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The best Watoga Bicycle Christmas Story ever

By John C. Dean
Contributing Writer

In the heart of the lush, expansive landscape enveloping Watoga State Park, nestled within the sturdy embrace of a small log cabin, the Dean family carved out a life steeped in simplicity and resilience. Vernon and Vada, the pillars of the family, faced the challenges of modest means with unwavering determination, weaving a tapestry of love and fortitude that bound them together forever.

As the seasons changed, the Dean family weathered the ebb and flow of life in the Mountain State's wilderness. The small, early 1930s CCC-constructed cabin, though weathered, stood as a testament to the strength of family bonds, the resilience found in nature, and the enduring spirit of those who called Watoga State Park their home.

The summer of 1967 was etched into the memories of the Deans as a season of both struggle and beauty. The log cabin, though humble, stood as a haven amidst the towering pine trees that painted the



THIS PHOTO WAS taken in the summer of 1967, the year Ronnie and John got their surprise Christmas bicycles from Tom and Shirley Wilson. Pictured, l to r: John, Vicki, Kimberly and Debbie Dean. It's also the summer they adopted the pet deer, Freckles. They are in front of the Dean home where the Watoga Christmas Story was always told by their mom. Photo courtesy of the Dean Family

landscape with a kaleidoscope of greens. The air was alive with the sweet melodies of songbirds and the gentle rustle of leaves, while the babbling brooks whispered tales of the park's enduring secrets.

Vada, a woman of quiet strength, devoted her days to ensuring her children had more than just the necessities. Her hands, calloused from hard work, mirrored the resilience of her soul. Each morning, she would venture to the park, donned in a faded apron, to clean cabins. The fruits of her labor, not only in wages but also in the intangible warmth of providing for her family, spoke volumes about her love.

I am the eighth child in the seemingly endless, voluminous Dean clan. For years, I have felt the rhythm of life in the park coursing through my veins. The struggles faced by my father to put food on the table only deepened Dad's appreciation for the natural wonders surrounding my family. Each fall, I admired the leaves' orange, red and yellow hues of various maple and oak trees, dancing in the gentle breeze.

The park, sprawling across 10,000 acres of West Virginia's picturesque terrain, was a playground for the Dean children. Every corner revealed a new adventure, a secret waiting to be discovered. The flora and fauna of Watoga State Park painted a vibrant canvas of colors and scents, creating a backdrop for a childhood that, despite its hardships, was nothing short of idyllic.

Amidst the challenges, the summer of 1967 witnessed the joyous union of Shirley Juanita Dean, the second eldest of Vernon's daughters, to her beau Thomas Edward Wilson. Their wedding, a unique ceremony for its time, was captured by the click of a Polaroid Instamatic in the backyard of the majestic park. The love between Shirley and Tom, sealed amidst the scent of mid-June wildflowers, echoed the enduring magic of Watoga State Park.

Later that year, at the tender age of six, I harbored a deep love for the holiday season. The aroma of freshly baked butterscotch cookies wafted through the small cabin,

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THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY Veterans Honor Corps participated in the annual nationwide Wreaths Across America ceremony last Saturday at the Arbovale Cemetery. After placing commemorative wreaths around the flagpole, the Honor Corps presented a 21-gun salute, from left: Rick Wooddell, Steve Fierbaugh, Duke Fry, George Fleck, John Sparks, Larry Carrico, Sam Arbogast, Sollie Workman and Donnie Waybright. S. Stewart photo

Arbovale cemetery participates in Wreaths Across America

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

When broken down into numbers, the Wreaths Across America ceremony has an impressive reach nationwide. Sixty tractor trailers delivered 400,000 wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery, 800,000 volunteers placed wreaths at 4,225 cemeteries across the nation – all for one day, December 16.

One of those participating was the Arbovale Cemetery, where the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps placed eight ceremonial

wreaths at the flagpole to honor the servicemen and women who have and are currently serving in the United States armed forces. The tenant of Wreaths Across America is to Honor, Remember and Teach.

In his address, Honor Corps commander Rick Wooddell reminded those in attendance that it is because of the members of the armed forces – past and present – that we, as a nation, are able to have a happy and joyful holiday season.

"The United States of America was founded on the ideals of freedom, justice

and equality," Wooddell said. "Our nation stands as a shining beacon of liberty and freedom to the whole world. We thank those who gave their lives to keep us free, and we shall not forget you. We shall remember.

"Today, more than ever, we reflect on our nation's veterans and active duty service members who have and continue to fight to protect the innocent and the oppressed," he continued. "This nation has always been the first to stand up for the freedom of people all around

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THE FIRST ANNUAL Christmas Cookie Bake-off at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park was held last Saturday at the community center. Participants used their favorite cookie recipes and the community members and visitors voted for their favorites. Winners were announced by co-coordinator J.T. Arbogast, shown here with Cass superintendent Marshal Markley and the winners, from left: first place, Summer Cohen; second place, Gracie Faubert; and third place, Jessica Walton. S. Stewart photo

Cookie Bake-Off brings sweetness to Cass

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

It was a sugary sweet Saturday at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park as the Christmas celebration continued into its third week with a new and fun little competition held at the community center.

A dozen bakers pulled out their favorite cookie recipes and baked up a storm to enter the first ever Christmas Cookie Bake-Off. In

addition to making cookies for the competition, cookies were also baked for Cookie Bingo, which was held in the evening.

The winners were selected by community members and visitors to the state park. They sampled the treats and selected their favorites.

It was stiff competition, with classic flavors and unique combinations, but, in the end, there was a clear winner.

Prior to the announcement of winners, the room was abuzz with the same question, "who made the hot cocoa cookies?"

The crowd soon found out when J.T. Arbogast, co-coordinator of the event, announced that first place was won by Summer Cohen, of Monterey, Virginia, for her hot cocoa cookies. Cohen won an overnight stay on one of the Cass houses and

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Exploring the frontier in the 21st century

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

I began volunteering at the Virginia's Explore Park in Roanoke, Virginia, more than 20 years ago. I loved working at the 1700s fort with my main demonstration being hand dressing deer hides into leather, but I also enjoyed visiting the other time-period locations scattered throughout the park.

The park held to strict guidelines about how the workers and volunteers should dress, it had to fit the time-period we were demonstrating in.

I could not afford to pay someone to make an outfit for me, especially when the linen fabric alone was more than \$15 a yard. That was expensive 20 years ago! I did, however, have a little bit of knowledge of sewing from playing around with it on my own, so I set out to make my own outfit.

The lead person for the fort had a few outfit patterns he allowed me to use. I started with a petticoat since it looked the simplest. All top stitching, edges and any other stitches that could be seen had to be hand stitched, but at least the main assembly seams could be done with a sewing machine. After successfully completing my first petticoat, I proceeded to lay out, cut, and construct a shift (a lightweight undergarment). While caring for very active young boys, all the animals we had, making some home repairs as needed, cooking, cleaning, and yard and garden work it took several weeks to make a complete outfit, comprising of: two or three petticoats, a shift, bed jacket, pocket (which is a separate piece of clothing), bonnet and

apron. I did eventually hand knit a pair of socks, using two-ply natural spun wool, to go with my colonial shoes. There were a few items I never wore that were considered basic wear for colonial women: a stay (a stiff, fully boned garment similar to a corset) and a modesty cloth (to wrap around the neck). I eventually went from two or three petticoats to just a single one. The reason behind this was due to a diary the lead person of the fort found – he preferred first-hand accounts when doing any research. The diary was written by a New England minister who had visited the Augusta County colonial frontier in the 1700s. He wrote about how disgusted he was that the woman didn't wear a modesty cloth or stay and only donned a single petticoat. Makes sense to me. These women were living in the wild frontier with their nearest neighbor miles away. They had to be practical. Those socially appropriate items of clothing were an encumbrance to the hard work that had to be done around the homestead. No one hardly ever saw them so why wear extra layers that could cause overheating during the summer, more clothes to be unnecessarily washed and wear out, or increase the chance of a petticoat catching on fire because they were so fluffy. I know there is some controversy over how often this actually happened, but I have personally experienced how fast a single spark from a fire can burn highly flammable linen fabric.

Several times, during my presentations, normally on very hot days, a patron would ask me how much I got paid to dress in that many layers and actively work on the deer hides. I always smiled and

replied, "I volunteer to do this," and then softly chuckled to myself as their jaw dropped in disbelief. When you really enjoy doing something, it doesn't seem too much like "work" even when it's difficult and laborious.

The fort became my home away from home as I spent most of my weekends there. My husband and the boys joined me so often that it became a part of them, as well. In the beginning, my husband kept the boys with him throughout the day but after many visits, that slowly began to change. Even though the boys had not even started kindergarten, they were so acquainted with the layout and dangers, of the park and with the other workers and volunteers there, that they freely roamed about while I worked at my station. They loved sitting in the audience section at the doctor's tent to watch his demonstrations. As part of the doctor's demonstration, he would hold up different 1800s medical devices and asked the audience what they thought each tool was used for. After a bit of silence, the boys raised their hands and correctly answered his questions. The looks of the other patrons' faces were priceless as they saw that these two little kids knew such obscure information. Other favorite sites for the boys were the blacksmith shop, the schoolhouse and the bateau.

The park closed in 2007 but reopened in 2013 after the new owners created an operating lease to the County of Roanoke. I have not been back to the park since 2007, and although I see there have been many changes, my heart still holds a fondness for the old park.



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Beloved country life columnist Alyce Faye Bragg dies at age 88

By Rick Steelhammer
Charleston Gazette-Mail

Alyce Faye Bragg, who chronicled farm life, local folklore and family adventures, past and present, in a popular self-titled column that appeared weekly in the *Charleston Gazette-Mail* for more than 30 years, died Tuesday at age 88.

A Clay County native, Bragg spent her adult life on the same farm where she was raised, on Big Laurel Creek near the Clay County community of Ovapa.

Her work as a columnist began in 1981, with a column that appeared in the weekly *Clay County Free Press*. A few years later, then-*Charleston Gazette* Editor Don Marsh contacted Bragg to explore the possibility of having her columns become a regular feature in the *Sunday Gazette-Mail*.

"I hesitated," she recalled in her final column for the *Gazette-Mail*, which appeared in August 2020. "I told Don Marsh my writing was so 'country' it wasn't suitable for city folk. He replied, 'Let me be the judge of that.'"

Marsh's judgment proved correct.

"To my surprise, the column became popular, and I received much mail concerning it," she wrote. "I have enjoyed every minute of writing it. I have made many friends I would never have met otherwise, and I value each one of them."

In addition to producing her columns, Bragg was the author of three books:



Alyce Faye Bragg

"*Laughter from the Hills*," "*This Holler Is My Home*" and "*Homesick for the Hills*."

A column that appeared a few months before she retired from the *Gazette-Mail* was representative of the uplifting approach she often used in her writing.

Bragg wrote about how she spent a gloomy, early April morning lamenting the arrival of the coronavirus while cleaning up a dog-produced flowerpot spill — and managing to knock down a potted cactus plant on her own with an errant sweep of her broom.

"Have you ever seen an old woman sit down flat on

the floor and cry?" she wrote.

After managing to pull herself off the floor with her walker, Bragg resolved to count her blessings and exit her gloomy mood. She began to reflect on a camping trip to the Williams River that she and her family took decades earlier.

The trip involved crossing the river on a suspension footbridge with missing planks, gathering wild strawberries with a brother, a rainy cookout and a close encounter with a copperhead.

After such "wandering around in the past," she wrote, "my mood mellowed and I was happy in another spring day. ... Cardinals are feasting in the bird feeder, the sun is trying to come out, and the baby calf gambols on the hillside. All is peaceful here in our world. Let us enjoy it."

Bragg's survivors include her husband of 68 years, Criss; four sons, two daughters, 22 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Saturday, December 16,

2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home in Clay.

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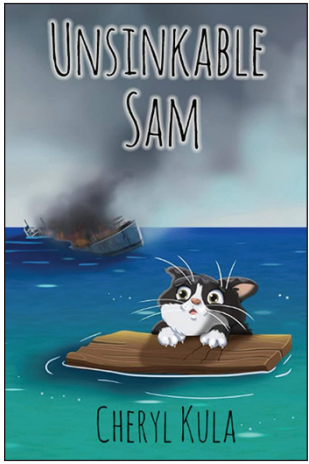
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Laura Dean Bennett
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by Cheryl Kula

Kula is a West Virginia author from Summers County, and this 2023 release is her third children's book.

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It's the tale of a little black and white cat who survived the sinking of three war ships during World War II.

The amazing black and white feline was originally a German-born cat named Oskar. He went to sea on the German ship Bismarck and was rescued by British sailors from the wreckage after Allied Forces sank his ship.

He was renamed Unsinkable Sam, became a mascot on board a British vessel and miraculously survived two more disasters at sea.

The Flower Princess and Because Someone Cared
by Storm Young

Bridgeport author Storm Young was known for adult mysteries set in the Mountain State until recently,

when she branched out into children's literature.

Her first children's book, *The Flower Princess*, was inspired by her daughter who called herself The Flower Princess and insisted a pot of flowers was talking to her.

The story is appropriate for preschool children.

Because Someone Cared is a sweet story about a little girl who grows her hair to share it with a friend.

Little Luna takes good care of her hair, measures it every day and finally has it cut and sent to her friend.

The book teaches the joy of giving and the beauty of friendship. For ages 4 to 8.



Close to Famous
by Joan Bauer

A story about a 12 year old girl with a talent for baking and dreams of, one day, having her own cooking show.

She and her mother move to a new town and receive a warm welcome there. But when the past threatens to catch up with them, with the help of their new friends, they discover the strength to overcome it.

For 5th and 6th grade readers.

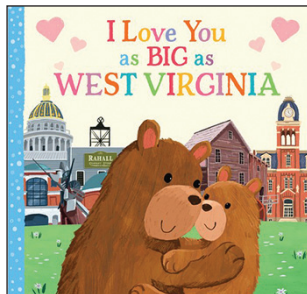


Messy Larry
by West Virginia author David J. Perri

Larry is a creative child who just makes a lot of messes. He's different from the other kids in his grade school class. For starters, he's big, and he's clumsy, and he looks kind of like a bear.

He wants to make art, but his messiness keeps getting in the way – with hilarious results. Finally, his great uncle helps him accept himself and learn how to express his talent.

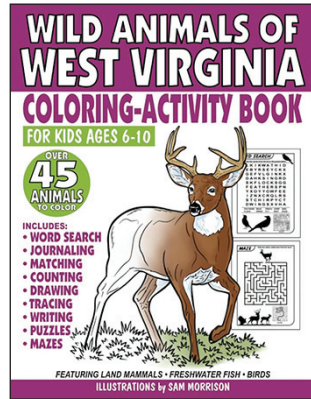
For elementary school readers.



I Love You as Big as West Virginia
by Carole Marsh

Marsh's clever rhymes and illustrations express the love of a parent for a child and what your mountain home means to your family. This will be one of your

child's favorite bedtime stories. For ages 1 to 4.



Wild Animals of West Virginia Coloring and Activity Book
by Sam Morrison

More than a coloring book, this 90-page activity book features the mammals, fish and birds of West Virginia.

It includes word search, journaling, matching, drawing, tracing, puzzles and mazes perfect for kids who love animals. For ages 6 to 10

Four books set in West Virginia by children's book award winner Betsy Byers

Goodbye Chicken Little, After the Goat Man, Summer of the Swans and The Midnight Fox were written while Byers was living in Morgantown.

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1. What are the folds of skin on a cat's ears called?
2. How many legs does a spider have?
3. What was discovered on the island of Flores in Indonesia in 2004?
4. Which country invented ice cream?



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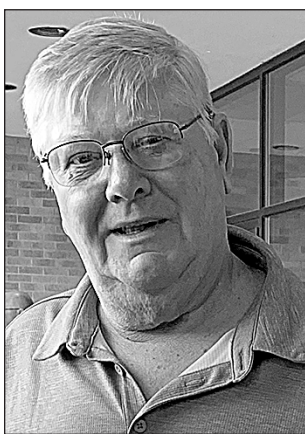
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Obituaries



John Hannah Sr.

John Wayne Hannah Sr., 74, of Buckeye, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

Born August 25, 1949, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late James Kirk and Elinor Stoneking Hannah.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sarah Mae Gower; and a brother, James (Butch) Hannah.

John was a United States Air Force Veteran, a retired coal miner and a loving father, brother and grandfather. He is survived by a com-

panion, Charlotte Ratliff; daughter, Deena Hannah, and husband, Scott Luton, of Cumming, Georgia; son, John Wayne Hannah Jr., and wife, Trisha, of Beaver, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Natalie Hannah and Amelia Hannah; brothers, Thomas Hannah, of Scenery Hill, Pennsylvania, and Kevin Hannah, of Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held December 12, 2023, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye.

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com

Judith Wanless

Judith Ann "Judy" Wanless, 65, of Huntersville, went to be with the Lord Friday, December 14, 2023, from her home.

Born October 27, 1958, at Marlinton, she was a daughter of Ray J. and Barbara A. Sutton Mann.

Judy was a homemaker and a member of the New Vision Praise and Worship Center.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her hus-

band, Richard Allen Wanless; daughters, April Dawn Harper, and husband, Brad, and Amanda Louise Dilley, and husband, Henry; son Richard Allen Wanless II, and wife, Alyssa; sisters, Tammy Carper and Cindi Fields; brothers, Michael and Timothy Mann; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at New Vision Praise and Worship Center with burial in Beaver Creek Cemetery.



Terri Tumblyn

Terri Renea Tumblyn, 45, of Cass, passed away Tues-

day, December 5, 2023.

She was born March 20, 1978, at Marlinton.

Terri graduated from Pocahontas County High School in 1997, then worked as a lifeguard at Snowshoe. She later became a mother, and loved being a mother to her only child, Ginda. Terri loved the outdoors, cooking, gardening and animals.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Marcus Sharp. She is survived by her

mother, Hazel Auldridge Sharp, of Marlinton; daughter, Ginda Renae Tumblyn, of Valley Head; sister, Phoebe McDaniels, of Marlinton; nieces, Phabi Evans and Harley Brown, both of Marlinton; father, Terry Schoolcraft, of Buckeye; half-sister, Teressa Schoolcraft, of Buckeye.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, December 29, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lantz Funeral Home in

Buckeye. A private service was held Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton.

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the world."

The freedom experienced every day in America is because of the sacrifices made by service members who should always be remembered, not only by their families, but by every American—whom they stood up to protect.

"Many of you here today have answered that call and served your country well," Wooddell said. "For this, we say thank you, and we are honored to know you. There are many men and women serving today in all branches of the military—here at home and at places far away. These men and women are part of the best trained, best equipped force in the world.

We honor them and their families for the sacrifices they make each day to keep our country safe from terrorism, hatred and injustice.

"Today, we show a united front of gratitude and respect across the United States of America as we follow the three main tenants of this day—Remember the fallen, Honor those who served and their families, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom," he concluded.

The following Honor Corps members placed wreaths in memory of those who served and are serving.

Army Specialist Fourth Class Donnie Waybright—United States Army.

Retired Navy Chief Sam Arbogast—United States

Navy. Marine Sergeant Duke Fry—United States Marine Corps.

Air Force Airman First Class Steve Fierbaugh—United States Air Force.

Army Guard Master Sergeant Larry Carrico—United States Space Force. Army Sergeant John Sparks—United States Coast Guard.

Retired Captain George Fleck of the Merchant Marines—United States Merchant Marines.

Retired Army Sergeant Major Sollie Workman—POWs and MIAs.

The ceremony was closed with a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps.

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Acct 201	Principles of Accounting	T	4 - 5:15 p.m.	Math 109E	College Algebra Enhanced	M, W 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Acct 202	Principles of Accounting I	TH	4 - 5:15 p.m.	Mgmt 210	Principles of Management	WEB WEB
Acct 215	Managerial Acct	WEB	WEB	Mgmt 230	Organizational Behavior	WEB WEB
Biol 105	Intro to Anat./Physiology	M,W	9 - 10:15 a.m.	Psyc 103	General Psychology	T 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Biol 231	Human Anat./Physiology I	M,W	9 - 10:15 a.m.	Psyc 103	General Psychology	M, W 11 - 12:15 p.m.
Biol 232	Human Anat./Physiology II	M,W	1 - 2:15 p.m.	Psyc 240	Theories of Personality	T 4 - 6:50 p.m.
Comm 208	Fund of Public Speaking	M, W	2 - 3:15 p.m.	Soci 210	Principles of Sociology	TH 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Comm 208	Fund of Public Speaking	WEB	WEB			
Crmj 163	Criminal Law	W	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.			
Crmj 208	Criminology	M	7 - 8:50 p.m.			
Econ 212	Principles of Economics I	T	4 - 5:15 p.m.			
Engl 101	Composition I	M	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.			
Engl 102	Research	WEB	WEB			
Engl 102	Research	M	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.			
Hist 102	World Civilization	T	12:30 - 1:45 p.m.			
Hist 106	American History	M,W	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.			
Hist 106	American History	W	5 - 6:15 p.m.			
Mast 105	Medical Terminology	T, TH	6 - 7:15 p.m.			
Math 101	Quantitative Reasoning	T, TH	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.			
Math 101E	QR Enhanced	M, W	9:30 - 11:45 a.m.			
Math 109	Algebra	T, TH	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.			

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THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS card, circa 1950, comes from Sherman, Mary Alice and Kathy Beard, of Hillsboro, West Virginia. In the photo is Kathryn, first born of their three children. Preserving Pocahontas wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. (Dysard/Beard/McClure Family Collection, Courtesy of David A. Riel. ID: PHP007826)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, December 23, 1948

However, now action cannot be delayed much longer...

The Water Works

A good part of this section of the paper this week is taken up in the long notice of the Mayor and council for a town meeting to be held January 10. The important matter to be considered then is the issuing of bonds for improvements and extension of the municipally owned water works. Those who feel they must object are given the opportunity then of voicing their objections.

As for my opinion on the matter, I hold the proposed extensions are long overdue. Now, this long overdue business had only to do with war times, when it was impossible to get material and to post war times, with its inflated costs on everything.

FIELD NOTES

It may be snowing a blizzard when this is printed, but on Thursday morning in the low grounds of Marlinton, the spring frogs were calling. On Wednesday, Warwick Alderman reports killing a snake.

Ray Fitzgerald, of Marlinton, and Gilbert Kellison, of Huntersville, were before Trial Justice Duncan M. Byrd, of Bath County, last Wednesday, on charges growing out of the illegal killing of one deer. Fitzgerald's portion was \$347.25 and 30 days in jail. Kellison's fine was \$50.

Slight Misunderstanding
"Now," the lecturer asked, "is there a man in the audi-

ence who would let his wife be slandered and say nothing? If so, stand up."

A meek little man rose to his feet.

The lecturer glared at him. "Do you mean to say you would let your wife be slandered and say nothing?" she cried.

"I'm sorry," the little man apologized. "I thought you said 'slaughtered.'"

Outfoxing a Fox

A businessman came home one night looking very weary.

"You look tired, dear," said his wife, sympathetically. "Have you had a very busy day at the office?"

"Well, not exactly; but you see, the office boy came in with the old story of going to his grandmother's funeral, so I decided to teach him a lesson and accompany him."

"Of course, you found it was a football match?"

"No such luck," he said with a rueful grin. "It was his grandmother's funeral."

WEDDING

Miller - Scott

James Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller, of Buckeye, and Miss Marie Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Scott, of Hillsboro, were married at the Methodist parsonage in Hillsboro December 15, 1948.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward McElwee, of Marlinton, a daughter, Lura June McElwee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harper, of Hillsboro, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Herbert Sharp, a son, Joseph Patrick.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Sharp, of Marlinton, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnathan Seabolt, of Barberton, Ohio, a daughter, Irene.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wade, of San Francisco, California, a daughter.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, December 20, 1973

Rural Letter carriers get a full holiday and town letter carriers a half-holiday on Christmas day. The hours at our post office will be 9 to 12.

Before this is read, we all may be in the midst of real winter - but as this is written, Pocahontas is enjoying the finest of fall weather. Six above is the coldest so far, and only a trace of snow at Marlinton. Plenty of rain to flush out the streams, and yet the roads are passable. While all of us forget the mild winters, records will show that this has been the finest open fall in many years. Cattle have just begun to eat their feed well. They gummed the ground as long as there was a spear of grass showing, and tramped the hay in the mud. They are coming to their feed now. They hay crop was short, and the farmers are usually heavily stocked with cattle, but the open winter so far has helped wonderfully to shorten a long winter.

Sheriff Brown and State Constables Wooddell and Hissem captured a still near Thornwood Tuesday morning. It was a copper affair of about thirty gallons' capacity. The officers also found two barrels of mash and some liquor. They arrested Carl Elza, of Winterburn, Baxter Darnell and Merl Adams, of Greenbrier county, all of whom were brought before Squire Smith on Wednesday morning. Their portions were \$100 each and 90 days each.

On Monday night these officers got a still and a lot of mash on the Coal & Iron Railway. This was a gasoline drum rigged up for a still. They made no arrests in this instance.

CRADDOCK - HOOVER

Grover H. Craddock, of Whitties Depot, Virginia, and Miss Easter Belle Hoover, of Slaty Fork, were married Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian Manse... The groom is an employee of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for a visit at the groom's home in Virginia.

Miss Alice Friel spent her Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Friel. While at home, she taught one day in the primary room of our school.

P. S. Warn has returned from Philadelphia where he spent his Thanksgiving with his family.

Mrs. A. H. Sharp and daughter, Lillian, spent a few days with Mrs. H. H. Schofield on the way home from the University hospital, Charlottesville, VA., where Miss Lillian underwent an operation for goiter.

BUNKERS HILL

Ben Campbell is logging in full blast with James Bird as cook.

C. W. Dilley is cutting timber for Ed Galford. Alva Bussard and Bill Carpenter are helping him.

C. W. Dilley killed a hog last week that weighed 552 pounds. Who killed a bigger one?

SEEBERT

Floyd Jones and little sister left Friday for Winchester, Ky., to bring their mother home, who has been a patient in Clark County hospital.

Miss Motie Kidd and Miss Anna Belle Clark were shopping in Marlinton.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at the Methodist church December 24 at 7:30.

A Merry Christmas to

every one. Teachers, make it as happy as you can in the schoolroom for there are so many children who have no good times at all except what they get in school. Let us flood December with good cheer.

DIED

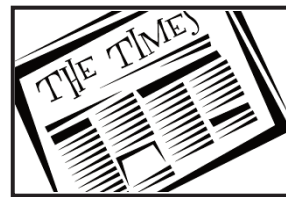
James Baker, aged 64 years, died very suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bradley, at Spruce, Thursday, December 6. Burial on the Sunday following at Mingo. For many years, Mr. Baker was a resident of Mingo.

In the early hours of November 19, 1923, George W. McPherson passed to the great beyond after only a few days of sickness from pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted at the home by the Loyal Order of Moose, assisted by Rev. Fred W. Gray... The burial was in the afternoon at the Ligon Cemetery, Cloverlick...

Mr. McPherson moved to Marlinton in 1906 and was married to Mary Lillian Wooddell, daughter of W. Amos Wooddell and Annie S. Wooddell, of Linwood...

Mr. McPherson was a sober, industrious and reliable citizen, and a kind, thoughtful and provident father and husband....

"In life we are in the midst of death."



Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, December 20, 1973

Billy Sharp and Mike Dunbrack were on Stony Creek last Friday and saw a big pheasant, more properly a grouse, sitting on a fence post. It eyed them but didn't fly. Billy picked up a rock and threw it; it was an accurate throw and the grouse was killed.

STUDENTS

Charles Donavan "Donnie" McElwee graduated with honors this month from the School of Forestry and Agriculture at West Virginia University and has accepted a position as forester for Westvaco in Covington, Virginia.

Miss Debbie Faulkner was recently initiated into Alpha Alpha Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority at Concord College. Sigma Sigma Sigma is a social sorority devoted to service projects, particularly to those helping children.

WINTER

On the 21st day of December this year, when winter arrives in the land, let us welcome it. It brings its challenges and its joys, but most of all it brings the change that lends the spark and spice of Life. Under the snow of December lies buds of May, remember under the snow lie next year's flowers and always ahead are the happy hours. - Ruby Alice Gumm

Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree has evolved from German ori-

gins to become one of the most universal symbols of the season.

The first Christmas tree is attributed by some to St. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany in the 8th century.

He persuaded his converts to stop placing sacrifices to Odin beneath the sacred oak tree, and instead to adorn small fir trees in their home in tribute to the Christ Child.

Another story is that the Christmas tree comes from medieval morality plays of the upper Rhine River.

But the most popular account of the modern Christmas tree's origin dates to the 16th century, when Martin Luther was supposed to have introduced the use of candles on the tree.

The story goes that Luther was walking through a forest on Christmas Eve when he was overcome by the beauty of the starlit heavens, the snow-covered landscape and the twinkling frost on the trees.

Rushing home to reproduce the scene for his family, he brought a small fir tree into the house, decorated it with candles to simulate the winter night sky and called it a Christmas tree.

The tradition gradually spread. It arrived in America with the Hessian soldiers who fought as British mercenaries during the Revolutionary War, and it persisted with the Pennsylvania Germans.

By the late 1800s, the custom had become an indispensable part of Christmas throughout the country.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, December 22, 1898

The skaters have been enjoying rare sport the recent cold days on the river and creek. There has also been some coming and going between Marlinton and Buckeye, by the ice route.

Every fall, for a number of years, a panther track has been seen in the Indian Draft. It is supposed to be crossing from Gauley Mountain to the mountains east. The same track has been observed in the spring for several years, returning.

I am the happy possessor of a "jovial Uncle," who is as good and kind as it is possible for anyone to be. Like a true "Johnny Bull," this jolly English Uncle has a hearty appetite, as needs must be to support his splendid "physique." It is on record that he once tried to see how long he could fast. After a big breakfast, he started the experiment; but it was too much for him, and he broke down at luncheon time, when he polished off several rounds of roast beef, a dozen plum puddings, and a demijohn of ale. He lives to tell the tale, which no one relishes more than he does himself...

I have noticed that it is often the same thing with talking as with eating. A man may keep silent in company for a short time, and even "keep off the grass" as far as scandal and gossip is concerned - but he soon breaks down and shows the cloven foot by an overwhelming torrent of blatherskite and fool talk about other people's affairs - which shows

him up as a "hass." One longs to escape to a cave - far from the busy haunts of men - take an emetic, or get drunk to escape being bored to death in such instances. Don't forget, boys, that there are other people in this world besides you - and they are every bit as good as you - and often better!

Uncle Johannes Caplinger has built himself a cellar, and is now at liberty to take his walks abroad. He left home at "sun-up," walked to Sam Wood's store by mid-day, and then started home with three yards of stove pipe in one hand, and a square rood of leather in the other; but the objects of interest and conversations on the return journey were so numerous and entertaining that it was "full moon" before "home, sweet home" was reached.

Abuses of Tobacco Chewing

A writer in the North Carolina Presbyterian gives a very singular account of the abuses of tobacco chewing. He tells how, at the recent Synod held at Gastonia, there were left "stains that would not be obliterated for many years to come." The "spat" of which we speak came in the form of tobacco juice from the mouths of ministers and ruling elders, and was deposited on the beautiful carpet of that beautiful church building which has been dedicated to the service of God.

THE SCANDAL MONGER

It has been often remarked that country newspapers

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RAYWOOD

Early deadline for the December 28 edition of The Pocahontas Times is Friday, December 22, at 3 p.m.
 The Times office will be closed Christmas Day. The December 28 paper will be available on Wednesday, December 27.

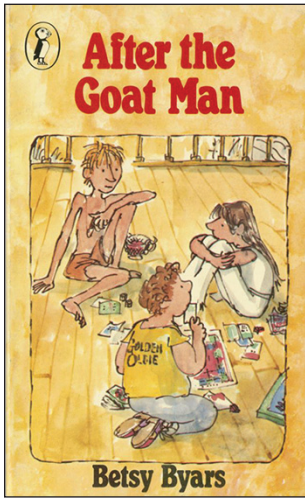
EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY 4 EDITION OF THE POCAHONTAS TIMES IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, AT 3 P.M.
 The Times office will be closed New Year's Day. The January 4 edition will be available on Wednesday, January 3.

Reading, from page 3

The first three are suitable for elementary school readers and The Midnight Fox would be of interest to readers through middle school and beyond.

Goodbye Chicken Little
 Ever since his father's death, Jimmie Little is scared of everything, even nicknaming himself Chicken Little.

And after not doing more to help save his drowning uncle, Jimmie feels worse than ever until understanding relatives show him how to face life instead of running away.

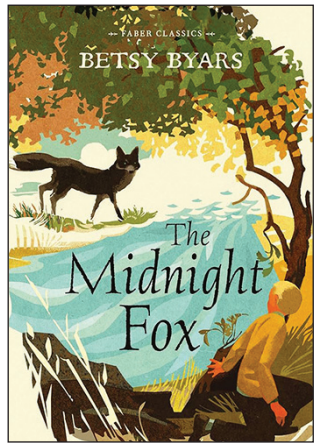


After the Goat Man
 This is the poignant story about how family and friends - even youngsters - can come together to help someone adjust to the inevitable.

A local character known as the "Goat Man" loses his home to make way for a new superhighway. He refuses to

accept the new house provided for him and runs away.

A young grandson turns to his friends to help him find his grandfather and show him he can face the future. For elementary school readers.

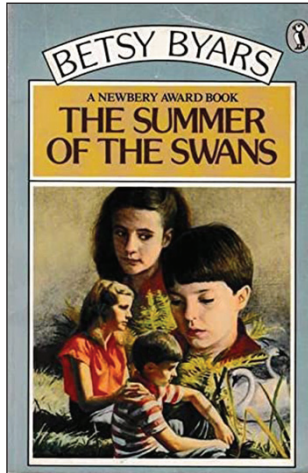


The Midnight Fox
 Adjusting to life in the country is hard for a city boy. No one asked Tom if he'd like to spend the summer at his Aunt Millie's farm. He doesn't like animals, and they don't seem to like him.

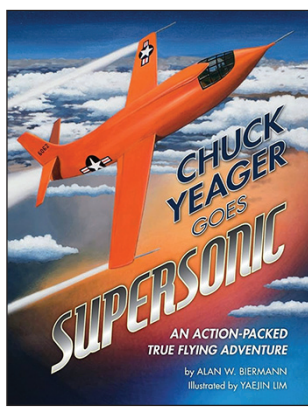
But when he discovers a fox and her cubs living in the woods, he changes his mind and needs to think fast to save the animals he has come to love.

A touching story about the power of animals to capture the heart of a boy. For 5th grade through middle school.

Summer of the Swans
 Turning 14 changes everything for Sarah. She must come to terms with complicated family dynamics and her own confusing feelings, all while helping a mentally handicapped brother whom she loves very much. Suit-



able for middle school students.



Chuck Yeager Goes Supersonic
 by Alan Bierman

Chuck Yeager, one of the most famous West Virginians, led an exciting life of adventure.

This biography takes us from his childhood during the Depression, through his experiences in World War II to flight school and piloting the first supersonic flight.

Besides being a real-life science lesson, this book features harrowing and sometimes hilarious vignettes from Yeager's life, such as the time he crashed a test plane through a chicken

coop.

Bierman's explanation of the science behind sound waves, the sound barrier and supersonic flight is clear and memorable, and sure to fascinate readers - from middle school through high school age.

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Cass, from page 1

two tickets to ride the Whitaker run train.

Second place was won by Gracie Faubert, of Cass, who used her grandmother's recipe for peanut butter chews, a "hometown favorite," Arbogast said.

Third place winner was Jessica Walton, of Dunmore, with her pumpkin chocolate chip cookies.

The event was hosted by the Friends of Cass organization which also coordinated the cookie Bingo held after the bake-off.

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- 5 Sound of an "air kiss"
- 9 Forensic facility in Quantico, for short
- 15 Gig hookups
- 19 Refined finds
- 20 Civil rights leader Parks
- 21 In an uncivil way
- 22 Lawn mower brand
- 23 Parts of wholes
- 25 Key related to G major
- 26 "Jurassic Park" dino
- 27 "Billions" channel, in brief
- 28 Some boxing blows
- 30 Horn blowers
- 32 Person whose name consists entirely of the letters in 23-Across
- 37 Los Angeles neighborhood
- 38 "I knew — along!"
- 39 Old Nissan brand
- 40 Stephen of "Angle"
- 41 Humongous
- 44 Foot, in verse
- 47 Tattered
- 48 Novel whose name consists entirely of the letters in 62-Across
- 54 Others, in Oviedo
- 55 Last letter, in Leeds
- 56 Trig function
- 57 Arab nation
- 60 Titanic sinker
- 62 Didn't type or text, perhaps
- 67 Relating to an eye layer
- 71 Corn, to a Brit
- 73 Neighbor of Latvia
- 74 Relatives of terraces
- 76 Silent performer
- 78 Consumer
- 79 Coup d'—
- 80 Attain
- 81 Exit
- 85 Film whose name consists entirely of the letters in 74-Across
- 93 Verve
- 94 Words of woe
- 95 Desert haven
- 96 Sch. founded by Thomas Jefferson
- 97 December mall temps
- 100 Consumer
- 103 Very talented
- 105 Setups whose name consists entirely of the letters in 117-Across
- 110 Some legumes
- 111 Lindsay of "Liz & Dick"
- 112 Be in debt to
- 113 Imp Simpson
- 114 Throat tissue
- 117 Lawbreaker
- 121 — fixe
- 122 Menu offering
- 123 In — (stuck)
- 124 Lasting mark
- 125 Betting info
- 128 "Mad" Carroll character
- 127 Some votes in Congress
- 128 Those folks
- DOWN**
- 1 Great athletes are enshrined in it: Abor.
- 2 Bobby in the Hockey 1-Down
- 3 Leguminous side dish
- 4 Low pelvic bones
- 5 Hosp. test in a big tube
- 6 "Mrs. Dalloway" novelist
- 7 Ed of "Lou Grant"
- 8 Is trustful
- 9 Citrusy diet soft drink
- 10 Idling type
- 11 Cruel Amin
- 12 Slower than andante
- 13 Socially distant
- 14 Side street
- 15 Give proof of
- 16 Novelist Toni
- 17 Strong-arm
- 18 Boston Red —
- 24 This evening
- 29 Building-biasing stuff
- 31 Bag-screening org.
- 32 Gotten sight of
- 33 Attempter
- 34 Fibber's admission
- 35 Cabbage side dish
- 36 Little hotel
- 37 Playtex item
- 42 "Ugly Betty" actress Ortiz
- 43 Crash-probing agcy.
- 45 Little plateau
- 46 Pickle liquid
- 49 Bubbly mixer
- 50 Blogging pundit Klein
- 51 Prescribed diet, say
- 52 Finishes up
- 53 Swamp wriggler
- 57 Round body
- 58 "Call — taxi"
- 59 Ocean east of Mass.
- 61 Inits. on an ambulance
- 62 Tailor's edge
- 63 City on the Seine
- 64 Put — (jockey pranks)
- 65 Knot up
- 66 Part of a jug
- 68 Yuletide song
- 69 Opposer
- 70 Climbing vine
- 72 Rigatoni's kin
- 75 Ingrain
- 77 Filmdom's Kazan
- 80 Shimmer
- 82 Golfer Ernie
- 83 Even up
- 84 Out-of-towner
- 85 "Shane" star
- 86 Teased one another playfully
- 87 International alliances
- 88 Harbinger
- 89 Medieval Scandinavian
- 90 Group's activity in the community
- 91 Crooner Burl
- 92 Frowny-faced
- 93 Suffix with Vietnam
- 98 Aesthetic interest
- 99 Sewing unit
- 101 Bank job
- 102 "Neroii" musician Brian
- 104 Least
- 106 Maui greeting
- 107 Contrarian's retort
- 108 Nile capital
- 109 Come next
- 113 Short history
- 115 Park oneself
- 116 Cooler cubes
- 118 Divs. of dollars
- 119 Scot's turnaround
- 120 Give it a whirl

Letter to the Editor

Open Letter to Joe Manchin;

Our Pocahontas County Commissioner Walt Helmick has asked you to “help” him to desecrate and destroy our history. Our Courthouse and jail buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places. With zero clear need or justification, he has been pushing a plan to spend money the County cannot af-

ford to tear down the jail and build a new Courthouse Annex.

Need for the annex has not been articulated.

Ample space exists on the Courthouse property to build new space without tearing anything down.

An architect has already told the Commission that the building could be added onto and adaptively reused while

preserving historic integrity. “National Register” listing exists to protect our precious and irreplaceable history against the venal, corrupt, or callous disregard of short-sighted officials like Mr. Helmick.

Please do not tarnish your own legacy by helping Helmick demolish ours!

John Leyzorek
Marlinton



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Marinated Mushrooms

1/3 cup red wine vinegar
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
5 cloves garlic
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. dried oregano or 1 tsp fresh, minced
1/2 tsp. dried basil or 1 tsp fresh, minced
4 green onions, thinly sliced
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
Finely chopped red or green peppers, optional
1 pound fresh mushrooms
Brush or wipe off fresh mushrooms to clean. Bring all ingredients except mushrooms to boil in a medium saucepan. Reduce heat and

simmer for 6 minutes. Toss in mushrooms and stir; cover pan. Cook 1 minute, remove pan from heat, uncover and allow to cool. Pour into clean jar and store in refrigerator. Serve cold. Quantities can be doubled or tripled. Keeps up to a month on refrigerator. For an extra tangy version, add 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice or balsamic vinegar.

Shrimp Mousse

1 can cream of tomato soup
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 Tbsp. gelatin
1/3 cup shrimp liquid
1 cup mayo
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire

Sauce

1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. Horseradish
1/2 tsp hot sauce
2 # shrimp (About 4 cups)
1/2 cup finely diced white green onion
2/3 cup green onion tops, thinly sliced

1 cup finely diced celery
Cook shrimp in shrimp boil (Zatarains) or salted water with lemon and bay leaf. Peel, de-vein and chop shrimp.

Heat soup to just boiling. Soften gelatin in cold shrimp water. Add hot soup to cream cheese and blend until melted. Add gelatin to soup mix. Add in mayo, Worcestershire sauce, horseradish and hot sauce. Mix well. Stir in shrimp, onions, green onion tops and celery. Pour into 1 1/2 quart mold. Chill until firm – 4 hours or overnight. Serve with crackers.

Community Calendar

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Christmas Candlelight Service Saturday, December 23, 6 p.m. at Mace United Methodist Church.

Christmas Eve Service Sunday, December 24, 11 a.m. at Marlinton United Methodist Church. Music by the Hill Family.

Christmas Eve Service, Sunday, December 24, 5 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, featuring favorite Christmas carols at Liberty Presbyterian Church in Green Bank Sunday, December 24, 6:30 p.m. Celebrate the Promise and Joy of Christ's Birth! Join via Zoom <http://bit.ly/LibertyService>

Community Choir Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sunday, De-

ember 24, 7 p.m. at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office will be closed Monday, December 25, for Christmas, and New Year's Day, Monday, January 1.

The Marlinton Town Office will be closed Monday, December 25, for Christmas, and January 1, New Year's Day. Garbage pickup for these days will be on Tuesday, December 26, and January 2.

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

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Sunday, Dec. 24 • 11 a.m. Christmas Worship

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Everyone Welcome (no evening service)
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Happy 65th Anniversary,

Fred and Carolyn Burns

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For a Precious Daughter at Christmas

No other time could be as sad
Or quite as hard to bear,
As celebrating Christmas
Without you being there.

You meant the world to everyone
And at this time of year,
Your kind and gentle nature
Was so precious and so dear.

Dear Daughter, we will meet again
When earthly life is through,
And may the angels keep you safe
Until the day we do.

In Loving Memory of Leslie Kay Goldizen
Loved and missed,
Mom and Dad

Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

First, I would like to make a correction to last week's column.

Justin Arbogast is Mon-Power's Design Engineer. Justin is the individual working on estimates of cost savings for the Town to change to LED lighting. The Town stands to see savings on electrical costs.

Cody Burgess is the Lines Supervisor who worked his magic on the Main Street lighting. As I mentioned before, the block at the River-town Building had not worked for more than a year. Cody found a work-around

that has brought back light and life to that part of Town, and we cannot thank him enough.

While Council weighs options to grow and maintain a police department, both council and citizens of the town agree that sufficient and energy efficient lighting should be a priority. All have agreed that some areas of town need proper street lighting to deter crime and make the area safer for our citizens. During the coming year, the town will continue to evaluate the lighting in areas of town where we already know inadequate

lighting exists, including the Riverside and Campbell-town areas. Working with Mon-Power's Design Engineer, the town will inventory those areas and develop a timeline and funding strategy to correct and enhance the lighting in town.

Merry Christmas to every one.

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Missing you always, especially at Christmastime
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*There's a little place within my heart
That is with me every day,
A place where all my memories
Are softly tucked away.*

*It is the perfect place
In my grief for me to go,
For words could not explain
How very much I miss you so.*

*And now that once again
Christmastime has come around,
It's where the sweetest memories
And thoughts of you are found.*

Love and miss you so much, Connie

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Thank you, Mr. Morgan and Marlinton Elementary School Students - we really enjoyed your Christmas Program - You did a great job!
 We are sorry it was hard to hear parts of it because so many people were talking. — Nanette and Ralph Beckwith

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creating an irresistible allure that lingered in my memory for years to come. But the magic of Christmas didn't stop there. Every December, the peaks of meringue atop my favorite pie—lemon meringue—seemed to appear as if by magic, a culinary delight that never failed to captivate me.

In the wake of their June wedding, Tom and Shirley Wilson embarked on a journey of saving money; their hearts set on a grand gesture that would light up mine and Ronnie's faces.

For six months, they carefully tucked away every spare penny, their shared determination fostering dreams of two shining bicycles beneath the Christmas tree.

The coveted blue 5-speed Schwinn Stingray bicycles, emblematic of an era, became the object of the newlywed's relentless thrift.

When Christmas morning 1967 dawned, the air was thick with anticipation, and the cabin echoed with the joyous sound of ripping wrapping paper. Mine and Ronnie's eyes widened as we beheld the gleaming bikes, adorned with oversized, bright red Christmas bows. Our excitement was palpable, and the room erupted with jubilant cheers. I was unable to contain my elation, bouncing up and down like a giant on a pogo stick, exclaiming that it was the best Christmas ever.

Those bicycles became the vessels of countless adventures with Ronnie and me pedaling joyously through the scenic trails of Watoga State Park, our laughter almost nonstop.

The smiles that graced Tom and Shirley's faces that day were as enduring as the memories they had created, a testament to the pure magic of giving and the indelible joy found in the simplest of pleasures.

Year after year, following the "best bicycle Christmas never to be forgotten," we all continued to gather around the hearth. Mom would weave a tale of the sacred night I was born, specifically at 9 p.m. on December 25th. The story was sprinkled with enchanting details of that magical Christmas Eve, a narrative I still hug close to my heart just like I did with a treasured teddy bear when I was younger. Year after year, at the end of the story, Mom would always deliver a one-liner that echoed through the cozy cabin,

"Johnny, you were the best Christmas present I ever received."

However, Christmas in the Dean's home also meant indulging in another cherished tradition—popcorn. My love for this simple yet delightful snack stemmed from mom's pregnancy. Mom, along with my older brother Gilbert, devoured bowl after bowl of this homemade creation, popped to perfection as only she could do in a stainless-steel kettle with either butter or Crisco cooking oil. The crowning touch? A generous layer of salt and a more than adequate slathering of butter from my grandparents' farm in the picturesque valley bordering the park, was a winter delicacy that brought an extra layer of joy to my family.

Fast forward to June 2022—almost to the exact day that Shirley Juanita and Thomas Edward vowed to stay "together till death do us part." Amid the perfect weather of the New River Gorge canyons, a bittersweet reality cast its ominous shadow upon me. Today, I face a starkly different Christmas than the one I cherished almost 55 years earlier. Dealing with the double blow of a COVID-19 infection and an almost-incurable cancer diagnosis on the same day, I now approach Christmas from a different perspective. Facing Stage 4, inoperable pancreatic cancer, I am looking at this year's Christmas from a different perspective. Memories of past Christmases mingle with the present, and my request for gifts has evolved. In past years, I never asked for Christmas or birthday gifts. Last year, I openly sought the power of prayers to see another Christmas, and those prayers have indeed been answered.

Throughout 2023, I expressed heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported me through this challenging journey. Every day I continue to thank generous folks who have helped keep me afloat, my chin barely above exorbitant medical expenses and travel costs as well as the thin line of bankruptcy I oftentimes find myself drifting toward. Countless well-wishers still encourage me to continue doing what I love—writing.

This Christmas and throughout most of 2023, my most cherished gift wasn't material; it was the ability to continue weaving tales about Watoga. My inner being wanted to complete a project that has been a long-standing, decades-long dream—a

collaborative effort involving 25 writers, seven photographers, and numerous others who are generously donating their time and talents—to assemble a book about Watoga, its people, its history, its flora and fauna, and so much more.

Looking ahead to 2024, I see this project coming to fruition, a testament to the awe-inspiring resilience that defined not just my story but the stories of others who oftentimes felt like they were stepping back in time, relishing childhood, adolescence and teenage memories as if those memorable moments had just occurred.

In this year's Watoga Christmas Story, I gleefully extend unfeigned blessings to everyone nearby, across America and in other countries. Thank you, Jesus, for a Christmas birthday, another year of breathing in fresh mountain air at Watoga and the unwavering support that has fueled my passion for storytelling.

As the warmth of the hearth and the glow of past Christmas lights envelop strands of homemade popcorn on my imaginary Christmas tree this year, my request for a Christmas miracle in 2023 or 2024 is still possible. It is a wish for continued stories, shared moments of love and peace throughout the world and the enduring magic of Watoga State Park.

During this year's festive season, I exclaim loudly with holiday enthusiasm, "God bless you, and Merry Christmas, everyone!"

To learn more about some of my adventures growing up in Watoga State Park, please visit <http://www.watogafoundation.org/blog>.

My cancer journey can be viewed at this web site.

For 43 years, my dad worked in a number of different positions in Watoga State Park. A bench in dad's honor provides a breathtaking view of T.M. Cheek Memorial.

John is a member of the Watoga State Park Foundation Board of Directors. Neither his opinions nor his writings reflect opinions of the board of directors.

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Testing for Amateur Radio licenses will be held Saturday, January 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Green Bank Science Center at 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.

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

EVENT
FREE Community Dinner Thursday, December 28, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by area churches and community volunteers. Ham dinner.

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

PARKS AND REC
All activities are at the Community Wellness Center, unless otherwise noted.

Winter STEM Day – Kid friendly STEM activities for all ages, Wednesday, December 27, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Sugar-Filled Fun – Whisk your way to the Wellness Center for a sweet afternoon of baking, Friday, December 29, 1 to 3 p.m.

Groovy Tots – active fun for preschoolers, Fridays, 10 a.m.

Pickleball – Available in the gym from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the school Christmas break, December 20 to January 2. Paddles and balls available. Call 304-799-7386 for details.

Cardio and Circuit Training, led by Sunny Given, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

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

out with Instructor Kelly Shifflett, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m.
Yoga at Cass Community Center Thursdays at 5 p.m. and Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at Durbin Library.

MEETINGS
Pocahontas County Vietnam Veterans of America meeting scheduled for December 27 has been cancelled.
Allegheny Post 117 Tuesday, January 2, 6 p.m. at the Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.
NA meeting Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. at Hillsboro Library. Call 681-418-1484 for more information. Everyone welcome.

CHURCH NOTICES
Marlinton Presbyterian Church – Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.
Arbovale United Methodist – Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Thursdays.
New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs – Worship 8:45 a.m.
First Baptist Church – Huntersville – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.
Seebert United Methodist Church – Sunday School every Sunday 9:20 a.m.; Worship second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m.
Catholic Mass: St. John, Marlinton – Sunday 9 a.m.; **St. Mark, Bartow** – Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank – Worship at 11 a.m.
Dunmore United Metho-

dist Church – Worship 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom 8 a.m.

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

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

New Hope Church of the Brethren, Arbovale – 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 Sunday, December 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.

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DEATHS

Word has come of the death of Ellis H. Moore, aged 73 years, at his home in San Antonio, Texas. He was a native of Pocahontas County, the son of the late Sheldon and Sallie Hogsett Moore, of Knapps Creek...

John L. Long, aged 74 years, died at his home near Lobelia Wednesday, December 15, 19438. On Friday afternoon the funeral was held from the Hill Chapel at Jacox... with burial in the Kellison cemetery...

Word comes of the sudden death of Lloyd H. Armstrong, aged 48 years, at his

home in Moundsville, Monday morning, December 20, 1948. The deceased was a son of Cameron Armstrong, of Buckeye, his mother was the late Mrs. Lucy Lange Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong is survived by his wife, Mildred Beard Armstrong, and by six children by a former marriage; John, Jack, Dale, Hester, Helen and Thelma; his stepmother, Mrs. Minnie Armstrong; brother, Lonnie; sisters, Mrs. Ethel Fuell, Mrs. Wayne Jackson, Edna and Opal Armstrong.

The funeral service was held from the Marlinton Presbyterian Church with interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

For many years, Mr. Armstrong had held responsible positions with the State Road Department.

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An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Pocahontas County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Pocahontas County Commission, upon receiving any timely objection thereto, shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Thursday, December 21, 2023

ESTATE NAME: **DANIEL HEDGE POLEN**

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Bowerston, OH 44695-9678
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATRIX: Cathy C. Heaston
302 Castle Shannon Blvd
P. O. Box 310
Hopedale, OH 43976-0310

Subscribed and sworn to before me December 13, 2023.

Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
12/21/2c

ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

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

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, December 21, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, February 19, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: **14583**

ESTATE OF: **GLADYS K. MANN**
EXECUTRIX: Mary M. Burns
1209 Lobelia Road
Hillsboro, WV 24946-8695

ESTATE NUMBER: **14585**

ESTATE OF: **WILMA J. DILLEY**
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The Pocahontas County Commission is seeking an individual to serve in the following full-time position at the County Day Report Center:

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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.

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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
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Arbovale, WV 24915-6404
Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 15, 2023.

Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
12/21/2c

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:**

January 4, 2024, at 10:47 a.m.

ALL OF THOSE TWO (2) CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE, INCLUDING THE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERE TO BELONGING, SITUATE IN CAMPBELLTOWN, IN THE EDRAJ [NOW MARLINTON CORP.] DISTRICT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 247, PAGE 133, ID# MAP 14 PARCEL 16, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: FORTY (40) FEET OF LOT NO. 11 AND TWENTY (20) FEET OF LOT NO. 12, IN BLOCK NO. 2, OF THE CAMPBELLTOWN SUBDIVISION, AND AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SAID CAMPBELLTOWN SUBDIVISION OR A MAP OF WHAT IS COMMONLY NOW REFERRED TO AS CAMPBELLTOWN SUBDIVISION AND WAS RECORDED AS A MAP OF WEST MARLINTON, WHICH SAID PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY COMMISSION IN DEED BOOK 51, PAGE 235.

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.

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and

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Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

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.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
Richard A. Pill, Member
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Martinsburg, WV 25402
(304) 263-4971
foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com
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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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2024 Free Days at the Pocahontas County Landfill

Pocahontas County Landfill will accept up to one pickup truckload (516 pounds) of residential garbage at no charge each month on the monthly "Free Day" between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The 2024 scheduled Free Days are:

Tuesday	.....	January 30
Tuesday	.....	February 27
Tuesday	.....	March 26
Tuesday	.....	April 30
Tuesday	.....	May 28
Tuesday	.....	June 25
Tuesday	.....	July 30
Tuesday	.....	August 27
Tuesday	September 24
Tuesday	October 29
Tuesday	November 26
Monday	December 30

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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) 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
DBE GOAL: 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

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

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.

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CALL: 004; CONTRACT: 2021000711; STATE PROJECT: S388-STR/IP-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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WANTED TO BUY - Ginseng and other roots and herbs. Call for price quotes. New River Trading. 1-855-SENGMAN. 11/2/tfnc

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Hansford, Sr., of Hot Springs, Virginia, a daughter, named Susan Lynn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Madison, of Hillsboro, a daughter, named Mary Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Zeglan, of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, a daughter named Christie Ann. The mother is the former Carole Ann Stemple.

DEATHS

Mrs. Cora V. Barlow Keen, 68, of Marlinton, a daughter of the late Silas L. and Leva M. Barlow... Funeral service from the Edray United Methodist Church; burial in the Cochran Cemetery.

Robert Lee Liptrap, 64, of Marlinton, a son of the late William and Maude V. Liptrap. Funeral was held from

the Marlinton Church of the Nazarene; burial in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Leona Galford, 61, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Pocahontas County; born at Green Bank, a daughter of the late Clyde and Laura Sheets. Funeral service held from the Marlinton Methodist Church; burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Grace McLaughlin Massery, 86, of Hampden-Sydney; born at Marlin's Bottom June 25, 1887, a daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Price McLaughlin.

Ted E. Ray, 68, of Baltimore, Maryland, born at Boyer, a son of the late Howard G. and Maude E. Slayton Ray. Burial in a Baltimore cemetery.

Dr. Howard O. Wall, Sr., 78, a well-known retired dentist of Gilbert. Funeral service in the Gilbert Presbyterian Church. He was

to happen, his paper would not appear. The city dailies make capital out of these items, sometimes by copying detached ones verbatim: "James K. Jones, Esq. is having his house painted." This is given as a sample of the makeup of a rural paper, and in another column of the daily, there will be an article of five hundred words about a boy stealing a banana from a push cart man...

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print news notes of, apparently, unimportant events. In chronicling the uprisings and down-sittings of country citizens, no doubt a good many items of too little importance creep into the paper, but, many weeks, if the editor waited for something great

buried in the family cemetery on the Cecil Shinaberry farm near Dunmore.

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6618 - Huntersville. 3BR/2BA ranch home on 2.10 semi-private acres. Close to Knapps Creek, Greenbrier River and Trail, Watoga and Seneca State parks, Snowshoe and national forest. - \$129,000

MORE LISTINGS



6325 - Rainelle. 92 acres of woodland with some timber. The property is located at the end of a peaceful farm valley and backs up against the Meadow River Wildlife Management Area. - \$255,000



6200 - Mill Point. 105 +/- acres bordering Rt. 39 and just steps from huge section of national forest. Nice mountain views. Near Cranberry Glades and the Highland Scenic Highway. - \$235,000



5175 - Beaver Creek. 2.03 level to rolling acres of woodland. Lot 4. Nice building sites. Near Watoga State Park, Greenbrier River and Trail and Knapps Creek. Seller wants offers. - \$24,000



6578 - Hillsboro/Mill Point. Lot B8. Lovely 3.3 wooded acres close to national forest, Highland Scenic Highway, Summit lake, Cranberry Glades, Williams and Cherry River. - \$17,000



6340 - Mill Point. 8.79 acres of mountain woodland. Home site offers excellent views. Electric, phone and septic in place. Close to the Cranberry Wilderness, rivers and national forest. - \$49,900



6545 - Marlinton. 3BR/2BA brick ranch with attached carport on 0.33 acres. Features living room with gas fireplace, built-in bookshelves, display case, china cabinet and hardwood floors. - \$179,000



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



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



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



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



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



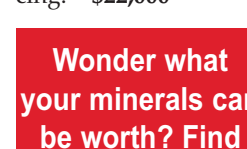
6540 - Dunmore. 2BR/1BA cottage on 2.02 acres in a small community. Near Seneca State Forest and Lake, national forest, Cass Scenic Railroad, Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$83,500



6531 - Rimel. Small 3BR/1BA farm house/camp on 4.21 acres bordering and easy access to national forest. Spring and feeder stream runs through the property. - \$110,000



6544 - Huttonsville. Dilapidated trailer on 0.43 acre bordering Riffle Creek. Property has well and small shed. - \$14,900



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