,927. Vienna is 12th with a population of 10,497 and St. Albans, 13th with a population of 10,294.

Of special interest is between the 2020 Census and the 2023 estimates is that every city experienced a decline in population except Morgantown and Martinsburg. Even then, with respect to those two cities, the projected increases in population were modest: 180 people in Morgantown and 229 people in Martinsburg.

None of these listed cities can be said to be growing in population, thriving in their economies or appealing to youthful, educated, creative people.

The fact that West Virginia ranks third among the top 10 most rural states in the nation itself presents a formidable impediment in stemming the emigration of the state’s youthful, educated population to other states and in increasing the immigration into West Virginia of youthful educated persons from other states, especially those who grew up in metro areas of their home states.

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Future of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal topics of special meeting

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

Part of the agenda at the October 11 Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority special meeting was to hold a public meeting about the future of waste disposal in the county. Ed Riley, Solid Waste Authority Chairman, said that deciding the future of how the authority will operate once the landfill is filled and closed is difficult because they won’t know until the first of January when the Annual Report is completed, exactly how much time the current landfill has until it is full. He suggested it could possibly be only one to three years. Riley laid out three proposals to be considered by the Authority members. Riley said the pur-

“We are beyond providing a service to the county, we have to operate as a business...”

Ed Riley

pose of discussing the three options at this meeting is to “whittle them down” to one scenario.

1. Operate a Transfer Station and keep the Green Box system operating as they do now. He said this would involve an initial setup of roughly \$1,306,000 and an annual operating cost of about \$1,242,857. Riley said this is the most expensive of the three options in both setup and operation.

Riley asked if anyone was interested in pursuing this, and when none of the mem-

bers spoke up, he eliminated this as an option.

2. Compactor sites only, which has an initial setup cost of about \$1,008,000 and an annual operating cost of around \$872,855. No member expressed an interest in supporting this proposal either, so Riley eliminated it from further consideration.

3. Green boxes only. Riley said this seems like the proposal they want to develop, but since the county may not be using this system for two years, he doesn’t have the figures for it, and wouldn’t

want to put it out to bid until then, but he said they should start planning for it. They said this option involves picking up trash at the green boxes and hauling it to the Greenbrier County landfill.

Jacob Meck from Allegheny Disposal asked how a green box only system would take care of commercial trash.

Riley said, in his opinion, they would have to continue to take the appliances, etc., crush them with their compactor and haul them to the recycling place and sell them. He said we would have to also crush wooden items like beds. He said the authority would not be serving commercial haulers, such as towns, because that

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Commission gives \$25,000 to PSD’s Headworks Project

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The Pocahontas County Commission heard from Mark Smith of the County Public Service District (PSD.) at its October 17 meeting. Smith asked the commission to give the PSD \$25,000 for its Headworks Project at the sewerage treatment plant near Snowshoe. The commission had already allocated that money to the PSD to use at the Tannery Lift Station Project, but it was not needed there. At an earlier commission meeting, Smith had explained that when that sewerage treatment plant was originally built, incorrect filters were installed in it which resulted in a massive reduction of the volume of sewerage the plant can treat, compared to its designed volume. The PSD and the original builders of the plant have been tied up in court over this for years, with no end in sight. Smith said the plant’s present capacity is not nearly enough to meet the needs, so they need to quickly replace the filters, and cannot wait years for the legal issues to be settled.

Smith explained that the job of replacing the filters is not a simple one as they had been built into the basic construction of the plant. The PSD has budgeted \$3 million for the construction necessary to install the correct filters, but their requested bids came in at about \$3.6 million, so the PSD needs to

come up with the difference. They did come up with \$165,000 of the money but are still short by \$410,000. He had asked to commission to allow them to use the unspent \$25,000 from the PSD’s Tannery Lift Project and for any other contribution the commission could make, however the commission only approved the \$25,000.

Smith also provided an update on the success of the PSD’s new waste compactor, which has reduced the volume of raw sewerage to being basically composted soil. Prior to using this compactor, they were transporting 80 to 90 loads of sewerage to Clarksburg, it has now been reduced to being a few loads of compost that are sent to the Lewisburg Solid Waste Landfill.

Also, during this meeting, the commission authorized Region 4 to draw down \$12,788.54 from the county’s ARC Broadband Project’s Grant funds, which will be used to pay for invoices for legal, engineering and administrative expenses.

Commissioner John Rebinski announced that the signs have been erected ded-

icating a portion of Frost Road from Dunmore to Minnehaha Springs to Roland P. Sharp, Sr. Dr. Sharp died in 2013, at the age of 105. He was born in Frost in 1907 and practiced medicine for 75 years, 40 of which were in his rural practice in Pocahontas County. Dr. Sharp was also the founding president of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton asked the commission for an update on the status of the demolition project for the old board of education building in Marlinton. Commissioner Jamie Walker assured Felton that the grant money for the demolition has been approved and the demolition should occur in early 2024.

In addition, the commis-

sion:

- authorized publication of the September Delinquent List.
- approved John Norman’s request for the commission to provide a letter of support for First Energy’s Investment Infrastructure Jobs Grant Application.

- approved hiring Brenda Jackson as a part-time driver for the Pocahontas County Ambulance authority at a pay rate of \$13 per hour.

- granted permission to David Cain, a resident of East Cass, to plant three medium sized pear trees on a county-owned lot adjoining Cain’s property. These trees will continue a line of pear trees Cain is planting on his own property along a ditch.

Halloween Safety

Reminder ~ If, when you are handing out Halloween candy, you see a child with a teal, blue or purple pumpkin, it could be a signal that the child has food allergies, is autistic or has epilepsy.

It’s helpful to have non-candy treats for trick or treaters who have certain allergies or dietary restric-

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Ribbon Cutting for Monday Lick Trail System

The public is invited to the ceremonial ribbon-cutting commemorating the construction of the Monday Lick Trail System Monday, October 30, at 1 p.m. at the Stillwell Park Pavilion in Marlinton.

There will be shuttles available to transport individuals to the trail system and bikes are also encouraged for those who would be interested in biking the Greenbrier River Trail to the trail system.

Located within the Snowshoe Highlands International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Ride Center and Monongahela National Forest, the Monday Lick Trail System includes 27 miles of single-track bike optimized trails that connect directly to downtown Marlinton and will have a significant impact on the outdoor recreation economy. The construction is being completed in two phases by Appalachian Dirt and Rock Solid Trail Contracting.

This project is made possible with funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission and support from many other countywide and regional partners including: Snowshoe Highlands Area Recreation Collaborative, Pocahontas County Convention and Visitor Bureau, Snowshoe Mountain Resort, USDA Forest Service, Region 4 Planning and Development Council, Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, Downstream Strategies, WVU Extension Service, Mon Forest Towns Regional Partnership, Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation and the Town of Marlinton.

Jazz at the Opera House

The Mike Gillispie Jazz Flute Quartet will take the stage at Pocahontas County Opera House Saturday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m.

The performance guarantees an evening of eclectic jazz melodies, bridging across diverse generations and styles.

The quartet features Mike Gillispie, a renowned flutist and bass flutist celebrated for his vibrant blend of musical experiences. Gillispie's musical journey began at age five with the accordion, transitioning to the flute by age seven, and later expanded to include saxophones. Gillispie, emerging from Washington's dynamic music community, now brings his rich musical and graphic arts background to the stage. With performances spanning continents, he's known not just for his unique mix of musical and photographic talents, but also for his deep-seated family roots in Pocahontas County, where he spent formative summers before embarking on a full-time music career.

Joining Gillispie is esteemed guitarist Thomas Kitchen, admired for his versatile musical background spanning both jazz and classical genres. Kitchen, a passionate educator and transcriber, complements his international experiences to enhance his performances and educational pursuits.

The quartet also features Dan Griffin, a respected bassist originating from New York City. Griffin launched his musical career at the tender age of eight with the accordion, transitioning to the upright acoustic bass by 13. His passion for music is as unwavering as his notable career in clinical psychology, earning him accolades as an educator, speaker, and author.

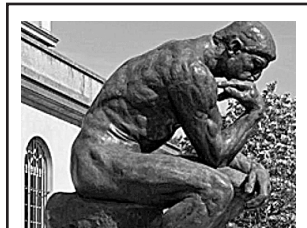
Completing the quartet is

James Deshler, the drummer whose diverse Los Angeles upbringing sparked a career that astonishingly merges jazz with molecular and cellular biology. Deshler, a UCLA Ph.D. holder and Harvard Medical School post-doctoral scholar, masterfully complements his intellectual pursuits with his musical talents.

Tickets, \$10, are available at the 4th Avenue Gallery, online at pocahontasoperahouse.org and at the door the see Jazz pg 10

Orchids

To Pocahontas Memorial Hospital for sponsoring the Health Fair. It was well organized, and they did a great job in spite of the weather.



TRIVIA
— a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. In what country was Adolph Hitler born?
2. What famous battle took place Sunday, June 18, 1815?
3. What was the first toy to be advertised on television?
4. How many colors are in a rainbow?

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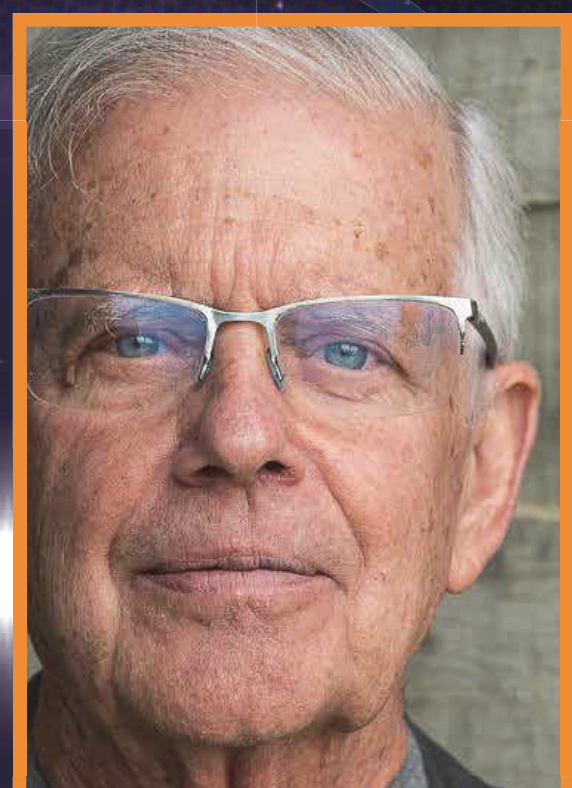
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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

As many of you know, the Town of Marlinton has had a fence constructed around the materials yard at the Fourth Avenue Shop.

Some people wonder why the town would fence out its own citizens after all this time.

Let me be very clear, the intent was not to fence out residents or make it harder for residents to dispose of trash. But, we did have to take measures to keep certain individuals off the premises during non-working hours. We had at least four reasons for doing so.

Nightly dumpster divers would be a reason number one. The was a mess left around the dumpsters absolutely every night. Dragging items out of the dumpsters was not as bad as the other trash that ended up outside of the dumpsters, while the search was going on inside. The back-and-forth traffic during the night was constant, as well.

Out-of-town trash placed in town dumpsters remained a problem and a close reason number two. Out of town trash or household items must go to the county green-box drop-off points. Locally,

that is near the stockyards off the Old Fairground Road.

If a resident pays a solid-waste fee and leaves trash in town dumpster, the town pays again for the same trash. The only winner in this scenario is the landfill. Also, contractors beware. Dumpsters are for household garbage only. No building materials allowed.

Occasionally, a piece of equipment would be left outside of the building. Without exception, something would come up missing from it or broken. Call this reason number three for a fence.

Lastly, the old wooden fence was in pieces, unsightly to Greenbrier River Trail traffic, and too inviting to the night-time foot traffic.

I have had complaints about why the fence was put up, and I hope this helps citizens of the Town to understand the purpose.

Sorry, I cannot provide keys to individual users.

However, residents who want to take items directly to a dumpster at the Fourth Avenue location can still do so.

But the gate will only be open during working hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 3:45 p.m.

Sam

What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Pork Chops with Cider and Apples

3 or 4 tart cooking apples, peeled, cored and quartered
4 pork chops, about 1 inch thick

- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 1/4 tsp. ground allspice
- Salt and pepper
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 cup apple cider
- 2 Tbsp. whipping cream

or half and half
Potato pancakes, for serving

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a casserole large enough to hold the pork chops in one layer. Spread the apples in an even layer in the greased casserole. Set aside. Sprinkle the pork chops on both sides with thyme, allspice, salt and pepper. Heat the butter and oil in a skillet. When hot, add the pork chops. Cook over medium high heat until browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Turn and cook 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Arrange the pork chops on top of the apples, add the bay leaf and pour the cider over the chops. Cover and bake 30 minutes. Transfer the chops to warmed plates. Remove the apple quarters with a slotted spoon and divide equally among the plates. Pour juices into a small skillet and add the cream. Heat, stirring to blend, until warmed. Spoon the sauce over the pork chops and serve with potato pancakes.

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Potato Pancakes

- 4 large potatoes
- 1 medium yellow onion
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 cup vegetable oil, for frying

Grate potatoes and onion. Drain liquid. Add in beaten egg, salt and flour. Mix well.

Heat 1/4" oil in bottom of large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Drop 2 or 3 - 1/4 cup mounds of batter into skillet. Flatten with spatula to 1/2" thick. Fry until golden brown. Turn and fry until golden brown. Keep warm in the oven.

Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE

Mike Gillispie Jazz Flute Quartet, Saturday, November 4, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$10, are available at the 4th Avenue Gallery, online at pocahontasoperahouse.org and at the door the night of the performance. Handicapped accessible.

Ext. 1020; or Edwina Garber, 304-456-4117.

Jansky Lecture: "Space Molecules to Solar Systems – Five decades of discoveries," Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m. in the Green Bank Observatory Science Center Auditorium.

LIBRARY NEWS

Budding Bookworms Playgroup at Green Bank Public Library Wednesdays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Story time, activities, free play and snack for children ages 5 and younger, accompanied by an adult. Will not meet when schools are closed.

MEETINGS

Pocahontas Vietnam Veterans of America meet Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m. at McClintic Library.

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 is posted on the door of the Office of Emergency Management, 1008 Jury Street in Marlinton. More info: 304-799-3985.

Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee Monday, October 26, 2 p.m. in the Durbin BFD Fire Station. Open to the public. Available via Zoom. Contact Jay Miller at jvmiller2008@gmail.com for Zoom connection information.

Allegheny Post 117 Tuesday, November 7, 6 p.m. at Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend to celebrate the Marine Corps' birthday.

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.

Zumba – Dance and enjoy a fun, high-energy work-

out with Instructor Kelly Shifflett, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m.

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

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

SPECIAL SERVICE

Baxter Presbyterian Church, Dunmore – Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Fellowship and soup luncheon afterwards. Everyone welcome.

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.

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

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



Local Annual Meeting Notice

Marlinton Cooperative
Wednesday, November 1, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Pocahontas County Opera House
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Golden Delicious Apples	\$32	\$19
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Granny Smith Apples	\$33	\$20
Pink Lady	\$33	\$20
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MONEY

Marlinton Town Council wants more money.

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A Survival Necessities Pack

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

Part 2

In this second article, there may be a few items which are a little more uncommon for pre-assembled survival kits. All items from part one and part two should be able to fit within a small pack worn on a belt.

- One-half to 1 cup dry rice and a piece of old-time smoked deer jerky (little to no fat) in separate vacuum sealed bags. These items are long lasting emergency food sources.
- Another good emergency food is pemmican. When properly made and stored, pemmican can last many years, however, it should be switched out at least once per year.
- Although there are wild edibles available in most forests, having a bit of carbs and proteins readily available may help increase the survival rate.
- Dried yarrow: for bleeding
- Activated charcoal: as a poultice on wounds or for internal needs, activated charcoal absorbs impurities, bacteria, and toxins, can help reduce inflammation, and promote healing
- Piece of straw with Duct Tape wrapped around it
- This takes up very little space and who couldn't use Duct Tape from time to time? If injured while deep in the woods, certain leaves and herbs can be held in place with Duct Tape. A strip of cloth is also good for this but takes up more space in the pack. If it is cold out,

tearing a piece of clothing off may not be desired either.

- During the winter, Duct Tape could seal a tear in a coat.
- Duct Tape can also be shaped into a cup for drinking water and countless other possibilities.
- Needles: mainly for splinters but can be used for other things as well (I place needles inside the straw with the tape around it.)
- Another use for a needle, in combination with other items from this kit, is for a makeshift compass. Place a plastic bag over a hole in the ground, log or other item so it forms a bowl to hold water. Don't use the metal pot for this. Pour water onto the plastic. Place a leaf on top of the water, which should float on top due to the water's surface tension. Using a knife, piece of steel or other metal object, stroke the needle, in the same direction, about 50-100 times to magnetize it. Carefully place the needle on top of the floating leaf and wait for it to settle. If the needle has been adequately magnetized, it will point to magnetic north. Using this needle, and other directional indicators, can help someone find their way. Some other natural indicators are the location of the sun and stars, how trees and other plants are growing, and where lichen, moss and mushrooms are growing. Although these last three items can grow on any side of a tree or rock, depending on the environment, they can still be an indicator. Insects such as honeybees and car-

penters usually build nests facing the morning sun; so, in the northern hemisphere they usually face southeast.

- Fishing hooks and weights:
 - A strand from a paracord bracelet can be used with these or include a bit of fishing line with the hooks
 - Fishing bait, such as worms, hellgrammites and crawfish, are often located near creeks and streams, under rocks, rotting wood or leaves.
 - Small signal mirror or other shiny item that isn't easily breakable: for reflecting light towards a rescue party
 - Sealed weather matches: can be wrapped in the foil that is wrapped around the candle
- When I was a child, we had to make these for ourselves since they were not readily available for purchase in most stores. Most of the matches we purchased had wooden matchsticks, not cardboard, and most were strike anywhere matches. We just quickly dipped the match-head into melted wax, let them cool, and then wrapped them in plastic wrap or foil. The small waterproof match containers they make today are nice to have.
- Carabiners (along with a paracord bracelet): these simple little devices have a multitude of uses
 - Carabiners, in conjunction with paracord, can be used to tie up supplies for being hung high on a tree branch, away from predators



THERE ARE EIGHT main weave styles for a paracord bracelet allowing for nearly endless design options; from the quick release to the king cobra, which allows items to be incorporated into the bracelet. M. Phillips photo

- Carabiners can clip items onto a belt for hands-free carrying.
 - Paracord can be knotted in such a way as to make a hammock, for sleeping off of the ground. Carabiners can hold the ends of the paracord hammock together and at the point of tying it to a tree.
 - Like Duct Tape, carabiners have many uses. Be sure the weight limit for the style used is adequate for the job.
 - Fluorescent flagging tape
- I added this to our packs once I was able to acquire some.
- If lost in the woods, in a safe location, it can be more beneficial to stay in one

place. Using flagging tape to wrap around a large area highlights your location to rescue teams.

If the need arises to leave that location, leave behind signs for rescue teams, such as rocks or branches in the shape of an arrow in the direction you are traveling.

In addition to the pack, I also made different styles of paracord bracelets for each of us. On some bracelets, I used a clip that had a built-in whistle. Within some of the bracelets, I embedded items like small fishing weights and hooks (inserted into a piece of straw and heat sealed on both ends), and anything else I may have had at the time. Pre-made "sur-

vival bracelets" are readily available for purchase now, but were not available more than 20 years ago, so we had to make our own. Also, this is just my opinion, but when it comes to my family's safety, I prefer making them myself, using higher quality, heavy duty, more reliable parts instead of buying cheap stuff that breaks the first time it's used.

If a LifeStraw fits in the pack, this may be a nice additive. This device was not available when we first started using our packs, so we all knew what to do about water without needing one. I have still never used a LifeStraw, so I am not familiar with how well they work.

Grow, from page 1

Rhododendrons are a genus of more than 1,000 species of flowering plants native to Europe, Asia and North America.

The name Rhododendron comes from the Greek words rhodos, meaning rose, and dendron, meaning tree. They are part of the Ericaceae family, which includes blueberries, cranberries, mountain laurel and azaleas.

Azaleas are close relatives of the rhododendron. All azaleas are rhododendrons, but not all rhododendrons are azaleas.

There are more than 800 species of rhododendron ranging from spreading ground covers a few inches high to 100-foot tall trees. Twenty-four species of rhododendron are native to North America.

Along with azaleas, there are more than 200 hybrid species of this incredible plant, which is one of the most popular plants in the world.

Most of the rhododendron we see here in Pocahontas County is Rhododendron maximum, which is common throughout eastern North America.

Its common names include great rhododendron, American rhododendron and great laurel.

Rhododendron is actually a flowering shrub, or small tree. It produces magnificent blooms of pink, white, purple or red in late spring or early summer and the blooms can last for several weeks.

Another close relative of rhododendron is mountain laurel. They are sometimes confused with each other, the

difference mainly being that everything about mountain laurel is smaller than rhododendron.

Mountain laurel's height is two-to-three feet as opposed to 10-to-20 feet for rhododendron. Leaf length is three-to-four inches compared to four-to-six inches, and mountain laurel has smaller blossoms, too, although their blossoms are similarly colored.

Both grow wild in Pocahontas County.

Rhododendron maximum beat out honeysuckle and wild roses in a poll of West Virginia public school children and was designated the official state flower of West Virginia in 1903.

Rhododendrons are beloved all over the United States. They are the most popular woody landscape plant in the country, probably because of their spectacular, colorful blooms and their hardy disposition.

All rhododendrons love shade, especially during the hottest part of the day.

They do best if they have morning sun and afternoon shade, or dappled sunlight throughout the day.

Too much sun can scorch the leaves and too little sun can make the plants leggy.

If you have rhododendrons, or pass them on the road on a regular basis, you will have noticed one of their most interesting features – the way their leaves curl up in response to the cold.

Like living thermometers – they curl and uncurl in response to temperature changes.

Many desert plants also have this ability, as do tulips and crocus, which close up at night or on cold, rainy days.

When temperatures are above 40 degrees Fahrenheit

Rhododendron leaves are flat, collecting sunlight a lot like solar panels. As the temperature drops to 32 degrees, they begin to droop and curl up.

It's believed that a lack of water in the stem causes this. Curling starts in earnest when temperatures dip down to 25 degrees. If the temperature drops below 20 degrees, rhododendron leaves are curled up tight.

Their leathery texture protects the leaves, but even so, they would be completely frozen at 18 degrees Fahrenheit. To protect frozen leaf cells from the damage which would occur during a rapid thaw, rhododendron developed the ability to curl its leaves.

As less surface area is exposed to the sun, the ice crystals in the curled leaves thaw more slowly and leaf cell membranes remain intact.

Snow can act as an insulator. If there is a layer of snow on their leaves, they will curl less, or not at all.

It is a fascinating fact that rhododendron leaf curling can occur whether or not the leaf is attached to the plant.

Try this experiment: bring a curled leaf inside and see how fast it opens up.

Their leaves regulate their water intake and are designed to release water quickly. To avoid dehydration, they may need to be watered during excessive heat, dry or windy weather and sometimes even in the winter months.

In the correct climate, in a predominantly shady area and in well-drained acidic soil, a rhododendron can live for decades, even up to 100 years. The oldest known rhododendron is estimated to be 131 years old.

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being out in the woods and dad talking about the different types of trees that he learned about in forestry," she said. "Or just seeing the falls. I think it makes it very easy to put into words the impact that it has on a family, on kids, parents and grandparents, too.

"It definitely is an advantage, I think, of having those special memories in your heart and being able to translate them into our marketing and into our branding," she continued. "To really showcase what Pocahontas County represents, which is

building fond memories and enjoying the outdoors, and respecting them."

The CVB has many projects in the works, with probably the top one being the continued efforts to become a Gold IMBA – International Mountain Biking Association – ride center. The county is currently a silver ride center, and Faulkner said the plan is to become a gold center by 2025.

"Cara and a lot of county-wide stakeholders have really put a lot of work into our mountain biking product, and I was able to see that group from the outside for the last seven years – watching them building our mountain biking trails and

working to promote them," she said. "I want to continue to enhance the mountain biking destination we're becoming.

"I also think about becoming an outdoor mecca for folks who like to hike, fish and hunt," she continued. "I want to continue to promote all the great things that we have and also be mindful of sustainability. That includes the trails and the woods, but also in the sense of heritage and culture; ensuring that no matter how much we promote and how big we get, we always are Pocahontas County, and we always continue to tell our story of who we are as the communities that make up the county."

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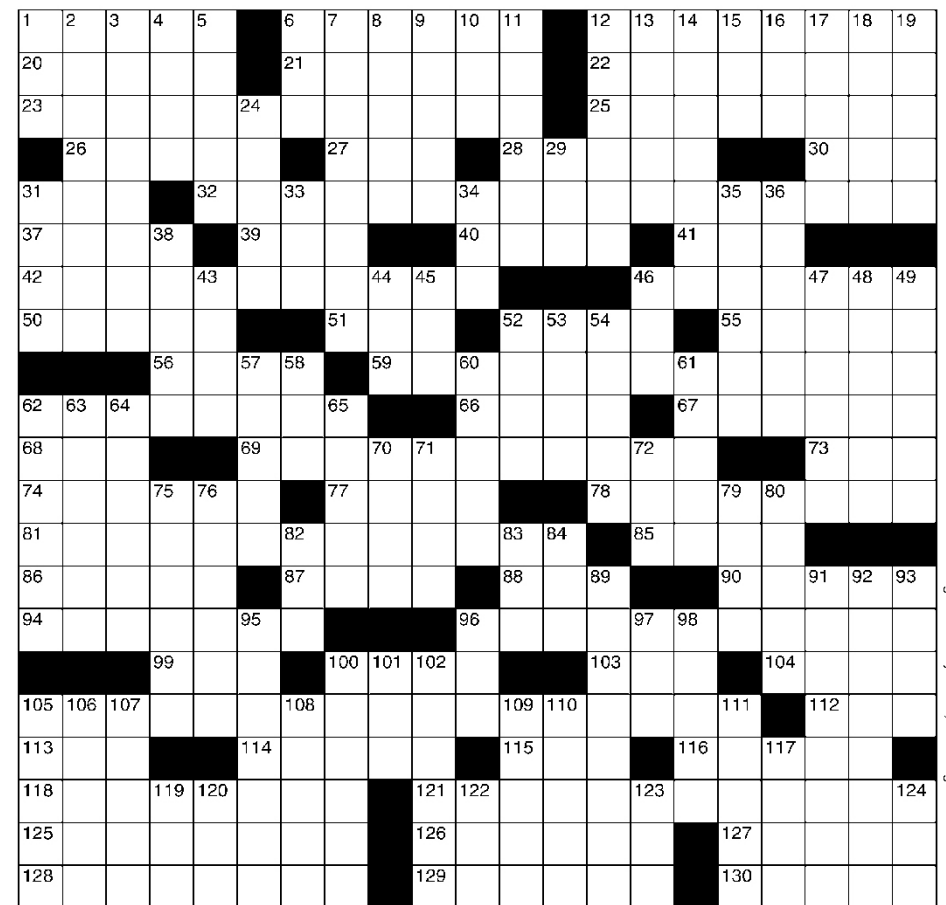
school projects and outdoor classroom activities and, in the summer, it will be a welcome addition to the Little Levels Heritage Fair celebration.

Those interested in making a donation to the pavilion project may make checks payable to Hillsboro Elementary School and send them to 7724 Seneca Trail, Hillsboro, WV, 24946.

Super Crossword

FOLLOWING CONCEPTION

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| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Vocalist Vaughan | 1 Tanning lotion stat | 1 Move furtively | 80 Yemeni capital |
| 6 Falsely present as genuine | 2 Aids for walking tours | 43 Gunky stuff | 82 Poppa |
| 12 Wizards-Magic matchups, e.g. | 3 Scarlet famer | 44 Cry of cheer | 83 — -Magnon |
| 20 Brand of spaghetti sauce | 4 Old film critic James | 45 Siouan tribe | 84 Unit of corn |
| 21 Illicit moneylender | 5 Biblical peak identified with Sinai | 46 Pos. opposite | 89 Source of a purple fruit |
| 22 Legendary lost city of gold | 6 Ending for eye or mouth | 47 Safe, in handball | 91 Augmenting |
| 23 Carjacking or kidnapping | 7 Fancy word for "kiss" | 48 Give a convincing argument | 92 Start to get tiresome |
| 25 Guys playing in central positions in team sports | 8 Little donkey | 49 Brews, as tea | 93 Willy Bombeck |
| 26 Whirling, old-style | 9 Round rubber gasket | 50 Pre-coll. exam | 95 Nation within a nation |
| 27 Vase variety | 10 Masc. opposite | 53 Itemize, e.g. | 96 Golfer Michelle |
| 28 Disgrace | 11 Plaster painting | 54 Recon data | 97 Hip-hop "Dr." |
| 30 Major Dutch banking corp. | 12 Kathmandu native | 55 River of forgetfulness | 98 See |
| 31 "I believe," on the internet | 13 Zeppelin, e.g. | 58 Subpar grade | 99 See |
| 32 Metabolism or reproduction | 14 Not favorable | 60 Savory taste of MSG | 100 Mmes.' counterparts |
| 37 Places for petri dishes | 15 Gunky stuff | 61 A beatnik may beat it | 101 Wood cutter |
| 39 Old Delta rival | 16 Still lifes, e.g. | 62 Partners of poppas | 102 Software revision, e.g. |
| 40 Actress Anderson | 17 Ike's first lady | 63 Disjoin, as a pair of oxen | 105 Pack away |
| 41 Haul to court | 18 Utopias | 64 Transitioned smoothly | 106 Get frosty |
| | 19 Jukebox selections | 65 Answers an invite | 108 Facilitates |
| | 24 Supreme Court's Samuel | 70 Honk | 109 Proportion |
| | 29 Solo of "Solo" | 71 Casual shirt | 110 Lacking skill |
| | 31 "Casablanca" heroine | 72 Fun activities, for short | 111 Thees and — |
| | 33 Embrace fully | 75 Airing past midnight, say | 117 Em, to Dorothy |
| | 34 Not healthy | 76 — Island (Big Apple borough) | 119 Hurdle for some college srs. |
| | 35 Surpass in firepower | 79 Strawberry boy | 120 "2 funny!!!" |
| | 36 Tabloid VIPs | | 122 Relatives, casually |
| | | | 123 "— a pity!" |
| | | | 124 Casual shirt |



Obituaries



Edith Barrett

Edith Lucille Barnes Barrett, 92, of Marlinton, passed away Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Born April 20, 1931, in Buckeye, she was the daughter of the late Hiram Jasper Barnes and Mintie Evans Barnes.

In addition to her parents, Edith was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Barrett; daughter, Billie Barrett; and grandson, Phillip Helton.

She will be missed and remembered by her daughters, Lucy Friel, and husband, Gary, and Brenda Helton, and husband, Duane; three granddaughters, Stephanie Friel Daughtridge, Stacie Friel Newton and Emily Helton Weaver; grandson, Bradley Helton; six great-grandchildren, Darson, Mathias, Luke, Lauren, Helen and Catherine; and a special person in her life, Becky Simpson.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor Sam Felton officiating. Burial will follow in Buckeye Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday from 11 a.m. until time of service.

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Gracie Collins

Gracie "Grace" F. Collins, 98, went to be with the Lord Thursday, October 19, 2023, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born in Wildell September 23, 1925, and was a daughter of the late

Walter and Jessie Sheets Shiflett.

Grace retired in 1987, having been the postmaster at Durbin. She was a member of Rivers of Life Ministries Church in Durbin where she served on the board and taught Sunday School for many years. She was also on the board of the Pocahontas County Senior Citizens and enjoyed her time at the Green Bank Senior Center and singing in the choir. She was always one of the first to participate in the activities. Her children and her family were her life. She loved her church family and friends – they were always so good to her. She was a great storyteller and was asked by Allegheny Mountain Radio to come and talk about her life. She loved sitting on her front porch and having many visitors stop by to visit.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Harold Collins; son, George Franklin Collins; brothers, Harry, George, Edward, Walter, Lonis, Cletious and Phillip; and sisters, Geneva, Glenna and Catherine.

Grace is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Garland (Bob), and Erma Hedrick (Rick); two sons, David (Diana), and Berl (Mary); and daughter-in-law, Janet Collins; added to her family is a nephew, Jack Shiflett (who was like a son) and his family; a niece, Edith Borchardt, and her family; and a friend, Elaine Rhodes; 10 grandchildren, Jeryl, George, Curtis, Troy, Brian, Melissa, Shauna, Heather, Angela and Michael; 27 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Monday, October 23, 2023, at Rivers of Life Ministries Church in Durbin with Pastor Donnie Curry officiating. Burial was in Arbovale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to River of Life Ministries Church in Durbin or the St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital at 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

Gilbert Dahmer

Gilbert L. Dahmer Jr., age 85, of Canton, Ohio, passed away Monday, October 2, 2023.

Born May 11, 1938, in the lumber community of Cass,

he was a son of the late Gilbert L. Sr. and Nola (Bennett) Dahmer.

He was a Green Bank High School graduate and served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Gilbert was employed with Union Metal of Canton and then JC Penney until his retirement.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Helen E. (Sobkowiak) Dahmer; son, Mitchell Dahmer; seven siblings, Ray Dahmer, Martha Livesay, Pauleen Sheets, Beulah Moore, Clara Good, Juanita Filuta and Charlotte McClure.

Gilbert is survived by many nieces and nephews; and other family members and friends.

A graveside service was held Friday, October 20, 2023, at Sunset Hills Memory Gardens in North Canton, Ohio, where he was laid to rest with his wife.

Online condolences may be shared at www.reedfuneralhome.com



Thomas McLaughlin

Thomas Mark McLaughlin, of Louisa County, Virginia, died suddenly Monday, October 16, 2023, at home.

Born August 7, 1953, he was a son of the late Shad and Osa McLaughlin.

He was a 1971 graduate of Pocahontas County High School.

Serving in the United States Navy for 10 years as a Machinist Mate, Tom got an opportunity to see much of the world before settling down in Louisa County nearly 40 years ago. He spent countless hours volunteering with the Louisa Lions Club and was awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2008. He was also a member of the Louisa County Moose Lodge 2065. Volunteering with the Louisa County Rescue Squad and

Company Six Fire Department, as well as with the Louisa Little League and both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, Tom and his wife were strong advocates of giving back to a community that has given them so much.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Pat McLaughlin (Diane).

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Laura McLaughlin; son, Mark McLaughlin (Jeff); two beloved grandchildren, Marley and Osa Dodge-McLaughlin; brothers, Michael McLaughlin (Lois), and David McLaughlin (Cindy); sisters, Sally Nottingham (Ken), and Virginia Shaw (Kevin); and numerous nieces and nephews whom he delighted in.

Tom never met a stranger, and his humor and generosity of spirit will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

There will be a small memorial service for friends and family Friday, October 27, 2023 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Louisa Moose Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Louisa County Lions Club, P. O. Box 624, Louisa, VA 23093.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sharon Miller.

Keith is survived by his companion, Rose Birchfield; son, Keith Ryder, of Oklahoma; sister, Karen "Birdie" Underwood, and Dean, of Mansfield, Ohio; brothers, Tom Miller, and Janice, of Marlinton, and Mike Miller, of Buckeye; two grandchildren, Logan Ryder and Kaitlynn Ryder; niece, Jennifer Barlow; nephews, Justin Underwood and Michael "Bud" Miller; and five great-nieces-and-nephews.

Funeral service was held Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Trinity Baptist Church in Buckeye with Pastor David Moore and Gale Siers officiating. Burial was in Cochran Cemetery near Onoto.

In lieu of flowers donations of sympathy may be made to the Cancer Society, 921 Neville Street, Beckley WV 25801 or the Hillsboro Car Show.

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com

Daniel Ryder

Daniel Charles Ryder, 86, of Dunmore, passed away Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at his home.

Born June 30, 1937, in

North Fork of Anthonys Creek, he was a son of the late Eric and Zelda Rider Ryder.

Daniel was a logger and heavy equipment operator.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Naomi Grimes Ryder; and brother, Noel Ryder.

He is survived by his two sons, Daniel Ryder, Jr., of James Creek, Pennsylvania, and Hubert Ryder, of Frost; two brothers, Aciel Ryder and Willie A. Ryder, both of Huntersville; four sisters, Darlene Alderman, of Wheeling, Lilly Nelson, of New Market, Virginia, Bernice McLaughlin, of Marlinton, and Inez Stimeling, of Washington, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren, Mary Lou Ryder, Zachary Ryder and Chelsea Ryder; three great-grandchildren, Elic Ryder, Tinsley Ryder and Ivy Ryder; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Sunday, October 22, 2023, at Ryder Cemetery on the farm with Pastor Julian Rittenhouse officiating. Burial was under the direction of Lantz Funeral Home.

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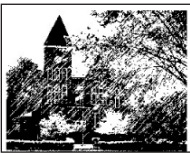
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William Wilfong of Bartow – circa 1885



WILLIAM WILFONG WAS born June 28, 1830 at Top of Allegheny, the son of Michael and Catherine Simmons Wilfong. He was married first to Lucy Jane Shipman, who died in childbirth in September 1861. He was Quartermaster Sergeant in Company M, 3rd W.Va. Cavalry, with total Civil War service from July 10, 1863 to June 30, 1865. On March 6, 1866 he married Cyrena Hanks Yeager, widow of John Letcher Clayborne. She was born December 2, 1831 at Top of Allegheny, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Ann Hidy Yeager, who owned "Traveler's Repose" in Bartow. They had three boys: Frank, William and Ota. William and Cyrena moved to Gilmer County in November 1866 where they settled and raised their family. He died March 17, 1904, and she died May 16, 1911. They are buried in Wright Cemetery on Duck Run, just south of Glenville. The original of this picture of William Wilfong was in color and in the possession of the late Ota Wilfong, Jr. who had copies made for the family. The digital image was sent to Preserving Pocahontas by Ira Latimer of Charleston. His wife, Mary Ellen Wilfong Latimer, was the great-granddaughter of William Wilfong. (Courtesy of Ira S. Latimer, Jr.; ID: PHP007981)

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
October 27, 1898

THE FORKS OF CRANBERRY

The county of Nicholas has secured an injunction against the county line commission to prevent their fixing the line as agreed upon by the commission. Last summer, the writer was camping in that wilderness that lies where the counties of Pocahontas, Webster, Greenbrier and Nicholas join, and a very wet, tired and hungry party of men came struggling up the river, scaring all the trout under the rocks and making themselves tired to no avail. They were looking for the three forks of Cranberry and were very unsuccessful in finding them. They had just run a 22-mile line from the 16-mile tree on a bearing that called for the three forks of Cranberry.

With the faith that our mountain surveyors have, they worked until they came to the river and then they cast about for their landmark

and did not find even two forks. They were near the mouth of Dogway, a tributary, but which does not divide the water sufficiently to be termed a fork, in local parlance. They then measured by to the Forks of Cranberry, about seven miles where the river divides into the North Fork and Gladly Fork, each having about the same volume of water. This did not satisfy them, tho the stream there has the appearance of dividing into three branches owing to an island in the mouth of Gladly.

The survey lay by a big logheap that night and went by to the point where the survey had struck the river and decided that place would do as well for a line as any, and so agreed.

This cut Nicholas out of 15 families of people and about 30,000 acres of land, and an injunction was taken out...

PAST FINDING OUT
The Calhoun Chronicle prints the following:
Three men from Calhoun

county passed through this place one day last week on the hunt of a hound, which they claim was stolen by a man by the name of Poole, who resides near Ellenboro. It strikes me as being a small business for three men to spend two or three days hoofing it 70 or more miles to hunt a stolen hound; and it is smaller business when a man stoops so low as to steal a hound—Review.

Lives there a man with soul so dead who does not appreciate the feelings of a man who has had a valuable hound stolen. Maybe he wouldn't have taken fifty dollars for that dog. If he is that kind of a man he would follow for even more than 70 miles and when he caught up with the man he would scotch him, and that man would steal no more dogs. The man who penned the above lines will never know what some hunters think of a favorite hound. It is a sealed book to them. Let them go and read Sir Walter Scott's

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
October 25, 1973

Frost several mornings last week, with the first frost on October 6. A little snow in the northern part of the county last Wednesday, October 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Balister and family, accompanied by Charlotte Wadlington and Sarah Lewis, two of the children's friends from Charlottesvillle, visited their Back Mountain farm to do some work on the barn. During the weekend, Mrs. Balister was unfortunate enough to break her ankle, but is making a good recovery at home after surgery and a week's stay in University of Virginia Hospital. Apart from the accident, the weekend was enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to Dr. Aga for initially ex-raying the ankle in Green Bank.

National Affairs

Local news seems a little insignificant when such calamitous happenings are

going on in Washington. Watergate and its aftermath are things that seem to belong to pages of history books, but sort of unbelievable to live through. Things have moved so fast the past decade or two that most people have been suffering from "future shock." The nation is sobering up to the old fashioned fact that we can't do without honesty and integrity in our government.

LETTERS

In answer to Mrs. Guy Faulkner's inquiry in your issue of October 11. I want to tell her I rode on the first train that came into Marlinton.

I also rode on it when it made its last run. I got a free ride from Cass to Durbin and back, the reason for this was I was the only one on the last run that had been on the first run.

If God sees fit to spare me until the 13th of December. I will be 87. Love and good wishes to all of my relatives and friends in Pocahontas

County.

Sincerely,
Ada Doyle Bible
Elkins

In last week's Pocahontas Times there was a question asked as to whether anyone remembered the first train that arrived in Marlinton on October 26, 1900.

I remember. It was my sixth birthday and I was there. I remember the great oxen on the spit being roasted, the crowds of people and the excitement. I even have a picture showing the train and engine with all the people looking at it. In the picture is a field and in that field is where C. J. Richardson's Store stands today.

Also, I remember when the engineer, just for fun, yelled, "Watch out, I'm going to turn her around," and lots of people nearest the train moved swiftly to get out of the way, also the tipsy man who hung around the roasting oxen and kept asking for a piece of the "democratic beef..."

Yes, I remember – I was there.

Roy Kellison
Lancaster, Virginia

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
October 28, 1948

Memories of Old Times

Page the November National Election!

Many years ago, while I was still a boy, I would go with Father down to Greenbank to see the people who had come to the polls to vote. Some things are unforgettable!

We had at that time a few fellows who imbibed too much and would strut along the street bellowing for favorite candidates. I will never forget the antics of one of these as he marched along with arms akimbo, raring backward, hollering, "Hurrah for H."

Another, not to be outdone, yelled, "Hurrah for C."

The prohibition issue had no chance yet. And socialism

had no interest for our rustics then. But the Republican and Democrats made so much noise, that a disgusted citizen yelled, "Hurrah for the Devil!"

Irish Pat, of the White Pine Camp, raised his voice and roared, "that's right, ivery mon for 'is own par-tay."

I like to cross the Cheat Mountains and go down the valley through Durbin, Arbovale, Green Bank, Dunmore, Frost, Minnehaha and on to Marlinton. As one approaches Dunmore just above the Isaac Moore place, out in the pasture are the stumps still that once supported a fine stand of beautiful White Pine. That cutting was done almost sixty years ago. Those stumps, reminders of a day that is gone. Some of our readers

will remember the method of getting logs down the smaller streams to the larger creeks. The winter the sliding was done from this bit of forest to the creek just below the Moore homestead to a landing, was a very cold one, and the men working on that landing could hardly endure the cold...

There used to live in Greenbank, a man by the name of Tommy Maupin, who was constable for the neighborhood. I was afraid of him. When I saw him coming toward me, I went somewhere else.

One day, knocking around with the hammer, I broke the top off one of Father's bee gums. He threatened me with Tommy Maupin. One day soon, Father had some business down in Greenbank and on returning, a man came riding along with him. I was scared and ran to hide under the bed until Mother assured me the man was not Mr. Maupin.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
October 25, 1923

Our county Court had a narrow escape from death or serious injury last Friday. The Court was standing beside the Warn log road by a cement storage house of Battershell & Goode. The log train was approaching and for no reason they could give, the members of the court moved across the track. As the log train came to the building, a log caught the building and turned it over where the court had been standing a few minutes before.

NEW METHODIST CHURCH OPENING

The new Marlinton Methodist Episcopal Church, South was formally opened last Sunday by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington. The day was perfect and an immense congregation gathered from all parts of the county to take part in the services. Between 1,200 and 1,500 people heard Bishop Darlington at morning services.

The new church is the finest building in Pocahontas county and one of the best church plants in the State. Its seating capacity is 1,000 and its arrangement is modern in every particular...

It is built of pressed cream brick with woodwork of oak. The art glass windows are strikingly beautiful. Memorial windows have been put in by C. J. Richardson to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson; by Uriah Bird to his mother; by F. M. Sydnor to his mother, Mrs. Mary Sydnor; by T. D. Moore to his wife, Mrs. Julia Gay Moore; one to the late Prof. John S. Moore; and one to the late Snoden L. Hogsett.

This building will represent an expenditure of more than \$60,000 and it is worth all it cost. It is indeed a worthy monument of the zeal of an unselfish people in the cause of Christianity...

NOTTINGHAM

Last week, this editor spent two nights and a day in the village of Nottingham on Greenbrier River, below Durbin. The occasion was an invitation to be present at Rally Day of the Sunday School.

I am strong for and enthusiastic about Sunday School work, especially do I enjoy rally days when an inventory is taken of the regulars and a particular effort is made to bring into line the occasional attendee and the totally indifferent. But most especially is my enjoyment keen when dinner on the ground is

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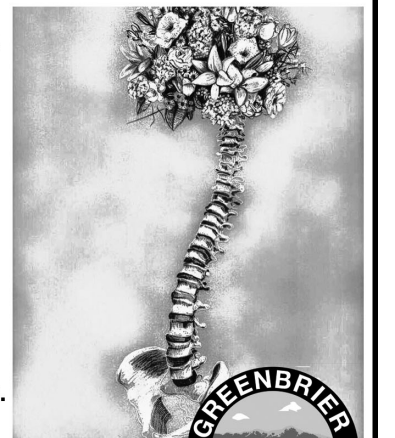
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WHAT BETTER WAY to celebrate the beginning of the 40th season at Silver Creek Resort than with a spooky Halloween party at the Locker Room Sports Bar? Last Saturday night, the bar was turned into a haunted house with strategically placed decorations, including a skeleton enjoying a cool beverage at the bar and a zombie rising from the dead from a real coffin, shown above.
S. Stewart photos

THE FOG WAS flowing and the room was filled with ominous screams as animatronic decorations such as a crow demon, above, and pumpkin-man, right, came to life.

A retrospective of the past 40 years of the ski resort will be published in the Winter Compass November 30.



Lady Warriors end season – 9-8-3

Pocahontas County High School Lady Warriors soccer team has completed its 2023 season. Summaries of the final games are provided below:

October 10 – lost at Greenbrier East
The Lady Spartans scored four goals in the first half and the Lady Warriors scored 0 for a halftime score of 4-0 Greenbrier East. The Lady Spartans scored an additional goal in the second half while the Lady Warriors remained scoreless for a final score of 5-0 Greenbrier East.

Lady Warrior shots on goal were from forwards Riley Pollack, Brianna Cochran and Alexis Arbogast.

Defenders and midfielders Andrea Alderman, Allyson Taylor, Riley Cassell, Elizabeth Friel, Ramona Hardy and Mackenzie Taylor stole and/or cleared the ball out of the defensive field 32 times.

Goalkeeper Shayla Bennett saved 18 goals and allowed 5.

October 18 – won vs Nicholas County
This was a sectional semi-final game. Pocahontas County is in class AA /

A, Region III, Section 2 with Charleston Catholic, Midland Trail and Nicholas County. This win advanced Pocahontas County to the sectional championship.

The Lady Grizzlies scored one goal in the first half and the Lady Warriors scored 0 for a halftime score of 1-0 Nicholas Co. The Lady Grizzlies scored one more goal in the second half while the Lady Warriors scored three, tying the game twice before finally scoring the game winning goal for a final score of 3-2 Pocahontas.

Lady Warrior scorers were forwards and midfielders Brianna Cochran (assisted by Mallori McCoy), Ramona Hardy and Riley Pollack.

Additional shots on goal were from forwards and midfielders Mileya Bircher, McCoy and Erin Rider.

Defenders and midfielders Andrea Alderman, McCoy, Ellena Bauserman, Pollack, Elizabeth Friel, Mackenzie Taylor, Bircher and Allyson Taylor stole and/or cleared the ball out of the defensive field 24 times.

Goalkeeper Shayla Bennett saved 74 goals and allowed 2.

October 21 – lost at Charleston Catholic
This was the sectional championship played at Schoenbaum Stadium in Charleston.

The Lady Irish scored seven goals in the first half and the Lady Warriors scored 0 for a halftime score of 7-0 Charleston Catholic. The Lady Irish scored three more goals in the second half while the Lady Warriors remained scoreless for a final score of 10-0 Charleston Catholic. Upon scoring the 10th goal, the game was suspended at 21:24 minutes remaining.

Defenders and midfielders Andrea Alderman, Elizabeth Friel, Kynlee Wilfong, Riley Pollack, Isabella Bauserman, Mackenzie Taylor, Mallori McCoy and Riley Cassell stole and/or cleared the ball out of the defensive field 19 times.

Goalkeeper Shayla Bennett saved 10 goals and allowed 10.

The Lady Warriors ended their 2023 season with a record of 9 wins, 8 losses, and 3 ties.

The coaching staff is Head Coach Shannon Arbogast and Assistant Coach Justin Dille.

Vibrant, from page 2

Among the 55 counties in West Virginia, Berkeley County is the least rural with a population density of 366.2 people per square mile, Kanawha County being 47th in that regard and Pocahontas County being the most rural with 100 percent of its 940 square miles being classified as such. The population density is 8.9 people per square mile.

I can imagine one possibility that our state may pursue to keep and attract youthful, educated, creative persons, especially those who grew up in rural areas.

It is this as a hypothesis, and it involves Pocahontas County: Acquire a rather large acreage in a scenic location, say near Cass, where the described persons may be involved directly or remotely in creativity as they would in a thriving, creative metro area, such as Fairfax County in Northern Virginia.

They could have a house of their own, a meeting place to socialize, grow vegetables and flower gardens, have a horse if that is their interest, and have access to a number of amenities that may be appealing to them, including: Snowshoe Ski Resort for skiing in the winters, bicycling, golfing, and playing tennis and other activities in the spring, summer and fall season; horseback riding and hiking on the nearby 78-mile Greenbrier River Trail that has earned national fame; canoeing, swimming and fishing in the Greenbrier River; camping, hiking and hunting in the nearby vast forests, including the Monongahela National Forest; riding the Cass Scenic Railroad and the Durbin to Cass Railroad; visiting the Green Bank Radio Astronomy Observatory and participating in its educational programs; attending the concerts at the Garth Newell Music Center in contiguous Bath County, Virginia; occasionally having dinner, playing golf and tennis, and staying overnight at

the newly renovated Omni Resort Hotel in Hot Springs, Virginia, about an hour's drive away; occasionally having dinner and staying overnight at the nearby world famous Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs with its multiple amenities; night-sky viewing unimpeded by ground-level generated light; and viewing colorful autumn leaves in close-by mountainous terrain, especially along Pocahontas County's Highland Scenic Highway, undoubtedly the most scenic highway in West Virginia.

Admittedly, the hypothesis I have put forward in the preceding paragraph is simply a starting point for further investigation as to its feasibility or practicality.

Charles McElwee is a Charleston lawyer with the firm Robinson & McElwee who personally is retired from the practice of law.

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The Wooden Box

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Part Two

Now, do that voodoo that you do so well.~

Occupied Haiti, 1918

Darcy Adder and Harold Miller, of Droop Mountain, served in the Marines during the U.S. invasion of Haiti in 1915.

Although the two men were from Pocahontas County and went to the same schools, they did not enter the service together. In fact, they were anything but friends. Darcy was tall and muscular and what you might call intellectually barren.

Additionally, he was a sadistic and violent bully of some repute.

Their paths never crossed in Haiti until 1918, when Harold was attached to Adder's regiment. He noticed immediately that the military hadn't changed Adder; it had made him even meaner.

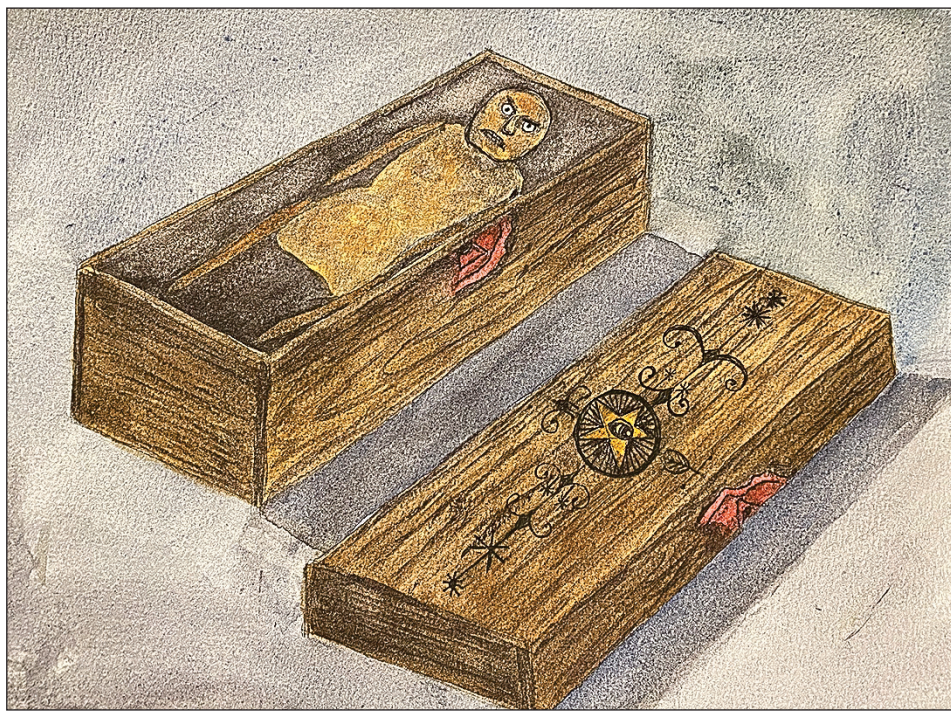
One evening after chow, when only a few men were in the barracks, Adder walked straight down the row of bunks, stopping at the bed of a young, timid and slightly backward soldier from Alabama.

He didn't ask; he informed the young soldier that, from now on, he would have to take all guard duty assignments given to Adder. When the boy protested, Adder immediately reached over his footlocker and, grabbing his ankles, pulled him over the obstacle and right onto the bare concrete floor.

Before anyone could react, Adder was on top of the kid, pummeling his face against the hard floor. He stood up and kicked him between the legs. When the young man cried out, the brutal man kicked him squarely in the head.

Adder left the barracks with the bloody soldier curled up on the floor, moaning in pain. Harold and another soldier helped the injured man to his feet and whisked him off to the sick bay. It was touch and go for several days before the kid was considered stable.

A court-martial was filed against Adder within hours, demonstrating the commanding officer's loathing for the brute. The problem was nobody there, including the victim, would testify against Adder except for Harold.



ARTWORK COURTESY OF Debbie Lester, based upon an interview with Rachel Schumacher in 1997.

According to military records, Darcy Adder received a dishonorable discharge and was sent home to West Virginia after a few weeks in the brig.

Before the ruffian left, he made a point of speaking to Harold.

"Hey Miller, you damn snitch, you didn't think I'd leave without having a word with you, did you?" Adder said in a threatening tone.

Harold didn't answer; he just stared unflinchingly into Adder's eyes. The thug moved up close to Howard and said in a low voice, leaving no doubt about his intentions, "It's too bad you won't be around to protect that wife and daughter of yours. It's a shame, but I'll be sure to stop by and check on them from time to time."

The sadistic grin on that tyrant's face as he was escorted off the base made Howard's blood turn cold.

Two Months Later

The only communication available to non-commissioned sergeants in 1918 Haiti was by letter, and the delay between sending a letter and its response could be up to several weeks. This fact caused Harold undue worry and frustration after Darcy's thinly veiled threat.

After two months, Harold received a letter from his wife stating that someone had shot their prized mare while it was grazing near the forest's edge. She speculated that it may have been a hunter who mistook it for a deer.

Harold knew better, and he agonized over the news but could do nothing about it.

"Maybe," Harold reasoned, "the horse's death was due to an errant hunter. Though, it was far more likely the handiwork of Adder, and, hopefully, this would satisfy his revenge."

The following letter from home was devastating and left no doubt about Adder's capacity for violence. His 14-year-old daughter, Melissa, had been accosted by a man while walking home from school. Fortunately, she escaped his grasp and ran home relatively unscathed, except for the deep bruises on her arms.

Melissa's description of her assailant fit Darcy right down to the large skull ring he wore on the middle finger of his right hand. Many men and women have felt the bite of that grotesque ring. Harold feared something even worse now as Darcy's appetite for violence knew no end.

In his letter of response, Harold pleaded with his wife to take Melissa and stay with his brother's family in Charleston, but she refused to abandon the farm.

A leave for Harold was out of the question. No leaves were permitted unless there was a death in the immediate family. He would have to stay on active duty in Haiti until the end of his service time, another year.

He mentioned his situation to a lieutenant in his com-

pany who spoke Creole and had made a few friends among the local Haitians. Carl told Harold that there was a way that he may be able to "fix" Adder from Haiti.

Harold didn't understand how that was possible, but he was desperate to protect his family, so he agreed to meet a woman named Camila Baptiste in her back alley shop in Port-au-Prince.

He told Camila about his plight and concern for his wife and daughter's safety in West Virginia. When he mentioned the attack on his young daughter, Camila's eyes narrowed, and she abruptly ordered Harold to follow her into a secret back-room.

Camila directed Harold to sit on the couch, asking him what he knew about voodoo. He admitted that he knew little to nothing about it other than it was a form of black magic.

The Americans had outlawed the practice of voodoo during the occupation, so one had to be very careful. It wouldn't be suitable for a U.S. soldier to get caught anywhere near what was considered by Western religions as sacrilegious practices.

Camila laughed at this, saying, "Well, we don't think

see Box pg 12

Who is that behind the mask

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

One thing's for sure – Americans love to dress up for Halloween.

Halloween costumes have been a thing since the 1800s. And like everything else in our culture, the styles have changed dramatically over the years.

Ghosts, witches, zombies and princesses are always popular with both youngsters and adults, and this year will certainly be no exception. But there are always fads in Halloween costumes, too.

This year we're bound to see lots of adults in Barbie and Ken costumes and children are said to be favoring superheroes like Spiderman, Batman and Mario. ?

As modern as Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce costumes may be, dressing up for Halloween dates back at least 2,000 years.

It actually began with the Gaelic harvest festival known as Samhain (pronounced Sow-en).

Samhain was celebrated in Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Mann on the last day of October. A similar celebration was held in Wales, Brittany and Cornwall.

It was believed that Samhain was the time when the invisible border between the worlds of the living and the dead was at its weakest.

Spirits would walk the earth to perform supernatural mischief and threaten humans with evil.

People disguised themselves with animal skins and heads so that wandering spirits might mistake them for one of their own.

Under their masks, villagers went door to door

begging for food. They often played pranks on one another, and put the blame on the spirits.

As Christianity replaced paganism, Samhain became the day before All Saint's Day (November 1) – All Hallow's Eve – and, eventually, complete with costumes, pranks and begging for treats – it became known as Halloween.

By the late 15th Century, the people of what would later be known as the British Isles celebrated the festival of All Hallow's Eve with a custom known as "souling."

Dressed up in costumes symbolizing the souls of the dead or winter demons, they'd go from house to house performing little plays, reciting verses and singing songs in exchange for baked treats laden with spices called "soul cakes."

As Irish and Scottish immigrants arrived in the New World the traditions of Halloween – costumes included – came with them.

The costume wearing, which had been mostly an adult activity in the old country, was usually left to youngsters as the holiday took hold in the young American culture.

With so many settlers living on farms with great distances between houses, going door to door begging for treats and coins took a while to take hold, except in the larger towns, where village children usually dressed as ghosts, goblins, and famous personages performed an early version of trick or treating.

Children wore get-ups made at home with whatever was on hand – sheets,

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Disposal, from page 2

would require a transfer station.

Meck responded and asked what if a resident remodeled their house, where would they dispose of their construction debris? Meck said green boxes don't work

out well with construction and demolition debris. He said if there is no other system to take care of it, that stuff will end up in the green boxes.

Meck suggested this green box only proposal would take a service away from the citizens.

"We are beyond providing a service to the county," Riley said. "We have to op-

erate as a business. And as a business there are certain things we can't afford. And one of those is that we can't take construction demolition materials (C&D) because they are big and bulky. We can't do anything with them."

Meck said, speaking as a citizen, these small construction demolition items will end up in our ditches and in

our creeks if we don't provide a way for citizens to dispose of them.

Authority Member David McLaughlin suggested that, since they want to keep the tire disposal operation, recycling white goods and other recycling, maybe they should revisit buying the landfill property, and maybe in the future put a small transfer station there or put a

compactor there to do C&D. When another member said they tried unsuccessfully to buy it for a year, McLaughlin said they can get enough money from the County Commission to buy it, and it could be bought for \$160,000, which includes the cost of fencing it.

Riley said that could be placed on the next meeting agenda and discussed in ex-

ecutive (closed) session. After the meeting, this reporter pointed out to Riley that while actual real estate negotiations can be held in executive session, the discussions leading up to deciding the need to buy a property are subject to the West Virginia Open Meetings Act, and must be held in public since those decisions directly affect the public.

Jazz, from page 3

night of the performance. Admission is free for those aged 17 and younger.

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First Publication Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on October 20, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
10/26/23

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Change of Name
From: PRC
To: PRK

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of November, 2023, at 1:45 o'clock p.m. at Family Court, 818 C 10th Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia, on said day or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Joyce H. Carpenter, the Petitioner Heather Kellison will apply by petition to the Family Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said Court, Changing their name from PRC to PRK at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.
A copy of said petition can be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit/Family Court, Connie M. Carr, at her office at 900 D 10th Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia, 24954.
Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023.

Heather Kellison
Pro se Petitioner
10/23/23

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 ½ 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 ½ 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 ½ 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 ½ 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.

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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 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:

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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.

see Legal Advertisements pg 12

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0735-E-ENEC MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and, THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

Petition and General Investigation to determine reasonable rates and charges on and after January 1, 2024.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On August 31, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (collectively, Companies) requested that the Commission initiate its annual review of Expanded Net Energy Costs (ENEC), including a review of actual costs and recoveries for the review period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to establish new rates to go into effect on January 1, 2024. The Companies request that the Commission approve rates that will result in a projected total annual revenue of \$167,465,330. This requested increase is less than the calculated increase of \$243,032,313 which includes a deferred ENEC under-recovery balance of \$267,004,039 as of June 30, 2023, and a projected \$19,913,811 over-recovery for the 2024 forecasted effective rate period. The Companies derived the requested \$167.47 million by taking the actual under-recovery balance of \$267,465,330 and subtracting \$91,898,347, the amount deferred from the last ENEC filing, Case No. 22-0793-E-ENEC and dividing the balance by half. In other words, the Companies propose to recover the \$91.9 million deferred from the last ENEC case and half of the present under recovery. The Companies request a four percent carrying charge for the remaining \$75,566,983.

The proposed ENEC rates represent a 9.9% increase in total rates with an impact to the average residential customer using 1,000 kWhs per month being an increase in monthly bills from \$120.20 to \$129.39 or 7.8%.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on Thursday November 30, 2023. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene not later than November 9, 2023. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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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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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital – HVAC and Roof Replacement

Sealed bids will be received by the Pocahontas County Commission, County of Pocahontas, West Virginia, at the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, 150 Duncan Rd, Buckeye, West Virginia, 24924 until the bid time and date of **December 5, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** local time, at which time, all sealed bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital – HVAC and Roof Replacement project.

The Project includes the following Work:

Replacement of the existing HVAC Units and associated work as well as the replacement of the existing roof. Project should be bid in three tiers as follows:

- Base Bid: Roof Replacement, RTU-1, RTU-3, and RTU-4**
- Add Alternative #1 : RTU-2 + Humidifier, RTU-5, RTU-6, CT Unit, and 17 VAV Boxes**
- Add Alternative #2: All boilers and Pumps**

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

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

Bid award will be based on the base bid sum only.

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

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

Bidding Documents

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

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pre-bid Conference

A Prebid meeting for all bidders will be held at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital – Board Room on **November 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**, local time. Prospective prime bidders are required to attend.

Bidder Requirements

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

Bidders must comply with the requirements for Affirmative Action and Minority Business Enterprises participation as described in the Federal Specifications insert to the Contract Documents. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act, and the Drug-Free Workplace Provisions pursuant to West Virginia Code § 21-1D-5.

Contractors are required to comply with all laws pertaining to the federal wage rates issued in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee Bond payable to the Owner for five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid or a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Letter of Credit in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Bid.

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

No Bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the time of the opening of the Bids.

All bidders are required to have a West Virginia contractor's license per Section 21-11-11 of the West Virginia Code. A Contractor's License Number is to be included in the bid submission.

DBE Requirements

Each Bidder must fully Comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and Affirmative Action Requirements, as identified in the contract documents. The Bidder agrees to make "positive efforts" to subcontract a portion of the total value of the contract to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) affirmative steps as outlined in 40 CFR 33.240. Failure to demonstrate positive efforts to do so may lead to rejection of bids. For this program, the term "subcontract" includes all construction, modification, and service work contracted for by the bidder in the execution of the work under this contract.

Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 5-22-2, requirements stated in the advertisement for bids and the bid form may not be waived by any public entity.

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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.

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, Member
P. O. Box 440
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Martinsburg, WV 25404
Phone (304) 263-4971
Fax (304) 267-5840
e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com
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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
Pocahontas County Commission
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GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

In order to better serve all individuals, groups and organizations seeking contributions and/or funding from the Pocahontas County Commission, our office has set aside the first Tuesday of August, November, February and May for discussion and/or action of requests made for consideration.

Letters or other correspondence should be addressed to our office at 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954. Appointments or scheduling of presentations may still be made at any meeting, noting that decisions may be deferred until one of the above-scheduled dates. Guidelines for contributions for fiscal year 2023-2024

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are listed below.

Requests to be placed on the agenda for the November session must be made no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday November 2, 2023. Please contact the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 304-799-4549 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm or by email to pocack@clerk.state.wv.us for further information.

The Pocahontas County Commission will have four (4) funding request meetings per year, one meeting per quarter. To be considered for contribution requests:

(1) All groups, organizations or entities must have representative available at County Commission meeting at time of the initial presentation; no exceptions will be made;

(2) All groups, organizations or entities must show proof (i.e., copy) of its Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued 501(c) or other non-profit status, or in the case of a public entity (i.e., school board or town), a verified statement of public purpose behind the request; the information requested in this section must be made available to the Commission upon the initial presentation, noting that if any of the documentation is missing the request will not be considered by the Commission;

(3) All individuals, groups, organizations or entities seeking contributions must possess a valid copy of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued 501(c) or other non-profit documentation matching the exact name of the group, organization or entity, except in the case of a public entity (i.e., school board or town);

(4) All requests must contain itemized budget and a financial statement from group, organization or entity at time of initial request, or if request is from a public entity (i.e., school board or town) such budget and financial documents must be presented for the specific

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.

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project; the information requested in this section must be made available to the Commission upon the initial presentation, noting that if any of the documentation is missing the request will not be considered by the Commission;

(5) Only one request per fiscal year from each group, organization or entity will be considered and such request may only be presented no sooner than the one (1) year anniversary of any prior request, and will be determined by the named payee on previously issued checks; no exceptions will be made;

(6) No requests will be approved for any group, organization or entity in an amount over and above \$2,500.00 per fiscal year;

(7) Any group, organization or entity which receives a contribution and/or funding from the Pocahontas County Commission must file at the end of the State's fiscal year, a report of all disbursements of the funds. Such report of disbursements must be in the form of an audit performed by an independent certified public accountant or, in lieu thereof, by submission of a statement sworn, under oath, by the highest officer or authority of the recipient, group, organization or entity. For purposes of this paragraph the State's fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

Revised July 7, 2023
The Pocahontas County Commission
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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.

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.

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straw, feathers and improvised masks and wigs.

Through the Revolutionary War and even long after the Civil War, the holiday was mostly celebrated as a family-oriented holiday.

Masked and costumed revelers gathered in each other's homes - often with children in one room and adults in another - to enjoy hot apple cider, games like bobbing for apples and the telling of ghost stories.

By the mid-to-late 1800s, children were still the primary costume-wearers, but more and more adults were taking part in the fun of dressing up and, of course, costumes were always handmade.

Witches were once a taboo subject, even, or maybe, especially at Halloween, but witches' costumes began to be popular in the Victorian era and have never really left the American imagination to this day.

By the late 1800s, probably as a result of historical characters' lives being taught in school and famous explorers making expeditions to faraway lands, Halloween costumes began to evolve from the supernatural to other subjects.

Each year, more children and adults alike were costumed as pirates, gypsies and characters from Egypt and the Far East.

Costumes evoking famous pharaohs, Egyptian princesses and Chinese warlords stayed in fashion for Halloween through the beginning of the 20th Century.

By 1910, newspapers were covering costumed children going door to door, "guising" on Halloween. The youngsters would ask for treats and sometimes threaten pranks if none were forthcoming.

A new term for guising, "trick-or-treat," appeared in print for the first time in an Alberta, Canada publication in 1927. The expression caught on and another Halloween tradition was born.

It didn't take long for business owners to realize the potential of Halloween and postcards and décor such as paper skeletons soon joined commercially - made costumes on store shelves.

In the early 20th Century and for many years after-

ward (and to this very day) children favored dressing up as soldiers, firemen and police officers.

The Roaring 20s and the 1930s saw the continued rise of Halloween costume contests and masquerade parties for both adults and children.

The witch costume was a favorite among flappers. They wore pointed black hats and painted masks with their bobbed hair cuts and their ultra-modern flapper dresses.

American audiences were increasingly drawn to movie theaters in the 1930s. Some of the biggest box office draws were Universal's monster pictures, which brought us our first Dracula and Frankenstein costumes.

Just as radios made their way into nearly every home and early "picture shows" were capturing the public's imagination, several major costume manufacturers arrived on the scene.

The Dennison Paper Co. sold a popular line of paper aprons featuring common Halloween images like black cats and witches. These costumes were made to be worn once, over street clothes and came complete with hats and paper masks.

One of the first large-scale costume manufacturers was the J. Halpern Company (later known as Halco) of Pittsburgh.

It brilliantly capitalized on the popularity of fictionalized characters by licensing the images of Little Orphan Annie, Popeye, Olive Oyl and the like... and Halloween costumes would never be the same.

A.S. Fishbach, Inc. provided some major competition when they purchased a license from Walt Disney to produce costumes based on his characters like Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.

The first dedicated costume shop was established by Broadway costume designers Benjamin and Nathaniel Cooper in the 1930s.

Cooper bought A.S. Fishbach in 1937 and with it, their Walt Disney licenses.

After World War II, with a TV in so many homes, the choice of Halloween costumes for children and teenagers became a huge part of 1950s American pop culture.

As they had in the Victorian era, masked balls were once again all the rage in the 60s and 70s with adults

wearing elaborate costumes evoking famous names from history.

Schools hosted costume parties and communities held costume contests and parades.

When Julie Newmar debuted her famous skintight catsuit it became an overnight Halloween costume sensation and Wonder Woman was the best selling female costume choice of the 1960s.

Sci Fi movies and TV shows like *Star Trek* and *Star Wars*, with their casts of heroes, heroines, aliens and droids, provided inspiration for both homemade and commercially made costumes in the 70s and 80s.

By the 2000s, Halloween costume fashion had definitely made a complete turn from scariness to sexiness. Adults sported provocative witch and warlock costumes and in addition to sexy vampires, sexy nurses were all the rage for the first decade or two of the new millennium.

In the 2010s the debate over cultural appropriation in costumes began to change the way some Americans thought about the appropriateness of their Halloween costumes. But the popularity of Halloween and dressing up for Halloween has never been greater.

Halloween spending this year is expected to total more than \$12 billion - up from 2022 by \$2 billion, and the largest share of that whopping number will be spent on costumes.

And it's not just humans who dress up for the spooky holiday. Our pets apparently enjoy dressing up, too, as spending on pet costumes was \$700 million last year.

The original intent of dressing up for Samhain may have been to trick evil spirits, but today's Halloween is more about treating ourselves. It's about the irresistible chance to masquerade as someone or something else, even if it's just for one day.

Laura Dean Bennett may be contacted at ldb@pocahontastimes.com

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of it as black magic. We consider it a form of religion, originally from Africa", adding, "We think of it as having more practical uses than your beliefs."

She opened a cabinet in the corner of the room and removed an androgynous clay figure about a foot long. Harold watched as she placed the figure on a small altar and lit a circle of black candles around it.

The priestess turned to Harold and asked him if he had brought any personal items belonging to the target. Harold reached into his jacket, removed a comb with Adder's hair between the tines, and handed it to Camila.

She placed the comb alongside the figurine, carefully removed the individual hairs, and, using a candle, burned the strands over the heart of the then-featureless clay doll.

For the next hour or so, she chanted words Harold did not recognize as French or Creole, possibly an African language. She occasionally turned back to Harold, asking questions about Darcy Adder, his appearance, where he is from, and any other grievances Harold may harbor against him beyond what Harold had already shared.

Harold nearly swooned at what he witnessed next. Camila ran an intricately carved human rib bone up and down the figure like a blessing of sorts. With each pass of the bone, features began to appear on the face of the doll, truly menacing features. In short order, it went from a lump of clay into something dreadful in seconds.

"I bet that, like most Westerners, you expected we would stick pins in the doll, yes?" she asked, laughing. Before Harold could reply, she raised her voice and, looking into his eyes, said, "Now, you must do exactly as I say, exactly, do you un-

derstand? He shook his head yes and listened intently.

She went further into the recesses of her backroom and returned with a wooden box covered with strange and intricate symbols on the lid. Then, she very carefully placed the bizarre clay figure into the box. Using an ornate seal stamp, Camila then sealed the box with melted red wax.

She asked Harold to sit at the table across from her. When both were seated, she said, "Harold, you must find a remote waterfall, one that few visit, but I will tell you the way. Then, and only then, do you remove the doll from the box. You must place it directly under the waterfall. The water will remove the life and vitality of the cursed a little at a time, much like a wasting disease, you understand?"

"You will not say a word, absolutely nothing," adding, "You will then turn and walk away until you know the curse has neutralized your enemy. Then, and only then, do you return to the doll. Listen well, soldier. You then place the doll back into the box and seal it again. And never, ever, under any circumstances, open that box again."

Before Harold left, she grabbed his arm and reminded him of the seriousness of the power within the curse.

"The voodoo doll is like a gun; it is now loaded, cocked, and ready to fire," she said, adding, "Remember, soldier, even when this evil man dies, and he surely will soon enough, his black soul will always reside within the clay figure."

Harold followed Camila's instructions precisely.

He sent a letter to a friend, Dan Scott, back in West Virginia, asking him to keep track of Darcy Adder. Harold did not mention the curse to Dan. He only shared with him the attacks by Adder on his family.

Dan wrote weekly to

Harold stating that Adder was working at a sawmill on the Greenbrier River near Hillsboro.

Dan asked a friend who worked there to monitor Darcy and report any changes he noticed. Darcy was, as reported by *The Pocahontas Times* in 1914, "A man not well liked among his fellow residents of Pocahontas County," so finding someone to spy on him was not a difficult task.

It wasn't long before the tone and content of the letters changed dramatically. Darcy Adder was reported to be losing weight and healthy skin tone in the first few letters from Droop Mountain, followed shortly by letters describing a formerly robust and muscular man who was now beginning to look like a starving prisoner of war.

Doctors attending Darcy felt impotent in offering any effective cure or treatment - his flesh seemed intent on self-destruction. In less than a month, Darcy went from a healthy young man into a skeleton with grayish skin wrapped over his protruding bones. He could not dress or feed himself and could barely speak.

Darcy Adder soon passed on - a pathetic and hated bully. A few came to his funeral, primarily out of curiosity. He is buried alone in a small out-of-the-way cemetery near present-day Bear-town State Park.

It would seem that Darcy Adder no longer posed a threat to anyone, yes?

However, fate would challenge that seemingly rational assumption in another 52 years when one Clifton Schumacher raised a numbered paddle to bid on an old Marine footlocker at an estate sale on Droop Mountain.

The conclusion to the mystery of the wooden box, in next week's edition of *The Pocahontas Times*.

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served in connection... Nottingham is Boyer Station and it is the mill town of the North Fork Lumber Company. The fine big band mill is located here, and at the present time the yard is piled high with millions of feet of fine lumber. In passing, it might be remarked that at the present time there is a dearth of orders for lumber and it is not now moving to market very rapidly down the Greenbrier line. It is thought that

this is merely a lull in the demand for lumber, and not an indication of a general bad condition in the business affairs the country over...

Into and out of Nottingham, you have either to walk or ride the railroad. Automobiles come as near as Whitling...

KNAPPS CREEK

A number of our people attended the opening of the Methodist church in Marlinton Sunday. Everyone came back very much elated over

Bishop Darlington's sermon and the hospitality of the people shown by the handshakes and bountiful dinner served by the ladies.

Miss Enid Harper spent the weekend with her parents.

There will be a box supper at the Sunset school house Saturday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Proceeds are for a Victrola for the school.

Our roads are rapidly improving under the skillful management of S. M. Redd.

Odis Warwick and daughter, Jewel, were guests at the

home of Coe Beverage Sunday.

DURBIN

Clyde Stitzinger and family were in Durbin last Saturday on their way to Erie, Pennsylvania.

H. H. Hudson has returned from Akron, Ohio, and other points west.

Z. J. Nottingham has returned from Baltimore where he was operated on for blood poison. He is much improved and hopes to be able to work soon.

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Junior High Football
The Marlinton Copperheads scored two touchdowns in the last two minutes to upset the previously unbeaten Green Bank Golden Eagles.

Marlinton opened the scoring when Larry Ryder scampered 12 yards to pay dirt. The next touchdown for Marlinton was scored by William Dilley. This gave the Copperheads a 12-0 lead.

During the second quarter Green Bank scored two touchdowns to tie the score at halftime 12-12.

In the third quarter, the Eagles scored to take the lead, 18-12.

Marlinton came back in the fourth quarter to score three touchdowns. They were scored by Mark Dilley with a pass from Larry Ryder; Keith Pondexter with an 8-yard run; and Ricky Irvine with a pass interception for the final touchdown.

The defense was by Ronnie Dean, Mike Ryder, Marvin Friel and Jerry

Pennington.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Teter, of Slaty Fork, a son, named Roger Warren.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe, of Cass, a son, named Charles Harper.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Starks, of Hillsboro, a daughter, named Lois Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Madison, of Harman, Maryland, a daughter, named Jaundia Lynn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Franklin Hockenberry, of Point Pleasant, a son, named Jeb Franklin.

DEATHS

Mrs. Martha Virginia Galford Nottingham, 62, of Dunmore, a daughter of the late John Allen and Mary Kathryn McLaughlin Galford. Burial in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Mrs. Flote Eary Price, 88, of Durbin, a daughter of the late Henry Bud and Lizza Knapp Eary. Burial in the Bethel Untied Methodist Church Cemetery near Durbin.

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One of our Buckhannon barbers is a Mr. Smith, who, for 14 years, barbered in Cass. He likes to talk about that country over there. One day, while I was in the shop he was telling a customer that pine trees grow to 80 or 90 feet. I broke in, "You will have to revise your figures a bit. For while heading a cutting crew one winter, I measured exactly 116 of straight stick from one of those majestic spruce pines. The tree was 125 feet high.

This scribe went up to Camp No. 2, near the head of Leatherbark January 2, 1901. Coming down the new laid track was one of the first loads of logs cut from near the top. I began work under Ed Hunter. The ice was not yet melted from the boards made into bunks for

sleeping purposes. I took a desperate cold. Within three days, the boss put me to rolling skidway with Henry Galford. He was a good man and knew his business. Some cutting had been done late in December 1900. In February, some more teams came up from Camp 3, down near the town of Cass. One of these teamsters was Harper Hudson. Harper was a teamster by instinct. He liked horses. I liked to roll logs. Ernie Kerr, a fine log truck loader, took me on for a buddy. After that, we were sending logs to the Cass mill and pulpwood to Covington, Virginia.

Some of us owe something to spruce forests and lumber woods for the money to send ourselves to school. I chose the woods. My friends, Summers Sharp and his brother, George, tried teaching school on low salaries during winter

months, then took to the woods in summertime. They studied law. I tried preaching, and a good measure of success has come to all of us.

I look back to those days with appreciative, but solemn memory. Many of the men we knew then have fallen to dust. Ernie Kerr, my first pal on the log trucks, died near Hambleton, W. Va., a few years ago. I was indeed saddened when I read in The Times of the passing of Harper Hudson, of Durbin, which even now makes my eyes get moist as I write.

While I muse of the going of the old friends, I feel "Somewhere a Voice is Calling." And in that hour we hope to hear "The rustle of a wing" and feel the sunshine of "The Better Land."

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 Interested applicants should send a cover letter and résumé, along with three professional references to Pocahontas County Libraries and Visitor Information Centers, Attn: Director, Search Committee, McClintic Public Library, 500 8th Street, Marlinton, WV 24954. Alternatively, applications can be sent via email to saheatherly@gmail.com. Applications review will begin October 17, 2023. The position will be open until filled. PCL&VIC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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GBEMS Students of the Month



DURING THIS SCHOOL year, each classroom teacher will choose a Student of the Month. The criteria may vary from teacher to teacher, but it will always honor a student for something positive they have done. Some reasons students may be chosen as the Student of the Month include being a good friend, going the extra mile for a student or a staff member, or working extra hard on an assignment. Congratulations to these students:

September Students of the Month – front row: Harlyn Reed, first grade. Second row, from left: Abigail Markley, fifth grade; Evan Sharp, third grade; Emilee Plaughter, kindergarten; and Hayley Buzzard, second grade. Third row, from left: Darren Deputy, fourth grade; Danny Bennett, seventh grade; Noah Sharp, sixth grade; and Faith Dille, eighth grade. Not pictured: Rylinn Sharp, pre-K.



October Students of the Month – front row, from left: Briley Reed, fourth grade; Nolan Shinaberry, kindergarten; Thaddeus Rittenhouse, first grade; and Ethan Alderman, pre-K. Back row, from left: Brodie Bennett, eighth grade; Landyn Rexrode, fifth grade; Corbin Warner, third grade; James Smith, seventh grade; and Karliana Boyd, sixth grade. Not pictured: Bella Huie, second grade.

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“Talisman” and find out what a dog can be to a man.

Shooting at Mt. Grove
Last Wednesday night a difficulty occurred at the house of a man named Auldridge, near Mountain Grove, between Dave Auldridge and John Darnell, his brother-in-law. Several others were present and the fight became general, the women participating. Several shots were fired. Young Auldridge shot Darnell in the left hand, inflicting a very painful wound. Frank Detimore, of Highland county, took a part in the fight and

had his face considerably damaged.

It is not known what caused the row, as all parties concerned are trying to suppress the facts. Darnell even claiming that he shot himself. —Bath News

LOCAL MENTION

William, George and John Price, sons of the late S. D. Price, of Jacksons River, were at Marlinton Saturday and placed a memorial stone over the grave of their lamented father.

While threshing was in progress at Register Moore's last Wednesday, one of his stacks took fire and for a while the crop and thresh box seemed in danger. By prompt work the fire was ex-

tinguished and no loss sustained.

Robert Miller attempted to ford Swago with his team loaded with flour, while the flood was on last Friday. The wagon lodged against the foot log, where it remained for some days. The flour was but slightly damaged and by cutting the harness, the horses were saved.

TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1). Austria (2). The Battle of Waterloo (3). Mr. Potato Head (4). Seven

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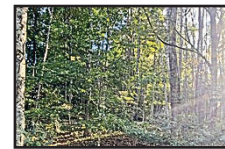
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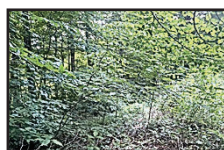
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