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Kids get creative at Green Bank Library

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

There are a lot of fun things to do at our local libraries and, now, on Wednesday afternoons, youngsters in the Green Bank area can take part in a creative writing workshop led by Ned Dougherty.

The workshop began its second year last Wednesday with a small group of eager writers, who were ready to let their creative side shine.

The workshop kicked off with Dougherty's prompt of an *Ode to Pocahontas County*. The young writers put their thoughts about living in the county into poetry form.

While Dougherty is used to working with teens and adults, he said the younger group has really shown a knack for writing.

"I'm used to teaching older students, like high school — it's my background," he said. "Usually the creative writing workshops I've done in the past are for older folks, but these guys are pretty young. It's a lot of fun. They're very sharp."

Dougherty developed the Ode prompt as something he could adapt to classes of all ages and all communities. He used it with the Green Bank youngsters as well as with a group in Highland County.

"I wanted to do something that I could do anywhere in



AFTER A SHORT winter break, Ned Dougherty's creative writing workshop picked back up last Wednesday at Green Bank Library. The group of young writers, shown here with their group poem "O Pocahontas," are learning poetry and short story writing skills that have expanded their creativity. Front row, from left: Naomi Gopie, Conrad Gopie and Aliza Hayes. Second row, from left: Norah Evans, Aaron MacGregor, Zoey Alikakos, Vivian Helmick, Addy Hayes, Ned and Birdie Dougherty. Back row: Quinn MacGregor. Photo courtesy of Linda Stewart

any zip code," he said. "I wanted to find out how the kids liked living in Pocahontas County and what made them proud about where they live. They're still pretty young, so they're not too jaded about things. I found that creating an *Ode to Pocahontas* really got them excited to think about the positive things in the neighborhood and their families and communities, and the events we have and the traditions they're a part of."

"That was an 'ah ha' moment for me," he continued. "I thought if this is connect-

ing with nine year olds, I wonder what it would be like to do the same with some older folks, and they loved it. I feel like I can do this all over Appalachia at a time I feel like people could really use some reflection and community building around communication and celebration of who we are."

It went so well with both groups, he is presenting it at the Appalachian Studies Conference at Western Carolina University, where he will display work from the Green Bank group.

"They're excited I'm

bringing their work to Western Carolina and sharing it," Dougherty said. "It's going to be on display in the workshop room, and I'm going to talk about them and kind of gas up my little guys."

The Ode prompt is just the beginning for the Green Bank writers. They will be discovering all kinds of creative writing and learn to hone their writing skills. Some kids have even gotten into writing chapter stories on their own time and bringing them to the class.

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Pocahontas IGA Owner is 'IGA USA Retailer of the Year'

The Independent Grocers Alliance has announced Rob Hilleary, owner of Pocahontas IGA in Marlinton, as an IGA USA Retailer of the Year.

The Retailer of the Year awards are the highest honors IGA bestows upon its retailer members. They are presented annually to grocers who have best provided leadership and excellence in their communities.

Hilleary will be recognized at the IGA Awards of Excellence Ceremony Monday, March 11, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The store was nominated by their Licensed Distribution Center Merchants Distributors, Inc.

IGA CEO John Ross and Senior Vice President Retail and Business Development Doug Fritsch visited Pocahontas IGA February 14 to get a firsthand feel for how the retailer interacts with employees, customers and the community.

Based on information gathered during the store visits, the committee will then select one IGA USA Retailer of the Year to re-

ceive the IGA International Retailer of the Year award, which will be awarded on stage at the IGA Awards of Excellence Ceremony. Fellow IGA Retailers of the Year from other countries in addition to select Red Oval partners and wholesalers will also be honored at the event.

Hilleary stands out for his remarkable investment in transforming the store since acquiring it January 1, 2021. Previously the store manager, Hilleary's initiatives have brought a fresh and modern appeal to the establishment.

The revitalization journey began with new vinyl flooring. This aesthetic upgrade set the tone for further improvements, including a new décor package and restroom renovation to align with contemporary standards.

A new POS system and self-checkout have boosted operational efficiency, and Hilleary plans to upgrade old, refrigerated cases throughout the store to energy efficient models.

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Get your groom on at Tails A'Waggin

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

Donna Nash, the owner of Tails A'Waggin dog grooming business, and her family may be new to Pocahontas County, but they are quickly tucking into the community and making it their home.

They lived in North Carolina for 24 years before making the big move to Pocahontas County.

Nash grew up on a small farm in Neffsville, Pennsylvania.

Her family had horses and a rescued Collie dog named Whiskey.

She was a member of the local 4-H Horse and Pony Club and competed in Western and English riding until she was 18.

She played saxophone in school, so when Nash joined

the Air Force in 1980, she auditioned for the Air Force band in Biloxi, Mississippi.

"I played in the Air Force band for almost four years, two in Biloxi and two at Ramstein Air Base in Germany," Nash said. "The Air Force Band of Europe was one of the highlights of my life."

"When my former husband was diagnosed with cancer, we moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to be with his family. When he recovered, I made the decision to become a dog groomer," she concluded.

Nash had been a professional dog groomer for 35 years, when they decided to make the move to West Virginia.

Why did they decide to move to West Virginia?

They wanted to be closer to her parents, who live in the Lititz/East Petersburg

area of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They are also close with their young grandchildren who live in North Carolina.

To make it easier for visiting both, they wanted to find someplace central between North Carolina and Pennsylvania. And here's West Virginia, practically equidistant between the two locations.

"We were looking for a place big enough for our family," she said. "Something with a garage and a few acres."

"Yes, I thought I was retiring back then," she said, chuckling.


"I was considering retiring so I could pursue charitable work through our ministry and volunteer with local community charitable organizations."

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NANCY CURRY AND Harper Nelson's handsome terrier mix, Jasper, one of Donna Nash's happy "fur babies," is a regular at Tails A'Waggin Pet Grooming. L.D. Bennett photo

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TOM to host flood plain management session

The Town of Marlinton and the West Virginia Flood Plain Managers Association will host a public information session Wednesday, March 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Municipal Building 709 Second Av-

enue in Marlinton. All county residents are welcome to attend to learn more about Flood Plain management, get updates on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), mitigation efforts and a general explanation on why the town has flood plain man-

agement. There will also be a question/answer session. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact TOM Flood Plain Coordinator Bruce VanMeter at 304-799-4315 or email brucebuildingspec@tom@gmail.com

Commission makes minor changes to Hotel/Motel Tax distributions

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The Pocahontas County Commission had a contentious meeting February 6, when the commissioners voted to maintain the same – with the exception of three – formulas used in 2023 for the distributions of 2024 revenue received from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

Last year, after a series of regular and special hotly-debated meetings, brought on by a proposal from Commissioner John Rebinski, the commission removed the Artisans Co-op from receiving any of the Hotel/Motel Tax revenue, and decreased the percentages of several other groups, including Pocahontas County Free Libraries and Information Centers and Parks and Recreation, and put a cap on the amount any groups could receive. They also set aside \$200,000 of the tax revenue to start up the paid County Ambulance Service in the northern end of the county. They doubled the amount of money the Hospital (\$75,000) and to EMS (\$50,000), reduced the amount the Bricks and Mor-

tars Fund from the \$30,000 to \$25,000 in 2023, and they pulled \$50,000 out of the tax revenue to buy the sheriff's department a cruiser and a trailer.

This year, despite spirited objections from Lauren Bennett of Parks and Recreation, they voted to leave the same percentages and caps on the organizations, but reduced the Bricks and Mortars share by another \$5,000, down to \$20,000; and increased the amount the County Ambulance Service will receive from \$200,000 to \$275,000, with the extra \$75,000 to be saved towards the purchase of a new ambulance in 2026. They also eliminated the \$50,000 to the sheriff's department since they have already bought their new cruiser and trailer with last year's money.

Alan Johnson suggested that they should either put an ambulance levy on the November ballot or impose a county-wide ambulance fee to pay for the Ambulance Service, instead of taking the \$275,000 from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Rebinski said he would recommend that the commission look into placing the levy on the ballot, but didn't favor imposing a fee

since the people should decide on passing or rejecting a levy during the election. He also rejected the idea of removing the \$275,000 from this year's Hotel/Motel Tax distribution to the Ambulance Authority.

The possible demolition of the Old Tannery Office Building in Frank was also discussed. At the January 18 Special Commission meeting, while discussing the clean-up project at that property, it was suggested that perhaps it would be best to demolish the old Howes Tannery Office Building because it is damaged and has no purpose, despite three years of failed efforts by local organizations to transform it into a tannery museum.

JoAnn Gilardi, supported by Sam Lynne Peck, Dallis VanDevender, Jason Bauserman and Jimmy Harman, presented the commission with a petition signed by 196 people opposing the demolition of the office building.

Commission President Walt Helmick gave the Upper Pocahontas County Cooperative (UPCC) until April to come up with a **see Tax pg 12**

Walker charged with first degree murder

Jaynell Graham
Editor

An incident Monday evening, February 12, in the parking lot of the Little General convenience store in Marlinton led to the apprehension and arrest of 23 year old Mason Slava Walker, of Hillsboro. Walker has been charged with first degree murder.

According to the criminal complaint, filed in Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court Tuesday morning, dispatch received two 911 calls around 9:30 p.m., each reporting a shooting at Little General. The callers also advised that a female had been shot and the male shooter had left the area, traveling north on Route 219.

Sgt. M. M. Massie, of the West Virginia State Police-Marlinton Detachment, responded.

Sgt. Massie arrived on the scene as EMS personnel re-

moved the female from a vehicle.

A witness at the scene identified his son, Mason Walker, as the shooter.

Walker and the victim, identified as Camie Rider, lived in the same household and had a two year old child together.

Information about the suspect and the description of his vehicle were relayed to 911, and responding law enforcement was advised that the child might be in the vehicle.

However, Corporal D. M. Brock and Trooper J. A. Peete located the unattended child at the couple's shared residence.

Troopers with the West Virginia State Police – Elkins Detachment located the vehicle, executed a traffic stop in Valley Head and found a Cobra Arms, model CLB38, that contained two fired cartridges, inside.

Sgt. Massie spoke with

eight other witnesses who saw or heard the shooting take place. He also secured footage from the Town of Marlinton's camera at the intersection of Rts. 219 and 39.

According to Sgt. Massie, the video showed Mason Walker pull into the parking lot, into the space next to the vehicle occupied by Camie Rider. The video also showed Walker pointing his arm toward the driver's side front window, and the muzzle flash. After a short pause, Walker pointed his arm toward the window again and another muzzle flash was observed.

Camie Rider was transported to Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 11:22 p.m.

Mason Walker is being held without bond in the Tygart Valley Regional Jail.

The matter remains under investigation by the West Virginia State Police.

911 Center Report

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

The 1,086 calls were as follows:

- Nature of Call/ Total Calls Received**
- 911, ABD, open, hang-up – 134
 - Abandoned vehicle – 6
 - Accidental dial – 5
 - Agency assistance – 6
 - Law, animal control – 20
 - Assault/battery – 1
 - Accident with injuries – 24
 - Auto accident – 36
 - Law, breaking and entering – 7
 - Law, Be On a Look Out (BOLO) – 1
 - CAD2CAD – 13
 - Law, citizen assist/non-emergency – 52
 - Controlled burn – 1
 - Destruction of property – 2
 - DNR, violation complaint – 3

- DOA/unattended death – 1
- Law, domestic – 8
- Law, drug complaint – 1
- Fire, alarm elevator – 202
- Alarm, fire – 22
- Fire, non-emergency – 6
- Law, fraud – 1
- Law, funeral detail – 1
- Law, general alarm – 23
- Highway traffic hazard – 43
- Information/notice – 48
- Law, criminal investigation – 12
- Law, general complaint – 58
- Law, lost/found property – 1
- EMS, medical – 83
- Fire, medical alarm – 8
- Law, mental hygiene – 1
- Missing/overdue person – 6
- Law, paper service – 4
- Phone outage – 3
- EMS, patient transfer – 44
- Law, sex crime – 2
- EMS, stand-by – 2
- Theft of vehicle – 5
- Fire, structure – 6
- Suicide attempt – 1
- Fire, suspicious odor – 14
- System test – 9
- Theft of property or items – 6
- Law, traffic complaint – 8
- Law, traffic stop – 52
- Transferred to other agency – 2
- EMS, trauma – 35
- Law, trespassing – 8
- Law, warrant service – 21
- Law, welfare check – 20
- DNR, wildlife management – 8

Circuit Court

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

Shawn Barb, 34, of Hillsboro, appeared by video from St. Mary's Correctional Center for his arraignment hearing wherein he pleaded not guilty to the charges in the indictment in case No. 2023-F-32. Barb was indicted by the December 2023 Grand Jury on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor.

A change of plea hearing was held in the case the State vs Shawn Barb, 34, of Hillsboro. Barb appeared by video from St. Mary's Correctional Center. He pleaded guilty in case No. 22-F-25 to Count II, receiving or transferring stolen property, a felony; and to Count V, petit larceny, a misdemeanor; to Count VI, destruction of property, a misdemeanor; to Count VII, receiving or transferring stolen property, a felony. In exchange, the state agreed to dismiss Counts I, III and IV in case No. 22-F-25 and will dismiss case No. 23-F 32 in its entirety containing the counts of entry of a building other than a dwelling and petit larceny. Due to corrections to be done in the written plea agreement, the remainder of the plea will be held February 13.

A hearing was held in the case the State vs Andrew Baybutt, 50, of Mechanicsville, Virginia, wherein

defense council brought forth his motion to withdraw as counsel for the defendant.

The defendant objected to the motion. Counsel related that the relationship and communication between counsel and the defendant had been compromised. The court granted the motion to withdraw. Baybutt said he will retain counsel. The Court will allow until March 20 for new counsel to make a notice of appearance. Baybutt was indicted by the December 2022 Grand Jury on two counts, sexual abuse by a parent of a child, a felony; two counts, sexual abuse in the first degree, a felony.

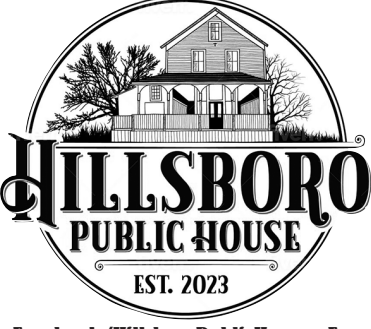
In person sentencing was held in the case the State vs William Scott, 63, of Marlinton, wherein defense counsel asked that sentencing in this matter run concurrent with the sentence already being served regarding charges in Nicholas County. The State objected and asked that the sentences

run consecutive due to findings in the pre-sentence investigation report. The Court accepted the findings, and Scott will receive no credit for time served from Nicholas County. This court sentenced Scott to not less than one year nor more than five years in the state penitentiary. Upon completion of sentence including parole, the defendant will be subject to supervision for 50 years with terms and conditions. Scott pleaded guilty in October 2023 as to Kennedy v Frazier to new felony information filed that day for one count of sexual assault in the third degree, a felony. Scott was remanded to custody.

The court denied a defense motion to sever trials for each victim in the case the State vs Franklin Cook, 65, of Caldwell. The State asked for 30 days to respond to a motion for additional discovery. Cook waived his

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Ken Springer
New and Fascinating Science Updates – Part Two Brain food ~ Lion's Mane Mushroom

Zhejiang Province, China 1988

The "barefoot" doctor was actually barefoot. He unrolled a rectangular piece of leather at the foot of my bed; I didn't recognize his instruments as anything vaguely medical. There was something that looked like a plumb bob, except it was very sharp on the pointed end. In addition to a wooden mortar and pestle, the practitioner had various seeds, nuts, plants, dried mushrooms and insects in small glass vials.

I sat on the edge of the bed, hot with fever and barely able to sit up straight as this man wearing Maoist-era blue slacks and shirt arranged his equipment. I had no idea what would happen, yet I had faith that even if his treatment was ineffective, it would pose no real hazard to my health.

After all, this gentleman was an herbal practitioner; no harm intended, no harm done. Could I be wrong in my doubts about the medicinal efficacy of herbs and mushrooms? I carried away from my experience in China the newfound belief that there are forms of effective medicine other than Western medicine.

The barefoot doctor added baijiu, a potent rice liquor, to several botanicals that he pulverized with the pestle; the result was a thick, black, tarry substance. After requesting hot tea from my host/savior, I swallowed the bitter medicine with an Oolong chaser.

I suspected I had some form of food poisoning after accepting and eating some grapes given to me by a young lad; he had likely

washed the fruit in the river. I had broken the cardinal rule of visitors who travel abroad to only drink water boiled to kill pathogens.

The doctor had me sit on the edge of the bed, leaning out over a large ceramic basin, and used the "plumb bob" to draw blood from select locations on my neck, head and wrists. He kept his eyes on the blood dripping into the vessel, and at some specific volume, he applied another gooey botanical substance that acted as a coagulant; the bloodletting stopped within seconds.

To my amazement, I started feeling much better within a few hours. Was this simply a placebo effect, or had the ailment merely run its course? It didn't feel that way, but at this point in my life, I wasn't completely sold on the efficacy of foraged plants and mushrooms in treating anything serious. I regarded herbal treatments as mostly snake oil, potions, magic elixirs and old wives' tales.

P.C. Alert: I probably should have said "aging women's unsubstantiated claims." I wouldn't want to offend any old wives out there.

"Herbs have affinities for certain phases of wound healing and different types of wounds. They can accelerate the process of healing beyond what people would imagine." Matthew Wood
For years afterward, I regretted not knowing the identity of the botanicals used in my treatment. But my eyes were now open to the possibilities of nature-based medicines.

Many of us are reasonably skeptical of supplements and herbal remedies, and with good reason. They are not controlled or tested by the FDA and are often touted by the manufacturers as cures for everything from asthma to cancer.

In an earlier article, we explored research demonstrating that non-human primates use plants and insects to relieve pain and hasten the healing of wounds. That being the case, we can safely assume that all or most Hominidae were using certain species of flora and fauna to treat various injuries and discomfort.

In many articles about medicinal plants and mushrooms, the authors state something to the effect that "People have been using herbal remedies for centuries." Aye, but a more accurate timespan is in thousands of years.

The Paleo-American who sat on a log and knapped an exquisite Clovis spear point over 12,000 years ago was most certainly practicing herbal and homeopathic medicine. We find many unexpected forms of technologies in ancient Homo sapiens and Neanderthal cultures. Neither species were mindless grunting brutes, contrary to popular belief.

You may remember when climbers found the frozen mummy, Otzi, in the Italian/Austrian Alps in 1991. He had carried a leather medicine bag containing a mushroom called birch polypore, used to treat whipworm and mitigate the effects of Lyme Disease.

Also found in Otzi's pouch were sloe berries from the European blackthorn used as a health supplement that, in modern jargon, would be called a "superfood" due to its anti-inflammatory properties.

The Chinese were the first known civilization to document medical treatment methods over 3,000 years ago during the Zhou Dynasty. And one of these natural pharmaceuticals was a beautiful mushroom called lion's mane.

The lion's mane and its close relatives have caught the attention of neuroscientists in Australia and South Korea. And this is the new and promising research we will be delving into shortly.

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Opry Night featuring Mary Sue and Mike Burns with Old-time Festival Friends

Pocahontas County Opera House is thrilled to announce its highly anticipated annual Opry Night featuring Mary Sue and Mike Burns with Old-time Festival Friends, February 17, 7:30 p.m. The evening is set to feature the finest local and regional talent in old-time music as they recreate beloved favorites with unique twists.

Leading the dynamic ensemble are locals Mike and Mary Sue Burns, revered musicians hailing from Pocahontas County, and members of the popular band Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters.

Joining the Burns on the Opera House stage will be the music duo of Rick and Joanne Davidson from Lewisville, North Carolina. With a rich history spanning several old-time mountain music bands, they currently share the stage as part of the group Appalachian Thunder.

Also gracing the Opry Night line-up are respected musical partners Andy and Toni Williams. With roots dating back to The Plank Road String Band and the

New Plank Road, they continue to revitalize the music scene from their home base in Lexington, Virginia.

Rounding out this assembly of talent is Chris McGrath, a talented old-time fiddle and banjo performer who, after perfecting his craft in New England and Ireland, has made significant contributions to the music community of Virginia.

For the first time, this group of talented musicians, who have shared stages at numerous festival sessions, will come together as a single ensemble on the Pocahontas County Opera House stage. Adding a new note to our Opry Night tradition, the evening promises to be an unforgettable display of regional talent and the very best of Old-Time Music.

The Opera House welcomes all audiences, offering an informal and family-friendly environment accessible to individuals with disabilities. Special accommodations can be arranged upon request. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, so attendees are encouraged to secure their ad-

mission in advance.

This performance is a must-see event at the Pocahontas County Opera House. Tickets are priced at \$10 for adults, and admission is free for those aged 17 and younger. Tickets can be obtained via the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, pocahontasoperahouse.org or at the venue on the evening of the performance.

The Pocahontas County Opera House is grateful to receive financial support from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, with the endorsement of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, Mid-Atlantic Arts, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau for their generous support. Additionally, we are grateful for the support from the greater community who have shown their love and appreciation for our performances. We appreciate all the help that we have received from these organizations and individuals.

GBEMS Talent Show

As winter begins to fade into spring, Green Bank School Elementary-Middle School has planned an event sure to bring folks together for an evening of fun and entertainment.

GBEMS will host a talent show Friday, March 1, beginning at 7 p.m.

We are looking for talented individuals or groups willing to share their gift with the community. We are not looking for elaborate or perfect performances, we just want to have fun and enjoy our local talent.

If you, your family, or someone you know would

like to participate, please call the school at 304-456-4865. Performers and crafters must be signed up prior to February 23.

Please be mindful that all content must be appropriate for school aged children.

Talent is defined as natural skill or aptitude. Some examples include singing, drawing, public speaking, crafting, painting, comedy, acting, dancing, magic, playing a musical instrument, pottery, balance and coordination, woodworking, storytelling and writing to name a few.

Free vendor tables will also be available for those whose talent is crafting and are interested in selling their items and for those who would be willing to display their work for others to enjoy and admire.

Everyone is invited to come, support and enjoy our local talent.

An admission fee of \$3 per adult and \$1 per school aged child will be charged.

Proceeds will go toward our PBIS (Behavioral Interventions and Supports) student incentive program. Hope to see you there.

TRIVIA – a little something to think about
Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. What type of animal is a Flemish giant?
2. What is the opposite of matter?
3. From which country does Gouda cheese originate?
4. What six-letter word names both a seed company and an exercise that combines a squat, a pushup and a jump in the air?

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Obituaries



Kenneth Ervine

Kenneth Myrl Ervine, 89, of Marlinton, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, February 4, 2024.

Born September 28, 1934, in Whitesville, he was a son of the late Grady Myrl (Slim) Ervine and Delta Anita (Jab) Foster Ervine.

Kenneth attended WVU then served for three years in the U.S. Army where he competed on the pistol team. He returned to Marlinton and ran the Marlinton Cleaners and Highlander Center Laundromat until 1996; then served as the Superintendent of the Pocahontas Country Club for numerous years; and finally, ran a successful Dixie Chopper business from 2005 until 2017.

In his younger years, Kenneth enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing golf. He loved Marlinton and Pocahontas County and his favorite pastime in later years was sitting in local restaurants or the IGA where he could converse and visit with the staff as well as the patrons. He really enjoyed spending time and sharing stories with people.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Wimer Ervine; son, Shawn Ervine (Melissa); daughter, Jan Ervine Jonese (Mark); grandchildren Jessica Ervine, Carlie Ervine, Max Ervine, Derek Jonese (Samantha), Alex Jonese (Cydney), Sara Simmons (Stephen), Allison Vance (Matt); four great-grandchildren; and his faithful dog, Ruger.

There will be a Celebration of Life service at a later date.



John Gore

John Howard Gore, most beloved father, husband, caring friend and therapist to many, passed away Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Ruby Memorial Hospital with his family and dear friends by his side.

John was the most protective and loving father to his two children. Always mindful of their education and always making sure, through many stories from his own youth and throughout his life, his children understood the value of strong morals, humility, hard work, and never giving up. One of his most important lessons being to always remember there are consequences to our actions. He made sure his children knew, even though

grown, they always had a warm, loving home to which they could always return.

John put effort and pride into his home in Hillsboro that he shared with his wife, Patty. Loving to spend warm days mowing his lawn, planting trees, doing many projects outside, and also making sure their many pets were well tended and happy.

John grew up in Logan County, where he first developed his love of the outdoors. He would recount stories of long days spent wandering the woods as a child. He was an excellent marksman, but his soft heart usually won out over his love of the hunt as he cared so much for the beauty of all animals. He ultimately preferred taking pictures of nature and portraits of those he loved. Both his children have fond memories of being outdoors with their father and some eventful, and not so successful, fishing adventures. He also enjoyed walking along the Greenbrier River Trail when his children were young and skipping rocks, tubing down the river, and watching his dogs splash in the water. As his son developed an interest in golf, John dabbled as well, and was able to share a round or two with his son-in-law, who also loves the sport.

He was, after all, a poet at heart. He would sometimes indulge this talent, but also being a very private man, only his closest loved ones had the privilege to read his writings and poems. John was best able to convey his quiet faith when communing with God's creation and imparting hard earned and important life lessons to his children. He looked forward to family vacations each year, especially to the beach, where he could relax in the sun and enjoy being near the ocean and his family. Celebrating Christmas and ringing in the New Year were the highlights of the year as holidays in Hillsboro were filled with love, warmth, family games, so many gifts, and all of his favorite holiday meals prepared by Patty.

John was blessed with many gifts and accomplished so much in his close to 80 years of life. John graduated from Chapmanville High and served his country and was an Air Force veteran. He went on to become a proud graduate of Marshall University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and then Master's Degree in Counseling and Rehab. He also earned an MBA later in life, again demonstrating the value he placed on education.

John worked in the mental health field in so many capacities throughout his long—more than 55-year—career, making a huge impact in the State of West Virginia. Early in his career, he taught Psychology at Bluefield State College and gained experience out of state in Ashland, Kentucky, while working for Lansdowne Mental Health as a Director. John was also the Director of Mental Health with Seneca for both Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties, at one time, simultaneously. He oversaw many important projects that bettered the lives of West Virginians, even traveling to New York City and Greece

to present innovative mental health projects in West Virginia on a global stage. John counseled adults and children as well as those in the prison population. He retired from Seneca Health Services just last year.

His career brought him many joys. The greatest being his wife of more than 30 years. Patty and John met through their shared mental health careers and were never far from one another since that first meeting. They were able to share a rare and deep bond of marriage and career and, before John retired, shared offices only a few feet from one another.

Many in the communities of Marlinton, Hillsboro and Lewisburg will miss and remember John. He was active in the Kiwanis club in his younger years and would enjoy working the hot dog stand (with his daughter as his sidekick) during Pioneer Days. He also enjoyed watching her hunt Easter eggs during their community Easter egg hunt. Many fond memories were made and will be so very cherished.

John is survived by his devoted wife, Patty; his son, Jonathan Jacobey Gore (3rd yr. student at WVU School of Dentistry); daughter and son-in-law, Kristy and Nate Meadows, of Fairmont; former wife, Carolyn Frankhouser; of Kingwood; and many cousins, including, Sherry Church and Karen Wheeler, of Salem, Ohio, and Anita Farley, Judy Conley and JoAnn Gore, of Chapmanville, Jackie Swiley, of Everett, Washington, and all of their families; father-in-law, Jake Thompson, of Durbin; and sister-in-law, Amy Thompson, of Green Bank, and her family.

Funeral service was held Sunday, February 11, 2024, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Rev. Steve Meadows officiating. Burial, with honors conducted by the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps, was in the Arbovale Cemetery Annex.

We will always love you, Dad, and we know you knew that. Thank you for your example, guidance and love. These gifts will be with us and comfort us all, and we know you will be with us forever and continue to guide us. We are so grateful, and we have faith we will be together again.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com



Joan Moore

Joan Brownfield Daniels Moore, age 90, of Marlinton, peacefully went to be with the Lord Sunday, February 4, 2024.

Born in Fairchance, Pennsylvania, she was a daughter of the late Harry J. Brownfield and Mildred Doolittle Brownfield.

Joan graduated from Indi-

ana University of Pennsylvania, obtained her Master's Degree and was a teacher at Albert Gallatin High School in Pennsylvania until her retirement in 1993.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, James Graydon Daniels, III; husband, Jack C. Moore; sister, Vivian Lesnett; and brother, Harry J. Brownfield.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda Daniels Barb (Howard), of Marlinton, and Lee Ann Daniels, of Stuart, Florida; daughter-in-law, Kathy Daniels; sister, Linda Bradstock (Jack); grandchildren, Scott McGee (Ami), Daniel McGee (Tish), Carly Daniels, Chase Daniels, (Kelley), Ryan Daniels (Amanda), and Rachel (Ryan) Allen; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; many nieces and nephews; and special family members, Marian D'Auria, Jacalyn Westhusing and Kim Hackney.

In lieu of a funeral service, Joan asked that her friends and relatives each release a balloon and say a prayer Sunday, May 12, 2024, wherever they may be. If a balloon is not available, a prayer would be appreciated.



Wilma Palmer

Wilma "Jean" Clutter Palmer, 88, passed away Saturday, October 21, 2023, at her daughter's home in Kershaw, South Carolina.

Born in Renick, August 21, 1935, she was a daughter of the late Tom Cecil and Selma Rachel Sutphin Clutter. She was the fourth of 10 children in the family.

She spent her early years in Pocahontas County, and was a graduate of Marlinton High School, Class of 1954. She spent a brief time in Ohio before relocating to Maryland, where she lived until the last years of her life.

She will be remembered for the special treatment she always gave to family members. Her gifts were specially chosen and always so beautifully wrapped. Family members were often treated to delicious meals which frequently included peach cobbler, applesauce cake and unforgettable deviled eggs. She took so much pride in decorating her home.

Jean held many jobs during her lifetime. Together with daughter Cindy, she traveled worldwide to several countries and U.S. cities.

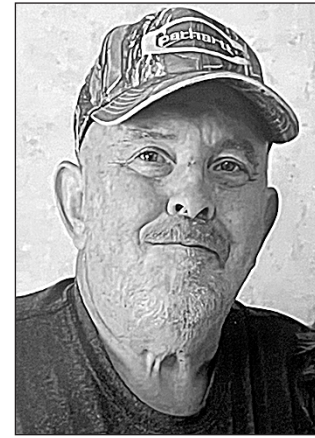
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jason Palmer; and siblings, Tom (Dot) Clutter, Orval Clutter and Betty (Jim) Wilmot.

Her marriage to Eddie Palmer ended in divorce.

She is survived by three children: Cindy (Mark) Markowitz, of Belmar, New Jersey, Kevin (Lisa) Palmer, of Harpers Ferry, and Lana

Keene, of Kershaw, South Carolina; grandchildren, Bradley (Niad) Keene, Aaron Markowitz, Casey (Leon) Cummings, Hunter (Madison) Palmer, Paige (Nick) Palmer and Brittany Palmer; and siblings, Opal Chamelin (Folger), Linda Weber (Harry, Helen (Andy) Wheeler, Phyllis (Mickie) McLaughlin (Bill Thompson), Hazel (TP) (Dave) Asbury, and Steve Clutter.

What a lovely lady she was. She will be fondly remembered by her family and others who knew her.



Steve Phillips

Steve Michael Phillips, 68, of Marlinton passed away Monday, February 5, 2024, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born November 15, 1955, he was a son of the late Claude and Lou-Ellen Greene Phillips.

Steve was a coal miner and worked in maintenance for Snowshoe Ski Resort. Steve enjoyed being with his wife and children, and especially his grandchildren. His grandchildren brought him true happiness, joy, laughter and fulfillment. Steve enjoyed being outdoors, maintaining his yard, tinkering around in his building, and making sure all of his tools were in their designated spots. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching western movies, reading western books, and, more importantly, beating his wife at Yahtzee. Steve was a devoted Christian, and the strength of the Lord and his grandchildren helped to extend the last season of his life.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Phillips.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Beverage Phillips; five daughters, Tracy Crabaugh, and husband, Jason, of Lewisburg, Sherry McCoy, and husband, Devin, of Shady Spring, Krystal Brendle, of Lewisburg, Amy Boylen, of Marlinton, and Teresa Conley, of Ronceverte; sisters, Sandra Friel, of Florida, Barbara Goldizen and husband, Fred, of Marlinton, Claudia Winn, and husband, Jay, of Elkins, and Cathy Smalridge, and husband, Tom, of Beverly; brothers, Gary Phillips, of Oklahoma, Claude Phillips Jr., and wife, Anita, of Monteville; grandchildren, Jaslyn Howard, Aubrey Brendle, Noah Crabaugh, Brier McCoy, Sean Sharp, Nathan Boylen, Justin Conley, Faith Conley and Hope Conley; and many nieces and nephews.

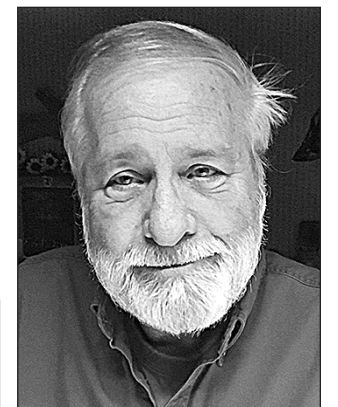
Funeral service was held Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Lantz Funeral Home with Pastor Jason Crabaugh officiating.

Burial was in Cochran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be

made to Lantz Funeral Home, 16792 Seneca Trail Buckeye, WV 24924 or online at Lantzfuneralhome.com

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Charles Stanley

Charles Linton Stanley, 74, of Marlinton, unexpectedly passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at his home.

Born October 20, 1949, in Lovely, Kentucky, he was a son of the late Ernest Howard and Maggie Maynard Stanley.

Charlie was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Vietnam Era. He was an avid reader and enjoyed watching sports, especially football and NASCAR. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, maintaining his yard and collecting brass. He was known for his flannel shirts, his Mustang, and his humor. Above all, Charlie loved Jesus and knew him as his Savior.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Rick Stanley.

He is survived by Cheryl Stanley, his wife of 53 years whom he deeply loved; son, Danny Stanley, and wife, Melissa, of Harpers Ferry; daughters, Angela Bosse, and husband, Gabriel, of Winchester, Virginia, and Heather Nicholas, and husband, David, of Morgantown; grandchildren, Charlie, Holden, Zoe, Carol, Kayleen, Erika, Nathan, Steven, Aubrey, Ryan and Megan; sister, Aleta McDonough, and brother, Donnie Stanley, both of Columbus, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Military Honors by the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corp.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy to help defray funeral expenses may be made to Lantz Funeral Home, 16792 Seneca Trail Buckeye, WV 24924, or on the website at Lantzfuneralhome.com

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Groom, from page 1

But God works in mysterious ways.

"We put an offer on a house in Hillsboro, and it was accepted.

"But wouldn't you know it, the day before closing, the owners cancelled the deal," Nash recalled.

"We were broken-hearted because by that time – it was March 2023 – we'd completely fallen in love with Pocahontas County.

"It already felt like this was meant to be our home," she insisted.

Let me say it again. God works in mysterious ways.

In getting to know their banker, Bill Jordon at Citizens Bank, Nash's dog grooming background came up.

Bill told them there wasn't a professional dog grooming business in the county and that maybe that would be a good business idea for Nash – and he wasn't the only one.

"In several conversations with various local residents, I kept hearing that Pocahontas County desperately needed a groomer," Nash said.

They told their realtor to expand his search for a property where they could have a grooming business a home.

"When our realtor called us about another house, we made a spur of the moment trip to Marlinton and came to look at this place, here on Brown's Creek Road. And we knew we were home."

It was just right, except it did need a lot of work.

"We set right to work on fixing things up," she said. "It took three and a half months to make the house livable and get the other building ready for the dog grooming business.

"We worked every day from sunup to sundown. Our neighbors, Dave and Pam Sharpes, who know a little something about hard work themselves, said they never saw anybody work so hard!" Nash's typical day starts early.

"I get up around 4:40 in the morning, and first have my morning devotions and Bible study.

"Then I take care of my family and our two dogs." Where did the grooming start?

After graduating from a four-month training program at a grooming school called Nash Academy (no relation) of Animal Arts in Lexington, Kentucky, Nash started grooming for a veterinarian.

"From there, I had a high-top van customized as a small grooming shop on wheels and traveled to people's homes," Nash said.

"When the van went to van heaven, I opened my own shop in Lexington near the grooming school."

It wasn't long before Nash was winning awards at grooming competitions in Lexington, Dallas and

Chicago. She took second place in an international competition in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Good professional grooming takes experience and patience.

"The first couple of times I groom a dog, I like to take time to get to know him or her," Nash said. "It's not a good idea to rush the process.

"We work so much better together when the dog knows it can trust me.

"A small dog may take an hour to an hour and a half. A medium-size may take up to two hours. Larger breeds, depending on the amount of coat may take two or three hours," Donna explained.

Nash's full-service groom includes ear plucking and cleaning, nail trimming, a sanitary trim (the belly and under the tail), anal glands expressed (if needed and requested by the owner), a bath, blow dry, and a full haircut.

"I don't offer teeth cleaning, but if I smell exceptionally bad breath, I look at their teeth and gums and report what I see to the owner," Nash explained.

"On shedding dogs, we do what's called a "De-shed, bath and brush."

Non-shedding dogs get a basic style and a utility cut.

The style of the trim is also a factor.

"The priciest type of cuts are the pattern cuts that are done on Poodles," Nash said.

"We can do a 'scissor trim' on cross breeds like Golden-Doodles and Labra-Doodles.

"Hand-scissoring really sets a grooming style apart, though it can get a bit pricey," she added.

Nash suggests starting a puppy's grooming education at about 12 weeks of age.

"I encourage early and frequent visits so puppies can be handled properly and exposed to everything about the grooming experience," she said.

"I charge very little for puppy trims, and I don't charge anything for visits."

That also goes for a dog experiencing anxiety about grooming.

"It's well worth it to be patient with a dog so it can enjoy stress-free grooming," Nash insisted.

Beyond the obvious, there are many benefits to professional grooming.

Owners see their pets every day and may overlook subtle physical changes.

But good dog groomers are trained to look for and feel for abnormalities in a dog's coat, skin, ears and mouths.

"I will do nail trims only and have run specials on that – typical pricing for nail trimming is \$7 to \$15.

"I've also cut toenails on rabbits, birds and Guinea pigs. And I'd consider grooming other pets, within reason, but I don't groom cats because I'm allergic.

"When they leave our care, I want the dogs to be happy so when they return,

they'll want to come running in.

"I make it a point to make friends with the dogs and with their humans, too," she concluded.

Nash's dog grooming business doesn't just help take care of her family, it also helps fund God's work.

She's a Christian who feels strongly about practicing her faith through generosity to those in need.

"A portion of the proceeds generated by the grooming business is given back to the community as various needs are brought to our attention," she said.

After what she describes as a life-changing trip to Uganda, Donna founded a Christian outreach ministry in 2005.

Since then, the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization called Open Door Missions International has been supporting widows and orphans in Uganda as well as those in need in the Nash's local communities.

"We aren't currently affiliated with other churches or organizations," she continued. "We get in touch with the local organizations who can tell us who needs help.

"When we moved to Pocahontas County, the Family Resource Network was looking for assistance in their upcoming events. I called and got connected with them so that we could help.

"We love what they are doing for the community and have donated to them.

"We were privileged to participate in the Veterans luncheon last year," Nash said, smiling.

"What a great event.

"It gave us the opportunity to see the wonderful work of the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps, the Marlinton Woman's Club and other community organizations. We also got to meet so many Pocahontas County veterans.

"When we get a bit more settled here at home, we're looking forward to being more active in the community," Nash said.

The Nashes are glad they made the move to Pocahontas County.

"There are so many wonderful people here," Nash said.

"They've made us feel right at home!"

Tails A' Waggin' has been steadily busy since they opened their doors just a few months ago. Right now, they're booked up about two weeks in advance.

Appointments are required and grooming hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, unless special arrangements are made.

Donna donates Tails A' Waggin' gift certificates for raffles and silent auctions for fundraising events.

Tails A' Waggin' is located at 3044 Brown's Creek Road (Route 28). Call the shop number, 304-799-7277, for an appointment

Celebrating President's Day

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

February was chosen as the month for our national celebration of former American presidents because the birthdays of George Washington (1732) and Abraham Lincoln (1809) both occurred in this month.

What better time to appreciate ourselves of more biographical details about great Americans who have held the highest office in the land?

Presidential biography nerds (I admit to being one myself) will thrill to the new book by presidential scholar and well-known author Jarod Cohen.

"Life After Power: Seven Presidents and their Search for Purpose Beyond the White House" was just released February 13, 2024.

It examines the post-presidencies of Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Grover Cleveland, William Howard Taft, Herbert Hoover, Jimmy Carter and George W. Bush.

Just when you think there can't be that many more big stories about Thomas Jeffer-

son left to tell, this book includes one which took place at his beloved University of Virginia, when he was the president of that esteemed school.

So proud was President Jefferson of the university that he founded that his tenure there is mentioned on his tombstone, whereas his time as president of the United States is not.

The incident reported by Cohen in his book took place in October 1825 when Jefferson was president of the school.

Jefferson called upon a disciplinary committee comprised of James Madison, James Monroe and himself to convene a hearing before the entire student body and all members of the administration to discipline members of the inaugural graduating class for their unacceptable behavior that year.

Some students had been rioting, covering their faces with masks, screaming "Down with European Professors" and lobbing bags of urine at administrators.

As he spoke, Jefferson

was so upset by the disgraceful behavior that he began weeping. His honorable reputation and unimpeachable record of public service was such that the guilty parties confessed one by one, repented their repugnant behavior and abandoned their ill-considered cause.

If that whets your appetite for reading this book, you can find it any bookstore or order a copy on the Internet right away.

But if you can wait a few weeks, you'll be able to find it at McClintic Library and throughout the Pocahontas County Libraries and Visitors Information Centers system. It is being ordered now and will be available to patrons sometime in March.

In the meantime, visit any one of our county libraries, you'll find plenty of books about our founding fathers and our great presidents.

And if you can't find a title you're looking for, you can always ask about it – maybe it's at one of the other libraries and can be sent to your library in a matter of days.

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Hilleary's commitment to innovation extends to customer experience. He has a dedicated person managing the loyalty program in collaboration with AppCard. That same staff member oversees the seamless integration of online shopping through FreshOp.

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proactive approach demonstrates his trust in the wholesaler and confidence in initiatives that resonate with and retain customers.

Beyond the business realm, Hilleary's community involvement is noteworthy. Actively promoting careers in the grocery industry, he participates in High School Career Day. In the spirit of community engagement, Hilleary joins the town's parade and spreads joy by distributing Christmas presents to children during Santa Claus visits.

Hilleary's support for local initiatives is both generous and diverse. He sources beef from 4-H, slices hams and bacons for the FFA (Future Farmers of America) sale at

no charge, and collaborates with the Woman's Club, Rotary Club and Lions Club for impactful fundraising events. Notably, the parking lot often transforms into a vibrant hub for fundraising activities before Memorial Day.

Philanthropy remains a key pillar of Hilleary's ethos, as he consistently donates to the Watoga State Park Foundation and actively supports various fundraisers organized by schools, churches and other community groups. Offering a 10% discount on all church purchases, along with special discounts and donations to the Family Resource Network, Hilleary exemplifies a retailer deeply committed to both business excellence and community welfare.

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I plan to be in Pocahontas County frequently during this primary election season. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to see more of the county and getting to know you. I want to engage with you, listen to your concerns, and gain a better understanding of the values you hold. If you see me on the street, at a ballgame, or out eating with my family, please feel free to come up and introduce yourself and allow me to do the same.

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Camp Copperhead at Frost - 1935



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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 16, 1899

Some years ago, a little Pocahontas boy in the free school was learning to spell. He pronounced the letters, g-l-a-s-s, but had no idea what that combination was called. The teacher, to help him, suggested: "What do they put in the window at home?" "Pap's old britches!" replied the pupil.

This is what we call a reasonable anecdote.

COLD WEATHER NOTES

"Blow, blow, thou winter wind. Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky," says Shakespeare, and he must have had in mind such weather as we have known the past week or so. The oldest inhabitants remember such weather in 1857, 1867 and 1886.

The weather began to be unusual Sunday, the 5th. Then people woke up to find that snow had fallen very unexpectedly during the night. Monday, a snow fell to the depth of 11 inches, damp clinging snow that melted as it fell in sections whose altitude was less than that of Pocahontas. The snow clung to the trees, and the air in a few days became cold and damp.

Wednesday night was very cold, but Thursday night the thermometer went the lowest for many years. It ranged in Pocahontas from 21 to 30 degrees below zero. ...

The phones, which used the wet battery, were frozen up, and the bells gave forth a most melancholy squeak for half a day. Business was suspended and everybody went to getting wood. ... This cold finds all the weak places in the armor and in a man's castle. We have not heard of anyone in our county but who is well provided for in the way of shelter, good sustaining food and clothes. The weather is hard on the doctor, the sick and the mail boys.

The mail had a hard time last Monday. The winds were drifting the snow and

the roads were very heavy. The mail left Renick's Valley about 7 p.m. There were eight bags of mail on one horse, the aggregate weight of which was 200 pounds. It reached here at 1 a.m. in the night. The mail boy did not go to bed, but sat by his fire awhile, and then started back.

The weather bureau registered the lowest temperature in West Virginia ever recorded. The records extend over thirty years. ...

Forty years from now, this storm will be remembered as an old-time spell of weather such as will come no more forever.

SUDDEN DEATH

Our whole community was thrilled with sad surprise last Wednesday, by the unexpected death of Mrs. M. P. Slaven, relict of the late Randolph Slaven, of Huntersville, in the 68th year of her age. During the day she seemed unusually well and had partaken of a hearty dinner. Late in the afternoon she had gone to the woodshed to feed her chickens and was found in a sitting posture with a half shelled ear of corn in her lap. When her little granddaughter, Mamie, came to her, she tried to speak, but expired almost immediately thereafter. ...

The interment took place on Sunday last at Huntersville where, notwithstanding the almost unprecedented severity of the weather, a

large concourse of sympathetic friends followed her to her last resting place. ...

We know of no one who has made herself more necessary to her loved ones or who will be more sincerely missed and mourned by her large circle of friends. ... One always felt that it needed but Grandma Slaven's presence to make all seem homelike and comfortable. ...

Memorial services will be held next Sunday at Marlinton.

THE CONCORD HYMN

Sung at the completion of the Concord Monument April 19, 1836.

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream
We set today a votive stone,
That memory may their deed redeem
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit that made those heroes dare
To die, or leave their children free,
Bid time and nature gently spare
The shaft we raise to them and thee.

~ Emerson



Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
February 14, 1974

Donkey Basketball

America's craziest and most unpredictable sport – Donkey Basketball – will be featured at the High School Gym February 16, 1974. The teams will be made up of the Faculty vs Famous Citizens of Pocahontas County.

The old saying, "stubborn as a mule," will be exemplified when the local riders match wits with the donkeys. The odds are that in most cases the donkeys will win...

There will be plenty of laughs for the entire family during the fun-filled evening. Every shot at the basket must be taken while sitting on the donkey. ...

Only 1,500 tickets will be sold, and the high school teachers are anticipating another big victory over the Citizens again this year.

Some of the teachers on the High School team include Kenny Vance, Quentin Stewart, Joe Jonese, Elmer Friel, Arch Wooddell, Charles Fauber, Steve Barksdale, Glen Wade, David Hut-

senpillar, Dolan Irvine, Raymond Tracy and Captain Skeeter Workman.

Captain of the Noted Citizens this year is Dr. Ernie Shaw. Other renowned Citizens include Eugene Simmons, Larry Plyler, Merl Mullenax, Ivan Withers, Bill White, Buck Moore, Charles Young, Phillip Cain, Steve Hunter, Jerry Buzzard, Tom Plumley and others.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard B. Sharp, of Buckeye, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Wanda, to Ralph L. Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hamilton, of Huntersville.

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 17, 1949

FIELD NOTES

One day last week, Waldo Buzzard was out in Buckley Mountain for to try out his good hound dog on a wild cat or a fox. Before long, he jumped a big bear. He got a couple off-hand shots, but to no effect. The dog took no interest whatsoever in bear chasing.

Friend James Workman was up from Burnside last Wednesday. A wrenched back and rheumatism is bothering him some, so he did not follow beaver trapping this season. However, he did take a ramble over into Oldham Run country. He checked up on the thriving beaver colonies on Oldham Run. Around a beaver dam was fresh sign of a big bear, which was rambling the winter through. This bear had been living on apples.

Elmer Workman and family were up last week from

their new home in Greensboro, North Carolina. He very kindly remembered me with a long leaf pine seedling, for to plant in sandy soil. This I did in the hope it would take root and thrive. I know this is entirely too far north to expect anything to come of such an experiment. The long leaf pine is one of the finest trees of America. Tall and symmetrical, it is a beautiful tree and a fast grower. Lumber and turpentine are its products.

Milburn Sharp makes report that he saw where a big fox had caught and killed what might have been the last rabbit on Buck's Mountain.

Worse news than the catching of a rabbit – even the last one – comes from Buck's Mountain. One day last week, the big tracks of a bear were seen in the mud at the McCollam place. He was headed for the flock of sheep belonging to Elmer Sharp. There is a ewe missing from the flock. This bear has been

keeping at times on Buck's Mountain for the past several years. Last fall, a large bear and a couple of smaller ones ate apples there for several weeks.

FARMING FOR BETTER LIVING

The Monongahela Power Company has issued a little book of the 1948 regional winners in the Upper Monongahela Valley's Farming for Better Living competition.

The top farm family in this contest in Pocahontas County is that of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Barlow, of Marlinton.

"Although milk production is the principal enterprise on the Barlow farm, the farm program operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ward R. Barlow was in the opinion of the county council, of sufficient excellence to win them first place in Pocahontas county. From twelve dairy cows, in their herd and an additional two bought during the year, Mr. Barlow sold 17,581 pounds of grade A milk and 156 pints of cream. ... From a flock of laying hens, they sold 136 dozen eggs."

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 13, 1924

Married, Ivan Sharp and Miss Genevieve Orndorff, daughter of J. B. Orndorff, Wednesday, February 6, 1924

Fred Sharp suffered a broken leg while hooking tongs on a log loader on Cheat Mountain Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lock Sharp, a son.

Mrs. J. H. May, of Raywood, with her granddaughters, little Misses Virginia and Marie Dickson, spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Vaughan.

BUILDINGS

The Marlinton Electric Company is putting brick and other material on the ground for their large store building on Third Avenue. They have bought an adjoining lot from George Lightner.

George Lightner has bought a lot of Main Street and will move his restaurant building on it. He will veneer it with brick to comply with the ordinance requirements.

J. W. Kirkpatrick is preparing to build a meat shop 16x24 on his lots next door to The Times office. It will be brick veneer, and occupied by W. J. Hiner.

It is reported that Andrew and Harper Thomas have

bought the Household building on Main Street, occupied by McCoy's Grocery.

John T. Nelson has bought E. M. Arbogast's block of buildings next to C. J. Richardson's store.

LOBELIA

The Spice Run Lumber Company has starting to log on Bruffeys Creek. I. M. Clutter has taken a big job there and expects to start to work soon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Townsend, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. L. Vaughan, a sixth daughter. They now have five sons and six daughters.

SCHOOLS

Honor Roll for Grassy Ridge School, fifth month, Vada Gum, teacher – Minnie Burner, Verla Burner, Virginia Burner, Donald Burner, Forest Burner, Olive Morris, Nellie Morris, Myrtle Middleton, Hattie Middleton, Hunter Middleton and Forest Middleton.

Honor Roll for Rimel School, Ida G. Fogus, teacher – Glenn Dean, Alonzo Dean, Randall Rider, Arnold Rider, Mayre Rimel, Marjorie Rider, Marle Dean, Verlis Alderman, Lillie Alderman, George Rimel.

Honor Roll of Buck Run School, Ila S. East, teacher – Clinton Cochran, Floyd Davis, Clenston Kirk, Edith, Ethel and Lucille Hannah.

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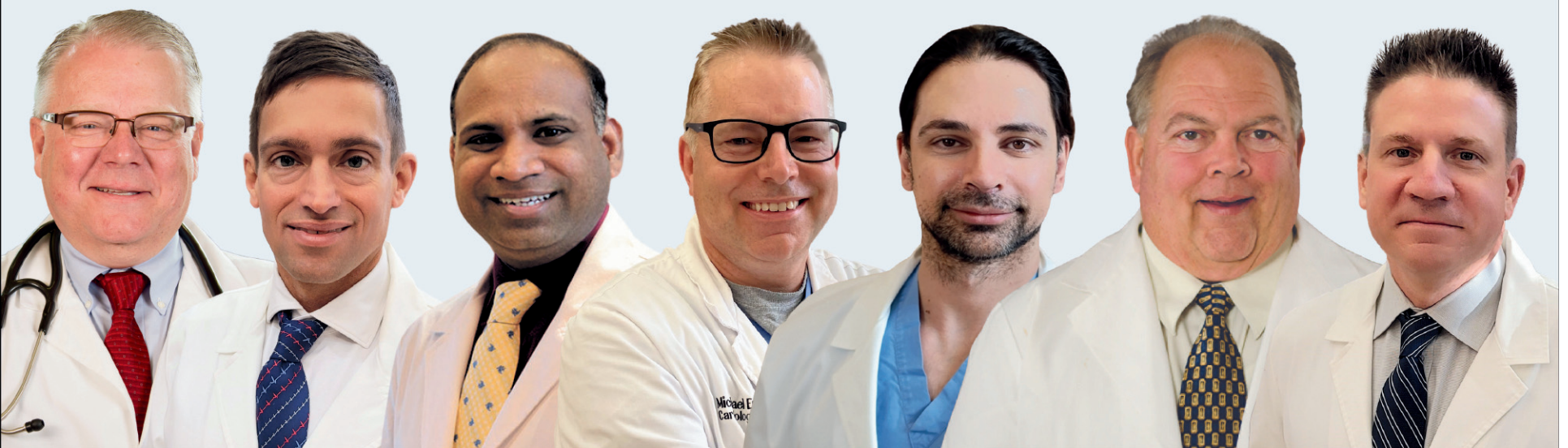
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REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING, from left: West Virginia State Officer Luke Fogus, Kaden Wayne, Kirsten Friel, Hannah Burks, Gracie Sisler, Taylor Friel, PCHS FFA advisor Andy Friel and West Virginia State Officer Kaylee Myles. Photos courtesy of Andy Friel



PCHS FFA STUDENTS take a tour of Perks Dairy Farm in Frankford.



WEST VIRGINIA ENVIROTHON Competition, from left: Advisor Andy Friel, Cammi Warner, Hannah Burks, Kirsten Friel and Traves Lewis.

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DURING A TOUR of the Perks Dairy Farm in Frankford, Pocahontas County High School FFA members were shown the milking process and were given a chance to try it themselves. *Photos courtesy of Andy Friel*



JOE MITCHELL, REPRESENTING Mitchell's Chevrolet, purchased Traves Lewis' Grand Champion Market Hog at the Pocahontas County 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale.



STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN the West Virginia Envirothon events, from left: Traves Lewis, Kirsten Friel and Hannah Burks.

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THE HOLIDAYS ARE always busy for the Pocahontas County High School FFA Chapter. Participating in the Marlinton Trunk or Treat event were, from left Hannah Burks and Kirsten Friel. Photos courtesy of Andy Friel



THE CAPITOL CHRISTMAS Tree made a stop at Mitchell Chevrolet in Marlinton in November. The PCHS FFA Chapter hosted a booth to do Christmas crafts with the crowd. From left: Brianna Cochran, Kirsten Friel, Kaden Wayne and Cammi Warner.



HOMEGROWN HARVEST IN Green Bank hosted a Tractor Decorating Contest this past Christmas. The PCHS FFA students put together a float with Santa on a John Deere tractor, complete with Christmas lights and presents.



ALSO DURING THE Christmas season, the PCHS FFA Chapter made care packages for residents at the Pocahontas Center in Marlinton. The group delivered bags full of Christmas treats and gifts to bring holiday cheer to the residents.

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Kids, from page 1

While Dougherty says he doesn't want to stifle their creativity, he does keep the workshop writing to shorter stories and poems because it enables him to give feedback faster.

"I want to ignite that love of writing and stoke those flames, but I also want to do

justice to what I can do with them," he said. "If I just have them produce work that's not setting them up for maybe pursuing writing as a lifelong thing or maybe a professional thing, or get attracted to the teaching profession—I want to be able to actually show them how to make small things better or make small changes work."

Dougherty honed his love of writing outside of

Philadelphia where he grew up and in Maryland where he earned his degree. He lived in New Mexico and taught high school there for 15 years before moving to Green Bank. Dougherty is a playwright and has had several plays developed for stage at the Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Alchemical Studios in New York City and AboutFACE Theatre in Dublin, Ireland.

Court, from page 2

right to a speedy trial. Cook was indicted on three counts, sexual abuse in the first degree; two counts, sexual abuse by a custodian of a child; and three counts, sexual assault in the first degree.

In person sentencing was held in the case the State vs Christopher Gibson, 47, of Buckeye, wherein the defendant was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than five years and will be permitted to serve his sentence on monitored home confinement with normal terms and conditions, and special terms that he complete an outpatient substance

abuse program and participate in sex offender education, as well. Gibson will be required to make regular child support payments and will pay home confinement fees on a sliding fee scale according to his work. He was given 44 days' credit for time served. Another person is on home confinement in the same home, so Gibson will have until February 12 to be hooked up on home confinement at another location unless the other individual moves out of the home.

Jury trial is set for March 28 in the case the State vs David W. Mace, 38, of Marlinton and an inmate in the Tygart Valley Regional Jail. A three-day trial had originally been scheduled for November 7. Mace was in-

dicted on three counts, strangulation; and two counts, wanton endangerment involving a firearm.

In the case the State vs Jacob Bing, 39, of Marlinton, the defendant tendered a written plea agreement to the court wherein he agreed to plead guilty to two counts of the felony offense of burglary. In the course of giving the plea, Bing indicated that he would like to talk with his family first. The remainder of the plea is set for February 15. Bing was indicted on one count, grand larceny; two counts, burglary; one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling; one count, destruction of property; and one count, trespassing.

Tax, from page 2

workable plan to turn that building into a museum or find another practical use for it. The UPCC plans to hold a meeting at Durbin Library February 13 to discuss the matter.

There was an update about the courthouse security measures scheduled to take place in a month or two. After it goes into effect, the public

will only be able to enter the courthouse through the basement door to the right of the main entrance, and will have to go through metal detector and X-Ray screening. The equipment is already in place and they only have to hire guards. Employees will have key cards to enable them to continue to use other doors which will have electronic locks.

In other matters, the commission: signed off on the Local Emergency Planning Com-

mittee's Award. approved \$126,575.81 budget amendment and a draw down Request from the ARC Broadband Grant. contributed \$2,500 to the Northern Pocahontas County Community Assistance, Inc. adopted the Emergency Absentee Voting Policy for the May 14 primary election. agreed to advertise for a county Floodplain Manager. approved the hire of Brian Fedak as a part-time ambulance driver at \$13 per hour.

Calendar, from page 4

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.

Sue Hollandsworth, of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. March 6: Pastor David Moore, of Trinity Baptist Church. March 13: Fr. Arthur Bufogle, Jr., of the Pocahontas Catholic Parish. March 20: Pastor Tim Scott, of the Marlinton United Methodist Parish. March 27: Jane Huppert, of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

New Hope Church of the Brethren, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale - Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m. Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel - Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

Cardio and Circuit Training, led by Sunny Given, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m. New session starts Monday, February 19. 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.

Campbelltown Church, Marlinton - Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m. Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219 - Sunday Service 10 a.m. Edray United Church - Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights - Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 5 p.m. Evangelistic Service Sunday, February 25, 4 p.m. Marlinton Church of Christ, Lakeview - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m. and 6 pm. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church, Rt. 219 Buckeye Hill - Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor David Moore.

CHURCH NOTICES Marlinton Presbyterian Church - Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m. Sweetheart Dinner 11 a.m. Arbovale United Methodist - Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Thursdays. New Hope Lutheran - Minnehaha Springs - Worship 8:45 a.m. First Baptist Church - Huntersville - Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m. Seebert United Methodist Church - Sunday School every Sunday 9:20 a.m.; Worship second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m. Catholic Mass: St. John, Marlinton - Sunday 9 a.m.; St. Mark, Bartow - Sunday 11:30 a.m. Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank - Worship at 11 a.m. Dunmore United Methodist Church - Worship 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom 8 a.m. Marlinton First Church of the Nazarene - Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m. Marlinton United Methodist Church - Worship at 11 a.m. Parking lot service on 90.3 FM radio, or join us on Facebook.

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SPECIAL SERVICES Mid-Week Lenten Service, Wednesdays, noon, at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Thirty-minute service. Brown bag lunch and fellowship. Speakers: February 21: Pastor Lee Bailey, of Huntersville First Baptist Church. February 28: Dr.

Answers

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But first, an introduction to the lion's mane, known by mycologists as Hericium erinaceum, aka satyr's beard, pom pom mushroom, and monkey head, as it's called in Asia.

Lion's mane is principally found on broad-leaved tree species such as beech, oak and maple. In Pocahontas County, I start looking for lion's mane in late summer and early fall. The young mushrooms are snow white and delicious. The long icicle-like teeth give it an uncanny resemblance to a cheerleader's pom pom.

I went through a half-dozen or so books and guides on mushrooms to prepare for this article, including The Fungal Pharmacy, published in 2011. Most mention that lion's mane mushrooms are good for brain health, although, until recently there was little scientific research on the claim's veracity.

Was this belief of earlier cultures based on empirical evidence? Was this pharmacological knowledge passed down from generation to generation? The Chinese have documented herbal remedies for several millennia, so there must have been

some form of data collection on medical successes.

Moreover, recent research on this fungal brain food suggests that as a septuagenarian with concerns about dementia, I may never forget my secret honey spots for lion's mane.

How can that be, you ask?

Recent research (ongoing) on mice at the University of Queensland in Australia and South Korea resulted in smarter mice when fed compounds found in lion's mane mushrooms. The primary neurotrophic compounds, such as hericenones and erinacines, can cross the blood-brain barrier.

The blood-brain barrier creates a wall that prevents pathogens from entering the brain through the bloodstream. Unfortunately, the BBB also prevents the delivery of many neurotherapeutics to the brain. This barrier is estimated to exclude all large-molecule neurotherapeutics and 98 percent of small-molecule drugs from passing through the BBB.

The great news about the active compound in lion's mane is that it not only penetrates the BBB but also dramatically affects the growth rate of dendrites and speeds up the development of new neural pathways.

In mice, this translates to getting through novel mazes faster than the control group

and greater recognition of new items in their environment. The bottom line here is that, at least in animal studies, the active compounds in lion's mane mushrooms improve memory.

South Korea has begun controlled studies on humans to see if the results are the same or similar to that of studies with mice. If human studies demonstrate significant memory improvement, it may greatly impact treating Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

There is a growing interest in forest farming here in Pocahontas County. We are blessed with numerous wild plants and mushrooms that could be cultivated for food and medicine.

If the human-based research on lion's mane shows promise, entrepreneurs may have opportunities to cultivate lion's mane for an industry likely to grow exponentially.

In the next episode of For Your Consideration, we'll use archaeology as a scientific tool to answer the question: were ancient women

hunters as skilled as the men?

If you believe that The Flintstones accurately depicted life in the Stone Age, you may get the shock of your life.

Ken Springer ken1949bongo@gmail.com

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BIRTHS Born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Taylor, of Fort Defiance, Virginia, a son, named Gregory Clark.

Born to Fane and Sandy Irvine, a daughter, named Rachel Irene.

tain View Cemetery.

Henry Oatneal died in Moundsville. The body will be returned to Marlinton, but no funeral arrangements have been made.

Royal C. Shearer, 83, of Marlinton, born in Virginia, a son of the late William H. and Sallie Shearer. He was a retired farmer. Funeral service was held from VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Virginia E. Lantz Hill, 45, of Huntersville; born December 2, 1928 on Knapps Creek, she was a daughter of Mrs. Icie Malcolm Cleek, of Huntersville, and the late John H. Lantz. Funeral service was held from Westminister Presbyterian Church on Knapps Creek with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

William Roy Bruffey, 76, of Hillsboro. Funeral service was held from the Hillsboro Methodist Church. Burial was in Emmanuel Cemetery.

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WEDDING Miss Sue Ann McElwee, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard McElwee, of Marlinton, became the bride of Tappan Morgan Thomas January 28, 1949. Charles Richardson, III, was their only attendant.

View Cemetery.

Mrs. Esta Lee Foster Ryder, aged 87, of Mt. Grove, Virginia. Her body was laid to rest in the Irvin Cemetery in Highland County, the service being held from the Mountain Grove Methodist Church. The deceased was the widow of the late John L. Ryder, who preceded her in death 35 years. She was a daughter of the late David and Phoebe Curry.

McLaughlin has received notice that the body of their daughter and sister, Lieutenant Decima McLaughlin is on the way to America. Interment will be in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia. She was a nurse and died in Italy November 6, 1943.

Letcher McCarty Mrs. Tabitha McCarty, of Frost, has been notified that the body of her son, Letcher McCarty, is on the way to America for re-burial in the family cemetery at Frost. The young soldier gave his life in the invasion of France, June 6, 1944.

COMING HOME Lieutenant Decima McLaughlin The family of Elmer

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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, February 15, 2024
Claim Deadline: Monday, April 15, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: 14576
ESTATE OF: THOMAS BUSTER CLEVINGER
ADMINISTRATRIX: Debora K. Clevenger
639 Sugar Creek Road
Webster Springs, WV 26288

ESTATE NUMBER: 14582
ESTATE OF: GLENDA SUE BECKWITH
EXECUTOR: Larry W. Rodgers
2334 Roby Road
Maysville, WV 26833-7617
FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER: Robert Martin
2276 Huntersville Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-7029

ESTATE NUMBER: 14587
ESTATE OF: RONALD LEE ROSE
ADMINISTRATOR: John Andrew Rose
228 North Second Street
Oakland, MD 21550-3120

ESTATE NUMBER: 14599
ESTATE OF: MARIETTA UNDERWOOD HARRISON
ADMINISTRATRIX: Melissa Fisher
13471 Jobin Street
Southgate, MI 48195-3603

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 9, 2024.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
2/15/24

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

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024
ESTATE NAME: GEORGE LAMPLY DAVID JR.

3711 Doctor David Road
Lancaster, SC 29720-6845
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR:
George L. David III
3711 Dr. David Road
Lancaster, SC 29720

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 13, 2024.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
2/15/24

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2022-C-000042-POCAHONTAS COUNTY-DAVID J. CAIN

To: JONATHAN RHODES, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: GREEN BANK MAP: 28A PARCEL 0006 0000 0000
You will take notice that DAVID J. CAIN, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000042, located in GREEN BANK District, BRUSH RUN .23 AC 100x100, which was returned delinquent or non-entered in the name of COBB EARNEST

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AUSTIN; COBB ALLEN; NA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and non-entered lands of POCAHONTAS County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 11, 2023, DAVID J. CAIN requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after July 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. **The amount needed to redeem on or before June 30, 2024 will be as follows:**

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 6972.

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 136.85

Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2022-9125. \$ 0.00

Additional taxes with interest. \$ 28.74

Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 0.00

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 182.65

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 246.74

Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$ 0.00

You may redeem at any time before June 30, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Please return this letter and payment to the
West Virginia State Auditor's Office
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1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Building 1 Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
Question, please call 1-888-509-6568
Given under my hand January 29, 2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
Delinquent and Non-entered Lands of
Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia
2/8/3c

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2022-C-000028-POCAHONTAS COUNTY-DAVID J. CAIN

To: JENNIFER DANIELLE MITCHELL, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: GREEN BANK MAP: 78 PARCEL 0014 0000 0000
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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 10161.

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 91.37

Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2022-8570. \$ 0.00

Additional taxes with interest. \$ 8.63

Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 0.00

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 105.08

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 246.74

Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$ 0.00

You may redeem at any time before June 30, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Please return this letter and payment to the
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POSITION AVAILABLE

The Pocahontas County Commission is seeking résumés for a **Floodplain Coordinator**.
Résumés will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2024.

Job Description:
• The Floodplain Coordinator will be responsible for implementation of the Pocahontas County Floodplain Ordinance.

Qualifications:
• Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and a valid West Virginia driver's license and must pass a background check.

• Applicant must possess a Certified Floodplain Management certificate or will obtain and maintain such certificate within 12 months of beginning employment.

The position will be on a contractual service basis.

Submit résumés to:
Pocahontas County Commission,
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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: February 14, 2024

Town of Hillsboro
PO Box 88
Hillsboro, WV 24946
(304)653-4005

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Hillsboro.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after March 4, 2024 the Town of Hillsboro will submit a request to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant Funds funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title:

Sewer Treatment System Improvements Project

Purpose: Replace the current tablet chlorination/de-chlorination disinfection system with an ultraviolet disinfection system, add a skimming system and triploid carp for removal of duckweed and replace fencing around the wastewater treatment facility.

Location:

2366 Denmar Rd, Hillsboro,
Pocahontas County, West Virginia

Estimated Cost: \$486,3004.949

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Hillsboro has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Hillsboro Town Hall, 21 Firehouse St, Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, or at the office of Region 4 Planning & Development Council, 885 Broad St, Ste 100, Summersville, Nicholas County, West Virginia, and may be examined or copied weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Region 4 Planning & Development Council, 885 Broad St, Ste 100, Summersville, Nicholas County, West Virginia, All comments received by March 1, 2024 will be considered by the Town of Hillsboro prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Hillsboro certifies to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development that Gail Siers in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The West Virginia Department of Economic Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Hillsboro to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Hillsboro's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Hillsboro; (b) the Town of Hillsboro has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by The West Virginia Department of Economic Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to **The West Virginia Department of Economic Development, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Bldg 3, Ste 700, Charleston, WV 25305**. Potential objectors should contact The West Virginia Department of Economic Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Gail Siers, Mayor
Town of Hillsboro
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STUDENTS OF THE Month for January 2024: 1 to r: Zachary Mason, fifth grade; Hampton Bennett, fourth grade; Simon Scotchie, third grade; Adam Dible, second grade; and Colton Armstrong, first grade.

These students reflect the HES Mission Statement: "We will be learners. We will be respectful. We will be successful. Because we are Red Devils."



MES Students of the Month

MARLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL congratulates its Students of the Month for January.

Pictured, front row, 1 to r: Aiddian Lambert, second grade; Aramis Brown, kindergarten; and Cullen Fitzgerald, second grade. Back row: Alivia Penno, fifth grade; Gracie Irvine, third grade; Avery Smith, second grade; and Olivia Shoemaker, fourth grade.

Not pictured: Madison Hoke, kindergarten; Brody Hoke, third grade; Jaxton Kramer, first grade; and Makayla Woody, fifth grade. Photo courtesy of J. Henderson

School Menus

February 19 – 23
Monday: Sausage biscuit and fruit. Chicken patty, sweet potato fries, California blend vegetables and fruit.
Tuesday: Banana bread square and fruit. Sausage and egg patty, biscuit, gravy, hash brown and baked apples.
Wednesday: Bagel with cream cheese and fruit. Vegetable beef soup, corn bread muffin, carrots and celery, WOW butter cup, brownie and fruit.
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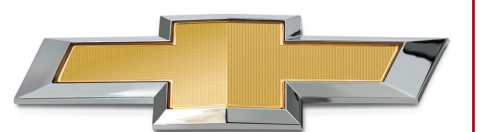


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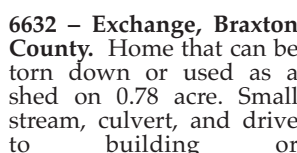
Agents Wanted, NO MLS FEES. Call Oak Hall to apply.



6634 – 2009 16' x 76' extra-wide angle, Brook Clayton Home. – \$65,000



6632 – Exchange, Braxton County. Home that can be torn down or used as a shed on 0.78 acre. Small stream, culvert, and drive to building or camper/trailer site. – \$15,900



6633 – Sutton. 0.25 acre wooded ridge in remote mountain-top setting. Borders one-lane paved road. Mountain view. – \$11,000

NEW LISTINGS

MORE LISTINGS



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



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



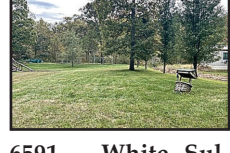
6415 – Huntersville. This property offers a unique 4BR/1BA home and 5BR/2BA lodge on 1.5 acres bordering national forest. Great recreational business opportunity. close to hiking, fishing and hunting. – \$159,900



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



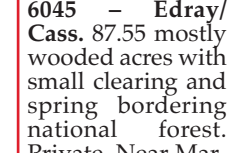
6614 – Marlinton. 6BR/6BA stone lodge with 2BR/1.5BA apartment, and separate 3BR/1BA inn-keeper's home in town. Would make a great Airbnb. – \$135,000



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



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



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



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



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

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