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Mosesso honored by WVU

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

Last year was a big year for Pocahontas County's Extension Agent Luci Mosesso.

In the position since July of 2018, Mosesso is making a name for herself as well as her county at West Virginia University and throughout the WVU Extension system.

In September 2023, Mosesso was one of three extension agents who received WVU's Outstanding Faculty/Staff Partner Award for Resource Development. This award is given to those who have gone above and beyond in bringing in resources for their programs.

Every March, the university launches a new Day of Giving Campaign.

Mosesso was the 2023 Day of Giving Campaign Ambassador from Pocahontas County. This program encompasses hundreds of charitable funds within the university system.

Mosesso named her project Pocahontas County's Greatest Needs Fund.

Her goal was to raise enough money to replace mattresses at Camp Thorn-

wood, the county's 4-H camp.

Those interested in giving to the fund could access it online at www.dayofgiving.wvu.edu

It was publicized in the county on local media and throughout the nation on social media.

Donors to the project included Pocahontas County residents, WVU alumni and through the reach of electronic media, supporters all over the world.

It raised a record \$19,710 for the project, which was enough to purchase more than 110 mattresses.

"The response to our appeal reiterates the life-long impact that 4-H has on so many people's lives," Mosesso said proudly.

"This award means that we were able to bring 4-H alumni together to support Camp Thornwood – a place which means so much to so many."

With 40 remaining mattresses to replace (there are 150 beds at Camp Thornwood), Mosesso plans to buy more mattresses this year.

"It's not just about mattresses – it's about paying it forward so that our kids in

the future can have these wonderful experiences and memories," Mosesso said.

Pocahontas County was the third highest gift recipient county in the West Virginia University Extension Service system.

The first was WVU Band and the second was cancer research at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

Mosesso continues to have ambitious goals for Pocahontas County's 4-H system.

This year, Mosesso is working on a grant for kitchen improvements at Camp Thornwood.

"We also need cabin windows," she added.

She's also hoping to attend to some tree trimming there, as well.

Long term plans include installing sidewalks at the camp to make it more handicapped accessible, and to create some mountain biking trails.

"Mikey Valach and Chad Baldwin have been introducing mountain biking to the 4Hers," Mosesso explained.

"Right now, the campers have to go elsewhere for it, but I'd love it to be something we can offer at the camp."



IN SEPTEMBER, WVU Extension Agent Luci Mosesso received WVU's Outstanding Faculty/Staff Partner Award for Resource Development. Mosesso was one of three extension agents in the state to receive the award. She was also the recipient of a WVU Value Coin – and she will "pay it forward." L.D. Bennett photo

Luci was in 4-H from the time she was eight years old through age 20, and was a camper at Thornwood each of those years.

She worked as a camp counselor, as an extension camp instructor for one summer, facilitating other county camp programs on behalf of

4-H. She competed in state 4-H competitions and state dance camp at Jackson's Mill in Lewis County.

"It's been interesting to go back to Jackson's Mill, not as a camper, as an extension agent and now to have received this award."

She attends state confer-

ences at Jackson's Mill and taught service learning organizational skills at the 2023 State CEO Conference and the State Team Leader Week-end there.

"Experiential learning is learning by doing," Mosesso

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HOBY – a life changing experience

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Pocahontas County High School junior Trenton Brock became a leader at school and in his community this past year. His passion to serve his school and county was ignited last summer during the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership conference, held at Fairmont State University.

HOBY was established by its namesake in 1958 as a nonprofit organization to inspire youth around the world to dedicate their lives to leadership, service and innovation.

In the four days Brock spent at the conference, he met more than 100 sophomores from across the state and gained a new perspective on his future as a leader.

"It was eye-opening," he said. "You meet with so many like-minded individuals. I really noticed a big change in my output within my community. I wanted to get involved in more things, like leadership roles. I feel like I've been getting even more involved around the school."

One week at a conference wasn't enough for Brock. He applied to be and was se-



TRENTON BROCK, A junior at Pocahontas County High School, said he had a life changing experience last summer when he attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership conference at Fairmont State University. S. Stewart photo

lected regional director, and he now works with future HOBY candidates who will follow in his footsteps.

"I actually selected two people this year to go – Ramona Hardy and Joey VanMeter," he said.

Brock will go back this summer with his two candidates, and he will also attend

the World Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois, as the representative from West Virginia.

"Every state, every country, everyone is there," he said.

Inspired by his time with HOBY, Brock has been vol-

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PMH to open main entrance

After closing its main entrance in October for remodeling, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is set to reopen its new entrance and registration area Monday, January 22.

The new main entrance will be used by hospital visitors and outpatients for services such as Lab, Radiology, Cardiopulmonary, etc. The Rural Health Clinic entrance will continue to be the main entry point for RHC and Rehab patients.

The main entrance now mirrors the stone and window-filled look of the remodeled Rural Health Clinic. Inside, visitors will notice a much larger and expanded registration area.

The new area features private individual registration windows, a larger waiting area, bright and modern light fixtures and a front desk. Private offices and workspace for staff are located behind the registration area.

This will be the second unveiling for PMH's comprehensive expansion project that was launched in July 2022. The first phase was completed in August 2023 with the opening of the new Joe and Peg Greenlee Rural Health Clinic.

The staff is eagerly looking forward to the completion of new Radiology and Cardiopulmonary department spaces set for completion by the end of February.

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Broadband council works to obtain pole agreements

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the first Broadband Council meeting of 2024, Brian Tew, of Thompson and Litton, Inc., told the council that there has been some progress in reaching pole use agreements with First Energy. He said all 39 of the pole agreement proposals have been submitted to that company, and, so far, they have received 19 approved proposals. Each proposal consists of 25 poles. Tew said they still have not had any response from Frontier Communications about their pole proposals, and that the ARC Broadband Project will need all of the First Energy poles they have requested and will also need approval to string fiber-optic cable on all of the Frontier poles they are seeking approval for in order to move the ARC Project forward. Tew added that, as a last resort, he has been talking to Citynet, the Internet Service Provider, for the project, about the possibility

of them setting poles if agreements can't be obtained to use all the existing utility poles needed for the project. Citynet seemed "lukewarm" to the idea.

It was noted that First Energy is being reasonable with their charges for pole use.

Region 4 Project Assistant and GIS Coordinator Amanda Smarr brought up a possible obstacle in the pole issue. She told council that, according to recent conversation she has had with state officials, the state wants all pole attachment agreements to be made between the utility companies and the ISP. However, our present agreements are between the utilities and the county commission. This was done because, until the end of construction, the county technically owns the project, and Citynet ownership will not be involved until then. Smarr said that she is not sure if this issue will be mandated by the state, or if it is just their desire.

Smarr said she is also unsure if the state insists on

that, whether the agreements the council now have would need to be completely redone, or if there would be some way to simply transfer the present agreements from the county commission to Citynet.

On another topic, the council brought up the proposed NTIA Broadband grants, but no one at the meeting had any new information about those grants.

Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton remarked that it has been encouraging to see Citynet vehicles around town. 911 Director Mike O'Brien said Citynet is working on the 911 Center's new phone system.

It was also mentioned that HughesNet is now offering connections to their new higher-speed satellite named Jupiter, which might offer reasonably priced broadband service to residents of the county until even faster fiber-optic service becomes available. It is a lot faster than the old HughesNet satellite service and not much more expensive.

Third Grade Success Act making positive changes

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Pocahontas County Board of Education heard an update January 12 from English/language arts coach Stephanie Burns on the progress of the newly added Third Grade Success Act.

The Act is a multi-tiered system that focuses on English/language arts and math skills. While it is called the Third Grade Success Act, it actually begins in the first grade, Burns explained.

"It includes screening and benchmarks for grades first through third grade in a three-year phase," she said.

The Act has a list of cut scores and Burns said if the students do not reach the cut scores by the time they are expected to, the student will meet with a student assistant team to work on the defi-

ciencies and make sure they are meeting the standards and learning the curriculum.

Burns and the implementation team — Rebecca Spencer, Kristy Tankersley, Katherine LeFleur, Diane Delfino, Gina Hardesty, Marsha Beverage and Michelle Murphy Rose — have attended training for the program and will provide training to their respective schools.

Although it is too soon to definitively say if the act is a success, Burns said there is a noticeable difference in the first grade classrooms.

"I'll tell you what we're seeing," she said. "We have more consistently, systematically provided intervention. Intervention was always provided in classrooms, but not quite as the level that's being providing now."

"We are seeing an increase in growth already," she con-

tinued. "Our hook is for our students to reach fifty percent mastery by mid-year.

We have seen an increase this year compared to previous years. We are seeing improvement, but I don't want to hold my breath. I think there are other pieces we still need to work on."

Burns also shared information about the success of this year's Literature Fair.

The fair is for kindergarten through 12th grade and is similar to a Social Studies Fair, except the students select a book as the subject of their project and discuss the plot and characters.

Burns said the top 85 projects from the elementary and middle schools participated in the county fair. From there, 21 of the projects moved on to the regional fair which was held at Glenville

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Primary Election update

The following candidates have filed for office for the May 2024 Primary Election:

For Sheriff: Buster Varner (R)
For Assessor: Johnny Pritt (R)
For County Commission: Tim Helmick (R)
For Magistrate: Cynthia Broce-Kelley

Pocahontas County positions on the ballot:

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

elected.

- Conservation District Supervisor

Candidate Filing Period is open until Saturday, January 27.

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

WVU economist calls for a focus on workforce

By P.R. Lockhart
Mountain State Spotlight

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As West Virginia officials continue to tout high-profile business deals from companies like Nucor, Form Energy and LG, one of the state's top economists told lawmakers that building up a workforce capable of taking these new jobs must also become a priority.

Hours before the start of the legislative session on Wednesday, lawmakers received their annual update on the state's economic outlook from John Deskins, an economist at West Virginia University who is often called by the Legislature to

speaking about the state's economy.

In the presentation, Deskins outlined what can be done to change West Virginia's last-in-the-nation labor force participation rate, which currently sits at 55%. The state has struggled for decades to raise this number, which is used to track how many people are actively working or are looking for work. The national labor force participation rate is closer to 63%.

"There's no way that we can have economic prosperity on par with the nation with that statistic," Deskins said.

In recent years, state lawmakers have allocated millions of dollars of economic development deals with employers to encourage them to move here. Just last week, officials announced a \$54 million incentive for LG to bring 275 highly-skilled tech jobs to West Virginia.

But Deskins said that raising the participation rate will require the state investing in "human capital" — improv-

ing the conditions that affect a person's interest in and ability to work — to get more people in the workforce.

This means addressing the basic needs of West Virginians, from improving the state's education system to providing job skills training.

Deskins also highlighted the importance of improving access to child care, a topic that received some attention from lawmakers during legislative interim sessions, though legislators so far have disagreed on the exact way the state should address child care access and affordability.

"Across the board we need more investment, we need to continue to try to fix those problems," Deskins said in an interview after the presentation, noting that there needs to be more attention on education, health and job preparation. "We're never going to get where we want to be unless we improve those areas."

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WVCAN releases annual report

The West Virginia Child Advocacy Network (WVCAN) released its Statewide Data Report for the 2023 fiscal year (July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023). The data in the report reflects service from West Virginia's 21 Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) which provided official service to 46 of 55 counties in the state. A CAC provides a safe, child-friendly facility where child protection, criminal justice, and child treatment professionals work together to investigate abuse, hold offenders accountable, and help children heal.

During the year, CACs served 4,879 children — nearly a 10% increase in new children served in the last five years. Highlights from the report include:

- 4,596 forensic interviews were conducted
- 50% of the children served were there because of

allegations of sexual abuse

- 14% of the children served were there because of allegations of drug endangerment, 4.7 times higher than the national average
- 43% of the children served by CACs were between the ages of 7-12 years
- 96% of alleged offenders were someone the child knew
- 30% of children are reported to have one or more disabilities
- 566 cases had charges filed
- 263 individuals were convicted for crimes against children
- 326,851 children (93% of the state's population) live in a county officially served by a CAC
- 25,139 children (7% of the state's population) live in a county without official CAC coverage

In the 2023 fiscal year, 66% of children who re-

ceived a forensic interview at a CAC disclosed abuse. 34% of children interviewed made no disclosure of abuse during the forensic interview. Even when a child does not disclose, the multi-disciplinary team may still have good cause to investigate the reports that prompted the child's services at the CAC.

Caregivers visiting CACs are asked to take a survey about their experience. 96% of caregivers surveyed said if they knew anyone else who was dealing with a situation like the one their family faced, they would tell that person about the child advocacy center.

The report includes data on victim demographics, alleged offender demographics, reported vs. disclosed abuse, services performed, criminal justice response, and CAC income budget breakdown.

Circuit Court

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

Angela Turner, 49, of Marlinton, appeared for a sentencing hearing wherein defense counsel asked for the alternative sentencing of home confinement. The Court will not consider home incarceration based on the defendant's criminal history. The defendant pleaded guilty to driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense. Turner was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than

three years in the state penitentiary and was fined \$3,000 and court costs were assessed. Turner will be referred to the GOALS program, and if placed in the program, defense counsel may file for a modification of sentence. Turner was remanded to custody.

James Tyree III, 69, of Marlinton, waived his right to an extradition hearing and will voluntarily return to authorities in Larimer County,

Colorado.

Kristina Shingleton, 53, of St. Albans, tendered a written plea agreement to the court wherein she pleaded guilty to the felony offense of attempted delivery of a controlled substance to a correctional facility. The court ordered a pre-sentence investigation report from the probation department before the plea agreement will be accepted.

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The Amish - a profile of courage and commitment Part Two A Matter of Grace

The West Nickel Mine Amish School in rural Pennsylvania had been in session for approximately two hours October 2, 2006, when a man burst through the door, mumbling something the teacher didn't understand. He went back to his truck and returned with a 9mm handgun.

Thirty-two year old Charles Carl Roberts, a milk tanker truck driver who serviced many Amish farms in the area, forced several boys to carry more items into the schoolhouse from his truck; these included plastic ties, construction materials to barricade the main door, and a shotgun and 30-06 rifle. He bound 10 of the schoolgirls and positioned them before the chalkboard. Two of the girls selflessly offered themselves up to be shot if the others could leave.

Roberts ignored their brave pleas and ordered the boys to leave. As law enforcement closed in, he emptied 13 rounds into the schoolgirls. Five would live, and five would die. After the massacre, he promptly committed suicide using the same gun. With the worst aspects of humanity now silenced, a flood of grace from the Amish parents of the murdered girls would wash over the community in an unparalleled act of forgiveness.

Before all the children were accounted for, an Amish elder admonished the students gathered outside the school, "We must not think evil of this man." Another parent was heard telling his remaining children, "He had a mother and a wife and a soul, and now he's standing before a just God." It would be the Amish community who personally and demonstrably forgave the killer and his parents. One of the fathers who lost a daughter embraced the shooter's father, consoling him for nearly an hour.

The Amish community began a fundraiser to help the parents with the turmoil and despair of losing their son in such a horrid manner. Likewise, on the day of the shooter's funeral, a large group of Amish, including the victims' parents, created a silent semi-circle around those gathered at Charles Robert's gravesite, offering a degree of love and grace, seldom witnessed in today's hostile and vengeful world. The West Nickel Mine School was demolished within a week of the shootings, and all that remains of

the massacre site is a verdant pasture. A new school, appropriately called New Hope School, was built and opened just six months later.

How the Amish church works

Church, in the Amish sense of the word, is less a particular building than it is a community governed by traditions and ordnungen, a set of rules that govern the community. Each Amish community is autonomous regarding the operation of their "church," so one can expect some degree of variance in their rules.

For example, some communities permit rubber tires on farm implements, while others maintain that wheels must be metal. Some ordnungen allow Sunday School classes on the odd weekends. The rules are very individualized in each Amish community. You may see some Amish with buttons on their clothes, while other communities permit only pins for closures.

Mass is held every other Sunday, rotating among the members' homes or barns. Rules even govern the accepted order of entry into the church:

1. The minister(s) enter.
2. Then, the older men and women, followed by the girls
3. Finally, the boys enter.

While Amish generally speak Pennsylvania Dutch at home and English with the outside world, High German is reserved only for mass.

One fascinating ordnung is how the ministers are selected. Traditionally, any man in the Amish community may be chosen to be a minister by a method called "lots." A row of books is arranged on a table; a single piece of paper is secreted in one of the books, and he who picks this particular book will act as a minister for life. And no training is required.

As mentioned in the previous article, Amish do not perform infant baptisms, believing that this ceremony should be considered only for those old enough to make a lifetime commitment to the church.

Rumspringa

Rumspringa is a quaint German word meaning "running or jumping around," among other similar definitions. For most Old Order Amish communities, this term refers to the period in a young person's life called adolescence. Rumspringa occurs when young men and women reach the age of 16 and are not yet baptized. Although rumspringa is generally regarded as a time when ordnungen are relaxed so that young Amish can experience

courting and, hopefully, find a spouse.

There is thought and wisdom behind the idea of rumspringa. As one Amish man told me, "Children will be children," meaning many Amish children go through a period of curiosity about the English world, and some become rebellious as they enter adolescence.

How far an individual takes this liberty period depends on the young man or woman. It is essential to recognize the weight given to baptism – this act is a lifetime commitment and, therefore, very serious. There are those few who go hog wild with their newfound freedom, driving cars, smoking cigarettes and imbibing spirits now and then. More often than not, though, Amish youth of courting age do so within their own or a neighboring Amish community.

This particular aspect of Amish life fascinates the general public and is one of the top 10 questions asked by visitors to Amish country. Popular culture is guilty of sensationalizing Rumspringa and giving more press to those who stray off the path than those who merely want to socialize and stay in their own community.

It is not a rite of passage as is often thought. Not all Amish communities practice or even recognize Rumspringa. Likewise, 90 percent of Amish adolescents maintain their connection to the church during their period of freedom and are later baptized and married. So, let's concern ourselves with just the facts.

What is bundling?

Bundling is an unusual but effective courtship ritual that is limited to Amish and Mennonites, and not in all communities. Simply put, the courting couple is permitted to spend a night together. Don't let your imagination go too speculative at this point; the couple are fully clothed, and touching is strictly verboten. They can talk throughout the night if they wish, but premarital sex is also verboten.

In some Amish communities, another measure may be taken to assure the young couple will not succumb to temptation. In this scenario, a board runs right down the middle of the bed, pinning the topmost quilt firmly to the bed so that the arms are also immobilized. When I



AMISH ARE FAMOUS for their carpentry skills as well as barn raisings. Photo courtesy of Joe Keim of Pixabay

asked my friend about the practice of bundling, he made one thing clear: "Some of this still goes on." Evidently, the practice is somewhat outdated among some of today's Amish.

What's the deal with Amish and electricity?

This is another frequently asked question about the Amish lifestyle and one in

which presumptions are only sometimes accurate. Many of us assume that the Amish reject the use of electricity completely, yet, this is not the case at all.

The Amish do not reject electricity simply because they oppose the concept of electrons pulsing through a conductor. They recognize electric power's usefulness but do not want to be con-

nected to the grid. Doing so would symbolize a link to the outside world that may bring certain elements of that other world into their own communities.

As discussed previously, the Ordnungen (rules) vary from church to church. Yet, some of today's Amish use generators to access electricity. **see Your pg 10**



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2. He arrived from Norway in the 10th century, who was this first European to

- land in North America?
3. What five countries formed colonies that would later become part of the territory of the United States?
4. To which tribe did Pocahontas belong?

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By Sam Felton

Town of Marlinton residents: please pay attention to upcoming council meetings, and to this week's Mayors Corner.

The reason I take time to respond to concerns posted on Facebook about the municipal ordinance is because of the accusations that the Town of Marlinton is trying to do something behind the scene. If it were not so sad, it would be laughable.

Please pay attention. First of all, according to State statute, the Town always posts the Regular and Special meeting dates and Agendas at least three days prior to the meeting. (An emergency meeting is different). The agendas are forwarded to *The Pocahontas Times*, WVMR and posted at the town's entry of the municipal building. The Agenda is posted to Facebook and the town's webpage.

Since March 2020, Zoom-access has been a virtual option for every meeting.

It is more than a little paranoid to think anything could be accomplished in the dark.

Mayors expect a number of people to run off at the mouth because some would rather do that than to try to understand facts and provide answers to problems. Others attend a meeting or two, often do not fully understand the facts at hand, and it becomes easier to believe council has not considered other options, or sincerely believe there is no problem.

That is what is disappoint-

ing. One resident actually asked, "Why does the Town even need a police officer? What would Council expect a police officer to do?"

In other words, if no problem is realized – there is no need for a solution to the problem.

Yes, the Town of Marlinton had a police chief and four officers at one time, without additional fees. I happened to be a council member and the police liaison in those days. Two separate grants paid the bills at that time. Cops Fast and Cops More.

A fee should have been enacted then, but was not. Probably for the same reasons as now.

Nevertheless, the grants went away and the cops went away. Even then, young officers would leave because the town never paid enough to compete with other departments. The alternative since has been part-time officers – coming and going.

So, I go back to the Comprehensive Plan. It was not a town council plan!

It was a plan created by the people who live here!

Now, Council is trying to implement the people's plan, and we are finding that police-presence may not have been a number #1 priority if people had known it would come at a cost to the beneficiaries of the service. Everyone should understand that everything costs and someone has to pay – or not.

Still, I have to believe that, while numerous residents who were attending Planning Commission Meetings during 2016, and in the three years that followed, those residents participated in the sixteen public meetings and three open-houses.

Apparently, these other well-intended residents are now saying the early efforts and work of other residents does not matter.

The need is worse now than then.

The current nay-sayers must have been going about other business and paying absolutely no attention to the plan that was already in progress and was being put together by concerned individuals that submitted goals and filled out surveys stating what they would like to see the future of Marlinton look like – the town we call home.

Other high priorities of the plan included doing something with abandoned and dilapidated properties. Nothing consistent had happened in 25 years and maybe longer. None of the recent progress had been accomplished, nor could have been accomplished with part-time people. Consistency is not a part-time job.

I don't like to see three employees riding in one truck without good reason.

The fleet of town vehicles allows more access to do more work. Council sold older equipment that had not been used in many years and purchased good used vehicles that cost less than a single new unit would have cost. This is another case of liking the results but expecting results to come at no cost. Yes – wages have increased, but

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

A proposal has been made to increase the salaries of the deputies by \$10,000.

This proposal has been put forth due to the difficulty in hiring and retaining deputies because their pay is not competitive with other counties. I believe that this deserves

serious consideration since in addition to losing personnel we also face a reoccurring training cost for their replacement.

With money coming to the county from the opioid settlement this seems like a good source of funding. I would also like to en-

courage the Department to consider a Community Policing Program. From personal experience these programs, if implemented properly, have significant pay backs for law enforcement and the community.

Joe Kaffl
Hillsboro



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Lemony Greek Chicken Soup
2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 cup finely diced onion
1/2 tsp. sea salt
1/2 cup peeled, finely diced carrot
1/2 cup finely diced celery
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
6 cups chicken stock
1/2 cup brown or white rice
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
2 tsp. lemon zest
3 egg yolks
1/4 cup fresh mint, finely chopped
1/4 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
Pinch freshly ground black pepper
1 cup thinly sliced cooked chicken breast meat

Heat olive oil in a soup pot over medium heat, then add onion, salt and sauté until translucent, about 4 minutes. Stir in the carrot, celery and oregano and stir for 30 seconds. Pour in 1/2 cup of broth to deglaze the pot until the liquid is reduced by half. Add remaining broth and rice and bring to a boil. Lower heat to maintain a simmer

Whisk lemon juice, zest and egg yolks together, then stir into the soup and cook until it clouds and thickens a bit, about 3 minutes. Stir in the mint, parsley, pepper and another 1/2 tsp. salt, then add chicken and taste. If soup is too sour, add another pinch of salt.

Maple Cheesecake
4 whole graham crackers, broken into pieces
1/4 cup pecans
1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/3 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
4 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted

Cheesecake
2 pounds cream cheese, softened
1 1/4 cups pure Maple Syrup-no substitutes
4 large eggs

Topping
1/3 cup granola
1/2 cup maple syrup
For the crust: adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees. Grease bottom and side of 9" springform pan. Process cracker pieces and pecans in food processor until finely ground, about 30 seconds. Add flour, sugar and salt and pulse to combine, about 2 pulses. Add melted butter and pulse until crumbs are evenly moistened, about 5 pulses.

Using your hands, press crumbs into an even layer on prepared pan bottom. Using bottom of a dry measuring cup, firmly pack crumbs into pan. Bake until crust smells toasty and is browned around edges, about 18 minutes. Let crust cool completely. Reduce oven temp to 225 degrees for the cheesecake.

For the cheesecake: in clean dry processor bowl, process cream cheese and maple syrup until smooth, about 2 minutes, scraping down sides of bowl as

needed. With processor running, add eggs, one at a time until just incorporated, about 40 seconds total. Pour batter onto cooled crust.

Firmly tap pan on counter and set aside for 20 minutes to allow air bubbles to rise to the top. Gently draw tines of fork gently across surface of batter to pop air bubbles that have risen to the surface.

Once oven has reached 225 degrees, bake cheesecake on aluminum foil-lined rimmed baking sheet until edges are set and center jiggles slightly when shaken and cake registers 165 degrees 1/2 inch below surface in center, about 3 hours.

Transfer pan to wire rack and let cool completely, about 2 hours. Refrigerate cheesecake uncovered for 6 hours.

To unmold cheesecake, run tip of paring knife between cake and side of pan. Remove side of pan. Slide thin metal spatula between crust and pan bottom to loosen, then slide cheesecake onto serving platter. Let cheesecake stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

For the topping: Sprinkle granola around top edge of cheesecake. Drizzle maple syrup inside the ring of granola. Spread granola with the back of a spoon to fill in any spaces.

Warm a knife under hot water, then wipe dry. Cut cheesecake into wedges and serve.

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE
Marlinton Town Council Special Meeting, Thursday, January 18, 4:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Auditorium. Agenda: Beard Heights Water and Sewer System; Home Rule Information; Review of Town Financial Reports; and discussion of Municipal Fee Ordinance.

Bloodmobile Tuesday, January 30, noon to 6 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org

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. Menu: Beans, cornbread, coleslaw and desserts.

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 Toning, 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.

Chair Yoga, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at the Green Bank Observatory. Beginner friendly for folks with limited mobility

POCAHONTAS COUNTY ART COUNCIL

Year of the Dragon Sculpture – Wednesday, January 24, at the Third Avenue Studio in Marlinton. Students 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Adults 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Kids' Valentine Heart Cards – Thursday, February 8, 4 to 5 p.m., Third Avenue Studio, Marlinton

Oil Painting – Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Little Yellow House in Dunmore

Adult Pottery Classes – Saturdays 1 to 4 p.m., Third Avenue Studio, Marlinton. Call 304-456-4600 or text 304-997-2153 for more information or to register.

Adult Classes \$25. Kids' Classes \$5; kids' scholarships available.

MEETINGS

Pocahontas County Local Emergency Planning Committee Thursday, January 18, 2 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in

Marlinton. The LEPC facilitates the emergency planning needs (manmade and natural) of Pocahontas County and assures compliance with provisions of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA). For more information, contact the Pocahontas County Office of Emergency Management at 304-799-3985. The public is welcome.

Pocahontas County Vietnam Veterans of America Wednesday, January 24, 7 p.m. at McClintic Library.

Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee 6 p.m. Monday, February 5, at McClintic Library in Marlinton. Open to the public and available via Zoom. Email jvmiller2008@gmail.com for the Zoom connection.

Diabetes Support Group, third Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Community Care Building, Third Avenue, Marlinton. 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.

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- Chair Yoga: GBO, Tues., 5 pm.**
- Yoga: Durbin Library, Tues., 5p.m.**
- Linwood Center, Wed., 5:30 p.m.**
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Casting about for cast iron

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

Since ancient times (at least 3,000 B.C.), molten iron was being put to good use in China, Anatolia and Assyria, where it was considered a precious metal – more precious than gold.

Iron was used to make weapons and tools, such as plow blades and axe heads, as well as ovens, decorative items and art.

Metal workers were so important to their societies that they often held the status of chief or shaman of their tribes.

Ghengis Khan was an iron smith before he became the most famous conqueror of his age.

It took until about 200 B.C. – with the invention of the wok – for cast iron to be widely used for cookware.

2000 to 1000 B.C. While iron was still a precious metal, as attested by the iron artifacts found in the royal tombs of Alacahoyuk, Anatolia, and by cuneiform tablets in Assyria which state that iron was more valuable than gold, it was increasingly used to make weapons and tools in addition to luxury and art objects.

The principle of the Renn kiln involves reduction of the iron ore with charcoal to obtain sponge iron (loupe or luppe), which is a mixture of slag, charcoal, pure iron, and unreduced iron ore. The sponge iron is then forged and cleaned of residuals to produce a malleable material.

In modern kitchens, just as it was in our grandmothers' kitchens, a cast iron skillet can be the hardest-working piece of cookware you own.

It is most likely our most durable piece of cookware, being passed down from generation to generation.

Cast iron cookware is made by pouring an alloy of molten iron into a sand mold and allowing it to cool before breaking away the sand.

Every cook should have at least one piece of cast iron in the cabinet, or maybe, like many of us, have an ever-growing collection of it displayed proudly, like art.

Part of the beauty of cast iron is its versatility.

A cast iron skillet can be used on every type of stove-top, in the oven, on the grill or over a campfire.

It cooks evenly and holds in heat, which makes it perfect for searing a steak.

There's no better way to get a ribeye with a crusty exterior and a rosy interior like the one you get when you cook it in cast iron.

It will fry chicken or bacon, simmer chili or bake biscuits.

Perhaps cast iron cookware was once thought to be a little old-fashioned, but in recent years, this classic cookware has become fashionable again.

A new crop of cast iron skillets – lighter weight, more highly polished, and even pre-seasoned – has made an appearance on kitchen shelves.

Unless you have pre-seasoned cast iron, seasoning before use and in between uses is necessary. And there's the question of how to clean it.

Maintaining cast iron need not be intimidating. It's just not a big deal.

I usually clean my cast iron with a stiff bristled plastic brush and coarse grained salt.

I know you've probably heard that soap is a big no-no. But there are occasions when soap and water are called for.

And if you have a well-seasoned skillet, it will take a lot more than soap and



CAST IRON PANS even look good hanging on the wall.

water to disturb its patina. But there are a couple of no-nos ... Soaking a cast iron pan is not a good idea and never put it in the dishwasher.

If there are pieces of anything stuck to the pan, a square edged wooden spatula will scrub them off without disturbing the seasoning.

After cleaning, thoroughly dry your skillet.

You may want to heat it over low heat for a minute to make sure to remove any lingering moisture. Use a paper

towel to rub a very thin layer of oil onto the cast iron, and wipe out any excess oil.

If it seems that cleaning has removed some of the seasoning, re-season it.

Just use plenty of lard or oil and place the skillet upside down in a hot oven for about a half hour or so.

Make sure to have an oven liner or a piece of foil in place to protect the bottom of your oven from dripping oil.

If you are nesting cast iron skillets in your cabinet, put a piece of newspaper, a cloth

or a paper towel between them to prevent any scratches in the seasoning and absorb any remaining moisture which could lead to rusting.

If you are lucky enough to have inherited cast iron from your mother or grandmother, clean it up, season it, use it and cherish it. It will be one of the most versatile and hard-working tools in your kitchen.

You may decide to add to your collection.

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explained. "It's my favorite way to learn and to teach."

"It's incredible to watch young people discover something new or find their passion. I'm honored to get to do that work. That's the fun part.

"Service is the best part of my job. There's so much to gain from participating in service and caring for our communities," she said.

Mosesso recently received another accolade.

She came back from Christmas break to find an important parcel on her desk. It contained a Value Coin from Extension Service Dean Jorge Atila.

"It was a great surprise and a great honor," she said.

The Value Coin was inaugurated in 2017 as part of West Virginia University's 150th anniversary celebration.

Throughout 2017, WVU senior leaders awarded 150 commemorative coins to faculty and staff "who make our campus community a better place by living our core values of Service, Curiosity, Respect, Accountability and Appreciation."

Although it originally was intended to last only one year, the program proved to be popular among faculty and staff, so it has continued.

Beginning in 2018, in addition to the coins presented by senior leaders, coin recipients from the previous year were provided a new coin and instructed to "pay it forward" to other faculty and staff who make a difference at the university.

There's a new design for the coin each year and the "paying it forward" continues to this day.

"Being awarded this coin makes me especially proud because I'm an alumnus of WVU," Mosesso said.

"One of the neatest things about the Value Coin is that, next September, I get to pass the honor along to someone else. It's a little like this year's Miss America getting to crown next year's Miss America – but way neater," she said with a smile.

"I tell people I prefer to hide in the background, and to be honest, I do," Mosesso said. "It's hard to accept an award with only my name on it, knowing that it really be-

longs to everyone I work with.

"The people I get to work with are the best – Greg Hammons and Connie Burns, the volunteers who generously give their time and abilities, and the kids whose enthusiasm is contagious and inspiring."

"These awards belong to all of them, and only exist because of them."

Mosesso received her undergraduate degree in Agriculture, Business Management and Rural Development from WVU. She then received a WVU graduate degree in Agriculture and topped that off with a WVU graduate certificate in Community Development in 2023.

Like we said, 2023 was a big year for this Pocahontas County success story.

Mosesso thinks she has some idea as to why she received the Value Coin.

"I think it was our statewide service project last year – the Capitol Christmas Tree project.

"We were able to involve 4-Hers from across the state – we got at least one ornament from every county. There were 5,308 ornaments created by 4-H campers at camps throughout West Virginia.

"We also created 55 wooden 4-H four leaf clovers to represent each county in the 4-H program.

All the ornaments were packed by Mosesso and 4-H volunteers at the 4-H pavilion at the state fair last summer. The ornaments were delivered to the Forest Service offices in Marlinton and Elkins in preparation for their trip to D.C.

Twenty-seven Pocahontas County 4-H members and volunteers took a field trip to Washington, D.C. to see West Virginia's Capitol Christmas Tree in all her

glory.

The trip was made caravan-style in several personal vehicles.

"We left early in the morning, in the snow, and arrived about noon on a cold and windy day in Washington," Mosesso said.

"We first toured the National Botanical Garden, which we all really enjoyed. It was truly beautiful and fascinating, and it was quite pleasantly heated," she laughed.

The group was given a tour of the Capitol, which had been arranged by Senator Shelly Moore-Capito.

The Capitol Christmas tree lighting ceremony put the spotlight on West Virginia and its fine young people.

It was almost dusk when the 4-H contingent assembled around the Christmas tree, listening to the Richwood High School Band playing Christmas carols and watching the tree spring to life during the lighting ceremony.

After the ceremony and a quick photo op of the West Virginians in front of the tree, it was time for the exhausted group to head home.

This year there will be more 4-H fun.

2024 will mark the 80th anniversary of Camp Thornwood, and Mosesso is looking forward to it.

"That's really something, and we're all excited about it," she said. "We're going to

do a 'Throwback' theme to celebrate 80 years of camp."

There have been 80 years of 4-H camp at Thornwood, but there were several years of 4-H camp even before Thornwood, when it was held at the Marlinton Stockyards.

"It's also Smoky the Bear's 80th birthday this year so we hope to have Smoky be our guest at camp and celebrate with us."

This has been quite a year for Mosesso. The awards she received are resting on her desk for now, but where will Mosesso keep her trophy and Value Coin?

"I'll keep them here in the extension office on the bookshelf next to my two Championship Hog trophies from 2005 and 2007."

There's just no taking 4-H out of Mosesso or Mosesso out of 4-H.

"The 4-H pledge is: 'My head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service and My health to better living,'" Mosesso explained.

"These goals have been relevant since they were created in 1927.

"I believe in the 4-H program and have witnessed first-hand the impact it can make.

"The heart of the Extension Service is the people we serve," she continued.

"I'm thankful to live in Pocahontas County, raise my family here, and be part of this community."

HOBY, from page 1

unteering and organizing community service projects with both local and statewide initiatives. He organized a project for the United Way homeless shelter in Fairmont this past Christmas.

"We decorated bags and filled them with hygiene products and added positive quotes to let them know that they have support," he said.

It does cost money to attend HOBY conferences and Brock said he is thinking up fundraising ideas for this year. He also encourages community members to consider making donations to help the students grow their leadership skills with the program.

"Whether you're a student, parent, educator or community member, I encourage you to support HOBY and its mission," he said. "By investing in the development of young leaders, we can create a brighter future for all.

"HOBY's impact extends far beyond the seminar itself," he continued. "Graduates of the program often go on to become influential leaders in their schools, communities and even on a global scale. They become advocates for positive change, inspiring others to

take action and make a difference."

Brock has found many ways to make a difference during his high school career. In addition to HOBY, he is also a member of SADD, RAZE, Natural Helpers, FFA, 4-H, Warriors Above the Influence, The Tribe, Yoga club, line dancing club, Junior committee and has served as class president for the past three years.

He is also an athlete, playing soccer, basketball and track.

And if that wasn't enough, he also works. He is employed at the Appalachian Kitchen, Tuque's Bar and Grille and the Pizza Slice, all located in the Corduroy Inn and Lodge at Snowshoe Mountain Resort. This past summer he was a lifeguard at the Green Bank Observatory swimming pool and when he is needed, he lends a hand at Station 2 Restaurant.

Oh, and he also referees youth soccer games.

Brock, the son of Jason and Sarah Brock, is a shining example of what youth leaders look like, and he will continue to advocate for students to have the same experience he did through HOBY.

Those interested in donating to the PCHS HOBY fund may contact the school at 304-799-6564.

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Obituaries



JoAnn Fromhart

JoAnn Rogers Fromhart, 91, of Dunmore, peacefully passed away Friday, January 12, 2024, in Charleston, surrounded by her family.

Born July 27, 1932, in Gladesville, she was a daughter of the late Archie Pascal Rogers and Georgia Jo Newcome.

JoAnn, or Mrs. Fromhart as most knew her, received her teaching degree from Fairmont State College. On May 6, 1955, she married her husband, Fred, in Newburg. In 1958, they moved to Pocahontas County where they raised their children, and Fred served as superintendent of Seneca State Forest. She was always quick to ask people if they knew what Irish twins were since Matthew and Louise both came in 1960. For several years, she did not teach and stayed home to raise the children. She resumed teaching when her youngest (Louise) was in kindergarten.

Mrs. Fromhart's career included teaching reading, writing and English. She could describe linking verbs and diagram sentences quicker than anyone. She taught many students throughout her decades in education. It was a common experience to be out in the community with her, or even in a neighboring county, and former pupils would stop to talk to her.

When Fred retired from Seneca in 1988, they bought their 50-acre farm in Dunmore and moved to an A-frame on the hill. They spent time farming and gardening, with many wonderful memories shared with family and friends.

She was an active and faithful member of the Dunmore United Methodist Church and was always involved in the community. She enjoyed knitting, bible study and spending time at the Green Bank Senior Center with friends. She was the family historian and kept a daily journal. She could refer back to a date in years past and tell you what happened that day, often noting historical events in our lives. She was one of kind, a collector of anything she found, and will always be part of our lives as well as those of her friends and neighbors throughout the county and extended areas.

The family would like to say a special thank you to her friends Linda, Veronica, Retta and the Chestnuts for always helping when she needed assistance, carpooling to appointments and being faithful companions.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years,

Fred Fromhart; son-in-law, David Lynch; and a brother, Lee Rogers.

She is survived by three children; Lewis Fromhart (Debbie), of The Villages, Florida; Matthew Fromhart (Darlene), of Hollywood, Maryland; and Louise Morgan (Keith), of Charleston; three grandchildren, Amber Bell (Ryan), of Chapmanville, Caroline Oziemblosky (Dan), of Morgantown, and Haley Fromhart, of Edgewater, Maryland; four great-grandchildren, David and Katherine Bell and Sydney and Rachel Hall; and three great-grand dogs, Glock, Baja and Olive.

As per her wishes, the body will be cremated and there will be no funeral service.

There will be a memorial service Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial donations to Dunmore United Methodist Church, the Humane Society of Pocahontas County, or the Green Bank Senior Center.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com



Maria Reed

Maria Ann Reed, 61, of Dunmore, passed away Monday, January 8, 2024, at her home.

Born September 28, 1962, in Marlinton, she was a daughter of Willie Alston and Shelby Jean Underwood Ryder, of Dunmore.

Maria was a homemaker and a member of Dunmore United Methodist Church. She also worked for Hanover Shoe Company; Seneca State Forest and was a custodian at Dunmore United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Origen and Eula Underwood; and paternal grandparents, Arick and Zeldia Ryder.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a son, Jason Reed (Jennifer), of Cass; granddaughter, Briley Reed; brothers, Steven Ryder and John Ryder (Jolene), all of Beaver Creek, Chad Ryder (Wilma), of Marlinton, and Thane Ryder, of Huntersville; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and great-nieces-and-nephews; special friend, Patty Nottingham, of Dunmore; and her feline fur baby, Apple.

Funeral service was held Sunday, January 14, 2024, at Dunmore United Methodist Church, with Pastor Amy Paul officiating. Burial was in Beaver Creek Cemetery.

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Iron, from page 5

These days, vintage pieces of cast iron are becoming harder to find, and are becoming pricey. But you can still get lucky and come across cast iron at auctions, in consignment shops, flea markets and yard sales for reasonable prices.

If you are new to the world of cast iron, you might want to start your collection with a 10-inch skillet. It can do almost everything. And if need be, add a 12-inch skillet to your collection.

Don't be afraid of buying cast iron with some rust on it. Rust can be removed the same way as cleaning a cast iron skillet after cooking something sticky in it – with a stiff brush and coarse salt.

One of the best things about cast iron is the flavor it imparts to food.

There's something about the seasoning of a cast iron skillet that makes everything cooked in it taste so good.

One of the other things I love about cast iron is its history.

There's something romantic about using the same piece of cookware that your grandmother, or someone's grandmother, may have used. Just imagine the thousands of meals cooked in a piece of cookware that's been around since before the first World War or maybe even the Civil War.

From the mid-1800s to the early 1900s, American cast iron was in its heyday. Cast iron was a big industry, producing millions of pieces of cookware, as well as steam radiators, wood-burning stoves, bridges and even buildings.

For those of you who want to begin a cast iron collection, there are collector's

Prayer and the Wish Book

Dawn Reed

Way back in the 1900s, there was an amazing, magnificent, almost magical book of wishes. Each year, Sears, Roebuck and Company issued a treasured catalog containing all the toys on earth, and it went to Every. Single. Household. Kids young and old anxiously awaited its arrival in the fall.

Dolls of every size and shape, toy cars of all types and colors, NFL apparel, bicycles, racetracks, even drum sets, plus every other imaginable entertainment were there on the pages of the Wish Book. In a home with more than one child, the catalog was passed around until the edges frayed. Items were circled and initialed lest a brother or sister be confused as the one who wanted it. Before the Internet, it was the way we planned for Christmas.

Naturally, as kids, we wished (and circled) things that were pipe-dreams,

ridiculous for our humble states. We wished for the moon. (It was probably towards the back.) We longed for humungous and expensive gifts we did not have room for, nor could our families afford. But we dreamed and hoped. And waited. Until December 25th.

On Christmas, every single time, someone older and wiser chose what we would receive. Someone who knew us and knew what was best for us. We delighted in what we were given, excited for the new adventures ahead with our toys and gifts.

The same Wish Book principle applies to my prayer life. I can pour out my heart's desire to my Heavenly Father; He doesn't mind at all. In fact, He encourages it. In Jeremiah 33:3 we read, "Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things you do not know." Sometimes I ask for big stuff or for the unimaginable to happen. But then, I pray for His will. His perfect will. And I wait. The wait-

ing is the key. If I pray and then jump ahead, then it's my will and not His. He is wiser than I am and knows what is ahead. I can trust that He knows what is best for me – what I can handle and what I cannot.

I am often thankful that He has not given me what I asked for.

Knowing I have a kind and loving Father in heaven gives me courage to boldly march into 2024 carrying two Bible verses that never ever get old:

• Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

He knows the plans. They are good plans.

• Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."

I don't have to figure everything out on my own or in my simple mind. If I put



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Him first – and not myself – He will direct me.

This morning I am praying for breakthroughs, deliverances and healings. I'm praying that God will work in miraculous ways for people I care about – people in our church and community. I will make my requests known and trust that the LORD will work in a heavenly, purposeful way.

He hears my prayers. He hears me.

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

Stick a fork in it

R.A. Tea Mathews

Last week, the window on the driver's side of my vehicle stopped rolling down. Since the window is still under warranty, I called my dealer but couldn't get an appointment. They were backed up for over a week.

No matter. It started working again. I was so happy!

Do you know what's worse than a window that won't roll down? A window that won't roll up. Mine stopped working again, and the window was down.

Then it started to rain.

There I was, driving around town with the storm blowing in like an oncoming hurricane. A library worker realized my plight, quickly took the door apart, and slid my window up. I was so happy!

"But it needs something to hold it," he said.

I looked around and spotted a metal fork. I have no idea why a metal fork was in my car, but it was. And still is, faithfully holding up my window.

Nice guy. Happy ending.

There's a fork story in Scripture. An obscure passage—obviously. Stay with me, it conveys one of the most important messages in the Bible.

In roughly 1,000 B.C., there were two young priests in Israel, Hophni and Phinehas. It was the practice that when meat was offered to God, the priest would receive a portion. The meat was boiled, and then a fork was stuck into the pot and whatever came up went to the priest. Here's the passage:

"And this was the custom of the priests with the people: when anyone was offering a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come while the meat was cooking, with a three-pronged fork in his

hand. And he would thrust it into the ... pot; everything that the fork brought up, the priest would take for himself." (1 Samuel 2:13-14)

But Hophni and Phinehas liked roasted meat and instructed their servant to get the meat before it was boiled. Here's the passage:

"...the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, 'Give the priest meat for roasting, as he will not take cooked meat from you, only raw.' And if the man (objected) ... (the servant) would say, '...give it to me now; and if not, I am taking it by force!'" (1 Samuel 2:15-16)

This was no small matter to God. Scripture says, "And so the sin of the young man was very great before the Lord, for the men treated the offering of the Lord disrespectfully." (1 Samuel 2:17)

Moreover, Hophni and Phinehas' evil deeds were known to their father, Eli. And God severely chastised the old priest for failing to correct his sons. Here's the passage:

"...a man of God came to Eli and said to him, 'This is what the Lord says: "Did I not indeed reveal Myself to the house of your father ... Did I not choose them from all the tribes of Israel to be My priests ... Why are you showing contempt for My sacrifice and My offering ... and why are you hon-

oring your sons above Me"... now the Lord declares ... "those who honor Me I will honor ... I will raise up ... a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and My soul..." (1 Samuel 2:27-35)

That priest was Samuel, a treasure to God. Samuel would go on to anoint the first king of Israel. And then it would break Samuel's heart to leave King Saul, when the king would not obey God. (1 Samuel 15: 1-23)

Obedience is so important to the Lord. Yet we live in a world where many either don't know the commands of God, or they do and willfully disrespect them.

It's a tough time to guide a child or even a young adult. Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, understand that you must do it. Stress the importance of holy choices. Make sure your children and grandchildren learn to walk upright in the sight of God.

In fact, you may look back and know that you needed such guidance as a young person. You may recall your greatest mistake and know it was from not following God. Mine was.

If such a mistake has stopped you from moving forward, certain you'll fail God again, ask yourself: "What has life taught me? Would I choose today to do it the Lord's way?"

If so, move forward. Try



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again.

Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments ... and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father..." (John 14:15-21)

When you want something that God forbids, remember the two young priests who loved roasted meat and lost everything. If God says, "Only boiled meat," live and die by His words. Stick a fork in that pot. Listen to Him.

Obe the Lord your God. The Rev. Mathews, BA, MDiv, JD, is a faith columnist and may be reached at Hello@RAMathews.com

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Cal Price in the Snow - 1940



CALVIN W. PRICE, Editor of *The Pocahontas Times*, is dressed in a suit and tie standing in the snow above Marlinton, West Virginia. The year is 1940. He is standing beside a tree that had been cut at the top of the snow line in 1855. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection, ID: PHS004477)

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

January 1900

OUR WEAK POINT

One of our London subscribers (how we swell whenever we think that we have subscribers in London) hits *The Pocahontas Times* in its tenderest place. He writes the innuendo, and we get to hear of it by his correspondent's burst of misplaced confidence. We cannot afford to miss printing a good joke just because it is on us. It is:

"The Pocahontas Times has slain more English since the war began than the armies of Paul Kruger."

We fear it does not help crimes of this kind to say that they were committed unintentionally. We belong to the vast majority over whom Mr. Lindley Murray wept and tried to reclaim. A murderer of the King's English in our teens, we have committed many a capital crime since.

Little combinations such as "have went," hadn't ought to," "have come" creep into the copy and shock our friends. But we plead in extenuation that our editor was reared in a hard school — a weather-beaten old school on top of a hill, where the school teacher wore his breeches on the inside of his boots, and where Sammy Saurkraut, who earned twenty-five cents a week by not eating meat at home, came to be publicly instructed. In that school the predicate never agreed with the subject except by chance.

BIG TRACT OF LAND SOLD

L. M. McClintic, as special commissioner, made a

private sale of 2,519 acres of land on the headwaters of Williams River and Cranberry, known as the Edmiston lands. The consideration is \$20,136, and the purchaser was E. W. Campbell, of Warrenton, Pennsylvania...

This sale increases the chances for a branch road up Stony Creek from Marlinton. ... After a branch road crosses the divide between Stony Creek and the waters of Williams River, the connection with the Camden system will be assured. ...

"Come Haste to the Hanging"

There is a right way and a wrong way to do every thing — even of hanging a man in Arizona; and the Sheriff of Navajo County has learned what out there is believed to be the right way, after having gone about the business wrong.

Early in December, he sent out this invitation on black-edged paper:

"Holbrook, Ariz., Dec. 1, 1899

Mr. ...

You are hereby cordially invited to attend the hanging of one

GEO. SMILEY, Murderer.

His soul will be swung into eternity Dec. 8, 1899, at 2 o'clock p.m., sharp.

Latest improved methods in the art of scientific strangulation will be employed, and everything possible will be done to make the proceedings cheerful and the execution a success."

In spite of the black-edged paper, social critics of Navajo County commented on the tone of the invitation as being too cheerful.

The sheriff harkened to his mentors, postponed the exe-

cutation and sent out this invitation, also on black edged paper:

Holbrook, Ariz., Jan. 1, 1900

"Mr. ...

With feelings of profound sorrow and regret, I hereby invite you to attend and witness the private, decent, and humane execution of a human being; name, George Smiley; crime, murder.

The said George Smiley will be executed on January 8, 1900, at 2 o'clock p.m.

You are expected to deport yourself in a respectful manner, and any "flippant" or "unseemly" language or conduct on your part will not be allowed. Conduct on anyone's part bordering on ribaldry and tending to mar the solemnity of the occasion will not be tolerated."

The trouble is due to the fact that the Penal Code of Arizona requires the Sheriff to issue invitations to executions...

MARRIED

A rather romantic and picturesque wedding transpired at Marlinton Tuesday afternoon when John Richard Showalter and Miss Nancy Margaret Jane Alice Tracy were married seated in their buggy in front of the Marlinton Manse; Wm. T. Price officiating.

The groom is a well-known and much respected young farmer of the Linwood vicinity. The bride is a daughter of J. P. Tracy. ... Immediately after the ceremony the party set out for Elk, where a reception awaited them at the home of Samuel Gibson, who is a brother-in-law of the groom.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
January 10, 1974

A REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

Courthouse Project

On June 14, 1973, the County Court of Pocahontas County entered into a proposed agreement with Designers and Constructors, Inc. of Elkins, to start work on the renovation of the existing courthouse structure and the construction of a sizable needed new addition to the courthouse. ... The second floor of the new addition will house the Assessor, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, and provide a much needed meeting room for the County Court. The old structure, with a complete face lift, will continue to be home for the County and Circuit Clerks, however, they will be expanded with additional vault space for storage of county records.

The third floor level will be completely devoted to the functions of the Circuit Court, and is being structured so as to conserve energy when not in use. ...

FIRE

Last Saturday evening, fire destroyed the works area of the Interstate Lumber Company sawmill at Bartow. Firefighters from the BFD Fire Company fought the blaze with assistance from the Marlinton Fire Department, the Cass Division of the BFD and the NRAO Fire departments.

The fire, which burned for several hours, did damage which was estimated by BFD Fire Chief John Simmons at a quarter of a million dollars. ...

Interstate employed 65 people. No decision has been made about rebuilding. A corporation, the company's main owners are the Frazee

brothers, of Kingwood.

SNOWSHOE

Jean-Claude Killy, considered the top professional skier in the world, will visit Snowshoe next week. Killy is acting as consultant for Snowshoe, the \$90 million ski- and year-round resort under construction on Cheat Mountain. ... Killy has expressed particular interest in seeing Cupp Run, the expert slope which will be one of the highest and most challenging in the East when Snowshoe opens next winter.

Later, the helicopter will land at the Allegheny Lodge in Minnehaha Springs where Snowshoe will host a small reception and press conference.

Killy has said of the Snowshoe plans, "It is most unusual to find a ski resort built on top of a mountain. Snowshoe is the only one I know of, and I have been around quite a lot. The closest resort I can compare it to is Kitzbuehl, Austria. It is physically shaped like Snowshoe."

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
January 20, 1949

Mayor George W. Sharp, A. E. Cooper, G. R. Faulkner and Aubrey Ferguson were in Charleston last Friday to appeal before the Public Service Commission on business connected with adding to and improving the municipal water plant.

SEEBERT NEWS

On January 10, 1949, Sherman J. Pyles and Mrs. Etta H. Pyles, of Seebert, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Marlinton by the late Rev. Wm. T. Price. Those days were the good old days of horse and buggy mode of travel.

Their guests were Mrs. Mintie Wade, A. O. Pyles, Ernest J. Pyles, Stella Pyles and son, Curtis; E. G. Pyles, Mrs. Myrhl Burns and Mrs. Iva Clendennen.

Mrs. E. G. Pyles and Mrs. Burns presented the couple with two cakes, beautifully decorated. They received other tokens of remembrance. They all enjoyed the evening; Mrs. Burns played

the organ of long ago. The weather was ideal. The visitors left feeling happy to be there and shared their happiness with the bride and groom of fifty years.

GROUNDHOGS

Miss Bonnie Moore, daughter of Isaac Moore, on the Back Alleghany, can tell for sure this year when groundhog day really comes. She has a couple of pet groundhogs which went into winter storage last fall. Their nest is in a protected barrel. They were sleeping so soundly when Leo Young examined them recently that they showed no sign of life other than the male — man-like — could be heard to snore.

FIELD NOTES

Last summer a line walker of the Home Natural Gas Company was walking line to Richwood, when a big rattlesnake struck him twice on his high-top boot. Fortunately, the fangs did not penetrate the leather nor touch his skin. The snake was killed and mounted. It measures 56 inches in length.

Now the inquiry comes in to this office, is not this snake about as big as rattlers grow in West Virginia? I can answer with a positive, yes. The average timber rattlesnake of these parts is big at 40 inches, and plenty large at four feet. The longest one I ever saw measured was four feet 10 inches.

My blind friend, James Shinaut, never forgets anything and so I asked him about the length of the longest rattler he ever knew about.

Yes sir, it was a big black rattler killed on the railroad siding near the blacksmith shop in the now long deserted site of the late sawmill town of Olive, up on the Coal and Iron railway. This snake was killed by a tap on the head with the blacksmith's hammer as it came across the frog of the railway switch. It was skinned by a man named Varner, and the skin measured a full 57 inches. So, the snake would have stretched a full five feet.

Friend Oley W. Jackson was the next one polled. He was raised in the rattler belt and has killed hundreds of them. Sure, he had measured big rattlesnakes over four feet, but all were under five feet. The biggest one he ever

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
January 17, 1924

SOME HISTORY

The following is a copy of a very interesting memorandum taken from the records in the county clerk's office at Lewisburg. It was written by Captain John Stuart, July 15, 1798.

"Independence being declared by America the 4th day of July 1776, and the people assuming the reins of government, a county was granted to the people of Greenbrier under the Commonwealth in May 1778, and a court was first held at my house on the first Tuesday of said month.

"Not long after, we were invaded by the Indians, who had taken part with the British and on the 28th day of the same month Col. Andrew Donnally's house was attacked about eight miles

from Lewisburg by two hundred Indians. These Indians were pursued from the mouth of the Kanawha by two scouts from the garrison, to-wit: Phil Hammon and John Prior, and passing the Indians at the Meadows, they gave the intelligence to Col. Donnally of their approach, who instantly collected about twenty men and the next morning sustained the attack of the enemy until he was relieved about two o'clock by sixty men from Lewisburg. I was one of the number and we got into the house unhurt, being favored by a field of rye which grew close to the house, the Indians being all on the opposite side of the house. Four men were killed before we got in and about sixteen Indians lay dead in the yard before the door; some of these were taken off in the night. ...

This was the last time the

Indians invaded Greenbrier in any large party.

"Peace with the British followed in 1781 and then the people of this county began to make some feeble efforts to regulate their society, and to open roads for wagons through the mountain, which by many had been thought impracticable, no wagon at that time having approached nearer than the Warm Springs. ...

"It will be remembered that Lewisburg was first settled by Capt. Mathew Arbuckle after the town was laid off in the year 1780 and took its name in honor of the family of the Lewises, in consequence of their holding a large claim in the Greenbrier grant. Captain Arbuckle was killed the following year in a storm of wind by the falling of a tree on the branch leading from the turns of the waters of Anthony's Creek to Jackson's River. He was distinguished for his bravery especially in the battle with the Indians at Point Pleasant."

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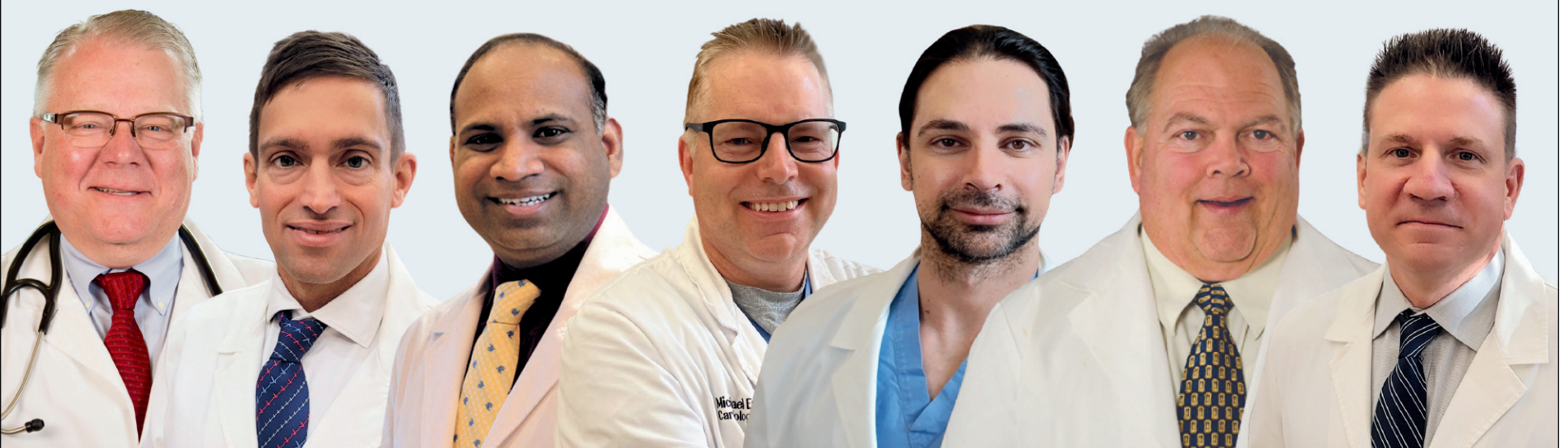
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Lady Warriors have busy winter on the hardwood

Bruce McKeen
Contributing Writer

PCHS V40
Petersburg V42

The Petersburg Lady Vikings, who are ranked #9 in this season's Class AA AP Preseason Poll, visited Pocahontas County High School December 28. #6 seed Petersburg (PHS) lost to #2 seed Wyoming East 41-66 in last season's Class AA state semifinals. East went on to win the state championship over #1 seed Summers County 57-41.

PCHS opened the first quarter on a 5-0 run Thursday. Then PHS tied the game at 6-6 followed by a three pointer from junior Addison Kitzmiller. PCHS next exploded with a 10-0 run. The Warriors took the first quarter by 6 points (17-11) with six Warriors scoring and with the most points, 6, from Sophomore Shayla Bennett. The 17 points scored by PCHS was the most scored by either team in any quarter of the game. PCHS made seven of 11 foul shots, and PHS made a perfect six of six. PCHS took the second quarter by a closer three points (12-9) and took the lead at the half by nine points (29-20). The home team was awarded no foul shots in the second quarter, and the visiting squad nailed 7 of 11 foul shots.

The Vikings cut the Warriors' lead after three quarters to four points (32-28) with a game worst third quarter scoring effort (3-8) for both teams. PCHS made three of four foul shots in the third, and PHS made three twos and hit only two of six foul shots. PCHS made five of eight foul shots and eight points total in the fourth quarter. PHS senior Karmen Whetzel hit a three and got seven of her game-high 15 points in the fourth, and her team made five of 10 foul shots. Sophomore Ayden Mayfield made her only basket in the game, and that gave PHS the 36-37 lead with 3:35 to go in the game. PCHS Junior Riley Pol-

lack hit her team's only three in the game in the fourth quarter with 1:54 to go. PHS senior Abby Alt made two foul shots to tie the game at 39-39 with 1:38 to go. PCHS Junior Mackenzie Taylor made one of two foul shots that gave PCHS the 40-39 lead. Foul shots from Whetzel and Alt upped the final score to 40-42. PCHS made five of eight foul shots in the fourth quarter.

PCHS drops to (2-3) with the 40-42 loss, and PHS improves to (5-4).

Team highs or in double-digits were: Pollack - 8 points, 11 rebounds and 3 blocks; Bennett - 8 points, 4 of 5 free throws. (80%) and 13 rebounds; Mackenzie Taylor - 8 points and 14 rebounds; Senior Olivia Vandevender - 4 steals and 4 deflections; and Sophomore Calli Propst had 6 assists and 4 deflections.

PCHS was called for 23 personal fouls and one technical, and PHS was called for 22 personal fouls and one technical. PCHS led in rebounds (58-41).

PCHS JV37
Petersburg JV57

Both squads had two players each in double digit scoring. Top stats were: PHS - Sophomore Ayden Mayfield - 18 points and Freshman Kinley Walker - 10 points; PCHS - Freshman Alexis Arbogast - 11 points, 1 three and 1 deflection; Freshman Allyson Taylor - 10 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 blocks and 1 deflection; Junior Malori McCoy - 11 rebounds; and Freshman Addison Hamrick - 8 points, 6 assists and 10 rebounds.

PCHS was called for 20 personal fouls and PHS was called for eight. PCHS made the following number of field goals by quarter: first - 1 of 14 (7%), second - 5 of 11 (45%), third - 5 of 20 (25%), fourth - 4 of 24 (27%), and game - 15 of 69 (22%).

PHS took the first quarter by 13 points (2-15). PHS took the second quarter (11-13), and Petersburg upped their lead at the half to 15

points (13-28). PCHS took the third by 2 points (14-12), and PHS then led by 13 points (27-40). PHS took the fourth by 7 points (10-17) and upped their lead to 20 points (37-57). PCHS JV drops to (2-1).

PCHS V62
Tygart's Valley V34

The Pocahontas County High School Lady Warriors hosted their closest regional team, the Tygart's Valley Lady Bulldogs, January 3. PCHS senior all-state player Olivia Vandevender was team high scorer with 16 points, and was team high in 6 of 9 stats including seven of 13 field goals (54%) and three steals. Game high scorer was TV sophomore Sarah Defibaugh with 18 points, three of 12 field goals (25%), five rebounds, and five steals.

Other PC players with high stats were: sophomore Calli Propst - 15 points, seven of 14 field goals (50%), six rebounds, four assists, four deflections and three steals.; junior Mackenzie Taylor - eight rebounds, and three steals.; freshman Allyson Taylor - six points, 10 rebounds and four steals; sophomore Shayla Bennett - eight rebounds, five steals, and four assists; junior Riley Pollack - six points, two blocks and one trey; senior Mileya Bircher - six points (hit two of three trey attempts in the fourth quarter) and senior Kynlee Wilfong - four rebounds.

PC was called for 21 personal fouls, and TV was only called for eight. PC led in rebounds 44 to 23 and had fewer turnovers, 28 to 30. PC made the following number of field goals by quarter: first - 7 of 22 (32%), second - 7 of 20 (35%), third - 6 of 19 (32%), fourth - 7 of 16 (44%) and game - 26 of 78 (33%).

PC took all four quarters: the first by 10 points (18-8), the second by 4 points (15-11) and then led at the half by 14 points (33-19), the third by 6 points (14-8) upping their lead to 20 points (47-27), and the fourth by 8

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MES Students of the Month



MARLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL congratulates its Students of the Month for December. Front row, l to r: Milton McNabb, first grade; Darren Ryder, kindergarten; and Ryleigh McComb, kindergarten. Back row, l to r: Lincoln Dunbrack, second grade; Mason Albaugh, third grade; William Shifflett, fifth grade; and Genevieve Guyette, second grade. Not pictured: Jerzie Jackson, third grade and Grayson Barlow, fourth grade.

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

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024
Claim Deadline: Monday, March 18, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: 14591
ESTATE OF: **GEORGE EDWIN LOWE JR.**
EXECUTRIX: Jonelle D. Lowe
109 Lower River Drive
Hillsboro, WV 24946-8769

Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 12, 2024.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
1/18/2c

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Magistrate Court Case No.: 23-DV-57

TO: DANIEL BUCHANAN
Adolph Street
Mill Creek, WV 26280
Date of Birth: December 30, 1979

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the **PROTECTIVE ORDER** prohibiting the above-named respondent from having contact with certain individuals.

This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent.

Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

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

This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until February 13, 2024.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the **13th day of February 2024 at 11:30 a.m. before the Pocahontas County Family Court.**
Issued this 10th day of January 2024 at 2:32 p.m.

Connie M. Carr
Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk
By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
1/18/2c

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 Hearing scheduled herein so that said Adult Respondent Unknown Father may appear to protect his interests.

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, on the 10th day of August 2023, and assigned Case Number 23-JA-28(R); wherein the mother of the infant G. R. is Morgan Rider.

The father of the infant G. R. is unknown.
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, telephone number 304-645-2222.

ALL SUCH PROCEEDINGS CAN RESULT IN THE PERMANENT TERMINATION OF CUSTODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILD.

Accordingly, you who may have an interest in these proceedings must attend and may make such defense as you shall deem advisable on or before the date and time aforesaid, or termination of your custodial and parental rights may be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, at the Pocahontas County Courthouse, Marlinton, West Virginia, 304-799-4604.

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
Marlinton, WV 24954
304-799-6424

Entered by the Clerk of said Court January 5, 2024
Connie M. Carr, Clerk of Court
By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
1/11/2c

NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

The County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in its capacity as the Board of Review and Equalization will convene on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing assessments made by the Assessor.

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

The Commission requests that appointments be made prior to these dates. To schedule an appointment, please contact **Melissa L. Bennett, County Clerk at 304-799-4549 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.**
Pocahontas County Commission
1/11/2c

Notice to Bid

The Town of Marlinton will receive bids for **No. 87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline and Undyed Diesel Fuel** for the period of March 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Please offer bids in writing, noting increases and/or reductions in prices, in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid – Gasoline and Undyed Diesel" and submit to the Town of Marlinton at 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 **on or before the 5th day of February, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.** Bids will be opened at the Marlinton Town Council Meeting at the Municipal Building, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

For further information, please inquire at the Town of Marlinton's Municipal Office, 304-799-4315 Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Town of Marlinton reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Notice to Bid

The Town of Marlinton will receive bids for **Propane Gas** for the period of March 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Please offer bids in writing, noting increases and/or reductions in prices, in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid – Propane Gas" and submit to the Town of Marlinton at 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 **on or before the 5th day of February, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

Bids will be opened at the Marlinton Town Council Meeting at the Municipal Building, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

For further information, please inquire at the Town of Marlinton's Municipal Office, 304-799-4315 Monday – Friday between The Town of Marlinton reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Notice to Bid

The Town of Marlinton will receive bids for **Heating Oil** for the period of March 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Please offer bids in writing, noting increases and/or reductions in prices, in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid – Heating Oil" and submit to the Town of Marlinton at 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 **on or before the 5th day of February, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

Bids will be opened at the Marlinton Town Council Meeting at the Municipal Building, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

For further information, please inquire at the Town of Marlinton's Municipal Office, 304-799-4315 Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Town of Marlinton reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Sam Felton, Mayor
Town of Marlinton
1/18/2c

NOTICE

In accordance with West Virginia State Law, the Pocahontas County Board of Education is required to hold two public meetings with the purpose of discussing the school calendar for the 2024-2025 year.

A calendar survey will be available on the Pocahontas County Schools website from January 16 through January 30 to allow comments on the proposed calendar. The survey may be accessed at <https://forms.office.com/rhTAPAFY1Wm>



The first public meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Board of Education Conference Room at 404 Old Buckeye Road in Buckeye.

The second public meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

A calendar committee made up of Faculty Senate Chairs, Local School Improvement Chairs and instructional leaders will compile input from the survey and follow state guidelines to create a calendar for the public to review at the February and March Meetings.

Pocahontas County Board of Education
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POSITION AVAILABLE - The Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation Board is accepting résumés for a Recreation Program Coordinator. This is a full-time, year-round position. Individual will develop and implement a variety of classes and recreational activities for all ages around Pocahontas County, including the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. Successful applicant must pass a background check and drug test. A complete job description is available by stopping by the Wellness Center, calling 304-799-7386 or emailing parksanddrec@frontiernet.net. 1/11/2c

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HELP WANTED - Looking for a Correctional Officer job? Testing will be offered at the Denmar Correctional Center, Hillsboro, WV, on a daily basis. Interested parties should contact Human Resources at the facility at 304-653-4201 to schedule an appointment. 1/19/tfnc

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Moynihan receives award



LIEUTENANT KAITLAN MOYNIHAN received the Air Battle Manager of the Year award. She also graduated Top Gun School.

She is the daughter of Pat and Sheila Moynihan; granddaughter of Freddie Hannah and the late Carolyn McCarty Hannah; and great-granddaughter of the late Leon and Anna Hannah, and the late Carl and Margie McCarty.

Kaitlan is pictured with her husband, Gabe, at the award ceremony

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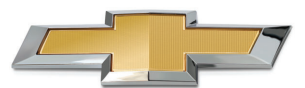
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YOUR SCHOOLS

Bonnie N. Hill, fourth grade teacher at Durbin Elementary School is retiring in her 32nd year of teaching. Her experience includes teaching at the following schools: Grassy Ridge, Beard, Spruce Flats, Back Allegheny, Buckeye, Pine Grove, Stony Bottom, Cherry Grove and Durbin.

... In 1972, Mrs. Hill was voted the Pocahontas County Teacher of the Year.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall Biller, of Buckhannon, a daughter, named Jennifer Marie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark, of Rockville, Maryland, a son named David Blair.

DEATHS

Miss Anna Virginia Hevener, 69, of Clover Lick;

born at Arbovale, a daughter of the late John R. and Anna Pritchard Hevener. Funeral service was held from the VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Mirly Wilson Dilley, 65, of Marlinton, a son of the late Butler C. and Rose Gabriel Dilley. Funeral service was held from the Marlinton Nazarene Church with burial in Mays Chapel Cemetery at Neola.

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killed was shot to pieces on Allegheny Mountain. This big snake was coiled, and the heavy shotgun charges cut it down to proper sizes. He was not particular to put the pieces back in place. Anyway, he had no measuring stick along that day. He figures this snake was five feet long and more.

The Back Alleghanies have grown the biggest rat-

tlers of all in these parts. I have heard of six footers being killed on this long range. Somewhere, I have an old picture of a rattler killed on the face of Shavers Cheat Mountain west of Cass, which was just a little short of 70 inches in length.

A REAL DIPLOMAT

"Pa," said Hector, looking from the book he was reading, "what is meant by 'diplomatic phraseology?'" "Well," replied Pa, "if you were to say to a homely girl, 'Your face would stop a

clock,' that would be stupidity, but, if you said to her, 'When I look into your eyes, time stands still,' that would be diplomatic phraseology!"

MARITAL BLISS

Wife: "I looked over the rest of the men at the party and I was so glad that I was married to you."

Husband: "Thanks, Sweetheart!"

Wife: "It's such a comfort to know that you have a husband that no other women will try to steal."

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ELMER MOORE FOR ASSESSOR

Elmer Moore this week announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for assessor of Pocahontas county. He is a son of the late Charles Moore, of Browns Creek, and a young man in the prime of life. He has had his own way to make, and has done well. To get his start, he worked in the woods, saved his money and bought a farm. ...

tle Virginia Campbell carried the ring. ...

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Boone, near Marlinton, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde J. Wagner, of Marlinton, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, of Marlinton, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Foley Morrison, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oren Plyer, of Nottingham, a son.

DIED

On January 3, 1924, at 4:15 a.m. Mrs. Nellie Dunham McClure, of Woodrow, died, aged 40 years, six months and 10 days. She was the mother of 11 children, three of whom preceded her to the grave; eight are living and at home - one an infant of only a few days, but it is getting long nicely. ... She was an industrious woman, a good neighbor and always ready to help others in time of sickness, regard-

less of weather conditions. ... She will be greatly missed in the community. Among her last words she said she was prepared and ready to go.

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DIED

Mrs. Harvey Boblett, nee Grimes, died at her home near Mill Point last Saturday of Bright's disease. She leaves surviving her, her husband and 10 children, five sons and five daughters. She was buried Sunday evening at the McNeel burying ground.

Mrs. Rebecca J. Hill, relict of George C. Hill, died near Lobelia November 24, 1899. She was born in Greenbrier county April 8, 1826, and was married in 1848 by Rev. James M. Clark. She was the mother of 11 children, four of whom are living. She was a kind mother and a loving wife. Our sky is hung with black and somber cloud curtains; our vision is overcast with the gloom of sorrow and every sound that strikes our ear has in it a cadence of despair...

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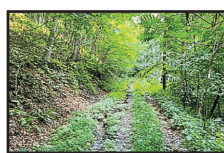
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6545 - Marlinton. 3BR/2BA brick ranch with attached carport on 0.33 acres. Features living room with gas fireplace, built-in bookshelves, display case, china cabinet and hardwood floors. - \$179,000



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



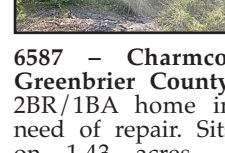
6569 - Little Birch, Braxton County. One tenth acre. - \$6,900



6544 - Huttonsville. Dilapidated trailer on 0.43 acre bordering Riffle Creek. - \$14,900



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



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



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

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