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## 'Tree for two'

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Decorating a fir tree for Christmas has been a tradition since the 16th century in Europe. Through the years, decorations have evolved – from lighted candles and fruit, to tinsel and lights, to handmade ornaments and blinking lights.

Some families use the same decoration scheme, adding custom ornaments to the mix each year.

For Polly Monk, of Boyer, her main Christmas tree is different each year. She likes to come up with new themes that are unique to her style and the items she collects.

This year, Monk decorated her tree with more than 70 bone china teacups and a teapot as the tree topper.

"I've always liked teacups and cups," she said. "I've collected them all my life. I probably had twenty-five, and the rest I bought for like a quarter apiece at different little shops."

Several of the teacups have sentimental value, such as the one that was given to her when she married her late husband, Ron. The teacup came with a stand and matching saucer.

"Gayle Mullenax gave it to us," she said.

Along with the teacup tree, Monk has a four panel room divider that she decorated. Each panel has a wreath and inside the wreath is a teapot.

Monk decorated her Christmas tree the week of Thanksgiving and has been proud to show it off to friends and family. The tree is a glow with bright white lights and silver tinsel which accent the delicate teacups with extra shimmer.

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**POLLY MONK, OF Boyer, puts finishing touches on the main Christmas tree in her house. The tree features more than 70 bone china teacups and a teapot topper. Included on the tree are several teacups with special meaning, such as one gifted to Monk and her late husband, Ron, for their wedding; and several teacups from Monk's friend, JoAnn Fromhart. At left, a closeup of the teacups on the tree. S. Stewart photos**

## Another new mural in town



**SINCE MARLINTON IS now a go-to biking destination, the new mural on the side of the Flower Garden on Main Street is a perfect fit. Artist Kelson Thorne, of Petersburg, created this work, as well as the mural of the American Flag on the front of the Motor Parts building on Rt. 39. S. Stewart photo**

# BOE recognizes outstanding staff members

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

At the December 5 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting, superintendent Lynne Bostic recognized three educators who were recently honored at the West Virginia Reading Association conference.

Bostic explained that the three women – Stephanie Burns, Erin Murphy and Melissa Walker – were nominated for awards for their contributions to reading literacy in Pocahontas County. Although the educators did not receive the awards, Bostic said they have shown excellence in ensuring their students become excellent readers.

Stephanie Burns is a full-time English/language arts instructional coach and works closely with all the schools on their ELA curriculum. She was nominated for the Madge McDaniel Award which recognizes educators or administrators who have made outstanding contributions to the field of

literacy.

"I can say, when I returned to Pocahontas County Schools as a director, this was my go to person for a lot of things," Bostic said. "She's a phenomenal person, as well as teacher, and I know she has a lot of respect in our county."

Erin Murphy is a sixth and seventh grade language arts teacher at Marlinton Middle School and was nominated for the Eddie C. Kennedy Award. This award is presented to certified K through 12 teachers who have made outstanding contributions to helping students become proficient readers, as well as motivating them to be life-long readers.

"I have never been in Erin's room that I was not been just blown away," Bostic said. "Erin brings to Pocahontas County Schools an engagement and encouragement and willingness to share with others. She has unique ways to engage students. I've never walked in and seen them working on a worksheet, which makes my heart happy. She's always

working in some way to reach all those students in her classroom."

Melissa Walker is a fifth grade teacher at Marlinton Elementary School, and she was nominated for the Dr. Jennie Bechtold Award, which is given to a full-time teacher who has been in the field less than five years and demonstrates excellence in literacy education.

Bostic explained that Walker actually began her position as a full-time teacher when she was still student teaching. She was able to fulfill her student teaching requirements while teaching during the pandemic.

"I can't say enough about how amazed I was," Bostic said. "I still, to this day, walk in her classroom and those students are on task. It doesn't matter who is in her classroom, she's got them on task, and they're learning."

The board congratulated the three educators on the recognition and thanked them for their dedications to the students of Pocahontas County.



**THREE POCAHONTAS COUNTY educators were nominated for awards through the West Virginia Reading Association. Stephanie Burns, Erin Murphy and Melissa Walker were recognized at the WVRA conference for their contributions to reading literacy in the county. The conference was held at The Greenbrier. They were also commended at the December 5 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting.**

"It's an honor to work for all three of you," Bostic said.

In updates:

Bostic shared the report of student representative Riley Pollack who was unable to attend the meeting. Highlights from the report included that the welding class offered to fabricate dividers for the stalls in the boy's bathrooms at Pocahon-

tas County High School, saving the school money; and the school has had several musical programs with performers from the Pocahontas County Opera House, as well as the Veterans Day program provided by the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps.

• Director of maintenance and transportation Duane

Gibson gave an update on several ongoing projects. The HVAC systems at Marlinton Middle School and Green Bank Elementary-Middle School are still in progress and are on time as far as the completion day is

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# Funding for Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan stalls in U.S. Senate amid border battle

Steven Allen Adams  
Parkersburg News and Sentinel

A bill to provide much needed funding for the Ukrainian war effort, Israel's fight against Hamas, and Taiwan defense spending hit a brick wall in the U.S. Senate over a debate whether to include funding for the U.S. southern border.

Senate Republicans denied the national security supplemental bill the 60 votes necessary for cloture, which would have allowed the full Senate to consider the bill and debate amendments.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Patty Murray, D-Wash., released the text of the national security supplemental. The \$110.5 billion package includes assistance to Ukraine as it continues to fight a Russian invasion; security

assistance for Israel after terrorist group Hamas attacked the country in October; and support for Indo-Pacific countries — including Taiwan — concerned about Chinese encroachments.

The bill includes funding for domestic munitions and weapons production to restore depleted stockpiles, humanitarian assistance for Ukrainian refugees, and humanitarian assistance for Palestinians displaced by the Israel/Hamas conflict in Gaza.

The supplemental also includes funding for detecting and combating fentanyl trafficking, which in many cases comes in from China to Mexico and into the U.S. And resources for the U.S. southern border with Mexico, including reducing processing and backlogs of adjudications, support for Central and South American countries to stem the number of people seeking to cross

the border illegally, and providing more humane ways to handle encounters at the border.

However, Senate Republicans are wanting stronger border protection policies included in the national security supplemental, including granting greater authority to the executive branch to deny applications for asylum seekers at the southern border.

Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives are wanting components of H.R. 2 — the Southern Border Transparency Act — included, which would require resumption of construction of the border wall, increases to the numbers of border agents, greater use of technology on the border to locate illegal crossings, and the end of catch-and-release policies.

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# Manchin, Collins introduce bipartisan resolution condemning Hamas, spread of violent, anti-Semitic protests

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced a bipartisan resolution last week condemning Hamas, the terrorist organization that is dedicated to destroying the Jewish state of Israel and using the Palestinian people as human shields. The resolution also addresses the growing resentment and violence a small portion of the population is enflaming in support of Hamas' terrorist ideology.

"Israel remains our most trusted ally in the Middle East, and our opposition to Hamas' brutal terrorist at-

tacks must be bipartisan and unwavering — we cannot let them win," Manchin said. "Since the terrible events of October 7th, we have witnessed a dramatic rise in violence and antisemitism in support of Hamas' ideology. These heinous efforts to sow division and animosity are un-American and unacceptable. I'm proud to introduce this resolution with Senator Collins, and I will continue supporting the state of Israel in every way possible against Hamas' terrorist agenda."

"On October 7th Hamas brutally murdered more than 1,200 innocent individ-

uals, abducted 240 hostages ranging in age from 10 months to 85 years old, and viciously raped and mutilated Israeli women. In total, these despicable attacks resulted in the greatest loss of Jewish lives in a single day since the Holocaust," Collins said. "This bipartisan resolution sends a strong message against all antisemitic acts and violence committed in support of Hamas' terrorist ideology. I urge my colleagues to join with Senator Manchin and me as we stand with the Jewish community and with Israel, our closest ally in the Middle East."

# Free Amateur Radio License test session

Testing for Amateur Radio licenses including upgrades will be held Saturday, January 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Green Bank Science Center located in the Green Bank Observatory. All test levels will be offered — Technician, General and Extra — and will be provided free of charge, sponsored by the Laurel Volunteer Examiner Coordinators and facilitated by the 8 Rivers Amateur Radio Club. Attendees may take more than one exam during this testing session.

You must bring the following in order to sit for the exam(s):

1. A photo ID such as a driver's license or passport. Children without a photo ID may take the exam provided they can prove their identity to the satisfaction of the Laurel VEC Team Leader.

2. If currently licensed, an official copy of your current, signed amateur radio operator's license.

To take an exam, you are required to have an FRN (FCC Registration Number) which is available at the following website: [www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration-number-fm](http://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration-number-fm)

Various practice tests are available online.

Contact Rudy Marrujo at 304-456-3057 with questions and to reserve your space.

Note, while this testing session is provided free of charge, once you pass the test the FCC will charge a fee of \$35 to issue your license. This license will be valid for a period of 10 years.

## Circuit Court

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

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Sergio D. Rodriguez-Huertas, 28, of Durbin, wherein the court received a report from a psychological evaluation and determined that the defendant is competent to stand trial. Rodriguez-Huertas waived his right to a speedy trial in this term of court. A charge of plea hearing is set for January 4, 2024.

Shawn Barb, 34, of Hillsboro, tendered a written plea agreement to the court wherein he pleaded guilty to the felony offense of possession of stolen property. The court withheld adjudication and Barb was placed in the Southeastern Regional Drug Court Program. The defendant will not be released until he has a suitable home in Pocahontas County where he can be hooked up on home confinement. He was remanded to custody of the Tygart Valley Regional Jail. The State moved to dismiss Count III of the indictment. The State will have 60 days to address restitution as to the agreement, otherwise it will be waived.

Nickolas Bragg, 36, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the St. Mary's Correctional Center for a change of plea hearing. The State asked that the matter be moved to the next term of court due to new charges. Bragg waived his right to a speedy trial during this term of court.

Brian Michael Mason, 35,

of Hillsboro, signed a written plea of guilty to Count I of his indictment, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; and Count IV, child neglect creating risk of serious bodily injury, a felony. The court accepted the plea and deferred adjudication. Mason will participate in the Southeastern Regional Drug Court Program. The State asked that Counts II and III of the indictment be dismissed with prejudice.

Defense counsel for Justin Arbogast, 35, of Valley Head, asked for modification of bond to remove home confinement condition as Arbogast has been on home incarceration in another county since April 2022. The court granted the motion, and the defendant waived his right to a speedy trial. Jury trial is set for April 17, 2024. Arbogast remains on present bond.

In-person sentencing was held in the case the State vs Eli P. Pritt, 23, of Marlinton, wherein the defendant made a motion to suspend sentencing and to be placed in the Youthful Offender Program at Anthony Correctional Center. The State did not object. Pritt was committed to the WVDOCR to be placed at Anthony Correctional Center c/o Denmar Correctional Center for not less than six months nor more than 24 months. Pritt was remanded to the Tygart Valley Regional Jail until he can be transported to Anthony Correctional Center.

Virginia Hall, 41, of Hillsboro, will plead guilty to a charge of grand larceny and adjudication will be deferred to allow the defendant to be placed on supervised probation for one year. Hall may remain on present bond.

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## 911 Center Report

Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management director Michael O'Brien provided the following report of calls received by the 911 center during the month of November.

The 569 calls were as follows:

- Nature of Call/ Total Calls Received**
- 911 ABD, open, hang-up — 68
  - Abandoned vehicle — 1
  - Accidental dial — 2
  - Agency assistance — 2
  - Law, animal control — 12
  - Accident with injuries — 12
  - Auto accident — 10
  - Law, breaking and entering — 6
  - Law, BOLO (be on the look out) — 3
  - Fire, brush — 10
  - CAD2CAD — 4
  - Child neglect/abuse — 1
  - Law, citizen assist/non-emergency — 27
  - Controlled burn — 3
  - Destruction of property — 2
  - DNR, violation complaint — 6
  - DOA/unattended death — 3
  - Law, domestic — 9

- Fire, alarm elevator — 10
- Alarm, fire — 15
- Fire, non-emergency — 3
- Law, fraud — 3
- Law, funeral detail — 1
- Law, general alarm — 13
- Highway traffic hazard — 13
- Information/notice — 27
- Law, criminal investigation — 5
- Law, general complaint — 58
- Law, lost/found property — 1
- EMS, medical — 58
- Fire, medical alarm — 1
- Missing/overdue person — 3
- Law, paper service — 9
- EMS, patient transfer — 37
- Fire, secure landing zone — 12

- Law, sex crime — 1
- Fire, smoke investigation — 2
- EMS, stand-by — 1
- Theft of vehicle — 2
- Fire, structure — 1
- Suicide attempt — 1
- Fire, suspicious odor — 3
- System test — 9
- Theft of property or items — 4
- Law, traffic complaint — 2
- Law, traffic stop — 48
- Law, transport person — 2
- EMS, trauma — 8
- Law, trespassing — 4
- Fire, vehicle — 1
- Warrant execute — 1
- Law, warrant service — 6
- Law, welfare check — 19
- DNR, wildlife management — 4

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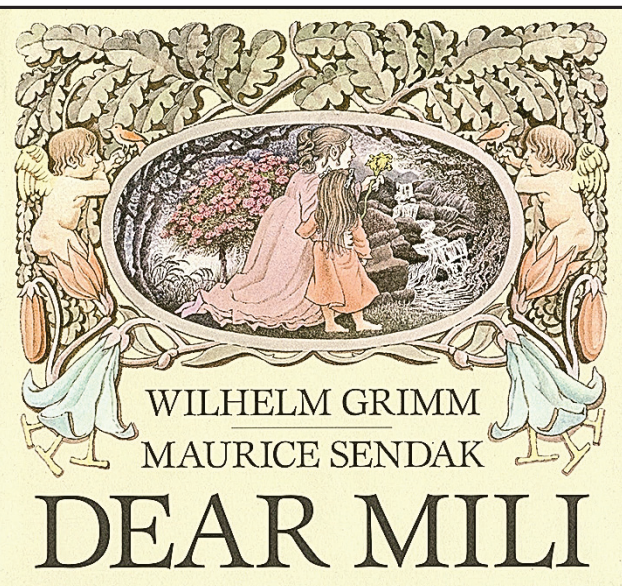
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**About Dear Mili**

**D**ear Mili is a picture book with themes of faith and fulfillment in giving by a pair of storytellers born centuries apart. The author of this unfamiliar fairy tale is Wilhelm Grimm, the OG writer of *Hansel and Gretel*, *Snow White*, and *Cinderella*. Children and those who love reading with children are undoubtedly familiar with author-illustrator Maurice Sendak, most notably known for the wild rumpus that is *Where the Wild Things Are*. Sendak's illustrations for this book are ornate with refreshingly muted colors. Both Grimm and Sendak are sometimes criticized for being darker in nature, so the reader should beware of potentially difficult themes and topics when perusing their works.

The book opens as a letter from Wilhelm Grimm to a child named Mili, a real girl who lived more than two hundred years ago. In a time where people could not fly as birds did to spend time together, Grimm describes to the child the ability of the human heart going out to one another "undeterred by what lies between." Imagining his heart was beside hers, Grimm's story to little Mili begins.

As a mother, it is difficult to read about another mother who sends her child off into the wilderness to escape the dangers of war.



**The Gift of the Maggie**  
*A Christmas Story of love lost and found*

**Pocahontas County, West Virginia, Christmas Eve 2012**

**C**harlie Greer's morning routine was several years in the making after the death of his wife. He needed routine to take his mind off how much he missed Carol. Such strategies seldom work, though. Grief always has a way of seeping in, despite efforts to the contrary.

On this Christmas Eve morning, Charlie pushed through his morning rituals of coffee, listening to the news on the radio, and tending to his garden and chickens, unaware that this would be the most extraordinary and happiest day of his life.

Charlie and Carol were incredibly tight as a couple. They tried hard to have children, but endometriosis prevented Carol from carrying a baby to full term. In 1996, they met a struggling young mother who approached the Greers about adopting her infant son. Carol and Charlie were overjoyed and readily agreed. Soon, their modest farmhouse sheltered two dotting parents and a boisterous baby named Jason.

Their lives were now perfect, but we cannot predict how fate can tear one's life to shreds without warning.

When Jason was sixteen, he and a couple of school chums bought an inflatable raft from an army surplus store. After a few months of paddling the Greenbrier River, the gentle waters became monotonous to the adventuresome boys.

The trio decided to try their hand at something more challenging. Unbeknownst to their parents, they chose to paddle the Upper Gauley River early one morning in October during the dam release.

This amounts to going straight from paddling flat water to running a river like the one in "Deliverance."

The boys were no match for the Class 4 and 5 rapids they would encounter. The raft turned turtle in the Iron Curtain Rapid, spilling all three boys into the maelstrom.

Jason's friends made it downstream and were picked up in an eddy by paddlers in another raft. Jason, however, was trapped in an undercut rock. His body was recovered later in the day when it washed out of the hydraulic and floated downstream.

Charlie and Carol were inconsolable when they got the call from the Fayette County Sheriff's office. Their house suddenly became silent as sorrow overtook their lives for several years. It was as if the emotion of joy went out of their lives; they were prostrate with grief.

stepped out of the truck. Her stunning looks, complemented by a spray of freckles across her cheeks and long red hair, nearly caused him to stumble over his lawn chair. He felt his heart flutter and desperately hoped to form intelligible sentences that wouldn't give away his near swoon at the sight of this woman.

Seeing the wallet in Charlie's hands, she said, "Oh, no, sir, you're on a primitive campsite, which is paid for on the honor system. On your way out, you'll see a metal box by the gate."

The ranger thrust her hand out to Charlie and said, "I'm Margaret Swearingen, but I prefer just Maggie. What's your name and where are you from?"

After the brief introductions and a more extended conversation, Charlie summoned the nerve to ask Maggie, "Are you up for a hike?"

"Sure, I can walk a short way with you, but I have four more campgrounds to check before my shift ends," answered Maggie. There was an immediate connection between the two young people, what we sometimes call "chemistry."

Charlie and Maggie walked and talked for the hour it took to hike the loop trail around a small lake next to the campground. Then, there was one of those uncomfortable moments when neither wanted to part ways so abruptly, and, clearly, they enjoyed each other's company.

Charlie walked Maggie over to her truck and suggested she accompany him on his writing assignment about pies. Maggie exclaimed, "Why, you know it's only an hour's drive to Pie Town, New Mexico, right?"

"Actually, I did not, but that sounds like a place that must have a decent slab of apple pie. Are you up for it?"

Charlie asked. Ellie briefly pondered his invitation and smiled, "Well, it sounds like quite a culinary adventure. I get off at three p.m., so when do you want me back here?"

"At three p.m.," replied Charlie, unabashedly smiling ear to ear.

The two talked non-stop for the entire drive to Pie Town, a dusty town named by the cowboys passing through on cattle drives. According to the town's postmistress, when the town got a post office and had to have a name for the unincorporated burg, they called it the same thing the cowboys called it - Pie Town.

Why, you ask?

In the late 1800s, a woman in town knew the schedules of the cattle drives and sold the drovers her much-loved pies. You may think that all cowboys are the strong and silent type, but many a cowhand has sat around a campfire discussing the delicate crusts and perfect mericate of the pies in Pie Town.

Maggie asked her if someone was still making pie. As it happens, descendants of the same woman who put a smile on the cowboys' faces still get up at three each morning to make pies.

"And where might that be?" Maggie asked.

The postmistress walked the two outside and proudly pointed at the Thunderbird Café, saying, "You'll not find better pie anywhere." And that's precisely where Maggie and Charlie headed. Since the objective was to try the pies for Charlie's article, they did something we all dream about but might be too embarrassing to actually do: the couple ordered six different pies and two cups of coffee. They had fun sampling those delicious fruit and cream pies.

They arrived back at the campground just in time for

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## TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Which country consumes the most chocolate per capita?
2. What is the name given to Indian food cooked over charcoal in a clay oven?
3. What is the most consumed manufactured drink in the world?
4. Which is the only edible food that never goes bad?



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Thanks, Greenbrier, Monroe, Pocahontas and Summers counties

In 1990, I moved my family to Greenbrier County to open my law practice. For thirty-three years I have been blessed to live here and serve you. I want to thank you for the support you have given me and my family and the kindness you have shown to us.

Effective December 15, 2023, I will be retiring from the full-time practice of law. I will continue to do wills, powers of attorney, medical powers of attorney, and some Magistrate Court matters.

After January 1, 2024, our office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, by appointment only, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you would like your old file, please contact the office to arrange a pick-up time.

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Barry L. Bruce, Attorney at Law

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## Obituaries

### Joseph Cain

Joseph Roy Cain, 84, of Marlinton, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2023, in Hot Springs, Virginia.

Born December 25, 1938, he was a son of the late Roy and Levia Grimes Cain.

Funeral service was held Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Rev. David Rittenhouse officiating. Interment was in Mt. Zion Church Cemetery.

### Gladys Mann

Gladys Kathrine Doyle Mann, 86, of Cass, passed away Friday, December 8, 2023, at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

Born October 9, 1937, at Mace, she was a daughter of the late Edgar Jacob and Mary Emma Smith Doyle.

Gladys was a Baptist by faith, a homemaker, and was a 4-H Leader for many years.

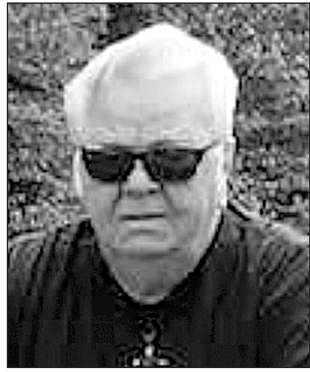
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin Benjamin Mann Jr.; an infant son; brothers and sisters, Lawrence Smith, Margaret Sharp, Kenneth Doyle and Ruby Dilley.

She is survived by three daughters, Lisa Fitzgerald, and husband, Howard, of Cass, Mary Burns, and husband, Burl, of Hillsboro, and Angela Wilfong, and husband, Daron, of Cass; son, Richard Mann, and wife, Tabbi, of Cass; six grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and a sister, Martha

Rowan, of Elkins.

Private graveside service was held Monday, December 11, 2023, at John R. Poage Cemetery in Cass with Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating.

Online condolences may be shared at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com)



### Vernon Sturgill

Vernon Lee Sturgill 86, of Cass, passed away Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital. Born May 27, 1937, in Cass, he was a son of the late Lester and Ruth Neighbors Sturgill.

Vernon was an Air Force Veteran and an operational supervisor for Chevron Asphalt. He liked the outdoors and enjoyed hunting.

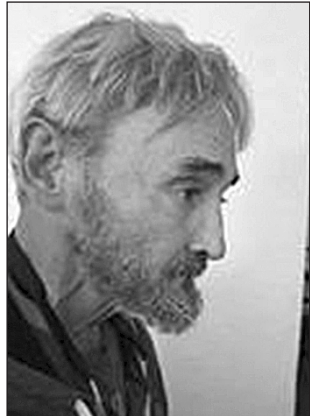
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Yvonne Sturgill; daughter, Elizabeth Snyder; son, Kevin Sturgill; and several brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his children, Vernon Sturgill Jr., and wife, Susan, of Hawaii, Brian Gurnsey, of Navada, Jeanne Ortiz, and husband,

Abe, of Maryland, Larry Sturgill, and wife, Jill, of Maryland, and Dreama Sturgill, of Arbovale; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and one on the way.

In keeping with his wishes, the body will be cremated and there will be no service.

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### Bryan Thompson

Bryan Dewitt Thompson, 62, of Pueblo, Colorado, formerly of Hillsboro, went to be with God Wednesday, December 6, 2023. He had been in hospice, following a fall that led to a brain bleed.

Born July 27, 1961, he was a son of Irene Thompson and the late Boyd Thompson.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by three sons, Bryan, Randall and Joseph; six half-brothers; and grandchildren.

Bryan is finally at peace after a lifelong struggle.

There will be no service. The body will be cremated at Davis Mortuary in Pueblo, Colorado.



### Edwin White

Edwin Ernest "Junior" White, Jr., age 96, died peacefully at his home Wednesday, November 29, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Born March 8, 1927, in Minnehaha Springs, he was a son of the late Edwin Ernest White, Sr. and Marjorie G. White.

Junior and Thelma were married for nearly 67 years, and they raised their three children on Douthards Creek Road near Minnehaha Springs.

Junior was a World War II Veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy as a Seaman First Class in the Pacific Theater from 1945 to 1946. He was the last known WWII Veteran in Pocahontas County. After serving in the Navy, he worked at the Edray State Trout Hatchery for the Department of Natural Re-

sources for more than 35 years, retiring as Assistant Superintendent in August 1987. He loved to spend time in his woodworking shop and was known as an excellent carpenter and a perfectionist with his skill. He built his log home in 1951 in which he and his wife raised their family, and where he lived until his death. He had a love for the outdoors—he was an avid deer hunter, he loved to feed and watch the birds, and he enjoyed painting outdoor scenes on canvas. Junior was a Christian and a member of the New Hope Lutheran Church.

Junior was preceded in death by his loving wife, Thelma, whom he married August 27, 1949; and by his beloved grandchild, Corey White.

He is survived by sisters, Mary Sue White and Frieda W. Carroll; children, Eddie White, Paul White and Irene Free; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family is grateful to the neighbors and friends who looked out for Junior. The family also wants to thank the staff at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and Mountain Hospice and his Church family. A memorial service will be held later to celebrate his life.

Donations in memory of Junior can be made to New Hope Lutheran Church in Minnehaha Springs.

~ We will miss you.



### Mikey Given

Can You Afford Me "Mikey" Given, an AQHA registered bay gelding, died Sunday, December 3, 2023, of colic. He was 17.

Mikey was foaled April 10, 2005, in Tennessee and was a son of Good Version out of Skips High Silk. He joined the Given farm in 2007.

Before retiring from the show pen, he competed in both Hunt Seat and Western Pleasure.

He is survived by owner David Given and wife, Sunny, of Clover Lick, four barn mates and the barn cat.

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## The magic of Gomer Pyle God blessing

By R.A. Mathews

She asked me not to call the police—a college girl driving her grandmother's car. She had been texting and driving when she smashed into me.

I stood on the side of the road in Florida, eyeing her and then the damage. I agreed, and we exchanged information. She promised to pay for the repairs.

My mechanic told me what to buy, and he fixed my vehicle. I then told her that she didn't owe me anything. I encouraged her to help someone else.

Lucky me. A few months later, I backed into a car in my driveway and discovered that I wasn't insured. My new insurance agent wasn't licensed in Florida, and he hadn't disclosed that. All I could think was—jail time, if I had called the police the day the girl begged me not to.

Grateful to God?

Yes, but also angry at my agent. Moreover, there was a \$1,000 premium to get reinsured. I paid it—the agent's wife had cancer, and I didn't want to confront him. But every time I saw his billboard ad, bitterness swept over me.

I'm now quite grateful for my bad agent. Why? From that experience came magic. Here's how it happened.

One day, as I was passing that billboard, the Lord guided me, telling me to seek blessings for him. I thought of Moses, who took up for wrongdoers, so I did as I was told.

"God bless you," I said, staring at his billboard. "God bless you. God bless you. God bless you."

I felt as goofy as Gomer Pyle—a character from "Andy Griffith" reruns, who said a thing over and over again. But the anger left me.

The next time I passed his sign, the bitterness returned. "God bless you," I said, again. "God bless you. God bless you. God bless you." And it worked. Every time I passed that sign, I Gomer

Pyle God blessed him, and the anger would leave me.

I then Gomer Pyle God blessed a friend who betrayed me. Every time I remembered that hurt, I'd say, "God bless you. God bless you. God bless you," even if that meant fifteen times a day.

And it worked.

You'll hear people say, "Don't retaliate when you're harmed. Walk away and don't look back." But, if you do that, you'll know no one. Your closest and dearest are going to harm you.

Moreover, if you don't deal with the pain, bitterness will grow inside you like a vicious weed. Whenever you recall the incident, you'll feel it growing inside you.

And that's not good. Countless studies prove that the mind and body are connected. It's forgiveness that kills the weed of resentment. Forgiveness protects your health.

Then why is forgiving a person so hard?

Because it's unfair. The wrongdoer doesn't deserve to get off. The wrongdoer should get punishment.

Neither you nor I deserve forgiveness when we fail. I'm so thankful that God forgives me. I'm grateful to those who've granted me mercy in the face of my stupid misdeeds.

Once you learn the power of Gomer-Pyle style God blessing, you'll forgive easily. You'll also forget. But is that good? Are you leaving yourself open for more hurt?

I remember turning to God. "Lord, I forgave and trusted my colleague, who divulged another secret of mine. What about that?"

Is there an answer in Scripture? If we eliminate Judas Iscariot, whom did Jesus trust?

1. He trusted everyone equally.
2. He trusted the 11 disciples equally.
3. He trusted the 11 disciples, but not equally.
4. The Bible gives no indication.



R.A. Mathews

Think about it and select your answer.

When the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem, Scripture tells us they were all Galileans. (Acts 2:7)

Why does that matter?

Jerusalem was a city in Judea. Nazareth, where Jesus grew up, and Capernaum, where He moved, were towns in a region called Galilee. (Matthew 4:13)

In other words, Jesus surrounded himself with the boys from the "hood"—Galileans He trusted most. But only three disciples were allowed at certain events, like the Resurrection of Jairus' Daughter, the Transfiguration, and His last prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. The answer above is No. 3, "He trusted the 11 disciples, but not equally."

The three were Peter, James and John. (Mark 5:37, 9:2-3, Matthew 26:36-38)

Consider your wounds. Were they from forgiving and forgetting, or because you trusted someone too soon? Jesus was careful where He placed His trust. Scripture says, "He knew what was in man." (John 2:25)

This Christmas, try out the magic of Gomer Pyle God blessing. Give the gift of forgiveness. Say "God bless you. God bless you. God bless you," when faced with a wrongdoer. Believe me, the person most blessed will be you.

## Spending time with the nativity

Dawn Reed

A decades-old nearly life-sized Nativity set needed to be repainted. I volunteered all the artsy people I knew to do it; I would help, too. I thought it would be like a humungous paint by number: not too difficult, it would just take some time.

My first job was to prep the figures before priming. Each Nativity character had to be scrubbed and then sanded. After all the prep, we would have one big paint day to get the fancy work done.

I lugged Mary first and then Joseph outside to the edge of the church parking lot, thanking God for their role in the Christmas story. Then came the shepherds, angels, and Baby Jesus. Wise men were taller; we semi-waltzed across the way. There was a camel, cow, donkey, and various sized sheep. I wrestled each one close to the ditch line so the mess would be kept to a minimum.

I paused throughout to send selfies with them to my sister.

I developed a routine: lug to the ditch, scrub and hose down. I hauled them back to the fellowship hall when they were dry.

The whole gang looked rough. After many years of exposure, paint had split and peeled. Joseph was in the worst shape of all. He resembled a leper more than a carpenter. It was obvious he'd seen his share of

Christmases in the outdoors. Though scrubbing and sanding were important, they did not improve his appearance.

When Mary, Joseph, their friends and animals were clean and sanded, it was time for priming. Every Nativity figure was coated with white primer. A layer of white paint makes everything look better. They could have been displayed right then and it would have been an improvement!

But they were not finished.

A crew of talented artists came on the appointed day to work their magic. We prayed before we started due to the import of the job. I turned on Christmas music and everyone got to work. It wasn't long before we began to see the transformation.

The Bible is chock full of stories of renewal. The Apostle Paul, who seemed so intense when I was younger, is now one of my faves. He wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (That's with an exclamation mark.) His story of change spans much of the New Testament.

In Revelation 21:5, John wrote, "He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making all things new!'" Another exclamation mark. God is actually quite fa-



Dawn Reed

mous for transformation and renewal. If we let Him, He can take each of us, worn from sin and life, and wash us clean with the blood of Jesus. He smooths out the rough edges. (That can take some time.) Then He gives us a new purpose, a new mission.

When locals see the transformation of the Nativity, they will take note. When our lives are transformed by God's Hand, it will be obvious to those around us.

Throughout the process, I have wondered which was my favorite: Mary - with new dark hair, Joseph - who was in the worst shape, the tallest wise man, or the one with the gray beard. No matter, it has been wonderful spending time with the Nativity.

Dawn Reed is a pastor's wife and newspaper columnist. Reach her at preacherwife7@yahoo.com

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# Mountain Bike team finishes third season of competition

Scott Triplett

Pocahontas County's Youth Mountain Bike Team, The Cheat Mountain Salamanders, led by Head Coach Chad Baldwin, completed its third season in the West Virginia Interscholastic Cycling League, part of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association.

The team, which is open to sixth through 12th graders, grew significantly this year to a total of 16 riders. Practices began in July at State Parks and Forest Service Trails throughout Pocahontas County to prepare for the Fall race season. Racing isn't required to be a member of the team and some members just enjoy participating in the weekly rides to get out on their bikes, enjoy nature and have fun with friends.

This year a majority of the team members chose to participate in races, largely due

to the enthusiasm of the returning team members who raced in previous seasons.

The first race of the season took the Salamanders to its closest venue, Canaan Valley State Park, for the Rally in the Valley. Nine team members participated in this time trial event that sets the starting order for the beginning of the season.

More than 300 cyclists from across West Virginia competed in this event. Three of the Pocahontas County Team finished this fierce time trial on the podium. Brynn Clutter finished second in the Seventh Grade Girls Class, Ahna Valach finished fourth in the Eighth Grade Girls Class, and Carter Faulknier took home fourth in the Freshmen Boys Class. Also competing and finishing this demanding course were James Monico, 18th in Sixth Grade Boys, Silas Dean 12th in Seventh Grade Boys, Dawson De-



MEMBERS OF THE team are: Tanner Baldwin, Carter Faulknier, Andy Rice (Coach), Ahna Valach, Mikey Valach (Coach), Nora Evans, Chad Baldwin (Head Coach), Julian Dennison, Owen Zollars, James Monico, Hunter Skalkeas (Coach), Egan Phillips, Scott Triplett (Coach), Blake Alderman, Charles Evans (Coach), Brynn Clutter, Carly Chamberlain, Max Chamberlain, Silas Dean, Dawson Deputy, and Danny Bennett.

puty 26th and Max Chamberlain 21st in Eighth Grade Boys, and Egan Phillips 16th in JV Boys. Tanner Baldwin also competed at Canaan but was forced to drop out due to injury.

For the second race of the season, the team traveled north to the Big Bear Lake Ride Center for the Battle at

Big Bear Lake. This was the first mass start race for many of the team members, so tension was high. Once again, the Salamanders had nine team members competing on this wet technical course with more than 250 other riders. At the end of the day, the ladies on the Salamander's team showed they

could handle this tough course. Brynn Clutter finished third in the Seventh Grade Girls and Ahna Valach finished fourth in the Eighth Grade Girls.

The rest of the team was able to complete the course showing they would not be intimidated by its difficulty. After winning this race the

rest two years, Carter Faulknier missed out on a "threepeat" just missing the podium in sixth place in Freshmen Boys. Egan Phillips placed 14th in JV Boys, the Eighth Grade Boys had Julian Dennison 21st, Dawson Deputy 22nd, and

**see Bike pg 11**

# Lady Warriors win 1 of 2 games vs Class A #3 Greenbrier West

Bruce McKean  
Contributing Writer

PCHS V .....31  
Greenbrier West V .....6

The Pocahontas County High School Lady Warriors and the Greenbrier West Cavaliers, who are currently ranked #3 in Class A, played at West last season on December 28, 2022, and West won 53-28. That score is very close to the 56-31 West win last week at PCHS on December 8, 2023. When they played last season a second time on January 4, 2023, at PCHS, West won 56-33. West was led in all three games by current juniors Presley Treadway and Maddie Fields. The Warriors were led by current junior Riley Pollack and current senior Olivia Vandevender.

This season's top three scorers were all West players: Treadway - 23 Pts., Fields - 13 pts. including 1 three and sophomore Brilee Redden - 13 pts. including 3 threes. Pollack was the PCHS team high scorer with 11 pts., including 5 of 6 FTs and 2 Blks. Vandevender was next with 8 pts., 5 rebs, 2 Stls and 3 Defls. Sophomore Calli Propst contributed 10 Rebs, 4 Stls, 3 pts, 2 Defls. and 2 Asts. Sophomore Shayla Bennett produced 4 pts., the only PCHS three, 2 Blks, 2 Stls and 2 Asts.

PCHS was called for 19 PFs., and GWHS was called for 21. Coach Mike Kane played all 13 PCHS players, and Coach Agee played 8 of his 14 players. West led in Rebs. 61 to 36 and had fewer TOs., 27 - 29. PCHS made the following number of field goals by quarter: 1st. - 1 of 15 (7%), 2nd. - 2 of 14 (14%), 3rd. - 3 of 16 (19%), 4th. - 3 of 15 (20%), and game - 9 of 60 (15%).

All stats for the PCHS girls are loaded on maxpreps.com for fans, the media and colleges to check after each game, and it enables sophisticated game programs to be run. In addition to myself, our statisticians volunteering at games when needed are: Shannon Alderman, Darlene Arbogast, Shannon Bircher, Judy Kane, AD Chastity Taylor, and David and Angela Vandevender.

West took the first quarter by 10 pts. (4-14) (PC-GW order for all scores) with 7 pts. from Treadway. PCHS took the second quarter (10-8) with 5 points (5 of 6 FTs.) from Pollack to cut West's

lead at the half to 8 pts. (14-22). West upped their lead to 14 pts. (24-38) with a (10-16) 3rd. quarter effort. Treadway made 4 of 6 FTs. in the third and tallied 10 pts.. Redden led West with seven fourth quarter pts. in their (7-18) by 11 pts. best quarter. West improves to 3-1 with the 25 pt. victory (56-31), and PCHS drops to 1-2.

The PCHS schedule includes 12 games with Class A ranked teams, 4 games with Class AA ranked teams, and 1 game with an unranked Class AAA team.

The Lady Warriors will travel to #2 ranked Class AA Summers County in Hinton Monday, December 18 (JV - 5:30 p.m. V - 7 p.m.). Only the PCHS JV team plays at Bath County Tuesday, December 19 (JV - 5 p.m.).

PCHS JV .....49  
Greenbrier West JV ....27

PCHS had the top four high scorers in the game and the first three were in double digit scoring. Freshman Allyson Taylor played in only two quarters, and she scored 5 twos and hit 4 of 4 FTs. for 14 pts. just in the second quarter. Taylor was game high scorer with a double-double of 16 pts., 11 Rebs, 3 Blks, and 2 Defls. She also saw action in the varsity game. PCHS committed 33 TOs in the game, and Taylor had none. Freshman Addison Hamrick was second with 11 pts, 5 Asts., 5 Stls., 4 Rebs, 2 Defls and 1 three. Alexis Arbogast was third with 10 pts., 4 Defls., 3 Rebs., 3 Asts and 1 three. Junior Mallori McCoy was fourth with 8 pts., 7 Rebs, 3 Stls and 1 three.

PCHS was called for 21 PFs., and GWHS was called for 18 that included one technical foul. West led in Rebs. 33 - 32 and had more TOs., 38 - 33. PCHS made the following number of field goals by quarter: first - 5 of 13 (38%), second. - 8 of 16 (50%), third. - 2 of 8 (25%), fourth - 2 of 19 (11%), and game - 17 of 56 (30%).

PCHS took the first quarter by 8 pts. (12-4) (PC-GW order for all scores) with 6 pts. from Arbogast. PCHS took the second quarter (26-12) and upped their lead at the half to 22 pts. (38-16). West took the third by 2 pts. (5-7), and PCHS then led by 20 pts. (43-23). PCHS took the fourth by 2 pts. (6-4) and upped their lead to 22 points (49-27). PCHS improves to 2-0, and GWHS drops to 1-2.

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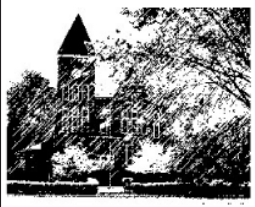
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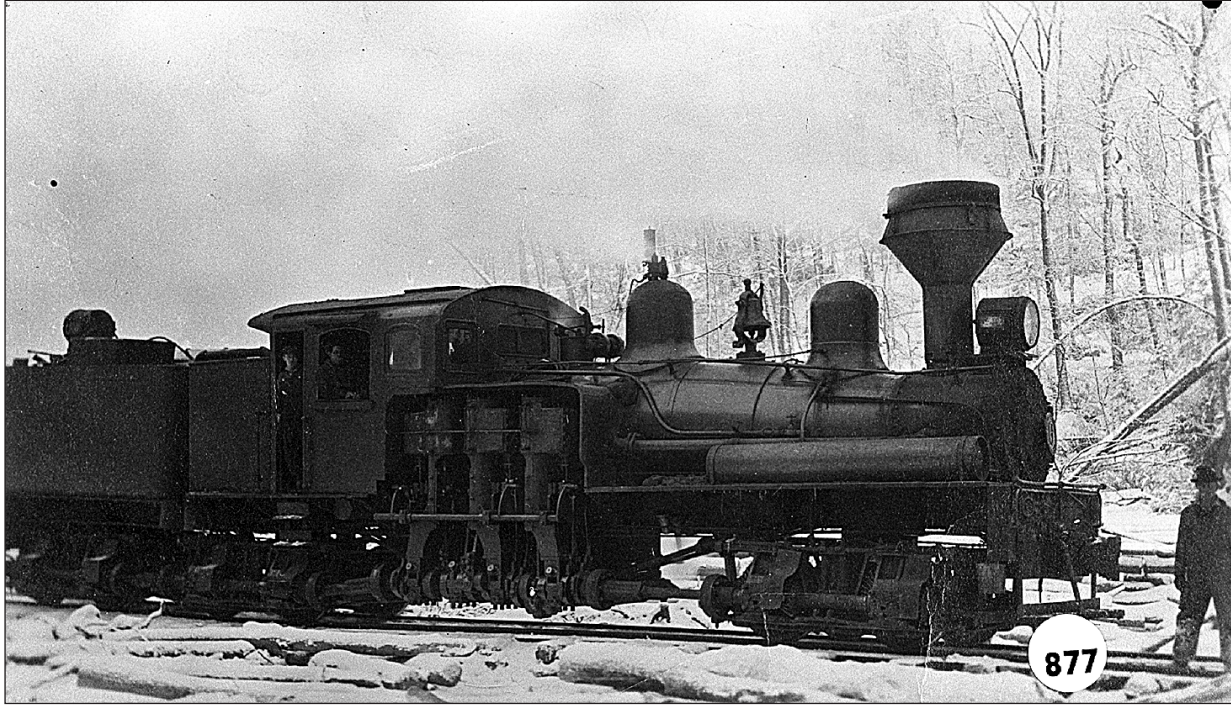




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SHAY ENGINE NO. 6 rests with its crew on a snowy track near Cass, W.Va. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection, ID: PHS000877)

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, December 16, 1948

Huntersville – The Woman’s Society of Christian Service of Huntersville Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Nowlin Sheets for their annual Christmas meeting. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The program topic was “They Offered Him Gifts.” Afterwards, there was the exchange of gifts.

The home was beautifully adorned with yuletide decorations. Dainty refreshments were served.

### FIELD NOTES

On Thursday, December 9, a water snake came crawling into the machine shop of the Mower Lumber Company at Cass. Chester Shrader got the visitor on the platform where he operates

the electric metal welder. The snake was neither sleepy nor cold. When Mr. Shrader used a welding rod to keep the snake from leaving the platform, it showed it had plenty of grit and bite left by putting up quite a fight.

With sugar trees running, snakes still abroad, head lettuce and turnip greens still holding out tasty and dainty in the garden, woolly bear, caterpillars still traveling around – why and what is the sign, comes inquiry from people and places.

There was the old Indian sign of late September, when the first storm after the equinox cleared up warm. When this happens, the general rule is for short storm periods and mild winter until the days begin to lengthen...

Sammy Barlow bagged a

250-pound deer Tuesday while hunting with his uncle near Rimel. Sammy is 12 years old and the son of Mrs. Billy Evans, of Marlinton.

The Richwood Republican prints the story of Russell Jones, aged 36 years, of Charleston, who was lost in the Black Forest for two nights and nearly three days. On the last day of the deer season, a party of seven men went into the forest from Richwood side between Cranberry and Cherry North Fork.

Jones became separated from his party, got lost, and wandered until Monday afternoon. Then he came out on the road leading to the Mike Knob fire tower. Here R. M. Feaster took him to Richwood for medical aid. However, he had suffered no special ill effect from exposure.

### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther C. Cassell, of Greenbank, a son, Gary Wayne.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Rund, of Hillsboro, a son, Paul Warner.

### COMING HOME

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hudson have received word that the body of their son, Edward Keith Hudson, will arrive Thursday, December 16. He gave his life in battle as a soldier in Europe.

The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from the Greenbank Methodist Church. His body will be laid to rest in the Arboreale cemetery, with full military honors.

Rev. Q. E. Arbogast will officiate and the V. F. W. of Marlinton and Cass will be in charge of the Military rites.

T. Sgt. Edward Keith Hudson was killed March 15, 1945, while serving with the 7th Army, Co. F. of the 103rd Division, 410 Infantry. T. Sgt. Hudson entered the service in December 1942... and was sent overseas in October 1944...

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, December 13, 1923

The crime wave in Marlinton mainly takes the form of putting off high explosives at unseemly times and places, contrary to law and order. This amusing pastime is likely to prove expensive to any one apprehended.

L. D. Sharp has been over the county this week putting his fur buyers to work. He is one of the largest fur dealers in the whole State of West Virginia, and his business is growing from year to year. There is a good demand for fur, though the price on muskrat and skunk is not as high as could be desired on account of the unsettled condition of business in Europe and large stock of these furs having been carried over from last year.

### TRAVELING NOTES

Last week it was necessary for me to take a trip on short notice to my native county of Rockingham, Virginia. Like Bill Nye said of himself, at the tender age of five years, I took my parents by the hand and led them West. Our folks used better judgment than the Nye family for we all stopped in West Virginia.

There was a family council as how best to make the trip – whether to trust luck and good weather and go overland in the family Ford the hundred or so miles, or be sure of getting there and back by going double the distance around by rail. The railroad got the money, and the weather proved to be so fine that I regretted not taking the overland route.

As usual, the train was filled with Pocahontas people taking trips to the lowlands. On this train, there was a big party of jurors, witnesses and officers and their charges going to Charleston for the fall meeting of the Federal Court. I feel a great interest in the affairs of this court since it has been presided over by Judge George W. McClintic. The judge is a native of Pocahontas county and a friend of us all. He became judge when the Whiskey Insurrection was at its height, and labor troubles were unusually disturbing...

### NEWS

The Presbyterian Juniors and the Methodist Juniors had a football game December 8th. The Presbyterian Juniors beat the Methodist 18-0. The Methodist sure did put up a good game even if

they were beaten. They say that they are going to make it a better and rougher game Saturday, 15th.

Methodist Juniors: William Overholt, Captain; Fred Wilson, Merle Faulkner, Charles Slavens, S. Shoemaker, Marvin Wimer, Meade Waugh, Harold Johnson, Bobby Reynolds and Pete Spitzer.

Presbyterian Juniors: James Wilson, Captain; Tom Deering, Robert Slavens, Hump Hayslett, Billy Evans, Reed Davis, Callis Hoover, Frank Slavens, Harry Bauffman, Brown Wiley and Jack Standifer.

### Boy BURNED

Harry Kelmenson, 10 year old son of H. Kelmenson, received painful burns about his face Tuesday morning when a can of tar exploded in a fire by which he was warming. The burns are very painful but it is hoped there will be no disfiguring scars. The fire had been made by carpenters who are building a new house. A thoughtless child put a can of roofing cement in the fire. A number of other boys got a lot of hot tar on them but were protected by their clothing. About a year ago, little Harry lost an eye by being struck by a flying piece of steel when he

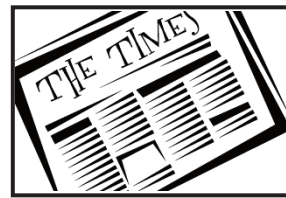
struck two hammers together.

### OBITUARIES

Thurman Lake Perry died at the home of his parents near Dunmore Saturday morning, October 27, 1923; age 16 years, four months and 16 days. Luke was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perry. His death was due to bronchial pneumonia. He was laid to rest in the McCutcheon Cemetery Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of friends and sympathizing neighbors...

Richard Callison, who for the past five years has been an invalid from nervous trouble, died at his home in Lewisburg Sunday, December 2, 1923. He was a son of Josiah and Nancy Hill Callison, of Beard, and was born and reared in Pocahontas county and was the youngest of a family of eight children... He was married to Miss Fannie Cameron Beard, of Hillsboro, and to this union seven children were born, two of them preceding him to the grave... The funeral service was conducted at his home Monday afternoon... and Tuesday morning the remains were

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## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, December 13, 1973

Snow came Saturday night, wet and heavy. Many limbs broke, some on power lines. Several people witnessed spectacular flashes about 4:30 a.m. in Marlinton and lights were off from a half hour to six hours in different sections of town. The Hillsboro area was without power for several hours Sunday. It cleared Sunday, then more snow Monday, more to the south of us, then turned very cold. Mrs. Wilma Tennant reported 10 above at Frost Tuesday morning. Depth of snow ranged from 3 to 16 inches.

Moody Wilson was eighty-three years young December 9, 1973. Although he is on a crutch and uses a cane, he is able to cut wood and bring in his own coal.

W. B. Wells, of Renick, was in to pay his dues. He first signed up in 1918 and has missed only one week of getting the paper, when the mailman couldn't get through on account of the snow – the paper arrived the next week.

Ted Moore was at his camp in the Hills Sunday and saw an odd looking creature come over the hill. It was a good sized animal, rusty and brownish in color, long tail. It reminded him

some of a cat and the big tracks, almost four inches across, looked like cat tracks, but the head looked like a dog. In the encyclopedia he found a picture of a wolf that came closest to it. It wouldn't jump the wire fence but easily went over the rail fence, stopping on top. He couldn't get closer than 400 yards to it but he trailed it a quarter of a mile as it went to the Knobs.

### AMBULANCE SERVICE

An emergency is at hand in the Marlinton area.

Ivan VanReenen says his ambulance has always operated at a loss and now regulations are such that he cannot comply, so, after January 1, he will not run an ambulance service to hospitals.

The Marlinton Rescue Squad has a nice new ambulance but it was purchased under the Highway Safety program and it requires that the ambulance carry patients to the nearest hospital, which is in Marlinton, and be present in the County for highway emergencies. Altho they cannot have two trained men on duty 24 hours a day...

Many people have taken an ambulance when they could have gone cheaper in a car or taxi but in other cases an ambulance is an absolute necessity to the life of the patient...

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, December 15, 1898

The hog case of Charles N. Ervine vs D. W. Sharp was heard by Justice Bird last Wednesday, and attracted considerable attention, McClintic appeared for the plaintiff and Bratton for the defendant. The evidence disclosed that D. W. Sharp had taken two large hogs, valued at \$15 each, from the place of Samuel M. Gay. The plaintiff had not seen the hogs since corn hoeing, 1897. He swore to the hogs, as did also several others. One of the most important questions arose over the mark. Were the hogs marked in the right ear with a “slit or a split,” was the burning question of the hour. After the suit had been brought, the largest hog, which had been ailing ever since it had been hauled in the wagon, died. The Plaintiff recovered judgment for the living hog and \$7.00 for the dead hog. A writ of possession was issued by the court, but when the constable went there, the pig pen was bare, and at present the whereabouts of the hog is a mystery.

The sailor John Anderson, a Swede, was hung at Norfolk last week. The rope broke and he had to be hung

up a second time. The crime for which he was executed was the killing of the captain and mate of the Olive Pecker last year. The schooner had sailed from Boston loaded with lumber. When off the coast of Brazil, Anderson, having had an altercation with the captain, killed him and then the mate. He compelled the rest of the crew to burn the ship and abandon it.

### MOONSHINERS

Moonshining must be going out of fashion in West Virginia. Only three stills destroyed during the year. – West Virginia News.

There was a drummer in Marlinton a few days ago who had an experience with the moonshiners in Logan County. He was driving along a secluded road when he was held up by three men with Winchester rifles. He had seen a deer cross the road a few minutes before, and had thought the men were probably deer hunting.

They inquired his business and went through his pockets and examined his papers. Finding a number of orders for goods from the Logan merchant, and other evidences that he was what he claimed to be, and not a deputy-marshal, he was allowed to proceed.

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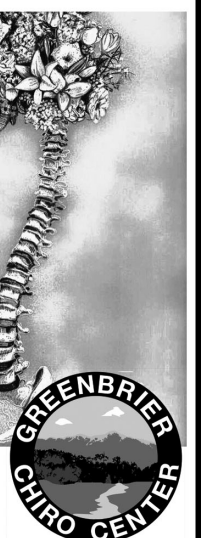
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a full moon flooding the forest around them. They held hands as they walked the trail down to the crystal-clear lake surrounded by brilliant aspens in full color, the golden leaves clattered in the warm breeze.

They just sat on the shore with their arms around each other, saying little for some time. Finally, the emotions and the moonlight collaborated to create the perfect mood, so Maggie and Charlie got to know each other exponentially better.

Unfortunately, life, careers, and fate conspired to ensure the two young lovers would never see each other again. Oh, they tried to contact each other, but with no success.

These were the days before the Internet and social media, so tracking someone down, even someone you care for, took a lot of work. Charlie sent a letter to the regional forest service office inquiring about Maggie. The reply stated that Maggie was no longer employed there, and they had no idea of her whereabouts.

For her part, Maggie made several attempts to locate Charlie when she saw the article about Pie Town in an airline magazine. She called the publisher, and they told her that Charlie no longer wrote about food, and they had heard he was a freelance war correspondent. They went on to say they did not know where he was presently posted.

Charlie was very fond of Maggie, and it would be another decade before he fell in love again. This time, he kept in touch with his love interest. A month later, he drove to Nevada and brought Carol back to West Virginia to be his wife.

Maggie had decided it was time to get a full-time job, and shortly after her stint with the Forest Service, she used her doctorate in nursing to snag a prestigious teaching job in Chicago. She found a lovely apartment near the college with everything she needed to raise her infant daughter, Ellie.

## Chicago, Illinois, April 12, 1986

Maggie had cancer, a glioblastoma to be precise, and it was time to tell her daughter, Ellie, about her condition and what to expect. She knew that, without a father present, Ellie would have a rough time of it. But Maggie was tough, and she raised her 10-year-old daughter to be equally so.

Maggie's mother was sheepish and under the total control of her dominating father, but Maggie vowed to give Ellie what she called "Nerve and Verve." Ellie was as intelligent as she was strong, and she knew she would soon lose her mother.

She also knew that she would have to deal with it without the help of her mother's family; Maggie severed those ties years ago.

As Maggie expected, Ellie lived in many foster homes; most were good, a few could be summed up as just an unpleasant experience, and one could be deemed abusive. She left the foster system as strong and independent as Maggie intended.

When asked about her mother, Ellie would simply say that she died from cancer. But when asked about her father, she had no answers. Besides, her mother was somewhat evasive about the subject every time Ellie brought it up.

All Ellie learned about her father from Maggie was that he was a great guy and a freelance writer for travel and airline magazines. Maggie did tell Ellie that she had attempted unsuccessfully to contact him, but unknown to her and Charlie, each had moved away to further their careers.

Ellie would have loved to know more about her father, but that is all the information her mother provided for reasons she did not share. Maybe Maggie, an independent young woman, planned to live her own life before getting tied down. And that is something we will never know.

## Chicago, Illinois, November 11, 2012, Veterans Day.

Charlie knew he had to leave the house for a while; it was becoming more a prison of grief and loneliness than Carol's "Home Sweet Home," like the needlepoint hanging on the kitchen wall read.

Christmas was coming, and he couldn't bring himself to decorate the house, not even a sorry-looking Charlie Brown Christmas tree with a single bulb.

In a matter of just a few years, he had cut himself off from much of the outside world, and now he was paying the price of abject loneliness and perhaps even depression.

Charlie called a former Army buddy he served with

in Vietnam. Paul Hammond became an architect after the war and moved to Chicago. Although the two had not seen each other for years, Paul demanded that Charlie jump in his truck and head on up to the Windy City for the Veteran's Day Celebration in Grant Park.

"How do you know that I own a truck? Charlie asked, laughing.

"I thought everyone drove a big badass truck in West Virginia," replied Paul.

"Well," thought Charlie, "Old Hammond hasn't changed a bit since Nam; always a wisecracker."

Charlie knew that a visit with Paul might be just what the doctor ordered, so he packed a duffel bag, threw it in the back of his badass pickup and headed north to Chicago.

Paul and his family lived in the near north end of Chicago in a gentrified area that seemed just right for Paul, a real urbane urbanite. Charlie got a room at a hotel on Michigan Avenue, a 30-minute walk to the Hammonds.

Charlie picked up a nice bottle of wine on the walk uptown, where he met Paul's delightful wife and two of the three adult children.

Being among Paul's gregarious family for the evening was emotionally uplifting. They agreed to meet in Grant Park the next morning for the Veterans Day celebration. After a final nightcap, Charlie said his goodbyes and began walking back to his hotel.

He decided to walk back along the bike path that parallels Lakeshore Drive. It was late evening, and few people were on the trail.

As Charlie exited one of the tunnels under Lakeshore Drive, a man stepped out of the bushes, holding a knife. Charlie had learned a lot from his days in a war zone and managed to wrest the knife away from the mugger, but not before his right arm received some deep slashes.

After kicking the mug-

ger's ass, Charlie wrapped his bleeding arm with his jacket and walked himself to a downtown hospital.

It was after midnight, but the emergency room was full of injured people. (Hey, it's Chicago) But because Charley was still bleeding, they got right to work on him. His doctor, a striking woman, stitched up his forearm using no less than 105 stitches.

One cut went right through the middle of an unusual tattoo. The doctor asked him about his tattoo, which had a chef's carving knife and an old-fashioned ink pen in the form of crossed swords. Below the figures was the French homage to culinary delights, "Bon Appetit."

He mentioned that getting the tattoo was a youthful impulse and was a design usually reserved for food writers and chefs.

Doctor Ellie Swearingen held up his arm and intently stared at the tattoo. She gently laid his forearm back on the gurney and said, "You know, Mr. Greer, this tattoo looks quite familiar, but I don't know why."

"Getting to know you, getting to know all about you," Oscar Hammerstein

When he returned home to West Virginia, Charlie realized that his short visit with an old friend in Chicago was a huge lift to his spirits, but in the long run, it was merely a band-aid.

Walking back into his empty and quiet home, his loneliness and depression was more profound. He soon began to question his relevance and saw little reason to continue a life without hope - he had lost almost everyone who meant anything to him.

To add to Charlie's emotional burden, he was not in the least motivated to do much of anything. "Why go on?" he asked himself. "My future offers only more desolation." Charlie Greer was teetering on the edge of the precipice, while far away, a gentle wind was blowing his

way. Meanwhile:

Dr. Ellie Swearingen was puzzled over why a patient's tattoo looked familiar. She had no body art herself and normally wouldn't pay much attention to tattoos. Yet, this one caught her eye as being something vaguely familiar. She felt compelled to seek an answer to her puzzlement, and, most peculiarly, she did not know why.

Like a computer in search mode, her brain unconsciously sought the answer to her enigma. It would take nearly three weeks before it suddenly, and in the middle of the night, dawned on her where she might look for an answer.

Ellie had not opened the cardboard box her mother had given her in several years. She felt an impulse to jump out of bed and search her attic for the box. So, that is what she did.

Ellie lugged the heavy container downstairs and placed it on the kitchen table. She made coffee and began to go through the box - item by item. As often happens, the very thing she was searching for was the very last thing she uncovered.

Ellie was stunned when leafing through an old airline magazine from the box and stumbled upon an article about pies. There was a photograph of her mother and a young man seated before a table covered with slabs of pie.

Her mother looked much younger, maybe in her early 20s, while the man had long hair and a beard and wore round glasses like the ones John Lennon made famous.

Ellie vaguely remembered seeing the picture several years after her mother died when she was still in high school.

She drew in a breath when she noticed the tattoo on the young man's right forearm - it was exactly like the one worn by the mugging victim she stitched up.

She carried the magazine into her office and turned on a brighter light, studying the young man's features for several minutes. Excitement coursed through her body; she now knew who her father was.

And there was no way she would let that man get away without knowing his own daughter.

## Epilogue:

In a real sense, both Ellie and her father were lonely people. Likewise, both yearned for some meaningful family connections. After all, what are we without loved ones, be they family or friends?

Shortly before midnight on Christmas Eve, the wall-mounted phone in Charlie's kitchen rang. Already in bed and nearly asleep, Charlie debated answering the phone, thinking, "Who in the world calls at this time of night?"

A strong impulse drove him out of his warm bed and downstairs to the kitchen. He grabbed the phone, hesitated momentarily, and said, "Hello, the Greer's residence."

"Mr. Greer, I'm Ellie Swearingen, the doctor who patched you up in Chicago a few weeks ago. I'm Maggie Swearingen's daughter. But that's not all. I'm your daughter, too."

And thus began the most joyful conversation of Charlie and Ellie's lives, and the best Christmas ever!

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## Bike, from page 6

Tanner Baldwin 32nd. Silas Dean just missed the Top 10 finishing 11th in Seventh Grade Boys, and James Monico 19th in Sixth Grade Boys.

Next up for the third race of the season, the team took the long journey to the Eastern Panhandle to Cacapon State Park for the Rock and Roll at Cacapon. Tropical Storm Ophelia guaranteed this race would be one the team would remember. Rain, rain, and more rain was the theme for the weekend but that didn't deter this team, (Salamanders love mud). Once again, the ladies on the team proved they love to ride in the mud, Brynn Clutter finished third in Seventh Grade Girls, Ahna Valach matched her by finishing third in eighth Grade Girls, and Nora Evans was able to complete the mud-filled course in her first race, finishing 19th. Although not landing on the podium, the gentlemen on the team embraced the mud and all the team's competing riders completed the muddy course. In sixth Grade Boys, Blake Alderman finished 9th and James Monico 11th; in eighth Grade Boys, Dawson Deputy 16th, Max Chamberlain 17th, Julian Dennison 21st, and Tanner Baldwin 36th; and Carter Faulknier seventh in Freshmen Boys after a flat tire took him out of contention for a podium finish.

A new venue hosted the fourth race of the season.

The Summit Bechtel Reserve provided a new challenge for the team at the Shred the Summit race. The rain from Cacapon was soon forgotten as the cold temperatures provided the environmental challenge for this race. Once again, two lady Salamanders stood on the podium. Brynn Clutter took third place in Seventh Grade Girls and Ahna Valach took fifth in Eighth Grade Girls. The rest of the team results were filled with successes and disappointments. In Sixth Grade Boys, Blake Alderman finished 18th with James Monico right behind him at 19th; Silas Dean captured his first Top 10 with a ninth place finish in Seventh Grade Boys. In Eighth Grade Boys, Dawson Deputy rode hard to finish 23rd after suffering an injury in practice, and Max Chamberlain, hindered with mechanical troubles, finished 33rd. Carter Faulknier suffered his worst finish in his three years competing, finishing 14th in Freshmen Boys.

Leaving the Highs and Lows of The Summit behind them, the team headed south to Twin Falls State Park for the last race of the season, The Brawl at Twin Falls. In a repeat of the previous race, Brynn Clutter finished third in Seventh Grade Girls and Ahna Valach finished fifth in Eighth Grade Girls. The rest of the team put forth their best efforts to try to finish the season on a high note. Blake Alderman finished 14th in Sixth Grade Boys, Silas Dean finished 6th place in Seventh Grade Boys, missing the podium by a

mere six seconds. In eighth Grade Boys, Julian Dennison was 20th, Dawson Deputy was 29th and Tanner Baldwin was 38th after struggling with mechanical troubles; and Carter Faulknier finished 7th in Freshmen Boys.

As the season ended, many of the new team members celebrated the accomplishments in their first year and set goals for next season. The returning members reflected on how much they improved since last season, and those that raced, those that just participated in the practice rides and the coaches will remember all the fun times riding bikes this season.

The season wasn't over for one member of the team. By finishing 7th in the Freshmen standings, Carter Faulknier was invited to race in the first ever NICA Eastern Regional Championships. In November, Carter traveled to Elkton, Maryland to compete against 150 Freshmen from 11 Eastern States. With such a large number competing they were started in two groups, with Carter starting in Group B. When the races were over Carter Faulknier represented West Virginia and Pocahontas County well, coming home with a 27th place finish in this large talented field of Freshmen.

All the Salamanders and Coaches look forward to next season and invite other sixth through 12 grade students to come join the fun and fulfill NICA's goal of building strong minds, bodies, character and community through cycling.

## BOE, from page 1

There was a heat issue at GBEMS in November, but it was dealt with swiftly, with the school only being closed for one day.

## Battle, from page 2

U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., led several Republican senators in floor speeches calling on stronger border protections in the national security supplemental. Capito, the vice chairman of the Senate Republican Conference and a Republican member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said the GOP border recommendations are non-partisan and substantive.

"We cannot achieve national security as a whole without securing our own borders," Capito said. "It is essential that border security remains one of our four pillars that need to be included in any national security supplemental that is approved by this Congress."

"The text before us does not make any policy changes, but instead just throws more money and more money at a broken system," Capito continued. "That is not a solution. It doesn't address the actual policies that are fueling this situation."

In an address last Wednesday afternoon, President Joe Biden called on Congress to pass the national security supplemental before break-

The roof replacement at Marlinton Elementary School is also going well and is close to completion.

Gibson also shared that the Pocahontas County Commission is preparing a request to release the funds for the demolition of the for-

mer board office in Marlinton.

He added that there is a need for substitute bus drivers and shared the procedure followed when deciding if schools are to be closed or delayed due to snowy or bad weather.

ing for the holidays. He said Republicans are providing Russian President Vladimir Putin an opportunity for further aggression against Ukraine by cutting them off from needed funds for arms.

"I think it is stunning we got to this point in the first place," Biden said. "The Republicans in Congress are willing to give Putin the greatest gift he could hope for and abandon our global leadership, not just in Ukraine but beyond that."

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., he was willing to allow consideration of amendments from the Republican minority to the national security supplemental if they would vote for cloture. But Republicans needed to be willing to compromise on some of the provisions they want.

"I have promised my Republican colleagues that if they agree to move forward, I will give them an amendment vote for a border package entirely of their choosing, no conditions," Schumer said. "This is a golden opportunity for Republicans to present whatever border policy they want, and our side will not interfere with the construction of that amendment in any way ... Why hold up Ukraine aid if they can't even present a border pack-

age that can pass the Senate? We're asking ourselves this question."

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., said he supported stronger border protections, but he was unwilling to hold up the national security supplemental and supported a vote for cloture.

"Commonsense should dictate that we need to secure our own border in addition to helping Ukraine and Israel secure theirs," Manchin said. "In the greatest country on Earth, we do not have to choose between protecting our homeland and defending our allies. My support for Israel and Ukraine is unwavering but it does not supersede my commitment to my own country."

"We need major, structural reforms to limit the number of illegal crossings at our southern border and regain operational control," Manchin continued. "I am voting to proceed on this bill because I have received a commitment from Majority Leader Chuck Schumer that we can add amendments to the national security supplemental that will secure our border."

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

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

**First Publication Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023**  
**Claim Deadline: Monday, February 5, 2024**

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ESTATE OF: **WARREN DALE MCKENNEY**  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 1, 2023.  
Melissa L. Bennett  
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission  
12/7/2c

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**  
Magistrate Court Case No.: 23-D-72  
Family Court Civil Action No.: 23-DV-57

**TO: DANIEL JAMES BUCHANAN**  
ADOLPH STREET,  
MILL CREEK, WV 26280  
**DATE OF BIRTH: 12/30/1979**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION PROTECTIVE ORDER/HEARING DATE**

The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.

The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:**

If appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk's office.

**This Protective order will remain in effect until January 9, 2024.**

**A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 9th day of January, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. before the Pocahontas County Family Court.**  
Issued this 11th day of December, 2023, at 3:16 p.m.

Connie M. Carr  
Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County  
12/14/1c

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated February 26, 2005, executed by Borrower(s), Jeffrey W. Beverage and Robyn L. Beverage, to Theresa Ritz, c/o Far Vision, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Book 261, at Page 166. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of Route 1 Box 78A, Marlinton, WV 24954, and, upon information and belief, is now known as 162 Stony Creek Rd., Marlinton, WV 24954. Pill & Pill, PLLC was appointed as Substitute Trustee by an APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated October 31, 2023, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 418, at Page 10. The Borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pocahontas County, in Marlinton, West Virginia, on the following date:  
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BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM ANN F. COOL, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE LOCK MCCOMB, DECEASED, AND ALSO AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR ALICE B. MCCOMB, AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 247 PAGE 133 DATED 5/30/1997 AND RECORDED 06/02/1997, POCAHONTAS COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

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- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
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- 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

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**NOTICE TO BID**

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Bids will be opened in the Office of the Pocahontas County Commission on Tuesday, the 19th day of December 2023, at 5:45 p.m.

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

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- Requirements include but are not limited to the following:
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  6. 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 professional manner.

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**Applications may be obtained at the Assessor's Office, 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

**Applications may be faxed to 304-799-6132 or hand delivered to this office.**

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Walt Helmick, President  
Pocahontas County Commission  
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**CONSTRUCTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER**  
Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Services is providing notice of its intent to construct and operate a tower pursuant to Federal Communication Commission's Programmatic Agreement for telecommunication towers. The tower called Droop 911 will be on McCoy Road, Droop, WV (38-06-18.18 N and 80-15-51.99 W). The self-support tower will be 180 feet in height. Only comments regarding potential effects on Historic Properties should be sent within 30 days of publication to:

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority (PCSWA) will receive sealed bids for installation of a new groundwater monitoring well at the Pocahontas County Landfill** which is located off of Route 28 near Dunmore, West Virginia.

Monitoring well installation specifications may be obtained by contacting the Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority, 900-H 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954; Telephone: 304-799-6262; Email: pcswa@frontier.com

Bids will be received by PCSWA until 1:00 p.m. local time Friday, January 26, 2024.

Pocahontas County Solid Waste  
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**NOTICE OF POSITION FOR POCAHONTAS COUNTY DAY REPORT CENTER**

**The Pocahontas County Commission is seeking an individual to serve in the following full-time position at the County Day Report Center:**  
**Day Report Male Officer**

The position of Day Report Male Officer will work directly under the authority of and answer to the Day Report Director; experience in a related field is preferred, but not required for employment. Representative duties may include supervision of participants in the County's Community Corrections Program, and/or other duties assigned by the Day Report Director. Employees must be able to perform assigned duties with a significant level of independence.

Individuals must submit to and pass background checks as required by the Pocahontas County Commission prior to employment. The position includes health insurance coverage, participation in the West Virginia State Retirement System, paid holidays, and accrual of vacation and sick leave in accordance with county policy.

Interviews for the position will be jointly conducted by the Pocahontas County Commission and the Pocahontas County Community Corrections Program Board.

**To apply for this position send a resume to: Pocahontas County Day Report 300 A Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954, no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 2, 2024.**

Pocahontas County Commission,  
Walt Helmick, President  
12/14/3c

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until **JANUARY 17, 2024 AT 10 A.M.** (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project (s):

**CALL: 010; CONTRACT: 2022880004; STATE PROJECT: S388-REC/AL-24 00; FEDERAL PROJECT: STBG-2024(009)D; DESCRIPTION: PAVEMENT MARKINGS, D-8 RECALL STRIPING 2024; DISTRICT WIDE; COUNTY: DISTRICT 8, PENDLETON, POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH, TUCKER**  
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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

West Virginia Department of Transportation  
Division of Highways  
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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS**

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**CALL: 004; CONTRACT: 2021000711; STATE PROJECT: S388-STR/JP-24.00; FEDERAL PROJECT: STP-2024(051)D; DESCRIPTION: PAVEMENT MARKINGS, ROADWAY STRIPING; DISTRICT WIDE; COUNTIES: DISTRICT, PENDLETON, POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH, TUCKER.**

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

**CASE NO. 23-0460-E-42T**

**MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY AND THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY**  
**Rule 42T tariff filing to increase rates and charges.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

On May 31, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company filed revised tariff sheets reflecting increased base rates and charges of \$207,452,687 or 13 percent in total revenues, including the proposed Infrastructure Investment Program and the Energy Assistance Outreach Program for low-income customers detailed in the filing on a combined company basis. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	Base Rate Increase	
	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 18.07	15.0%
Commercial	\$ 55.16	12.5%
Industrial	\$ 478.70	9.4%
Street Lighting	\$ 155.13	17.2%

The effective date of the proposed increased rates and charges has been suspended through March 26, 2024 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or lesser than the average shown. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

**This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on January 24-26, 2024.** The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing.  
**All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.**

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## Tree, from page 1

Monk has another Christmas tree in her house that is decorated with ornaments made by her children when they were young. She decorated the tree this year at

their request. The boughs of the white tree are filled with colorful trinkets made by the children, displaying years and years of memories for them all to enjoy.

After Christmas, when she takes down the tree, Monk said she wants to use 16 of the teacups to make a wreath

that she will hang in her house.

Although she hasn't decided what she will do next year, Monk is very creative and has many collections from which to choose.

Suzanne Stewart may be contacted at [sastewart@pocahontastimes.com](mailto:sastewart@pocahontastimes.com)

## Court, from page 2

Steve Good, 33, of Durbin, waived his right to an evidentiary hearing and admitted to the allegations in

the petition. Defense counsel asked that the defendant be placed back on probation. The State related that the defendant has not done any community service, which is a requirement on Day Report, and he has not called in to comply with the Day Re-

port Program. The court deferred disposition in this matter for now to see if the defendant will comply with the terms and conditions previously ordered by the court. Good had pleaded guilty to receiving or transferring stolen property.

## Calendar, from page 4

fall foliage with crafts, activities and books. Ages three to 10 are welcome, no charge.

**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.

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

**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 – Wor-

ship 8:45 a.m.  
**First Baptist Church – Huntersville** – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.  
**Seebert United Methodist Church** – Sunday School every Sunday 9:20 a.m.; Worship second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m.

**Catholic Mass: St. John, Marlinton** – Sunday 9 a.m.; **St. Mark, Bartow** – Sunday 11:30 a.m.

**Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank** – Worship at 11 a.m.

**Dunmore United Methodist Church** – Worship 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom 8 a.m.

**Marlinton First Church of the Nazarene** – Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Marlinton United Methodist Church** – Worship at 11 a.m. Parking lot service on 90.3 FM radio, or join us on Facebook.

**New Hope Church of the Brethren**, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Pine Grove Church of**

**the Brethren, Arbovale** – Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.

**Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel** – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

**Campbelltown Church, Marlinton** – Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.

**Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219** – Sunday Service 10 a.m.

**Edray United Church** – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

**Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights** – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 4 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 5 p.m. Evangelistic Service Sundays, December 17 and 31, 4 p.m.

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

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

## 100, from page 7

taken to Beard, for burial in the Old Droop church burying ground...

Anthony's Creek, Greenbrier County, was the boyhood home of A. K. Dysard, who was born June 22, 1843,

## 75, from page 7

### Four Children Perish in Fire

Four of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Greene, of near the airport, perished in the fire which destroyed their home last Friday night, December 19, 1948. They were: Dannie Henry Greene, aged 14 years, 13 days; Robert (Bobby) Frank Greene, aged 10 years, 11 months, 22 days; Lula Bell Greene, aged 8 years, 8 months, 23 days; and Roy Arnold Greene, aged 6 years, 3 months, 6 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene and their oldest daughter had gone away from home for

and who departed this life at his home near Lewisburg October 24th, in his 81st year.

Mr. Dysard came to Pocahontas county as a young man and was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McCutcheon of near Dunmore. Their home, for many years, was at Driftwood, where Mr. Dysard became the first elder of the Driftwood Pres-

byterian Church... The home was a very happy one with three very sprightly children, namely, Lawrence, Claudia and Bessie...

Mr. Dysard was married the second time to Miss Bettie Hunter, and she and their two children, William A. and Helen, are left to mourn his loss... He was buried from Liberty Presbyterian Church at Greenbank...

some hours. In some way, the house got on fire and the four children perished miserably. As the fire became far advanced, neighbors were attracted by the exploding of shot gun shells, but it was then too late to render any assistance.

On Monday afternoon, the

remains of the little children were laid to rest in the family plot in Mt. View Cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. Roger P. Melton.

The pallbearers were the teachers of the children and the flower bearers were their schoolmates.

The deadline for **Letters to the Editor** is Monday at noon. Writers may use a maximum of 600 words. Letters should be issue-oriented and never personal. Send letters to [jsgraham@pocahontastimes.com](mailto:jsgraham@pocahontastimes.com) For further information, please contact **The Pocahontas Times** at 304-799-4973.

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# Students of the Month



MARLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL congratulates its Students of the Month for November. Front row, from left: Raegan Nelson, Kindergarten; Noah Alderman, Kindergarten; Elizabeth Sharp, first grade; and Maggie Dilley, Pre-K. Middle row, from left: Ariana Woody, second grade; Camden Arbogast, second grade; and Penelope Buzzard, fourth grade. Back row, from left: Maddie Wims, third grade; David Walton, third grade; Selenah Smith, fourth grade; Ayla Fanning, fifth grade; and Wade Goldizen, fifth grade. Not pictured: Jackson Smith, first grade.



GREEN BANK ELEMENTARY-Middle School congratulates its Students of the Month for December. Pictured, front row, from left: Emmett McLaughlin, first grade; Harper Beverage, Kindergarten; Wyatt Sattler, Pre-K; Cullen Sutton, second grade; and Lucas Sutton, fifth grade. Back row: Kahlil Anderson, third grade; Bayla Plaughter, sixth grade; Cora Baldwin, fourth grade; Wesson Peck, eighth grade; and Nora Evans, seventh grade.

## School Menus

December 18 – 19

wedges, fresh carrots and fruit.

**Tuesday:** Fruit muffin and fresh fruit.

**Monday:** Apple stick and fruit. Popcorn chicken, bread stick, roasted broccoli, potato roll, dessert and fruit.

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### BIRTHS

Born to Jimmy A. and Mary M. Galford, of Marlinton, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Sherdian, of Cowan, a daughter, named Catherine Anne.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ray Newbraugh, of Shinnston, a son, named Frederick II.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Marion McKeever, of Roanoke, Virginia, a son, named Steven Duane.

### DEATHS

Carl Griffin Shields, 68, of Stony Bottom. Funeral service from the Clover Lick United Methodist Church; burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Beauty Frances Myers, 66, of Gassaway, formerly of Cass, died at her home after a long illness... She was a member of Sutton Baptist Church... Funeral service from Robertson Funeral Home in Sutton, with burial in the Daugherty Family Cemetery.

Mrs. Margaret Shaffer, 85, of Ohio; born at Seebert a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Symms. Burial

in Bethel Cemetery, Phenton, Ohio.

## History, from page 7

The men were moonshiners and determined not to have their business broken up.

### THE LEGISLATURE

The latest received from both sides is that any villainy that may be practiced can be laid at the door of the other side. There never was so much self-righteousness exhibited in politics before.

The public is relieved to hear that there will not be any troops around at the State house.

The writer has received most of his information as to the villainous intents of either party from the Intelligencer and the Gazette, both of which are equally reprehensible as partisan newspa-

pers.

We believe that the vote as returned from the several counties is correct, and that any change made by the exercise of the arbitrary power given to the two houses of the legislature will in all probability be wrong, or that it will be so considered by the people at large and retribution will follow...

### THE HAMRICKS OF WEBSTER

There are a great many Hamricks in Webster County. On the mountain between Leatherwood and Bergoo Creeks is the Hamrick schoolhouse, built by Nathan Hamrick. The three trustees of the school are Hamricks, the present teacher's name is Hamrick, and each of the fifteen pupils enrolled answer to the name of Hamrick. — Webster Echo

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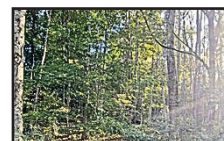


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### MORE LISTINGS



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**6529 - Arbovale.** 3BR/2BA brick ranch with basement and one-car attached garage on 1.43 level acres. Home is spacious with large eat-in kitchen, dining room, living room and den. - \$239,000



**6585 - Bartow.** 3BR/1BA with basement and two-car detached garage on 1.6 acres. Three outbuildings. Borders Parks and Recreation Park. Close to Greenbrier River and Trail. Durbin and Cass railroads. - \$175,000



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**6519 - Arbovale.** 2BR/1BA camp on 1.10 acres near national forest. Close to Deer Creek, Greenbrier River Trail, GBO, Cass Scenic Railroad and Snowshoe. - \$93,900



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**6445 - Caldwell.** 3BR/1BA mobile home with stick-built expansion on 15+ acres. Great location. Home needs work. Just minutes to Lewisburg, Greenbrier River and Trail and Organ Cave. Sold as is. - \$52,000



**6297 - Snowshoe.** 2.30 wooded acres in Sunset Mountain, a protected community. Building site and potential views. - \$7,500



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**6577 - Marlinton.** Great home on 2.08 acres - \$189,000

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