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Reorganization for County's Search and Rescue team

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

A meeting was held at the Bartow-Frank-Durbin Firehouse in Green Bank November 12 to discuss the reformation of Pocahontas County's Search and Rescue team.

The original team's president, Mike Cassell, moderated the meeting and worked with Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management and E-911 director Michael O'Brien to recruit members.

"Mike talked to me about restarting it," Cassell said. "I thought, 'no I don't really want to do this.' I run with BFD all the time. Then I got to thinking about it and told Mike we'd try to restart it."

Cassell said the SAR team started 28 years ago, and he was in charge for 16 of those years. After he quit, Doug Friel and Sandy Weik kept the organization going, but it slowly fizzled out.

The evening of the meet-

ing, Cassell said he was surprised to have 25 people in attendance and many of those said they had friends interested in joining who couldn't attend that night.

"It really surprised me," he said. "I was expecting maybe seven or eight and I got twenty-five to show up."

At this point, Cassell said it will take time to get things up and running – getting paperwork in order and by-laws written – but once that is all cleared away, the team will be ready to start training and assisting with search and rescue in Pocahontas and surrounding counties.

"We're going to bring in a lot of training," he said. "A few of the people have training because they've done this before. Some of the training is what you're going to have for EMS and fire. You've got to have CPR, first aid, then after that it's going to be land navigation and a lot of training on how to use GPS and things to that effect."

Cassell added that those interested in joining the team don't have to have any certifications or training beforehand – the team will organize all the training needed.

With his experience, Cassell has contacts in Virginia that have already shown interest in helping with training, as well as including the Pocahontas team once it is up and running.

"We'll go wherever we need to go to help somebody," he said. "We had a meeting the other day and talked to a guy from over in Virginia where they had the last search. He asked me 'will you come over and help us? As far as we're concerned and you're concerned, the way you talk, there's no state lines.' I agreed. When it comes to this, there are no state lines."

"I said, 'yeah, I'll come help you with my team,'" he continued. "I said, 'how many do you have?' He said, 'I've got zero.' He didn't have anybody. I said

we'll come over and help you try to train some people if you've got any."

The training will include navigating in the woods and along river banks, as well as cave rescue, which for some, is not an option.

"When it comes to cave rescue, it's a little different," Cassell said. "They do not like getting into that. I've got people that are very good standing out there, taking names, but you can't take a dozen and drag them in that hole. They aren't going underground if they don't have to. I understand that."

"I've never had fear of anything like that," he continued. "I've spent a lot of time getting people out of Cass Cave and situations like that."

As a member of the BFD, Cassell has been on many calls through the years and said it is important to have a volunteer SAR that has members other than emer-

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Marlinton

Christmas Parade

The Marlinton Christmas Parade is set for Friday, December 1, at 7 p.m. Line-up will be at Marlinton Elementary School. Floats will travel along Fourth Avenue to Main Street; turn left onto Second Avenue, then turn left onto Ninth Street, and return to the school. Santa will ride through the parade and will visit with children at Discovery Junction following the parade.

Other activities that evening include: Dinner with Santa, pancake supper, sponsored by the Marlinton Rotary, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Elementary School; Open House at the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau on Main Street at 6 p.m.; and an Open House at the 4th Avenue Gallery at the depot from 4 to 7 p.m.

Holiday Craft Show

The Opera House will sponsor its annual Holiday Craft Show Friday, December 1, from 4 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 25 crafters will participate offering a variety of gift options, including baskets, ornaments, pottery, forged metal, jewelry, quilts, knitted items, paintings, soaps and much more.

Town Decorating Contest

Voting in the Town of Marlinton's Christmas Decorating Contest will take place from December 1 to December 10. Voting packets are available at the town office. Each business and residence that is participating in the contest will have a red number in their window or near their display. Make it a family event. Tour the town. Get out and vote!



THE ARBOVALE CEMETERY Association had several trees removed from the main cemetery earlier in the fall. The trees were causing damage to the gravestones and plots, necessitating the need for removal. S. Stewart photo

Arbovale Cemetery Association puts years of care into maintenance

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to maintain the final resting place of generations of families. The Arbovale Cemetery Association takes great measures to ensure the cemetery is kept in good shape and that it continues to be a peaceful place for family members to visit, to remember and honor friends,

family and ancestors. This past August and September, the cemetery saw a few changes and improvements. In August, the arch at the main entrance arch was damaged when a large truck tried to enter the cemetery.

Thankfully, the truck owner's insurance will pay to replace the wrought iron arch.

It was during that time as well that several trees in the main cemetery were cut

down. Association president Charles Sheets explained that the trees have been an issue for many years, causing damage to gravestones and graves. Although the trees were loved by some who enjoyed their shade, it was determined that they had become a problem, with roots encroaching into plots and branches falling onto gravestones.

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Snow plow for the rail



CASS SCENIC RAILROAD State Park received delivery last week of a piece of equipment that will make life a bit easier during the winter season. CSX donated the rail snowplow to the Durbin Greenbrier Valley Railroad for use on the Greenbrier Express ride – a trip from Cass to Durbin.

The plow – a Jordan Wedge Snowplow C&O 914921 – was picked up in Staunton, Virginia, and brought to Cass by Best Logistics Trucking from Southpoint, Ohio.

Once snow starts covering the tracks, the plow will be put to work to ensure safe travels from the state park to the historic town of Durbin and back. Photo courtesy of Mountain Rail

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Pocahontas County Ambulance to begin full-week operation

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the November 21 Pocahontas County Commission meeting, the commission approved the hiring of Kiara Davis as a part-time EMT for the Pocahontas County Ambulance Authority. Commissioner John Rebinski said Davis is likely to be the last employee needed for the new county-run ambulance service. Although a number of the previously hired part-time employees have, for one reason or another, left, Rebinski anticipates that the remaining work force will be stable. With the hiring of Davis, the ambulance is now sufficiently staffed to begin operating seven days a week in the northern part of the county.

The commission approved a resolution reaffirming the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation (GVE DC) as the county's lead economic development agency, and approved the state assessment of \$1.25 per county resident to pay for the GVEDC's services. They also approved a proclamation

which was requested by Nancy Dotson of West Virginia Caring Hospice Care, which affirms the commission's support for November being designated as National Hospice Month.

The commission approved the hiring of Stephanie Bennett as the full-time Administrative Assistant for the Pocahontas County Day Report, to start November 27.

In other business, the commission

- approved a revision of the previously approved draw-down request #7 from the Pocahontas County ARC Broadband Project. Amanda Smarr of Region 4 explained that the amount of money was not changed, only some wording and clerical errors in the original draw-down request were revised.
- appointed Jeff Barlow to the remainder of a three-year term on the county EMS Authority.
- acknowledged receipt of information that the County Bar Association has appointed one of its members to the Pocahontas County Deputy Sheriff's Civil

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Auditor's Fraud Unit helps secure another COVID-19 fraud conviction

Sean Patrick Boyd Jr., 26, of Dunbar, pleaded guilty November 21 to receipt of stolen money. Boyd admitted to a scheme to defraud the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) of \$20,832 in COVID-19 relief loans guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

The West Virginia State Auditor's Public Integrity and Fraud Unit, formed by Auditor JB McCuskey, continues to assist the US Attorney for the Southern District

of West Virginia, along with the United States Secret Service, and the West Virginia State Police – Bureau of Criminal Investigation in investigating COVID-19 fraud.

"From the beginning of the pandemic, our office has been at the forefront providing resources to local governments, ensuring a transparent accounting of the spending for lawmakers and the public to review, and stood ready to help investigate and prosecute any wrongdoing," McCuskey said. "And now, with United States Attorney Will Thompson committing the power of

his office to prosecuting fraud, we are proud to assist in ensuring every person who stole from the people of this country is prosecuted to the fullest. I am incredibly proud that our team has the talent and reputation to be asked to assist with this important work."

According to court documents and statements made in court, on April 18, 2021, Boyd applied for a PPP loan on behalf of his purported business, "Sean Boyd." Boyd falsely stated in his application that "Sean Boyd"

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WVU researchers aim to cut through radio interference

WVUToday

West Virginia University research team is working on ways to eliminate the rampant human-made radio interference from cell phones, televisions and radar systems that can block the detection of radio signals by astronomers.

With \$510,000 in funding support from the National Science Foundation, team members will develop new algorithms and hardware with potentially broad applications.

"As radio astronomy instruments continue to become more sophisticated, human-made signals need to be removed in real time before the information from the sky is reduced for astronomical interpretation," said Kevin Bandura, associate professor of computer science and electrical engineering.

New methods driven by the project's results will be made freely available to the astronomical community and could also be used in other fields such as radar imaging, satellite communication, sound navigation ranging and other sensor applications. Although each of the mentioned imaging modalities

relies upon different sensory environments, new interference detection methods will be easily generalizable to those fields, said Natalia Schmid, professor at the WVU Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, who is leading the effort.

The study will likely play a hand in helping detect fast radio bursts, which were co-discovered by Duncan Lorimer, professor of physics and astronomy, who is working with Schmid and Bandura on the project.

"Radio telescopes are powerful tools to explore the cosmos," Lorimer said. "They allow for the detection of extremely weak galactic signals and the study of the radio transient sky, including fast radio bursts — enigmatic objects of unknown origin that can probe the large-scale structure of the universe."

Due to the transient nature of fast radio bursts, removing radio interference is vital for survey sensitivity as it can prevent astronomers from observing parts of the universe.

Schmid, Lorimer and Bandura outlined a three-

pronged approach to the project. The team will:

- research and develop innovative and efficient, real-time radio frequency interference detection, characterization and flagging signal processing techniques through statistics and theoretical measures,
- develop hardware prototyping of new RFI detection and characterization algorithms, and
- develop metrics of performance tailored to different astronomical observation cases pertinent to scientific occurrences.

The project will also involve graduate and undergraduate students at WVU.

"Projects will be developed which focus on the design and implementation of new statistical and information theoretical tests for the detection of RFI in radio astronomy data," Schmid said.

These will become part of the existing "Stochastic Systems Theory" and "Digital Signal Processing for Radio Astronomy" graduate courses, as well as supplement undergraduate classes in "Signals and Systems."

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Races on the ballot in 2024

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- Surveyor
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- Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals
- State Senate
- House of Delegates
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Family Court Judge

WVU psychologist says it's OK to fight for your right not to party

Research from a West Virginia University consumer psychologist shows many people accept invitations to dinners, parties, shows and other events when they would rather not attend. Such reluctant attendance is driven by anxiety and fear of offending others or causing hurt feelings.

At a time of year when invites to events like these can come fast and furious leaving invitees feeling pressured to attend, Julian Givi, assistant professor of marketing at the WVU John Chambers College of Business and Economics, is giving introverts and other reluctant socializers permission to relax.

Declining invitations isn't nearly as likely to bother hosts as many invitees believe, he said.

"While invitations often bring joy, they can also leave us in a predicament. We don't always want to accept the invitations we receive. Sometimes we may not have the time or money to do something. Sometimes we just want to spend a night relaxing at home.

"People often put pressure on themselves to accept invitations, but that pressure may be misguided. In our research, we found 77 percent of participants accepted an invitation they did not want to accept because they were concerned about upsetting the person who invited them.

"We asked some study participants to imagine turning down an invitation from a friend and to predict how much this would upset the friend. We asked other study participants to imagine inviting a friend to an activity and getting turned down, and we had those participants report how much this would upset them. We found invitees severely overestimated how much declining invitations would upset inviters. Invitees predicted inviters would be quite upset, while inviters did not feel this way at all.

"That disconnect happened because invitees just focused on the act of declining the invitation, but inviters considered the deliberations and caring thoughts that would have gone through the invitee's head as they considered accepting the invitation.

"This means we shouldn't be afraid to turn down invi-

tations. Holiday burnout is real, and declining an invitation isn't as likely to damage relationships as we might think.

"Of course, spending time with others is how we develop close relationships, so I certainly recommend accepting at least some of the invitations that come your way." — Julian Givi, assistant professor of marketing, WVU John Chambers College of Business and Economics.



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Why don't doctors prescribe fruits and vegetables?

"Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food."
~ Hippocrates

This article is intended as a frank conversation on the devastating health effects of a nutritionally poor diet, whether as a personal choice or circumstances beyond our control.

The content as follows is not intended to shame anyone for choices of sustenance. However, if you are not eating foods that contain all the nutrition that nature provides, I implore you to read on and consider the facts.

You really are what you eat

We may think that what we eat is a choice, but that presumption is not always the case. Thirty-two million Americans live in food deserts. These locations are defined by the American Nutrition Association as "...areas that have limited access to affordable and nutritious food."

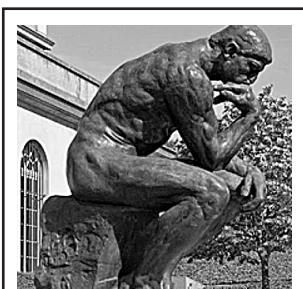
In contrast to the food deserts are areas called "food oasis" where there is greater access to markets with fresh foods.

If you have Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, supermarkets and farmers markets close to your home, you are in a food oasis. You, therefore, have little reason not to eat more healthily.

Of those 32 million people (about four times the population of New York City) living in food deserts, their options are limited to convenience stores, bodegas and gas stations. As you know, these businesses generally peddle soft drinks and junk food to the public.

Glenna and Jeffrey, a not-so-uncommon couple

Imagine the scene where Glenna accompanies her 49-year-old husband Jeffrey to a doctor's appointment. He has had high blood pressure for more than five years, and a recent blood panel revealed high glucose levels and cholesterol. Not once during the appointment was the issue of diet and exercise brought up



TRIVIA
— a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. How many hearts does an octopus have?
2. The unicorn is the national animal of which country?
3. What is the hottest planet in the solar system?
4. What is the rarest M&M color?

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some forms of cancer — much of it boils down to what we put in our stomachs.

On the whole, longevity for Americans is falling and has been since food has been highly industrialized. American men live an average of 73.5 years and 79.3 years for women.

We now rank 43rd in longevity in the world. As a country that also ranks in the top five of the best countries to live in worldwide, this fact is nothing to brag about.

In his book *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, Michael Pollan admonishes us to "...not Eat anything your great-great-grandmother wouldn't recognize as food."

So, what has happened to the American pantry since great-great-grandma tended a bountiful garden and raised scratch hens? The food industry, prioritizing profits over health, has taken the "real food" out of what we eat.

The dishes on Grandma's dinner table were untouched by preservatives, food dye and flavor enhancers.

An appalling 60 percent of all calories consumed in the U.S. now come from junk food. When we consider the causes of our current health crisis, we are totally ignoring the elephant in the room. Not eating or having access to nutritional food is a hugely important factor in our country today — and it's killing us.

Pollan also suggests we limit our shopping to the perimeter of the supermarkets and avoid the center aisles where processed and ultra-processed foods take up most of the shelf space. Fresh foods, including meats, fruits and vegetables, are generally found on the periphery of the store.

There is a good bit of confusion about the different degrees of food processing, so some definitions are in order. We'll use a good old carrot for example, so let's walk out to the garden.

Pull a carrot out of the ground, and you are holding real food, a vegetable that is unprocessed. If you wish, you can rinse the carrot off and eat it raw with no loss of its nutritional content.

But what if we planned to

make carrots julienne for dinner? This recipe calls for some processing, but only a fraction of that in ultra-processed foods. The recipe I use and enjoy requires cooking the carrots and adding salt, maple syrup, and a dash of cinnamon.

This dish is considered processed, with little nutrients and flavor loss. The same can be said of frozen vegetables and fruits.

If my carrots were used to make instant soup, then the processing is far more involved. The once-fresh carrots would be dehydrated and combined with a plethora of ingredients, containing preservatives, food dyes, sugar and a ton of salt.

Now, we're talking about an ultra-processed food product, one that has been robbed of the carrot's minerals and vitamins, not to mention flavor.

The first large-scale processing of food began in the late 18th Century, mainly to feed the military. The real switch to radical processing of food was in the early 1900s when nearly half the American population left the farms and was living in cities.

For those living in cities, the very idea of a home garden or livestock was out of the question. The food industry took advantage of this population shift from rural to urban and started selling processed and ultra-processed foods as a convenience item.

We did not recognize this change as anything other than modernization and progress, the keywords of the day. However, this was the moment in history when we divorced ourselves from "real food" and naively switched to foods that, like cigarettes, would harm us.

So, this brings us back to the original question at the beginning of the article: why don't doctors prescribe fruits and vegetables?

As mentioned earlier, this is not as outrageous as one might think; even Medicare and Medicaid have food prescription plans for eligible participants. Likewise, there are food prescription programs in six states and Washington D.C.

Granted, drugs are an important and necessary part of

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good health care. but if we all maintained a healthy diet we wouldn't have to take drugs that are often harsh and sometimes contraindicated for use with other drugs we may be taking for various health issues.

I appreciate my doctor asking about my diet and exercise habits; I know that she recognizes the overwhelming importance of both as part of a holistic approach to disease prevention.

It is not difficult to eat healthily, provided we do not live in a food desert.

The Department of Agriculture's MyPlate program has offered qualified individuals food vouchers since 2020.

As well, the USDA recommends that half of your plate should contain fruits and vegetables, while the American Heart Association suggests five servings each of fruit and vegetables daily.

I hear some readers out there moaning, mostly men, that they are "meat and potato" types and that they just don't like vegetables. Maybe you haven't given them a chance.

And while there is nothing whatsoever wrong with meat and potatoes as part of a nutritious meal, you are missing out on the huge benefits of fresh fruit and veggies.

Fruits and vegetables, of all colors and types, contain a powerhouse of healthful ingredients; vitamins, minerals, anti-inflammatories, phytochemicals that prevent certain cancers, needed roughage, and, the darling of the microbiome crowd, prebiotics. And they deliver these edible medicines with a minimum of salt, sugar, calories, fat, and ingredients with names we cannot pronounce.

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5:15p.m.: **Town Tree Lighting** (Cass Community Center)
5:30p.m.: **Visit with Santa** (Cass Company Store)
7p.m.: **Holiday Square Dance** (FREE EVENT - \$5 suggested donation at the door) feat. **Juanita Fireball & The Continental Drifters** callers **Ellen & Eugene Ratcliffe** Sponsored by **Po. Co. Parks & Recreation** (Cass Community Center)
Saturday, December 9th
9a.m. - 6p.m. **Christmas at Cass Holiday Craft Market** Santa on hand ALL DAY LONG! (Cass Community Center)
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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

So, you know, the Town had planned to have all of its Christmas Holiday lighting up before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Knowing we would be off Thursday and Friday, our goal was to turn on all the lights before close of workday last Wednesday.

Working with a skeleton crew (because of deer-season) we were still believing that goal could be completed. However, we did not anticipate the Governor's announcement coming at 4 p.m. Tuesday. That's when we received the unexpected news that employees would have an extra half-day off, beginning at noon on

Wednesday. Obviously, the trash had to be picked up before quitting and the remaining decorations could wait.

By the way, we received calls over the weekend with comments about the Christmas lighting being beautiful — and we were not finished yet.

I am thankful that we had the ability to have two trash-trucks running last Wednesday. This contributed to not getting all decorations up but made all the difference in completing garbage pickups. It kept us from being buried under trash when returning to work Monday morning after an extra-long Thanksgiving weekend.

Thanks again to the Town

crew for playing double-duty.

Finally, with the weather changing, it is necessary to bring up another subject. No one should have to remind pet owners to take care of their pets. Unfortunately, this is another sad duty of any Mayor. Under the Town's Animal Ordinance, the provisions of 90.004 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, (4) States in part; To fail, refuse or neglect to provide any animal in his or her charge or custody as owner or otherwise with proper food, drink, shade, care or shelter; provided that for purposes of this division (A)(4) any animal kept outside shall be provided with structurally sound weatherproof enclosure, large enough to accommodate the animal; and shall be punished by a reasonable fine, not exceeding an amount set by Council from time to time.



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Stuffed Butternut Squash
3 small butternut squash (1 1/2 pounds each)
2 cups cubed cooked ham
1 cup soft bread crumbs
1/2 cup shredded tart apple
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 Tbsp. prepared mustard
Cut squash in half and discard seeds. Place squash, cut side down, in a 15x10x1-inch baking pan fill pan with hot water to a depth of 1/2 inch. Bake uncovered at 350° for 30 minutes. Combine remaining ingredients. Turn squash cut side up and fill with ham mixture. Cover pan with aluminum foil and continue to bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until squash is tender. 6 servings

2 cups cubed cooked turkey or chicken
1/4 cup chopped pimientos
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/4 cup dry white wine or broth
Salt and pepper to taste
2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
2 1/2 cups uncooked spiral pasta
In a saucepan, cook mushrooms in 2 Tbsp. butter until tender. Remove mushrooms from saucepan and set aside. In same saucepan, melt remaining butter; whisk in flour until smooth. Cook for 5 minutes. Gradually add broth and cream. Whisk or stir over medium heat until mixture begins to boil; boil and stir one minute. Remove

from heat.

Add a small amount of sauce to beaten egg yolks; blend well. Return egg mixture to sauce mixture and blend well. Stir or whisk until smooth. Add turkey, pimientos, parsley, liquids, mushrooms and seasonings to sauce.

Keep warm over low heat.

Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Toss immediately with sauce mixture. Top with Parmesan cheese. 4-6 servings.

BINGO! SATURDAY, DEC. 2 • 6 P.M.

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Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority reminds all county residential property owners that 2023 Green Box fees must be paid or postmarked by December 30, 2023 to avoid the \$11.50 late fee.

Green Box sites winter hours: Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Tuesday, December 5, noon to 6 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. Sponsored by Marlinton Rotary. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

EVENTS

Christmas Backpack Giveaway Saturday December 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. Refreshments. Sponsored by First Baptist Huntersville and Jonesboro Baptist, Dunn North Carolina.

Old-Time Square Dance with music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters, Saturday, December 2, 7 p.m. at the Cass Community Center. No experience required. Sponsored by Parks and Rec.

FREE Community Dinner Thursday, December 28, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

ADVENT SERVICES
Mid-week Advent Service at Marlinton Presbyterian Church Wednesdays at noon; 30-minute service. Speakers: December 6: Dave

Lee, Marlinton Presbyterian Church; December 13: Jane Huppert, Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church; December 20: Lee Bailey, Huntersville Baptist. Brown bag lunch in the fellowship hall for continued conversation.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS
Dinner with Santa, Friday, December 1, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Elementary School. Sponsored by Marlinton Rotary.

Marlinton Christmas Parade, Friday, December 1, 7 p.m.

Holiday Craft Show at the Opera House, Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2.

Santa at the Arbovale Community Center Saturday, December 2, 5 p.m. Music by the Hilltoppers; hot chocolate and cookies; and door prizes.

The Pocahontas County High School Theater Club will present "A Seussified Christmas Carol" Saturday, December 16, in the PCHS Auditorium. Two performance times: 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Admission by donation. Sponsored in part by Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals.

Santa will be making stops at the following locations Sunday, December 17:

see Calendar pg 8

Turkey or Chicken Tetrazzini

1 1/2 cups fresh sliced mushrooms
1 stick butter, divided
6 Tbsp. all purpose flour
1 3/4 cups chicken or turkey broth
1/2 cup whipping cream
2 egg yolks, lightly beaten

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Santa arrives at Arbovale Community Center!

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LOCUST LEGACY FARM, owned by Gary and Connie Cutlip, was named the Pocahontas County Grassland Farm of 2023 by the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District during its annual Awards Banquet October 19. Pictured l to r: GVCDC Vice-Chair Timothy VanReenan, Connie Cutlip, Gary Cutlip and GVCDC Supervisor Jerry Clifton.

Pocahontas County Grassland Farm 2023

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District (GVCD) held its annual Legislative and Awards Banquet at the West Virginia University Building on the West Virginia State Fairgrounds October 19. The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District is the gatekeeper for all state and federal conservation efforts in Greenbrier, Monroe and Pocahontas counties.

The purpose of the GVCD banquet is to recognize district farmers who have done an exceptional job advocating and imple-

menting conservation to boost farm earnings, as well as updating local legislators on the previous year's work and requesting their ongoing support.

Gary and Connie Cutlip, of Hillboro, were among the farmers recognized for their work.

Gary and Connie Cutlip, owners of Locust Legacy Farm, have been named the 2023 Pocahontas County Outstanding Grassland Farmers. The farm, located in Locust Creek, is a beef cow/calf operation spanning 75 acres. Gary is the fourth generation to work

the farm, which was purchased by his great-grandfather in 1904. The couple's daughter, Valerie, lives in Louisiana but enjoys visiting the farm with her family. The Cutlips raise purebred Angus and Angus/Simmental cattle using rotational grazing and aggressive artificial insemination. They aim to produce feeder calves and minimize the need for hay by stockpiling grass. The couple also participates in the Natural Resource Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentive Program for conservation efforts.

Cemetery, from page 1

As one of the largest cemeteries in the county, the Arbovale Cemetery has a rich history, dating back to pre-Civil War. On the site was the old Deer Creek Union Log Church.

In the cemetery's history, written by Harry Dale Sutton, the writer imagined what it was like for the first settlers to see the land and stake claim for their church. "It must take us back before the War between the States," he wrote. "To a time when the future of America looked bright, and hope was burning in every heart. It takes us back to a time when the young men were honest and true and the young women were virtuous and fair. Those people were strong and brave who loved God and their fellowmen. Yes, it was from such our Nation was founded."

The old log church was built in 1790 or 1791, predating the first deed for the land which was made in 1831 to the trustees of the Deer Creek congregation — Benjamin Tallman, George

Burner and James Wooddell. The cemetery association was organized in 1943 by C.E. Flynn, who served as the organization's first president. In an article written by Nola Shears, it was stated that the cemetery entrance archway was erected in August of 1962.

The archway was held aloft by two brick columns. The right column has the dedication — "In memory of Clarence E. Flynn, whose unselfish devotion to the welfare of Pocahontas County has given him a lasting place in the hearts of our people." The left column is dedicated to the second president of the association, Delbert Gillispie. It reads — "In memory of Delbert Gillispie, whose dedication and concern helped many in their time of greatest need. This will remain an inspiration for all of us."

The association is now in the process of replacing and repairing the archway.

With such a rich history comes a great responsibility to the association members, that of ensuring the cemetery remains a place to celebrate the memories of those who founded this county and

carved a path for their descendants.

The founders' stones stand resolute and tall in the older portion of the cemetery, surrounded by the more modern and intricate stones of recent generations.

The cemetery is also a place to remember and honor the sacrifices of servicemen and women who served the country since the Civil War. Each year, the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps holds ceremonies on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

The next event, Wreaths Across America, will be held Saturday, December 16, at noon. The Honor Corps will place Christmas wreaths around the flagpole at the cemetery entrance for each branch of the military and will present a 21-gun salute during the ceremony. Arbovale Cemetery is one of hundreds across the country that will participate in the event, which is held in conjunction with the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

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Team, from page 1

gency personnel in case there is a call that they have to take.

"I try to pick and choose who I get because I don't want to take them all out of fire and EMS," he said. "That's why we started this before because what we had was all the fire and EMS in the woods. We had nobody to cover calls. If there was an ambulance call, we would have to get all the ambulance people out of the field and get them to the ambulance in

order to make the run." Cassell said he hopes to draw people from all over the county, especially those who have a deep knowledge of the forest land.

"There's going to come a time when I'm going to call out to the public for bear hunters and loggers, because they know the woods," he said.

It takes a special kind of person to join a search and rescue team, Cassell said, and he has people who are made for specific parts of the search. There are some who are unable to do a lot of walking on uneven terrain, but they are perfect for mon-

itoring the list of people who are in the field. There is also a need for people who are willing to direct traffic and organize meals for searches that take more than one day.

"That's what we need, good, dedicated people," he said. "You can use a lot of different people in this. There are a lot of things they can do. They don't necessarily have to be ground pounders."

Cassell said he plans to have another meeting sometime in December and when he has the date, he will post it online and in The Pocahontas Times for those interested in attending.

WVU, from page 2

"The course material will be designed to make this technology more accessible to a wide audience and help train the next generation of scientists and engineers," Schmid said.

Undergraduate students will participate in the research activities through this project and programs such as

the Research Apprenticeship Program and the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience.

This project is jointly funded by the Division of Astronomical Sciences and the Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. The estimated end date is fall 2026.

Algorithms, firmware and software developed will be made available for use to the world radio astronomy community through GitHub, a

cloud-based platform utilized through summer RFI workshops at the Green Bank Observatory and disseminated through programs run by the NSF's SpectrumX Center.

"The success of this work will be measured not only by our development of the proposed algorithms, but by their adoption, successful use and expansion by the broader international astronomical community," Bandura said.

Operation, from page 2

Service Commission.

- created a state-mandated Salary Enhancement Fund and a checking account for

that fund in the amount of \$143,763 of state money to be divided among EMS employees based on the number of calls for service they respond to yearly.

- acknowledged the receipt of the resignation of

Donald McNeel as County Flood Plain Manager which will be effective in January of 2024.

- announced that the courthouse Christmas luncheon will be held at noon Friday, December 8.

Fraud, from page 2

was in operation on February 15, 2020, which was a requirement to qualify for a PPP loan. Boyd admitted that "Sean Boyd" was fictitious and was not a registered business entity in West Virginia at the time he applied for the loan and admitted to submitting a false IRS Form 1040.

Boyd submitted the loan application electronically from West Virginia and it was uploaded to servers in Nebraska for processing. Boyd's loan application was approved and \$20,832 was electronically transferred to his personal bank account in West Virginia. Boyd admitted that before he received

the fraudulent loan, his bank account balance was \$12.47. On May 24, 2021, Boyd withdrew \$10,000 of the fraudulent loan proceeds from his bank's branch in Nitro.

The CARES Act, enacted in March 2020, offered emergency financial assistance to Americans suffering from the economic effects caused by the COVID-19

pandemic. This assistance included forgivable loans to small businesses for job retention and certain other expenses through the PPP.

Boyd is scheduled to be sentenced on February 7, 2024 and faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. Boyd also owes \$23,817.79 in restitution.

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- 12 Bandleader Lawrence
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- 19 Totally alter
- 20 Visibly sulky
- 21 Pack of yaks
- 22 Coastal inlet
- 23 Monumental
- 24 Of very hilly regions
- 25 Liveliness
- 27 Betray by snitching
- 29 Possible answer to "Who is?"
- 30 Scottish refusals
- 32 Lupe of "Mexican Spitfire"
- 33 With 73- and 117-Across, notable fact about this puzzle's solution
- 37 Antigen-attacking lymphocyte
- 39 Abbr. ending a math proof
- 40 Suffix with form
- 41 Deer relative
- 42 Surgical tool
- 44 Put a levy on
- 47 Smdige
- 49 Des Moines native
- 51 Cry to a lifesaver
- 53 Move in spasms
- 56 "American Pie" actor — William Scott
- 58 Visibly awed
- 60 Tailless cat
- 61 Pop's Grande
- 63 The Beatles' "Eleanor —"
- 65 Gibson liquor
- 66 1847 Herman Melville novel
- 67 Big name in utility knives
- 68 Alty.'s title
- 69 18-wheeler
- 71 Div. of hoops game
- 73 See 33-Across
- 80 Mine, in Italy
- 81 ROY G. —
- 82 Albuquerque-to-Denver dir.
- 83 Chef's hat
- 85 Travel by foot
- 89 Cable inits. for old films
- 91 Reverend Jackson
- 93 Tweak
- 94 Ending for buck
- 95 "El —" (nickname of a drug lord)
- 97 Drink heartily
- 99 Acorn trees
- 100 "Incredible!"
- 102 D-Max pickup maker
- 104 Tips, as a hat
- 106 Wd. often ending in "-ly"
- 107 Rho-tau link
- 109 Western treaty inits.
- 111 U.S. spy gp.
- 112 Former Pan Am rival
- 115 Decide you will
- 117 See 33-Across
- 121 Part of a ship's hull
- 123 Cartoon hits
- 125 Cool, man
- 126 Some Native Americans
- 127 Getting a laugh out
- 129 Cool guy on "Happy Days"
- 133 Years, in Italy
- 134 Traffic snarl
- 135 Lawn digger
- 136 Popular place for a piercing
- 137 Give a test to
- 138 Log splitter
- 139 "— Out of My League"
- 140 Basic nature
- 141 "That's clear!"
- 2 Put new concrete on
- 3 Revised copy
- 4 Cholesterol-lowering drug
- 5 Funny Carrey
- 6 Artist Yoko
- 7 "Be quiet!"
- 8 Univ. about 50 miles west of Topeka
- 9 Coating with glossy varnish
- 10 Yang partner
- 11 Office scribe
- 12 Interlaoed
- 13 Is
- 14 Third bk. of the Bible
- 15 Roguish behavior
- 16 Group of precision marchers
- 17 Ceremony
- 18 "Run This Town" rapper
- 26 Toon frame
- 28 Laugh syllable from a Stoooge
- 31 Plant — (claim some territory, maybe)
- 34 Writer Mario Vargas —
- 35 Mitigate
- 36 "King Kong" studio
- 38 Solidifies
- 43 "Seminar," for "Marines," e.g.: Abbr.
- 48 Glaring
- 50 "That's the — goes"
- 52 Med. insurer
- 53 NFL's Jaguars, on scoreboard
- 54 The "E" of 39-Across
- 55 Well-off
- 57 Muslim face veil
- 59 Arouse
- 62 Linguist Chomsky
- 64 Mark over a short vowel
- 68 Pliocene, e.g.
- 70 Big name in infomercial knives
- 72 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
- 74 Class for an Eng. major
- 75 Little jewel
- 76 Sam of golf
- 77 Judo halls
- 78 Blue hue
- 79 Wairus tooth
- 84 Aliens, briefly
- 85 Tot's glassful
- 86 Yank who wore #13
- 87 Small amount, as of sales
- 88 Jazz saxophonist Dave
- 90 Injure greatly
- 92 People crushing things
- 93 Stick on
- 96 Biblical song
- 98 Points of convergence
- 101 Prizes highly
- 103 Animals: Suffix
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- 113 Hot dog
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- 116 Book divs.
- 118 Larder of cosmetics
- 119 Cereal utensil
- 120 Basra citizen
- 121 Mexico's — California
- 122 Huge-screen film format
- 124 In-favor votes
- 128 "Stupid me!"
- 130 Partakes of
- 131 "Grimm" ailer
- 132 Wye follower

Obituaries



Linda Hammons
Linda Sue Hammons, 72, of Ronceverte, passed away Thursday, November 23, 2023, at Seneca Trail Healthcare Center.

Born July 25, 1951, in Ronceverte, she was a daughter of the late Luther and Mildred Baker Wykle.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Kenny Wykle; and sister, Bonnie Bowyer.

She is survived by her husband, Danny Hammons; son, Jamey Hammons; daughters, Jennifer McCallister (Adam), and Stacy Hammons; brother, Bobby Wykle (Gwen); sister, Patty Smith; grandchildren, Lance, Mary, Noah and Kolin Hammons, Josh Holliday, Sarah Spurlock, Meghan and Kendra McCallister, Destiny, Kyle, Zachery, Nadaley, Coby and Wesley Hamrick; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service was held Monday, November 27, 2023, in the Mausoleum of Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg, with Pastor Gary Baker officiating.

An online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg.

Douglas Robinson

Douglas Ray Robinson, 55, of Roanoke, Virginia, formerly of Marlinton, died Wednesday, November 22, 2023, in Roanoke.

Born September 4, 1968, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Merle Andrew and Frances Elizabeth Brown Robinson.

Doug was a forklift operator for a shipping company.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Charles; and a sister, Shelia.

He is survived by his companion, Joanne Rosina; sister, Betty Cochran, of White Sulphur Springs; brothers, Thomas, of Marlinton, and Gerald, of Wytheville, Virginia.

Graveside service was held Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Oak Grove Cemetery with Pastor Richard Jamison officiating.

The world's greatest treasure hunt

By R.A. Mathews

Forty years ago, "Girls just want to have fun!" became a famous lyric for Cyndi Lauper. It's been revived countless times for one reason or another, including now.

When I hear those words, I think of angels. Certain events in history look like angels having fun.

There's the angel who ran a lottery, and the one who toyed with Samson's parents. There's another instance of an angel who looks like he's having fun—it happened at Christmas.

The angel decided to have the world's greatest treasure hunt, choosing only a select group of men to play. He then handed out clues.

I am not making this up. Let me show you. See if you can find the clues.

"...there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. And so the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city

of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.'" (Luke 2:8-12)

The angel obviously knew where Jesus was. The angel could have said, "He's at Jimmy Blake's house, corner of East and Main."

Why not?

Some may say the angel was testing their faith. I agree. But it also looks like he was having some fun.

Did you see the clues? This is what he says:

"...for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.'" (Luke 2:11-12)

Three clues: "City of David," "baby wrapped in swaddling cloth," "lying in a manger." That's it. That's all they get. No star. The wise men got the star. But that's later on.

So, the world's greatest treasure hunt begins.

"City of David" is easy. That's Bethlehem, right?

Uh, no.

David lived in Bethlehem as a boy, but "City of David"

is "Jerusalem" in the Old Testament. Frankly, why even say "City of David"? Why not just say "Bethlehem"?

See what I mean?

It looks like this angel is playing and deliberately trying to throw the men off.

But they know their Scripture. Here's the passage: "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah ... from you One will come forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His times of coming forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity." (Micah 5:2)

They know the Christ will be born in Bethlehem, and that's where they go. Scholars think there were about 300 to 1,000 people living in Bethlehem at that time. What do the shepherds do when they get there?

They remember another clue: Manger.

So, that narrowed things down. Not some sweet baby crib; it was a feeding trough for animals.

And not everyone had livestock. So, the shepherds would have gone from one owner of livestock in Bethlehem to the next.

Last clue: A baby wrapped in swaddling cloth.

Could it possibly be true? This wasn't the boy Jesus or a full-grown man. They were looking for a baby. And you know the shepherds were thinking about that manger the whole time. The long-awaited Messiah, the one destined to lead Israel in a food trough?

But they find baby Jesus just so. And thus ends the world's greatest treasure hunt.

We are made in the image of a God of joy. My favorite picture of the Lord is "Jesus Laughing." Why wouldn't He have fun-loving angels?

Delight in your faith. Treasure being with God.

Know that He cares for you. And enjoy His sense of humor and fun.

Six reasons why you should take your mental health seriously

By Stan Popovich

Many people underestimate the impact that mental illness can have on an individual or family. It can be difficult to admit that you have a mental health problem in your life. Secondly, it can be just as difficult to get the people you know to understand your situation without making judgments.

As a result, here are six reasons why you should make your mental health an important priority in your life.

1. Your situation will improve if you get help: Your anxieties and fears can be challenging to manage and more than likely you will need some help. Just as you talk to your doctor about your regular health, you should not be hesitant in seeking help for your mental health. If left untreated, your anxieties and fears may not go away.

2. Drugs and alcohol are not the answer: Drugs and alcohol can make your problems more complicated. Many people have said that drugs and alcohol will only add more problems to your situation. Be smart and learn how to cope with your mental health issues by talking to a qualified professional. There are many health professionals in your area that can give you some ideas on where you can go for assistance.

3. You will save time and money: Eventually, you will have to confront your fears and mental health issues. Save yourself the time and heartache and confront your problems now rather than

later. You will save months of struggling by getting help right away. The sooner you get assistance the faster you will start getting some relief.

4. You are not alone: Everyone deals with fear, stress and anxiety their life, whether your friends and others admit it or not. In addition, do not be embarrassed that you are getting help. We all learn new things from others on a daily basis and learning how to manage your anxieties is no different. In addition, your goal is to get your life back on track and not to get everyone's approval. If people start asking questions, just say your dealing with stress. Most people can relate to dealing with stress and anxiety.

5. Do not make the mistake of doing nothing: There are many people who struggled with anxiety and other mental health related issues, and they tried to ignore their problems. As a result, some of these people struggled on a daily basis and eventually things became more difficult. It can be scary asking for assistance, but the key is to take things one day at a

time.

6. You have a variety of options: There are many mental health support groups, organizations and counselors in your area that can help get your life back on track. Talk to your doctor to get more details on where you can go for assistance. Help is available but you must be willing to make the choice to get better. Remember, every problem has a so-

lution. You just have to make the effort to find the answers.

BIOGRAPHY

Stan is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear" which covers a variety of techniques that can drastically improve your mental health. For more information, please visit Stan's website at <http://www.managingfear.com>

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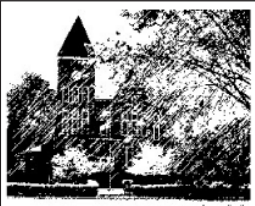
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Little Levels District H.S. – Hillsboro 1921



SOCIAL PIONEERING PHOTOGRAPHER Lewis Wickes Hine took this photograph of Little Levels District High School in Hillsboro, W. Va. October 6, 1921. Mr. Hine described this school as “one of the best consolidated rural schools in the county.” The original photo and negative are housed at the Library of Congress. (Courtesy of National Child Labor Committee Collection, Library of Congress; Preserving Pocahontas ID: PHP003981)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
December 2, 1948

Along in the fall time of the year, I make it a point to inquire of Cecil Curry at the municipal water plant about the fish which come over the water wheel as they travel downstream. This year, he reports that few bass came his way. This can easily be accounted for by the fact that Knapps Creek has had plenty of water the whole year through, so the bass could more easily go around, than go into the intake. However, Mr. Curry did give me a surprise when he told me that rainbow trout in considerable number were seen coming over the wheel. He

observed a goodly number of trout at the intake, too. The average length was about nine inches. I will check the records to see where rainbow trout were planted last spring. Of late years, fish culturists have been telling about rainbow trout having a tendency to travel downstream. Mr. Curry now furnishes tangible evidence of how and when they do it.

The Deer Hunting

Rain, snow, sleet, slick roads and high water, marked the opening on Monday of the six-day hunting season for deer in Pocahontas County. There were about as many hunters as usual, but the guess is the kill was not

as great as usual on the first day. The opening of the big Cranberry area took a lot of hunters into that part of the Black Forest.

Congressman Staggers

Congressman Harley Staggers passed through Pocahontas County last week, traveling to and from a speaking engagement down at Welch. As was expected, he was elected to Congress in the recent election by the comfortable majority of 10,000 and better. He is a good man, and the type to keep in the House of Representatives. He will set about to learn his trade as a Congressman. Believe me, it is a trade, too.

The background of Mr. Staggers is that of a teacher. I think I see clearly, there are two great causes neglected, which are now at the forefront for consideration and action. I refer to federal

defense against ignorance and disease...

National Forest

Arthur A. Wood, Superintendent of the Monongahela National Forest, had an all day planning meeting of his district foresters at the prison camp on Cranberry last Thursday...

Timber sales on the Forest are now in sufficient volume to supply a few local operators with continuous supplies of stumpage. This also provides timber stand improvement through removal of defective trees.

In this connection, there is need for the development of a demand by local operators for ties, pulpwood, mine props and other small tree products...

Satisfactory progress was reported on game food and shelter plantings over much of the forest area.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
November 29, 1923

On last Saturday, Frank Bond and Luther Trimble were sentenced by Judge McClintic in the Federal Court to seven years in the penitentiary at Atlanta, after conviction on six counts for violation of the national prohibition laws. Edna Bond was also found guilty and will be sentenced to a penitentiary for women. These people operated a moonshining outfit on Spice Run. In passing sentence on them, Judge McClintic spoke of the trio as “the most serious violators” of the prohibition law. The Bonds, brother and sister, are from Greenbrier County and Trimble comes from Highland County.

Charles Barlow, of Edray, went all through the war without a scratch only to be accidentally shot by a companion while hunting pheasants in heavy cover in the Sinks last week. Two dozen shot were picked out of his face and body on Tuesday morning. His heavy hunting coat protected him from serious injury.

IN POCAHONTAS COUNTY

There is no agricultural county in West Virginia in which the writer has spent less time during the past twenty years than in Pocahontas. It was, therefore, a

great pleasure recently to spend eight days in this section. Our first meeting was held at Beard. Here the community has built one of the prettiest little churches I have seen in the state, and here we had a splendid meeting. R. M. Beard was our host and with him and his good family a pleasant night was spent. We found him and his son doing about all the work that was done on the farm but he took time to spend a day with a solicitor securing members for the Farm Bureau Federation. He has a well kept farm and keeps nothing but good livestock on it, being a breeder of Hereford cattle, Shropshire sheep and Berkshire hogs, but the best thing that can be said about him is that he is public spirited and is always ready to help along with every good work.

Our next meeting was at Hillsboro. Here we greeted a fine crowd of up-to-date farmers. This country is called the Levels and there are few sections in the state that equal it in point of fertility... There is a good high school in this village and the people are in every way progressive.

Edray was our next stop and a good crowd of intelligent up-to-date farmers greeted us. This is another place where the soil is good and good livestock is kept. We were entertained in the splendid home of S. B.

Moore and Son, and it was a real pleasure to spend a few hours on a farm where nothing but good livestock is kept and modern farming done. Not only is good machinery such as a tractor and the best of plows and harrows used, but the home is supplied with the most modern improvement. It was very gratifying to find here a son who had lifted the burden from his father's shoulders and was deeply interested in farming. Shorthorn cattle are bred and a fancy price was paid recently for a bull.

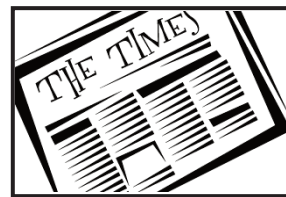
The next meeting was held at Clover Lick in the afternoon. The attendance was not so large because the farmers are so rushed with their work, not being able to hire help for love or money. While here, I visited the farm of J. J. Coyner, known as one of the leading potato growers of the county. For years he has been growing from eight to ten acres of potatoes and has been very successful. He owns 800 acres of land, applies a great deal of lime and wood ashes. He has a fine orchard just coming into bearing, but the thing that interested me was the poultry plant owned by his son, “Berry,” who is at the Uni-

versity taking a course in poultry husbandry. Here I saw 12,100 White Leghorn pullets, a poultry house 120 feet long and 26 feet wide, and another of the same dimensions is just being started.

It has been said that he who makes two blades of grass grow where but one grew before is a public benefactor, but he who takes a swamp and converts it into a productive farm is entitled to a higher compliment and this is what W. C. Gardner has done. We had the pleasure of breaking bread with him and spending a few hours on his farm. Mr. Gardner lived in the city but in search of health came to this section and has built a good home with all modern conveniences and has greatly improved his farm. He intimated that the dividends were coming in rather slow but I assured him that the same could be said by those who had been reared on the farm.

At Dunmore, we met a lot of farmers who feel that the farmers of the state have not been getting a square deal in the matter of taxation and who are willing to lend their

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
November 29, 1973

BIRTHS

Some 20 people braved the cold, snow and bitter wind to take part in a celebration of “Guy Fawkes Day” on the Balister farm on Back Mountain Road. This is a British children's holiday held annually on November 5th, with the burning of a “guy,” a bonfire and fireworks. The holiday commemorates a 16th century Englishman who, with a group of conspirators, plotted to blow up the British Houses of Parliament on the 5th of November 1605. They were caught and later hanged. Some delicious food and hot drinks were brought by the guests and a memorable evening was had by all. It is becoming increasingly difficult to celebrate this holiday in England due to population density, so Pocahontas County was the setting for a comparatively rare festivity.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Walton, of Staunton, a daughter, named Naomi Nadine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Nelson, of Silver Spring, Maryland, a daughter, named Angela Kay.

DEATHS

Virgil A. Ryder, 56, of Avoca, Michigan, formerly of Thornwood, was killed November 20, 1973 in Michigan when a tree fell on him... Funeral service was held from the Thornwood Church. Burial in the Starks Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Louise Fenton, 83, of Charleston, a retired teacher who taught at schools in Pocahontas, Randolph and Kanawha counties for 33 years. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery at Elkins.

Mrs. Della Page Campbell, 82, of Hot Springs, Virginia. Many years ago she made her home with her aunt, the late Mrs. C. J. Richardson and attended school in Marlinton. Funeral service was held in the Virginia Chapel at Mitchelltown, with burial in the Warm Springs Cemetery.

ENGAGEMENT

Dr. and Mrs. John M. Mallow, of Marlinton, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Anne Winters, to William Thomas Workman, son of William D. Workman, of Hillsboro, and the late Grace Rogers Workman...

Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
December 1, 1989

In November, Paris Hammond, second son of Jesse Hammond, of Williams River, killed three large bears in about three seconds, with three shots of a thirty-eight Winchester. He came on them in the woods, one she bear and two large male bears. This was very remarkable as male and female bears are not found together, as a rule, after August. Hammond shot the old she and then the other two before they could get away. The three bears lay dead within three rods of each other.

When you want to know anything, ask the editor of your local paper. He is as good as an encyclopedia and always gives full information. Here is one instance: A subscriber sent him this query: “What ails my hens? Every morning, I find one or more of them keeled over. What shall I do for them?”

The answer was: “The fowls are dead. It is an old complaint and nothing can be done except to bury them.”

For ten years, there has not been such a destructive stormy visitation in the United States as occurred November 26, when the suddenness of its coming, the sweep of territory and the obstructive and destructive damage are all considered.

FOOTBALL GAME AT FROST

About hog-killing time every year, the Marlinton football team has a try at the noble game with some neighboring aggregation of players. This year, a game was set for November 26, at Frost, altho the goose-bone

prognosticators and the United States Weather Bureau announced a storm advancing from the east, which really did centre at Philadelphia two days previously, where two teams played a “brutal football game” – not on account of ferocious teamwork, for the men could not play hard enough to keep up circulation, but because of the cold and wet and slippery ground.

At Frost, there was about three inches of light snow, and the teams got to work at 2 o'clock. The ground had a decided slope, but a constant wind was blowing up the slope and the Marlinton team chose to play with the wind at their backs. It was very noticeable that the players kept their feet with difficulty, and the larger the man the less secure was his pride. It was risky to attempt anything brilliant, and the smallest and weakest members of the visiting team carried most of the honors for their side.

After 19 minutes play, during which time Douglas McNeill scored one goal for Marlinton, the wind and snow came on to blow great guns, and it was impossible for a man to distinguish his neighbor at ten paces. The ball was lost and the game adjourned sine die. The hurricane lasted 15 minutes, then the players, spectators returned to the field and finished the remaining 71 minutes of play, during which time, Slaven made another goal in the first half, and after the teams changed, and Yeager, by long runs of more than half the length of the field, scored two successive goals for Marlinton.

During the second half, Frost played all about the

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Par Mar at Green Bank 1p.m.; Trent's in Arbovale 1:15; Bears Den at Boyer 1:40; Thornwood Loop 2 p.m.; BFD Parking Lot in Durbin 2:20. Sponsored by the Durbin Lions Club.

Voting in the Town of Marlinton's Christmas Decorating Contest will take place from December 1 to December 10. Voting packets are available at the town office. Each business and residence that is participating in the contest will have a red number in their window or near their display. Make it a family event. Tour the town. Get out and vote!

LIBRARY NEWS
Green Bank Public Library's Big Sale of Books, Thursday, November 30, and Friday, December 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pocahontas County Libraries and Visitor Information Centers will be taking canned goods for fines through December 20. Bring in any non-perishable with your overdue books and fines will be waived.

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 regular meeting Monday,

December 4, 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building Auditorium.

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

Allegheny Post 117 will Tuesday, December 5, 6 p.m. at Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

Planning Meeting for the December Free Community dinner Thursday, December 7, 5:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church.

Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority regular meeting Wednesday, December 6, at 7 p.m. at the courthouse. This will be a combined meeting for November and December.

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

PARKS AND REC
Cardio and Circuit Training, led by Sunny Given, Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning December 4, 5 to 6 p.m.

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.

Zumba - Dance and enjoy a fun, high-energy workout with Instructor Kelly Shifflett, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m.

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New day for Yoga at Cass Community Center - now on

Thursdays at 5 p.m. Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at Durbin Library.

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.

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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 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, Arbovale, 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 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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support toward righting the wrong. I visited the farm of J. N. Wilfong. He owns 1,100 acres, a great deal of which is level. He has tile drained a great deal and will tile drain more... He keeps 50 cattle, 100 sheep and about 50 hogs. He goes on the theory that it is not best to carry all one's eggs in one basket. It was a real pleasure to find a farmer who had started with nothing and has acquired so much land and

stock by his own industry, but with all this work on hand, he still found time to take one day off to drive a solicitor through his community.

Pocahontas is a wonderful county of great possibilities. It has thousands of acres of level land which are susceptible of great improvement... ~ W. D. Zinn, in National Stockman and Farmer

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd J. Campbell, of Minnehaha Springs, a daughter.

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DEATHS
John Rodgers Hevener, aged 82 years, died at his home near Stony Bottom, Friday afternoon, November 26, 1948. On Saturday afternoon, his body was laid to rest in the family plot in Arbovale Cemetery. The service was held from Alexander Memorial Church... Mr. Hevener was the son of the late Uriah and Mary Rodgers Hevener... He married Miss Anna Virginia Pritchard, who preceded him some years since. Their children are John and Paul, Mary and Virginia.

Thus is noted the passing of a prominent citizen and a thoroughly good man. A humble and working Christian, he was for many years a Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church...

Mrs. Annie Gum Oliver, aged 72 years, widow of the late J. Washington Oliver, died at her home in Greenbank, Sunday afternoon, No-

vember 28, 1948... The funeral is set for the home on Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be in the family plot in Arbovale cemetery. The deceased was a daughter of the late Robert and Annie Riley Gum...

W. A. McCray was born May 9, 1866, and died November 5, 1948. His parents, Elmus McCray and Mary Hughes McCray, came to West Virginia in the year of 1870 and settled near the mouth of the West Fork... Mr. McCray was twice married, his first wife was Miss Cordelia Garretson... He was married to Fannie G. Hanges, of Roane county in 1911. They made their home at Durbin, where he worked in the timber industry and farmed for about 40 years.

John Henry Ryder, aged 90 years, of Williamsburg, died in a nursing home Friday, November 26, 1948. On Tuesday afternoon, his body was laid to rest in the Stony Bottom cemetery, the funeral being held from the Clover Lick Church.

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6546 - Mill Point. Little Mountain Retreat, Lot D-6. Offering approximately 4.5 wooded acres in restricted development. Easy access, nice building site and great views. Owner financing available. - \$15,000



6548 - Hillsboro. Lot C-1. Offering 2 wooded acres in Little Mountain Retreat with easy access. Protective Covenants apply. Near national forest and fishing. Owner financing available. - \$15,000



4886 - Lewisburg. Lamplighter Subdivision. Lot 14. Voted the "Coolest Small Town in America!" Property is close to all the best the Greenbrier Valley has to offer! Title insurance available. - \$6,000



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



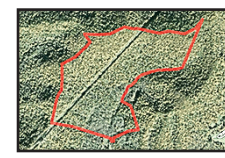
6547 - Mill Point. Little Mountain Retreat, Lot B-10. Four +/- wooded acres with private access and underground electric in the center of a restricted development. Will divide. Veterans discount/owner financing. - \$22,000



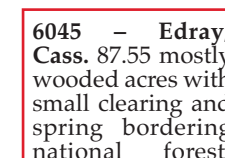
6601 - Hillsboro. Lot B-7. Little Mt. Retreat. Approximately 2.14 wooded acres with protective covenants. Easy access, nice building site, potential views and electric nearby. - \$20,000



6532 - Rimel. Well-maintained 2BR/1.5BA camp on 2.91 acres bordering national forest. Middle Fork Anthony's Creek runs through the property. - \$95,000



6571 - Summersville. 2.23 percent interest in 208 acres. Use for hunting, 4 wheeling, etc. Partial ownership only. - \$11,000



6045 - Edray/Cass. 87.55 mostly wooded acres with small clearing and spring bordering national forest. Private. Near Marlinton and the Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$213,000



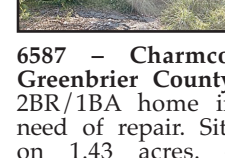
6569 - Little Birch, Braxton County. One tenth acre. - \$6,900



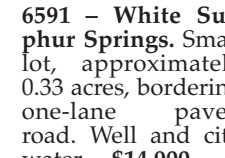
6495 - Rainelle. 2BR/1BA home on a level lot. Home needs work. - \$9,900



6609 - Rainelle. Fenced lot. Shell of a house with metal roof and an outbuilding - \$12,500



6587 - Charmco, Greenbrier County. 2BR/1BA home in need of repair. Sits on 1.43 acres. - \$22,900



6591 - White Sulphur Springs. Small lot, approximately 0.33 acres, bordering one-lane paved road. Well and city water. - \$14,900

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ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTIBLES & LEGATEES

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

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, 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 Lynnville 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

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**

Bids will be accepted until Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7 p.m., at which time all bids will be opened.

BFD reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to re-advertise property at any time.

For more information, call or text Buster Varner at 304-642-9053.
11/16/4c

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Final Notice and Public Explanation 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 conducted an evaluation 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 Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the HUD Community Development Block Grant Program under 21CDBG0012. The proposed project is located in Marlinton, Pocahontas County at 926 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.

The Pocahontas County Commission has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: There are no alternatives for the demolition of the dilapidated building.

The project does conform to applicable state or local floodplain protection standards. The project will be facilitated or modified to minimize harm to or within the floodplain in the following manner: It is not anticipated that project will have any impact on the floodplain.

The project will affect the natural and beneficial floodplain values in the following manner: It is not anticipated that project will have any impact on the floodplain.

The Pocahontas County Commission has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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. **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 Thursday, December 7, 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. – 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 mlehman@reg4wv.org.

11/30/1c

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: November 30, 2023
Pocahontas County Commission
900 10th Avenue
Marlinton, WV 24954
304-799-6063

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Pocahontas County Commission.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after December 16, 2023 the Pocahontas County Commission will submit a request to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Pocahontas County Commission Board of Education Demolition Project

Purpose: Demolition of the former Pocahontas County Board of Education building

Location: 926 5th Avenue, Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia

Estimated Cost: \$245,000.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Pocahontas County Commission has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the office of Region 4 Planning and Development Council, 885 Broad Street, Suite 100, Summersville, WV 26651 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Pocahontas County Commission. It is requested that a courtesy copy be provided to the Region 4 Planning and Development Council. All comments received by December 15, 2023 will be considered by the Pocahontas County Commission prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Pocahontas County Commission certifies to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development that Walt Helmick in his capacity as President consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The West Virginia Department of Economic Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Pocahontas County Commission to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the Pocahontas County Commission's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Pocahontas County Commission; (b) the Pocahontas County Commission has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the West Virginia Department of Economic Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to West Virginia Department of Economic Development, Community Advancement and Development, Building 3, Suite 700, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, WV 25305. Potential objectors should contact the West Virginia Department of Economic Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Walt Helmick, President
Pocahontas County Commission
11/30/1c

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE - Cut your own Fraser Fir Christmas tree, Durbin. 304-456-5010. 11/30/2p

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. 1/19/tfnc

HOUSES AND REAL ESTATE

WANTED - Land for hunting lease. Please call JW at 304-960-0646. 11/23/4p

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

LAWN CARE

LAWN CARE - Landscaping, brush hogging, ditch digging, any and all grounds keeping and household repairs. Licensed and insured. 304-992-9866. Call or text. 11/9/4tfnc

POSITION AVAILABLE

POSITION AVAILABLE - Allegheny Mountain Radio is seeking an Office Service Specialist for our WVMR Studio. The OSS reports directly to the Management Team, and acts as liaison with the AMR Auditors and outsourced payroll service, and directly supervises office related volunteers. The Office Service Specialist is responsible for keeping the accounts, transactions with banks, payroll and purchasing. Experience with Quickbooks online and accounting preferred. A full job description and application form can be found on our website, alleghenymountainradio.org. Allegheny Mountain Radio is an Equal Opportunity Employer, including disability and veterans. 11/30/2p

POSITION AVAILABLE - The office of the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Department is now accepting resumes for the position of Administrative Clerk. Resumes 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 resume with the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Department 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 cewrose@sheriff.state.wv.us 11/23/2c

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WANTED TO BUY - Ginseng and other roots and herbs. Call for price quotes. New River Trading. 1-855-SENGMAN. 11/2/tfnc

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NOTICE

NOTICE - I will not be responsible for any debts other than my own. Deborah Wegman. 11/30/2p

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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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Answers

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SNYDER CHRISTMAS TREE FARM
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We are sorry for the inconvenience. We are working hard to have plenty of trees for Christmas 2024. See you next year!

NOW HIRING

Casago Snowshoe is a local company seeking hard-working professional employees to work at Snowshoe. We are looking for dependable people with positive attitudes and an eye for detail.

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All applicants must consent to and pass a pre-employment criminal background check and drug screening, if requested. **MUST HAVE RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION!**

To apply, call Casago Snowshoe 304-924-7054 to speak with Vanessa, or stop by our office at 562 Cass Road, Slaty Fork to apply in person.

Cook and Dietary Aide Openings Available

Healthcare Services Group is now hiring for a cook and dietary aide. Starting wage of up to \$15 per hour.

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Stop by 5 Everett Tibbs Road in Marlinton and fill out an application. You can also call 304-799-7375 and ask for the dietary department.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Shelter News

The shelter has the most irresistible collection of cats and kittens you've ever seen. With cold weather setting in, it's a good time to adopt one and help the shelter make room for more homeless animals.

A cat can make an excellent companion for anyone, but especially an elderly person or someone who is homebound. Be sure it will be a welcome addition before making the decision to adopt.

For some families, the holidays are a popular time for welcoming an animal as a new family member or considering giving one as a gift.

Adopting an animal is always a big decision, but even more so during the holidays.

There's a lot to consider: December brings increased activity, extra people and all those tempting Christmas decorations.

With all of that going on, pets can become lost in the shuffle or frightened at a time when they may already be confused or frightened about coming to a new home.

Instead of bringing home an animal right away, consider putting together and wrapping an "adoption kit." Fill a box with everything the new fur baby will need –



MEET TWO ADORABLE gray striped female kittens – Angel and Star. These little sisters are about six weeks old with medium-length fur as soft as eiderdown. They are very friendly and promise to live up any home.



HOLLY (FEMALE, AT left) and Kris (male) are six weeks old and from the same litter as Angel and Star. They are just as friendly and playful as their sisters, but their fur is a bit longer – very like Persian fur.



CASSIE IS A gorgeous, tan tabby female. She's about a year old, as affectionate as can be and has four bright white feet.



SASSY IS A female, six month old, tan tabby whose serious expression belies her comedic personality. She loves people and can't wait to be your best friend.



THIS PRETTY CALICO female is Callie. She's just five to seven weeks old and is a real love bug. And that adorable face. Oh, my!

toys, a bed, a leash, a collar, food, treats and a gift certificate for adoption and vetting fees. After the holidays, make an event of visiting the shelter to find the perfect pet.

If you decide you have room in your heart and home for one of these beautiful cats, blessings on you. Could there be a greater gift for a homeless animal than to open your heart and home to them?

Anyone interested in adopting one of these beauties is encouraged to call or

visit the Pocahontas County Animal Shelter at 300 Second Avenue in Marlinton. Their hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number is 304-799-4209.

Give the gift of life this year and choose to adopt.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:
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(3). Venus (4). Brown

History, from page 7

Marlinton goal, and it was only the admirable work of the goalkeeper, Calvin Price, that saved the day. The ball was kicked out no less than 20 times, but was finally

pushed through, and another goal was added by Aaron Sharp, just three minutes before time was called. The teams broke up with mutual cheers, to which were added three by the spectators for both teams.

The Frost team is as fine an athletic body of men as one could wish to see. There

are eight kinsmen by the name of Sharp on it. Their total weight aggregate 1,927 pounds. Their opponents netted 1,596 pounds in their boots. After the game, the men relaxed training, and a most convivial evening was spent at Mrs. Williams' excellent hotel.

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