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Tuesdays are for fun at the Linwood Center

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The weekend is usually when people schedule fun outings, events or activities with friends, but at the Linwood Center, the fun begins on Tuesday nights.

In November, the center kicked-off its programming of five months of Tuesday evening classes. Those classes include cooking and baking instruction and a variety of art medium projects.

Snowshoe Community and Employee Involvement Director Tracey Valach, who operates the center, said the classes were a way to get the community together and involved in different and fun activities.

"We reached out to local artisans, local bakers and partners in the community and said, 'what would you like to teach,' and it was crazy how quick all the dates filled up," she said.

"I had people coming out of the woodwork, saying they wanted to teach a class. We're really excited to see how it evolves."

The classes are open to the public, but space is limited so it is important to pre-register online. The class list is posted on the Linwood Center Facebook page and includes a QR code that



IN NOVEMBER 2023, the Linwood Center began offering a variety of classes – in the realm of art and cooking – on Tuesday evenings. Above, Artspot potter Cris Bartlett leads a class in the art of making mugs. The center has programming scheduled through March. A list of class topics can be found on the Linwood Alive! Facebook page. Photo courtesy of Tracey Valach

participants can scan with their cell phone in order to sign up.

For those less tech savvy, Valach said she can be contacted at the center or through the Linwood Alive! Facebook page for assistance.

"We prefer signing up on the sign-up genius because if there is a fee, they can pay for it right there in the portal," she said.

"They can reach out to us on Facebook, which we've

done for a few people who struggled or couldn't make that happen."

The classes are limited to 12 to 18 spots, making it an intimate setting for a small group to learn a new art or recipe. It also makes it easier for the instructor to spend more time with each student.

Classes are given by local artisans including the Artspot artist Cris Bartlett, Cheryl Beverage, Teresa Mullen of Mountain State Cakes, Momma J – A.J.

Sharp – and even Valach's daughter, Mia.

Librarian Trisha Barb also participates with game nights and other programs in the library.

While the programming is only scheduled to the end of March, Valach said she hopes to continue the Tuesday classes and is looking forward to expanding the program.

"I would love to add on see Center pg 5



Providing free books for children

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Reading – it's been the foundation of education since the beginning of the written word. It's one of the three Rs.

Students learn in school "Reading Is Fun." There are annual book fairs where students could choose books they want to take home.

The Read Aloud program brings volunteers into the schools to read to classes and ask the question "What Are You Reading?"

In 1995, Dolly Parton created the Imagination Library to ensure that children birth to five-years-old had access to books.

Parton was inspired to start the program by her father, who could neither read nor write. It began in her home county of Sevier in Tennessee and grew to include all 50 states.

By 2003, the Imagination Library had mailed one million books. It became international in 2006, by expanding into Canada. It is also now in the United Kingdom, Australia and the Republic of Ireland.

Most importantly, it is available in Pocahontas County.

The Pocahontas County Board of Education has participated in the program for many years and, as of November 2023, 69 percent of the children under the age of five in the county have been enrolled in the program.

"It usually begins with hospitals," ELA coach Stephanie Burns said. "When a baby is born, there will be a person there who will help sign up the

child, and they will receive a book per month until they turn five years old. It may take up to eight to twelve weeks before they get their first book."

Signing up for the program is free to families, thanks to the support of the June Harless Center at Marshall University and the board of education.

School superintendent Lynne Bostic said it is important to know that if a child is not signed up through the hospital at birth or by their pediatrician, they can still sign up as long as they are younger than five years of age.

The registration form is one sheet and is easy to fill out either online or on a printed page that can be mailed.

"I can help them fill it out," Burns said. "If they want to talk to me, I can help them."

Once a child is signed up, the first book they receive is "The Little Engine That Could." It is followed by a book a month, and Burns said the books are all age appropriate.

"Some of the books for this program are meant to be read to them and later the child can actually read it themselves," Burns said.

Burns and Bostic both said the program is really beneficial to children in many ways. They learn the importance of reading by having books read to them and then they learn to read themselves, turning the pages and letting their imaginations soar.

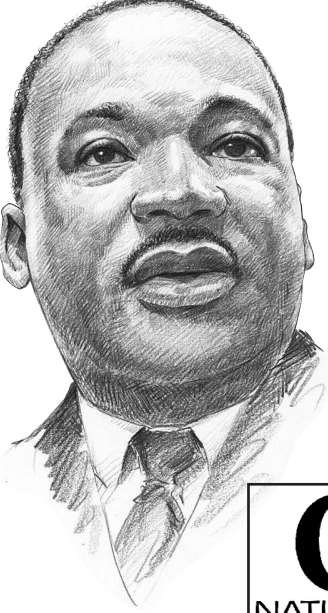
Of the 396 birth to five children in the county, 274 are enrolled in the program.

Although she is happy to see Books pg 5

A rare and beautiful sight



THIS SUNDOG PHOTO was captured at Autumn Breeze Stables at Snowshoe Monday morning. Sundogs are part of a family of atmospheric optical illusions including moon haloes and the closely related sun haloes. Photo courtesy of Autumn Breeze Stables



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DHHR reorganized into three new agencies

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

As of January 1, 2024, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services (DHHR) has been disbanded and its services divided between three different new agencies: The Department of Health; The Department of Human Services; and the Department of Health Facilities.

This was done through legislation passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jim Justice on March 6, 2023.

The new Department of Health will include the Bu-

reau for Public Health, the Office of Emergency Medical Services, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Center for Threat Preparedness, the Health Care Authority, the Office of Inspector General and the Human Rights Commission.

The new Department of Human Services will include the Bureau for Behavioral Health, the Bureau for Child Support Enforcement, the Bureau for Family Assistance, the Bureau for Medical Services, the Bureau for Social Services and the Office of Drug Control Policy.

The new Department of Health Facilities will include Hopemont Hospital, Jackie

Withrow Hospital, John Manchin Sr. Health Care Center, Lakin Hospital, Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital, Welch Community Hospital and William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital.

The legislature and the Governor felt that the old DHHR agency had grown to the point it was encumbered by so many different functions and entities that it was just too large to operate efficiently. Another possible motivation for this transformation appears to be related to some controversies surrounding the DHHR's handling of some public records

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DOH garage damaged by fire

Hillsboro and Marlinton Fire Departments were called to the West Virginia Division of Highways (DOH) garage in Hillsboro after an overheated transmission in a pickup truck caught fire in the garage bay Thursday afternoon.

DOH crews were out treating roads, and no one was in the building at the time of the fire.

Once it was reported, firefighters were on the scene within minutes and extinguished the fire.

There were two pickup

trucks in the building at the time and both were destroyed, but the facility's fuel station, office and salt shed were undamaged.

The WVDOH will assess the full damage to the garage, but it is believed the building will be a total loss.

Marlinton receives grant for streetscape plan

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Monday night's Marlinton Town Council meeting was short and sweet, with good news that a grant from Partner Community Capital has been awarded to the town.

Sarah Cottingham, of Downstream Strategies, spoke to council about the \$30,000 grant, which will be used to design a streetscape plan for the town.

"[Partner Community Capital] has a big program right now focused on tourism and recreation in West Virginia," she said. "That program has pots of money available for techni-

cal assistance for things that will help promote tourism across the state. We were able to submit a proposal to that group requesting assistance to complete a streetscape plan for the town of Marlinton."

The plan will be created by Destination by Design, of North Carolina, which also designed the trailhead plan for Marlinton. The street-scape plan will be separate from the trailhead, which is located next to the Greenbrier River Trail at the intersection of Third Avenue and Ninth Street.

Cottingham explained that once the paperwork is filed and the funding is received, plans are to have the design completed by the spring, which leads into the

next grant she discussed with council.

The town of Marlinton also applied for a Department of Highways Transportation Alternatives grant for sidewalks. Cottingham said the if the DOH approves Marlinton's application, the plan will be ready to put into action.

"That way we can give DOH the greater streetscape plan that would build beyond just sidewalks and kind of tie in with the trailhead design work for all the aspects that Marlinton is hoping to get to boost the aesthetics and the design and function of the street," she said.

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County receives opioid settlement check

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the January 2 Pocahontas County Commission meeting, it was revealed that the county had received a \$255,950.38 Opioid Settlement check several days ago. Attorney Stephen Skinner recently told the commission that the check they were about to receive would be just the first installment and future checks could be spread out over a period of time – up to 12 years – with a total amount being around \$400,000. He also told them there were restrictions on how the money could be spent.

County Clerk Missy Bennett provided a 15-page document with guidelines for the approved uses of the settlement funds. Generally speaking, this document says the money can be spent on opioid crisis related things, such as: opioid abuse prevention; medical overdose treatment; drug rehab programs; and law enforcement efforts to prevent the illegal distribution of opioids or the over-prescribing of opioids by doctors.

Commission President Walt Helmick said there have been rumors that the county had already received opioid settlement funds and had used them to purchase the drug dog for the Sheriff's Department, but that is not true. The recently received check is the first and only check from the Opioid Settlement, so far.

Commissioner John Rebinski added that the drug dog, including its training, was paid for by a \$50,000 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) grant from the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Helmick said the commission will form a committee to determine how the opioid funds should be spent. Rebinski also pointed out that 80 percent of the settlement funds West Virginia received was held on to by the state, which only distributed 20 percent to the counties.

Mayor Sam Felton said the Town of Marlinton received a settlement check for only \$604.55, despite years of filing paperwork for it.

Since this is the first commission meeting of the new year, the commission was re-organized.

Helmick was unanimously elected to remain as Commission President. They also voted to retain the same commission board assignments as last year, which are:

- Purchasing Agent -Walt Helmick
- Emergency Medical Service -John Rebinski
- 911 Advisory Board - John Rebinski
- Local Emergency Planning Committee -John Rebinski
- Board of Health -Jamie Walker
- Hospital Board -Walt Helmick
- Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation (GVEDC) - Walt Helmick
- Region 4 Planning and Development Council -Walt Helmick
- Extension Service/4H – John Rebinski
- Senior Citizens - Walt Helmick
- Convention and Visitors Bureau - Jamie Walker
- Region 1 Local Elected Officials Board – John Rebinski
- Farmland Protection Board - Jamie Walker

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Circuit Court

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

Tanner Moore, 26, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for a status hearing, wherein defense counsel stated that they have not received the information from the investigation by the West Virginia State Police. The court gave the State until January 30 to provide the report on the investigation. Counsel for the defendant is to make changes to the protective order that was filed with the court and present it to the judge once it is completed. Pretrial hearing is changed to March 20 and the jury trial remains for the week of March 25. Moore was indicted on one count, first degree murder; and one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

A capias was issued for Stephanie Michelle Sharp, 38, of Hillsboro, who failed to appear for a status hearing. Sharp was indicted on one count, grand larceny, a felony; one count, conspiracy, a felony; one count, child neglect creating risk of serious bodily injury, a felony.

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Jerry Schoolcraft, Jr., 61, of Renick, wherein the court granted the State's motion for a continuance as the State

is not prepared for trial. The court set March 4 as the new trial date. Schoolcraft was indicted on four counts, sexual assault in the second degree.

Roy Myers, 49, of Durbin, did not appear for a status hearing, but defense counsel related that Myers had not missed any prior hearings and the time was changed for this one. The assistant Prosecutor asked to be recused as she had served as a law clerk for the Judge who presided over the proceedings in Myers' wife's case. If the defendant doesn't waive the conflict, the Prosecutor will proceed in the case. Myers was indicted by the April 2022 Grand Jury on one count, child neglect resulting in serious bodily injury; and one count, child neglect creating a substantial risk of death.

In the case the State vs Brian Mason, 35, of Hillsboro, the court granted a defense motion for withdrawal

of the oral plea to Count IV – child neglect causing risk of bodily injury. The court accepted the amended plea of guilty to the felony offense of entry of a building other than a dwelling. Adjudication was deferred so Mason can participate in the South-eastern Regional Drug Program. The court granted the state's motion to dismiss Count IV with prejudice.

A capias was issued for Michael Beverage, Jr., 37, of Marlinton, who failed to appear for his in-person arraignment. Beverage was indicted on one count, child neglect creating risk of serious bodily injury, a felony.

Sergio Rodriguez-Huertan, 28, of Durbin, tendered a written plea agreement to the court wherein he pleaded no contest pursuant to Kennedy v Frazier to the misdemeanor offense of petit larceny and the misdemeanor offense of battery. The court granted a defense motion for a continuance of disposition.


911 Center Report

Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Michael O'Brien provided the following report of calls received by the 911 center during the month of December:

The 721 calls were as follows:

- Nature of Call/Total Calls Received
- 911 ABD, open, hang-up – 45
- Accidental dial – 3
- Agency assistance – 4
- Law, animal control – 12
- Assault/battery – 5
- Accident with injuries – 15
- Auto accident – 13
- Law, breaking and entering – 6
- Law, BOLO (be on the lookout) – 2
- CAD2CAD – 4
- Law, citizen assist/non-emergency – 29
- Destruction of property – 3
- DNR, violation complaint – 3
- DOA/unattended death – 3
- Law, domestic – 10
- Law, drug complaint – 2
- Fire, alarm elevator – 108
- Alarm, fire – 21
- Fire, non-emergency – 4
- Law, fraud – 1

- Law, general alarm – 17
- Law, shots fired – 3
- Highway traffic hazard – 17
- Information/notice – 24
- Law, criminal investigation – 9
- Law, general complaint – 60
- EMS, medical – 83
- Fire, medical alarm – 5
- Missing/overdue person – 4
- General notice – 1
- Law, paper service – 9
- EMS, patient transfer – 26
- Law, pursuit – 1
- Fire, secure landing zone – 10
- Law, sex crime – 1
- EMS, stand-by – 2
- Theft of vehicle – 2
- Fire, structure – 4
- Fire, suspicious odor – 5
- System test – 4
- Theft of property or items – 8
- Law, traffic complaint – 9
- Law, traffic stop – 48
- Law, transport person – 2
- EMS, trauma – 46
- Law, trespassing – 7
- Fire, vehicle – 2
- Law, warrant service – 4
- Law, welfare check – 15



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The Amish - A profile of courage and commitment

A Matter of Martyrdom

Early one frigid morning in 1569, a Dutch Anabaptist named Dirk Willems made a makeshift rope out of knotted rags and escaped his imprisonment. In doing so, Willems soon came to a thinly frozen body of water. Looking back, he saw that a guard was in hot pursuit. Gaunt from a near-starvation diet, he headed across the ice. Upon reaching the far shore, Willems looked back to see that his well-fed pursuer had fallen through the ice and was floundering in the cold water, unable to pull himself onto the ice.

Although condemned by the Catholic Church for practicing adult baptism, a crime punishable by death during the Reformation, Willems walked back across the ice and pulled the drowning man to safety. In keeping with the phrase, "No good deed goes unpunished," Dirk Willems was recaptured and sentenced to be burned alive at the stake.

On a frigid and windy May 16, 1569, the heartless executioner lashed Willems to a wooden post in Asperen, Netherlands, and the dry wood at his feet was set afire. This brutal form of execution was made even more agonizing because the wind kept the fire from rising above his lower extremities, prolonging his death. During his horrifically slow death, witnesses reported that Willems repeated over and over, "Oh Lord, my God." until he died. Dirk Willems is now a martyr to the Anabaptist communities that include the Mennonites and Amish.

Dirk Willems's bravery in the face of death exemplifies some characteristics that define the Amish. So, with that introduction, we'll explore the often misunderstood world of the Amish.

Who are the Amish, and where do they come from?

If you've traveled in the Hillsboro area lately, you may have noticed the horse-drawn buggies on Lobelia Road or rosy-cheeked children on manually propelled scooters. You couldn't help but take notice of the straight-brimmed black hats of the men and the frocks and black capes worn by the Amish women. Seeing the Amish and learning how they live harkens back to a time when there were no au-

tomobiles or electricity. In some respects, a monochrome photograph of Hillsboro from the 1800s wouldn't look much different regarding horse-drawn conveyances and farm machinery.

Yet, the humble, hard-working Amish continue to embrace this way of life and thrive living the "old way." Even if you cannot see yourself living an anachronistic



DIRK WILLEMS SAVES his pursuer in this etching from the 1685 edition of "Martyrs Mirror." Public Domain illustration

life devoid of most modern conveniences, you must at the very least offer a certain respect for the Amish tenacious commitment to their simpler lifestyle in the face of the rampant technological growth around them.

The Amish are Christians; they are not affiliated with the Quakers, Shakers or Mormons, although as Anabaptists, they are closely associated with the Mennonites, a more liberal church. The Amish and Mennonites trace their roots back to the Protestant Reformation and the subsequent Anabaptist movement of the 16th Century. Anabaptists, including the Mennonites, were viciously persecuted over the issue of adult only baptism.

Thanks to the efforts of Martin Luther, the bible, once only understood by people who spoke and read Latin, was translated into thousands of languages, including German. This act infuriated the Catholic church, which wanted it to remain in a language that very few Christians understood. It was clear to the Amish that they would have to emigrate to survive as a church and a distinct community. They fled to North America from

Switzerland, Alsace, Germany, Russia and Holland, leaving few remaining Amish groups in Europe.

The Amish, named after Jakob Amman, who led a schism among 17th Century Swiss Anabaptists, first arrived in the U.S. in the mid-1700s. The first settlements were in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and as farmland became scarce, the Amish moved to other states and Canadian provinces and, more recently, West Virginia.

Our Hillsboro neighbors are Old Order Amish, who arrived here last summer from Millersburg, Pennsylvania. They purchased a large parcel of land just north of Hillsboro called Hidden Creek Community and are currently building homes and barns and developing agricultural businesses.

enough to make a conscious commitment to the church. We will return to this topic when we discuss Amish practices such as shunning and Rumspringa in the next segment of this series. In addition to the Amish rejection of infant baptism, they practice non-resistance, a form of pacifism. Therefore, they are exempt from military service. The Amish are also committed to non-violence – they will not take up arms other than hunting rifles and shotguns for practical uses on the farm.

An interesting tidbit about the Amish is that the men wear beards only when they marry, but no mustache. This tradition goes back several hundred years and has survived to this day. Why? Back in Europe, the mustache was associated with military personnel and this conflicted

with their oath of pacifism.

One of the main intentions of this article is to separate fact from fiction about the Amish way of life and their

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GVCD announces Century Farm Program

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District is pleased to announce that the West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts is continuing the West Virginia Century Farm Program. In addition to Century Farms, Sesquicentennial Farms and Bicentennial Farms will be recognized. A Century Farm is one that has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 100 years, a Sesquicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 150 years, and a Bicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 200 years.

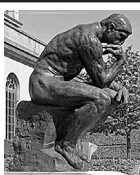
To qualify, a family member must live on the farm or must be an integral part of the day-to-day operation of the farm enterprise. The farm must consist of at

least 10 acres of the original holdings and gross more than \$1,000 annually from farm products. Line of ownership from the first family member owning the land may be through wives, husbands, children, brothers, sisters, nephews or nieces.

For recognition, applications must be received by the GVCD no later than February 1, 2024. Signs will be presented to the qualifying farm families by the GVCD in September.

For an application form, please contact the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District at 304-645-6173 or you can download the application in PDF format from the West Virginia Conservation Agency website at http://wvca.us/education/century_farms.cfm

Past honoree's stories and photos can be viewed on the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District's Facebook page.



TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

- Let's Rock and Roll**
1. Which band released the song "Band on the Run?"
 2. Axl Rose is the lead singer of which rock group?
 3. Where was Led Zeppelin getting a "stairway to" its 1971 hit song?
 4. What was the title of the 1967 hit by The Troggs?



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

My family and I moved to Green Bank in 1961. It was the second week in June, and there were snow flurries the day we moved. I attended grades 7-12 at Green Bank, graduating in 1967.

Historical records for the area indicate that the 10-year period, beginning in 1960, was the coldest decade—before or since—for Pocahontas County since detailed scientific records first began to be documented.

Just having read the front-page story, “The steps to de-

claring a snow day,” on the front page of the January 4 edition of The Pocahontas Times, I thought readers might be interested in how this procedure was handled in Pocahontas County during the school years 1961-62 through 1966-67. Here was the procedure:

(1) It snowed. Sometimes it was just a skiff; sometimes there were drifts blowing across the road; sometimes it was 4 or 5 feet of snow, all at once.

(2) The bus drivers put chains on the buses.

(3) We went to school. That’s it—the whole procedure.

To be honest, I do recall a few occasions when buses were not permitted to travel down the most isolated dirt roads, and some students had to walk to the paved road to catch the bus. But they walked, and we attended school.

Tom Brown (GBHS '67) Winston-Salem, NC

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Marlinton Mayor’s Corner

By Sam Felton

I received a news clip over the weekend that reminded me that it has been 10 years since one of the most serious public health crises to ever affect the Mountain State took place.

Many will remember the Elk River spill on January 9, 2014, when hazardous chemicals leaked into the Elk River near Charleston and spread through a public water system used by 300,000 Kanawha Valley residents. You can bet they will never forget.

The Elk River spill brought about changes in regulations following this contamination of a public water source. Most notably for providers such as Marlinton, was the Source Water Protection Act. This Plan required public utilities to increase monitoring and create alternative water sources, in the event of a primary water source becoming unusable, for any reason.

Beyond agricultural runoff, the biggest threat to the water plant intake in Marlinton would be (God-forbid) a truck load of petroleum

product, upside down in Knapps Creek. Also, we have learned from the Lewisburg mishap, when a fuel truck spilled product into Anthony Creek. Knowing the product would make its way to the Greenbrier River, the Lewisburg water plant shut its intake off about eight hours sooner than would have been necessary.

Since then, our county EMS has conducted flow studies on Knapps Creek – thank you Mike O’Brien. Different products flow downstream at a different pace and now in the event of such an accident, we can more accurately decide when to close the intake, but not before we have to.

see **Mayor’s pg 8**

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Educational Dinner Meeting

The WVU Extension sponsored Educational Dinner Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Marlinton Municipal Auditorium.

To attend, RSVP by calling 304-799-4852 by Friday, January 12. There will be a \$5 charge for dinner.

Quill Ward will be the guest speaker, “Making the most of your pasture.” Ward, a sixth-generation agriculturalist, owns and manages

280 cows, as well as 60 yearling heifers. He is a 2008 graduate of West Virginia University’s Davis College where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with an emphasis on Animal Science. In this presentation Ward will discuss his trial and error throughout his extended grazing journey. He began researching extended grazing about 10 years ago. Since then he has been able to extend grazing for his cattle for 300+ days.

Attendance at this meeting

will also be worth three (3) pesticide applicator recertification credits for categories 11, 12 and PA.

2024 Garden Calendars

The 2024 WVU Garden Calendars are available at the WVU Extension Office in the basement of the courthouse or by visiting extension.wvu.edu/lawn-gardenin g-pests/garden-calendar

The calendar also offers bonus materials and highlights, which include growing advice, food preservation recommendations, pest management information and healthy recipes that use your garden’s harvest, all provided by WVU Extension experts.



What’s Cookin’?

With Sally Cobb

Curried Baked Cauliflower

Mrs. J. Z. Johnson

1 large head cauliflower
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 tsp. butter, melted
1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup mayonnaise
1 tsp. curry powder
1/4 cup dried bread crumbs
Cook cauliflower in salted water for 10 minutes.
In a two-quart casserole,

mix undiluted soup, cheese, mayonnaise and curry powder.
Add cauliflower.
Toss crumbs in melted butter.
Sprinkle over contents in casserole.
Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Corn Muffins
Like Boston Market’s Judy Dean
9 oz. box Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
2 eggs

1/3 cup milk
9 oz. box Jiffy Yellow Cake Mix
1/2 cup water
14 oz. can corn, drained

Preheat oven to 350°
In a medium bowl, mix together the corn muffin mix, 1 egg and milk.

In another bowl, combine the cake mix, 1 egg and 1/2 cup water.

Combine the two mixtures, then stir in the corn.

Spoon the batter into muffin tins lined with paper liners. Bake 20 minutes or until tests done with a toothpick.

Hint: If you think the muffins are too sweet, reduce the yellow cake mix by a couple of ounces.

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Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pocahontas County Search and Rescue Training, Cold Weather Rescue Packaging, Sunday, January 14, 5 p.m. at the BFD Firehouse in Green Bank. For more information, call 304-456-4299.

Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office will be closed Monday, January 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

The Marlinton Town Office will be closed Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Garbage pickup for this day will be Tuesday, January 16.

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. All foreign objects must be removed.

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

EVENT

FREE Community Dinner Thursday, January 25, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by area churches and community volunteers.

LIBRARY NEWS

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

PARKS AND REC

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

Parks and Recreation and the Pocahontas County Art Council will co-sponsor **Painting Portraits** with Vivian Blackwood, Tuesdays, January 23 - February 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 304-799-7386 for details or to register.

Pickleball in the Wellness Center gym, Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Paddles and balls available.

Taekwondo, Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Yoga Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at Durbin Library; Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Linwood Center; and Thursdays, 5 p.m. at Cass Community Center.

MEETINGS

Diabetes Support Group, third Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Community Care Building, Third Avenue, Marlinton. Next meeting, January 16. For more information, call 304-799-5847

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

CHURCH NOTICES

Marlinton Presbyterian Church – Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.

Arbovale United Methodist – Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Thursdays.

New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs – Worship 8:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church – Huntersville – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.

Seebert United Methodist Church – Sunday School every Sunday 9:20 a.m.; Worship second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale – Sunday School 10 a.m., see **Calendar pg 8**

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ACROSS

- 1 Highest roll of a single die
- 4 Peak in Thessaly
- 8 Freaks out
- 15 Subjective paper piece
- 19 Never dying
- 21 Kind of cherry named for its shape
- 22 — sci. (coll. major)
- 23 Scaled-down symphony group [1994]
- 25 Mallorca, por ejemplo
- 26 “King” primate
- 27 Writer Ferber
- 28 Anti-bias job agcy.
- 29 Gown fabric
- 30 Program interacting with a remote server [1993]
- 34 Bygone times
- 38 Nurtured
- 39 Kids’ song with French lyrics
- 40 — to go (gung-ho)
- 41 “It’s ch-chilly!”
- 42 Whimpered like a baby
- 44 Place to disclose sins [2010]
- 48 Coinage for something with no name
- 53 Beginning on
- 54 “To — much is given ...”
- 55 Nantes’ river
- 57 Sets of points on graphs
- 58 Shallowest Great Lake
- 60 Waltz or tango [1997]
- 63 Itinerant band member, say
- 66 State after wedlock
- 68 Having more seepage
- 69 Panels that may reverse decisions [2008]
- 71 Melody
- 72 Jungle roarer
- 73 Ouzo
- 74 Exact flavor
- 76 Brand of rodent killer
- 80 Horse-man of myth
- 83 Greeting act conveying confidence [1991]
- 86 First-rate
- 88 Flub it up
- 89 Actress Shire
- 90 Plant snugly
- 94 — cone
- 95 Junk email sender
- 97 Samoan peak famous for trapping clouds [1995]
- 101 Italian port
- 102 Exactly
- 103 Money won in a game of dreidel
- 104 Claudius I’s successor
- 108 Getting the job done
- 109 What the first word of each of seven answers in this puzzle is, when preceded by “The”
- 113 Stun with a charge
- 114 Canceled by crossing off
- 115 Revising, as text
- 116 Bishops’ jurisdictions
- 117 Prescription amounts
- 118 Berlin article
- 119 Meadow
- DOWN
- 1 Ailing
- 2 Texer’s “If you ask me”
- 3 Mutant Marvel superhero
- 4 Celestial ball
- 5 Like a cold, hard gaze
- 6 Manhattan eatery since 1927
- 7 Isolated flourish
- 8 Ad — committee
- 9 Hatched part
- 10 Ram or ewe
- 11 “The Fox and the Crow” storyteller
- 12 Tabby’s scratcher
- 13 Bobby of hockey
- 14 Venus Williams’ org.
- 15 Sedative drug
- 16 Sticky little sheet
- 17 “Mama” Cass
- 18 Actress Wiest
- 20 Texter’s “Yikes!”
- 24 Boiled to escape
- 29 Riyadh native
- 30 Sugar source
- 31 Shore flier
- 32 “Not yet sure what my answer is”
- 33 Director Joel or Ethan
- 34 Killer whale
- 35 Neighbor of Myanmar
- 36 Early James Bond foe
- 37 Not similar
- 41 Dust jacket write-up
- 42 Demi and Dudley
- 43 Departs
- 45 Cupcake
- 46 Flourish
- 46 That lady
- 47 Less spicy
- 49 Honey-coated Easter treat
- 50 Anderson of “WKRP in Cincinnati”
- 51 Cicero’s “Lo!”
- 52 Cake layer
- 56 ICU workers
- 59 Actor Stephen
- 60 Iran’s former name
- 61 Ball-shaped
- 62 Put on, as an outfit
- 63 After-bath powder
- 64 Andy Taylor’s boy
- 65 Sitting atop
- 66 Suffix with ball
- 67 Innocent types
- 70 President before Donald
- 71 Shallow pan
- 74 Swarms
- 75 Huge conflict
- 77 Sedate
- 78 Steinbeck migrant
- 79 Close
- 81 In — (more than sleeping)
- 82 Arm bone
- 84 Eatery list
- 85 Baseballer
- 87 Is really mad
- 90 Grain fungi
- 91 “Watch Me (Whip—)” (2015 hit)
- 92 “Apollo 13” actor Gary
- 93 Bills worth 100 bucks
- 94 “You got that right!”
- 95 Meat in a sub
- 96 Coal-mining guys
- 98 MMA fighter
- 99 Armageddon nation
- 100 Little laugh
- 104 Silent “yes”
- 105 Like villains
- 106 Russo of film
- 107 Gymnast
- 109 Ely May Clampett’s pa
- 110 Good Grips kitchen brand
- 111 “— a trap!”
- 112 Ark.-to-Ill. dir.

Lady Warriors lose at Greenbrier West

Bruce McKean
Contributing Writer

PCHS V.....49
Greenbrier West V.....77

Pocahontas County High School Lady Warriors and the Class A #3 ranked Greenbrier West Cavaliers played at PCHS in early December, and West won by 25 points (31-56). The two teams played at West a second time January 5 and GW won by 28 points (49-77). West was again led by Jr. all-state player Presley Treadway, with 34 points (11 more points than their first game this season), and she made 12 of her 19 free throws (63%).

The Warriors were playing this game without their high scorer, junior Riley Pollack. PCHS senior all-state player Olivia Vandevender was game second-high scorer with 19 points, hitting 10 points in the first quarter and making 6 of 7 free throws (86%), 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals and 1 trey in the game.

Other Warrior highs were: junior Mackenzie Taylor - 9 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 blocks; freshman Allyson Taylor - 6 rebounds and senior Mileya Bircher - 2 deflections. PC was called for 25 per-

sonal fouls, and GW was called for 17. PC coaches Tim McClung and Shannon Arbogast and GW Coach Mark Agee played all 11 players.

GW took the first quarter by 7 points (13-20) (PC-GW order for all scores) with 14 points from Treadway. GW took the second quarter (9-14) and led at the half by 12 points (22-34). West upped their lead to 22 points (34-56) with a (12-22) third quarter effort. Treadway made 5 of 7 free throws in the third and tallied 11 points. GW took the fourth quarter by 6 points (15-21) with 7 Cavaliers scoring. PC drops to (3-4), and GW improves to (6-3).

PCHS JV.....26
Greenbrier West JV....35

PCHS freshman Allyson Taylor was again the top scorer in this game at GWHS with 14 points after PC had the top four scorers in their earlier 49-27 win at home. Allyson played in three quarters Friday, and she hit 6 of 20 foul shots while achieving team-highs in the following stats: a double-double of 14 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 blocks and 2 deflections. She also saw action in the varsity game.

PCHS committed 23 turnovers. (10 fewer than



the previous game), and Taylor only had one. Freshman Alexis Arbogast contributed 7 points and 2 assists; junior Mallori McCoy tallied 7 rebounds, and 2 assists; sophomore Ramona Hardy added 8 rebounds and 3 steals; and freshman Caroline Bennett deflected the ball 3 times.

PC and GW were each called for 17 personal fouls.

GW took the first quarter by 4 points (2-6) (PC-GW order for all scores). GW took the second quarter (8-11) and upped their lead at the half to 7 points (10-17). The third quarter was a (13-13) tie, and GW still led by 7 points (23-30). GW took the fourth by 2 points (3-5) and upped their lead to 9 points (26-35). PC drops to 3-2.

Books, from page 1

see that many children participating, Burns wants to increase the number even more.

"I cannot take credit for that number because they are already signed up, but we

still have several children we have not signed up," she said.

Those interested in signing up for the program may contact the board office at 304-799-4505 or Burns at smburns@k12.wv.us

The registration is also available online at <https://imaginationlibrary.com/checkout/availability/>

Select United States, click the "Next" button, then type in your zip code. A box will pop up to say Pocahontas County is eligible. Click on the "Continue" button and from there, the website will take you to the online registration form. It may be filled out online or downloaded as a PDF to be filled out and mailed.

Center, from page 1

"We've already had instructors reaching out, wanting to do different things. This was kind of a let's see how this goes and if it goes well, then we'll continue. I would love for Tuesdays to be our opportunity to try new things at Linwood."

The center has grown in the past decade and continues to do so with programs such as the Tuesday classes and the new fitness area with exercise equipment. The center now contains the daycare center, library, market, office and meeting space, a kitchen and lounge area.

"We're really trying to become a hub for health and wellness," Valach said. "Whether that's constructive activities, support programs, resources, fitness equipment - we're really trying to create a cohesive community resource and guest resource facility."

"The daycare is providing care," she continued. "They added Saturday care. The library has been increasing what they have to offer; they're getting laptops and

getting people resources. We've reconfigured the center to be a lounge type area, as well as a small meeting space and work space. Then the healthy foods market with the West Virginia foods and the meeting room where we have yoga, AA and the Tuesday night classes."

The office space at the center is available for use by outside entities. It is used by Youth Health Services to provide sessions with clients. It is also available for individuals who need an office space for Zoom meetings of conference calls.

The kitchen has been upgraded to commercial status and now there are fresh treats being prepared and sold in the market. At this time, they have salads using local produce and dressings, and yogurt with local granola.

The fitness area has several pieces of equipment including medicine balls, free weights, a treadmill, stationary bike, rowing machine and an elliptical. It is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is free of charge.

Valach said she is working on opening the fitness area after hours, as well. There will be a coded door lock

and for \$10 a month, members will be given an access code to the room where they can use the equipment when the facility is closed.

As she reflects on all the progress that has been made at the center, Valach said it's really been a community effort to get to where they are today. It started with the Linwood Alive! sponsored hunters' dinner which was held at the Beckwith building in Slaty Fork 10 years ago.

"We had a big blank piece of paper and people wrote the things that they would love to see happen in our community," Valach said. "The pump track was one of them - we built it. The Farmers Market was one of them - we host those. Now the fitness and wellness equipment. That was ten years ago and it's taken time, but we're addressing the needs of our community, which was Linwood Alive!'s mission from the beginning."

For more information about the Linwood Center and the Tuesday night classes, visit the Linwood Alive! Facebook page.

Suzanne Stewart may be contacted at sastewart@pocahontastimes.com

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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 Samual Noah Alderman and Selma Fern MacPherson.

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

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



Rosemary Balister

Rosemary Suzanne Balister, 89, of Florence, South Carolina, formerly of Charlottesville, Virginia, passed away Friday, December 29, 2023.

Rosemary was born July 18, 1934, and was a daughter of the late Robert William Mines and Lily Victoria Mines.

A native of Crofton Park in London, England, Rosemary graduated from the Mary Datchelor School for Girls in Camberwell, London. Evacuated from her childhood home during the “The Blitz” of World War II, she began writing poetry as a child and published her first poem in 1945. Rosemary continued her studies at the University of Bristol, earning a Bachelor of Arts in German in 1956 and a Certificate of Education in 1957. Along with her family, she emigrated to Canada in 1963 and then to Green Bank in 1966 before moving to Charlottesville, Virginia. She also lived in Australia for two years before settling back in Charlottesville. In 2018, she moved to Florence, South Carolina, where her daughter and son-in-law currently reside.

Rosemary was active in the arts community in Charlottesville. She enjoyed writing, painting and knitting. She had numerous life-long pen pals from her many travels and her poetry has been published in several books and magazines. Her painting, “West Virginia Fall,” was exhibited in the US Art Embassy Program in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Her poem “The Barn,” will be published posthumously in the 2023-24 winter edition of “Goldenseal, the magazine of West Virginia traditional life.”

Rosemary was passionate about her knitting and particularly enjoyed knitting baby blankets and caps, which she cheerfully shared with friends and strangers alike. She treasured her time at the Charlottesville Senior Center, especially working with the “Crafty Ladies.” A member of the University of Bristol Spelaeological Society (UBSS), Rosemary had fond memories of her adventures exploring caves throughout the world. For decades, Rosemary also bravely struggled with the eye disease keratoconus and ultimately had her sight restored with corneal transplants.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, June Elise Mines.

She is survived by her son, Philip Balister, and wife, Sandy Knapp, of Blacksburg, Virginia; daughters, Nicolette Naso, and husband, William, of Florence, South Carolina, and Michelle Doran, and husband, Shane Doran, of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; and her loving grandchildren, Caroline Naso, Will Naso, Virginia Doran, Benjamin Naso and Eleanor Doran.

The family would like to offer their sincere thanks for the kindness and care given by the staff of The Manor of

Florence, Dr. Vipul Shah, and the McLeod Hospice House. They are also deeply thankful for the love and prayers of their friends.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at St. John’s Church in Florence, South Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Rosemary’s honor to St. John’s Church in Florence, South Carolina; St. Paul’s Memorial Church in Charlottesville, Virginia; or the National Keratoconus Foundation.

Robert Birchfield

Robert Boyd Birchfield, 83, of Christiansburg, Virginia, passed away Monday, January 1, 2024. He was born February 10, 1940, and was a son of the late Homer Birchfield and Gertie Moore Birchfield.

Robert was a retired Lt. Commander of the US Navy, he was also a manager, consultant and entrepreneur for many years. He was a wonderful husband, dad, Grandpop, brother, uncle, friend, and much, much more. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and nature as well as working on and around his farm. But, most importantly he enjoyed his family and spending time with them.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Weston Dale Birchfield; and brother, James Thomas “Tom” Birchfield.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Karen Kimbrell Birchfield; son, Matthew Boyd Birchfield, and wife, Katherine Kraker Birchfield; grandchildren, Erin Marie Birchfield, Nathaniel Dale Birchfield and Amanda Kraker Chrisley; siblings, Constance “Connie” Howard, Wilburn “Wig” Birchfield, Gloria Birchfield Walton, Janice Birchfield Hollands-worth, Verlin Lee Birchfield, Homer “Rocky” Birchfield and Paul Franklin Birchfield; and 23 nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Robert’s life was held Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Christiansburg, Virginia.

Arrangements were handled by Home Funeral Home and Crematory, Christiansburg, Virginia.



Mary Brock

Mary Lynn Scott Brock, affectionately known as Granny/Mom, peacefully passed away Saturday, December 30, 2023, in York, Pennsylvania, at the age of 102.

Born June 27, 1921, in Lobbella, she was a daughter of the late Warwick Robert Scott and Hester Lobelle “Belle” Lester.

Mary Lynn was a self-taught individual who valued education and knowledge. She dedicated her career to Pocahontas County Schools.

Mary Lynn loved God, her family, and her garden. She was a very loving soul who would give you anything she had and was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Roy Lee Brock Sr.; daughter, Sue Norma Lee Ruth; and sons-in-law, Ray Sentz and Robert Ruth; and siblings, Burke Scott, Elba Scott, Frank Scott, Lilian Selby and Thelma Dove.

Mary Lynn is survived by her loving daughter, Linda Sentz; son, Roy Brock Jr.; cherished grandchildren, Heidi Brown, Kim Brock-McKinsey, Michelle Thomas, Michael Ruth, Roderick Sentz and Schindle Sarver;

and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at VanReenen Funeral Home, 207 Ninth Street in Marlinton, Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 11 a.m.

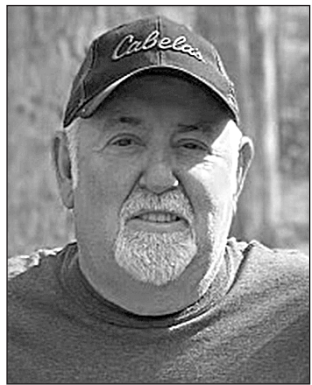
The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until time of service.

A graveside service will take place at Bruffey Creek Cemetery in Hillsboro.

A gathering to celebrate Mary Lynn’s life will follow at Marlinton Church of God on Beard Heights.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mary Lynn can be made to Marlinton Church of God, 114 Beard Lane, Marlinton, WV 24954.

The compassionate staff at VanReenen Funeral Home is assisting the Brock family during this difficult time.



Harry Greathouse

Harry “Buster” Greathouse, 80, passed away at his home Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in Leonardtown, Maryland.

Born November 9, 1943, in Durbin, he was a son of the late Harper and Hazel Greathouse.

He grew up surrounded by love, family and country roads. He married the love of his life, Gloria Monk Greathouse, on August 2, 1964. Together they celebrated 59 years of marriage, raising three amazing children and two wonderful granddaughters and one bonus grandson (grandson-in-law).

He began working in Local 602 Steamfitter Union as a pipefitter/welder. He enjoyed working there for many years, saying he was going to come out of retirement. He loved his job and all the friendships he made.

Buster loved the outdoors. You could always find him hunting, at the Shorty Shack, fishing, eating oysters and crabs, working in his garden or yard, watching old-western movies and spending time with his family. He loved watching NASCAR, the Washington Nationals, and the Washington Redskins (they will always be the Skins to him) and the West Virginia basketball and football teams.

Buster was one of the good ones. Anyone Buster met was instantly a friend. He loved unconditionally and was one of the most selfless, humble people you will ever meet. Family was most important to him. That was obvious the moment you met him because his family was always the center of conversations. His grandchildren were his world. If he could, he would have moved mountains for them. He was Pap-Pap, Pappy, Pap, to his grandchildren. He was well-known among the neighbor-

hood. He was the neighborhood husband, grandfather and friend, who was always there to help and chat, no matter what. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him knew that they were going to get a huge smile and a big hug. He enjoyed hanging out in his garage with family and friends talking, laughing and making the memories we will hold onto forever. He loved classic country music, and you could find him listening to Willie’s Roadhouse.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Richard; and his furry children, Alex and Rosebud.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gloria; his children, Christina Connelly (Ford), Eric Greathouse and Anne Goode (Brian); grandchildren, Brittany Haffer and Brooke Goode; his bonus grandson (grandson-in-law) Travis Haffer; and sister, Marie Emery (Terry). All of whom love him very much.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Pastor Julian Rittenhouse and Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating.

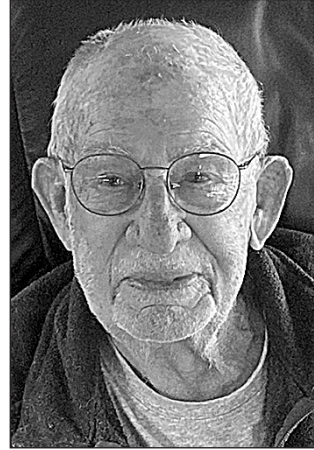
Burial was in Arbovale Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: Eric Greathouse, Brian Goode, Travis Haffer, John Monk, Noah Barkley and Kyle Cohenour.

Honorary pallbearers were: Ford Connelly, Greg Monk, Daniel Pingley, Matthew Barkley and Tommy Vandevender.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BFD Fire and Rescue; 4674 Potomac Highlands Trail, Durbin, WV 24944

Online condolences may be shared at www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com



George Lowe, Jr.

January 27, 1936 ~ January 2, 2024

Ed, as he was fondly known to all who loved him — meaning all who knew him — was a man of almost infinite parts. To his three strong daughters, Laura, Anne and Mary Sydney, he was always, of course, “Daddy.” He was Pop to his sons-in-law, Dave, Benjie and Brian; six grandkids;

and two great-grands. To Ed’s brother, Sidney, and wife, Patsy, he was Eddie. To Jonelle’s brothers and sisters, he was Ed and an immediate member of the family for 49 years, even knowing her grandmothers. He was Uncle Ed to his nieces, nephews and great-nephews. Ed’s wife, Jonelle, or JoJo as he often called her, referred to Ed as Babe, Ed Lowe, and many other things over the years!

He went from banking in Charlotte, North Carolina, to part owner and working at International Trimaran on Towles Road in Wilmington in 1966. He was a partner who sold his shares in order to build monohulls on his Trails End property and Walter Brigman signed aboard to be the Master Craftsman. From the day he put his First Citizens Bank ID badge in his desk drawer, walked out of the bank in Charlotte, went to Wilmington and found a piece of land on the waterway at Masonboro, he never looked back.

From nothing, he built a unique boatyard and marina which welcomed all and became a safe haven for all who were lucky enough to sail into Whiskey Creek: a source of good times and good friends for life — a joyous place where all was shared and the inhabitants both celebrated and comforted one another in equal measure. The building of a 37 ft. ketch, “Laura L,” in his backyard shop led to the construction of Masonboro Boat Yard and Marina on Point Daydream. Later, he added a fixed leg crane allowing several boats out of the water at one time creating a repair facility. You could hear Ed instruct “bring in the bow and let the stern hang out” when the boat was approaching the bulkhead. Owners were allowed to do their own work. Some came in for a few days and spent years living in the community captured by the infamous “Masonboro Monster.” Later, he added dry stacks and took boats in and out by the forklift, “Old Yeller.”

He was one of the most creative people the world has ever known. If his mind could visualize something, he could design and build it. It might be a magnificent sailboat, a funky floating home, a spectacular mountain house in West Virginia, or an ingenious dock bench that folded over itself so that one could sit with a view from either side.

With his charismatic personality, deep belly laughs and love of fun he easily made long-lasting friendships. With his creative mind he was always ready for the next project. After retiring in 2004, he moved to West Virginia, from hurricane alley to

a flood zone, and built a house on pilings beside the Greenbrier River. Just couldn’t give up the water! In the Seebert/Marlinton area, new friends were made with each Ed Lowe Project he built with his contractor, Randy Pritt. He loved the business community as well as all the kind, interesting people who came into his life. He was at total peace with both his life in North Carolina and his life in West Virginia. There were no regrets with Ed Lowe.

Ed was lucky enough to find the love of his life and soulmate, Jonelle. Together, if they thought of an adventure, they made it happen. Always together. Always together. They spent summers in Maine camping and once cruised the Tombigbee Waterway all the way up the Mississippi River. They circumnavigated the entire eastern United States from Masonboro to the Gulf of Mexico, up many rivers, to Chicago, the Great Lakes, Canadian waters, and out the St. Lawrence Seaway. They found their home harbor on the banks of the Greenbrier River in the mountains of West Virginia. They rode their bicycles almost every day for miles and miles on the Greenbrier River Trail, the thing that brought them to West Virginia. The waters and rivers will forever sing the song of their life together.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye, with Pastor Sam Felton officiating. This will be a live feed at Lantz Funeral Home Facebook page. This page has a green L.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until time of service.

In lieu of flowers donations of sympathy may be made to any of these choices: Greenbrier River Trail Assoc., PO Box 203, Marlinton, WV 24954; Pocahontas County Opera House, PO Box 282, Marlinton, WV 24954; Hillsboro Library (hillsboroliblibraryfriends.net), 54 3rd Street Hillsboro, WV 24946; Allegheny Mountain Radio (Alleghenymountainradio.org/supporters), 9836 Browns Creek Road, Dummore, WV 24934; and the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Dept., 7524 Seneca Trail, Hillsboro, WV 24946.

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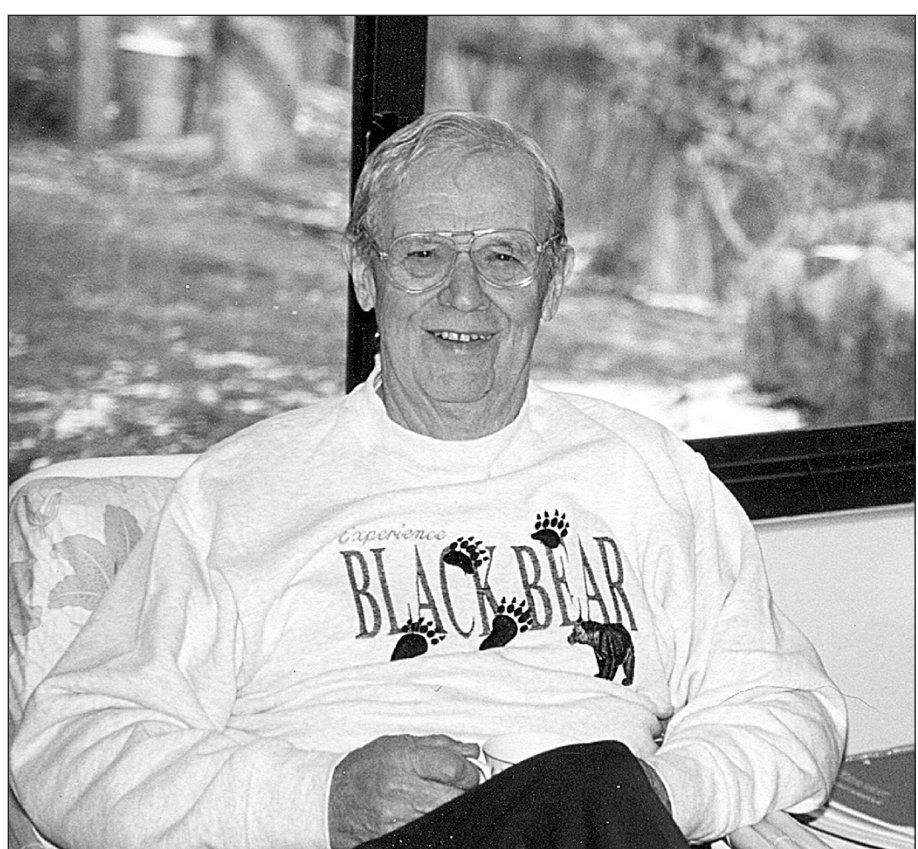
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Preserving Pocahontas
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Dabney Kisner's 80th Birthday – Jan. 2000



LLOYD E. “DABNEY” Kisner, Jr., of Durbin and Frank, celebrating his 80th birthday in January, 2000 at the home of his sister, Pauline “Polly,” and husband, Joseph E. Mams, in Elkins, W.Va.

Dabney was born January 13, 1920 in Frank, West Virginia, the son of Lloyd Edgar Kisner, Sr. and Edna Mae Graham Kisner. He was a graduate of Green Bank High School, a World War II Army Veteran and the recipient of two Purple Hearts, a Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Medal for heroic action while participating in aerial flight, two Caterpillar Pins, and a Special Award from the Belgium Red Cross. He married Irene Jones of Elkins in 1947.

Dabney and Reeney were part owners of the Bartow Drive-In but sold their share when they opened the Pocahontas Motel and Restaurant in 1953 at the top of Cheat Mountain, which they operated until the 1990s. The restaurant was famous for the German pot roast and homemade pies.

“Dabney,” Lloyd Edgar Kisner, Jr., a lifelong restaurateur, hunter, fisherman, centurion, and uncle passed away on a snowy morning, December 1, 2020, at the age of 100. He is buried at the Arbovale Cemetery in Arbovale, W.Va.

“The Kisner Collection” has been donated to Preserving Pocahontas by the Kisner Family. Items are being added to the online digital library as they are inventoried and digitized. We thank Becky Benton and The Kisner Family for gifting their family albums, photographs, documents and military memorabilia to the people of Pocahontas County. (The Kisner Collection, Courtesy of the Kisner Family; ID: PHP004757)

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

January 1900

I see a motion made for a Primary, and two names mentioned for Prosecuting Attorney. Let us not look at a man’s politics, but let him be sound in limb and of good wind and something of a bear fighter. J. H. Buzzard is mentioned for Assessor. He is a man every inch and can get the office, but why not bring him out for Sheriff if he will accept the nomination? Where Joe can’t go, his mule can. For House of Delegates, let L. M. McClintic come. He is a very acceptable candidate.

WOLF KILLED

The wolf which has been committing depredations to the great loss of the farmers in the upper end of Webster and the edge of Randolph for a number of years, was shot and killed last Monday evening by Stofer Hambrick, a son of Peter Hamrick, Sr. A large number of persons with about a dozen hounds had been chasing the animal for several days, and had fired many shots at it without any effect. When killed, the sheep killer was over the Webster line in Randolph, where the County Court had offered a reward of \$50 for the scalp. The Webster County Court had offered \$100, but no chances could be taken on chasing it back into Webster to be killed, as he was very much like the Irishman’s flea. This is thought to be the only wolf left in this part of the country, its mate having been killed a year or two ago. Probably as many as fifty sheep and lambs were required to satisfy the animal’s hunger each year, and the people feel truly relieved. May they never have any experience with the likes of it again. — Webster Echo

WEDDING

January 10, 1900, at 3 p.m., a very enjoyable society occurrence took place at the home of Joseph N. Friel near Verdant Valley, when Charles Waugh and Sarah Arlena Friel were united in the holy state of matrimony, Rev. Wm. T. Price, officiating minister. The bridal pair was preceded by Miss Rhoda Waugh as maid of honor, escorted by Charles Friel, brother of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony, all present were treated to a bountiful and nicely spread dinner tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Waugh, which was enjoyed by about 40 guests, mainly nearest neighbors and relatives.

The groom is a son of Beverly Waugh near Mount Pleasant, and is a much respected young farmer; the bride is the third daughter of J. M. Friel, and is highly esteemed for her nice deportment as a young lady...

BUILDING NOTES

J. D. Pullin has moved into this new store house on Main Street. The Pocahontas Furniture Co.’s building is almost completed. The frame of the Tyree store-house, opposite the Times office, is up. The post office will be kept in this building in six weeks if the weather permits the carpenters to work... Marvin Carter will build a storehouse this spring with living rooms overhead, and on the lot adjoining it he will build a dwelling house. G. F. Crummett’s dwelling is ready for the roof. His harness shop is located near the McLaughlin Hotel. The editor of his paper has let a contract for a dwelling house, which means, by the way, that he will be on the warpath presently collecting subscription money...

BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Among the worthy, industrious persons whose arduous toils and severe privations helped to make our county what it is, deserving of respectful mention was the late James Rodgers, Sr. He was a native of Madison County, Virginia, born February 13, 1789.

His first marriage was with a Miss Jackson, of Madison County. The issue of this marriage was seven children. The sons were Robert, Joseph and Drury. The daughters were Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary and Tabitha.

James Rodgers came to our county in 1824 and settled in the woods on Lewis Ridge, at a spot overlooking the Buckeye Cove. Thus he and his family became identified with Pocahontas almost from its organization.

His second marriage was with Nellie Lewis, of the Little Levels, a granddaughter of Alexander Wooddell... By the second marriage there were six children, Margaret, James Lewis Rodgers, Rebecca, William Rodgers married Polly Fleming, daughter of the late James Fleming on Swago and settled on a part of the Fleming homestead near Buckeye; Chesley Rodgers married Mrs. Sally Morrison and settled near Jacox. John Rodgers married a Miss Harter...

In his time, James Rodgers had the reputation of being one of the most industrious of working men. He tried to train his sons and daughters to habits of industry and strict economy. Soon as they became old enough for service, they went from home and found ready employment as field hands and housekeepers...

This venerable old man was a zealous and devoted adherent of the Methodist Protestant church. He was one of the first members in the Buckeye society and probably one of the first in the county...



Fifty Years Ago
Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, January 10, 1974

WOOD RAT

Last Thursday night, James Dulaney caught an animal new to him in one of his traps set near the Devil’s Backbone above Huntersville. He was trapping for a fox and had the trap baited with part of a muskrat. He thought it was a rat, but it had a furry tail. He skinned the animal out and stretched it over some cut and glued pieces of corrugated boxing and brought it the Times office Saturday. We did not have an animal book here so we put in a call to Chuck and Paula Waggy. Mrs. Waggy soon came up with the answer – an Eastern wood rat.

The wood rat has very fine soft fur, buff and gray mixed white underneath, furry tail, big naked ears, long whiskers. It is seldom

seen because it shuns civilization. Neotoma is the scientific name, neo – new and toma – cut, for a peculiarity found in the young, the teeth have a diamond shape. About 17 inches long, including an eight-inch tail. Kin to the pack rat.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Daniels, Jr., a daughter named Rachel Amanda.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker, of Alderson, a daughter named Stephany Dawn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicely, of Durbin, a son, named Timothy Don.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Dorn, of Grafton, a daughter named Rachel Lynn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson, in Wichita Falls, Texas, a daughter named Jeannette Lea.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul

Barrett, of Buckeye, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Green, of Frost, a daughter.

DEATHS

Charles Levi Gragg, 74, of Ravenna, Ohio, formerly of Durbin; a retired employee of Howes Leather Company. Funeral service was held in the Brethren Church at Durbin; burial was in the Gum Cemetery.

Jessie Ellen Lacy, 54, of Port Washington, New York; born at Seebert, a daughter of the late Summers and Emma Wheeler Lacy. She was a member of Pleasant Green Church at Seebert. Burial in Knoll’s Memorial Park, Port Washington, New York.

John Walter Hawkins, 49, of Princeton; born in Kettering, England, a son of Mrs. Fred Starsmore, of England, and the late William J. Hawkins. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Linda Cassell Hawkins... Burial in the Dunmore Community Cemetery.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, January 13, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hamed were down from Greenbank Monday. Their three sons all came back safely from the war. Julian is a college student at Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rockford is with the General Electric Company in Washington, and Kenneth manages a garage in Washington. Their daughter, Bernice, in Washington, has a position.

WEDDINGS

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Olive Frances Friel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Friel, of Marlinton, to Norman H. Alderman, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Alderman, of Huntersville...

Mr. Alderman is a veteran of World War II, having spent four years in the army of which he saw three years of long and arduous service with the first army in the E. T. O.

Miss Emma Virginia

Rogers, of Hillsboro, daughter, of R. W. Rogers and the late Mrs. Rogers, became the bride, January 1, 1949, of Daniel Skaggs, of Marlinton, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Skaggs.

WILD CATS

Durbin – On Monday, Roy Houchin came to town loaded down with a family of three wild cats – bay lynx to be technical. The old tom was remarkably large, weighed better than 25 pounds, hog dressed; the mother cat weighed over 16 pounds and the child cat 13 pounds.

Last Friday morning, Mr. Houchin was out looking his trap line and came on a lot of cat tracks, traveling the same way. Following up, he found the carcass of a big doe. There was sign she had been killed by a big wild cat. Setting traps in the trail and around the deer, Mr. Houchin caught three wild cats, and hopes to get the rest of the family. Mr. Houchin has known of and been trapping

for the big old tom for seven seasons... When caught, he was stuffed with beaver meat. He stretched 52 inches from front paws to hind feet. W. E. Blackhurst, the taxidermist, will mount this wild cat family for Mr. Houchin.

FIELD NOTES

One night during Christmas week, the sheep at Locust Hill Dairy Farm stampeded from their bedding down place to seek refuge down around the dairy barns. The next morning there were tracks in the patches of snow to tell the trouble. A big old mother bear and her family had come out of Marlin Mountain, heading west. They had passed not far from the sheep. These sheep had come from Elk Mountain, and they knew the smell and the danger of bears. It is surmised these bears were going to the Black Forest, to hole up for the winter.

A flock of no less than 20 cardinals was observed in a weed patch on Lower Camden Avenue one day last week. The cocks outnumbered the hens by about two to one.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times
Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, January 10, 1924

The little white dog that has been a familiar figure in the office of the County Clerk, S. L. Brown, for many years, died last month. She was seventeen years old.

S. L. Brown, local weather observer, reports as follows for the month of December: Hottest, 56 degrees. Coldest, 6 degrees. Greatest daily range, 36 degrees on the 8th, from 20 to 56 degrees and on the 12th, from 14 to 50 degrees. The mean temperature for the month was 36.5 degrees...

EARL BRIGHT BEARD

Earl Bright Beard was born November 30, 1900 and was therefore just a little more than twenty three years old. He graduated from the Hillsboro High School in June, 1920, and taught several successful schools in his native county and for a time was employed by the C & O Railroad at Hinton. Last spring, he came home and engaged in farming with characteristic zeal and determination to succeed in his inherited calling of stockman.

On the morning of January 4th, the Hillsboro community was stunned to learn that he had fallen into the waters of the Blue Hole and drowned. That morning, finding that the dogs had been among the sheep, for which he was caring, and injured some of them, he began to look about for the damage done and soon

found one in the Hole, standing on a ledge just above the water. He attempted to climb down to it, but the ground being covered with ice, he lost his footing and plunged into the chilly flood. Death must have come almost without a struggle... The funeral service was conducted from the home of

his father, M. L. Beard, on Sunday afternoon by Rev. H. H. Orr, of the Marlinton Presbyterian church. Burial in the Clark Graveyard...

The Blue Hole

The Blue Hole is in the Little Levels. At this part in the Levels, Bruffey Creek, or as it was once called, Little Sinking Creek, which passes under Droop Mountain appears and winds through the Levels for a short distance and disappears again and is seen no more. At the place of

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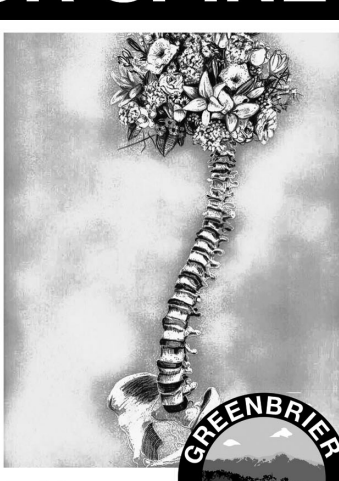
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DHHR, from page 2

issues concerning their Foster Care Program. Each of these three new agencies will be managed by its own Cabinet Secretary appointed by Justice. Department of Health Cabinet Secretary is Dr. Sherri A. Young, DO. Dr. Young had served as Interim Director of the DHHR since July, 2023, and prior to that was the Associate Chief Medical Officer to the Van-

dalia Health Network. Dr. Young is a graduate of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in nearby Lewisburg, and still serves on the Board of that school. Department of Human Services Cabinet Secretary is Dr. Cynthia Persily, PhD. Prior to assuming her role at the Department of Human Services, Dr. Persily was Vice Chancellor of Health Services at the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. The Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Health

Facilities is Michael Caruso. Prior to his new position, Caruso was a Healthcare consultant for the Orchard Park Hospital and had many years of leadership experience with Spectrum Health Partners. The new departments will receive administrative support services from another newly created state agency, the Office of Shared Administration, which is still being organized. That office will provide administrative services such as finance, human resources management,

management information services, and constituent services and was created to centralize, thus to minimize a lot of the bureaucracy for the new departments. The public is being assured that separating of the DHHR into three new departments has been carefully planned and designed so that West Virginia citizens who have been receiving services from the former DHHR should not experience any disruption in those services, nor of any of the benefits they receive.

Plan, from page 2

Council thanked Cottingham for her report on the progress of both grants. In other business, council approved:

- a \$300 donation to the Pocahontas County Free Libraries.
- a resolution to confirm the town of Marlinton re-

ceived a check for \$604.55 from the opioid settlement.

- to advertise requests for bids for 87 octane gasoline, diesel fuel, propane gas and heating oil.

 Marlinton Town Council meets the first Monday of each month, excluding holidays, at 7 p.m. in the municipal building auditorium. The public is welcome to attend in person or online through a Zoom link.

Check, from page 2

- Fire Board – John Rebinski
- Community Criminal Justice Board – Jamie Walker

Also at this meeting, Hallie Herold, Interim Director of the Pocahontas County Libraries and Visitor Information Centers, and Sue Anne Heatherly, President of the Board of Trustees, delivered their annual update to the commission. They said total attendance at the libraries increased by 14 percent this past year, and computer/WiFi use was up 15 percent. They noted that last year the County Commission's financial support for the libraries was reduced

in both general fund money and Hotel/Motel Tax money. Their 2023 operating budget is \$362,000. Helmick suggested that the BOE should perhaps be funding the libraries since they use the Hillsboro and Marlinton libraries as school libraries. Alicia Tallman, Director of the One Room University (ORU), delivered their annual update. They are affiliated with the New River Community and Technical College. She said over the years, 49 students have used the ORU in the county to obtain degrees or certificates. They currently have 10 students attending, and nine additional students are enrolling for the spring semester. The classes are held on the second floor of the City National Bank in Marlinton and classes can start

in the morning and some are held in the evenings. They rent the second floor of the bank building for \$3,500 per year, which includes utilities. Tallman said they will also be offering an EMT course at Pocahontas County High School, since 10 students there have expressed an interest in becoming EMTs. The ORU will also offer a Paramedic course at its Marlinton campus. Helmick suggested that they might want to move their campus to PCHS to save rent money, but Tallman did not feel PCHS would be a practical place for the ORU. Jason Bauserman, Bob Sheets and Tim Wade delivered the annual report for the Pocahontas County Historic Landmarks Commission. They reported they have

made repairs to the outside of the Opera House, and are looking to do improvements to the interior this coming year, perhaps adding an office. They have also been adding insulation to the historic McGlaughlin Cabin in Marlinton. Wade said they are in good shape financially for the restoration of the old Pocahontas County Clerk's Office in Huntersville. In other matters, the commission

- appointed David G. Hammond to be the county's Fiduciary Commissioner.
- approved a request from Amanda Smarr, of Region 4, to support the U.S. Forest Service Special Use Permit, which will allow the County ARC Broadband Project to string fiber-optic lines through portions of the Mon Forest.

Mayor's, from page 4

Marlinton is so blest to have one of the cleanest and most pristine water sources in the state. Yes, Marlinton has some distribution lines that are old and in need of replacement. But, we are working toward a project to eventually take care of that problem. For those who condemn and chatter about Marlinton water, google safe water versus clean water and you will read the following. There is a difference. Because clean water isn't always safe, and safe water isn't always clean. Imagine two glasses of water in front of you. One is clear; odorless and inviting. The other is a little cloudy. You can see a few particles in it, and it has a slight aroma. Which would you choose to drink? No doubt, you would pick the first one. It's clean, and the other one is not. However, what if you learned that the clear water

actually contained non-visible impurities such as bacteria, nitrates or dangerous levels of arsenic or fluoride? Counterintuitively, the murky water in this situation is actually safer to consume. This is why the distinction between safe water and clean water is so vital because clear or clean water is not always safe to drink. The reverse is also true, that safe water does not always look clear and uncontaminated. Full disclosure: My reflection on clean water: As a young boy, growing up on my family's Barbour County farm, I cannot remember the number of times that I cupped my hands and drank out of an open stream flowing through the woods. Likewise, I cannot remember the number of times I may have later had a belly-ache without considering what domestic animal or wild-game may have relieved itself, upstream from where I had decided to get a drink. Happy New Year! Sam

Your, from page 3

practices and beliefs. And having worked with Amish clients in the past, I know there are many misconceptions and myths about the Amish by the general population. Do Amish get Social Security benefits? No: in fact, the Amish reject Social Security benefits as well as unemployment compensation, welfare and food stamps. Yet, they pay property, sales and income taxes. "Be not conformed to the world." Romans, chapter 12, verse 1. Do Amish children still attend school until the eighth grade only? Yes, the Amish value education and require their children to attend a community school through the eighth grade or until they are 14. Two reasons are given for their education being cut short of attending high school. First and foremost, the Amish want to protect their children from the consumerism and ostentatiousness of many in our world. One anthropologist stated, "They are in our world but not part of it." Then, there's the tradition of working alongside their parents, an essential factor in farming operations. From the Amish standpoint, eight years of school provides all the education required to enter a vocation such as farming, carpentry, or animal

husbandry. Many Amish maintain and continue their education through correspondence courses, mainly in vocational subjects. Until the middle of the 20th Century, most Amish children attended rural public schools. At this time, schools in rural locations were generally small; many were one-room school-houses. The Amish were comfortable with this arrangement as small schools offered an opportunity for hands-on control of their children's education. Many Amish men even served on school boards. In the 1950s, the legal system sent Amish fathers to court for pulling their children out of school several years earlier than the general (English) population. Some were sentenced to jail for this offense. The Amish stood firm on their beliefs and cultural practices. Finally, a Supreme Court decision in 1972 called the Yoder ruling restored the parents' right to limit their education in public schools to the eighth grade. Although there are a few locations where Amish children still attend public schools for eight years, most attend Amish community schools where they learn the basics of math, writing skills, and Amish history. Students do not wear uniforms but attend school as they dress at home. Science, such as evolution, is not taught if it conflicts with the

bible. Next week, we will continue our in-depth exploration of the Amish community. We will begin by discussing how the Amish church is structured and the many ordinances and variety among different Amish groups. We'll also separate truth from fiction, as we English tend to harbor many misconceptions about unfamiliar groups. Also to be answered are the typical tourist questions such as, "Why do the Amish reject electricity?" a common, but false belief. And the ever popular, "Is it true that Amish children are free to go wild for a period of time when they are 17 years of age?" Well, again, that's an inaccurate understanding of Rum-

springa. Misinformation and rumor can result in suspicion and animosity toward the "others" among us. We must educate ourselves about the world and all its incredible diversity; this is vital to an informed and humane society. A huge thanks to a generous and knowledgeable friend who resides in the heart of Amish country, Holmes County, Ohio. My friend is Old Order Amish, so this article and those that follow are based upon firsthand knowledge and other credible sources. Until next week, Ken Springer ken1949bongo@gmail.com Citations are available upon request.

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Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.
 Campbelltown Church, Marlinton – Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.
 Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219 – Sunday Service 10 a.m.
 Edray United Church – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 4 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 5 p.m. Evangelistic Service Sundays, January 14 and 28, 4 p.m.
 Marlinton Church of Christ, Lakeview – Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m. and 6 pm. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
 Trinity Baptist Church, Rt. 219 Buckeye Hill – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor David Moore.

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ESTATE NUMBER: 14549 ESTATE OF: CHARLES BUNION FORBES ADMINISTRATRIX: Jessica A. Booth

Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 2, 2024.

Melissa L. Bennett Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission 1/4/2c

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF: G. R. Case No.: 23-JA-28(R)

The object of this action is to notify Adult Respondent Unknown Father of an Adjudicatory Disposition/Termination of Parental Rights...

ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

You are hereby notified that an abuse and/or neglect and/or abandonment Petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia...

An Adjudicatory Hearing will be held in this matter on February 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Court-house, 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954.

You are hereby notified that you have the right to have Counsel present at all stages of these proceedings, and Richard Gunnoe has been appointed as Counsel for Unknown Father...

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Accordingly, you who may have an interest in these proceedings must attend and may make such defense as you shall deem advisable...

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, West Virginia...

State of West Virginia and West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Child Protective Services Division By Counsel Joni O. Nichols Assistant Prosecuting Attorney WV State Bar No. 12898 900 Tenth Avenue

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Thursday, February 1, 2024, 10:00 a.m. County Commission Office Pocahontas County Courthouse-Marlinton

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 10:00 a.m. County Commission Office Pocahontas County Courthouse-Marlinton

Monday, February 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m. County Commission Office Pocahontas County Courthouse-Marlinton

Friday, February 16, 2024, 10:00 a.m. County Commission Office Pocahontas County Courthouse-Marlinton

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 5:45 p.m. County Commission Office Pocahontas County Courthouse-Marlinton

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: L-3-24

Public Notice Date: January 11, 2024

Paper: The Pocahontas Times

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WV0078557 Applicant: JUDY FENCECRAFT, INC. PO BOX 97 BARTOW, WV 24920 Location: BARTOW, POCAHONTAS COUNTY

Latitude: 38:32:26

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Receiving Stream: East Fork of the Greenbrier River

Activity:

Operate and maintain a closed system recycle system to prevent the discharge of industrial waste into waters of the state. Also, to operate and maintain a disposal system and best management practices for the direct discharge of untreated stormwater runoff via Outlet No. 001 into an unnamed tributary of East Fork, a tributary of the Greenbrier River...

Business conducted: Wood Preservation

Implementation: N/A

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a)), and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice.

Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins January 11, 2024 and ends February 10, 2024.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised.

The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

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Dever celebrates 100th



MARY ELIZABETH SOURS Dever, widow of Dennis Dhari Dever, formerly of Buckeye, celebrated her 100th birthday Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Mary is a retiree of the former Denmar State Hospital where she worked many years as a registered nurse. One of Mary's goals in life was to reach the age of 100, and she achieved that goal and is grateful for all the blessings life has given her.

Mary is a resident of the Elkins Regional Convalescent Center of Elkins.

ANSWERS: TRIVIA (1) Wings (2) Guns N' Roses (3) Wild Thing (4) Heaven

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Dean's List

Emory & Henry College congratulates McKenna Woody, of Slaty Fork, for being named to the fall 2023 Dean's List.

For inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn at least a 3.6 GPA for the semester.

Letters, from page 4

Dear Editor:
I appreciate your coverage of news and county organization's meetings; it is hard to attend all meetings or to watch the live feeds. The convenience of being able to read about the actions taken during meetings is invaluable.
The January 4, 2024, paper reported on the December 19, 2023, county commission meeting.

I was very upset with the report that the old Howes Office Building is slated to be torn down. This is very underhanded manipulation for the county commission to get their way. I understand that the citizens who were concerned about saving the office building have not created a business plan for the building or a plan for rehabbing the building. I did reach out to organizations who could have helped but I am a very small voice, and I was not a "squeaky wheel" to be heard.
I am very disappointed in

this county commission as they continue to grab all the money they can and build a mega center in Marlinton. They are all about self-interests, what about the rest of the county and constituents? My trust in our county government wains.
Oh, a thought; the upstairs of the office building could have been converted into an apartment for the much-needed housing in our county.
Sincerely,
Judy Fuller Durbin

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DEATHS
Private First Class Harold Leland Reed was born at Evenwood, Randolph County, on January 12, 1914, and departed this life April 3, 1945, age 31 years, two months and 22 days.
Harold was inducted into the Service March 30, 1944, and received his basic training at Camp Stewart, Georgia, for anti-aircraft duty... He was sent overseas in Jan-

uary 1945. On April 3, 1945, he was killed in Central Germany by a German trooper while engaged in a street to street battle.
He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bernice Faulkner Reed; and one daughter, Myrtle Carol, of Marlinton...
On Sunday afternoon, January 2, 1949, his funeral was held from the Central Union Church, the service being conducted by Rev. R. J. Skaggs and the Rev. J. W. Holiday. His body was laid to rest in the family plot in the Mountain View Cemetery with full military honors by

the V. F. W. of Marlinton.
Mrs. Maye Hopkins Gray, age 63 years, wife of J. M. Gray, died at her home in Cass Monday January 3, 1949. On Thursday morning, the funeral was held from the Cass Presbyterian Church... Her body was laid to rest in the End of the Trail Cemetery at Clintonville, Greenbrier County...

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the tragic death of Earl Beard, there are several large sink holes formed in that limestone region. In dry weather these are without water and the sides are grassed over. The rains caused them to fill up. And heavy rains had fallen last week. The largest of these depressions is Blue Hole. It is large enough and deep enough to contain a building as large as the courthouse. One side is walled with a precipice from the top of which the grassland slopes to a higher summit. The snow and the rain and the sleet had made a surface hard and smooth and icy, and that was the cause of the accident.
Earl Beard was a grandson of the late Sherman H. Clark, and it was on one of the Clark farms that the drowning took place.
This sudden, violent and terrible death stirred the people of this county as they have never been before. It brought to mind the solemn words: In the midst of life, we are in death.

nehaha Springs, Sunday, January 6, 1924. For some time, he has been in failing health from kidney trouble. He was about seventy years of age. Funeral service was conducted from his late home on Monday, and his body laid to rest in the family burying ground.
Mr. White is survived by his wife, who before marriage was a Miss Crummet, of Highland county. They are survived by a large family of children. He is also survived by his sister, Mrs. W. H. Hannah, of Elk, and his two brothers, H. Lee White and M. E. White.
Mr. White was a native of Highland county, coming to Pocahontas in early youth with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry White. He was an upright, industrious man, whose influence was ever on the side of right. For a lifetime he had been a professing Christian, a member of the Lutheran Church.
Mrs. Nellie Donivan McClure, beloved wife of A. L. McClure, died at her home near Woodrow January 3, 1924. Her age was about 40 years. She is survived by her husband and a large family of children, one a babe of a few days... Her body was buried in the Cochran graveyard on Stony Creek Saturday afternoon...

DEATHS
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