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THE MONDAY LICK Trail System project was celebrated Monday with a ribbon cutting at the Stillwell Park pavilion. Taking part in the ribbon cutting – which was performed by Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton, center – were students from Marlinton Elementary School and stakeholders with the Snowshoe Highlands Ride Center collaboration. The Monday Lick Trail System is part of the county’s campaign to earn a gold level ride center status from the International Mountain Biking Association – or IMBA. *S. Stewart photo*

## Ribbon cutting for the new Monday Lick Trail System

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

It’s only fitting that the ribbon cutting for the Monday Lick Trail System was held on Monday. It was a dreary day, but the pavilion at Stillwell Park was filled with enthusiasm as the organizations involved in establishing the trail system celebrated the latest addition in Pocahontas County.

The Monday Lick project is one of the many trails which will help the Snowshoe Highlands Ride Center achieve a gold status from the International Mountain Biking Association – or IMBA.

The Ride Center received a bronze status in 2019 and graduated to silver in 2020. After receiving a gap analysis from IMBA, the Snowshoe Highland Area Recreation Collaborative has been

hard at work to make changes that will lead to the gold status.

“What makes this project today really special is that it truly is a testament of the power of human connection, shared vision and hard work,” Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Chelsea Walker said. “Many of those recommendations [included] signage improvements and the connection of the Mower Tract to the Snowshoe back country.”

“Then, of course, we’re all here today to celebrate the construction of the Monday Lick Trail System which is crucial to receiving our gold ride center status and will not only impact Pocahontas County tourism, but the outdoor recreation economy throughout the entire Potomac Highlands region.”

The Monday Lick system

will include 27 miles of trails for all levels of riders – from beginners to experts – and is located near Stilwell Park in Marlinton.

Snowshoe Mountain Resort Vice President of Mountain Operations Ken Gaitor explained that the plan to have a ride center in Pocahontas County started with an idea six or seven years ago. He was approached by then COO Frank DeBerry who had a vision for the future of trails in the county.

“He described this vision of a gold level ride center in our area and it seemed incredibly ambitious to the point where I couldn’t wrap my head around it,” he said. “It took two more years of starting the conversation to really think about who had to come together, where did the money come from and what did the vision look like in the end.”

“It takes people with that kind of visionary conception – they’re able to see things that a lot of us can’t see,” he continued. “What I’d like for you to think about when you think about a project of this scale is that it’s okay to dream on a level that’s beyond what’s in front of you, and if you set a goal that – let’s say sounds ridiculous – and you just put a pathway in, and take one step at a time. Most importantly, you develop wonderful partnerships with hard working people that are passionate about what it is you’re trying to do, and you can achieve just about anything.”

With a project of this size, it takes a lot of manpower and, more importantly, money. When it came time to finance the project, Region 4 Planning and Development

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## U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree will stop in Marlinton

Monongahela National Forest, in partnership with nonprofit partner Choose Outdoors and presenting sponsor 84 Lumber, will transport the 2023 Capitol Christmas Tree from West Virginia to Washington, D.C.

The journey of the 63-foot Norway spruce, which was cut in the Greenbrier Ranger District of the Monongahela National Forest, will begin in Elkins Saturday, November 4, and make its way through local

communities before arriving at its final destination at the nation’s capital.

Well-wishers can see the wrapped-up tree on its extra-long trailer, sign the banners attached to each side, learn about Monongahela National Forest, purchase U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree merchandise and enjoy the holiday spirit in their communities.

The Capitol Christmas Tree will be in Marlinton at Mitchell Chevrolet Monday, November 6, from 4 to 6 p.m.

## GBO to host Jansky Lecture November 9

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Since 1966, the National Radio Astronomy Observatory has awarded the Jansky Lectureship to an individual in the field of astronomy. The Lectureship is named for Karl Jansky, who first detected radio waves in 1932.

The 2023 recipient is Dr. Paul Vanden Bout, who will present his lecture, “Space Molecules to Solar Systems – Five Decades of Discoveries,” at the Green Bank Observatory, Thursday, November 9, at 7 p.m.

Vanden Bout began his career in astronomy in graduate school when he got a post doc position at Columbia University. He studied physics at the University of California, Berkeley before moving on to Columbia.

“I got a post doc position with someone at Columbia University who was doing x-ray astronomy,” he said. “We launched rockets at White Sands Missile Range and tried to observe x-ray sources. That was the first exposure to astronomy.”

From there, Vanden Bout went to University of Texas in Austin, where he taught astronomy to undergraduates

while he himself was learning the science.

“I didn’t know any astronomy,” he said. “I taught undergraduates, staying ahead one chapter in the book.”

He and a friend from New York discovered there was a radio telescope at the McDonald Observatory at the university and found themselves working on a project with a group of astronomers.

“At the time it was just after the discovery of carbon monoxide gas in the interstellar medium and the people who made the discovery wanted lots of telescope time, so we put together a little partnership,” Vanden Bout said. “They brought a receiver and my friend brought some equipment, and Harvard brought some more equipment. We equipped the little telescope to look at CO.”

“That was my introduction to radio astronomy.” Vanden Bout pioneered work in millimeter-wavelength astronomy at McDonald Observatory.

In 1985, Vanden Bout became the director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory and worked in Charlottesville, Virginia. He

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## Halloween at Mitchell Chevrolet



MITCHELL CHEVROLET HELD its annual pumpkin decorating contest this month and received 126 entries from youngsters and adults who shared their flare for design. Winners in the contest were – Preschool and younger, Oaklynn Ramsey; kindergarten, Ryleigh McComb; first grade, Savannah Shoemaker; second grade, Aria Nelson; third grade, Adalyn Beverage; fourth grade, Cambree McLaughlin; fifth grade; Brysen Cox; middle school, Carly Robinson; high school, Joey Vanmeter; and adults: third place, Erin Boone; second place, Mary Thompson; and first place, Sarah Barber. *S. Stewart photo*

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**Deadline to apply is November 10, 2023.**

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## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

**A**ttitude or Perspective. Perspective or Attitude. It is all about both attitude and perspective.

Two men looked through prison bars. One saw mud, the other stars.

Perspective depends on understanding the specifics of the matter. Attitude depends on how one or more set about addressing the specifics of the matter. Some may just want to belly-ache without concern for either.

The ad in last week's edition of *The Pocahontas Times* suggested a new ordinance will set a monthly fee, because "Marlinton Town Council wants more money."

The ad itself suggests a lack of understanding wrap-

ped in a poor attitude about the little that may be understood. Why else jump to such a negative conclusion.

The fact of the matter is that after 16 community meetings and three open houses over a three-year period, the residents of the Town approved a list of concerns. On page 3-5 of the Town Comprehensive Plan, the #1 – that is the number one – Community Concern was to create a Safe Community.

Literally identified by the community resident surveys data, the residents related the following #1 Community Concern (which is needed more now than ever):

Local law enforcement forms the backbone of the community policing and

safety in Marlinton. One concern that was mentioned at the open house is the need to have a better police presence in town. The planning commission also noted, early in the comprehensive plan process, that not having our own police force in town was a concern. However, as of the summer of 2018, the town has hired a part-time police officer.

In the past, the town has had a formal agreement with the state police (costing the town \$56,000 per year) to patrol and provide law enforcement services in town. The town needs to continue to work with other law enforcement agencies that can help provide supplemental services when needed.

Go to the Town of Marlinton website to read the rest of the plan. Neighborhood watch, live camera surveillance, lack of or insufficient lighting, vacant and dilapi-

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## Solid Waste Authority to meet with county commission

Tim Walker  
AMR Reporter

**A**t the October 25 Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority's regular meeting, Authority member David McLaughlin said he had spoken to County Commission President Walt Helmick who told him the commission would be willing to meet with the Authority at an open special commission meeting to discuss possible ways the commission could financially assist the authority to perhaps purchase the landfill which they now lease. Authority Chairman Ed Riley indicated he would be receptive to such a meeting.

Following the Solid Waste meeting, the county commission scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, November 1.

During public comment time, Allen Johnson expressed his opinion.

"I really would favor the board to purchase the current landfill even if filled up, for certain uses since that is a central location," Johnson said.

He also told them it would be smart for them to be open with the public and limit discussions held in Executive Sessions because it is important for the public to understand what is going on.

Also at the meeting, Mary Clendenon commented on

the authority's monthly financial statement. Clendenon said that, so far this fiscal year, cardboard, paper and plastic recycling has shown a net loss of \$731; tire recycling a loss of \$892; and white goods (appliances) recycling a loss of \$1,249.

Solid Waste Authority CPA Mark Joseph recommended that the authority submit an application to the state to raise its tipping fee from the current \$64 per ton to \$95. He said, without the rate increase, they will continue to lose more and more money each year. The Authority voted to apply for a tipping rate of \$95.

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## AG joins in lawsuit against Meta for harming youth mental health

**W**est Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey has joined 33 attorneys general throughout the country in suing Meta in federal court alleging the company knowingly designed and deployed harmful features on Instagram and its other social media platforms that purposefully addict children and teens. At the same time, Meta falsely assured the public that these features are safe and suitable for young users.

In parallel complaints filed in state courts last week, seven states and the District of Columbia have made similar allegations.

The attorneys general assert that Meta's business practices violate state consumer protection laws and the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). These practices have harmed and continue to harm the physical and mental health of children and teens and have fueled what the U.S. Surgeon General has deemed a "youth mental health crisis" which has ended lives, devastated fam-

ilies, and damaged the potential of a generation of young people.

The federal complaint, joined by 33 states and filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, alleges that Meta knew of the harmful impact of its platforms, including Facebook and Instagram, on young people.

Instead of taking steps to mitigate these harms, it misled the public about the harms associated with use of its platform, concealing the extent of the psychological and health harms suffered by young users addicted to use of its platforms. The complaint further alleges that Meta knew that young users,

including those under 13, were active on the platforms, and knowingly collected data from these users without parental consent. It targeted these young users noting, as reported in a 2021 *Wall Street Journal* article, that such a user base was "valuable, but untapped."

"If these allegations are proven true in a court of law, Meta needs to be held accountable for the immense harm they inflicted on our youth," Morrisey said. "It's unspeakable that a company can be as reckless as knowing and ignoring the potential harm of those applications in exchange for larger profit margins."

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# State Supreme Court suspends attorney's law license for a year

West Virginia Record  
State Supreme Court  
By Chris Dickerson

**T**he state Supreme Court has suspended the law license of a Lewisburg attorney who committed multiple violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct for one year.

In an October 18 opinion written by Justice John Hutchison, the court also said J. Steven Hunter must complete an additional nine hours of continuing legal education during the current reporting period – three hours of which should be about IOLTA accounts and the other six about ethics and law office management. In addition, the court says Hunter must comply with a rule regarding notification of all current clients about his suspension and to not accept new retainers.

The 29-page opinion details the facts of the case against Hunter, who has practiced law since 1973.

Hunter was retained by Raymond Peters and Karen Bordonaro in late 2018 to represent them after Peters' son Stephen L. Peters had

filed an emergency petition to declare his elderly father a "protected person" and to gain temporary guardianship and conservatorship for his father. Stephen L. Peters said his father was suffering from dementia, and Bordonaro was his father's friend and caregiver who lived on the property in a house built for her. She is also a convicted felon.

Bordonaro talked to the son about his father. In late 2017, she said he began having memory lapses and confusion. Early in 2018, Raymond Peters granted his son medical power of attorney, and Bordonaro was listed as successor representative. He also signed a living will and durable power of attorney listing his son as his agent.

Later in 2018, the son says communication between he and Bordonaro became strained. The father said he planned to sell his property in Alderson and move to Rhode Island with Bordonaro. The son said he would travel to Alderson to discuss the matter. The day before he arrived, the father and Bordonaro were married in Greenbrier County. Soon

after is when the son filed the emergency petition, which caused the father and Bordonaro to retain Hunter.

The opinion says Hunter charged the couple a flat fee of \$2,500. That check wasn't cashed, but Bordonaro later wrote Hunter two other checks for \$2,500 each. His wife and office manager, De'Etta Hunter, deposited those funds into the law office checking account rather than his client trust (IOLTA) account.

On November 16, 2018, Hunter filed a motion to terminate Stephen L. Peters' temporary appointment of guardian and conservator of his father. A psychological exam found Raymond Peters had possible Major Neurocognitive Disorder because of Alzheimer's Disease and found he met the requirements of a protected person under state code. It was recommended his son be appointed full guardian and conservator and that the court examine the marriage given his significant cognitive impairment. A March 2019 report

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## BOE gets update on Family Advisory Committee

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

**M**arlinton Elementary School and Marlinton Middle School Community in Schools coordinator Jeanette Wagner gave a presentation on the county's Family Advisory Committee at the October 24 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting.

Wagner explained that the FAC is a way for the schools to improve family engagement at all the schools. Programs such as Community in Schools and Title I are working with community partners like Family Resource Network to create programs and activities to help families

feel more comfortable with coming to school events and volunteering to work with students.

Included in the programs is one Wagner created where family volunteers are called student support. Those who have signed up to volunteer in the schools will have badges they wear at the school to identify them as support. Wagner said she is also working on a peer support badge for students who wish to help.

"[The Family Advisory Committee] is comprised of our directors – Julie Shiflet and Kristy Tritapoe," Wagner said. "We also have Community in Schools, all the Title I reading specialists

and some parents from each school."

One of the new initiatives the committee is working to implement in the schools is the Olweus Anti-Bullying Initiative. The program was founded by Dan Olweus, a research professor of psychology at the University of Bergen, Norway. It offers practical, step-by-step instruction on how to prevent bullying on a school and community level.

The board thanked Wagner for her presentation and the work put into forming the committee.

Maintenance worker Jamie Walker addressed the

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# The Wooden Box

## Conclusion

**Ken Springer**  
Contributing Writer

*"I was up late last night making a voodoo doll for, well, never mind, you'll know who you are soon enough." Anonymous*

**Droop Mountain, 1971**  
When Clifton Schumacher first awoke the following day, he wished for a second that the horror of the previous evening was just a dreadful nightmare. But Clifton knew it was much too real.

He had opened a strange wooden box with something horrific inside. He remembered throwing the box and its contents on the floor and seeing a gruesome clay doll shatter upon impact. Did he really feel something move inside the box just before he opened it, and did the lights flicker for several minutes?

Yes, he had imbibed a bit of liquor, but Clifton knew he had seen these things.

Then, another enigmatic phenomenon sent him running from the room. When the clay doll shattered, he saw a strange swirling black mist arise, moving about the room like a suspended wiggling snake before finally going up the chimney.

Now, Clifton had to muster up his courage and try to understand what transpired the evening before.

What he saw when he arrived in the living room made him question his sanity. Clifton knew that shards of clay were strewn across the floor when he left the room the previous evening.

Instead, he found the doll sitting on the fireplace mantle as if mocking him. Touching, let alone looking at that doll, was beyond his current level of courage, so he promptly left the living room and the baleful glare of the horrid clay demon.

After breakfast, Clifton walked outside; he needed to think clearly and not panic. The bright light of morning ordinarily has a way of dispelling irrational fears, but not on that morning.

He acknowledged that something extraordinary was going on, but he did not know how to proceed. His daughter, Rachel, was flying in for a visit in a couple of days. He would confide in her even though he wasn't entirely sure how she would react.

## What she does, she does for love – Rachel

As usual, Rachel pulled up in her rental car, all smiles, hugs and kisses. Yet, before any words were exchanged, she saw that her father seemed to have aged dramatically since her last visit just two months earlier.

Clifton returned her tokens of affection, but she knew something serious was happening. The moment she got in the house, she pulled a bottle of 18-year-old Glenfiddich out of her luggage,

grabbed a couple of glasses, and led her father to the kitchen table, saying, "Let's talk, Dad."

In a voice that belied his fear, Clifton told Rachel all that had happened to date. She hesitated for a moment, then looked into her father's eyes.

"Dad, I just don't believe in those kinds of things," she said. "For god's sake, I am a scientist. That's why you sent me to college. Have you stopped taking your antidepressants? If you quit cold turkey, that can cause hallucinations."

Clifton reminded her that he quit taking any medicines a few years back, and that he was not inebriated or hallucinating. He was adamant that he had related to her precisely what he had witnessed.

Rachel followed her father to the living room, where he showed her the box and the clay figure. She desperately wanted to believe her father and knew him to be a stickler for the truth. She would give him the benefit of her materialist doubts.

He then showed Rachel the Marine footlocker that belonged to Harold Miller during the occupation of Haiti.

Rachel asked her father if he knew this man. He said he did not but that a few Miller families are left around here.

"OK," Rachel said, "maybe I can contact the family and see if they know anything about Harold and the trunk."

## What he does, he does

## for money – Roger

Roger, Rachel's brother, always had a manipulative personality and a selfish streak a mile wide. Yet, Rachel loved him and felt it necessary to share her father's plight with him.

Unbeknownst to Rachel or her father, Roger had over-borrowed to keep his machine shop in Pittsburgh from closing its doors. His wife had left him the previous year, and he had alimony and child support for his three children. Roger was drowning in debt and his gambling habit didn't help.

His response when Rachel described their father's claims about the evil doll was predictable.

"Well, if you want to placate Dad, go right ahead," he said, "but I plan to be straight with him, and he is losing it, Rachel. He needs supportive care, someone to look after him."

When Rachel asked Roger what he meant by "losing it" and "supportive care," he stated that their father was entering into some form of dementia and unless she wanted to leave her professorship in Colorado and move back to the farm, they'd better get him into a nursing home.

Rachel was determined to have none of it; she would help her father despite Roger's thinly veiled motives. He wanted to sell the farm, and there was only one way he could legally do that.

## "That old black magic has me in its spell" – Rachel's inquiry.

If anyone was qualified to look into the history of the voodoo doll, it was Rachel, a cultural anthropologist specializing in legends and myths. She managed a sabbatical leave and, within a week, had gathered a great deal of information on Haitian curses and

beliefs.

Likewise, Rachel had tracked down Harold Miller's cousin, a resident in a convalescent center in Lewisburg. Maria told Rachel that Harold had passed away on Droop Mountain in the early 1960s.

She vividly remembered conversations about the death of Darcy Adder and some connection to a wooden box, something Harold had picked up when he served in Haiti. When asked about a voodoo curse, she said, "We didn't know anything about voodoo. We were told it was black magic used to kill that bastard, Adder."

## Break out the shovels kids; families that rob graves together, stay together.

Rachel's next step was to pick the brain of a colleague who studied and wrote about religions that dabble in a certain amount of magical thinking.

Most religions, even the major ones, have certain mystical elements. For example, in Judaism, there is a vengeful creature called Golem. Jewish folklore includes a malevolent wandering spirit, the dybbuk, that enters and possesses a person until exorcised.

Rachel was determined to help her father but did not believe in golems, demons or voodoo. What she did have faith in was the placebo effect. She appreciated the power of suggestion, a phenomenon well studied and documented.

Rachel's friend, Becky, never suggested that she believed in these magical curses, nor did she repudiate the dark arts. Her advice to Rachel was that she could try to contain anything evil about the

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# Corn, the staff of life

**Melody Phillips**  
Staff Writer

Corn is a staple in the diets of many cultures, as well as for animal feed. According to an article published by the FDA in September 2020, 92 percent of commercially planted maize in the United States was genetically modified. Although there are thousands of strains of corn today, due to mega cultivators being the main source of store-bought corn, many people only see a limited variety. This was not the case during colonial times.

Modern-day corn is thought to have been derived from teosinte, a tall stout wild grass, native to Mexico. Through selective breeding, indigenous people cultivated many different types of corn with many different traits, including a variety of colors, size, maturity speed and uses.

When Christopher Columbus visited the New World, the Taino people shared their primary food source with him. They called it Mahiz, meaning "source of life," which eventually became known as maize.

Maize generally comes in a lovely array of yellows, blues, reds and greens and has smaller kernels than today's common sweet corn. Maize was an important food source for the Native Americans and was incorporated

into almost every meal. Not only was maize important for the Native Americans, but the early colonists would soon discover how important it was for them, as well.

When the colonists settled in the new world, they had little knowledge of the local food sources and, as a result, many starved. The Native Americans, starting with a man named Squanto, taught the colonists a lot about this amazing food source; how to grow it, store it and use it. This single food item – maize – made a huge impact on saving many lives.

Edward Winslow, who traveled on the Mayflower in 1620 and who also co-wrote the booklet **Mourt's Relation**, which tells about the first Thanksgiving, referred to corn quite often throughout the document. In chapter five, Winslow stated, "... they set little or no corn, which is the staff of life, and without which they cannot long preserve health and strength." This comment shows the importance of corn for the health and life of the colonists.

Although the terms are used interchangeably, corn is a more generic term which could have a different meaning based on location and context; whereas maize is an accepted scientific term that refers only to one particular type of grain.

In a time before canning and freezing, maize could be



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easily dried for long term storage. After pulverizing the dried kernels into cornmeal, it could then be used to make corn syrup, cornbread, corn pudding, as a thickener, mixed with beans to make succotash, and many other possibilities. Sukquatahsh or succotash, meant "corn seethed like beans."

Dent corn is one of the five main varieties of maize. When left on the stalk until dried, it develops a dent on the tips of its kernels and is a source for cornmeal, livestock feed (around 93 percent of dent corn currently grown in U.S.), hominy, pone, suppawn and samp.

The other main types of

maize are flint (grown extensively through colonial times but hardly produced in the US today), flour (the oldest type of corn, easy to grind, limited U.S. production), sweet (most commonly used type in the U.S.), and popcorn (small-kernelled flint type, a minor crop in the U.S. compared to dent).

Whole dried maize kernels would be soaked in lye water (hardwood ashes and water) to soften and split the kernels for making hominy.

Samp is made by boiling coarsely ground dried corn until soft and then adding milk and butter. This could be eaten either hot or cold –

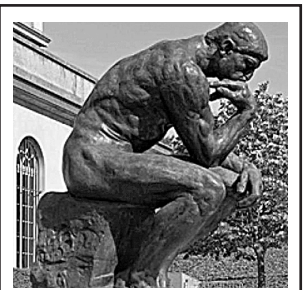
creamed corn.

Suppawn, similar to samp, is a thick porridge made by adding milk to corn meal; basically, cornmeal mush.

Pone is a bread made from cornmeal that has been fried or baked.

Sweetened cornmeal mixed with water, and boiled slowly in a bag, made a colonial substitute for hasty pudding; a European treat made with oatmeal and milk or wheat flour.

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## TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. How many teeth does an adult human have?
2. In what type of matter are atoms most tightly packed?
3. What is the proper name for a group of ravens?
4. What countries made up the original Axis powers in World War II?



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# PROCLAMATION ~ Family Court Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Family Court Awareness Month (FCAM) is to increase awareness on the importance of empirically-based education and training on domestic violence and child abuse, including emotional, psychological, physical and sexual abuse, as well as childhood trauma, coercive control and post separation abuse for judges and all professionals working on cases within the family court system, and;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the FCAM is to increase awareness on the importance of using scientifically valid, evidence-based, treatment programs and services that are proven in terms of safety, effectiveness, and therapeutic value, and;

**WHEREAS**, the mission at the FCAM is to educate judges and other family court professionals on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Study (co-principal investigator: Vincent Felitti, Kaiser Permanente-CDC); Child Custody Evaluators' Beliefs About Domestic Abuse Allegations (principal investigator: Daniel Saunders, University of Michigan, sponsored by the National Institute of Justice); and Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Parental Alienation and Abuse Allegations (principal investigator: Joan S. Meier, GW Law School, sponsored by the National Institute of Justice), and;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Samuel Felton, Mayor of Marlinton, hereby declare the Month of November to be FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH, and encourage all residents to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the harm of children in the hands of family members and to honor and value the lives of children.



## What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

### Tamale Pie

- 4 oz. bacon, chopped
- 1 medium onion, minced
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 to 3 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 cups peeled fresh or canned tomatoes
- 1/3 cup chopped black olives
- 1 cup corn kernels, fresh or frozen
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

to spread, add additional stock or water, a little at a time.

Pour the batter over the top of the beef mixture, spreading it evenly with a metal spatula. Bake until the top is just browned, about 30 minutes. Sprinkle the surface evenly with the shredded cheese and continue baking until melted and bubbling, 10 to 15 more minutes. Serve immediately. Serves 8.

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Preheat oven to 375 F  
Cook bacon in large skillet until fat is rendered, 3 to 4 minutes, pour off excess fat, leaving 1 to 2 Tbsp. Add onion and cook until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add olives, corn and sour cream and mix well. Transfer to a 15" x 11" baking dish or casserole. Set aside.

**For tamale crust:**  
1 1/2 cups chicken stock  
Salt, pepper  
1 1/2 cups corn meal  
6 Tbsp. butter  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/4 cup milk

Bring the stock to a boil in a saucepan, season with salt and pepper, if desired. In a food processor, combine the cornmeal, butter, baking powder and milk. Process until combined. With the machine on, gradually pour in the hot stock until a smooth, thick batter is obtained. If batter is too thick

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## Letter to the Editor

Editor,

I found Charles McElwee's Op-Ed piece in the October 26 edition of *The Pocahontas Times* quite interesting. I wholeheartedly agree with him that the various attributes of Pocahontas County serve to attract people with a creative bend, and with more promotion could do so more significantly. I moved to Pocahontas County over forty years ago, and have never once regretted having done so.

In reading his piece, I found that there was a glaring omission in his list of all the attractive features of the county — the Pocahontas County Opera House located in Marlinton.

Ever since its restoration was completed in 1999, (it was built in 1910) the Opera House has been a marvelous venue for musical and theatrical entertainment, as well as a location for various kinds of community events: meetings, dinners, wedding

receptions, craft shows, etc.

The Opera House does a superb job of fulfilling its mission of being the "cultural heart of the community". The Opera House Foundation sponsors an annual performance series of a dozen or more presentations. A recent one on October 20 featured Dom Flemons, a Grammy Award winner and a stellar musician. The offerings run the gamut from popular local groups to musicians from all over the world

— quite amazing considering the rural nature of the county.

To drop a few names, past performers over the years have included Kathy Mattea, Leon Redbone, Andes Manta, the Avett Brother, the Steel Wheels, Alash (the throat singer from Tuva), classical musicians from Garth Newel and many others.

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## 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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**It's that time of year** — Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

**Green Box sites** will change to winter hours beginning Sunday, November 5. Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**The Marlinton Town Office** will be closed Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans Day.

**Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office** will be closed on Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans Day. The Green Boxes will be open 1 to 4 p.m.

**Pocahontas Producers Regular Sale** Saturday, November 11, 2 p.m.

**Vaccines available at the Pocahontas County Health Department:** 2023-2024 updated COVID-19; RSV for ages 60 and older; Flu Vaccines; and High Dose Flu Vaccines for ages 65 and older. Call 304-799-4154 for more information.

**EVENTS**  
**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.

**FREE Community Dinner** Thursday, November 16, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by area churches and community volunteers.

**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.

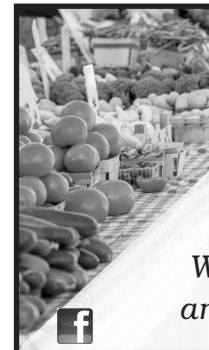
**MEETINGS**  
**Marlinton Town Council**, Monday, November 4, 7 p.m. in the Marlinton Municipal Auditorium.

**Pocahontas County Commission**, Tuesday, November 5, 8:30 a.m. in the commission room at the courthouse.

**Allegheny Post 117** Tuesday, November 7, 6 p.m. at

the Arbovale Community Center. All member are encouraged to attend to celebrate the Marine Corps' birthday.

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Grapefruit	\$34 <sup>50</sup>	\$22 <sup>50</sup>
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Pink Lady	\$33	\$20
Pears (d'Anjou, 45 ct., tissue wrapped)		\$33 <sup>50</sup>
Fresh Fruit Sampler (4 grapefruit, 6 apples, 6 navel, 6 mandarin, 4 pears)		\$30 <sup>50</sup>
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**SATURDAY NOV. 4 7:30 P.M.**

Renowned bandleader Mike Gillispie has dedicated his life to music and photography, mastering several instruments and studying both Classical and Jazz. His career has spanned across the US, Europe, Brazil, and Japan, performing with esteemed jazz musicians and showcasing his photographic art. Cherished connections to Pocahontas County, specifically Green Bank, have deeply informed his work.

## Super Crossword "MM, GOOD!"

- ACROSS**
- 1 Kiddie-lit elephant
  - 6 Seder bread
  - 11 Warren in the Pro Football Hall of Fame
  - 15 Numbered work of a composer
  - 19 "I'd love to help"
  - 20 Fictional town in an Edgar Lee Masters title
  - 22 Intensity, with "up"
  - 23 Aged female horse that has won lots of singing awards?
  - 25 Dog food brand
  - 26 Flimsy
  - 27 Hive swarm
  - 28 "Lie Down With Lions" novelist Ken
  - 30 Romanov royal
  - 31 —-fi film
  - 33 Michael of "Superbad"
  - 34 Stephen of the screen
  - 35 Time when everybody turned down their radios all at once?
  - 41 — v. Wade
  - 42 Aussie critter
  - 43 Soporific drug
  - 44 Electrolysis particles
  - 45 Reading quickly in the Scandinavian manner?
  - 50 Novelist Stout
  - 52 Hammer or Spade
  - 53 History topic
  - 54 Hot tub sigh
  - 56 Tranquility
  - 60 Branchid
  - 62 Big meeting to discuss protective metal gear?
  - 66 Foot the bill
  - 69 A-bomb, e.g.
  - 71 "— dare?"
  - 72 — Lilly
  - 73 "Tamerlane" poet
  - 74 Cold, damp park birds?
  - 79 Declare
  - 82 Apia locale
  - 83 Elton John's '70s label
  - 84 Figure skater Midori —
  - 86 Bet to win and place
  - 90 Cloning stuff
  - 92 Was an overly aggressive barber?
  - 96 Cato's "to be"
  - 99 — alla Scala
  - 101 Intensity, with "up"
  - 102 Antique auto
  - 103 Trouncing in a number-adding contest?
  - 109 Bulling call
  - 110 Balcony box
  - 111 "Send help!"
  - 112 Netflix rival
  - 113 Medium for burning data
  - 115 Pork serving
  - 118 Of sentence units
  - 121 Cork's land
  - 122 Decreed to be the most prudish?
  - 126 Observes
  - 127 Computer programming output
  - 128 More skillful
  - 129 Chances
  - 130 Covered with bathroom
  - 82 Apia locale
  - 83 Elton John's '70s label
  - 84 Figure skater Midori —
  - 86 Bet to win and place
  - 90 Cloning stuff
  - 92 Was an overly aggressive barber?
  - 96 Cato's "to be"
  - 4 "Eek!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Strike with the horns
  - 2 Court champ
  - 3 Lead-in to "done that"
  - 4 "Eek!"
  - 5 Add ammo to
  - 6 Emails or texts: Abbr.
  - 7 Wet mo.
  - 8 Come — halt
  - 9 Body not staying at rest?
  - 10 "My treat!"
  - 11 Family in computer games
  - 12 DuVernay of "Queen Sugar"
  - 13 Flawless
  - 14 Request in advance, in a way
  - 15 Spoken exam
  - 16 Sicily's capital
  - 17 A gazillion
  - 18 Brief plugs for political candidates
  - 21 Bread variety
  - 24 — Lube (STP alternative)
  - 29 Chou En —
  - 31 Add fuel to
  - 32 Groups on church risers
  - 33 The Plame affair, informally
  - 35 Hammer or spade
  - 36 52-wk. units
  - 37 Dad's partner
  - 38 Longtime wire svc.
  - 39 Moses' peak
  - 40 Seltzer, e.g.
  - 41 ICU VIPs
  - 46 Imbibers' hwy. offense
  - 47 "— be nice if ..."
  - 48 Like taffy
  - 49 Bea Arthur sitcom
  - 51 Air-testing gp.
  - 55 Hispanic "hello"
  - 57 Intensity, with "up"
  - 58 Loving sound
  - 59 Previous to, poetically
  - 61 12-hour clock toggle
  - 63 Lowing sound
  - 64 Fluid dram fraction
  - 65 "Hawaii —" (Jack Lord series)
  - 66 Acer offerings
  - 67 Styled after
  - 68 Orange tuber brand
  - 70 Say aloud for transcription
  - 75 Net access provider
  - 76 Groom, e.g.
  - 77 "The Dance" singer Brooks
  - 78 Canned heat
  - 80 Good Grips brand
  - 81 Nursery cry
  - 85 Dramatist Clifford
  - 87 Merry-go-rounds
  - 88 Not kosher
  - 89 Hurry-scurry
  - 91 For free
  - 93 Furious state
  - 94 Spill cleaner
  - 95 Sony products
  - 96 1962 Paul Anka hit
  - 97 Tamished
  - 98 Tamished
  - 100 Chinese soup
  - 104 Sort
  - 105 Facet
  - 106 "Surprised to run into you!"
  - 107 University in Greenville, South Carolina
  - 108 In a blazing brandy sauce
  - 114 Fed Eliot
  - 115 Ace or queen
  - 116 Fruit drink brand
  - 117 Tip jar bills
  - 118 Nursery school, briefly
  - 119 Play — (perform some songs)
  - 120 Env. items
  - 123 Receivable
  - 124 John in court cases
  - 125 High-tech organizer

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went on to oversee the completion of several large NRAO projects, including the Green Bank Telescope.

“I never lived in Green Bank,” he said. “I was certainly there a lot. I was over all the time. The Green Bank Telescope adventure was one of mine. It’s interesting that I spent most of my career in millimeter-wavelength astronomy – short wavelengths. The GBT actually works at those wavelengths, which is sort of amazing.”

“On a cold winter night, with no wind, [the GBT] is the biggest millimeter telescope in the world,” he added. “We never thought we’d be able to do that sort of thing at Green Bank, but we did.”

His work with the GBT is one of many parts of his career Vanden Bout will share in his lecture.

“It’s kind of more my story of millimeter astronomy in the country, at first, and then at NRAO,” he said.

Vanden Bout said he will expand on the several projects

he worked on, including the Very Large Array in New Mexico; the Very Long Baseline Array in Hawaii; and the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array – or ALMA – in Chile.

“NRAO had a project before I got there to build a single dish, millimeter telescope – 25-meter – in Hawaii,” he said. “That project failed. It never got funded. The timing was bad. There was really high inflation and then [President Ronald] Reagan canceled all new projects and the project sort of died.”

“People thought, as a substitute project, we should build an interferometer like the VLA out in New Mexico, but one that worked at millimeter wavelengths,” he continued. “That was called the millimeter array. They asked me to be the director and I was rather excited to promote this project. That was 1985.”

That millimeter array was the ALMA in Chile, which was inaugurated in 2013.

“It was a long time from the first suggestion in the 80s that we build this thing, to realize this big project in Chile,” Vanden Bout said.

“Along the way, there were other projects and the Green Bank Telescope was one of them.”

As most know, the GBT was built to replace the 300-foot telescope which suddenly and unexpectedly collapsed on November 15, 1988.

“The 300-foot fell down – you had to do something – and so we were occupied with that,” Vanden Bout said. “NRAO built the Very Long Baseline Array at that time, and we also upgraded the VLA in New Mexico, so those were big projects that intervened.”

Vanden Bout stepped down as director of the NRAO in 2003, but didn’t retire until 2010.

Vanden Bout is the 58th recipient of the Jansky Lectureship and joins the ranks of individuals including eight Nobel Laureates – Drs. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, Edward Purcell, Charles Townes, Arno Penzias, Robert Wilson, William Fowler, Joseph Taylor and Reinhard Genzel – as well as Jocelyn Bell-Burnell, who discovered the first pulsar; and Vera Rubin, who discovered dark matter in galaxies.

## Trail, from page 1

Council got involved and helped find sources for funding.

A large portion of the project was funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission through the Power program, which was created to help communities that suffered from the loss of coal mining jobs to turn the economy around.

“The Appalachian Regional Commission has particularly sought to target areas like West Virginia and the areas that have been hit hard with the downturn in coal for these types projects, so that’s how this project came to be, more than anything else,” Region 4 Executive Director John Tuggle said. “The opportunity came up, and it’s not our doing as Region 4. We were working with this whole group [of organizations] and that really impressed the Appalachian Regional Committee. Co-chair Gayle Manchin’s biggest thing is collaboration in getting large projects that are regionally impactful.”

The list of Monday Lick project collaborators is vast – Snowshoe Mountain Resort, Poca Trails, U.S. Forest Service, Snowshoe Highlands Recreational Collaborative, WVU Extension Service, WVU Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative, Mon Forest Towns Regional Partnership, Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation, Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Benedum Foundation, Region 4 Planning and Development Council and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

“That’s what made it happen,” Tuggle said. “A lot of times you talk about collaboration – this is a big group that got together to do this. The forest service is one of the key players because this is not the normal type project that you see with federal money. You’ve got federal money going on federal lands. That’s not normal.”

Construction began on the Monday Lick Trail System in September and is in phase one of two. The ribbon cutting was just the beginning of the celebration that will

culminate when the system is complete.

“The construction of the Monday Lick Trail System is just an enhancement to our truly magical destination,” Walker said. “The continuation of efforts of partners like these will make Pocahontas County not only a special place to visit, but to recreate, to work and to live.”

Also speaking were Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton and U.S. Forest Service Marlinton District Ranger Jason Hattersly.

Before the ribbon cutting, greetings and congratulations were shared by members of Congress. Todd Gunter spoke on behalf of Senator Shelley Moore Capito; Jonathan Hall spoke on behalf of Congresswoman Carol Miller; and Tuggle spoke on behalf of Senator Joe Manchin.

Joining in the ribbon cutting celebration were members of the collaborating organizations and students from Marlinton Elementary School. After the ceremony, those in attendance who wished to see the trails either traveled by bike or MTA bus to the site.

## Court, from page 2

by the father’s guardian ad litem agreed, also saying Bordonaro should not be appointed because of her previous felony conviction.

During a hearing later in March 2019, the father was declared a protected person, and the son was named his full guardian and conservator. The father would receive a \$300 cash allowance each month, and any amount above that had to be approved by his son.

In June 2019, Hunter’s wife helped the father request \$5,000 from Discover Bank for additional legal fees. That money was deposited into the law office checking account again rather than the IOLTA account.

“Well, I know ... I knew taking the money was wrong,” Hunter testified during a hearing on this matter. “Saying I represented Mr.

Peters at some point obviously became wrong.”

Hunter then filed another motion to terminate the son’s conservatorship and guardianship and a notice to appeal. In a September 2019 order, the court denied the motion as untimely and said there was a direct conflict in Hunter’s representation of both Raymond Peters and Bordonaro “as their interests are directly adverse.”

The court also ordered Bordonaro to have no contact with the father. So Hunter, representing her, filed a motion for emergency stay of judgment. It later was denied.

Later in 2019, court documents show Hunter’s wife had visited the father, which had been prohibited by the court. The documents also show Hunter failed to return the \$5,000 he had been paid by the father and that Hunter’s wife continued to take the father to financial institutions to withdraw funds.

The son, who filed the petition against Hunter, also claimed Hunter and Bordonaro “engaged in the financial exploitation” of his father and requested a protective order and a show cause order as to why those parties should not be held in contempt of the court’s prior order.

At a November 8, 2019, hearing, Hunter said he was retained to represent both the father and Bordonaro and was paid \$5,000. He testified that he didn’t know if the funds were deposited into his client trust account. He also said he would return the \$5,000 “if I’m required to after a proper hearing.” He also said his wife visited the father because she had “developed a close personal relationship with him and Ms. Bordonaro.”

The court held Hunter and Bordonaro in contempt and ordered Hunter to immediately reimburse the \$5,000. Following the filing of the ethics complaint, the Office

of Disciplinary Counsel learned the \$5,000 was repaid 14 months after the court ordered Hunter to do so.

The statement of charges was filed against Hunter on February 10, 2022. Following an August 9, 2022, evidentiary hearing, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board issued its report finding the ODC proved he had violated the Rules of Professional Conduct.

According to the opinion, Hunter failed to execute a written engagement letter or fee agreement, failed to communicate the scope of his representation or changes in basis or rate of the fee when it was later increased, failed to deposit the retainer fee into his client trust account and failed to provide an accounting when fees were earned or expenses incurred.

In addition, Hunter represented both his elderly client and the client’s wife whose “interests were directly ad-

verse, and then, after a court expressly determined that a conflict of interest existed, continued to represent both interests without obtaining the client’s written informed consent.”

He then also failed to comply with a court order directing him to immediately reimburse the client for the retainer fee, failed to make reasonable efforts to ensure his office manager comport her conduct to the Rules of Professional Conduct and failed to refrain from contacting his elderly client, a protected person, without first obtaining consent from his designated legal representative.

Hunter, according to the opinion, does not challenge the findings, admitting he “made mistakes in handling”

the matter, also noting his “negligent and overzealous acts may have caused potential injury. Hunter also says he and his wife “allowed our moral obligations (to an elderly client) to interfere with my ethical obligations.”

Once he petitions for reinstatement, Hunter will be placed on a one-year supervised probation if he is reinstated. Hunter also must pay costs of these proceedings.

Hunter represented himself in the matter. The LDB was represented by Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel Rachael Fletcher Cipolletti and Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel Kristin P. Halkais.

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# Weather Recap

by Jason Bauserman

The 2023 weather trends continue. Precipitation was way below normal again. Temperatures were fairly high for October.

October is the driest month of the year and that proved true this year. Rainfall for the month was only 1.08 inches. That was 1.57 inches below normal. It was my sixth driest month in 32 years of records.

For the year, precipitation is now only 27.20 inches. Normal precipitation at the end of October is 36.98 inches. That is about 10

inches short for the first 10 months. August is the only month this year with above normal precipitation.

My driest year in 32 years of records was 2014 with 32.83 inches. At the end of October in 2014 my precipitation was 27.37 inches.

The average high temperature was 62.5 degrees and the average low temperature was 39.2 degrees. The mean of 50.9 degrees was 2.3 degrees above normal. Last year was my coldest October with a mean of 45 degrees.

Except for May and June all months have had above normal temperatures. We

could be headed for the warmest year in my records. The high temperature was 78 degrees on October 4. The lowest temperature was 28 degrees on October 23.

In my very first week in October 1991, I recorded on October 30 a low of 22 degrees and a high of 77 degrees. That 55-degree movement in nine hours was probably the most ever. Also, probably my highest and lowest temperature occurred on the same day! Amazing!

The beautiful leaves have pretty well tumbled to the ground.

November starts the winter season that runs through March.

My weather birthday started October 23, 1991.

November is normally 10 degrees colder than October. Enjoy the holiday season!

# Obituary



## James Elza

James Franklin Elza, 84, of Leavittsburg, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at St. Joseph Warren Hospital.

Born January 15, 1939, in Beverly, he was a son of the late James Patrick and Zella Louise Swagger Elza.

James was a self-employed carpenter and construction worker. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. In recent years, he provided transportation for several Amish families in Ohio. He was a Christian man, a member of the Southington Baptist Church for many years and was inspired to write a poem titled "Prints of Two Precious Feet."

He loved country and gospel music and loved playing his guitar and banjo. He often played with other musicians in West Virginia

and Ohio. He quite often enjoyed picking and singing with friends on the porch of the Company Store in Cass. He wrote a song, "Picking On the Porch," which was recorded and is played on the local radio station in Pocahontas County.

James is survived by his children, Jeanne Keegan-Fuhrman; Denise Burns, and husband, John; Eric D. Elza and Nicole L. Elza-Parker; step-son, Duane Weddle; brother, Leo Neven Elza, and wife, Jolene; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will greatly miss him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marion Maxine Moore Elza; a son, Dwaine Elza; and step-son, John Weddle; twin baby daughters, Angel and Jessica; an infant great-grandchild, Nevada Elza; brothers, Everette (infant) and Roy Elza; and sisters, Jesse Sharp and Carolyn Fitzgerald.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the Community Center at Cass.

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# Monongahela National Forest prescribed burns

Monongahela National Forest staff plan to conduct prescribed burns and pile burns in Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Grant and Pendleton counties this fall and winter, weather permitting. These treatments will help re-establish fire's natural role in the forest ecosystem, improve forest health and wildlife habitat and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires.

Prescribed burns and pile burns planned for the north zone of the national forest include:

- Guinn Ridge Prescribed Burn, 1,462 acres, Pocahontas County
- Ramshorn Ridge Prescribed Burn, 1,005 acres, Pocahontas County
- Nursery Bottom Prescribed Burn, 54 acres, Tucker County
- Mower-Glover Range Allotment Pile Burn, Pendleton County
- Smokehole-Champ Range Allotment Pile Burn, Grant County

Prescribed burns and pile burns planned for the south zone of the national forest include:

- Rucker Gap Prescribed Burn, 384 acres, Greenbrier

County

- Meadow Creek Unit 1 Prescribed Burn, 139 acres, Greenbrier County
- Meadow Creek Unit 2 Prescribed Burn, 109 acres, Greenbrier County

- Lake Sherwood Dam Prescribed Burn, 4 acres, Greenbrier County
- Marlinton Pile Burn, Pocahontas County

- Gay Sharp Range Allotment Pile Burn, Pocahontas County
- Beale-Hacking Range Allotment Pile burn, Pocahontas County

Each burn area will be closed to the public on the day of the burn and may be closed for several days after to ensure public safety. Signs will be posted on roads near all prescribed burn areas before and during burning. Residents and visitors may see and smell smoke for several days. If you encounter smoke on the highway, slow down, turn on your vehicle's lights and drive appropriately for the conditions.

Prescribed burns are conducted under specific weather conditions and are designed to accomplish predetermined forest manage-

ment goals. Monongahela National Forest follows strict guidelines for conducting prescribed burns, and takes into consideration environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, smoke dispersion and wind. If any environmental conditions are not within limits, the burn will be postponed. County emergency operations centers and local radio stations will be notified when burning begins.

it on top of the closest box until trash falls all over the ground, and he has to spend a lot of time and work cleaning up the mess. He also complained that mattresses are being left at the gates.

# Meet, from page 2

Joseph also said that his company offers a free service which will do the authority's payroll in an emergency if for some reason the Authority's administrative personnel is unable to do it, but they need to apply for that service. The members voted to apply for it.

They also said they are being required to add one more downgradient groundwater monitoring well, and they still need West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WV DEP) approval of a location for that well.

Landfill Manager Chris McComb said they need to jet wash and clean some lines at the landfill, and clean out one of the man-holes there. McComb also said the commercial trash disposal is about the same this month, but there was a slight decline in trash disposal by the public at the landfill. He complained that the public fills up the closest boxes to the entrance of the green box sites but won't walk 10 feet further to the next box, but just keep piling

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The family of Keith "Squeak" Miller would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and family for the love, prayers and support during his illness and passing.

Special thanks to Lantz Funeral Home, Trinity Baptist Church, Pastor David Moore, Gail and Barb Siers and to everyone who called, visited, sent flowers and food. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated during this difficult time.

—Rose, Tom, Janice, Mike, Karen, Dean and families

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**Marlinton United Methodist Church**

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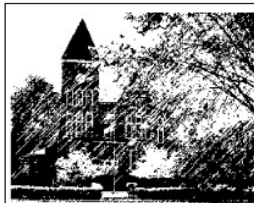
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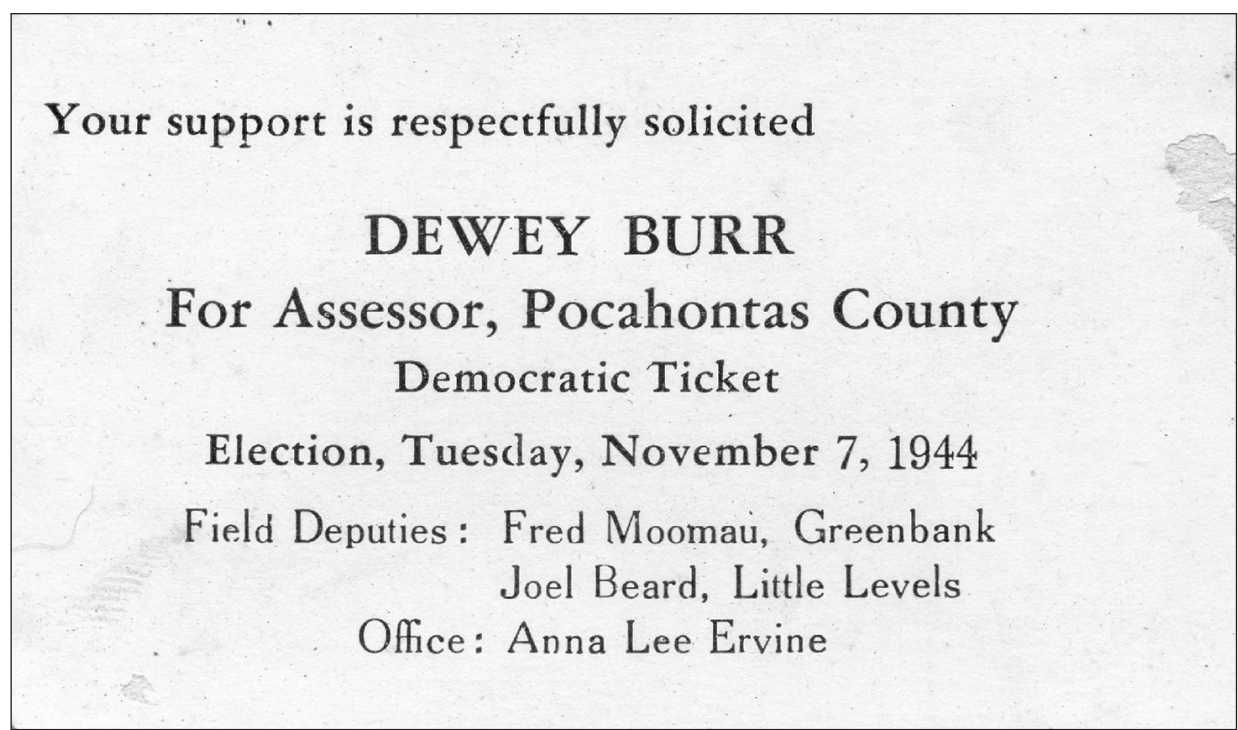
Psalms 25:4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.



# Preserving Pocahontas

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## Dewey Burr Campaign Card - 1944



CAMPAIGN CARD FOR Mr. Dewey Burr, of Beaver Creek Road near Huntersville, W.Va. He was a candidate for Pocahontas County Assessor in the November 1944 Election. (Pearl Carter Ward Collection; ID: PHP001987)

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, November 4, 1948

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. A. C. Barlow, who celebrated her 75th birthday October 20. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Shanahan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barlow and son, Mesdames Robert Gay, Walter Shafer, Reid Moore, Lucy F. Sharp, Porter M. Atkinson, A. R. Gay, Maude Evans, Clyde Baxter, Ivan N. Barlow, Miss Betty Clay Sharp, Patty Shafer, W. A. Barlow, Ronald Evans, Samuel H. Barlow and Clarence Wheeler.

### WEDDING

Miss Mabel Sharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sharp, of Woodrow, and

Lawrence Price, of Marlinton, were united in marriage at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Price, on Saturday, October 9, 1948.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Grimes, of Dunmore, a son, named David Lynn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hansford, of Marlinton, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McCutcheon, a son, named James Oliver.

### DEATHS

John Wesley Walker was born in the Brownsburg community May 7, 1885, and departed this life October 7, 1948, his age was 63 years and 6 months. He was the son of William and Laura Walker... He was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Stewart 43 years ago. To this union were born eight children, six of whom survive: Sam, Lloyd, Early, Guy, Norman and Mary, all at

home.

Two children preceded him in death two years ago... He will be missed by all who knew him. He was always willing to help in any way he could and he would always greet you with a smile, regardless as to how he felt, which would always bring cheer and happiness. His passing has left a vacancy both in the home and in the community...

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Dr. Harvey Winters McNeel, aged 76 years, died at his home in Hillsboro Monday morning, November 4, 1948... The funeral service was held from the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church... His body was laid to rest in the family plot in Oak Grove Cemetery. The deceased was a son of the late Isaac and Nannie Beard McNeel. He married Miss Elizabeth Edgar, who preceded him more than two years since. Their five children are Isaac, Alfred and Paul; Harriet and Dorothy... Thus is noted the passing of one of our most useful and prominent citizens. In the active practice of his profession as a physician for nearly half a century, he literally wore himself out in service

to suffering humanity...

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Mrs. Lula Audrey Bussard Dilley, aged 54 years, died at her home in Marlinton Friday, October 29, 1948... On Sunday afternoon, the funeral was held from the Marlinton Methodist Church... Her body was laid to rest in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Kline Lovelace, Otay Burdette, James McGraw, Norval Pifer, Lee Barlow and Walter Moses. The flower girls were Mrs. L. B. Bumgardner, Jr., Mrs. Odie Clarkson, Mrs. Lee Barlow, Mrs. Anna Thomas, Mrs. Walter Moses, Mrs. Clyde Vallandingham and Miss Leone Moore...

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Mrs. Mildred Beverage McKeever, age 76 years, widow of the late Willis McKeever, of Swago, passed away Monday afternoon, November 1, 1948. The deceased was a daughter of the late Washington and Lydia Adkison. Their son is G. D. McKeever... The funeral was held from the Swago church with burial in the McNeel Cemetery.

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, November 1, 1923

Workman are taking down the old Methodist church. It has been sold to the Brush Flat people for a Union church of the Methodist Protestant and United Brethren congregations.

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There will be a box supper at the Bucks Run School House November 3rd at 8 p.m. Everybody invited to come and have a good time.

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I met up with an old timer the other day. I had heard about him for many years. It was Prof. A. C. Harford of Greenbrier County. For 57 years he has been teaching school and he is still cheerful. This year he has the Crooked Fork School on Elk where he instructs a handful of hopefuls and teaches them to be good citizens, and to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with their

God, as all good teachers are supposed to do...

His first school was in 1866, on Swago. It was during his school that the notable battle over the flag took place. There were some unsubdued Confederate soldiers in that neighborhood and they objected to the surrender. Probably felt that they had not been consulted when Lee surrendered at Appomattox...

### THE HUNTERS

Hark, hark, the dogs do bark, the hunters are leaving the town; some in rags, all with tags, and most in khaki brown.

George W. Sharp, chief deputy game protector of the state, estimates that between 1,500 and 2,000 out of county hunters were in Pocahontas the opening day of the deer seasons. Fully 150 hunters on Spice Run alone. Pocahontas has not experienced a similar armed in-

vasion since Averill's raid in the days of the Civil War.

A hardware dealer estimates his sale of high powered rifle ammunition at 25,000 rounds. Every known make of rifle from the days of Abraham Lincoln to the present has to be provided for. The local dealer could supply all comers until a man brought in a German military gun, some sort of a Minnewherfeur, or letters to that effect, which nothing was found to fit...

### STILL CAPTURED

Captain R. F. Beasley, Deputy United States Marshall, and officers Lincoln Cochran, E. W. Cochran and Clyde Cochran captured a moonshine still and outfit at the William Coulter place on Spice Run last Friday. They arrested Miss Edna Bond, her brother, Frank Bond, and Luther Trimble. The prisoners were before United

States Commissioner A. E. Smith, and were held for the federal grand jury. They were committed to the Summers county jail at Hinton. The outfit consisted of a metal oil barrel of about 20 gallons capacity. The "worm," a straight piece of three quarter iron pipe with a copper lining. About 70 gallons of mash was destroyed. Four or five stone furnaces were found where runs had been made. Corn meal sacks found on the premises showed that the meal had been purchased in Marlinton and Huntersville. The Bonds are from Greenbrier County. Trimble is from Monterey.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harsh at Warwick, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller at Campbelltown, a daughter.



## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, November 1, 1973

Wet snow on Monday and Tuesday, six inches in some places.

### NO "G"

By William Harper

There's a "G" in green  
And a "G" in grass,  
There's a "G" in God  
And a "G" in glass.  
There's a "G" in Washington,  
But there ain't none in Marlinton.  
Yet...  
All the dunces in the country  
Think our town we cannot spell  
And with patronizing smugness  
Insert "G"  
In spite of Hell!

### Don't Miss It

Come out to the big ballgame at the Marlinton Athletic Field.

Just a few of the well-known sports figures to be in the game: Sipping Cider Snyder, Fumbling Fauber, Killer Kelley, Crumbling Cookie, Alcoholic Beverage, Squinty Wint, Jingle Jones, Robin Red Breast, Sexy Sanders, Go-Go Gaughlin, Percalé Sheets, Flash Wooddell, Arms Liggett, Barndoor Barnisky, Ruff Cuff, Smarty Marty, Wiggle Waggy, Foxy Hunter, Sassy Massi, Flaming Fleming, Fading Back With-

ers, Bull Dog Barker, Bomber Bombaugh, Sports Carr, Stone Face Jackson, Medi-Care-Mac, Bubbling Bee, Kill Roy, Loudly Barksdale, Able Mabel and Scary Mary. Game is to be played under new rules, lots of fun for everyone. Come out and support your team. Benefit of Marlinton Elementary School and football team.

### Junior High Football

The power running of fullback Ronnie Dean carried the Marlinton Copperheads to their fourth straight win of the season as they downed a strong Green Bank team 28-6.

Marlinton opened the scoring when Ronnie Dean took the opening kick-off and ran 65 yards for the first touchdown.

Halfback Eddie Beverage scored the second touchdown, which gave Marlinton a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

During the second quarter, Larry Ryder added another touchdown.

The halftime score was 22-0.

In the third quarter, Ronnie Dean powered his way across the goal line for his second touchdown of the night.

Green Bank scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter to bring the final score to 28-6...

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, November 3, 1898

George W. McClintic, of Charleston, arrived last Thursday and visited his mother. He arranged a hunting trip in Bath and left Monday with L. M. and H. H. McClintic and Andrew Price. They expected to be joined by Judge Guthrie and Captain John K. Thomson at the camp.

### A HARDTACK SOCIAL

Marlinton had its first Tacky Party, or poverty social, last Wednesday night, and they do say it were amazin' to see all the swells the beaux and belles of the town rigged out in their ancient finery without regard for the style, color or previous condition of servitude of their festive apparel.

When the hospitable doors of Mrs. E. D. King's residence were thrown open and the "dressed up tacks" ambled grandly through the hall, the shrieks of laughter from the assembled spectators would have assured the most doubting that "there's life in the old town yet," - after early candle litin' anyway.

A prize had been offered to the most tacky young lady, also to the young gentleman who should most successfully act his part, and the competition was very keen and close. After one game of Weevily-Wheat,

which had to be seen to be appreciated, the lady judges made an effort to decide, but were unsuccessful. Another game was played - Stealing Partners this time - and then each judge gave up her of-fing in despair. Another judge was appointed who at last decided that for all around tackeyism, Miss Goldie Yeager and Mr. J. D. Pullin would take the prize, which they proceeded to do, a cookbook and a cigar case, respectively. After this the party broke up, each one declaring he had never seen the like - no never...

### TOP OF ALLEGHANY

Buffalo Mountain school opened Monday with Miss Sallie McLaughlin in charge. J. E. Lunsford and Lewis Simmons are off to Horton in search of a job.

The chestnut crop up here is immense, and the swine fat will be plentiful.

G. B. Bradshaw has returned from Randolph where he has been buying and shipping sheep.

W. H. Freeman and David Hiner have been at Hutonsville for some time arranging a livery stable. Money makes the mare go.

The man who has been singing for Col. John T. McGraw and camping on Fork mountain, broke up camp and left for market Monday. ~ Sassafras Jim

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

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

**First Publication Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023**  
**Claim Deadline: Monday, December 25, 2023**

ESTATE NUMBER: 14545  
ESTATE OF: **RALPH WATSON BECKWITH**  
EXECUTOR: Larry W. Rodgers  
2334 Roby Road  
Maysville, WV 26833-7617

ESTATE NUMBER: 14559  
ESTATE OF: **MARY JO FISHER**  
ADMINISTRATOR: William B. Fisher  
205 Sheets Lane  
Marlinton, WV 24954-5818

ESTATE NUMBER: 14565  
ESTATE OF: **THOMAS WAYNE VANREENEN**  
EXECUTRIX: Linda Sue VanReenen  
758 Denmar Road  
Hillsboro, WV 24946-8502

ESTATE NUMBER: 14567  
ESTATE OF: **SHIRLEY ANN WILFONG**  
ADMINISTRATRIX: Leslie L. Gibson  
28485 Seneca Trail  
Slaty Fork, WV 26291-9071

ESTATE NUMBER: 14570  
ESTATE OF: **LARRY ALLEN MATHENY**  
EXECUTRIX: Rhonda Oscar  
689 Violet Road  
Marlinton, WV 24954-5934

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

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Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2022-2698. \$ 171.83  
Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00  
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 211.00  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 836.76  
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00  
**Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$ 1,587.44**  
You may redeem at any time before March 22, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

**Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 1. Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Question, please call 1-888-509-6568**

Given under my hand October 24, 2023.  
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.  
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia.  
11/2/23

**NOTICE OF REDEMPTION**

2022-C-000035- Pocahontas County – WVTA, LLC  
**To: JACKIE SAMPLES, TEDDY SAMPLES, JACKIE SAMPLES, TEDDY SAMPLES, MARY BETH SAMPLES, MARY SAMPLES, TEDDY SAMPLES, MARY BETH SAMPLES, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT**, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT: GREEN BANK MAP: 28 PARCEL 0027 0000 0000**  
You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Certificate No.: 2022-C-000035, located in GREEN BANK DISTRICT, BRUSHY LICK RUN 2.5 AC, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name SAMPLES JACKIE & TEDDY.** and was sold by the Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 11, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 23, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 22, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-9256.  
\$ 219.26

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS**

Pro se Petitioner 10/26/23  
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00  
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2022-9266. \$ 124.19  
Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00  
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 211.00  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 909.94  
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00  
**Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$ 1,464.39**  
You may redeem at any time before March 22, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

**Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 1 Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Question, please call 1-888-509-6568**

Given under my hand October 24, 2023.  
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.  
Deputy Commissioner Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia  
11/2/23

**NOTICE OF REDEMPTION**

2022-C-000018- Pocahontas County – WVTA, LLC  
**To: JEFFREY RAINES, PATRICIA RAINES, KIMBERLY GOLDMAN, ILENE GOLDMAN, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT**, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT: EDRAV MAP: 8L PARCEL 0001 0026 0000**  
You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Certificate No.: 2022-C-000018, located in EDRAV DISTRICT, LEATHERBARK CONDO 205B, .02009% INT. in 2.89 AC, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the names of RAINES JEFFERY H & PATRICIA A.,** and was sold by the Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 11, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 23, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 22, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-4304.  
\$ 1,044.72  
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00  
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2022-2237. \$ 585.90  
Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00  
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 211.00  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 864.37  
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00  
**Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$ 2,705.99**  
You may redeem at any time before March 22, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

**Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 1 Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Question, please call 1-888-509-6568**

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11/2/23

**Advertising Deadline is Monday at noon. Call 304-799-4973**

**Pocahontas Producers REGULAR SALE Saturday, November 11 2 p.m.**  
For more information, please call PPCA Mgr. Sherry Sullenberger, 540-499-2718, or the WVU Extension Office at 304-799-4852.

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**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year and 500-year Floodplain**

**To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals**

This is to give notice that the Responsible Entity under Part 58 (Pocahontas County Commission) has determined that the following proposed action under HUD Community Development Block Grant and 21CDBG0012 is located in the 100-year and 500-year floodplain, and the Pocahontas County Commission will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

**The proposed project is located in Marlinton, Pocahontas County at 26 5th Avenue. The former Pocahontas County Board of Education Building is a two-story structure with a footprint of approximately 12,400 square feet. The project will include the complete tear down of the structure, removal of debris, and the area to be graded to allow for future use.**

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

**Written comments must be received by the Pocahontas County Commission at the following address on or before Friday, November 17, 2023:** Region 4 Planning & Development Council, 885 Broad Street, Suite 100, Summersville, WV 26651 and (304) 872-4970 ext. 303, Attention: Walt Helmick, President.

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the same address listed above or 900 10th Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954. Comments may also be submitted via email at miehman@reg4wv.org.  
Region 4 Planning and Development Council  
11/2/1c

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**Answers**

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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.

Pocahontas County Commission  
Walt Helmick, President  
10/26/2c



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**FOR SALE** - Complete Taylor outdoor stove. 304-799-4933. 11/2/2p

**FOR SALE** - Wood for outside wood stove. 304-653-4305. If no answer, leave message. 11/2/1p

**LIVESTOCK FOR SALE** - Two replacement heifers and two young bred cows. Ginseng Angus, Blue Grass, Virginia. 540-474-5137. 10/26/2c

**FOR SALE** - Hulled wheat seeds, Lucille Emmer. May tolerate late planting better than others. \$3.49 per pound. 304-456-4255. 10/12/4p

### AUTO SERVICE

**Auto Value Parts Store, Durbin.** Inspections, tires, parts, mechanic on site. 304-456-4505 or www.varners.net. 9/7/fwmp

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General auto repair, tires, alignment, state inspections, towing. **F & F Service Center, LLC.** 304-799-6431. 1/6/fwmp

**Tom's Garage.** Batteries, tires, exhaust, computer diagnostic - American and imports, transmission flush machine, fuel injection cleaning, Jasper engines and transmissions. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekends by appointment. 304-456-3445. 9/14/fwmp

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### FOR RENT

**APARTMENT FOR RENT** - Single bedroom apartment, \$750 per month. Utilities included except phone/Internet/TV. Call 304-456-5357. 11/2/2c

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**HELP WANTED** - Looking for a Correctional Officer job? Testing will be offered at the Denmar Correctional Center, Hillsboro, WV, on a daily basis. Interested parties should contact Human Resources at the facility at 304-653-4201 to schedule an appointment. 1/19/fwmp

### HOUSES AND REAL ESTATE

**LAND FOR SALE** - 18 acres, near Greenbrier River. \$150,000. Contact dwcourtiswv@gmail.com or 304-651-2211. 10/19/3p

**HOUSES AND REAL ESTATE** - Huntersville, Brushy Mountain Road, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, modular home, fully furnished, on +/-1.5 acres, barn, outbuildings, large rear deck, central heat and air. \$325,000. Call 304-844-2327. 11/2/2p

**WANTED** - Secluded acreage, cabin or house in Pocahontas County. Reasonable/cash. 252-675-3869. 11/2/fwmp

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### NOTICES

**NO TRESPASSING/HUNTING** without written permission on the property of Tommy Fuller and the property formerly known as the Johnny Pritt Estate, effective November 2, 2023. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Any other written agreement prior to November 2, 2023 is revoked. 11/2/1p

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### RETAIL

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**Emma Grace Foothills Boutique.** Women's clothing, shoes and accessories. Located in the Green Bank Gallery building. Open Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 10/5/fwmp

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**Sunflower Fabrics, LLC.** 805 Second Avenue, Marlinton. 681-318-0767. Monday - Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Quilting fabrics, notions and thread. 10/5/fwmp

**The Mtn. Shop,** 600 Wesley Chapel Road, Green Bank. Home décor, antiques and locally crafted gifts. Local honey, maple syrup, coffee, baked goods. Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 240-217-4303. Find us on Facebook. 6/1/fwmp

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**Deutsch Mountaineer Knife Sharpening.** 216 Burr Lane, Green Bank. \$5 per knife or household shears. Drop off anytime, pick up the next day. 304-456-3368. garyweb29@hotmail.com 9/7/fwmp

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### VETERINARIANS

**Frankford Veterinary Hospital** - Marlinton Office. 410 Second Avenue, in Humane Society Building. Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 304-799-6181. Julie Gibson, DVM, and Payton Mann, DVM. Small/Large animals and farm calls. 6/1/fwmp

**Pocahontas Veterinary Services.** Stacy Tawney, DVM. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. 150 Carl McCarty Road, 4.2 miles north on Rt. 28 from Huntersville intersection, on right. Small/large animals. We do farm calls. 304-799-6803. 9/7/fwmp

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**WANTED TO BUY** - Ginseng and other roots and herbs. Fridays, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at IGA, Marlinton. New River Trading. 1-855-SENG-MAN. 9/21/fwmp

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- Effectively gather user stories and develop solutions using existing systems as well as evaluate and propose new systems as needed to meet the evolving needs of the District.
- Ensure all systems meet the relevant government requirements and industry best practices.
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**Box, from page 3**

doll by placing it back in the box and sealing it with wax again.

Becky faxed Rachel a Creole curse from someone she knew outside New Orleans. If this bit of theater were to be convincing to Clifton, they would have to put a personal item from Darcy Adder in the box before sealing it.

With no Adders still living in the area, they would have to exhume his coffin.

On a chilly November evening, the Schumachers, shovels in hand, made a midnight visit to Adder's overgrown and neglected grave near Beartown State Park.

Digging fast, they soon hit the coffin lid. When opened, they gasped when they saw a bare skeleton; Adder must have been buried naked. Why bother dressing a corpse nobody wants to see?

Rachel noticed a large gold ring on the middle finger of Adder's right hand. She carefully slid it off the finger, and the three passed it around. No one had ever seen anything like it.

A monstrous skull protruded out from bizarre symbols and unearthly creatures. Inside the ring were the initials DA. Roger was especially intrigued by the object and kept examining it.

Before daylight, the Schumacher family gathered in the living room to reenter the clay devil and its ring into the wooden box. All went well, and finally, Rachel said, "OK, what do we do with it now?"

Clifton replied, "It should be placed where no one will ever find it. I don't want it to be here on the farm or anywhere in the county."

Roger volunteered to bury the wooden box deep in a national forest near his home in Pittsburgh.

**When bad things happen to bad people.**

Behind their backs, Roger had set in motion an appeal to obtain legal guardianship of his father. He intended to use Clifton's claims about demon dolls to guarantee he would be placed in a nursing home and the children would have control over his assets and the farm.

Roger felt that once his father was out of the farmhouse and in assisted living, Rachel would see the error of her ways and agree to sell the farm. His rationalization for this absurdity was that dear old dad would get the help he needed.

Roger packed up and left late the next day, saying, "Well, guys, it's spitting snow, so I better get on the road." The Schumachers said their goodbyes and off went the wooden box in Roger's back seat.

He didn't get far before he found himself thinking about Adder's ring. "That ring would fetch a pretty penny," Roger imagined, "but a voodoo doll with provenance might garner a fortune."

"Besides," he rationalized, "this whole voodoo drama was just an act to appease an old man who is losing his mental faculties."

As Roger drove up Little Mountain, the snow began coming down harder. By the time he crested the mountain, it was a whiteout. Driving slowly, he finally came upon a forest service road and pulled in.

After an hour, the snow was still coming down hard. Roger tried to open the driver's door and found it blocked by snow. He had a collapsible shovel in the trunk. He rolled down the window and crawled out.

He fumbled with the keys, dropping them in the snow. "Damn", he thought, "I am obviously not going to get out of here now, and I can't even run the heater in the car."

Crawling back in the car through the window, he sat

there, lamenting his situation. The dreaded gloom of darkness closing in around his vehicle.

He thought he heard a strange sound coming from the back seat and turned to look at the wooden box. What he saw made his blood run cold—the box was open, and the ring and doll were gone.

Roger was terrified and frantically tried to think his situation through, but he was beginning to panic. He finally dozed off, awakening to someone tapping on his window.

"Thank God," he shouted, "Help is here."

Roger could not open the door, but he could roll down the window. The figure standing outside was very tall and towered over him. Roger craned his neck out the window but could still not see his face.

Roger asked his rescuer if he could pull him out of the car. There was no answer, but after a few seconds of silence, a massive hand reached into the vehicle, roughly grasping him by the arm. Roger must have felt sheer terror when he saw the demonic ring on the middle finger of the right hand.

We will never know the details of his disappearance. A Forest Service employee found Roger's snow-bound car several days after the blizzard ended. Nothing was found in the car but a strange wooden box.

We can only speculate as to Roger's last words and thoughts.

And, what about the malevolent and vengeful soul of Darcy Adder; where does it now reside? Soon after Roger's disappearance, citizens of Pocahontas County began reporting seeing glimpses of Darcy here and there, and always in the deepest of shadows.

Keep an eye out and have a Happy Halloween,

Ken Springer  
ken1949bongo@gmail.com

**Mayor's, from page 2**

dated structures, were all identified as concerns during the comprehensive plan process.

Before the Comprehen-

sive Plan was finally adopted in August 2019, the Town had already hired a part-time officer. From memory, the Town has hired approximately five other officers since then, and we are without an officer now.

Why? Because we do not have

the budget to support "what we say we want to do!"

Hence – the reason for the ordinance.

Hence – the reason for the monthly fee.

The issue will be discussed at the November meeting.

**Meta, from page 2**

While much of the complaint relies on confidential material that is not yet available to the public, publicly available sources including those previously released by former Meta employees detail that Meta profited by purposely making its platforms addictive to children and teens. Its platform algorithms push users into descending "rabbit holes" in an effort to maximize engagement. Features like infinite scroll and near-constant alerts were created with the express goal of hooking young users.

These manipulative tactics continually lure children and teens back onto the platform.

As Aza Raskin, the original developer of the infinite scroll concept, noted to the BBC about the feature's ad-

dictive qualities: "If you don't give your brain time to catch up with your impulses...you just keep scrolling."

Meta knew these addictive features harmed young people's physical and mental health, including undermining their ability to get adequate sleep, but did not disclose the harm nor did they make meaningful changes to minimize the harm. Instead, they claimed their platforms were safe for young users.

These lawsuits are the result of a bipartisan, nationwide investigation—all the attorneys general in the country have worked together since 2021 to investigate Meta for providing and promoting its social media platforms to children and young adults while its use is associated with physical and mental health harms. While some states have pursued litigation in state court and oth-

ers in collective federal action, the attorneys general will continue to work together as the litigation continues.

Morrisey joined the federal lawsuit with Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. Florida is filing its own federal lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Filing lawsuits in their own state courts are the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah and Vermont.

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**DONNA LIDEL-BURLEY, FNP**  
Donna joined the Rural Health Clinic in 2013. She is a West Virginia native and attended Marshall University and Mount Carmel College of Nursing. Donna previously worked at Ohio State University Medical Center, specifically with The James Cancer Center.



**KAREN MELTON, FNP**  
Karen has worked in the Rural Health Clinic since 2019. She received a Master's of Science Degree from King College in Bristol, Tennessee, and has a background in family practice, having previously worked at Mountain City Medical Center in Mountain Center, Tennessee.



**J. COPLEY, PA-C**  
"J" is a Richwood native and received his training and degree as a Physician's Assistant from Beckley College. J worked at Richwood Hospital and Summersville Hospital ER for a combined total of 19 years, and also worked at the former Richwood Family Practice. He has worked in the Rural Health Clinic since 2021.



**VALARIE MONICO, PA-C**  
Valarie is a Pocahontas County native. She graduated from Alderson-Broaddus College in 2008 and has been practicing medicine as a Certified Physician's Assistant in Pocahontas County ever since. She has been the primary care provider for our Snowshoe Clinic since its 2020 opening, and also works monthly in the RHC.



**PAM EDENS, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC**  
Pam became a Registered Nurse in 1985 before going on to receive a Master's Degree as well as Doctorate Degree in Nursing Practice. She has worked as a family medicine provider since 2001 and joined our staff in 2023. Pam is our Hillsboro Clinic provider and also works in the RHC.



**JILL COCHRAN, PHD, APRN-BC, FNP**  
Jill is an Associate Professor at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, a position she has held since 2010. She has been a well-known and much loved Pediatric Family Nurse Practitioner in the Greenbrier Valley for more than 20 years and recently joined the RHC staff in 2023.

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## BOE, from page 2

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Hollandsworth told Walker he needed to have a conversation with Duane Gibson, director of maintenance, to further discuss his concerns.

In financial management, the board approved:

- Payment of vendor listing, payment of local government purchasing card, employee payroll, extra duty pay for the month of September 2023, bank reconciliation for the month of August 2023, grant awards, budget adjustments and carry over accounts.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved:

- Memorandum of Understanding between School Days LLC, of Pocahontas County and the Pocahontas County Board of Education offering a service agreement to provide preschool services for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Memorandum of Understanding between Schools Days LLC and the Pocahontas County Board of Education for food nutrition.

- Memorandum of Understanding between WVU Board of Governors on behalf of WVU and its College of Applied Human Sciences, School of Education and Pocahontas County Schools.

- Memorandum of Understanding between Grow Your Own West Virginia Pathway to Teaching and Pocahontas County Schools for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Approval for the robotics team to travel overnight on the following dates, to compete in VEX Robotics Competition. All funding from Pocahontas County High School STEM Club: November 10-11, Brooke High School; January 19-20, 2024, Ripley High School; February 16-17, 2024, WVU; and pending qualification, March 9-10, 2024, West Virginia States in Fairmont.

- Accept the settlement for Altria – vaping lawsuit – minus the attached fees.

- Parent and community volunteers.

In personnel management, the board approved:

- Employment of Kaylea Kelley as head girls basketball coach at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, for the 2023-2024 athletic season, at a supplement of \$1,125.

- Change of effective date for resignation of Jim Weber as teacher of special education, multi-categorical/autism at Marlinton Elementary School, from October 31 to November 1.

- Request to transfer Krysal Sharek Beers as teacher of special education,

multi-categorical/autism at Marlinton Elementary School, effective November 1, for 145 days, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment will be 200 days for each year thereafter.

- Jeanette Wagner as assistant volunteer boys basketball coach for Marlinton Middle School for the 2023-2024 athletic season.

- Employment of James L. McCoy, Jr., as head softball coach for Pocahontas County High School for the 2023-2024 athletic season at a supplement of \$1,125.

- Chloe Schaffner as assistant volunteer girls basketball coach for Pocahontas County High School, for the 2023-2024 athletic season.

- Employment of Whitney Beverage and Harriet Faulkner as substitute secretaries/accountants for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum service personnel salary, for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Employment of Noah Pugh as school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum service personnel salary, effective for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, at a term of employment of 162 days, retroactive to October 3. Term of employment shall be 200 days each year thereafter.

- Employment of Mary Sue Burns as part-time classroom instructional support coach for Pocahontas County Schools at \$25 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000, funded by Title IV, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Employment of Ronald Plaughter and Thomas Denison of substitute teachers for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic professional salary, based on degree and experience, for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed.

- Creation of position extra-curricular school bus operator for gifted program, \$60 per day, as needed, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

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Corn became such an integral part of the colonial frontier that, besides for food, it was also used as game pieces and to count votes in ballot boxes.

Items like door mats, horse collars, rope, sleeping mats, dolls, some shoes and even beds and chairs would be made out of the corn husks. Dried cobs were made into darts, burned as fuel or for smoking meats.

Although it has been said that ornamental corn is not edible, Indian corn is 100 percent edible and has a delicious diversity of colors and flavors which are not

## 75, from page 7

She was a teacher for 36 years and her service in Pocahontas County included positions at Cass, Dunmore, Minnehaha Springs and Marlinton Grade School... The funeral was held from the Minnehaha Springs Methodist Church, with interment beside her husband in the cemetery at Doe Hill.

John George Beard, aged 54 years, died of injuries sustained in an automobile wreck. On Sunday afternoon, his body was laid to rest in the Arbovale Cemetery... The deceased was a son of the late J. Winters and Alice Walkup Beard, of Renick... For the past several years he had been station agent for the C & O Railway at Marlinton.

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Mrs. Elva Jones Wilson, aged 75, passed away quietly in her sleep October 25, 1948 at her home in Minnehaha Springs. Born at Doe Hill, Virginia, she was a daughter of the late Dr. H. H. and Jemima Eagle Jones...

## BOE, from page 2

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## Calendar, from page 4

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**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.

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**THANKSGIVING SERVICE**  
Community Thanksgiving Service

## Letter, from page 4

I do not know why Mr. McElwee did not mention the Opera House in his piece. He may be unaware of all that takes place there.

**ing Service**, hosted by Marlinton United Methodist Church, Sunday, November 19, 6 p.m. Pastor David Moore, speaker.

**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 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

Considering that the opera house does not receive nearly as much coverage in statewide media as it deserves, perhaps this is not surprising.

I would like to invite Mr. McElwee and anyone else who might be unfamiliar with the opera house to look

at the website, pocahontasoperahouse.org, attend a performance and learn what the opera house was involved in during the COVID pandemic, namely *The Story Sessions*.

Sincerely,  
Douglas H. Bernier  
Marlinton

## Cookin', from page 4

**Flan**

3 1/2 cups milk  
1/2 cup whipping cream  
1 cup sugar  
1 cinnamon stick  
8 extra large eggs or 10 large eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

For caramel:  
2/3 cup sugar  
1/4 cup water

In a saucepan, combine milk, cream, sugar and cinnamon stick. Scald over medium heat, stirring frequently. Remove from heat, cover and let stand 30 minutes.

For the caramel, combine the sugar and water in a small, heavy saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, then simmer until the syrup begins to color. Do not stir. When the syrup is a deep golden brown, dip the base of the pan in cold water to stop the cooking process. Quickly pour the caramel syrup into a 2 1/2 quart casserole or mold and tilt to coat the bottom evenly.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Reheat the milk mixture just to warm up. Remove the cinnamon stick. In a large bowl, combine the eggs and vanilla and mix together. Pour the milk mixture over the egg mixture,

stirring constantly. Place the caramel coated mold in a large baking dish and add just enough hot water to come about 2" up the mold. Pour the egg mixture through a strainer into the mold. Cover with foil. Bake until custard is set, 50-60 minutes. Let cool in the water bath, then refrigerate at least 4 hours.

To unmold: run a knife around the the inside of the mold. Place an inverted plate on top and flip over to release the flan. Scrape any remaining caramel onto the flan. Serve cold.

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**GREEN BANK ELEMENTARY-Middle School student Noah Sharp, center, won the Durbin Lions Club Peace Poster Contest and his winning design will move on to the District 29C contest for judging. Sharp is shown here with assistant principal Chloe Schaffner and Durbin Lions Club president John Jenkins, who presented the \$50 prize to him. Photo courtesy of Kay Blackshire**

## Sharp wins Peace Poster Contest

Noah Sharp, of Dunmore, participated in the 2023-24 Lions International Peace Poster Contest. The theme of the contest was Dare to Dream. The Durbin Lion's Club sponsored the contest for all

students at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, ages 11 to 13. President Lion John Jenkins presented a \$50 check to Noah. Noah's winning poster will be advancing to Lions District 29C for the next

level of judging. The contest is an opportunity for a student to think about peace and creatively express what it means to them by sharing their unique vision of the world. Noah is the son of Arthur and Kristine Sharp.

## School Menus

November 6 – 10

**Monday:** Pretzel with cheese and fruit. Hot ham and cheese, vegetarian beans, California blend vegetables, cookie and fruit cup.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast pizza and fruit. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green

beans and fruit. **Wednesday:** Fruit and cream waffle dunkers. Pizza, garden salad, corn and fruit. **Thursday:** Fruit strudel, yogurt and fruit. Chicken Alfredo with broccoli, bread stick, carrots and fruit. **Friday:** Veterans Day observed. No school.

## History, from page 7

### A Chrysanthemum Wedding

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was that of John A. Moore to Miss Vesta V. Hannah, October 20, 1898, at Trinity church in Frost. The bride and groom presented themselves before Rev. D. C. Hedrick, who united them in the holy bonds of matrimony...

The bride was beautifully attired in white silk. The bride's maids were dressed in lavender flowered organdie, and the maid of honor in white organdie over pink. The bride and bride's maids carried large bouquets of white chrysanthemums...

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### DEATHS

Mrs. Margie Wolfe Wilfong, 74, of Marlinton; she was preceded in death by her husband, Seebert Wilfong... Funeral service was held from the Central Union Methodist Church, with burial in the Wilfong Cemetery...

Mrs. Mabel Smith, 86, of Spencer; born at Onoto, she was a daughter of the late George and Margaret Cassell Baxter... Funeral service was held from the VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Imogene May Bogan, 41, of Bacova, Virginia; born at Minnehaha Springs, a daughter of G. E. and Ollie Ryder May, of Hot Springs. Funeral service was held from the Eden United Methodist Church near Bacova. Burial in the Jacob Creek Cemetery near Starr Chapel.

Hubert Dale Geiger, 49, of Marlinton, a son of Mrs. Maude Geiger, of Beckley and the late Gebhart Geiger... He was a veteran of World War II... Funeral service was held from the VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Geiger Cemetery at Stony Bottom.

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