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## Shaw moves up the ranks at PCSC, Inc.

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

**J**ohn Simmons retired earlier in the fall from his position as director of Pocahontas County Senior Citizens, Inc., after decades of service.

When it came time to find a replacement, the organization looked inward and found its new director in employee Kayla Shaw, who has been with PCSC for five years.

"At first, it was to be a cook," Shaw said of her first job with the organization. "I enjoy cooking, and I was the head cook here for about a year. I enjoyed going out and sitting with the seniors. Then the site coordinator position came open and, with that position, I was able to actually focus my time on doing crafts and getting to know the seniors better."

"I really enjoyed that," she added.



KAYLA SHAW BECAME the director of Pocahontas County Senior Citizens, Inc. following the retirement of former director John Simmons. S. Stewart photo

Shaw then moved on to be the nutrition coordinator and then the fiscal officer before becoming director.

Having the experience of so many of the positions within the organization – plus, working with John Simmons for the past five

## Let's talk turkey

Laura Dean Bennett  
Staff Writer

**F**or generations of Americans, Thanksgiving means – it's time for turkey.

So intertwined are the two that the thought of having Thanksgiving dinner without a turkey taking its prideful place on the table is practically sacrilegious.

Our children labor over all manner of turkey arts and craft projects at school, many of which are proudly displayed by their parents as Thanksgiving décor and table decorations on the big day.

Turkey salt and pepper shakers, china, meat platters, napkins and paper goods as well as greeting cards are on sale even before Halloween. Heaven forfend that we should not have a house full of this classic symbol of Thanksgiving.



ACCORDING TO A national poll, in nine out of ten households, Thanksgiving wouldn't be Thanksgiving without turkey. The tradition dates back quite a while. In 1789, George Washington declared a day of national thanksgiving to be celebrated at home by all Americans. It may be presumed that turkey was on the menu for many of those feasts. In those days, Americans were eating a lot of turkey – so much so that wild turkeys were nearly "hunted out" in some parts of the young country.

The Butterball Hotline reports every year that it is busier than ever with a myriad of questions from worried "chefs" about how to serve the perfect turkey.

Did you ever wonder how turkey became synonymous with Thanksgiving?

It's not because it was the centerpiece of the first Thanksgiving meal in 1621.

The colonists certainly must have hunted wild turkeys, which were abundant in the New World,

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## Wright Brothers used local spruce to become 'first in flight'

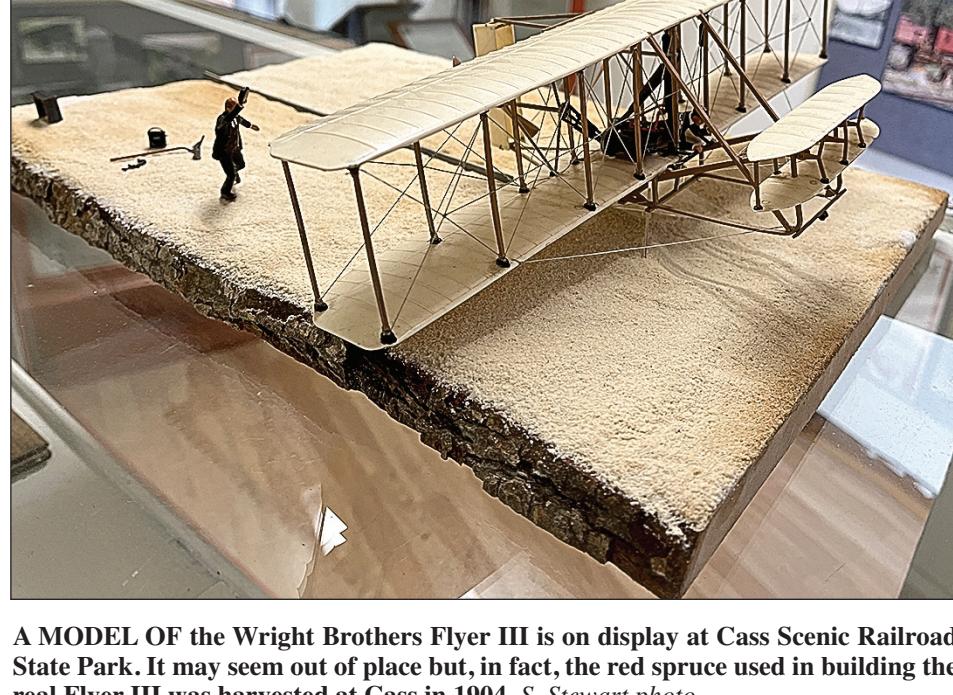
Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

**T**hose who travel to Cass Scenic Railroad State Park know that they are going to learn about the history of the lumber industry and the steam locomotives which are still used today at the tourist attraction.

The museum is filled with artifacts left behind by the woodhicks and families who lived in the area during the timber boom. In the showcase room, you will find an intricately built miniature of the town, complete with trains, company housing and the forest which was filled with red spruce trees.

Among the artifacts and in a glass case near the entrance, is a replica model of the Wright Flyer III, the first plane built by the Wright Brothers to successfully take flight. It is a curious sight to behold at a historic lumber and locomotive town, but when visitors see the photocopy of a letter next to the model, its connection to the area becomes clearer.

The typed letter on a sheet



A MODEL OF the Wright Brothers Flyer III is on display at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park. It may seem out of place but, in fact, the red spruce used in building the real Flyer III was harvested at Cass in 1904. S. Stewart photo

of letterhead paper from the airplane. Wright Cycling Company in Dayton, Ohio, dated March 5, 1904, was addressed to the West Virginia Spruce Lumber Co. In the letter, Wilbur Wright inquires if the company has red spruce that is free of knots and twists which could be used in an

airplane. "They were looking for straight spruce lumber that was free of knots and during that time, it was very hard to find, particularly to the lengths they desired," Cass Superintendent Marshall Markley said. "They reached out to the company to get

that and, of course, there's this letter of exchange. That lumber was part of the Wright Brothers III plane."

The letter reads as follows:

"We are needing about 500 ft. of the finest possible

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## Meet Your County Honor Corps

L. Jay Kniceley  
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# Commission to provide local match for SKSRT's LEAD application

**Tim Walker**  
AMR Reporter

**A**t the November 15 Special Pocahontas County Commission meeting, Jenna Miller, of Spruce Knob/Seneca Rocks Telephone (SKSRT), asked the commission to fund the \$72,500 local match for SKSRT's "Line Extension Advancement and Development" (or LEAD) broadband grant application.

If SKSRT receives approval for this grant, it will provide broadband service to up to 145 addresses located

on North Fork Loop, Lower Murphy Road and Powder Horn Lane in the Durbin area. Miller said the local match amount is based on \$500 per address that would receive the service. The match is 13 percent of the total cost of the project. She emphasized this 13 percent local match is a better deal than most broadband grants which require a 25 percent local match. Miller said that SKSRT has already received approval to use the utility poles which would be needed for this project, and that will speed up the con-

struction of the project, if it is approved.

Mike Holstine and Amanda Smarr both supported Miller's request for commission support on this. Commissioner John Rebinski made the motion to provide the local match, adding that the money should be taken out of the \$200,000 from the county's American Rescue Plan money that the commission had already set aside to pay for local broadband grant matches.

**see LEAD pg 10**

# Manchin talks about voter and party fears of third party candidates

**By David Beard**  
*The Dominion Post*

**T**he *Dominion Post* spoke with Senator Joe Manchin Thursday to learn more about his plan to seek out America's "radical middle" – a term he uses with a chuckle knowing it's an oxymoron – a huge group he says has no one speaking or fighting for it.

The conversation orbited around voter inertia and the fear that a vote for a third-party candidate is essentially a vote for the opposition. Spelling that out: A Republi-

can may not like former President Trump but may vote for him next November anyway, thinking a third-party vote gives the election to Biden; and vice-versa for a Democrat who doesn't care for President Biden.

Manchin acknowledged that scenario. "I think it goes both ways.... People are just fed up, kind of, with both. They don't see any light at the end of the tunnel."

And in Biden's case, "the Democrats are just all wound up about that.... Biden's base is not as strong as Trump's."

He talked about the two candidates' weaknesses and his relationship with both. He said he tried to help Trump succeed during Trump's first two years, to no avail. And while Manchin feels the first impeachment was mishandled and doomed – he unsuccessfully pushed to just censure Trump – in the second one, based on the January 6 insurrection, guilt was more cut and dried.

"The facts were overwhelming that he did what he was accused of."

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## 911 Center Report

Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Michael O'Brien provided the following report of calls received by the 911 Center during the month of October.

The 578 calls were as follows:

### Nature of Call/ Total Calls Received

911 ABD, open, hang-up – 24

Abandoned vehicle – 3

Accidental dial – 3

Agency assistance – 2

Law, animal control – 16

Assault – 1

Assault/battery – 1

Accident with injuries – 4

Auto accident – 14

Law, breaking and entering – 10

Law, BOLO – 4

Fire, brush – 1

CAD (computer aided dispatch) – 5

Child neglect/abuse – 1

Law, citizen assist/non-emergency – 31

Controlled burn – 3

Counterfeiting – 1

Destruction of property – 2

DNR, violation complaint – 5

DOA/unattended death – 2

Law, domestic – 7

Law, drug complaint – 1

DVP violation – 3

Fire, alarm elevator – 23

Alarm, fire – 1

Fire, non-emergency – 1

Law, fraud – 3

Law, funeral detail – 1

Law, general alarm – 8

Law, shots fired – 5

Highway traffic hazard – 8

Info – 1

Information/notice – 40

Law, criminal investigation – 8

Law, general complaint – 66

Law, lost/found property – 1

EMS, medical – 80

Fire, medical alarm – 1

Law, mental Hygiene – 2

Missing/overdue person – 2

Motor vehicle crash – 1

Law, paper service – 3

EMS, patient transfer – 29

Fire, secure landing zone – 11

Fire, smoke investigation – 1

EMS, stand-by – 12

Fire, structure – 2

Fire, suspicious odor – 2

System test – 7

Test call – 1

Theft of property or items – 5

Law, traffic complaint – 7

Law, traffic stop – 61

Transferred to other agency – 1

EMS, trauma – 11

Law, trespassing – 3

Fire, vehicle – 3

VIN verification – 2

Law, warrant service – 7

Law, welfare check – 10

DNR, wildlife management – 4

# BOE gets special performance from PCHS band

**Suzanne Stewart**  
Staff Writer

**T**he November 14 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting may have been at Marlinton Middle School for the Local School Improvement Council meeting, but the afternoon was filled with Warrior Pride as the Pocahontas County High School band performed for the board.

The band has gained a lot of notoriety this year due to the core nine members taking control and leading the band themselves in the ab-

sence of a director. The students shared their story with the board and talked about what they have been working on this semester.

Band sponsor Casey Griffith said the students received a visit from first PCHS band director Charlie Fauber, who made himself at home in his former classroom and spent time with the band.

"Mr. Fauber came and visited them," she said. "He was the very first band director, so he was here for the beginning of the band. He wanted to bring them Christmas music. He just

**see BOE pg 9**

## Circuit Court

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

Landon Gibson, 20, of Buckeye, tendered a written plea agreement to the court wherein he pleaded guilty to new misdemeanor information filed that day of receiving or transferring stolen goods. The state asked that an additional case be dismissed in its entirety with prejudice. Gibson is to enter Anchor Point inpatient drug treatment November 27. Bond was set at \$5,000 personal recognizance. Bond will be effective only upon a bed being available at Anchor Point. Gibson was remanded to custody. Sentencing and disposition is set for January 3, 2024.

Brian Michael Mason, 35, of Hillsboro, has been accepted into the drug court program. A plea agreement is in the works and will be submitted to the court shortly. Defense counsel asked for bond to be set to allow the defendant to be released to home confinement upon completion of the program at Anchor Point, while waiting to attend drug court. Upon completion of the Anchor Point program, Mason

will immediately self-report to the home confinement program. He is to have no contact with the victim in this case.

A four-day jury trial is set for February 6, 2024, in the case the State vs Skylar Tincher, 24, of Buckeye. Tincher was indicted on one count malicious assault; one count, attempted murder; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

A jury trial is set for February 20, 2024 in the case the State vs Ross Benedict, 37, of Marlinton. The court denied a defense motion to suppress evidence. Benedict waived his right to a speedy trial in this term of court. Benedict was indicted by the August 2022 Grand Jury on one count, burglary; and one count, destruction of property.

In the case the State vs Virginia Hall, 41, of Hillsboro, defense counsel advised the court that plea negotiations are being discussed and a resolution may be near.

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## Mon Forest makes history providing two Christmas trees to the nation

This year, Monongahela National Forest had the honor of providing Christmas trees to two iconic federal buildings in Washington, D.C.—the U.S. Capitol and the White House.

A 40-foot Norway spruce was delivered to the White House Tuesday, November 14, to serve as the 2023 National Christmas Tree in collaboration with the National Park Service. This is the first time the USDA Forest Service and National Park Service has partnered to provide the National Christmas Tree at the White House. The Norway spruce was harvested from the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District.

The tree is located on the Ellipse at The White House and President's Park and can be viewed by the public beginning December 2. The National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place November 30 in President's Park in Washington, D.C. Tickets are required. Learn more at the National Park Service's website.

Monongahela National Forest also delivered the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, a 63-foot Norway spruce, to the U.S. Capitol November 17, wrapping up

a two-week tour around West Virginia and surrounding states. The tree was harvested from the Greenbrier Ranger District.

Each year a different national forest provides what is known as the People's Tree, a tradition since 1970. The U.S. Capitol tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for November 28 at 5 p.m. at the U.S. Capitol. Tickets are not required, and it is open to the public. Learn more about the history of the ceremony at the Architect of the Capitol's website.

"Supplying these Christmas Trees to the White House and the U.S. Capitol marks a significant moment for Monongahela National Forest, and we are honored for these trees to be featured in our nation's most iconic holiday displays," Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran said.

"Christmas trees, adorned with the spirit of the state of West Virginia and Monongahela National Forest, will serve as a symbol of unity and joy during the holiday season."

Learn more about Monongahela National Forest at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> and follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>

## Thanksgiving and Thanksiving

By Dawn Reed

**W**hen our pastor, Steve Rice, preached a sermon about "Thanks-living" instead of "Thanks-giving" decades ago, I teased him mercilessly. We were dear friends; it's what friends do. It was "Happy Thanksiving" this and "Happy Thanksiving" that. (I wasn't nearly as mature as I am now.) I worked the word "Thanksiving" into every conversation.

In his sermon, he suggested that instead of a day of Thanksgiving, followers of Christ should live a life of Thanksgiving. Guess what. It stuck.

Instead of waiting until the fourth Thursday of November to be thankful, we should thank the Lord every day, all year long for the blessings He bestows. He is good, you know.

Some mornings I like to go through the alphabet making a list of all the things God is. I can start with the letter A-amazing, B-beautiful, C-caring... He is kind (the letter K). He is gracious (G).

He is merciful (M). Around Thanksgiving, I also make an alphabetical list of things I'm thankful for. It gets me started and then explodes.

All through the Bible, men spoke and wrote about being thankful. When the ark of the LORD was brought to Jerusalem, David gushed,

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on His Name, make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to

Him, sing praise to Him, tell of all His wonderful acts." (I picture him dancing a little.)

Psalm 136 was a written history of victories God had given the people of Israel. It begins, "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the LORD of lords: His love endures forever."

After meeting Jesus, the Apostle Paul lived a life of thanksgiving. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17. Paul challenged the church of Thessalonica – and believers everywhere – to "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances..." That's every day.

Paul knew a thing or two about "all circumstances."

He had been flogged, mocked, criticized, shipwrecked, in danger in the country, at sea and from false

believers, yet he still had a heart of thanksgiving. The Lord had brought him through each hardship.

To the Philippians, Paul wrote, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Even when we are worried, he encourages us to strive to pray and be thankful BEFORE the prayer is answered. Before anything changes.

To the Ephesians, Paul penned, "Be filled with the Spirit...sing and make music in your heart to the LORD, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything..."



Dawn Reed

(5:18-20). Always giving thankful for the Promised thanks. That sounds like Messiah who came to save me and the whole world.

Thanksiving is also one of the reasons I feel free to put my Christmas tree up early. Some might say I'm forgetting or overlooking the Pilgrims. Not so. I'm very thankful for the Pilgrims (the letter P). Their courage inspires me. But I am most

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## CHRISTMAS at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 2nd

5:15p.m.: Town Tree Lighting  
(FREE EVENT - Cass Community Center)



5:30p.m.: Visit with Santa  
(Cass Community Center)

7:00p.m.: Holiday Square Dance  
(FREE EVENT - \$5 suggested donation at the door)



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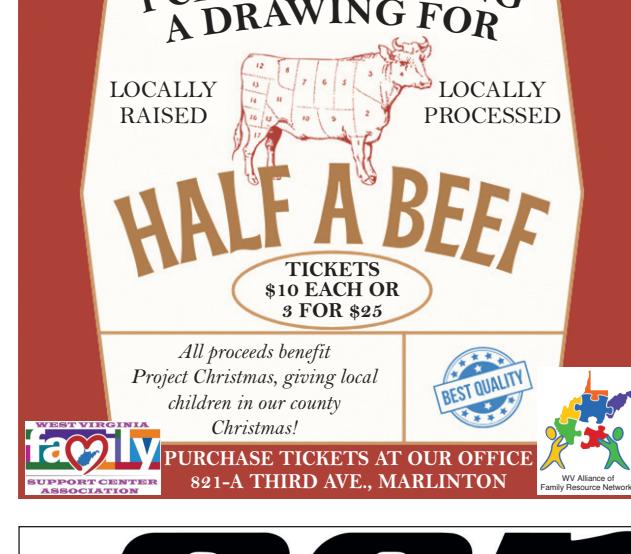
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**TRIVIA – a little something to think about**

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. What punctuation mark ends an imperative sentence?  
2. Who named the Pacific Ocean?  
3. How many languages are written from right to left?  
4. What is the loudest animal on Earth?

**Burma-Shave** A Blast from the Past

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## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

**W**hy should we celebrate Thanksgiving?

For the same reasons the Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving!

In 1621, after a year of sickness and scarcity, the Pilgrims gave thanks to God and celebrated when their labors were rewarded with a bountiful harvest. Take a lesson. We can always find something to be thankful for.

Since our country's founding, every president of these United States has made a National Thanksgiving Proclamation. President George Washington declared Thursday, November 26, 1789, as a day of public thanksgiving

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## What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

### Favorite Recipes of Famous People From Hometown Recipes of Renick

#### Macaroni and Cheese

President Ronald Reagan

1/2 lb. macaroni  
1 tbs. butter  
1 egg, beaten  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. dry mustard  
3 cups grated cheese, sharp  
1 cup milk

Cook macaroni until tender, drain.

Stir in butter and egg.

Add cheese, leaving enough to sprinkle on top.

Mix mustard and salt with 1 Tbsp. hot water and add to milk.

Pour into buttered casserole, add milk, sprinkle with cheese.

Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes or until custard is set and top is crusty.

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# Making a penny scream ~ some food basics

**Melony Phillips**  
Staff Writer

**A**s inflation soars and supplies grow thin, many people are looking for ways to stretch a dollar, set up a shoestring budget, run a tight ship or tighten their belt. There have been many days in the past where "pinching a penny" wasn't going to cut it for us, I had to really make a penny scream.

One aspect of wasting money is with food. The USDA reported that the average American family of four loses about \$1,500 to uneaten food each year; that is more than \$100 every month in just food waste! Some estimates are much higher.

Here are a few basic money saving ideas for food:

Clean vegetable scraps, such as broccoli stalks, celery leaves, etc. can be saved and used later. Some possible uses are vegetable stocks, powdered for adding to dishes, and in smoothies or juices. Celery leaves are great in homemade stuffing.

When peeled and chopped, broccoli stalks add delicious flavor to soups and stews. The clean peelings can be dried and ground into powder for adding flavor to other meals. By doing this, there is almost zero food waste. Most fruits and vegetables can be handled in about the same way.

A bowl of the dry papery onion or garlic can be ground into powder. Dried citrus peels make great powdered zest (cut away and compost the pith as it can be bitter). Lemon peel added to

white vinegar will make a great cleaner.

Pre-freezing fruits and vegetables on a tray before placing them into a baggie keeps everything from sticking together. This provides the ability to easily remove the desired amount without the need to thaw the entire bag.

Adding a couple spoonfuls of flour to an equal amount of butter, which has been browned in a pan over medium high heat, makes a cheap and easy thickening base called roux. The butter can be substituted out for other fats: bacon grease, lard, and even oils or fat drippings, but each substitution will have its own flavor. The lighter the color, the lighter the flavor, whereas cooking it longer, so that it caramelizes, creates a more robust flavor. This flavorful thickener can be used for gravy, sauce bases, macaroni and cheese, chowders, etc. which contributes to a more filling and satisfying meal. To make gravy, just slowly add liquid while constantly whisking. The liquid can be whatever is at hand, bone broth or stocks, drippings, vegetable broth, milk, or just plain water (which may require more seasonings than the other liquids).

I have learned that bone broth soups can be very satisfying to the body as they provide a lot of nutrients, yet

require very few ingredients. Sipping on bone broth soup throughout the day may also improve some digestive issues by giving the digestive system a break from working so hard; the juices are

easily absorbed by the body.

Several vegetables, including celery, onions, scallops, lettuce, etc., can be partially eaten with the rest replanted to grow again.

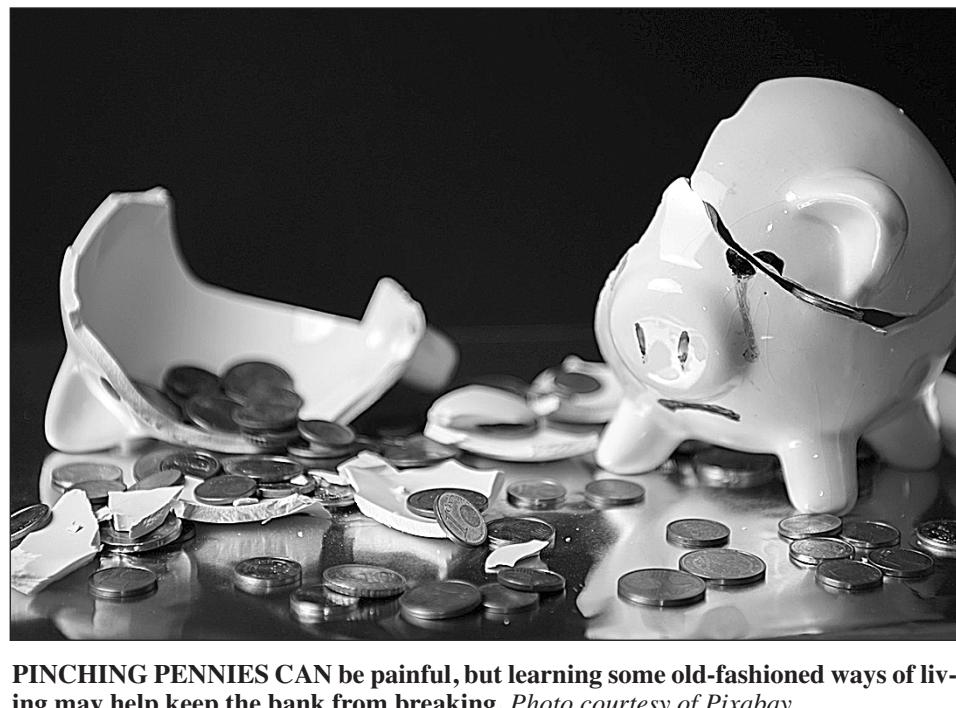
Free food!

Any grease or fat from the meat I cook, that I do not need to use right away, gets saved. Bacon grease? Of course! But that isn't all. The fat drippings from hamburger is saved in jars and mixed into the dogs' food as a treat now and then, excess fat cut from roasts, steaks, etc. is rendered into tallow, and the fat from pigs is rendered into lard. This rendered fat can be used to cook with, season cast iron pans, make soap, etc. The cracklings, the solid pieces of fat left after rendering, are used as occasional dog treats.

In the process of making bone broth, there are inevitably bits of fat and meat that fall off the bones. After straining the finished broth, I pick out all the fat and meat and then either can it in small jelly jars or freeze it for adding to dog food at a later date. The bones can be dried, ground up, and added to the compost or garden soil. Giving bones to dogs is controversial and can be harmful to some dogs. Since my dogs take their time enjoying a bone now and then and don't inhale it, I am comfortable giving them certain bones.

One area that has a deceptive appearance is in buying of pre-made, pre-packaged, processed and refined food-like items. The cost of ingesting a lot of these highly processed convenient foods

can far exceed any "savings"



**PINCHING PENNIES CAN** be painful, but learning some old-fashioned ways of living may help keep the bank from breaking. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

there may be at the register. Sydney.edu.au published a news article that stated, "A year-long study of the dietary habits of 9,341 Australians has backed growing evidence that highly processed and refined foods are the leading contributor of rising obesity rates in the Western world."

The article also quoted the lead author Dr. Amanda Grech,

"As people consume more junk foods or highly

processed and refined foods,

they dilute their dietary protein and increase their risk of

being overweight and obese,

which we know increases

the risk of chronic disease,

..." (such as diabetes, high

blood pressure, heart attacks,

and strokes). Saving a few

pennies at the register could

potentially lead to major

medical bills down the road.

Try growing a garden.

Growing a simple garden

doesn't mean it has to supply

the entire household's food

needs, but it can help cushion

the blow at the register.

In today's crazy busy world,

trying to care for another

"thing" can be overwhelming.

Instead, focus on just a

few crops based on needs,

time, supplies, space and the

ability to preserve all the

hard work. I find that most

people I speak with want to

grow tomatoes — it's an

iconic crop. I love growing

tomatoes, too, but depending

on many factors, they may

not be the best crop to grow.

Instead, growing items such

as beans for drying can take

a lot less work and space to

grow in (if pole beans), as

well as storing very well and

being more filling at the din-

ner table, all while using less

storage space. Dried beans

are also their own seed

which can be used for plant-

ing the following year.

My granny, who lived through the Great Depression, taught me many things while I was growing up, just by observing the way she lived her life.

At the end of the day, there may still be small bits and pieces of undesirable or unusable food left over. All food scraps can be composted, including meat and bones, but beware it can attract critters, including bears. Organic, nutritionally rich and worm filled compost added to garden soil can help even very small garden plots to produce a lot of food.

There are many, many other ways to stretch a dollar, some easier than others. Let me know if you would like to see more articles on different ways to save money.

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## Turkey, from page 1

but there was no mention of turkey in the Pilgrim's records of the feast they and the Wampanoag tribe shared.

There may well have been some turkey served that day, but records indicate that venison (brought by the Wampanoag tribe) and fowl (ducks and geese were provided by the Pilgrims) definitely were on the menu.

It wasn't until the 1800s that turkey took over as Thanksgiving's main dish.

Just like our modern Christmas traditions, our Thanksgiving traditions were shaped during the Victorian era.

We have Charles Dickens and Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, to thank for the way we celebrate Christmas.

In his description of an English Christmas in "A Christmas Carol," Dickens set the standard for how to properly celebrate the holiday.

Christmas trees became an integral part of an English Christmas when Prince Albert brought his German Christmas tree tradition to the palace. It became the fashion throughout the land and from there, the world.

Turkey began to become synonymous with Thanksgiving in 1827 when author Sarah Josepha Hale devoted an entire chapter to the description of a perfect New England Thanksgiving, with a roasted turkey "placed at the head of the table."

Turkey was often a featured part of the New England Thanksgiving meal.

They were plentiful and were hunted regularly, especially in the fall of the year.

A turkey is big enough to feed a large family, makes a beautiful statement on the table, is relatively inexpensive and is as American as apple pie.

After all, before the Bald Eagle was chosen as our national symbol, the turkey was the front runner for the position.

Benjamin Franklin argued it was a far nobler bird than the eagle, and better tasting, too.

Being indigenous to America, the wild turkey was as all-American as a bird could be – the perfect food for an American feast.

Others, it's saved to be broken on Christmas. Ideally, it should be removed from the carcass and be allowed to dry out.

Unless it's dry, it can't give the satisfying "snap" and decide the winner of the wishbone game. Sometimes, when the kids are clamoring to break the wishbone before bedtime, it's necessary to put the wishbone in the oven to accelerate the drying time.

If your family subscribes to the "longer end is the win-

ner" theory, and you want a better chance of winning the break, you may want to consider the advice of ornithologists: choose the thicker side of the wishbone and for better leverage, grasp the bone as high up on it as you can. Another tip: let your opponent do most of the pulling.

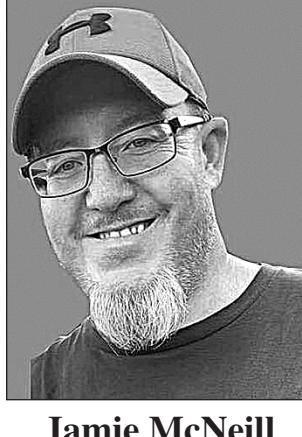
Here's wishing you and yours a Happy Turkey Day and may all your wishbone wishes come true.

## Super Crossword

SHADES OF HISTORY

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## Obituaries



### Jamie McNeill

Jamie Carlton "Pancake" McNeill, 45, of Buckeye, passed away Thursday, November 16, 2023.

Born November 29, 1977, in Ronceverte, he was a son of the late Michael "Blix" and Marvel Hodges McNeill.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jeffrey Hunt.

Jamie attended Trinity Baptist Church in Buckeye.

He followed in his father's footsteps and farmed the McNeill family farm. He was an active supporter of 4-H, especially the Livestock Show and Sales. Jamie was active in his community helping with the Hillbilly Hollow Motor Sports Mud Races, serving on the Pioneer Days Committee and volunteering as a youth soccer and football coach in both Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties. In his spare time, Jamie loved being outdoors and was an avid hunter and friend to many.

He is survived by his spouse, Heather Rhea McNeill; son, Chase McNeill; sister, Rhonda Withers and husband, Brett; nephews, Adam and Casey Withers, all of Marlinton; special aunt, Cheryl McNeill McCallister, of Washington; and several extended family members and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, November 25, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Buckeye with John Paul Burks officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church from 1 p.m. until the time of service.

*"This Life. This Night. Your Story. Your Pain. Your Hope. It Matters. All of it Matters."*

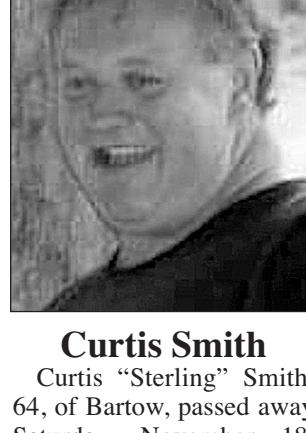
— Jamie Tworkowski

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com

### Ricky Rider

Ricky Allen Rider, 65, of Marlinton, passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Cooktown Community Church with Pastor David McCall officiating.



### Curtis Smith

Curtis "Sterling" Smith, 64, of Bartow, passed away Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Born April 30, 1959, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, he was a son of the late Gerald D. Smith and Yvonne Raines Tincher.

He was a retired Tallyman

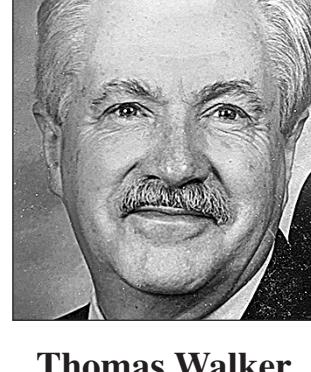
at Interstate Hardwoods. He was an avid outdoorsman, loved metal detecting and loved caring for all the stray cats in his and other neighborhoods.

In addition to his parents, Sterling was preceded in death by his step-father, Henry Lawson; sister, Theresa Curry; and infant sister, Angela.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Lambert Smith; son, Jeremy (Lisa) Smith, of Bartow; grandchildren, Christian (Reva) Smith and Nacota Smith; great-grandchild, Xavier Smith; step-great-grandchild, Coalton Lambert; sisters, Stella (Buck) Price, of Virginia, Robbie Jo (Bill) Osborne, of South Carolina, Camilla Bruce, of Virginia, and Cynthia Nagle, of Ohio; brothers, Henry (Vickie) Lawson, Jr., of Durbin, and Gerald (Crissy) Smith, of Maryland.

Visitation Wednesday, November 22, 2023, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale. Funeral service at 8 p.m. with Pastor Donnie Curry officiating.

Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)



### Thomas Walker

Thomas Wayne Walker, 89, of Huntington, passed away Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in St. Mary's Medical Center.

Born August 9, 1934, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Archie Freeman and Kathleen Faulkner Walker, who lived in Hillsboro.

Tom was a 1952 graduate of Hillsboro High School and graduated from West Virginia University in 1956.

He was devoted to God, faith, family and country. He worked for Libby-Owens-Ford ("LOF") Glass Company for 28 years and then became an Insurance Executive for CUNA Mutual Group, from which he retired. Tom was a U.S. Army Veteran and served as a cryptographer in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was a charter member and one of the founders of Centennial Federal Credit Union ("FCU") in 1963, which served the employees of LOF in Charleston. For his efforts, he earned the Credit Union Founders' Club Award. He served as Treasurer/Manager of Centennial FCU until 1972. During that time, he became involved with the Kanawha Valley Chapter of Credit Unions, serving as President and Treasurer. In 1969, Tom helped organize West Virginia League Central Credit Union in Charleston and served on the credit union's initial Supervisory Committee. In 1972, he began to work for CUNA Mutual Group, assisting credit unions in West Virginia with their insurance needs. He worked for CUNA Mutual Group until his retirement in 2000, earning the President's Council Award for sales excellence several times during his career. At the time of his passing, Tom was Chairman

of the Board of Universal FCU in Huntington and had been a board member for more than 20 years. Since 2001, he had been on the board of the West Virginia Credit Union League and was its Chairman. He often went to Washington, D.C. to advocate on behalf of West Virginia credit unions during CUNA's annual Governmental Affairs Conference.

Tom earned the Chapter Leadership Award from the Huntington Chapter of Credit Unions and was the recipient of the William Bryan Hawkins Award by the West Virginia Credit Union League for outstanding volunteer work on behalf of credit unions statewide.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Janice Walker Hall.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Patricia Kaye Harshbarger Walker; his children, Thomas W. Walker, Jr., of Marlinton, Kathryn Walker Partlow (Paul), of Richmond, Virginia, David Nicolls (Lisa), of Milton, and Kristi Arrowood (Mark), of Huntington; brother, John F. Walker (Crystal), of Ohio; brother-in-law, Jerry Hall (Ann), of Belmont, North Carolina; grandchildren, Erika E. Walker, Lee Thomas Walker (Rebecca), Sarah Drennan (Mark), Katherine Wallace (William), Zac Arrowood (Angela), Mark Nicolls (April), and Tanner Arrowood (Tracey); great-grandchildren, Gwyneth Lee Duderstadt, Cameron Wallace, Liam Wallace, Alec Drennan, Connor Drennan, Lowen Arrowood, Caroline Arrowood, Braxton Nicolls, Mason Nicolls, Peyton Arrowood, Harper Arrowood, Emory Arrowood, and Maisie Arrowood; nephews, David Hall (Jamie), and their son, Walker Hall, all of Fort Mills, South Carolina, and Christian Walker, of Barboursville; and a niece, Lauren Miller (Zach), of Circleville, Ohio.

A funeral service was conducted Sunday, November 19, 2023, at Chapman's Mortuary in Huntington, with his grandsons officiating and Military Rites by Veterans Honor Guard Post 16.

Pallbearers were John Walker, Paul Partlow, David Hall, Lee Thomas Walker, Zac Arrowood, Tanner Arrowood, Mark Nicolls, Tim Stover, and Christian Walker;

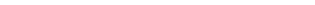
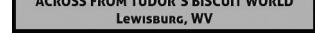
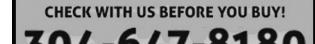
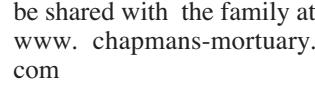
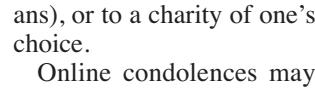
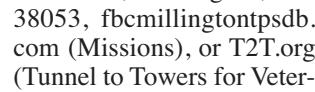
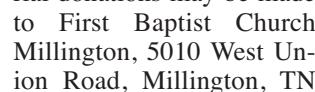
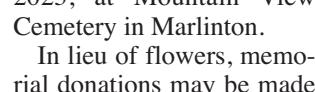
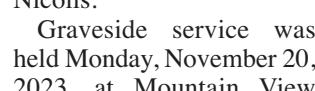
Honorary pallbearers were Camron Wallace, Alec Drennan, Liam Wallace, Lowen Arrowood, Braxton Nicolls, Connor Drennan, and Mason Nicolls.

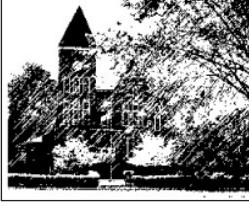
Graveside service was held Monday, November 20, 2023, at Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church Millington, 5010 West Union Road, Millington, TN 38053, fbcmillingtontspdb.com (Missions), or T2T.org (Tunnel to Towers for Veterans), or to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.chapmans-mortuary.com](http://www.chapmans-mortuary.com)

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## Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

# Marlinton High School Cheerleaders – circa 1957



THE MARLINTON HIGH School Cheerleaders are on the football field with the high school in the background. Pictured left to right: Pat Sharp, Lockie Moore, Janie Sharp, and Pat Brumagen. (Pocahontas Co. Historical Society, McClintic Collection; ID: PHP007300)

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If you have photographs or documents to be scanned for the county Historical Archive contact Preservation Officer B. J. Gudmundsson at 304-799-3989 or email [info@pocahontaspreservation.org](mailto:info@pocahontaspreservation.org). Prints of photographs are available.

## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
November 25, 1948

### THANKSGIVING

More than 300 years ago, a band of a few over one hundred pilgrims from the Old Country landed their bark on the wild New England shore. It had taken about nine weeks to sail from Plymouth, England, across the stormy Atlantic Ocean in their small vessel, The Mayflower. They were pressed by persecution to search for a land of religious freedom. The place of their landing was Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts.

They had scarcely landed when the severe winter of New England was upon them and before the following summer half of them had died from hardships, exposure, disease and so forth. Those who were saved were brave and undaunted and happy in their new found freedom. They planted their crops and prepared for the following winter.

In the fall of 1621, after a good harvest, the colonists

decided on a period of recreation combined with thanksgiving for their many blessings.

Four hunters were sent out by the governor and they brought in wild game, enough to supply the Colony for almost one week.

This was the original American Thanksgiving. This continued to be an eastern holiday for 200 years. It was based on the Bible that religion came first and that business was a secondary consideration.

We owe a great deal to these noble, sober, uncompromising, God fearing New Englanders, and there is grave danger of shipwreck as a nation and as individuals, if we drift away from the stern teachings upon which this great nation was established...

### FIELD NOTES

John Galford brings in for identification a pied bill grebe. Call it hell diver, water witch, dabchick, dipper, didapper and you will still be right. It is at home in

the water to a remarkable degree, so water witch is a favorite name. The water witch may nest on the Greenbrier River, but I have yet to see one here, except during the spring and fall migration.

Back in black powder, muzzle loading gun, careless shooting days, the water

witch would dive at the flash

of the discharge and be

plenty deep beneath the

water to be safe before the

shot came scattering over the

water. A favorite trick of the

water witch to escape observation is to lower its body in the water. At times only the

bill and eyes are above

water; to remain so, until

man or hawk has gone his

way.

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My friend, Claiborne Kellogg, of Beaver Creek, killed himself a nice big bear in Buckley Mountain last Saturday. He was hunting squirrels and came on the bear at the head of Sunday Lick Run. The sign of this bear has been reported all fall long.

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State Conservation Director McClintic reports most satisfactory conditions as regards fish life in Watoga Lake. This was ascertained by draining down most of the water and then seining

the fish. They found the bass in right proportion from fingerlings to four pounders; with sufficient food fishes.

All were fat and fine.

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Cousin Meade Waugh, over at Fort Wayne, Indiana, sends in a clipping from the News Sentinel of that city, recently reporting the presence of a great panther – Mountain Lion – at Tippecanoe Lake, Warsaw, Indiana. The sheriff gives his opinion that it is a panther wandered down into the Indiana Settlement from the big woods of northern Michigan. Anyway, Colonel Meade loses no time in reporting back to the old hometown paper, with the invite to Cliff Sharp to water out his fire, call his bear dogs and come on over, while the trail is hot.

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Hevener Dilley brings in one of those controversial "Horse Hair Snakes." He found it in his fish pond. It looks so much like a long hair from a horse tail, consequently the age old tale about horse hairs turning into worms if placed in water. Look it up in the reference book under phylum gordiaceia. In the meantime,

see 75 pg 11

## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
November 22, 1923

Postmaster Buckley wishes to announce that the 1919 series of War Saving Stamps

will be due January 1, 1924,

and that they may be pre-

sented after December 1, for

exchange or payment. The

government has now a very

attractive issue of savings

certificate, in \$20, \$80 and

\$800, drawing 4 1/2 percent.

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There will be a box supper at the Spruce Flat School-

house Saturday December

1st, at 7:30 p.m. proceeds for

the benefit of the school.

Come and help us and have

a good time yourself.

### RAYWOOD

The teachers and children of Raywood school have purchased two basketballs,

which are very much enjoyed at noon and recess. Much interest is being taken by the school in the Health Crusade. Each pupil is anxious to become a knight.

Mrs. Scofield was called to the bedside of her father, Dr. G. M. Jordan, who is quite ill. In her absence, Mrs. Woodell took charge of the school while Miss Evelyn Kerr taught the primary. The children were very much pleased by several visits from Running Deer, the Indian from the Iroquois tribe from the Mingo Flats.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nottingham have gone to house-keeping in the Coffman house.

Miss Alice Friel, who is attending high school at Marlinton, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Friel.

### WEDDING

The marriage of Mr. Claude E. McLaughlin and Miss Polly Sydenstricker took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Sydenstricker, in Lewisburg Wednesday evening, November 14th, 1923...

The groom is the son of Mr.

and Mrs. E. F. McLaughlin,

of Marlinton, and holds a po-

sition of importance with the

American Tobacco Co., and

is a young man of ability and

enterprise.

The bride and groom left

on the east bound train

shortly after the ceremony

for New York and other

points of interest...

### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Galford at Woodrow, a son.

### DIED

The Venerable George C. Moore died at his home on Stony Creek late Sunday night, November 18, 1923. His age was 90 years...

The deceased was the youngest of the large family of Aaron Moore, who lived on Greenbrier River below the mouth of Thorny Creek. He was a good citizen, industrious, honest and upright.

Mr. Moore is survived by his wife, who before mar-

riage was Miss Rachel Dun-

can. Their children are Har-

per, Henry and Theodore D.

Moore, Mrs. Robert Jordan,

Mrs. Ballard Barlow, and

Miss Rettie Moore...

The funeral was con-

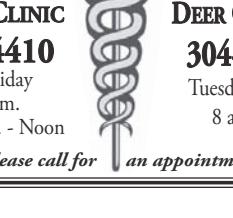
ducted on Tuesday afternoon

from this late home, burial in

the Cochran graveyard.

## John Eilers, D.O.

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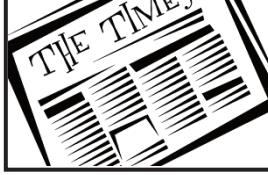
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## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,  
November 23, 1973

Marlinton Elementary  
Honor Roll for the first  
nine weeks.

Marlinton Elementary salutes its best pupils with an Honor Roll.

When report cards are issued, students from 4th to 8th grade who have all A's and B's earn a place on the Honor Roll. No C's are allowed, especially in conduct!

The requirements are rigid but quite a few students maintained consistently high averages.

They are: Fourth Grade: Mark Burnette, Mary Beth Clay, Linda Drumm, Addie Dunbrack, Elaine Friel, Kimberly Friel, Jeanette Lytle, Margaret Mitchell, Rachel Sharp, Darlene Tyree.

Fifth Grade: Melinda Beverage, Kathy Irvine, Charma Roy, Irene White.

Sixth Grade: Layton (Toony) Beverage, Anne Burns, Pat Drumm, Candy Harper, Sharon Jordan, Elaine Kelley, Chris Lytle, Robbie McNabb, Carol McNeill, Pamela Wiseman.

Seventh Grade: Brenda Defibaugh, Jeffrey Jackson, Andy Landis, Felicia Sharp,

Kathy Sharp, Sheri Woods. Eighth Grade: Julia Barlow, Carol Galford, Cheryl Galford, Peggy McNeill, Pam White.

### HONOR ROLL For Hillsboro Elementary School

Fourth Grade: Paula Burks, Betty Cook, Terri Dilley, Christine Dulaney, Sondra Goode, Angela Hefner, Robyn Hilleary, Paul Hill, Ronald Simmons, Carolyn Wilfong, Jane Wilfong.

Fifth Grade: Marie Morgan, Angie Pyles, Bruce Rose, Linda Walls, Tonja Wiley, Kevin Workman.

Sixth Grade: Kimberly Alderman, Sara Crickenberger, Ronald Hall, Rhonda Hammons, Patricia Kellison, Troy McCoy, Susan Scott, Robert Simmons.

Seventh Grade: Patsy Boggs, Troy Cook, Katie Crickenberger, Nancy Hefner, Connie Kershner, Ruth Kincaid, Connie Madison, Sandy McMillion, Greg Rose, Donna Sizemore, Lola Wiley.

Eighth Grade: Christine Cook, Debbie Flynn, Jane Pritchard, Delores Pritt, Teresa Rose, Tony Wiley.

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,  
November 24, 1898

The Marlinton football team showed great pluck in riding to Frost, 19 miles, in a blinding snowstorm last Saturday and playing that team when the storm was at its height.

When the roll was called at Frost the full 11 was there, having ridden from home on horseback and in buggies and ready for the game.

Football is a fine school. It trains mind and body. Young men who come on time in their sports when young will do the same in business when they are older. It makes men bigger and better – "Captains courageous whom death cannot daunt."

The Frost men were of the same stuff – ready to play if it snowed cats and dogs, or the wind blew up great chunks of sod. It was the greatest game, considering the elements, ever played in the county.

Tom, Tom, the preacher's son,

Stole a pig (skin) and away did run,

Frost was beat

The pig was eat,

And Tom sent flying down the street.

Peter Warwick passed through Marlinton last Thursday on his way to Sawyers, on Williams River, to bring home the remains of his son, who died while working in the lumber camp in 1897. He was in a two horse wagon and he had a

difficult journey before him. He decided to go by W. McClintic's camp and to return that way if he found it practicable. If not, the return journey would have to be made by Addison.

The Baltimore Sun, in speaking of the magnificent display made by the city markets in the matter of Thanksgiving turkeys, has this to say of West Virginia turkeys: "There is said to be no doubt that the finest turkeys come from West Virginia. They are corn fed turkeys and never stray into the tobacco fields, like the Virginia turkeys, or get scraps like the Tennessee turkeys. It is worth knowing that at Thanksgiving the hen turkey is far preferable to the gobbler, but at Christmas the thing reverses itself, and the gobbler is the favorite. It is simply turkey nature and that is all there is about it."

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### ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 209, 900 Tenth Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later.

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

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

**First Publication Date:** Thursday, November 23, 2023

**Claim Deadline:** Monday, January 22, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: 14544

ESTATE OF: DARRELL RICHARD JORDAN, JR

ADMINISTRATRIX: Betsy Lea Jordan  
1432 W. Woodrow Road  
Marlinton WV 24954

ESTATE NUMBER: 14571

ESTATE OF: EVERETT E. CARTER

EXECUTOR: William C. Lane  
869 Lynnhaven Woodson Road  
Jacksonville, IL 62650-6130  
FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER: Robert Martin  
2276 Huntersville Road  
Marlinton, WV 24954-7029

Subscribed and sworn to before me on November 17, 2023.  
Melissa L. Bennett  
Clerk of the Pocahontas County commission  
11/23/23

### NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2022-C-000047 - Pocahontas County –  
ROY J. OR VIVIAN L. BIGGS

To: RUTH ANN HATFIELD, RUTH ANN HATFIELD, BUSTER HATFIELD, 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: HUNTERSVILLE MAP: 61A

PARCEL 0013 0000 0000

You will take notice that ROY J. OR VIVIAN L. BIGGS, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certificate No.: 2022-C-000047, located in HUNTERSVILLE DISTRICT, LT 25 TALL WOOD AC SD 50X306X50X304, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HATFIELD RUTH ANN, and was sold by the Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of Pocahontas

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County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 11, 2023. ROY J. OR VIVIAN L BIGGS requestS that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after APRIL 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before MARCH 31, 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 -12133. \$ 256.39

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 2022-12148. \$ 175.54

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. \$ 825.81

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00

**Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$ 1,468.74**

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 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 November 2, 2023.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

Deputy Commissioner

Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of

Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia

11/9/3C

ACCEPTING BIDS

The Bartow, Frank, Durbin Volunteer Fire Department is accepting bids for the former BFD Firehouse located at 4612 Staunton Parkersburg Turnpike in Durbin.

Parcel Information:

District: Durbin, Map: 5. Parcel: 54.1.

Description: 0.11 Acre.

**Bids should be submitted to:**

BFD Volunteer Fire Department

P. O. Box 267

Durbin, WV 26264-0267

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For information or to have the applications mailed,  
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#### CONSTRUCTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Services is providing notice of its intent to construct and operate a tower pursuant to Federal Communication Commission's Programmatic Agreement for telecommunication towers.

The tower called Thomastown 911 Replacement will be at 1920 Thomastown Road, Marlinton, WV (38-13-40.42 N and 80-04-4

## Shaw, from page 1

Now that she is director, she plans to continue the programs offered to seniors, and hopes to branch out into the community and have the three centers – Green Bank, Marlinton and Hillsboro – be more active in community activities.

Each center is unique and has its own programs that fit the community needs, but at the same time, all have the same nutrition and transportation programs that serve the entire county.

"We offer transportation to medical appointments – non-emergency," Shaw said. "We offer transportation to the grocery store for essential daily needs. We try to do those local. We're going to try to do a shopping trip once a month – to Lewisburg and to Elkins."

With the nutrition program, meals are served at Green Bank and Marlinton, Monday through Friday, noon to 1 p.m., and in Hillsboro, Monday, noon to 1 p.m.

"It's all donation-based," Shaw said of the meals. "There is no set fee. We also bring seniors in to the center if they want to do the con-

gregate meals.

"If you are homebound, we provide Meals on Wheels," she added.

There is a waiting list to get Meals on Wheels, but Shaw encourages seniors who are interested in the program to contact the center and apply to get on the list. She explained that there is an evaluation to ensure the senior has proper equipment to refrigerate and heat the meals.

PCSC also offers in-home programs, such as Light-house, FAIR and Respite.

The Lighthouse program provides a caregiver who will go into the home and help the senior with housekeeping and hygiene. The FAIR (Family Alzheimer's In-Home Respite) and Respite programs are in place to support unpaid caregivers, such as family members or friends – as the word implies – to give those unpaid caregivers a "respite."

As for activities at the centers, there is fun for all – from Bingo to crafts – or just a chance to sit and catch up with friends or make new friends.

The Green Bank Center has Bible study, choir and Bingo. Marlinton has crafts and Bingo, and Hillsboro has Bible study and Bingo. All centers have puzzles and

other activities for seniors to enjoy during their visits.

"If they just need to come in here to wind down and be social, I want them to know that it's a safe, calm environment for them to come talk to people their age," Shaw said.

In addition to continuing the programs, Shaw said she wants to get more involved in the communities and make sure that all seniors are doing well and have all the things they need.

"My goals are to get us more involved in the community and get more seniors to come into our dining rooms," she said. "I'd like for us to get more involved if somebody needs help, like, let's say we have a senior who needs a refrigerator – I want us to be able to do fundraising for that senior to get them a refrigerator."

Shaw added that if there are any seniors with questions or concerns, they are welcome to call the center for help. She also welcomes volunteers to contact her if they are interested in helping at the centers or with any of the programs.

The Marlinton office may be contacted at 304-799-6364; Green Bank, at 304-456-5370; and Hillsboro, 304-653-4516.

## Flight, from page 1

spruce for use in construction of flying machines. It must be entirely free from knots, and the grain must be straight and free from twist. It should be from 15 to 20 ft. long and two inches thick. We have found it impossible to obtain this lumber in our local yards. Can you supply our need? If so, when? and at what cost?"

*The Columbus Dispatch*, a daily newspaper in Columbus, Ohio, wrote about the letter's discovery in 2008. The article explained that the letter, which was typed on robin's egg blue paper, was found in the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources office.

The letter is now on display at the West Virginia State Museum in Charleston.

*The Columbus Dispatch* reported that, according to check stubs archived at the Wright State University Libraries, in Fairborn, Ohio, the Wright Brothers purchased \$45 worth of lumber from West Virginia Spruce Company.

The lumber was used in the Wright Flyer II, which was used to make a total of 105 flights in 1904. The flights lasted five minutes and the plane was able to make full circles. Although the plane had successful, albeit short, flights, it was prone to crashing, leading the brothers to construct the Wright Flyer III.

The Wright Flyer III was constructed during the winter of 1904-05 with the engine and other hardware from Flyer II. Its first flight took place on June 23, 1905, with Orville at the helm.

Flyer III was the first airplane by the brothers that was "capable of remaining airborne for extended periods of time and moving in directions controlled by the pilot," *The Columbus Dispatch* reported.

The two airplanes are the most famous objects in which lumber harvested at Cass was used, but they surely are not the only examples of red spruce from West Virginia Spruce Company and West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company still in existence.

The company houses at Cass, which are now avail-

able as rentals, were all built with the local lumber. While they have gone through many upgrades through the years, the houses still have remnants of their original glory.

"Of all the houses we rent, there's only two to four of them that have new flooring," Markley said. "The rest of them have the original hardwood floors."

It's easy to find out if a house has hardwood from Cass, Markley explained, as he reached for a piece of flooring that is on display in his office. On the back of the piece of hardwood is a large stamp of "WEST VIRGINIA PULP AND PAPER COMPANY."

"It's got that stamp from the sawmill on it," he said. "Most of the flooring still has that on there. It says where it was made, what machine it was made on. It's kind of neat."

While there's no way to tell if the red spruce used by the Wright Brothers also had the stamp, the letter and check stubs are proof that the local lumber took flight once it left its home among the hills.

"I don't know," he said.

Back to the third-party issues, Manchin talked again about the business models of both national parties.

"The business models are outmaneuvering the common sense and the people's wishes," Manchin said. "It's a fulfillment of George Washington's predictions when he left office as the first president. Washington warned Americans to beware of the parties, which will usurp the power of the people, and to beware of public debt – which stood at \$33.8 trillion Thursday morning."

We asked how it might be possible to overcome voter fear and inertia – the idea that we're stuck with Trump and Biden no matter what we really want – among a polarized electorate.

Email: [dbeard@dominionpost.com](mailto:dbeard@dominionpost.com)

Article provided by the West Virginia Press Association

## BOE, from page 2

Superintendent Lynne Bostic gave a report on several items. She shared a snow days information sheet with the board and said it was also shared on the board's website and Facebook page to give parents and guardians a better understanding of how it is decided to have snow days and/or delays.

Bostic added that she and treasurer Sherry Radcliff recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to discuss the need for continued funding of the Safe and Rural Schools program – known locally as the forestry money. She said the superintendents and treasurers from Pendleton and Greenbrier counties also attended.

They met with staff members and senators – including Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito.

Bostic said they went with

the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition which includes people from other states that receive SRS funding, including Alaska, Utah, Washington and California.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved:

- E-Rate consulting agreement.
- parent and community volunteers.

In personnel management, the board approved:

- Resignation of Cynthia Shreve Kelk as teacher of science at Marlinton Middle School, effective November 17.

• Employment of Jessica McNabb as volunteer girls basketball coach for Marlinton Middle School, effective November 15, for the 2023-2024 athletic season.

• Unpaid medical leave for Abe Rittenhouse at Pocahontas County High School, retroactive to September 28, or upon exhaustion of personal leave, for a period of up to 12 weeks, as needed.

• Employment of Jennifer McCarty as homebound

teacher for Pocahontas County Schools, effective to November 15, for the 2023-2024 school year, at \$25 per hour, as needed.

• Employment of Jeanette Wagner as homebound teacher of Pocahontas County Schools, effective to November 15, for the 2023-2024 school year, at \$25 per hour, as needed.

• Employment of Kelly Ann Buzzard, Patricia L. Plaucher and Elizabeth R. Hefner as substitute teachers for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic professional salary, based on degree and experience, for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed.

• Employment of Charles McQuain, III, as extra-curricular school bus operator for gifted program, retroactive to November 13, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, \$60 per day, as needed.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, at 6 p.m., in the board of education conference room.

## Party, from page 2

With Trump's propensity to denigrate anyone who opposes him, and his vowing vengeance on his enemies if reelected, "I truly believe that Donald Trump would destroy the democracy that we know, the country that we have and the respect that we have as a superpower around the world," Manchin said.

On the other side: "Joe Biden is not the president that myself and a lot of people thought we were electing, that was kind of centrist, in the middle. Whatever caused it, Biden veered far left as soon as he took office," Manchin said, noting he's done well with foreign policy but not energy secu-

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**FOR RENT** - Three bedroom house in Marlinton, dining room or 4th bedroom off of full size kitchen, living room, 1 1/2 bath, 1 1/2 story, hardwood floors, stove, dishwasher, off street parking, large yard, 657 Route 39, across from Catholic church. \$700 plus utilities. References, lease and security deposit required. 330-501-3637 (cell) or walker484@yahoo.com 11/16/2c

### HELP WANTED

**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.

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### HOUSES AND REAL ESTATE

**WANTED** - Land for hunting lease. Please call JW at 304-960-0646.

11/23/4p

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### LAWN CARE

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11/9/4tnc

### POSITION AVAILABLE

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - The office of the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Department is now accepting

résumés for the position of Administrative Clerk. Résumés will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 7, 2023. Job Description: The position of Administrative Clerk will require clerical duties for and under the supervision of the Executive Assistant of Law Enforcement. These duties shall consist of answering the telephone, assisting the public, processing concealed weapon permits, processing accident report requests, and civil process. Also, provide clerical support to the department officers and other duties that may be assigned.

Qualification: Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicant must possess good oral and written communication skills and be willing to work with the public and other co-workers in a polite and acceptable manner. Applicant must be able to travel for training and willing to attend classes. A background check and drug test will be required prior to employment.

Starting salary for this position will be determined by experience and will include PEIA Health Insurance, Public Employees Retirement, vacation, and sick leave. You may apply by filing a résumé with the Pocahontas County Sheriff's De-

partment Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by mailing or email: Pocahontas County Sheriff's Department c/o Corey Rose, Executive Assistant, 900 Jail Lane, Marlinton, WV 24954 or [cwrose@sheriff.state.wv.us](mailto:cwrose@sheriff.state.wv.us)

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### WANTED TO BUY

**WANTED TO BUY** - Ginseng roots and tops, Golden Seal roots and tops, all other roots and deer horns. Buying Tuesdays and Saturdays at IGA, Marlinton, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 304-645-4047 or 304-667-6398.

11/2/5p

## Town of Durbin Employment Opportunity

The Town of Durbin is seeking an individual for general maintenance work. Position includes, but is not limited to, garbage collection, seasonal mowing / snow plowing.

Interested parties may apply in person at Durbin Town Hall on Saturdays between 1 and 3 p.m. or by mailing a résumé/letter of interest to P.O. Box 37 Durbin, WV 26264.

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## LEAD, from page 2

Miller said the money would only be needed if the grant application is ap-

proved. The application will be submitted by November 17, but it will be a while before they find out if the grant is approved.

The LEAD grant is based on funds from the State of

West Virginia. In other business at the special meeting, the commission approved the hiring of Casandra Smith as a full-time employee in the County Clerk's Office.

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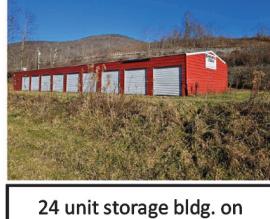
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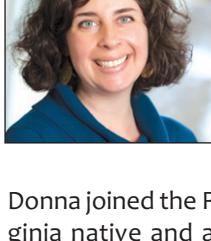
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Dr. Hare began working in the Rural Health Clinic in 2014. She is a graduate of Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C. She completed her residency at Lynchburg Family Medicine, an affiliate of Centra Health in Lynchburg, Virginia.

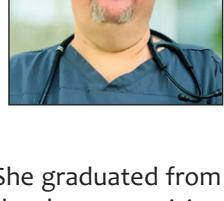
**DONNA LIDEL-BURLEY, FNP**

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. COBLEY, 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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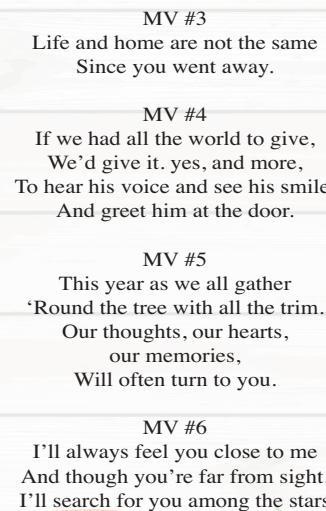
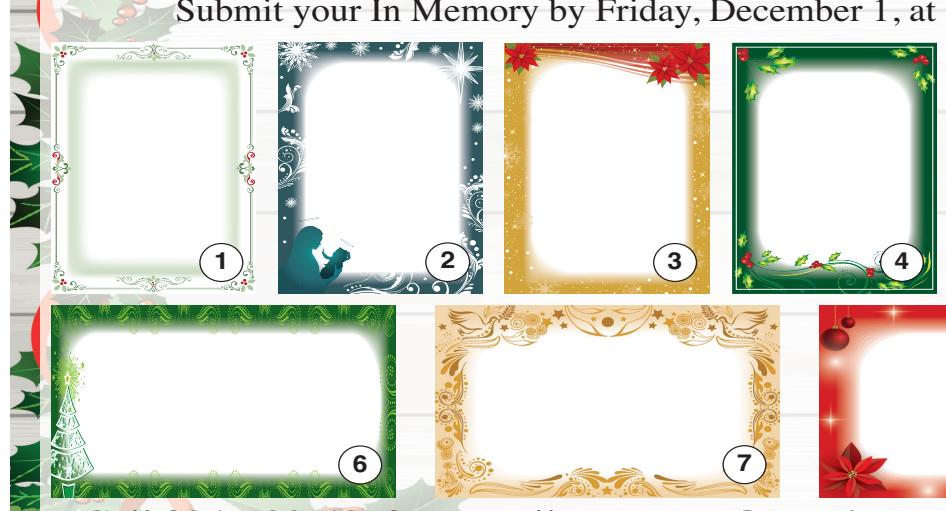
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MV #3  
Life and home are not the same  
Since you went away.

MV #4

If we had all the world to give,  
We'd give it, yes, and more,  
To hear his voice and see his smile,  
And greet him at the door.

MV #5

This year as we all gather  
'Round the tree with all the trim.  
Our thoughts, our hearts,  
our memories,

Will often turn to you.

MV #6

I'll always feel you close to me  
And though you're far from sight.  
I'll search for you among the stars  
That shine on Christmas night.

MV #7  
Those we love can never be  
More than a thought away...  
For as long as there's a memory,  
They are in our hearts to stay.

MV #8  
I wish you peace at Christmastime,  
Wherever you may be.  
And thank you for the memories,  
They mean the world to me.

MV #9  
Your gentle face and patient smile  
With sadness we recall,  
You had a kindly word for each  
And died beloved by all.

MV #10  
They are gone but not forgotten  
By those who love them still,  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.

Other borders and  
verses available.

## Mayor's, from page 4

by those who have gone before.

Although challenges remain, we should never yield in our ability to live up to the promise of our heritage. As we gather with our loved ones, let each of us resolve with abiding faith and patriotism to celebrate the joys of

freedom and hold fast to the hope and peace of a brighter future. Thanksgiving is Thankful Living. It is more than that holiday that comes just after the opening of deer season. Having said that...

More recently, the day after Thanksgiving has become known as Black Friday. Maybe, it should be Red Friday – because, if you are not careful, you could end up in the Red in the New Year.

**CONSIDER:** Every small

Town depends on Small Businesses to stay in business. They are the ones we go to for all manner of civic contributions. November 25 will be Small Business Saturday.

As Mayor of the Town of Marlinton, I will try to visit and shop with as many of our local businesses as possible and hope you will find time to do the same.

God Bless America.

## Calendar, from page 4

**Cardio and Circuit Ton-**ing, led by Sunny Given, Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning December 4, 5 to 6 p.m.

**Make a clay Cocoa Mug,** Tuesday, December 5, 4 to 5:30 p.m., for ages 8 to 14; taught by Cynthia Gurerri. Pre-registration required by calling 3004-799-7386.

**Groovy Tots,** Fridays, 10 to 11 a.m. Creative movement, games, fun yoga and dance for preschoolers.

**Teen Glow Squad.** A blend of yoga, fitness, mindfulness practices and confidence-building exercises for teen girls. Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m.

**Yoga,** Tuesdays, 5 p.m. at Durbin Library; and Thursdays, 5 p.m. at Cass Community Center.

### CHURCH NOTICES

**Marlinton Presbyterian Church** – Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.

**Arbovale United Metho-**dist – Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m.

Thursdays.

**New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs** – Wor-

ship 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 Metho-**dist 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 Metho-**dist 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 Metho-**dist 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 Wed-

nedays 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 5:30 p.m. Evangelistic Service Sunday, No-

ember 26.

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

**Trinity Baptist Church, Rt. 219 Buckeye Hill** – Sun-

day School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible

Study 7 p.m. Pastor David Moore.

## 75, from page 7

I will turn the animal over to Charles Edward McElwee, of the high school faculty, for further report.

## 50, from page 7

### DEATHS

Mrs. Virgie Mary Cloonan, 75, of Renick, a daughter of the late George L. and Julie W. Taylor. Funeral service was held from VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Austin and Oscar Sharp were in town Monday to claim bounty on the 30th bear killed since the first of last April. This bear was killed last Saturday on Tea Creek. They got another on

George Robert Wade, 52, of Hillsboro, a son of Fred G. Wade and Mabel E. Wade. Funeral service was held from the Wesley Chapel

United Methodist Church with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Harry Lee Rimel, 84, of Mountain Grove, Virginia, formerly of Pocahontas County; a son of the late R. D. and Mecca Harper Rimel. Funeral service was held

Roaring Run of Elk last week.

### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gary, of Marlinton, a son, named William C. Gary

from the Mountain Grove United Methodist Church with burial in Mountain Grove Cemetery.

Hazel Simmons Vandevender, 61, of Covington, Virginia; born at Bartow, a daughter of the late Robert and Della Puffenbarger Simmons. Funeral service was held from the R. M. Loving Funeral Home with interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

ence called astrology that will show to a man the exact calling or occupation for him, and no man can have genuine success unless he follows the pursuit he is made for. Mill Point now has a Professor in Astrology.

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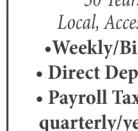
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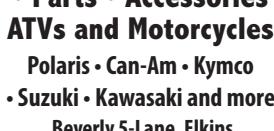
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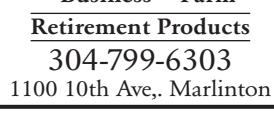
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MISS RONCEVERTE RIVER Festival Queen Kelsi Taylor, of Green Bank, presents donations to Humane Society of Pocahontas County director Trish McNaull.

## Festival Queen makes donation to Humane Society

Becoming a pageant queen isn't all crowns and pretty dresses. Just ask Kelsi Taylor, of Green Bank, who gained her title as Ronceverte River Festival Queen early last year. She has been busy not only with college classes, but also identifying people and organizations in her community whom she can help. Daughter of Travis and Allison Taylor, Kelsi is completing online classes at Bridge Valley Community and Technical College, and soon will attend on campus classes to become a dental hygienist.

Kelsi, who loves animals, asked how she could best support the Humane Society of Pocahontas County. Hearing about the Senior Food Program, she set up pet food collection boxes at three area

sites: Simply Sweet Café in Durbin, Emma Grace Foothills Boutique in Green Bank and at the Green Bank Library. The businesses encouraged donations through offers of merch coupons to customers.

On November 16, Kelsi brought three large tubs of dog and cat food to the HSPC in Marlinton, where she met with Director Trish McNaull. HSPC was delighted to receive so many items, which will be passed along to the Senior Centers for distribution by Meals on Wheels, a program HSPC has supported and supplied food to for several years.

The pet food gathered by Kelsi will go a long way toward meeting the needs of the Senior Program throughout our county.

Kelsi will retain her title

for a few more months, and is already planning another project.

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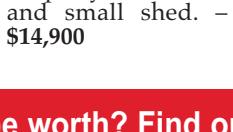
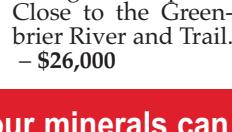
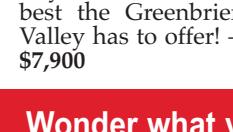
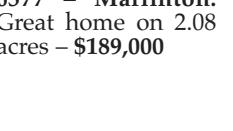
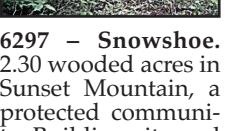
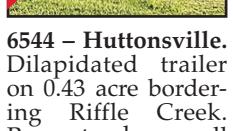
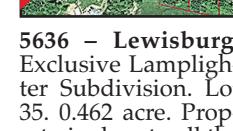
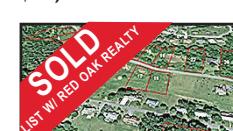
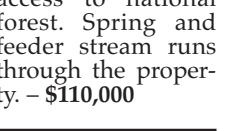
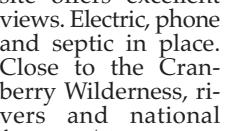
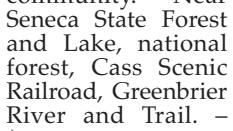
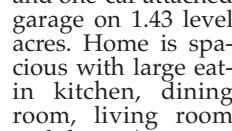
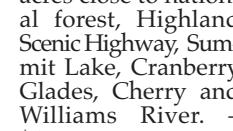
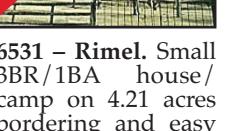
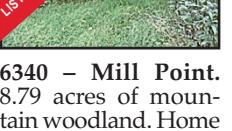
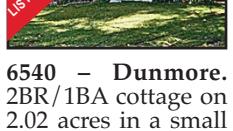
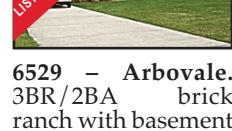
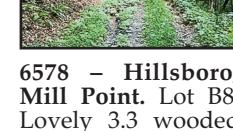
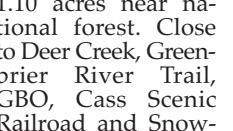
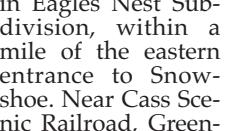
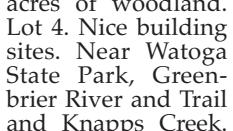
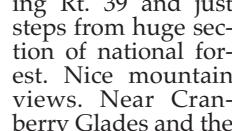
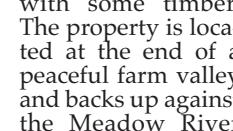
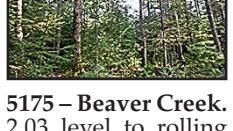
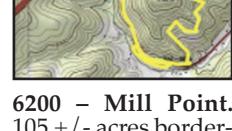
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