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Silver Creek put a 'rink' on it

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Silver Creek Resort is known as a place for lots of winter-time fun – skiing, snowboarding and tubing. Now, it has added ice skating and hockey to the roster with its addition of a synthetic ice rink.

Installed by Foster's Marketing Group of Buckhannon, the 5,600 square foot rink has plenty of room for beginners-to-pros to skate or play hockey while they are visiting in the county.

FMG director Travis Foster said the new rink will expand the recreation at Silver Creek to visitors and locals who are looking for something new to do.

"It's a synthetic rink, but this one is a multi-sport one, so you can ice skate and play hockey," he said. "The kids love playing hockey. They don't get an opportunity to play hockey anywhere, but now they do and it's a great



FOSTER'S MARKETING GROUP of Buckhannon, installed a synthetic ice rink at Silver Creek Resort last week. The 5,600 square foot rink will be open seven days a week, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The rink is open for ice skating and hockey. To reserve time on the ice, visit www.therinkwv.com S. Stewart photo

thing for them." Foster explained that there are a lot of benefits to having a synthetic rink. The maintenance is much easier – no need for a Zamboni – and the

rink is usable year round. "You can skate in negative ten-degree weather or you can skate in a hundred degree weather," he said. "We actually set it up for the

World Marching Band Association in Buckhannon in July last year and it was ninety-nine degrees. Kids see Rink pg 9

Candidate Filing period opens January 8

Candidate Filing Period for the May 2024 Primary Election opens Monday, January 8, and continues through Saturday, January 27.

For more information, contact the Pocahontas County Clerk's office at 304-799-4549 or stop in at the courthouse during regular office hours.

Pocahontas County positions on the ballot:

- County Commission, Southern District
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Assessor
- Magistrate, two to be elected
- Sheriff
- Surveyor
- Board of Education, one Central and two Northern seats open; only two to be elected.

Conservation District Supervisor

In addition to county offices, the following races will be on the ballot:

- U.S. President
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives
- Governor
- Secretary of State
- Auditor
- Treasurer
- Agricultural Commissioner
- Attorney General
- Justice of Supreme Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals
- State Senate
- House of Delegates
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Family Court Judge

The steps to declaring a snow day

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

We all remember, when we were young, wishing for snow days. Watching out the window at night, seeing the snow fall and hoping it meant we could sleep in and play in snow instead of going to school.

Those were magical days, and it never really occurred to us how the decision was made, we were just happy it was made.

The fact is, it takes a lot to determine if there will be a snow day, three-hour delay or early-out during the winter.

Pocahontas County Schools Superintendent Lynne Bostic and Director of Transportation Duane Gibson make a lot of phone calls and get updates from the weather service before they "make the call."

"The national weather briefings will start," Bostic said. "The forecasters are out of Charleston, Pittsburgh, Blacksburg. They show us what they are envisioning for our areas. We'll have a briefing at 8 p.m. and sometimes, they'll even say we're going to do another one in the early morning hours if they think anything is going to change."

What makes the decision difficult is the differences in

elevation in the county, leading to some areas getting more snow than others.

"Our county is so diverse," Gibson said. "I live five miles from the high school and the last snow day we had last year, I had no snow at home but there was five inches at the high school. Just elevation difference."

With that said, however, Bostic and Gibson said that they never consider closing some schools due to weather and having others attend since the weather isn't bad in that area. Here, it's all or nothing.

Of course, road conditions are the main factor and Bostic and Gibson have a list of people they contact to check on the road conditions before they call off school or choose a delay.

Bostic stays in contact with superintendents in surrounding counties and Gibson has a list of school employees and residents who are usually early risers and can give a report. They both stay in contact with the Division of Highways to know what the plowing situation is on the roads.

"I'm getting up at 4:30 a.m. or so and try to call the state road," Gibson said. "I call a few people in the community that are up early and Facebook a couple of them or text them. I'm starting to

STEPS TO BUILD A SNOW DAY...

- 1** YOUR TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR AND YOUR SUPERINTENDENT PARTICIPATE WITH NATIONAL WEATHER BRIEFINGS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AT NIGHT, AND EARLY MORNING.
- 2** YOUR SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKS WITH OUR SURROUNDING COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS. BOTH THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR AND YOUR SUPERINTENDENT WATCH AREA WEATHER REPORTS.
- 3** YOUR TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR CONTACTS THE CAPTAINS AT EACH OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS IN OUR COUNTY. THE DIRECTOR ALSO CONTACTS BUS DRIVERS AND CITIZENS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO CHECK CONDITIONS IN THEIR AREAS.
- 4** BASED ON THE INFORMATION RECEIVED, AND KEEPING THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND STAFF IN THE FOREFRONT, YOUR SUPERINTENDENT AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR DECIDE:
 - TWO-HOUR DELAY
 - THREE-HOUR DELAY
 - NO SCHOOL
 - RUN BUSES ON ALTERNATE ROUTES
 NOTE: OUR BUSES RUN OVER 1500 MILES EVERY DAY
- 5** THE ANNOUNCEMENT GOES OUT TO SOCIAL MEDIA, EMAILS, TEXT MESSAGES, AND PHONE CALLS AS WELL AS RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS THAT COVER OUR AREA. IF POSSIBLE, THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE THE EVENING BEFORE, BUT COULD BE AS LATE AS 5 AM ON THE DAY OF THE WEATHER EVENT.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL IF YOUR FAMILY DOES NOT RECEIVE A MESSAGE. THE SCHOOL WILL CHECK YOUR INFORMATION IN OUR SYSTEM.

build my group." When it is determined to have a three-hour delay or snow day, a call is sent out to employees and parents who are on the school systems list. The information is also sent to TV and radio stations

and posted on Facebook to ensure the information is available to the entire county. There are times when there is inclement weather, but not enough to call off school and in those cases, there are options, as well.

There are snow routes for the buses, which sees them only using the main roads to pick up students. If parents cannot get their kids to a location to be picked up, they can stay home and get an excused absence.

Also, Bostic added, that if a parent or guardian still feels it is unsafe for their child to go to school on a wintery day, they may keep the student home and get an see Snow pg 9

Tip for the new year:

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Opioid settlement payments to begin soon

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At its December 19 meeting, Attorney Stephen Skinner informed the Pocahontas County Commission that the first round of opioid lawsuit settlement funds are being sent out and should be received by the county in days. While Skinner said he was unable to provide the exact amount due the county at this time, he did say the amount "is likely to be several hundred thousand dollars." He said the payments will be spread out over time, which might be up to 12 years. Skinner said that there are "guardrails" for spending the money, generally that it be spent on opioid-crisis related expenses, such as to pay jail bills. He said he will forward a memorandum that will provide more information of those guardrails.

Marlinton Volunteer Fire Department Chief Herbie Barlow, a member of the county EMS Board, and a representative to Pocahontas County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission, asked for the commission's support for two proposals.

As most everyone is aware, Commissioner John Rebinski, in response to the dwindling number of volunteers, established a paid Pocahontas County Ambulance Service in the Northern part of the county, which is now operating and staffed with county employees.

Barlow, citing the same volunteer problems, proposed to establish a paid ambulance and fire service for the Southern and Central portions of the county. He said the Marlinton VFD will be operating this new service in conjunction with the Hillsboro VFD, and will provide all of the equipment, supplies, a station and the use of the Marlinton VFD's license and DEA certificate for the new service at no cost to the county.

He said they have acquired a building across from the ARC Building in Marlinton to serve as the station for this service which has both a garage to house the vehicles and an apartment for the crew to stay in.

He said the only expense to the county would be to pay the salaries of a driver, an EMT or Paramedic, and a firefighter. Barlow estimates that cost would be about \$296,000 for a full year.

The commissioners seemed to be interested in this proposal, however Commission President Walt Helmick said they would need some time to work out details regarding the county-employee status of the staff for this service, so the commission put off making any decision on this until the January 2 meeting. Members of both Marlinton and Hillsboro VDFs attended the meeting to show support for this proposal.

Barlow's next proposal was to request that the commission provide a \$10,000 pay raise for every Pocahontas County Deputy Sheriff, as well as to increase the starting pay for new deputies by the same amount. He said the lack of qualified applicants and the inability to hold on to existing deputies makes this a necessary expense to stay competitive with other jurisdictions. Barlow said the last four deputies to leave the department all moved on to better paying law enforcement positions elsewhere and, as a result, the Sheriff's Department is very short-handed. He also said they have had to lower the passing score on the Civil Service Test for deputies in an attempt to hire replacements, but that lowering of standards is not working out well either. Once again, the commission deferred any decision on this proposal to the next meeting. About six un-

formed Deputy Sheriffs at-

tended the meeting in support of this proposal.

The Commission received bids from three environmental engineering firms to do the engineering and consult on the asbestos removal from the three buildings at the old Howes Tannery property, as well as on the EPA's Voluntary Groundwater Remediation Project there. The Brownfield Clean-Up Grant will pay for this, but it will require that all three buildings on the property be demolished, including the old Howes Office Building. The three bidders were: Thrasher Engineering, Ascend Consulting & Engineering, and Greenbrier Environmental Group out of Lewisburg. They selected the Greenbrier Environmental Group's bid.

In other business, the commission

- awarded the 2024 gasoline contract to the only bidder, Woodford Oil, at rack-price plus 12 cents per gallon, which today would cost the county about \$2.12 per gallon

- scheduled the 2024 Board of Review and Equalization hearing dates for February 1, 6, 12 and the 16, all at 10 a.m.; and the final one on February 20, at 5:45 p.m. during the regular commission meeting.

- wrote a letter of support for the Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum to receive a grant, and a letter of support for receiving federal funding for the EMS/911 Center building project.

- authorized the purchase of a furnace belt which they hope will fix the heating issues in the restrooms at the ARC building.

- acted on the following requests by Mike O'Brien, the Director of Emergency Management and 911:

- re-awarded the bid to purchase communications trailer for the 911 Center.

see Soon pg 5

2023 Deaths

January

1 - Douglas Bartlett Chadwick, 70, of Hillsboro
2 - Raymond Gray Shinnaberry, 87, of Marlinton
7 - Bruce Elwood Propst, 85, of Marlinton
7 - Judy Mae Greer, 74, of Thornwood
8 - Christopher Michael Kirk, 52, of Maryland
11 - Lottie Jane Alderman Revis, 83, of Virginia
11 - Charles Edward "Chuck" Sheets, 51, of Marlinton
12 - Gerald Hampton Burnett, 79, of Virginia
? - Thelma Gray Totten Mullens, 90, of Florida
13 - Gina Marie Cruise Schrader, 77, of Charleston and Hillsboro
23 - William Roy Sharp, 80, of Gap Mills
27 - Kenneth Brown, 88, of South Carolina
29 - Joseph L. "Joe" Laskey, 81, of Marlinton

February

1 - Betty Jean Oxier, 80, of Durbin
3 - Janet Lynn May, 59, of Marlinton
3 - Don Edward Morrison, 70, of Marlinton
4 - Ricky Lynn Barkley, II, 34, of Durbin
8 - Ivaloo Hughes King, 93, of Nicholas County
9 - Lola Pearle Martin Vanscoy, 91, of Marlinton
10 - Larry Eddie Dockery, 74, of Green Bank
11 - Allen Folger Chamelin, 88, of Maryland
11 - Franklin Austin Davis Curry, 81, of Durbin
11 - Brenda Joyce Sumner, 77, of Buckeye
11 - Betty Lou Mullenax Woodford, 91, of North Carolina
13 - Edward Wayne Tallman, 70, of Durbin
14 - Dwight Hamilton Diller, 76, of Marlinton
16 - James Stanley VanReenan, 78, of Buckeye
16 - Clarice Marie Dent Radcliff, 42, of Alabama
19 - Thomas Lee Cassell, 73, of Cass
19 - Linda Kay Malcomb Teter, 65, of Marlinton
23 - Lewis Ray Arbo-gast, 70, of Bartow
23 - Darrell Richard Jordan, 37, of Woodrow
25 - James Kawika DeHaven, 15, of Durbin
25 - Robert Arnold Sharp, 76, of Ohio
27 - Nancy Lucille Hurst, 78, of Marlinton
28 - Hubert H McKenney, 91, of Ohio
29 - Pamela Kay Dill, 64, of Virginia

March

3 - Robert Curtis Mace, 90, of Virginia
3 - Corenia Genevieve Jordan, 82, of Marlinton
4 - Dorothy Stephens Martin Coleman, 82, of Green Bank

7 - Deanna K. Frome,

76, of Pennsylvania
9 - Wenona Shue McNeal, 82, of Georgia
9 - Joanna Lee Sharp, 93, of Ohio
12 - Edna Madeline Smith, 96, of Marlinton
14 - Dorothy Reynolds, 74, of Beverly
15 - Sue Carol Laskey, 77, of Marlinton
17 - Christina Lee White Kimble, 39, of Frank
18 - Gerald Franklin Davis, 78, of Marlinton
19 - Evelyn Arlean Hayes, 74, of Fairmont
19 - Robert Lee Mann, 82, of Marlinton
19 - James Douglas Estep, 67, of Rainelle
21 - John Carl Gibb, 31, of Florida
23 - Michael Eberbaugh, 82
26 - Julian L. Gillispie, 87, of Pennsylvania
29 - Wilma Gray Morgan, 91, of Arbovale

April

2 - Carolyn Jane Hook, 75, of Marlinton
3 - Timothy Ivan Patrick, 67, of Virginia
4 - Carolyn Rae Phillips, 81, of Green Bank
6 - James Dilley Davis, 89, Virginia
7 - Karen Louise Shearer, 72, of Marlinton
8 - William Jacob Blake, 83, of Green Bank
9 - Sharon Pansy Warwick Gibson, 68, of Virginia
10 - Joseph James Lizotte, 55 of Marlinton
10 - Darren Jackson, 57, of Elkins
10 - Ryan Jackson, 30, of Elkins
11 - Gladys Mae McMillion, 91, of Cass
11 - Carol Mae Rhodes, 85
12 - John Ray Fitzgerald, 62, of Cass
12 - Blanche Virginia Pachilis, 98, formerly of Pocahontas County
14 - Otis Edward Underwood, 91, of Buckeye
15 - Jane Ruckman Motto, 83, of Maryland
16 - Beverly Jean Eads, 65, of Cross Lanes
17 - Donald Ray Hoke, Jr., 63, of Marlinton
22 - Ross Jackson Boggs, 88, of Ronceverte
23 - Kenneth Jeffery Cassell, 62, of Cass
30 - John Scriptunas, 65, of Charleston

May

6 - Debra Mae Watson Goodwin, 69, of Snowshoe
9 - Charles Taylor, 84, of Green Bank
11 - Patricia J. Triplett, 74, of Droop
12 - Sue Ann Corbett, 71, of White Sulphur Springs
14 - Robin Ann Wood-dell, 68, of Elkins
18 - Sylvia Marie Hammonds Thompson, 89, of

Green Bank

18 - Marianne Christianne Hannawald Wood-dell, 93, of Green Bank
19 - Wanda Mae Dever Buckland, 89, formerly of Buckeye
20 - Franklin Roosevelt "Buck" Carpenter, 85, of Buckeye
20 - Harold Lloyd Crist, 99, of Arbovale
20 - David James Zorn, 80, formerly of Marlinton
22 - Lucia Cary Gardner Phillips, 89, of Virginia
25 - Boyd H. Wilfong, 90, of Marlinton
27 - John Ligon Coyner, 88, of Virginia

June

1 - Debra Rose Galford, 62, of Dunmore
4 - George Edwin Burke, 77, of Hillsboro
11 - Steven L. Adkison, 49, of Marlinton
12 - Nancy Ward Currence, 86, formerly of Marlinton
14 - Betty Rae Weiford, 92, of Terra Alta
14 - Howard E. Slaven, 88, of Ohio
15 - Nora E. Clouser, 90, of Pennsylvania
18 - Jane Kay Kirk, 80, of South Carolina
20 - Daisy Lee Wright, 90, of Durbin
22 - Ralph Watson Beckwith, 88, of Slaty Fork
24 - Judith "Judy" Ann Starks McCoy Baker, 76, of Droop
25 - Herbert "Herb" Dice Mace, 91, of Pennsylvania
28 - Rita Catherine Hal-terman, 86, of Kentucky
28 - Donna Faye High, 87, of Arbovale
28 - Sharon Lee Ruddle Kelley, 81, of Hillsboro
30 - John Michael Han-nah, 52, of Beverly

July

3 - Edward "E.S." Hurst, 89, of Mineral Wells
5 - Robert Ray Wilfong, 84, of Ohio
7 - Annamae R. Bant-on, 89, of Ohio
7 - Virginia Ann Dent, 95, of White Sulphur Springs
9 - Patricia Wenona Sharp Lamoureux, 83, of Utah
14 - Naomi Ruth Horner McQuain, 96, formerly of Dunmore
26 - Mildred Virginia Lambert Johnston, 88, of Bartow
26 - Kimberly Ness Haney, 51, of Georgia
? - Brian Gregory Canon, Sr., 75, of Delaware

August

4 - Mary Jane McMil-lion, 86, of Virginia
6 - Dwayne Darin McLaughlin, 56, of Fairlea

see Deaths pg 5

Magistrate Court

According to Magistrate Court records, the following individuals had activity in their cases:

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

Ty H. Cochran, 20, of Dunmore, pleaded no contest December 26 to a charge of speeding. Cochran was assessed \$206.01 in court costs and fines.

Kevin Scott Lambert, 27, of Durbin, pleaded no contest December 11 to a charge of failure to field tag deer before moving it. Lambert was assessed \$231.48 in court costs and fines.

Randy Lee Long, 19, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty December 15 to a charge of speeding. Long was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

James Blaine Wilfong, 69, of Durbin, pleaded no contest December 4 to a charge of speeding. Wilfong was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

In Magistrate Jennifer Dunz's court:

Matthew B. Ayres, 44, of Knoxville, Tennessee, pleaded no contest December 6 to a charge of speeding. Ayres was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

Hailey M. Bradshaw, 22, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest December 20 to a charge of selling beer to under 21 year old customer. Bradshaw was assessed \$231.48 in court costs and fines.

Zachary A. Davis, 37, of Slaty Fork, pleaded guilty December 20 to a charge of selling beer to under 21 year old customer. Davis was assessed \$231.48 in court costs and fines.

Daniel B. Esh, 23, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty December 21 to a charge of failure to register deer. Esh was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

India J. King, 20, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest December 19 to a charge of selling beer to under 21 year old customer. King was assessed \$231.48 in court costs

and fines.

Scott C. Kump, II, 59, of Henrico, Virginia, pleaded guilty December 6 to a charge of speeding. Kump was assessed \$206.01 in court costs and fines.

Kenneth Lee Queen, 25, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty December 19 to a charge of hunting without a license. Queen was assessed \$931.48 in court costs and fines.

Kevin Wayne Phillips, Jr., 27, of Nettie, pleaded guilty December 12 to a charge of disorderly conduct. Phillips was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.



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Wild Cranberries ~ a winter treat

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

It was late in the year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, when my house guests set out for a snowy hike on some remote trails in Pocahontas County. They not only had a wonderful adventure but were thrilled to discover a delicious treasure trove – a patch of wild cranberries.

Well, actually, I should say they had stumbled onto a cranberry fen, as that's the correct term.

When they came home and reported the find, I, being a demanding host, insisted that they go back out in the cold and collect as many cranberries as they could.

It was late in the season for cranberries – there weren't many still clinging to their little green stems. Most had probably already been eaten by animals and birds, but there was enough for a handful and that's what the intrepid explorers got.

Now, almost everyone knows that cranberries grow wild here. After all, one of our most popular spots for visitors is Cranberry Glades.

While they're prevalent in Canada, Maine, Michigan and a few other places up north, having them growing this far south is a geographical aberration.

For hundreds of thousands of years, cranberries were part of the boreal forest, which circled the globe just below the Arctic Circle

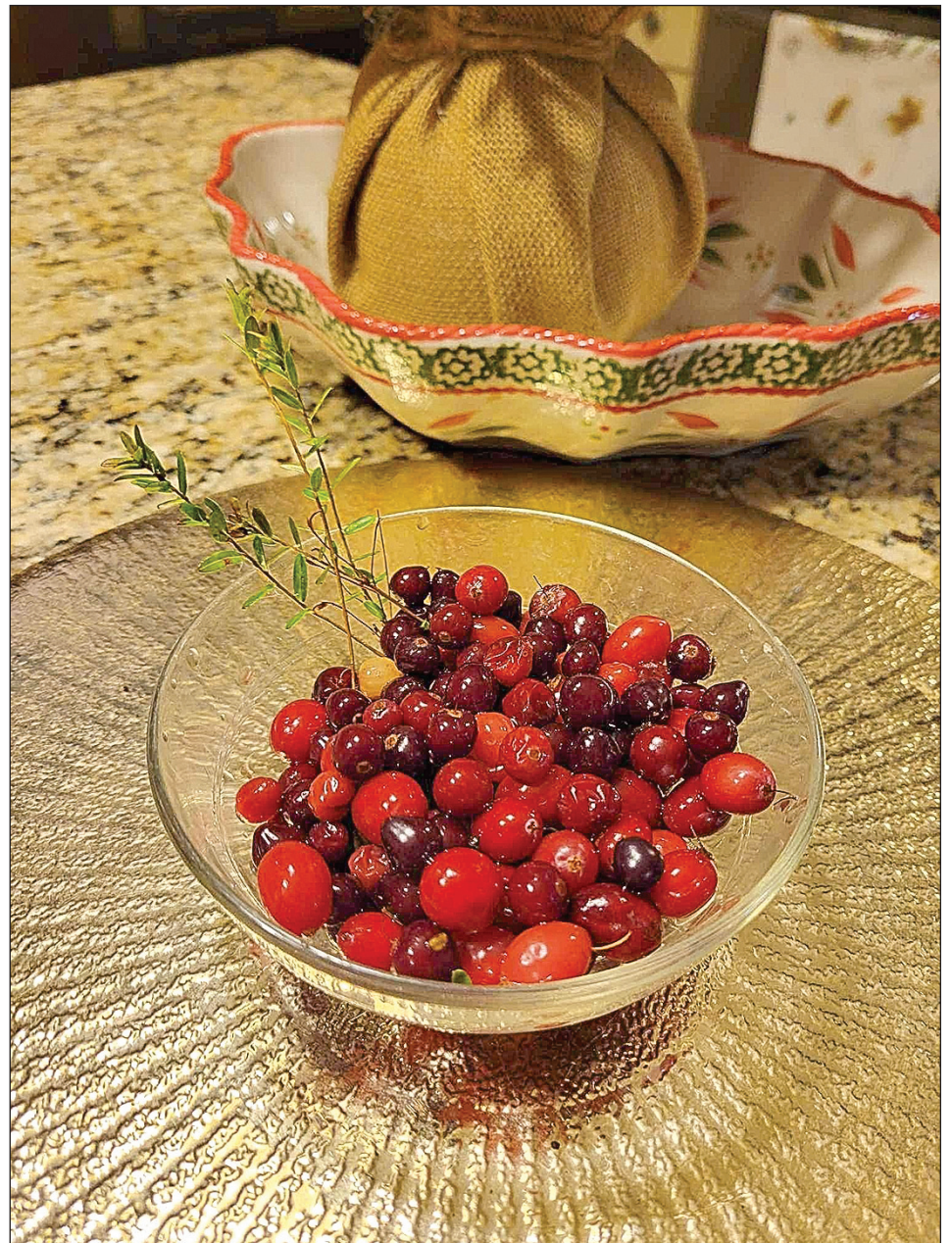
and included evergreens like spruce and pine.

During the ice age, the Pleistocene glaciers pushed parts of this ecosystem south.

It took about 10,000 years (there's a reason for the old expression: "moving at a glacial pace") but the glaciers moved the soil and seeds of the boreal forest ahead of them, depositing them here.

That is how part of what should have been a sub-Arctic ecosystem came to grow here in the mid-Atlantic region and a bit farther south.

Because of the high elevation and climate of the Appalachian and Great Smoky Mountains, a few of the boreal plants, including cranberries and our balsam fir



trees, thrived.

The North American cranberry, *Vaccinium macrocarpon*, Aiton, is a member of the Ericaceae family.

This is a huge family of flora, containing about 1,350 species. It includes rhododendrons, blueberries and scotch heather.

Cranberries aren't really berries, they are fruit. Along with concord grapes and blueberries, they are one of the only major fruits native to North America.

Three species of them can be found in West Virginia and all three species grow here in Pocahontas County.

We have the red-fruited cranberry, *V. Erythrocarpum* Michx or Southern Mountain Cranberry.

It grows in moist or dry woods, or on heath barrens and can also be found in Randolph, Pendleton, Grant, Summers and Tucker counties and is considered to have little value for human consumption. The fruit ripens from July to September.

We also have *V. Oxycoccus* L – called small berry. It's found in sphagnum bogs at high elevations here and in Grant, Mineral, Pendleton, Preston, Randolph and Tucker counties. The limit of its range is in Cranberry Glades. Those berries ripen in August and September.

Then there's the king of

cranberries, the largest variety – *V. Macrocarpon* Ait. or large-fruited.

This cranberry is found in open bogs and swamps, usually at high elevations in the Allegheny Mountains. In addition to Pocahontas County, it grows in Barbour, Grant, Hardy, Mineral, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Summers, Tucker and Webster counties.

This is the same variety which is cultivated and grown commercially, although not in West Virginia. Considerable quantities of these cranberries can be

gathered in moist, glady woods when they ripen in September and October.

I don't know which variety my house guests gathered, whether they were oxycoccus or macrocarpon, but they were quickly added to the cook pot and became part of our Christmas cranberry sauce.

The little berries are loaded with Vitamin C.

Native Americans and Early American colonists used cranberries for food and medicine, poultices and dyes.

see Treat pg 9

TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Hendrick's, Larios and Seagram's are some of the best-selling brands of which spirit?
2. From which country does Gouda cheese originate?
3. What is the largest planet in the solar system?
4. What's the largest bone in the human body?

Courtesy of the Ruth Friel Estate

A Blast from the Past

<p>Said Farmer Brown... Who's bald on top... Wish I could... Rotate the crop.</p>	<p>Diplomacy is... To do and say... The nastiest things... In the nicest way.</p>
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THE COMPANY THAT developed the Vortex Turbine states, “A single turbine can generate from 15 to 70 kW of constant energy around the clock.” This innovative design only needs a low flow and low head and has minimal impact on the environment. Photo courtesy of pinterest

Ways to harness energy to use for electricity

Melondy Phillips
Staff Writer

A few of the following homemade energy contraptions have the potential to produce a good amount of electricity while others may only provide enough to power a small LED or grain of wheat bulb. Some of these setups require purchasing special equipment while others do not.

Solar energy is a growing craze around many parts of the world and can provide power for countless people in rural areas. Not counting commercial set ups, solar powered items available today range from small handheld devices to grandiose \$100,000+ multiple panel systems. A simple system comprised of a few panels, one charge controller, one or more battery banks, and an inverter may provide enough power to keep a basic American household running during a short-term power outage: for items such as a well pump, lights, a small refrigerator, etc.

One caution to be aware of when using this type of system is its chemical makeup. A key component of many solar panels is Silicon Tetrachloride Crystalline. It produces a chemical reaction within its cells called artificial photosynthesis. Silicon tetrachloride is a corrosive and highly toxic chemical which can kill plants and animals, so handle the panels carefully.

Potatoes, citrus fruits, etc: According to smithsonianmag.com, “The Hebrew University of Jerusalem released their finding that a potato boiled for eight minutes

can make for a battery that produces ten times the power of a raw one. Using small units comprised of a quarter-slice of potato sandwiched between a copper cathode and a zinc anode that’s connected by a wire, agricultural science professor Haim Rabino-witch and his team wanted to prove that a system that can be used to provide rooms with LED-powered lighting for as long as 40 days. At around one-tenth the cost of a typical AA battery, a potato could supply power for cell phone and other personal electronics”.

Potatoes are not a source of energy, but rather, they are high in electrolytes (nature’s form of battery acid), like other foods, such as grapefruits, lemons and pumpkins. These electrolytes in the potato creates a salt-bridge, or chemical reaction, between zinc electrodes (negative charge reaction) and copper electrodes (positive charge reaction). This allows an electron current to move freely across the wires. Although it may sound simple, there is more to it than that. Different electrode makeups, like zinc, copper, etc., different shapes or surface areas, internal resistance, and other variables can all affect the voltage output; even using two pennies from different years can affect it due to their composition. If everything goes well, a single potato may produce up to .5 volt.

While studies have shown it is possible to charge a smart phone by linking many potatoes together, a more appropriate and simple use for a potato battery is to provide enough energy to for a small LED light bulb to

glow in the dark.

Hydroelectric comes from harnessing the kinetic energy of falling or moving water which turns a turbine to move the copper armature inside the electric generator.

The use of waterpower has been around for thousands of years. The Greeks used the power of water to grind flour. They connected the stone grinding wheels to water wheels, so the force of the water did the hard work for them. This technology came to America with the early colonists.

To use a water wheel, attached to an alternator, as an effective generator for home power, a proper balance of torque (resistance) and rotations is critical. Although almost any alternator can be used in a pinch, using the proper one for the designed system can greatly improve efficiency.

An average alternator will produce between 40 to 320 volts of alternating current, per day, from between 2,000 to 10,000 RPM (rotations per minute). This high number of required RPM isn’t very practical for a traditional water wheel, which only turns about 15 to 20 RPM.

Besides using the best alternator for the job, the position of the water flow onto the wheel will greatly affect the final amount of power produced. Here are how the different positions may influence the outcome:

- Undershot water wheel: 30 percent efficiency, at most
 - Breast-shot water wheel: 50-75 percent efficiency
 - Overshot water wheels: 80+ percent efficiency
- The typical American

household’s use of power is approximately 28 to 33 kilowatt hours per day. A water-wheel can generate one to two kilowatts. This creates at least 24 kilowatt hours of sustainable green energy in a day; however, this may not be the end result. If a breast-shot wheel has an efficiency of 50-75 percent to generate around 650 watts of electricity, then it is just enough to run ten 60-watt light bulbs for as long as the wheel is turning.

Wind power happens as wind turns the blades of a turbine to move the copper armature inside an electric generator. This process is similar to hydroelectric power (waterpower). Both of these power sources use rotational mechanical energy to produce electricity.

Steam power comes from thermal energy and is the power applied to an engine by the force of steam. Wood, coal, natural gas, propane, sunlight and geothermal heat can all heat water to form steam.

The stream is then trapped and funneled through a small opening. The force from this pressure spins a turbine that is connected to a generator, which, in turn, produces electricity.

Although some alternators, and other parts, are better suited for some systems more than others, most can work with hydroelectric, wind, bicycles, steam and any other turbine set-up.

A bicycle can be used in much the same way as a water wheel and wind turbine, but will only work while someone is pedaling.

Escaping the Black Hole of Worry

By Bryan Golden

Worry is an all-consuming black hole which drains your time, emotions and physical well-being. Worry is insidious because you are so used to it that you aren’t aware how often, or how readily, you worry. For some people, worry is a way of life.

We grow up being taught, by example, to make worry a regular activity. We worry about what happened. We worry about what is happening now. We worry about what might happen. We worry about what others will do. We worry about what other people won’t do. We worry about – just about everything.

Worry becomes a default reaction to uncertainty. At the very least, worry is like being in a rocking chair; it’s a lot of activity which doesn’t get you anywhere. At its worst, worry causes, or worsens, physical and mental ailments.

Some of the many conditions worry can be responsible for include stress, anxiety, headaches, high blood pressure, coronary issues, sleep disorders and eating disorders. Ironically, people commonly react to the onset of these maladies by worrying even more.

Taking control of and reducing worry has no negative side effects. The only impact of this strategy is a substantial improvement in your quality of life, and a markedly higher level of happiness.

Regardless of how much you currently worry, you can substantially decrease the level. This starts with recognizing how much you worry and then making a commitment to doing what it takes to reduce the degree to which you worry. Here are some practical strategies for reducing worry.

Stop worrying about the past by recognizing there is nothing you can do to change it. There are two lessons to be learned from your past; what worked and what did not. Eliminate any behavior which does not bring you your desired results. Keep repeating those actions which have been successful. Past bad decisions are counteracted by making better decisions now.

Issues, which you are concerned about, fall into two categories. There are those things which you can’t do anything about. Since there’s nothing you can do about them, let each one go. Your energy is better spent with the second category, those things you do have influence over. With these issues, replace worry with action by taking the necessary steps required to accomplish your objective.

Keeping things in perspective reduces worry. Many of the things you worry about don’t matter, or are irrelevant. Don’t devote any time to them. They are not worthy of your attention. Ask yourself if what you are worried about today will matter five years from now. If it won’t, save yourself the five years and stop worrying about it now.

Have positive expectations for today and tomorrow. Don’t think about what you don’t want. Do not become embroiled in an endless cycle of “what if” scenarios of what could go wrong. Instead, focus your concentration on visualizing exactly what you want to achieve and how you want your future to look.

There is a solution for every problem. Your objective is to find it. Stop rehashing problems over and over, from every possible angle. Identify a problem once, and then get to work fixing it. Solutions are only implemented through action.

Believe in yourself. You have what it takes to live the life you want. You can attain your goals. Your past does not limit you, it prepares you. Don’t allow bad experiences to pollute your future.

You can escape the black hole of worry. Start making positive changes today. Implement at least one of the above strategies. Once you have done so, add another. In less time than you realize, your worrying will substantially diminish.

Bryan is the author of “Dare to Live Without Limits.” Contact Bryan at Bryan@columnist.com or visit www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com
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Deaths, from page 2

7 — Douglas Cecil Underwood, 75, of Huntersville
10 — Mason Gary Blake, 88, of New Jersey
11 — Linda Jean Cassell, 67, of Cass
11 — Bernice Ellen Underwood Johnston, 88, of Frankford
15 — Debra Naomi Wilfong Church, 69, of Cass
16 — Henly Albert “Joe” Cook, 82, of Renick
19 — Jamie Allen Gibson, 52, of Marlinton
20 — Diana Sue Shearer, 66, of Buckeye
21 — Arthea Faye Summerfield, 83, of Cass
21 — Clarence Neal Dorman, 92, of North Carolina
21 — Donald Charles Goldizen, 86, of Beverly
25 — Mary Jo Fisher, 66, of Cass
25 — Edna Marie Wilfong, 93, of Bartow
25 — Jean Cornell, 76, of Marlinton
30 — Hallie L. Thompson Sharp, 82, of Ohio
31 — Sandra Naylor Johnson, 69, of Virginia

September
2 — Keith Edward Dean, 68, of Virginia
3 — James “Jim” Allen Bennett, 75, of Frank
6 — Myra S. Blankenship, 88, of Cass
6 — Edwin Lynn “Boone” Kinnison, 66, of Hillsboro
? — Helen Louise Irvine, 90, of Marlinton
11 — Reta Marie Morrison Rose, 86, of Hillsboro
17 — Lora “Lori” Wil-

fong Bottke, 59, of Virginia
18 — Shirley Waring Adams, 81, of Marlinton
20 — Thomas VanReenen, 74 of Hillsboro
25 — Sidney A. Jack, 78, of Slaty Fork
26 — Roger C. McLaughlin, 68, of Marlinton

October
2 — Gilbert L. Dahmer Jr., 85, of Ohio
3 — James Franklin Elza, 84, of Ohio
7 — Shirley Ann Wilfong, 84, of Buckeye
11 — Wanda Schoolcraft Harper, 72, of Renick
11 — Kennison “Kenny” Thompson, 66, of Green Bank
12 — Everett Carter, 73, of Marlinton
13 — George Pritchard, 87, of Dunmore
16 — Thomas Mark McLaughlin, 70, of Virginia
16 — Patricia VanReenan Friel, 87, of North Carolina
18 — Keith “Squeak” Miller, 68, of Marlinton
18 — Daniel Charles Ryder, 86, of Dunmore
19 — Gracie Collins, 98, of Durbin
21 — Edith Barnes Barrett, 92, of Marlinton
28 — Kathryn Kolonay, 71, of Marlinton

November
1 — Steve Babich, Sr., 89, of Florida
1 — Ricky Rider, 65, of Marlinton
1 — Gary McKenney, 73, of Marlinton
2 — Shelia Robinson, 62, formerly of Marlinton
3 — Hilda Phillips Meeks, 86, of Durbin
6 — Thomas Clevenger,

44, of Slaty Fork
11 — Charles Harvey, Sr., 89, of Asbury
12 — Betty Mullenax, 95, of Arbovale
14 — Glenda Beckwith, 86, of Slaty Fork
15 — Thomas Walker, 89, of Huntington
16 — Jamie “Pancake” McNeill, 45, of Buckeye
22 — Doug Robinson, 55, of Virginia
23 — Linda Hammons, 72, of Ronceverte
23 — Betsy Nall, 89, of Florida
27 — Ruth Ann Burner Feather, 80, of Virginia
29 — Edwin White, Jr., 96, of Minnehaha Springs
30 — Joseph Cain, 84, of Marlinton

December
4 — Gloria Potsie Smith,

68, of Bartow
5 — Terri Tumblyn, 45, of Cass
6 — Vernon Sturgill, 86, of Cass
6 — Bryan Thompson, 62, of Colorado, formerly of Hillsboro
8 — Gladys Doyle Mann, 86, of Cass
10 — John Hannah Sr., 74, of Buckeye
14 — Judith Wanless, 65, of Huntersville
17 — Alesha Woody Moore, 38, of Buckeye
18 — Hilda Elkins, 80, of Marlinton
19 — Marcia Kuhn Hill, 70, of Marlinton
22 — James Arbogast, 79, of Pennsylvania
25 — Linda McMillion Rose, 83, of Hillsboro

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– approved the grant award for the Thomastown Tower construction.
– approved a grant award for the purchase of emergency call boxes capable of calling 911. These will be placed in areas without cell service.
– approved a grant award to purchase mobile message boards to be placed along county roads to inform the public about road conditions and emergencies, and can also be used to announce

special events such as Pioneer Days.

– approved the hiring of Kevin Stitzinger to be the full-time Deputy EMS/911 Director, starting January 1.

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Obituaries

Lorraine Alderman

Lorraine Grey Alderman, aged 90, left this world to be with our Lord Wednesday, December 20, 2023, from Jackson, Michigan.

Born October 31, 1930, at Covington, Virginia, she was a daughter of the late Samuel Noah Alderman and Selma Fern MacPherson.

She attended schools in Greenbrier County.

Lorraine received her Bachelor's Degree from Wayne Michigan Junior College, as well as a Master's Degree in Nursing and a Master's Degree in Teaching from Wayne State University.

She loved being outdoors – to hunt and fish and to grow gardens full of vegetables and flowers.

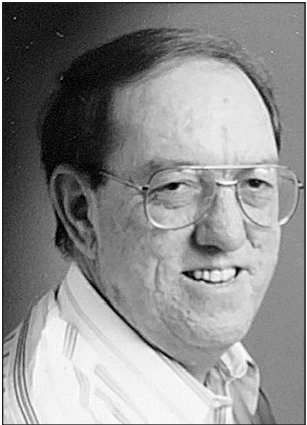
She donated to colleges and universities to help those who needed financial help to further their education.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her step-father, Archie Christopher MacPherson; son, Cpl. Terry P. Bennett, U. S. Army; grandson, Christopher A. Pollet; brothers, Morris Y. Alderman (Zoe), Robert Alderman (Elaine), Charles S. Alderman (Darlena), James Alderman (Debra), Bernard Alderman (Janet) and Donald W. MacPherson, (Carol); sisters, Mary Alice Alderman Turley, Elizabeth Alderman Martin and Lottie Alderman Revis.

She is survived by two daughters, Alvonia J. Schram, and Renae Bennett Pollet, and husband, Daniel; sister, Alvonia Smith (Keith); brother, Douglas C. MacPherson (Jerri Pat); grandchildren, Samuel A. Schram, Craig T. Schram (Diana), Scott J. Schram (Tori), Colby A. Litteral, John A. Pollet, Rhonda Pollet, Jennifer Pollet and Daniel "Buddy" Pollet; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at VanReenen Funeral Home Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 11 a.m.

The service will be conducted by her brother, Douglas C. MacPherson.



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.

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



Linda Rose

Linda Lee McMillion Rose, age 83 of Hillsboro, departed this world for Heaven December 25, 2023. Linda passed away from complications due to injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. Linda was surrounded by her family as she peacefully departed.

Born March 3, 1940, in Lobelia, she was a daughter of the late Orville and Veda Cutlip McMillion. Linda was one of six children.

She married Leroy Curtis

Rose January 31, 1959. The couple spent their early years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and welcomed a son, Gary Thomas, and a daughter, Leigh Ann. Upon returning to West Virginia, the family purchased a farm in Lobelia and welcomed a daughter, Debra Lynn.

Leroy and Linda settled onto the farm raising cattle and hogs. Leroy and Linda moved to Hillsboro in their retirement and lived there until their passing.

Linda's life was defined by love and service to her family, friends and community. Linda and her husband were entrepreneurs owning several businesses through the years. Linda never met a stranger and thrived in her role as storekeeper at Rose's Market, the convenient store she and her husband owned. In later years, with an extraordinary green thumb, Linda helped her family in various greenhouse ventures. She was an avid gardener, growing both flowers and vegetables.

Linda was a caregiver to many, including her beloved husband whom she cared for over the course of many years. Her loving home was always full of an assortment of grandchildren and, later, great-grandchildren. Linda was a superb cook and baker. Upon entering her home, one would find cookies, candies and something hot simmering on the stove.

She was an inspiration to her family, forever the optimist, moving forward confidently. She had an enthusiasm for life that was not extinguished by age. She loved to host dinners and throw parties for her family and friends up until her passing. Linda was an animal lover and, over the years, many a dog held a special place in her heart.

Linda's selflessness, wit and love of life brought many years of joy and happiness to her family and her community; she will be dearly missed.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Rose; four brothers, Carl, Denver, Eddie and Leo McMillion; and her sister, Essie King.

She is survived by her son, Gary (Ronda) Rose, of Hillsboro; daughters, Leigh Ann (Greg) Hoffman, of Valley Head, and Debra (Brian) Williams, of Huntington; grandchildren, Nicole (Justin) Rose-Taylor, Jennifer (Jimmy) Chaney, Amy (Noah) Pugh, Katie (Josh) Arbogast, Jessica (Brent) Gladwell, Matthew (Casey) Kidd, Marcus (Gracie) Reynolds, Steven (Kenzie Blake) Rose, Cody (Taylor) Williams, Chase Williams, Ryan Hoffman and Abbie Hoffman; great-grandchildren, Luke, Abigail and Lydia Taylor, Owen, Finn and Willow Chaney, Emma, Ella, Cooper and Thomas Pugh, Kya and Myka Arbogast, Baileigh, Josie and Rylee Gladwell, Parker Kidd, Kadynce and Knox Rose and Rowan and Renley Williams.

A funeral service was held Saturday, December 30, 2023, at VanReenen Funeral Home. Interment was in Emanuel Cemetery on Bruffey Creek, followed by a Celebration of Life at Westview Baptist Church on Caesar Mountain.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Westview Baptist Church, 4841 Lobelia Rd, Hillsboro, WV 24946.



Susan Slavin

Susan A. Slavin, age 99, peacefully passed away in the comfort of her home surrounded by her family in the early morning of Saturday, December 23, 2023, follow-

ing a long and fulfilling life.

Born in Arbovale, she was a daughter of the late Pearl and Nettie Sutton Sheets.

Susan, a 1942 graduate of Green Bank High School, married her sweetheart, Paul B. Slavin, May 18, 1946, following his return from serving in the Army during World War II.

She had worked at the former Sharon Store prior to her work as a stenographer for National Life and Accident Insurance Company at the Sharon office. She has been a lifelong member of the Arbovale United Methodist Church in Arbovale.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, on April 14, 2004, just prior to their 58th wedding anniversary.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her children, Deborah Meeker, and fiancé, Bob Davis, of Austintown, Ohio, and Terence Slavin, and wife, Sheila, of Masury, Ohio; five treasured grandsons, Robert Meeker, of Champion, Ohio, Brian Meeker, and wife, Stephanie, of Richmond, Indiana, Chris Meeker (Katy Marsh), of Shirley, Massachusetts, Matthew Slavin, and wife, Taylor, of Polk, Pennsylvania, and Daniel Slavin, of Masury, Ohio; 11 beloved great-grandsons and great-granddaughters, Steven Postlethwaite, Adam and Aaron Miller, John Chicas, Alex Hall, Emily and Olivia Meeker, Brinlee Slavin, Charlee Chicas, Faith Hall and Mae Postlethwaite.

A funeral service was held Friday, December 29, 2023, at Sample-O'Donnell Funeral Home in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Burial was in Crown Hill Burial Park in Vienna, Ohio.

The Slavin family would like to thank her wonderful neighbors Dennis and Linda Miner for the special care that they have given to Susan throughout the years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Susan's honor to Arbovale United Methodist Church in care of Jane Gordon, Financial Secretary, 3473 N. Fork Loop Arbovale, WV 24915 or to The Camelot Center 3498 Barclay-Messerly Rd. Southington, OH 44470, an equine assisted therapy center where her daughter, Debbie, has been employed for 28 years.

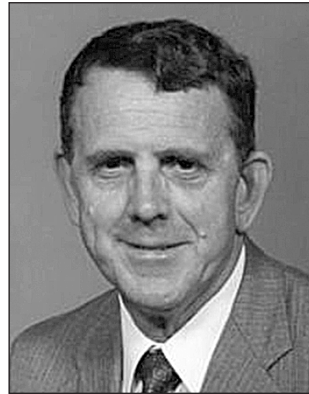
Family and friends may visit sampleodonnellfh.com to sign the guestbook and send condolences to Susan's family.

Mary Brock

Mary Lynn Brock, 102, of York, Pennsylvania, formerly of Marlinton, passed away Saturday, December 20, 2023.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, January 13, 2024, at VanReenen Funeral Home.

Full obituary in next week's edition.



James Sutton

James Milton "Jim" Sutton, age 86, of Elkton, Maryland, unexpectedly passed away Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Born February 14, 1937, in Arbovale, he was a son of the late Herbert and Vada Gum Sutton.

Jim completed his high school education at Green Bank High School in 1955. Following this, he pursued further studies at Potomac State. After his time at Potomac State, Jim worked with the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. His passion for engineering led him to return to academia, where he earned a master's degree in mathematics from West Virginia University. Not stopping there, Jim furthered his education in sta-

istics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He later pursued obtaining his Certified Financial Planning certification at University of Delaware.

Jim met the love of his life on a sailboat in the Caribbean; they later married and were together for 55 years. He epitomized the wedding vow "of in sickness and in health" by having been his wife's primary care giver for several decades.

For 20+ years, Jim worked at Hercules. He also taught Statistics as an adjunct professor for many years at Widener University, Wesleyan, Wilmington College and Del Tech. Employment with Hercules is what brought Jim and his wife, Marge, to Elkton from Frostburg, Maryland, in 1976 with their two young children, Nicolette (b. 1969) and Nicole (b. 1971). After his career with Hercules, Jim worked for the State of Delaware in DHSS, Information Resource Management (IRM) and one of the IT applications he designed is still in use today.

Jim spent his life giving back. It was his love language, as a man of few words, he selflessly volunteered probably tens of thousands of hours. He started his work in the Outreach Program at Newark United Methodist Church in the late 70s and continued through the 90s. During this time, Jim sponsored refugee families from Southeast Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. He worked one weekend a month with Contact, a crisis hotline in Delaware. Jim volunteered with Prime Immigration Ministry, an organization which provides affordable or free services to ensure safe and legal services for non-citizens seeking citizenship. He was also involved with Love Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps to meet unmet needs in the community, by moving furniture every weekend for the newly non-homeless.

In 2008, Jim was one of five recipients in Delaware nominated for the Jefferson Award. The award is given annually in the United States for extraordinary public service.

Jim's love for numbers led him to volunteer with AARP in helping prepare taxes. He also did this for many family members and those in his local community.

Jim is survived by daughters, Nicolette Shuhart and Nicole McClelland; grandchildren, Amanda Finley, Marqueritta Shuhart, Kyle Dixon, Madeline Shuhart and Alexis McClelland; great-grandchildren, Sophia Finley and Aubrey Anne Collins; and Avianna Collins, whom he considered his great-grandchild, too.

Jim came from a large family his brothers and sisters including, Alan Sutton (d. 2010), Judy Maxwell (d. 2009), Mary Ruth Sutton (d. 2003), June Hoyt (d. 2007), Alice Guire (b. 1929) (94), Clara Smith (d. 1999), William "Bill" Sutton (b. 1933) (90), and Ivan Sutton (b. 1935) (88).

A memorial service was held Thursday, November 16, 2023, at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark, Delaware.

Inurnment was in Head of Christiana Cemetery in Newark.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to the Prime Immigration Ministry, please make checks out to Prime, PO Box 5, Lansdowne, PA 19050.

To leave online condolences, visit: spicermullikin.com

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What's age got to do with it?

By R.A. Mathews

'Tis the season of New Year's resolutions, and you might get some ideas from supercentenarians – those reaching the 100-year mark. Jeanne Louise Calment (1875-1997) was the oldest verified person to have ever lived, according to modern records. She died at 122 eating two pounds of chocolate a week and leading a happy, active social life.

Tao Porchon-Lynch, lived to 101, and won a Guinness World Record as the oldest competitive ballroom dancer. "Eat chocolate," she said, "along with a plant-based diet."

At 98, Johanna Quaas is almost a supercentenarian and holds the Guinness World Record for oldest competitive gymnast. You must see Quaas in action on the parallel bars. She also touts a plant-based diet and lots of exercise.

But is reaching 101 or 122 extraordinary given Old Testament ages? Wasn't everyone back in the day 900 years old?

That's an interesting question. What was the lifespan at the time of Abraham, who lived in roughly 2,000 B.C.?

Take a guess and we'll see what Scripture says.

It's easy to think of Old Testament characters as really old people. Genesis begins with these lifespans:

"... Adam lived ... 930 years ... Seth (Adam's son) ... 912 years ... Enosh (his son) ... 905 years ... Kenan (his son) ... 910 years ... Mahalalel (his son) ... 895 years ..." and on to Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah. Noah lived 950 years. (Genesis 5; 9:29)

At that point, God became so angry that He decided to start over.

"Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence ... Then God said to Noah, 'The end of humanity has come before Me ... Make for yourself an ark..." (Genesis 6:11-14)

Following the flood, Scripture takes us from Noah to Abraham, and life expectancy changes. Shem (Noah's son) lived 600 years and his son lived 442 years. After four more generations, each living between the ages of 433 and 230, there was Nahor, who lived 148 years. Nahor fathered Tera, who lived 205 years, and his son was Abraham, who lived 175 years. (Genesis 11:10-32, 25:7)

So, by the time of Abraham, lifespans had changed dramatically and we're not even a quarter of the way into Genesis.

The answer to the lifespan question is "175 years." That figure isn't isolated. Abraham's son lived to be 180 and his grandson lived to be 147.

Let's see if that changes. After roughly 1,000 years pass from Abraham to King David, what do you think the lifespan was then in the Old Testament?

Take a guess and we'll see what Scripture says.

By the time of King David, life expectancy had reached modern-day levels.

"The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty..." (Psalm 90:10)

David died at 70, but most of the kings who followed David didn't do that well. David's grandson, King Rehoboam, was 58, Jehoash was 47. Amaziah and Hezekiah were 54, and Josiah was 39.

So, even in terms of Old Testament lifespans, Calment, Porchon-Lynch, and Quaas are extraordinary. But age isn't what makes them so engaging. It's that none of these women lived out her days in a nursing home.

Last September, NPR reported on a book and Netflix series about "Blue Zones" – five communities with thriving centenarians "largely free of afflictions like heart disease, obesity, cancer and diabetes."

Here are some of their secrets:

1. They eat a plant-based diet of grains, fruits, nuts and vegetables.

2. They enjoy quality sleep.

3. They're physically active. Porchon-Lynch said moving your spine will keep you from getting old. That means stretching.

4. They lead low stress lifestyles.

"Busyness" might be a status symbol for some but not in the Blue Zones.

5. I examined the Blue Zones and four of the five appear committed to Christ, while the fifth focuses on meditation, which Christians are commanded to do. Yet many don't understand meditation. Take a class. It will reward you with the best sleep ever.

6. A positive mindset is valuable. Tao Porchon-Lynch said, "I have never been afraid of anything, so it's hard to stop me." And Jesus said, "Do not be afraid..." (Luke 12:32)

I hope you find a New Year's resolution in here.

Two years before Porchon-Lynch died, CBS asked her "Do you feel 99?" She said, "I don't feel any age at all."

That's the most valuable lesson my grandmother taught me. She didn't know her age – she didn't think it was important.

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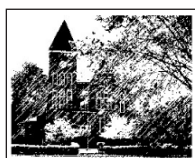
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Ida Sue Rider at Rimel - 1907



WEDDING PORTRAIT OF Ida Sue Rider, of Rimel, who married William Franklin Rider May 9, 1907. Their children were: Marjorie Gray, Paul, John Randall, Arnold Paul, Berlin Bedford and Faye Rebecca. Ida Sue Rider was born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1884, at Rimel and died January 8, 1948 in Marlinton. She is buried at Mays Chapel Cemetery south of Rimel, W.Va. (Asa Rider Collection, Courtesy of Thomas E Rider; ID: PHP003224)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, January 6, 1949

FIELD NOTES

My friend, Charles Tacy, was down from Back Alleghany on Monday. Naturally, I inquired about how he had gotten along with his bear chasing this season. He said he had quit; the bear had picked up so much in speed in the last few years, that he was no longer in their class. He will not admit that the shoe might be on the other foot; that he is slowing down a bit.

Friend Wade Galford, of Dunmore, was in to report that he has spent so much time a bear hunting the past six months he has not had much time to devote to his general business as stockman and farmer. Seems like he is afraid he might acquire the habit if the bears hold out. In recent weeks four head have been accounted

for in his community, but there still appears to be as many as ever. Chase a bear out of a laurel patch and the next night another will move in. Mr. Galford is working on a cooperative plan to hire a professional bear hunter, with his pack of fighting dogs, for most of his time next summer so the farmers can have some time to plant and care for their crop.

The well-known killdeer is listed in the book as one of the plover family of birds. About a month ago, these noisy bird friends left out for the South from here sometime in late November. So, imagine my surprise to find a small flight of killdees on the river one wintry morning last week. However, these were not the noisy plovers of spring, summer and fall in these parts. These were identified by the help of the book as golden plover in winter plumage. This time of year,

the golden plover is much darker on the head, back and breast than the killdeer. A big storm had been blowing in from the east, and it is as good a guess as any that this flight of plover had been carried here by the big wind...

OUR ARMY AND NAVY BOYS

Dear Mr. Price; I want to write and tell you that on December 20th, I met up with another Pocahontas county boy. Warren Fowler, of Hillsboro, and I ran into each other at the 387th Station Hospital at Stuttgart, Germany, and we had a long chat together. He went to school with my brothers at Hillsboro High School. It sure was good to meet an old friend.

Sergeant Fowler and I would like, through the columns of your paper, to wish everyone back home a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you.
Corporal Paul M. Rhodes
Stuttgart, Germany
U. S. Constabulary

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, January 3, 1924

County Court met Wednesday with Commissioners Dr. U. J. Hannah, E. J. Williams and J. Lanty McNeel present. The court organized by the election of Dr. U.H. Hannah as president.

Married, at Elkins, on Christmas Day, E. W. Cochran and Miss Evelyn Bussard... The bride is a daughter of G. W. Lee Bussard, of Stony Bottom. She is a trained nurse and well known in Marlinton. The groom is a resident of Marlinton and a constable of Pocahontas county.

Mrs. S. B. Elkins, of Washington, has deeded her fine home and 60 acres of land to Davis & Elkins College. This property is valued at more than a half million dollars. It is presumed that the present site of that college will be sold and other buildings erected on the Elkins property.

Officers Cochran and Warwick raided a poker game near Cass one night last week. They arrested nine persons. John King was held

under bond for the grand jury as proprietor of the place, and the others paid fines in Squire Sutton's court.

In last week's paper, it was printed that Norman Sharp, who was sent to the reform school, was a son of Divers Sharp. The young man is a nephew of Divers Sharp. Deputy Sheriff Elmer Moore took him to Pruntytown last week.

DOG REASONS

Our friend Harvey Cromer, of Cheat Bridge, tells us the following interesting story of a remarkable case of a dog's power of reasoning: Mr. Cromer has two dogs. Jack is a grade shepherd and Nig, a thoroughbred Scotch Collie. As is characteristic of the Collie, Nig is a one-man dog, and Mr. Cromer is the man.

Whenever he comes around, the dogs appear to be able to anticipate his coming and always meet him some distance from the house. Nig does not allow Jack or anyone to come close to his master. He goes wild with delight whenever his master appears.

On Friday night, two

weeks ago, Mr. Cromer came home about 11 o'clock. The dogs did not meet him nor had the family seen them since about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The next morning, a systematic hunt was made for the dogs. The boy of the family looked up his traps for fear they had been caught. The bear pen was also visited. They went to the Clubhouse and the neighbors checked their traps and bear pens. They even went to Durbin to see if they had followed some traveler there.

In the family council it was decided, when all searching had failed, that the dogs had gone deer hunting, and were chasing an old doe that lived in the woods nearby.

But at supper Saturday night Nig put in his appearance; he was glad to see the folk, gulped down his food, but disappeared in a few minutes. Calling did not bring him back.

On Sunday morning, Nig was seen coming up Cheat River. The dog greeted his master with joy, but it was noted that he appeared worried. He was fed and pretty soon he started away again. Mr. Cromer called him back and found he was carrying a biscuit in his mouth. It was naturally supposed that he had been given more food than he wanted and he was

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, January 3, 1974

Flood

A flood the day after Christmas surprised the county. Heavy rains Christmas night with melting snow quickly brought water rushing down all the hillsides and streams. Knapps Creek was thought to have had more water than for many years. It blocked Rt. 39 in many places and was soon over the dam at Marlinton. The run from Thomastown was booming and the east side of Marlinton suffered. Especially hard hit were the service station, stores and offices in the post office block. Also Stony Creek broke over and flooded Riverside and down through Burns Motor Freight. The A & P had four inches of water.

Ilean Walton, who checks the river gauge at Buckeye, says the river measured 16.08 feet. In 1967, the markings were carried away with the flood but it was over 18 feet...

Once again, Marlinton says "thank you" to the Fire Department. Wednesday af-

ternoon when the flood waters were rising rapidly, the fire whistle blew and the volunteers came out to warn people, help move people and things out of danger, check the water, stand by at the hospital, etc. A civilian defense center was set up at the courthouse. The police, the sheriff and deputies all joined in traffic control...

AMBULANCE

Ivan VanReenen donated and delivered his ambulance to the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital Monday afternoon. He outfitted it with new tires and filled the tank with gas. Hospital workers will now operate the ambulance for taking emergency cases from Marlinton to hospitals outside the county. Our Marlinton Rescue Squad will continue to operate its ambulance as before for county work...

TOUR

Dwight Diller, Harley Carpenter, Richard Hefner, all of Pocahontas, and Dick Kimmel, of Morgantown, are organizing a Bluegrass musical group and will start

next week on a concert tour of eastern colleges.

DEPLOYED

Antarctica - Navy Constructionman Apprentice Ronald L. Ray, of Stony Bottom, deployed here with the Navy's "Operation Deep Freeze '74" task force. He will help provide logistic support for various American scientific experiments and research programs. A 1964 graduate of Green Bank High school, he joined the Navy in October 1972.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Don Terry, of Minnehaha Springs, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Susan, to Darrell M. Workman, son of Mrs. Hannah Workman, of Marlinton...

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wayne Madison, of Hillsboro, a daughter named Tina Dawn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard H. Beal, Jr., of Clifton Forge, Virginia, a son named Thomas Anthony. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lee Madison, of Marlinton.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David B. Rose, of Edgewood, Maryland, a daughter

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, January 4, 1900

WEATHER NOTES

We can generally count on winter weather for Christmas in West Virginia. This year, it set in on the 23rd of December and since then we have had cold, dry, enjoyable winter weather. Up to that time, the fall weather was almost perfect. It was a season of frosts and clear blue skies with little rainfall. A gentleman who has lived in the West said that it was typical Montana weather. That every year that section experiences weeks of such sunny days and cold nights. It has been a long time since West Virginia had such a fall season...

There is more ice in the county than ever we remember seeing. Forty or fifty years since there came a winter when the Greenbrier froze so solidly that it was used as a highway. Owing to the lowness of its tide, the river is frozen so that it would be good sleighing on the ice...

LOCAL MENTION

Ben Truss and Lulu Tibbs, daughter of Howard Tibbs, of Brownsburg, were united in matrimony last Wednesday.

A party of young people from Buckeye came up the river as far as Marlinton on skates and returned Monday. Those composing the party were Misses Anna Silva, Lena Duncan, Myrtle Silva, Nora Overholt and Winnie Buckley; John B. Buckley, Harper Adkison, Lete Young, Charles Young, Park McNeill, Jay Buckley, Jot Buckley, D. P. Barnes, George Lightner and Elmer Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Holt gave a caroling party at their home at Academy during the holidays.

William H. Callison, of Locust, who has been sick several weeks with pneumonia, is still very ill.

F. R. Hill and Miss Delia Edgar brought Miss Glenna

Hill to Marlinton Monday to resume her music lessons.

Died - William Lee Rodgers, infant son of George W. and Susan F. Rodgers, December 9, 1899, near Buckeye.

The students who returned to their homes in the Levels to spend Christmas are: F. R. Hill, John Sydenstricker, Paul Smith, Misses Bessie Edgar, Marigold McNeel, Pearl Beard and Ena Stulting.

Lee Simms' house on Beaver Creek, near Huntersville, was burned one night last week. He succeeded in saving a portion of his furniture. The fire was caused by a live coal which was in some ashes which had been taken from the stove and left near the house.

Wm. T. Beard Seriously Hurt

Wm. T. Beard, one of the best known citizens of the county, is lying at his home near Mill Point in a very precarious condition. Last Friday afternoon, the hands on his place were engaged in harvesting ice, and thinking that they might not be in until late, he started to the barn to do some feeding.

He came back to the house in a few minutes and has been in a helpless state since, not able to give a clear idea of how he came to be hurt. It is supposed that he started to climb a ladder to the mow and fell back on the frozen ground.

Mr. Beard is 73 years of age and has been in delicate health for some time.

W. A. Bratton Fights Fire

W. A. Bratton, attorney-at-law, saved his house from burning last Sunday, but was himself badly burned in the effort. His parlor had been profusely decorated for Christmas with paper festooning, bunting and evergreens. He was sitting in the room Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock, reading a Pearson's, when the decorations caught fire. In a few moments the whole room

was blazing...

From Colorado

G. W. Duffield, of Niwot, Colorado, sends us a dollar for a year's subscription to The Times, and writes:

"By the kindness of my sister, Mrs. Auldridge, of Tipton, Iowa, I came in possession of three copies of your excellent paper. I got so much news of the country that I was well acquainted with 40 years ago, and saw the names of old friends and acquaintances of that country, it made me wish I was back among them."

EDRAY

Our people are enjoying the sleighing as well as they can, notwithstanding the cold and stormy weather we are having. The thermometer was ten degrees below zero Sunday morning. According to Irl R. Hicks, we may look for colder weather still this week.

We wish the readers of The Times a happy new year. That they may enjoy the blessings of this life and live in readiness for whatever may come. So if they are called to quit this life in an unexpected moment they may be ready to go. "To clap the glad wing and soar away to mingle with the blaze of day." Truly, A. M.

100 Years

In writing the new date a singular sensation is experienced. It seems strange to cease 18 and substitute 19 for the next hundred years. Before the time comes to displace 19 and write 20, it is strange to think that few or none of the living will be here. These lines so aptly come to mind that we repeat them as fitly spoken and appropriate:

We all within our graves shall sleep
A hundred years to come.
No living soul for us will weep
A hundred years to come.
But other men our land will till
And other men our streets will fill,
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As bright the sunshine as today,
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Math Field Day winners



FOURTH GRADE WINNERS, from left: first place, Victor Dean; second place, Brayden Ray; third place, Abigail Stewart; fourth place, Penelope Buzzard; and fifth place, Jameson Slifer.



FIFTH GRADE WINNERS, from left: first place, Jonathan Burgess; second place, Kaidee Sewell; third place, Isabella McClure; fourth place, Elizabeth McClure; and fifth place, Draydon Cassell.

Pocahontas County Math Field Day was held December 5 at the Green Bank Observatory, with students from grades four through nine testing their deductive skills in hopes of winning and moving on to the regional competition.

Pocahontas County High School upperclassmen assisted with making the day fun and exciting for the younger students. Those helpers were Eden Smith, Elizabeth Friel, Dillon Dunz, Ramona Hardy, Sabina Leyzorek, Hannah Beverage, Timmy Shiflett, Olivia Vandevender, Miles Fitzgerald, Hailey Fitzgerald, Joey VanMeter and Kynlee Wilfong.

Winners for the day were:
Fourth grade – first place, Victor Dean; second place, Brayden Ray; third place, Abigail Stewart;

fourth place, Penelope Buzzard; and fifth place, Jameson Slifer.

Fifth grade – first place, Jonathan Burgess; second place, Kaidee Sewell; third place, Isabella McClure; fourth place, Elizabeth McClure; and fifth place, Draydon Cassell.

Sixth grade – first place, Jarrell Clifton; second place, Hunter Lundmark; third place, Autumn Hively; fourth place, Ryan Withrow; and fifth grade, Ace Gregory.

Seventh grade – first place, Eli Beezley; second place, Madeleine Burns; third place, Hailey Goldsberry; fourth place, Ezra Bond; and fifth place, Joey McClure.

Eighth grade – first place, Natalee Sewell; second place, Duncan Sizemore; third place, Mazie Monico; fourth place, Irelyn

Withers; and fifth place, Nadiya Kerr.

Ninth grade – first place, Kaidence Cutlip; second place, Cash Beers; third place, Allyson Taylor; fourth place, Riyann Gladwell; and fifth place, Charleigh Halterman.

There was also a Krypto competition, a card game in which students use math to win the hand. Those winners were:

High School – first place, Charleigh Halterman; second place, Kaidence Cutlip; and third place, Hailey Fitzgerald.

Middle School – first place, Levi Hill; second place, Tristan Sizemore; and third place, Jarrell Clifton.

Elementary School – first place, Isabella McClure; second place, Abigail Stewart; and third place, Konrad Lowe.



SIXTH GRADE WINNERS, from left: first place, Jarrell Clifton; second place, Hunter Lundmark; third place, Autumn Hively; fourth place, Ryan Withrow; and fifth grade, Ace Gregory.



SEVENTH GRADE WINNERS, from left: first place, Eli Beezley; second place, Madeleine Burns; third place, Hailey Goldsberry; fourth place, Ezra Bond; and fifth place, Joey McClure.



EIGHTH GRADE WINNERS, from left: first place, Natalee Sewell; second place, Duncan Sizemore; third place, Mazie Monico; fourth place, Irelyn Withers; and fifth place, Nadiya Kerr.



NINTH GRADE WINNERS, from left: fifth place, Charleigh Halterman; fourth place, Riyann Gladwell; first place, Kaidence Cutlip; and third place, Allyson Taylor. Not pictured: second place, Cash Beers.

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named Kimberly Ann. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Gladys Rose, of Hillsboro.

DEATHS

Mrs. Ada Camden Slavin, 85, of Seebert, a daughter of the late William and Lummie Hall Camden... Funeral service was held from VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Walker Wheeler, 55, of Hillsboro, a daughter of the late John Walker and Rebecca Stewart Walker... Funeral service was held from VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Brownsburg Cemetery.

Mrs. Annie Mae Griffin, 73, of Dunmore; funeral service from the Dunmore United Methodist Church, burial in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Winfield W. Thompson, 95, of Cass, a retired lumberman and shovel operator for the State Road Commission. Graveside rites were held at Arbovale Cemetery.

Richard Alton (Dick) Gibson, Sr. 70, of Marlinton; born at Frost, a son of the late S. Sherman and Katherine (Kate) Dever Gibson... Funeral service was held from the Marlinton Presbyterian Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

William Paul Weiford, 59, of Huntington; born in Buckeye, a son of the late Notley Ditymus and Mary Kellison Weiford... Funeral was held from the Buckeye

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Snow, from page 1

excused absence.

Safety is the number one priority. On those days when there is snow, but there is school, Gibson said he contacts his bus drivers with routes on rough roads and tells them to take their time and get to school safely.

As Gibson explained, the school buses travel on 470 miles of paved road and

149 miles of gravel roads every day. They cover a lot of territory and traverse some interesting twists and turns.

While they know the system isn't always going to be perfect and mistakes will be made, Bostic and Gibson said they use all the information they can to determine delays and days off.

"It's a hard call," Bostic said. "Neither one of us is a meteorologist, but we take all of our resources and work together." "What you decide for the county is not

going to be perfect all the way through the county," Gibson said. "There's going to be a bad road here and there."

"Our drivers are conscientious," Bostic added. "We have good drivers," Gibson agreed.

If you are not receiving the snow day calls and wish to be added to the list, visit the West Virginia Department of Education website to be added to the Pocahontas County Schools list.

Rink, from page 1

were sweating, and they were playing hockey."

Since the rink is out in the elements, it will be subject to snow and real ice, but Foster said that just adds to the experience.

Synthetic rinks are becoming more popular because the maintenance is stress free and it's more environmentally safe.

"You don't have to have the additives in the ice and that's what makes our rinks environmentally safe," he said. "Being able to keep the pumps going to be able

to support it and to help keep it cold is a hassle. This is maintenance free."

In addition to the rink, there are skate huts that families can rent to get out of the elements while they watch their kids skate or need to take a break from hitting the rink themselves.

"They're styrofoam with roofs on them and are kind of a square igloo," Foster said.

The rink offers skate rentals and tickets online at www.therinkwv.com where those interested in trying out the rink can select a time slot, purchase tickets and get the paperwork out of the way so they can enjoy the ice.

Treat, from page 3

Pemmican, which the Native Americans used as "to go" trail food was made with tallow and dried meat and also contained cranberries.

The little sour berries were given the name Craneberry by

the Pilgrims, who named them that because their small, pink blossoms resembled the head and bill of sandhill cranes.

Cranberries were first commercially grown by Revolutionary War veteran Henry Hall, who planted them in Dennis, Massachusetts in 1816.

Today cranberries are big business. They are grown

commercially across the northern United States and Canada.

Some people may be getting tired of cranberries by now, but not me. I love them in cranberry sauce, and I like to add them to apple pies and berry pies. They also make bright accompaniment on a meat platter and look great as

a garnish in a beverage.

Snatch them up when they're on sale and freeze them to use all year long.

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Second place, Joe Rider



Third place, Claude Sharp, Jr.



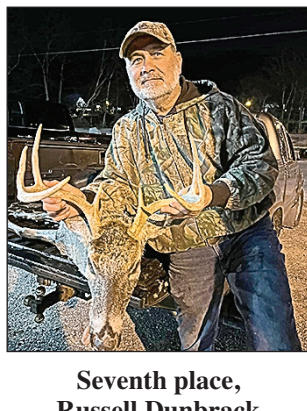
Fourth place, Buck Brock



Fifth place, Mike Wilfong



Sixth place, Kinley Taylor



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DEATHS

Loren Stanley Buzzard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Buzzard, of Huntersville, died Thursday, December 30, 1948. Funeral service was conducted at the home on Saturday with burial in the family plot on the farm...

Ben Bowman Chambers, aged 64 years, died at his home on Elk Tuesday, December 28, 1948... On Friday afternoon his body was laid in the Gibson Cemetery, the service being held from

Mary's Chapel by his pastor, Rev. R. J. Crawford...

Lloyd H. Armstrong, aged 48 years, died unexpectedly at his home in Moundsville Monday, December 29, 1948. The deceased was a son of Cameron Armstrong, of Buckeye, and the late Lucy Lange Armstrong... Funeral service was held at Marlinton Presbyterian Church Thursday afternoon with interment in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery... Pallbearers were Calvin Price, Summers Sharp, George Sharp, Walter Graham, V. M. Loudermilk and W. H. Rogers. The flower girls were Nellie Williams, Leta Killingsworth, Mrs. Clarence Smith, Eva Jane White, Helen Brumagin, Mrs. Mary Perry, Marguerite Gay, Lou Kee, Edna Kellison, Gladys Car-

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carrying the bread away to bury it.

A few minutes later, Nig had business down the river again, and the Cromers attempted to see where he was going by following down the railroad on the opposite side of the river. The dog traveled too fast and Mr. Cromer decided to track him up. He followed the trail about half a mile, and lost it. He called and Nig came immediately, from over the river bank.

There, Mr. Cromer found Jack, his foot fast in a trap by the edge of the river, which was rising rapidly. Near the dog were a few crumbs of bread.

The trap was a single spring and Jack was caught by the foot and not badly

hurt. He was taken from the trap, and all started for home. In a short distance, Jack got sick and crawled under a bush. Mr. Cromer knew he would be all right in a little while and was going to leave him to make his way home when he felt better. This did not suit Nig, who proceeded to camp by his sick fellow.

Mr. Cromer then took Jack in his arms and carried him home. Nig seemed well pleased and did not display any jealousy whatsoever then, although under usual circumstances he would have killed Jack rather than allow his master to fondle him. In a few hours, Jack was on his feet again, and Nig was just as jealous and mean to him as ever.

Mr. Cromer thinks that Nig would have stayed by Jack until both were dead had they not been found.

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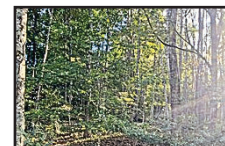
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6596 - Marlinton. This property offers 2 homes and a detached garage on 2.18 acres in a country setting. Gorgeous views. Great rental potential. Close to fishing, trails, state parks and Snowshoe Resort. - **\$129,000**



6617 - Cass. 1.56 acres bordering Greenbrier River and Allegheny Trail. Sloped-to-steep land with building site out of floodplain. Electric, phone, spring. Near Cass Scenic Railroad and Greenbrier River Trail. - **\$34,000**



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