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High Rocks recognized for revitalizing communities

High Rocks Educational Corporation, known for its summer camp High Rocks Academy program at Mill Point, has been recognized beyond the campfire. High Rocks Executive Director Sarah Riley received the Power of Performance Communities Revitalization Award at the 2023 Small Communities, Big Solutions Conference in Lewisburg last month.

This award represents how High Rocks uses earning-and-learning programs to revitalize communities, create pathways out of poverty, and inspire young West Virginians to develop leadership skills and engage in their community.

"We work with young people because we know that an investment in our young people is the most important strategic investment we can make in the future of West Virginia," Riley said. "And we know that the reality of our young people is that they need to earn money, while they also need opportunities to grow and thrive."

The High Rocks method for community transformation starts with supporting young people in gaining personal and professional skills

that will allow them to find high-quality, life-sustaining jobs right here in the Mountain State.

High Rocks has applied best practices from its original camp program to newer earning-and-learning businesses and programs to build skills résumés and earn certifications and degrees.

Through camps, sustainable agriculture, hospitality, information technology, STEM and service, High Rocks offers opportunities for young people to build themselves and improve their communities.

Ruby Grow, an organic farm in Pocahontas County, teaches young farmers everything from planting and harvesting to marketing and value-added products, growing beautiful food for the people who need it most – schools, food pantries and local families and businesses. Tech Express in Lewisburg is Greenbrier County's homegrown genius bar, where young people learn information technology, cyber security and computer diagnostics while providing the community with a competitive resource for computer repairs, as well as workshops to learn and



High Rocks Executive Director Sarah Riley

practice everything from robots for teens to small phones for seniors. High Rocks operates the Hub Café in Lewisburg, a community café featuring everything from house-made bagels and pastries to specialty coffee drinks, and offers free tutoring and community workshops and events.

The First2 Network which

empowers first-generation college students studying STEM, and High Rocks thriving AmeriCorps program (now the second-largest AmeriCorps program in the state of West Virginia) both provide stipends, learning experience and tuition support, and are other ways that this organization is

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A light in the darkness



RESIDENTS ON GORDON Dillely Road have been enchanted by a charming little Christmas tree which mysteriously appeared high on a bluff by the side of the road a few days before Christmas. After much asking around to see who could have decorated the little pine, it's yet to be determined who we have to thank for the gesture. Like the miracle of Christmas itself, maybe understanding it isn't as important as just marveling at the beautiful light it brings to the darkness and just being grateful for it.

Top mountain towns and hidden gems

If you want to own your own mountain retreat, you don't even have to leave West Virginia, according to a new study by Architectural Digest.

A recent study by Architectural Digest set out to find the best places to own a mountain home and the best "hidden gems."

One West Virginia town was in the top 10 mountain towns overall, and three West Virginia towns were in the top 10 hidden gems.

Thomas, West Virginia, in Tucker County, was ranked the fourth-best mountain town in the entire country and was ranked the #1 hidden gem. It scored 95.09 out of 100 based on things such as snowfall, restaurants, entertainment and skiing. With fewer than 1,000 people, Thomas was also one of the smallest and most affordable towns mentioned in

the study. According to Architectural Digest, the median value of a home in Thomas is approximately \$140,400.

Although the western part of the U.S. had most of the top mountain towns overall, West Virginia dominated in the hidden gems section.

Elkins, West Virginia, in Randolph County, was ranked #2 right after Thomas as a hidden gem and was ranked 30th overall. Marlinton in Pocahontas County was ranked as the #8 hidden gem.

This isn't the first time that Architectural Digest has given West Virginia recognition. Another 2023 study said that Davis in Tucker County and Snowshoe in Pocahontas County are among the best winter wonderland destinations in America.

PMH employees recognized for service

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital held its Annual Christmas Dinner December 5 at the Pocahontas Opera House. Employees, family members, board of trustees, auxiliary members and guests came out to celebrate the season and recognize staff receiving Service Awards. The dinner was catered by Rayetta's Lunchbox.

Continuing what has become a PMH tradition, attendees brought toys to contribute to the Family Resource Network's Project Christmas to help families in need throughout the county. This year easily marked the largest number of toys ever collected for the FRN.

Chief Executive Officer Michelle Deeds opened the evening with remarks, thanking PMH employees for the work they do each and every day. After a prayer from Board of Trustees member JL Clifton, Deeds presented service awards to employees at the dinner. The individuals receiving awards this year are:



SUSAN WILKINS, LEFT, of Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, with Becky Campbell, of Family Resource Network, with the collection of toys donated by the hospital to the FRN for its Project Christmas.

Five Years

Katherine Gibb, Rechelle Hall, Cheryl Hart, Dr. Matthew Lee, Bevin Saul and Caitlin Sharp.

Fifteen Years

Ronald Freer, Dean Gunter and Lisa Hill.

Twenty Years

Yvette Rider and Joan Teubert.

Ten Years

Traci Alderman, Donna Lidel-Burley, Kari Cooper, Nicholas Cooper, Carol Roberts-Lucabaugh and Ashley Pritt Roy.

Twenty-Five Years

Aleisha Myers.



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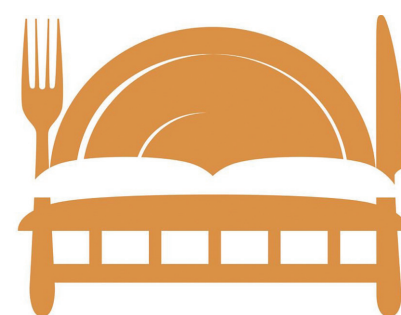
CVB Board Seat Opening

The Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau has an open seat on its Board of Directors for a term beginning January 2024 through June 2026. This seat represents the lodging sector.

If you are a lodging partner in Pocahontas County, a registered voter and interested in representing your industry as a member of the CVB Board of Directors, please contact Chelsea Faulkner, cfaulkner@pocahontascountywv.com or submit a letter of interest by Wednesday, January 10, to Pocahontas County CVB, PO Box 275, Marlinton, WV 24954. For questions, please call 304-799-4636.

Applicants must attend the board meeting on Wednesday, January 17, at 6 p.m. at the Visitors Center in Marlinton.

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2023 headlines in West Virginia politics

By Steven Allen Adams
for *The Intelligencer*

For West Virginia politics, 2023 was a year that saw one of its major figures announce a retirement, the state bringing in record tax revenues and historic tax cuts and several scandals involving executive branch agencies.

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., announced in November that he would not seek re-election in 2024, choosing to retire at the end of his term.

"After months of deliberation and long conversations with my family, I believe in my heart of hearts that I have accomplished what I set out to do for West Virginia," Manchin said in a statement last month. "I have made one of the toughest decisions of my life and decided that I will not be running for re-election to the United States Senate..."

Manchin, 76, first won the seat in a special election in 2010 to succeed former U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd who died that same year. He defeated Republican Morgantown businessman and media mogul John Raese in 2010 and 2012, and a chal-

lenge from Republican Attorney General Patrick Morrisey in 2018.

Manchin plans to spend the next several months touring the country as part of a new moderate political advocacy group created by his daughter, former pharmaceutical CEO Heather Bresch. Manchin, who has been whispered about as a potential third party presidential candidate, will be in New Hampshire – an early presidential primary state – in January for a political event.

"...What I will be doing is traveling the country and speaking out to see if there is an interest in creating a movement to mobilize the middle and bring Americans together," Manchin said.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., recruited Gov. Jim Justice to run for Manchin's Senate seat, entering the race in April. Justice, who is limited to two terms as governor and entering his final year in office, was already endorsed by West Virginia's second senator – Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va. – and former Republican president Donald Trump, who is seeking a second term after being

defeated in 2020 by Democratic President Joe Biden.

"I want to tell you tonight I'm officially announcing my candidacy for the United States Senate, and I will absolutely promise you to God above that I will do the job, and I will do a job that will make you proud," Justice said at his campaign announcement at his Greenbrier Resort in April.

Another top candidate in the 2024 GOP primary for U.S. Senate is Rep. Alex Mooney, R-W.Va., who announced his candidacy in November 2022. Only one Democratic candidate – veteran and self-described "socialist" Zachary Shrewsbury – has filed with the FEC to run next year, though Wheeling Mayor Glenn Elliott is considering entering the race.

While West Virginia has ended the last several fiscal years with large tax revenue surpluses, the state finished fiscal year 2023 – ending in June – with a \$1.8 billion surplus, shattering all previous records.

"You deserve so much credit, West Virginia. It's
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Never underestimate the power one person can make in your life

By Tammy Jordan
President
Fruits of Labor

One of the most powerful and truthful presentations I have ever witnessed was presented recently at the Communities of Healing Winter Gathering by Drema Hill, Ph.D., a Boone County native who has risen to be a national public health expert.

Drema's impactful powerpoint was simple and from the heart, outlining the power one person can offer another and the ability to help change the course of another individual's life.

Hill, Vice President of Community Engagement



Dr. Drema Hill, Ph.D.

and Chief Operations Officer at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, was our keynote speaker, and I think her story needs to be shared more widely.

Dr. Hill began her presen-

tation in a more academic manner than is usual for a keynote speech. She presented a case study of a white female who presented with all of the worst West

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Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

The AWANA program was founded in 1950 as a parachurch organization. The discipleship program is a nonprofit ministry designed for children ages two to 18 and is supported by volunteer church leaders, members and parents. As a parachurch organization, AWANA often crosses denominational and national boundaries, offering its specialized programming to many worldwide.

The organization reports that more than four million children and youth, 470,000 volunteers and 260 field staff take part in AWANA in more than 47,000 churches around the world.

First Baptist Church Huntersville started offering the AWANA program in 2018 and is currently in its fifth year of providing the Sunday evening program to the surrounding communities. The church has a van ministry for children who need transportation to AWANA each week. Vans head out around 4 p.m. beginning on Rt. 219 from Hillsboro to Edray and then Rt. 39 from Marlinton to Huntersville.

Attendance each week runs between 20 and 35, with approximately 15 volunteers who work directly with the young people. An additional support group of 12 volunteers helps with cooking, driving the vans, and other floating positions, as needed. The AWANA program begins in mid-August and continues through May, mainly following the public school system schedule.

Each week AWANA hosts a fun theme. The theme for the December 3 meeting, was Glow In The Dark night where everyone could show off glowing bracelets, shirts, hats, etc. Backwards night, mismatch socks, crazy hat, and silly hair are a few of the fun themes they have from week to week.

AWANA begins at 5 p.m. with everyone meeting in the sanctuary for a time of songs – some with motion – and videos, as well as a brief

message from the pastor on subjects from the Bible, respect for others, behavior, etc.

Afterwards, everyone heads to the kitchen for a meal. Rayetta, head of the kitchen staff, usually plans to feed about 50 people each week. Some of the kid-friendly meals include spaghetti, hamburgers, corn-dogs, pizza, salads, mashed

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Circuit Court

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

Colin Alexander Chaplin, 22, of Marlinton, appeared by video from Tygart Valley Regional Jail for his sentencing hearing.

It was noted that the defendant has been terminated from the Southeastern Regional Drug Court Program. As to Count I, grand larceny, Chaplin was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than 10 years in the state penitentiary. As to Count II, burglary, he was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than 15 years. Sentences are to run consecutively for two to 25 years. Chaplin was given 191 days' credit for time served. He was referred to the (RSAT) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program within the prison system.

A motions hearing was held in the case the State vs Tanner Moore, 26, of Marlinton, wherein the court ruled that voluntary statements from the defendant will be allowed at the jury trial. Moore was indicted on one count, first degree murder; and one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony. He remains in custody.

In arraignment hearings:

Ashley Good pleaded not guilty to one count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor; one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony. Bond was set at \$2,500 personal recogni-

zance (PR) with the added condition of Day Report supervision. The defendant is not to be on or near the property of Little Levels Clothing Center.

Wendell Edward Johnson, 55, of Cass, pleaded not guilty to one count, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, a felony; one count, obstructing an officer, a misdemeanor. He remains on previous posted surety bond of \$20,000.

Kristy Dawn Moore, 34, of Marlinton pleaded not guilty to one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, conspiracy to commit a felony, a felony; one count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor. She remains on previously posted PR bond of \$6,000 with added condition of Day Report Program.

Jeremy D. Moore, 38, of Marlinton, pleaded not guilty to one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, conspiracy to commit a felony, a felony; one count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor. He remains on previously posted PR bond of \$6,000 with the condition of Day Report Program.

Billy Joe Brock pleaded not guilty to one count, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, a felony; one

count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a crime, a felony; one count person prohibited from possessing a firearm, a misdemeanor. He remains on previously posted \$24,000 surety bond.

Michael Beverage, Jr., 37, of Marlinton, failed to appear for his arraignment hearing as well as to magistrate court for a pending matter there. The state asked that a capias be issued. Defense asked for a continuance. The court granted the continuance and magistrate court issued a capias in the matter in that court. Beverage was indicted on one count, child neglect creating risk of serious bodily injury, a felony.

Clifton Summerfield, 41, of Hillsboro, pleaded not guilty to one count failure to register as a sex offender, a felony. Bond was set at \$3,000 PR.

Defense counsel for Shawn Barb, 33, of Marlinton, asked for a continuance of the arraignment hearing as the defendant has another case set for a change of plea and asked that this matter be placed with the other hearing. The matter is set for arraignment/change of plea February 8, 2024.

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Correction

The second place winners in the Residential Light Up Marlinton Christmas Lighting Contest were Fred and Bridget Koerber.

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In praise of winter prose and verse ~ A season for the chionophiles among us

Two renowned poets, Robert Frost and Robert Service, were born in the same year – 1874; the former in San Francisco, the latter in England. Frost and Service were keen observers of man, beast and nature; both were talented writers.

Just as the stark tales of Jack London smote me as a teenager, I was also drawn to the verse of Service and Frost.

Perhaps, being one who loves the snow and cold as I do, a dyed-in-the-wool chionophile, it was only a matter of time before I would stumble upon these precious works.

London allows us to experience the bitter cold and death-dealing conditions in Alaska and the Yukon during the 1897 Klondike Gold Rush in his existential short story, *To Build a Fire*. I urge you to read this story while wrapped in a warm blanket, as it may elicit an acute case of literary-induced hypothermia, perhaps even frostbite.

Robert Frost's *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* offers a vivid scene of a man and his horse out for a late-night ride through a snow-laden forest. We feel like we are with him as he stops to take in the beauty

and deathly silence that only winter can provide.

And that brings us to my favorite winter piece, *The Cremation of Sam McGee* by Robert Service.

I continue to read the prose of all three writers, but only in the winter months. I wait patiently until an evening when the first significant snow of the year blankets our mountains. I pour myself a glass of the finest bourbon – that suits my wallet – on these special occasions. The mood and atmosphere are now perfect to sample the bitter cold and stark beauty these stories engender. Then, I settle in to read all three of the works previously mentioned, and much more.

Each time we read such stories, we gain a new appreciation for the endurance of the men and women who made their way north to the Yukon in search of wealth and adventure. And while the wealth may not have materialized, the adventures were plentiful.

A visit with an 89-year-old uncle shortly before he died in 1984 brought a then-unknown poem to my attention. Uncle Ed was a man whose 40-year career was reading residential gas meters. Still, he offered up something that evening that caught me off guard completely, especially coming from this normally taciturn man.

Uncle Ed cleared his throat and recited all 15 stanzas of Robert Service's epic poem about the 1897 gold rush without flaw. His delivery and intonation of this delightful tale would, within a year, send me and an adventuresome friend, Mark Reed, on a hike up the fabled Chilkoot Trail from Skagway to the Yukon.

In this winter season possessing a beauty of its own, I offer you the following poem by Robert Service.

The Cremation of Sam McGee

There are strange things done in the midnight sun by the men who moil for gold; The Arctic trails have their secret tales that would make your blood run cold; The northern lights have seen queer sights, but the queerest they ever did see was the night on the marge of Lake LeBarge I cremated Sam McGee.

Now Sam McGee was from Tennessee, where the cotton blooms and blows.

Why he left his home in the south to roam round the Pole, God only knows.

He was always cold, but the land of gold seemed to hold him like a spell; Though he'd often say in his homely way that "he'd sooner live in hell."

On a Christmas Day we were mushing our way over the Dawson Trail.

Talk of your cold! Through the parka's fold it stabbed like a driven nail. If our eyes we closed, then the lashes froze till sometimes we couldn't see;

It wasn't much fun, but the only one to whimper was Sam McGee.

On that very night, as we lay packed tight in our robes beneath the snow,

All the dogs were fed, and the stars o'erhead were dancing heel and toe,

He turned to me, and "Cap" says he, "I'll cash in on this trip, I guess;

And, if I do, I'm asking that you won't refuse my last request.

Well, he seemed so low that I couldn't say no;

Then he says with a sort of moan:

"It's the cursed cold, and it's got right hold till I'm chilled clean through to the bone.

Yet 'tain't being dead – it's my awful dread of the icy grave that pains;

So I want you to swear that, foul or fair, you'll cremate my last remains.

A pal's last need is a thing to heed, so I swore I would not fail;

And we started on at the streak of dawn; but God! He looked

ghastly pale. He crouched on the sleigh, and raved all day

of his home in Tennessee; And before nightfall a corpse was all that was left of Sam McGee.

There wasn't a breath in that land of death, and I hurried, horror driven, with a corpse half hid that I couldn't get rid, because of a promise given;

It was washed to the sleigh, and it seemed to say:

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Humanities Council seeks grant proposals

The West Virginia Humanities Council has announced its upcoming February 1, 2024 grant deadline for three grant categories: Major grants, which are awarded twice a year for projects requesting up to \$20,000; Fellowships of \$3,000, which are awarded annually for scholarly research projects; and Mini-grants, which are awarded four times a year for projects requesting \$2,000 or less.

The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities. A variety of matching grants are offered by the Humanities Council year-round to nonprofit organizations in West Virginia that support educational programming.

Description of grant applications due February 1:

Major grants. This category supports public programs including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposia, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences. Major grant proposals

may request up to \$20,000. Applicants must allow 12 weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Fellowships. Stipends of \$3,000 are awarded once a year to West Virginia college and university humanities faculty and independent scholars for research and writing projects. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the study of interpretive archaeology; the history, theory, and criticism of the arts; ethics; history; jurisprudence; modern and classical languages; linguistics; literature; philosophy; comparative religion; and philosophical and historical approaches to the social sciences.

Mini-grants. Humanities Council Mini-grants support small projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits and brochures, consultation needs, and planning for more complex projects. Mini-grant deadlines are February 1, April 1, June 1 and October 1 for projects requesting \$2,000 or less. Applicants must allow six

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To check gas tank...
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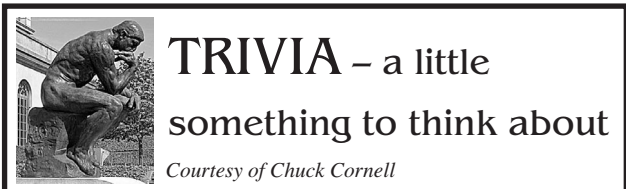
Traditional Scotch Shortbread
Mrs. Ben Morgan
(The origin of this recipe was inherited by Mrs. A. W. Laing, of Charleston, from her Scottish mother.)
1 1/2 lbs. butter
1/2 lb. shortening

3 lbs. flour
1 1/4 lbs. brown sugar
Cream butter, shortening and sugar together with an electric mixer.
Add flour gradually, blending until the flour is worked in and the mixture is of the consistency of rich pie

dough.
Pat out 1/4-inch thick on board, which may be lightly floured, if necessary.
Bake at 325°, watching closely until slightly browned.

Marinated Carrots
Irene Sharp
4 cups raw carrots sliced, cooked tender and drained
1 large onion, sliced
1 green pepper, sliced
Place in a bowl and set aside.

Mix together and bring to a boil, but not a hard boil:
1 can tomato soup
1/4 cup salad oil
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup vinegar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
Pour over vegetables and let cool. Store in refrigerator.
The flavor is better if it stands overnight.
Can be kept a week or two.



1. Outside which New York building was John Lennon killed?
2. How many of Snow White's seven dwarfs have names ending with the letter Y?
3. "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" is an autobiography about the early years of what inspirational African-American writer and poet?
4. In the United Kingdom, what is the day after Christmas known as?

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Faded rose leaves and a letter,
What tell they of the past,
Life's enjoyment like the flowers
Cannot fresh forever last,
And my tears fall as I'm gazing
On the faded tokens there,
Of the love to which I've listened
In the bygone ages fair.

Faded rose leaves still retaining
Through the vanished years and bloom
Something of their former beauty
Something of their sweet perfume;
I can see the face that o'er them
Bent its weight of love to hide,
I can hear the low voice pleading
Vows to me, his promised bride.

Faded rose leaves and a letter,
Ah, me, I can say no more
For the dream with all its sweetness,
All its happiness is o'er;
I had used to paint the picture
Colors all too bright to last,
And now I hold within my fingers
But the relic of the past

1848-1923 ~ T. F. J.



Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Looking forward to a Happy New Year is a good time for a new perspective.

Property owners have always seen lower property values as the answer to lower property taxes. However, if the property is located in the floodplain, it is to the owner's advantage to consider a reappraisal of the floodplain properties. With this thought in mind, I am sharing this week's Mayor's Corner with the Town's Building Inspector/Floodplain Manager.

Citizens of Marlinton, As the Floodplain Manager of the Town of Marlinton, it is part of my job to keep the community updated on information pertaining to FEMA designated flood zones. Updated maps of our flood zone will be finalized in March 2024. The flood zone has slightly expanded which will incorporate more residences. If you are unsure if your residence is in the flood zone, please feel free to contact me.

As time marches on, we often desire to improve our

homes for various reasons. If you live in a flood zone, there are certain conditions to ensure buildings are eligible for insurance. To clarify some misunderstandings, you may invest any amount of money into your home to keep it compliant with ICC Building Code Regulations.

However, after a natural event – flood, fire, wind or any other natural event, there will be a damage assessment to determine the financial loss. In a designated flood zone, there is a threshold in place that limits repairs to 50 percent of the assessed value of the structure, not the land it sits upon. So, keep that in mind when you have to do major renovations to your home. It would also be advisable to have the value of your home reassessed and have that on file with the Pocahontas County Assessor's Office.

There are also some positive changes to the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program). They have rates that are very competitive with different types of rider

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor;

The Town of Marlinton is considering replacing existing street lighting and expanding it with new LED Lights. These lights are more efficient than the existing lighting fixtures and should have extended lives reducing costs to the town.

These are all positive characteristics.

The move to more modern lighting can also be an opportunity to enhance our

dark skies by reducing light pollution. Our area and many of the surrounding parks have been declared as Dark Sky locations which are rather unique on the East Coast. This designation is a draw for amateur astronomers and others that appreciate this unique environment whose visits contribute to the local economy. A move to more modern lighting is an opportunity for a win-win. We have a unique oppor-

tunity to provide more cost-effective lighting for the town and at the same time to reduce the light pollution generated by following some simple principles.

Lights need to shine downward and not waste energy pointing upward where they provide no benefit and contribute to light pollution and the color temperature of the LEDs must be a warm color rated for temperatures at or below 3000K.

These simple common-sense measures can reduce light pollution and provide enhanced street lighting to the town. All of this can be achieved at no additional cost. We have an opportunity to make some smart choices with long term positive impacts; let's make the smart call and protect the dark skies that make our area unique.

Joseph Kaffl
Hillsboro

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office will be closed New Year's Day, Monday, January 1.

The Marlinton Town Office will be closed Friday, December 29, and Monday, January 1. Garbage pickup for Friday will be Thursday, December 28, and Monday pickup will be Tuesday, January 2.

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

The U. S. Forest Service will accept "real" Christmas trees until January 19. The trees will be used as fish habitat in surrounding lakes on the national forest. Foreign objects must be removed.

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

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LIBRARY NEWS
Budding Bookworms Playgroup at Green Bank Public Library Wednesdays

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

MEETING
Allegheny Post 117 Tuesday, January 2, 6 p.m. at the Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

Super Crossword

FORGET THE WHOLE THING

ACROSS	1 Warning about a racy web pic	5 "West Side Story" knife	9 Seasoned vet	15 Bro	19 French for "yours"	20 Treat for feet, for short	21 Pope after Marcellus II	22 Scads	23 RIFORM	26 Rapper Snoop	27 Variety show hosts, e.g.	28 ACLU interests: Abbr.	29 Farming unit	31 Pasty luau food	32 Flight takeoff abbr.	33 NTR	38 "Peek- —!"	40 Classic comic Martha	41 Uplifting poems	42 Place full of video games	43 UBL	46 Chicken cordon —	47 British chums	48 Stars and Stripes' nation	49 —wester (certain storm)	50 "Oh, God!" actress Garr	54 Cousins of aves.	55 Name of some newspapers	57 GHTE	62 Actors Finnes and Macchio	65 Very top	66 Flying	67 TRON!	72 Cast out of the country	73 Official helper	74 Pays out	75 EAKI	79 Diner check	80 Start for existing	83 Name of some newspapers	84 Vetoer's vote	85 U.S. tax org.	88 Aromatic aftershave liquid	90 QBs' blunders: Abbr.	92 RKE	96 Person doing a crossword puzzle, e.g.	99 Outer limit	100 Chimney grime	101 Great serves	102 HEER	105 2000-15 CBS series	106 Writer Rand	107 Blood type, in brief	108 Total	109 Wakes up	112 Writer Uris	114 NTEEN	119 Peel, as fruit	120 Excited response to "Who wants ice cream?"	121 Cozy corner	122 Pierce player Alan	123 Cast off hair	124 Swan constellation	125 Forest sight	126 Saclike growth	8 Wine merchants	9 Unlock, in poems	10 Resting place for a napkin	11 Drinker's hwy. offense	12 Implores	13 Christina of "Bel Ami"	14 Put too high a price on	15 Papa	16 Perfect world	17 Be charitable	18 Gas guzzler	24 Multivolume U.K. lexicon	25 Chicago winter hrs.	30 Blarney	33 Mushroom feature	34 King, in Lyon	35 Hubbub	36 Novelist Deighton	37 Runs furtively with short, quick steps	38 Heads of fleets: Abbr.	39 Regatta entry	40 Upshot	44 Evan of figure skating	45 Univ. helpers	46 Web automaton	49 Brother of Moe and Curly	51 Deep black, in poems	52 Break in friendship	53 Hair TV cousin	56 "Science Friday" aier	58 Person tying shoes	59 Onetime transportation agcy.	60 Foods created by biotech	61 Flood-prevention sack	62 One sharing your blood	63 Songwriter Carmichael	64 Salon noise	67 Large-scale public show	68 Untrue tales	69 Neighbor of Mont.	70 Caress	71 How money may be lost	72 Sci-fi gift	76 Belonging naturally	77 "One Mic" rapper	78 "— ToK" (#1 hit for Keshia)	80 On the nose	81 Viking letter	82 Rescue crew VIPs	86 Occupant	87 Represented	89 Peruvian singer with a wide range	91 Notorious emperor	92 OR workers	93 Rust may be a sign of it	94 DVR remote abbr.	95 Cain, to Eve	96 Hair-raising sites?	97 "Is that so?"	98 Poe's "radiant maiden"	99 Yuletide quaff	103 Destitute	104 Tic- —toe	105 Gear tooth	109 Yard tool	110 Outer limits	111 Sports datum of Homer	115 Pewter, mostly	116 Univ. website suffix	117 Vetoers' votes	118 Rival of Wade
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COURSE	SUBJECT	DAY	TIME	Math 109E	College Algebra Enhanced	M, W	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Acct 201	Principles of Accounting	T	4 - 5:15 p.m.	Mgmt 210	Principles of Management	WEB	WEB
Acct 202	Principles of Accounting I	TH	4 - 5:15 p.m.	Mgmt 230	Organizational Behavior	WEB	WEB
Acct 215	Managerial Acct	WEB	WEB	Psyc 103	General Psychology	T	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Biol 105	Intro to Anat./Physiology	M,W	9 - 10:15 a.m.	Psyc 103	General Psychology	M, W	11 - 12:15 p.m.
Biol 231	Human Anat./Physiology I	M,W	9 - 10:15 a.m.	Psyc 240	Theories of Personality	T	4 - 6:50 p.m.
Biol 232	Human Anat./Physiology II	M,W	1 - 2:15 p.m.	Soci 210	Principles of Sociology	TH	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Comm 208	Fund of Public Speaking	M, W	2 - 3:15 p.m.				
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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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Court, from page 2

Barb was most recently indicted on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor.

Arnold Buren Schoolcraft, 30, of White Sulphur Springs, appeared by video from Tygart Valley Regional Jail for his arraignment, wherein defense counsel advised the court that they had been unable to speak with the defendant. The matter is continued to January 18, 2024. Schoolcraft was indicted on one count, burglary, a felony.

Ayden Carroll, 20, of Cass, pleaded not guilty to four counts, sexual assault in the third degree, a felony; two counts, sexual abuse, third degree, a misdemeanor. The State asked that cash/surety bond be set at \$25,000. Defense asked that it be set at \$10,000, and that the defendant be allowed to leave the state for National Guard duties. The court set bond at \$15,000 cash/surety, with the condition that Carroll is to have no direct or indirect, physical or verbal contact with the victim or their family. He will be permitted to leave the state only for the purpose of National Guard duties. If he failed to post bond by the close of business December 22, he was to self-report to the Sheriff's Department for transport to the regional jail.

Zane Hickson, 69, of Cass, pleaded not guilty to one count intimidation of

and against public officers and employees, a felony; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony, a felony; one count, obstructing an officer, a misdemeanor. Bond was set at \$25,000 cash/surety/property.

Michele Stewart, 46, of Hillsboro, pleaded not guilty to one count, grand larceny, a felony; one count, driving while license revoked, a misdemeanor. She remains on previously posted \$5,000 surety bond.

Justin R. Arbogast, 35, of Valley Head, pleaded guilty to one count, attempted entry of a dwelling or outbuilding, a felony; one count, conspiracy to commit a felony, a felony. Bond was set at \$5,000; 50 percent PR, 50 percent cash/surety/property. Bond was to be posted by 4 p.m. December 27. If not posted, Arbogast was to self-report to the Sheriff's Department for transport to regional jail.

Ashley Welch, 31, of Valley Head, pleaded not guilty to one count, attempted entry of a dwelling or outbuilding, a felony; one count, conspiracy to commit a felony, a felony. Bond was set at \$5,000, 10 percent cash/surety and 90 percent PR. Bond was to be posted by December 27, or the defendant was to self-report to the Sheriff's Department for transport to regional jail.

Maybelle Warner, 19, of Snowshoe, pleaded not guilty to two counts, sexual abuse in the third degree, a misdemeanor. Bond was set at \$1,000, 10 percent cash/surety and 90 percent

PR with the added condition that the defendant will be permitted to go to and from employment in Monterey, Virginia, and she is to have no direct or indirect, physical or verbal contact with the alleged victim or the victim's household. Warner may contact the grandparents but they must meet at least one mile away from the household and there is to be no relay of conversation to the victim or the family.

Christopher Gibson, 46, of Buckeye, appeared by video from the Northern Correctional Center. Gibson stated that he did not understand the new indictment and asked to speak with his counsel about the matter. The clerk shall issue a summons to appear for the new arraignment date and will have the defendant served with a summons and indictment at the Northern Correctional Center. Gibson was indicted on one count, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes, second or subsequent offense, a felony.

Tony Allen Garretson, 42, of Marlinton, pleaded not guilty to two counts, driving in a controlled substance (Methamphetamine) impaired state proximately causing death of any person, a felony; two counts, negligent homicide, a felony; one count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor. The Court blankets present bond to add all remaining counts of the indictment. Pre-trial status conference is set for February 14, 2024.

Power, from page 2

Virginia health statistics. The presented case grew up in rural poverty, scored 6 on the Adverse Childhood Event's (ACEs) quiz, was raised in a food desert with lack of public transportation and lack of access to primary, mental and oral health care. Dr. Hill related that the case had suffered from childhood obesity (weighing 120 pounds in third grade) and she became morbidly obese as an adult. She had a chronic disease, a birth defect and became a teen unwed mother. Then, after all that, the case was involved in a car accident that left her in a wheelchair and she was prescribed 800 mg of Tylox every three hours and Oxycontin as needed.

Dr. Hill then asked the audience of business leaders, who were being trained to hire people in recovery, what they thought had happened to the person presented as a case study. Some thought she was surely a "drug addict," had no doubt been incarcerated and lost her driver's license. Someone suggested that her child was probably removed from her home. Various possible scenarios were discussed. No one in the audience gave the woman in the case study any hope of being a productive member of society.

As Dr. Hill began to tell "the rest of the story" about the case study, she revealed that the woman now is highly educated and has a good job making a good

wage. The woman had lost 150 pounds and was no longer obese and was now reaching all the positive health statistics. The daughter that was born to the case study as a teenager is now an adult with a college degree and a good job – so the cycle of poverty was broken. You could have heard a pin drop when Dr. Hill said, "And as you can see, I learned to walk again after three years in a wheelchair, and I am not addicted to painkillers. So, when I look at a person with substance use disorder, I think 'there, but by the grace of God, go I.'"

Dr. Hill went on to explain that someone intervened in her life, and it made all the difference. She said that the point of sharing her life story with us was to encourage us to be that one person who makes a difference in another person's life. People with substance use disorder are just like us – sisters, brothers, mothers, fathers, daughters and sons. It could have been any of us. She told us that we are the heroes because we were there and willing to try to elevate others through job placement. She shared a humorous story of her first "professional" job interview and how the support she was provided during that process gave her confidence to continue moving forward.

The Vice President at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine ended her incredibly powerful keynote speech by saying that she agrees with Mother Teresa – we can change the world, one person at a time. Just choose the person nearest you.

As Dr. Hill made her way to her seat to thunderous applause, I became even more aware of how important it is for us to be mindful in how we conduct ourselves and how positive interactions with others can yield huge dividends for our society.

Tammy Jordan is president of Fruits of Labor, a social enterprise with operations in Beckley, Rainelle, Alderson and Montgomery that offer training and employment of those in recovery. Her leadership and concepts have been adopted in the Communities of Healing program funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission in partnership with local partners. She can be reached at tjordan@fruitsoflaborinc.com

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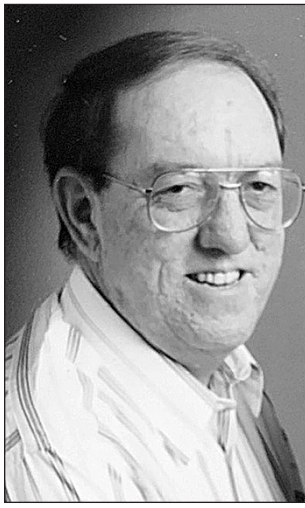
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Obituaries



James Arbogast

James T. "Ted" Arbogast, age 79, of DuBois, Pennsylvania, passed away Friday, December 22, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Born on March 31, 1944, in Madison, he was a son of the late Pershing A. and Ruby Evans Arbogast.

Ted graduated from Green Bank High School in 1962. He drove log trucks and worked at Bledsoe's Garage in Bartow before joining the Army in 1963. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and was stationed El Paso, Texas, before going overseas to Germany.

On August 30, 1964, Ted married his wife of 59 years, Karen Kane Arbogast, who survives.

After returning from Germany and being honorably discharged from the Army as an SP-5, he attended and graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering and a secondary degree in Computer Science.

Ted and Karen moved to DuBois in 1973 after he accepted a position with Brockway Glass/Owens Illinois as Industrial Engineer in MIS where he continued to work until retirement in 2000. His expertise in computers carried long into his retirement.

He loved to fish, go camping, make maple syrup, restore old cars and remodel his house. He was an avid woodworker, antique car enthusiast and attended many car shows.

Ted had been a member of the Olympic Athletic Club, Falls Creek Eagles, American Legion, DuBois Lions Club, Sandy Club and the American Institute of Industrial Engineers.

He was Protestant by faith. In addition to his wife, Ted is survived his sons, J.T. Arbogast, and wife, Kimberly Dilts, of Stamford, Connecticut, and Jonathan Arbogast, of New York, New York; and his sister, Janet Warner Arbogast, of Marlinton.

A graveside service will be held Friday, January 5, 2024, at noon from rbovale Cemetery in Arbovale. Full Military Honors will be accorded at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hahne Cancer Center at Penn Highlands DuBois (<https://www.phhealthcare.org/donate/donate-to-penn-highlands-dubois>) or Friends of Cass (<https://friendsofcass.org>)

The Baronick Funeral Home and Crematorium, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences can be made to www.baronickfuneralhome.com



Hilda Elkins

Hilda Jane Elkins, 80, of Marlinton, went to be with the Lord Monday, December 18, 2023, following a long illness.

Born March 8, 1943, she was a daughter of the later Luther Kirk and Rachel Potter.

She was a homemaker and a very kind and loving person. She loved her cats, enjoyed eating out, fishing and camping with her husband, and spending time with her family. She had a heart full of love for everyone she knew.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry Kirk; and two sisters, Virginia Schoolcraft and Leona Schoolcraft; and one grandson, Steven Adkinson.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Arnold Elkins; daughter, Debbie Schoolcraft (Denton Ciricosta), of Buckeye; sons, Jerry Schoolcraft, Jr. (Crystal McMillion), of Renick, and Randy Schoolcraft (Pam Hoover), of Marlinton; stepdaughter, Joane Harris, of Reedsville; five grandchildren, Brandy Baldwin, Tina Davis, Ricky Schoolcraft, Amanda McMillion and Thomas Ryan Schoolcraft; nine great-grandchildren, Bransen Baldwin, Brikenzie Baldwin, Valerie Schoolcraft, Franklin Schoolcraft, Dixie Schoolcraft, Josh Davis, Lucas Davis, Emma Davis and Charlotte McMillion.

The funeral service was held Saturday, 23, 2023, at Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton with Pastor Sam Felton officiating.

Interment was in Henry D. Sharp Cemetery at Stamping Creek.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com Funeral arrangements are

entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton.

Marcia Hill

Marcia Y. Kuhn Hill, 70, of Marlinton, passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2023, after a short and courageous battle with leukemia.

Born September 30, 1953, at Keyser, she was a daughter of the late Roscoe and Ada Maxine Taylor Kuhn. The fifth of 13 children, she was raised in Mt. Storm and graduated from Union High School in 1973.

On March 17, 1974, she joined hands in matrimony with the love of her life, Edward R. Hill, embarking on a journey of love and partnership that spanned nearly five decades. They had two children, Brian and Chanda, whom Marcia dedicated her life to raising. She cherished her family and friends with an unwavering and fierce devotion.

Marcia was a woman whose faith served as a guiding light in all that she did. She was a loyal and active member of Marlinton United Methodist Church and Marlinton Methodist Women's Group. She consistently extended a helping hand to those in need, whether through decorating, cleaning, serving meals, assisting at the food pantry, offering prayers of support, or simply being a compassionate listener for those seeking solace. She will be forever remembered for her loving, caring and selfless spirit.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jeffrey Kuhn; and a sister, Alberta Jean Kuhn.

She is survived by her husband, Edward R. Hill, of Marlinton; son, Brian E. Hill (Natalie Sal), and their two children, Braedyn and Rachael, of Morgantown; daughter, Chanda Hill Sciamanna (Anthony), and their son, Luca, of Springfield, Pennsylvania; six loving sisters, four loving brothers; and countless nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held at VanReenen Funeral Home Wednesday, December 27, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m.

A visitation will be held Friday, December 29, 2023, from 10 a.m. to noon at Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with the funeral service beginning at noon.

She will be laid to rest in Maple Hill Cemetery in Petersburg.

Alesha Moore

Alesha Kathleen Woody Moore, 38, of Buckeye, died Sunday, December 17, 2023, at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

Alesha was a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Born July 22, 1985, at Ronceverte, she was the daughter of Everette Allen Woody and Mary Louise Ryder.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her stepmother, Karen Woody; a daughter, Gabriell Jean Moore; sons, Matthew Emery Moore and Cameryn Allen Moore; sisters, Billie Woody, Amanda Hoke and Kristy Crouse; brothers, Anthony Woody, Denver Woody, Alan Ryder and Keith Ryder; and one grandchild.

Funeral service was held Saturday, December 23, 2023, at VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.



Betsy Nall

Betsy Lou Nall, 89, of Panama City, Florida, passed away Thursday, November 23, 2023.

Born January 3, 1934 in Longview, Texas, she was a daughter of the late George and Prudence Clark.

Betsy made her home with the late Carl and Bee Gladwell and their twin daughters in Buckeye. She graduated from Marlinton High School in 1951.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Glenn Nall, whom she married at the Buckeye Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by three children, Pam Nall, Ken Nall (Chere Kitchen), and Lisa Kent (Rick); two grandchildren, Bret Kent (Ashley), Brad Kent; four great-grandchildren, Riley, Colter, Jillian, Evelyn; and a sister, Lynn Riley (Mike).

Graveside service was held Saturday, December 2, 2023, in Heritage Gardens Cemetery, Niceville, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make memorial donations to Emerald Coast Hospice in memory of Betsy Nall.

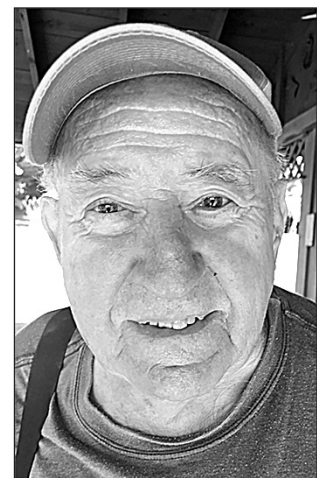
Linda Rose

Linda Lee McMillion

Rose, age 83, of Hillsboro, departed this world for Heaven Monday, December 25, 2023.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Westview Baptist Church on Caesar Mountain. Day and time to be announced.

Arrangements are being handled by VanReenen Funeral Home.



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 Resources 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.

In addition to his parents, he 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 wife, Melanie, and Irene Free and husband, Brad; two grandchildren, Benjamin White, and wife, Beth, and Christopher Free; five great-grandchildren, Ashley Hay, and husband, James, Cody White, Nathan White, Roy Wright and Alexis Ledbetter; three great-great-grandchildren, Colton, Adelyn and Allison; granddaughter-in-law, Jennifer White; and former daughter-in-law, Evelyn Hansen, and husband, Stuart.

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 the New Hope Lutheran Church in Minnehaha Springs.

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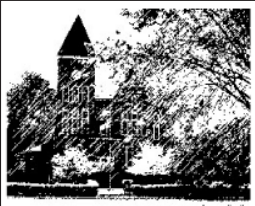
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First row, left to right: Unknown, Unknown, Bud (C.L.C.) Burner, Elmer Burner, Fount Arbogast, Willie Ben Arbogast, Glen Arbogast, Charlie Grogg.

Second row, left to right: Virgie Gillispie (Clark), Lucy Gillispie, Daisy Eskridge (married Bud Burner), Rufie Kerr (Barkley), Vesta Kerr (Nottingham), Mollie Gillispie (Burner), Unknown.

Children in back: Unknown, Ganelle Nottingham, Neil Nottingham. (Photo Courtesy of Pocahontas Co. Historical Society, ID: PHS000436)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, December 30, 1948

LOCAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Hickman, of Toledo, Ohio, are the proud parents of a baby girl, born December 17, 1948. Her name is Cheri Ann. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hickman, of Durbin, and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Crowley, of Green Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Sharp had as their dinner guests Christmas Day, all their children which included: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Moore and daughters, Fay and Peggy; Mr. and Mrs. C.

C. Kelley and sons, George and Harold; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hannah and son, Freddie, all of Marlinton; Mr. and Mrs. Guy McComb and daughter, Patty, of Covington, Virginia; Carl, who has just returned from spending nine years in the service; Claude, Jane, Jennie, Margaret, Ralph, Ray and Nancy. Other guests were Murl Chestnut, of Mt. Grove; Roxie Galford and Jimmy Mann, of Marlinton; and Noah Wilfong, of Canton, Ohio. It was the first time in 10 years that all of the family had been home for Christmas.

BEAR KILLING

Among the party of suc-

cessful bear hunters taking part in killing three head of good sized bears for the week ending December 23, were Warren and Winfred Sheets, June R. Galford, Robert Brown and Jesse Galford. Besides the three they got, two big bears fought themselves loose from the dogs. The hunters getting in the finishing shots were Winfred Sheets with two to his credit, and Robert Brown, who got the other one.

Fred Galford and others went for miles on Black Mountain last Tuesday, the shortest day of the year, and the first day of winter. The sign is that all fat bears go to hole by that day. In the Black Forest, Fred found the bears had gone to den, or at least were lying up in storm beds. There were no tracks in the snow. The sign is that bears of the beech forest are fat.

On the same day, the Teylors and others were down from the Greenbank area to get dogs to chase out some bears they had tracked around on the Alleghany, on the head of Galford Creek.

These Alleghany bears are poor and may range the winter through between storms. The bears are there in numbers, feeding on hickory nuts and acorns.

What few squirrels we had during hunting season were mostly poor, onery and undersized. Now, the word is that the Greenbrier Mountains of Thorny, Marlin and Buckley are literally overrun with gray squirrels, fat and fine, feeding on acorns and hickory nuts. The snow last week showed tracks of squirrels by the hundred.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, December 29, 1898

George Pennington, confined to jail at Marlinton, under indictment for horse stealing, broke jail last Thursday night, and has not been heard from since. He has been in jail since September. His offense was stealing a horse from W. B. Freeman and selling it to Howard Whitmore, near Harrisonburg. He is from Tucker county where the Penningtons are numerous, and this George is the black sheep of the lot. He had broken jail several times before, and he was the object of special care by the jailer, but who failed to observe the turnkey's rule of keeping every lock locked, whether it was in apparent use or not... A reward of \$25 is offered for his return to jail. He is a man aged 27; is of medium height and weight; has a dirty complexion and

scraggy hair. He has an unhealthy appearance. He has an incessant cough and is supposed to be suffering from consumption. He has the look of a man naturally criminal and degenerate; and has an impudent, brazen face.

If the hardest looking young man you ever saw comes along the road, you can return him to jail and claim the reward.

Sudden Death of Dr. Sharp

Doctor Sharp, of Frankford, was found dead in the road two miles from Frankford last Friday night about 10 o'clock. He was riding the Brush Country south of Frankford. At home, his wife waited supper for him for some time. There were visitors there, and they finally went to supper without him. About 10 o'clock word came that he was found dead. An inquest was held Sat-

urday and the cause of his death was not determined. He was suffering from a diseased heart, but some of the jury were inclined to believe that he may have taken a dose of carbolic acid by mistake. He had with him two four-ounce phials which were very much alike. One contained spirits and the other, carbolic acid.

The interment took place Sunday. He was very much beloved and respected as a physician. He had a large practice. Frankford is a very populous section and with Dr. Raymon attending the legislature this winter, the practice will fall on Dr. Kinkaid alone.

DUNMORE

Eli Meeks, who was reported lost in the mountains, was found setting up with his girl.

Some of the hands attended the dance at Huntersville on Monday night and report a good time.

The box supper at Green Bank on Monday night was immense. There were between one and two thousand people there.

The funeral of W. J. Cleek on Knapps Creek on the 20th instant was largely attended. The pallbearers were Cam McElwee, Landis Crummett, I. B. Moore, Lanty Herold, Auburn Friel, and Price Moore. He was laid to rest in

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, December 27, 1923

We notice in the Pocahontas Times, a Marlinton, W. Va. paper, that L. O. Simmons received a letter of appreciation from the Davis Stuart School, an orphanage of Lewisburg, for a Thanksgiving Day gift of two barrels of vegetables. It is presumed that he raised vegetables himself although we vexed to guess just where he got the time. Possibly he had put a lantern on his plow. Mr. Simmons is a tall man, measuring over six feet, and lanky. One gets the impression from him of unbounded energy and this impression is substantiated when the fact of what he does comes out. Mr. Simmons is foreman of the composition room of the Times. On the side, he runs a bicycle repair shop, and raises poultry. But there is something else for which he is known throughout the state - he is an expert in apiculture. - The Guide, published by the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind.

teernoon on a charge of moonshining. They live on Crooked Fork of Elk. The arrests were made by Sheriff Brown Beard, Deputy Sheriff Elmer Moore and Constable Charles K. Butler. About 100 gallons of mash was destroyed.

The Christmas service at the Presbyterian Sunday School was so largely attended that it was necessary to repeat the service.

Slaty Fork

Lumbering, Lumbering, Lumbering is the order of the day. Forrest Gibson and Willie Gibson have a job of logging; James Gibson has a job of logging; Hugh Hannah is going to start a job of logging soon, and move his mill from Marvin Hannah's to do the sawing. The W. Va. Pulp and Paper Co. is doing a rushing business; we hear of no one being turned away from work.

L. D. Sharp has bought here this week in our neighborhood about \$400 worth of fur.

Here on the headwaters of Elk is getting to be a busy place; even the chickens are gathering up gold dollars. Mrs. Laura Sharp while dressing a chicken found a gold dollar in the gizzard of a chicken.

WEDDING

Fred F. McLaughlin and Miss Nellie Howard Yeager were married quietly at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Moody Kincaid, at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, December 19, 1923...

Norman Sharp, aged 17 years, was before the circuit court Monday morning on a charge of check raising. He confessed and was sent to the reform school at Pruntytown until he is 21 years old. This is his second offense, having been paroled. He is a son of Divers Sharp, who is now serving time in the penitentiary for stealing sheep.

Easter Gibson, a boy of 19 years, was before Squire Smith last Saturday on a charge of having whiskey in his possession. He was fined \$100 and six months in jail.

Isaac Barlow butchered the prize hog of the season. It was a two year old purebred Duroc Jersey that weighed 900 pounds on foot and dressed out 750 pounds. This hog took the prize at the County Fair of 1922.

The neighbors of the Wanless and Oliver communities gave a box supper last Saturday night. The proceeds amounted to \$71.70, and were donated to Henry McCray, a blind man who is now at the Marlinton Hospital...

Ashby Higgins and Odie Moyers, of Elk, were held to the grand jury in Squire Smith's court Thursday af-

DIED
Mrs. Susan Malinda Pryor, a faithful member of the Pleasant Green M. E. Church, near Seebert, departed this life December 7, 1923, aged 88 years. She had spent most her life in the service of the Lord. She was loved and respected by all who knew her, and often spoke of her many friends among the white people who were so nice to her. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor in charge, Rev. J. C. McPherson, assisted by others. She leaves two children, 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Her body was laid to rest in the McNeel cemetery.

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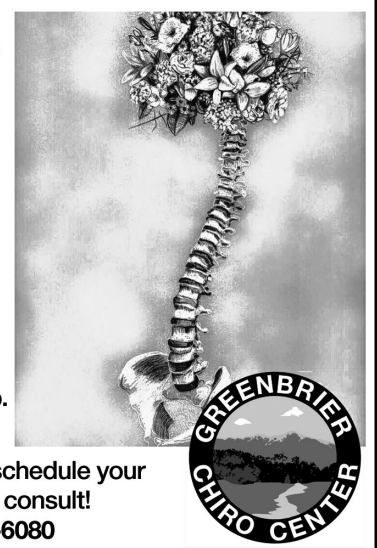
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“You may tax your brawn and brains, but you promised true, and it’s up to you to cremate those last remains.”

Now a promise made is a debt unpaid, and the trail has its own stern code.

In the days to come, though my lips were dumb, in my heart how I cursed that load.

In the long, long night, by the lone firelight,

While the huskies round in a ring,

howled out their woes to the homeless snows

Oh God! How I loathed that thing.

Till I came to the marge of Lake Lebarge, and a derelict there lay;

It was jammed in the ice, but I saw in a trice it was called the “Alice May.”

And I looked at it, and I thought a bit, and I looked at my frozen chum;

Then “Here,” said I, with a sudden cry, “is my crematorium.”

Some planks I tore from the cabin floor, and I lit the boiler fire;

Some coal I found that was lying around, and I heaped the fuel higher;

The flames just soared, and the furnace roared – such a blaze you seldom see;

And I burrowed a hole in the glowing coal, and I stuffed in Sam McGee.

Then I made a hike, for I didn’t like to hear him sizzle so;

and the heavens scowled, and the huskies howled,

and the wind began to blow.

It was icy cold, but the hot sweat rolled down my cheeks, and I don’t know why;

And the greasy smoke in an inky cloak went streaking down the sky.

I do not know how long in the snow I wrestled with grisly fear;

But the stars came out and they danced about ere again I ventured near;

I was sick with dread, but I bravely said:

“I’ll just take a peep inside.

I guess he’s cooked, and it’s time I looked,”

then the door I opened wide.

And there sat Sam, looking cool and calm, in the heart of the furnace roar;

And he wore a smile you could see a mile, and he said: “Please close that door.

It’s fine in here, but I greatly fear you’ll let in the cold and storm -

Since I left Plumtree down in Tennessee, it’s the first time I’ve been warm.”

There are strange things done in the midnight sun by the men who toil for gold;

The Arctic trails have their secret tales that would make your blood run cold;

The northern lights have seen queer sights, but the queerest they ever did see

was the night on the marge of Lake Lebarge I cremated Sam McGee.

Here’s wishing our readers a happy, prosperous, and healthy New Year,

Ken Springer
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High, from page 1

working toward engaging young people, developing leadership skills, offering earning-and-learning opportunities, and bringing about change throughout the region.

“We know that supporting young people on their journey impacts whole communities,” Riley said. “I’m proud of our amazing team, alumni and partners. Just last year alone, High Rocks leveraged \$358,610 in earning-and-learning dollars into the pockets of teens and college students across West Virginia working to improve themselves and their communities. This, in addition to \$612,000 in AmeriCorps living and education stipends, brought nearly \$1 million in purchasing power to 184 young Appalachians leaders.”

When Stephanie Tyree, Executive Director of the WV Community Development Hub, presented the award to Riley, she shared Sarah’s bio in her remarks.

“Sarah grew up in Pocahontas County and then went to Harvard University. She graduated with honors in history with a focus on economic underdevelopment. She was a founding partner with Susan Burt in High Rocks and has been planning, teaching, counseling, fundraising, networking and building High Rocks in one way or another since 1996. Sarah was named among 40 under 40 emerging leaders in West Virginia in 2009. In 2014, West Virginia Focus Magazine featured her as one of West Virginia’s “Wonder Women” in their premiere issue. In 2015, the Appalachian Studies Association awarded Sarah the

prestigious Helen Lewis Community Service Award for outstanding community service to Appalachia and its people. Sarah was honored as a 2015 Zenith Award winner for exemplary service to the Greenbrier Valley. In 2017, Sarah and the High Rocks were awarded the state West Virginia Red Wagon Award for helping West Virginia children, and in 2019, she was honored with the Power of Performance Award for changing lives across southern West Virginia. Sarah has four children and lives happily on the family farm her husband grew up on, raising local meats, eggs and produce. She is grateful to continue working with her mother, Susan Burt.”

“This Power of Performance award for Revitalizing Communities is a major milestone for High Rocks,” Riley said. “We have been talking about investing in

young people as an economic and community development strategy for years, and it means so much to us to have this work recognized by leading West Virginia community and economic development organizations.”

The Power of Performance award, selected from anonymous nominations, was presented collectively by the West Virginia Community Development Hub, the Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia (the

seven colleges in southern West Virginia), and Coalfield Development Corporation, whose mission is to rebuild the Appalachian economy from the ground up.

From campfires to careers, Sarah Riley and High Rocks is dedicated to empowering, inspiring, and educating young people for the greater good of the community. Find out more about the programs at High Rocks or learn about opportunities to get involved at www.highrocks.org

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your money, and you are the ones who made it happen,” Justice said in a pre-recorded video message at the end of June. “You are the engines that made this great state move right straight to the forefront where now everyone recognizes us as the place to come to.”

The state ended fiscal year 2023 with more than \$6.5 billion, which was 39.9% more than the official estimate set by the Department of Revenue and more than 10% more than the previous fiscal year, which saw more than \$5.8 billion in collections and a \$1.3 billion surplus.

Of the \$1.8 billion collected in fiscal year 2023, \$1.165 billion was appropriated in one-time funding placed in the surplus section in the back of the fiscal year 2024 budget. Another \$231 million was deposited in the state’s Rainy Day Fund, putting it at more than \$1.1 billion.

Using remaining surplus tax dollars and making adjustments to the fiscal year 2024 revenue estimate, the state was able to spend \$552 million in supplemental appropriations during an August special session.

Combined with rollovers of remaining funds in various department line items, the estimated unappropriated balance available to the state is more than \$157.6 million.

But fiscal year 2023 may have been the peak for tax collections. Year-to-date tax collections for fiscal year 2024 – beginning July 1 and covering the first five months of the fiscal year – were \$2.2 billion, which was 14.9% more than the \$1.9 billion revenue estimate. That leaves the state with a \$286.2 million surplus fiscal year-to-date.

When the 2023 legislative session began last January, Justice and Republican members of the West Virginia Legislature were on bad terms after the governor helped tank a constitutional amendment on the ballot in 2022 to give lawmakers the authority to make changes to the state’s tangible personal property tax system.

Instead, Justice introduced

a bill to cut personal income tax rates by as much as 50 percent. While members of the House of Delegates Republican leadership were on board, Republican leadership in the Senate did not trust Justice’s proposal, instead introducing their own bill.

After negotiations between the House, Senate and governor’s office, a compromise was reached on House Bill 2526, which combined several proposals into one.

The final bill included a 21.25% cut across all six personal income tax brackets retroactive to Jan. 1, returning approximately \$590 million to taxpayers. The bill also includes a trigger formula for further reducing personal income tax rates after Aug. 1, 2024, allowing for possible future reductions of up to 10% annually.

HB 2526 includes a 100% rebate on vehicle tangible personal property taxes for state residents in the form of a refund on annual personal income tax filings, returning an estimated \$130 million to taxpayers annually.

The bill provides a 50% tax rebate in the form of personal income and corporate net income tax refunds for the payment by small businesses on tangible personal property taxes on machinery/equipment, inventory, leasehold investments, computer equipment and furniture and fixtures, returning approximately \$35 million to taxpayers annually.

Lastly, HB 2526 includes a 100% refundable homestead tax credit for veterans who are 90% to 100% service-disabled. With all the provisions combined, the compromise bill would return approximately \$750 million to taxpayers annually.

“Today, we put our stakes in the sand to invite any and everyone to this great state, to bring their business opportunities to us, to bring their jobs to us,” Justice said at bill signing event for HB 2526 in March. “It is an absolute monumental day; a day that I have incredible pride in.”


“We know that we can do it, so we’re moving forward with being able to have job creation, having educational opportunities and have the things our people deserve,” said Senate President Craig Blair, R-Berkeley. “They’re finally getting them now, and

now we’re able to give back and put some money in their pockets on top of it.”

“This is a validation of the last eight years of work,” said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay. “What we’ve seen signed in House Bill 2526 here is only possible because of eight years of work and creating a new economy here. That’s why most of us are here and certainly why I’m here. We want to keep doing it.”

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 900 Tenth Avenue Suite C; P. O. Box 209, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209.

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**
4193 Caddy Road, SW
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**
EXECUTRIX: Donna Lucille Dilley
589 Warrior Way
Dunmore, WV 24934-9046

ESTATE NUMBER: **14586**
ESTATE OF: **VERNON STURGILL**
EXECUTRIX: Dreama Sue Sturgill
479 Shears Trailer Court
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,

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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 THEREON 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.

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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.

3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and 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
85 Aikens Center
Edwin Miller Boulevard
P.O. Box 440
Martinsburg, WV 25402
(304) 263-4971
foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com
12/7/4c

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public Defender Corporation, 11th Judicial Circuit at Food and Friends located at 878 Washington Street in Lewisburg, WV Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. All interested parties may attend.
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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.

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GENERAL WV/NPDES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WV/NPDES PERMIT NO. WV0115924

The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Water Pollution Control Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges to surface waters of the state for land disturbance operations during development of residential, commercial, or industrial sites. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5) year term.

The Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management retains the authority to require any owner/operator to apply for and obtain an individual WV/NPDES Permit. This authority will be exercised when the Director determines that such an individual permit will better protect the receiving water.

The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: <https://dep.wv.gov/wve/programs/stormwater/csw/pages/home.aspx>. Hard copies can be mailed upon request.

A virtual public hearing has been scheduled to take official comments on the Draft General Permit. The hearing has been scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024. Pre-registration for the hearing is required. To register, please complete the registration form at: <https://forms.gle/wHwSWyqJ9sYjaVQN8> or call Terry Fletcher at 304-926-0499 ext. 49720 by 5 p.m. the day of the hearing. Registrants will receive a separate email with the link and call-in number for the virtual hearing once the registration deadline passes.

Any person may submit oral or written statements concerning the Draft General Permit; however, reasonable limits may be set upon the time allowed for oral statements at the hearing.

Written comments on the Draft General Permit can be submitted via email to DEP.Comments@wv.gov or regular mail to:
Director
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Sharon Mullins
Phone: (304) 926-0499, Extension 43808
E-mail: sharon.a.mullins@wv.gov

The comment period closes at the conclusion of the virtual hearing. All comments submitted by this time, including those provided at the hearing, will be added to the official record for the Draft General Permit and considered by the agency.

For more information, contact Sharon Mullins at the email address or phone number listed above. Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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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.

Approved, from page 2

potatoes, green beans or other vegetables, and a dessert. Water and Kool-aid are also provided.

After dinner, the young people move into their age-appropriate classrooms. The Cubbies class is geared toward preschoolers ages 4-5. Sparks age range is K-second grade and T&T is for third through fifth graders.

The Huntersville church also has a combined youth group for sixth through 12th graders. Class time is interactive with reading lessons, questions and answers, study time and a time for fellowship.

There's time for games and crafts, and there is a lot of room outside for games when the weather permits; and there are many indoor friendly activities, as well. A modified version of dodge ball is a group favorite. The game-time leaders not only

use standard types of activities like capture the flag, board games, but are also skilled at coming up with unusual and unique games on the spot, keeping the students guessing from week to week. While the students are involved in all of the AWANA activities, there is also an interactive class for parents and other adults that starts at 6 p.m.

The night ends at 7 p.m. and the children board the vans to return home.

Grant, from page 3

weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program, contact Humanities Council grants administrator

Erin Riebe at 304-346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org

The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan non-profit, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for

the Humanities. The Council is supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.

Mayor's, from page 4

policies. I will be scheduling a public information session in March of 2024. Our guest speakers will be representatives from the West Virginia Flood Plain Managers Association.

They will touch on the NFIP and many other topics and provide a question/answer session that will be open to everyone.

I will have an advertisement on WVMR and The Pocahontas Times.

As usual, you are always welcome to stop at the town hall or give me a call.

I wish you all a very blessed holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Bruce Van Meter
Town of Marlinton Building Inspector/Flood Plain Manager

Call 304-799-4315 or email at: brucebuildinginspector@gmail.com

History, from page 7

the Cleek Graveyard. The county loses a good citizen.

Captain Swecker, the silver tongued Auctioneer, made a very successful sale of the late Mr. Grew's personal effects at Mingo Saturday last. There was a very large crowd out and the bidding was lively. The Captain was cheered all along the line by the volunteers. He says he will start a circus soon. He now has a pet English monkey and is trying to get Sam Wood's billy goat.

these short and simple annals. So far as known, the original progenitors of the Arbogasts in Pendleton and Pocahontas was Michael Arbogast, who must have been one of the original pioneers of what is now Highland County in "Indian Times." He settled there some time previous to 1758...

Michael Arbogast had seven sons: Adam, George, Henry, John Michael, Jr., David and Peter; the last two named were twins. The sons, excepting John, were all very powerful and stalwart in their physique, and were often more than 200 pounds in weight...

Jacob H. Arbogast was a man of very interesting personality. He was of untiring energy, and in his time was an extensive dealer in wild lands. His name frequently appears in the court records

a party to some of the most important and warmly contested land litigation that has ever transpired at the Pocahontas bar. He was an ardent supporter of the Confederate cause, and saw service in the home guard. In the beginning of the war, a few days after the repulse of Pegram on Rich Mountain in 1861, he refuted with his family to the East, and spent most of the war times in Augusta county. He carried but little with him and so lost his household effects and livestock along with his dwelling. In 1865, he returned and began life afresh at the old Greenbrier homestead. But few places in West Virginia were more completely desolated than the Head of Greenbrier by the ravages of war.

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WEDDINGS

Married at the Methodist Parsonage at Edray Friday, December 17, 1948, by Rev. R. J. Crawford, Austin McCoy Sharp and Miss Eula May Underwood.

The groom is a son of Mrs. Mary Sharp of the Jerico Road, and the late Warwick Sharp. He is a veteran of the late war, with three years' service overseas. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Underwood, of Millpoint.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moore, of Marlinton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Oleta Mae, to Richard Eugene Dunbrack, of Marlinton...

COMING HOME

Mrs. Bernice L. Reed has received word that the body of her husband, Private First Class Harold L. Reed, will arrive on Tuesday, December 28, 1948. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Central Union Church. His body will be laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery with full military honors. The soldier was killed in central Germany on April 3, 1945.

Rev. R. J. Skaggs and Rev. J. W. Holliday will conduct the service.

DEATHS

Uriah Hevener Dilly, aged 65 years, died at his home on Browns Mountain Sunday afternoon, December 26,

1948. He suffered a heart attack while sitting in his home. He had been about as usual. The funeral service will be held from the Marlinton Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon...

Burial in the Dilley family cemetery. Mr. Dilley married Miss Icie Sharp, who preceded her husband many years ago. Their daughters are Mrs. Helen Davis, Jean and Bettie Lee; their sons are Bedford, Roscoe, Maynard, Dr. Kermit, Eugene and Gordon. Six years ago he married Mrs. Loletta Varner, who survives.

The deceased was a son of the late Amos J. and Araminta Dilley Dilley...

Thus is noted the passing of one of our most prominent and substantial citizens. He was a farmer and business man of large affairs. He was a good neighbor and a public spirited man.

In religion, he was a member of the Methodist church.

Sherman Harrison Buzzard, aged 88 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grimes, near Cloverlick December 23, 1948. On Sunday afternoon, his body was buried in the family plot in Mt. View Cemetery... The deceased was a son of the late Morgan and Rhoda Sims Buzzard... He married Miss Lizzie K. Hoover, who preceded him to the grave many years since.

Miles P. Simmons, aged 67 years, of Durbin, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Robertson, in Clifton Forge, December 26, 1948. Burial in the Arbovale

cemetery with services at the Arbovale church.

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6581 - Arbovale. 3BR/1.5BA farmhouse on two semi-private acres. Nice sized yard; two outbuildings. Easy access to national forest. Close to GBO, Cass Scenic Railroad and Greenbrier River. - \$160,000



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



6313 - Slaty Fork. 2.76 acre lot in Fassifern Fields subdivision at the base of Snowshoe Mountain. Just minutes from the Raven Golf Course and mountain activities. Near Elk Springs Resort. - \$30,000



6614 - Marlinton. 6BR/6BA stone lodge with 2BR/1.5BA apartment, and separate 3BR/1BA innkeeper's home in town. Would make a great Airbnb. - \$135,000



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



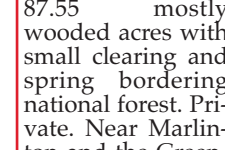
6559 - Green Bank. 1BR/1BA camp with open living room and kitchen, corner woodstove and electric baseboard heat. Near national forest, Deer Creek, GBO and Cass Scenic Railroad. - \$22,500



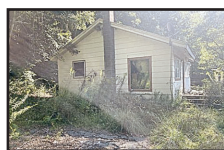
6571 - Summersville. 2.23 percent interest in 208 acres. Use for hunting, 4-wheeling, etc. Partial ownership only. - \$11,000



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



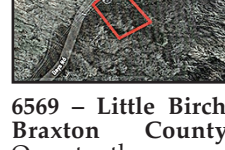
6045 - Edray/Cass. 87.55 mostly wooded acres with small clearing and spring bordering national forest. Private. Near Marlinton and the Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$213,000



6587 - Charmco, Greenbrier County. 2BR/1BA home in need of repair. Sits on 1.43 acres. - \$21,900



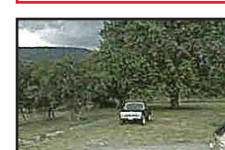
6609 - Rainelle. Fenced lot. Shell of a house with metal roof and an outbuilding - \$12,500



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



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



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