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## Hertko carves out niche with printmaking

Suzanne Stewart  
 Staff Writer

When Caroline Hertko and her husband, Brad, settled at their farm in Bath County, she considered herself a three dimensional artist. She got her degree in sculpture at the Art Institute in Chicago and became a third generation artist after her mother and grandmother.

"I always thought I can work with three dimensions, but I couldn't work in two dimensions," she said. "I could only build."

That is until her grandmother downsized and gave her a printmaking press. Hertko pondered what she would do with the "giant" press and finally settled on putting it in the art studio she shares with her mother. The studio is a repurposed tobacco drying barn which has a spot for her mom to make jewelry and a large area dedicated to printmaking.

"When I got this press, I was like, 'well, I guess I'm a two dimensional artist now,'" she said, laughing.

Hertko got a set of printmaking chisels and began carving creations into linoleum.



**IN A TOBACCO drying barn turned art studio on her family property, Caroline Hertko runs a print through her printmaking press as she works on an edition of greeting cards for a client. Hertko became a printmaker a year and a half ago and has made prints and cards for several events, including work for the Pocahontas County Opera House. S. Stewart photo**

A year and a half later, Hertko made history with a recent print for the Pocahontas County Opera House – the first handmade poster for the organization. She made an 11x17 poster for the Opry Night event. The print depicts Mike and Mary Sue Burns, and several musical friends performing in the round under a festival tent.

At the bottom of the poster, Hertko carved the names of the performers and the date and time of the event.

"I think the idea organically came about," she said. "I was printmaking, and it always has been a long-time dream to have a handmade poster for a show. It just kind of worked out because I

work there. We thought the hand carved aesthetic worked really well with the style of the show."

A limited edition of 25 posters were printed and available at the Opry Night event last Saturday.

Hertko also has a line of greeting cards for the Opera

## Don't forget to thank the bus driver

Suzanne Stewart  
 Staff Writer

The month of February has several special days – Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, Leap Day. It is also the American School Bus Council's Love the Bus Month, in which appreciation for school bus drivers is shown across the country. Pocahontas County Schools Director of Transportation Duane Gibson said the county is very lucky to have dedicated drivers who transport students in all conditions with the most care.

"Their responsibility is tremendous," he said. "We have eighteen drivers, six subs and three emergency subs."

"They travel 1,500 miles a day for our kids."

As part of the month

long celebration, Gibson said he sent out letter templates to the schools for the children to write notes to their drivers. The notes have prompts like "I love the school bus driver because..." and "I love the yellow school bus because..."

As someone who has substituted for bus drivers in the past, Gibson knows first hand what the drivers do on a daily basis, from getting up before the sun every morning to get the bus warmed up to taking trips to away games that may see them getting back in the county after midnight.

Regardless of the route or the weather, the bus drivers are always there and ready to make sure the students have a safe trip to and from school and activities.

## Unusual and/or extinct: Animals

Melody Phillips  
 Staff Writer

Plants are not the only biological kingdom in danger.

In dairy farming, [agdaily.com](http://agdaily.com) reported that nearly 90 percent of dairy cows are Holstein because they produce a greater volume of milk compared to other breeds. Holsteins are cross-bred from Friesian white cows and Batavian black cows and made their journey to the new world in 1852. According to the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding, the second most common dairy cow, at nine percent of the total, is the Jersey. Jersey cows are known for their high butterfat content. Records dating back to the 1740s show Jersey as an old bred. With nearly 99 percent of all dairy cows restricted to only two breeds, that leaves only a smidgen of the total to include the other five major dairy breeds.

On the pork scene, the few hundred Choctaw hogs remaining in existence are labeled critically rare and are being raised by only a handful of families. This is, in part, due to focus on breeding standardized and mass-

produced "commercialized" hogs. When the preference for one breed falls too low and the demand for another is high, there is not much incentive for producers to continue breeding the less desirable animals.

Buckeye chickens are the only U.S. breed known to have been developed by a woman. As of 2022, Buckeye chickens, once listed as critically endangered, are making a comeback. One study shows about 10,000 of these birds in existence, which has led to them being upgraded to threatened status.

These beautiful mahogany birds are raised for pets as well as for the standard meat and eggs. They are also exceptionally tolerant of the cold, they're docile, and have a low aggression level towards others in the flock. While many other breeds of chickens reduce or completely stop laying eggs in the winter, Buckeye chickens continue laying throughout the cold months. They also don't skimp on the delicious meat they have, unlike other dual-purpose birds. These birds are excellent foragers and "cat level" mousers. The interesting range of sounds they produce are distinct

among the breed, including dinosaur-like roars which they like sharing with everyone. Because of all the great features wrapped into one package, Buckeye chickens are said to be the "best homestead bird in the entire world," [thefeatherbrain.com](http://thefeatherbrain.com)

Nearly 200 endangered, or heritage, animal breeds are listed on the annually updated priority list by The Livestock Conservancy. This organization also offers husbandry training for new farmers to help ensure strong and healthy offspring of rare livestock animals. Although there were 62 animal breeds added to the extinction list in the early 2000s, according to UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, The Livestock Conservancy hasn't had any breeds on their list go extinct.

Animals like the thylacine, the quagga, the gastric-brooding frog, Carolina parakeet (the only parrot native to the U.S.), and the Passenger pigeon may only be memories from the past.

But are they? CNN.com commented on the following reported sightings of the thylacine (known as the Tasmanian tiger): "One report last February said that two people, visiting



**WHEN GIVEN AMPLE room, these small but fast Choctaw hogs need little care. However, since they are not desirable for mass marketing, they are now labeled as critically rare because only a few are left in existence. Photo courtesy of [livestockconservancy.org](http://livestockconservancy.org)**

Tasmania from Australia, were driving when an animal with a stiff tail and striped back walked onto the road. The animal "turned and looked at the vehicle a couple of times" and "was in clear view for 12-15 seconds," the report read. Both people in the car "are 100 percent certain that the animal they saw was a thylacine."

Another report filed the same month described a striped "cat-like creature" moving through the mist in

the distance." Could this once diminished species be making a comeback in the remote territories of Tasmania or is it truly extinct?

If an animal is the same "kind" then it can bring forth and create different species. This has been shown to be true by the Quagga Project. By testing and studying remnants of skin from the extinct quagga species, they found the genetics to be a subspecies of the plains zebra. Using selective breeding

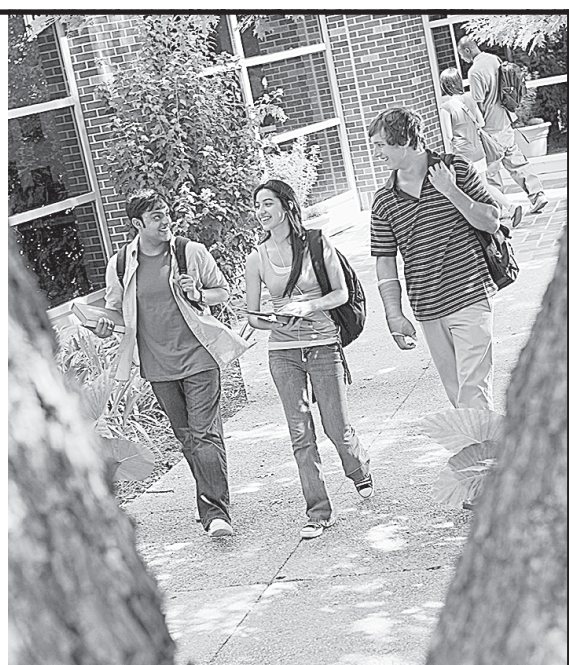
throughout four or five generations, the color and striping of this once extinct animal is becoming more pronounced. After 50 of these "Rau quaggas" have been bred, plans are to place them together in a reserve so they may develop their own ecological adaptations and behavioral differences.

As the only known U.S. native parakeet, the Carolina parakeet was first referenced as being seen in Florida in

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# Two approved grants will expand broadband

**Tim Walker  
AMR Reporter**

At the February 8 Pocahontas County Broadband Council Meeting, Melissa O'Brien, of the firm Thompson and Litton (T&L), announced that their Line Extension and Deployment 2 Broadband Grant (LEAD 2) award will provide about 50 miles of fiber to 601 addresses, mostly in the county between Mace and the Scenic Highway. Citynet will be the Internet Service Provider for that grant. LEAD is part of the West Virginia Broadband Investment Plan using funds provided by the West Virginia Legislature.

The second grant, a LEAD 3 grant, was awarded to Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone Company – SKSRT – and will cover areas in northern Pocahontas County, including Durbin, Green Bank and Arbovale. This grant will provide nine miles of fiber to 117 addresses.

Also at this meeting, 911 Director Mike O'Brien told the council members that his counterparts in Bath, Highland and Allegheny counties in Virginia have told him

they have experienced recent growth in populations which they believe is directly related to the recent increase in good Internet service in those counties. Sarah Riley added that she has heard the same thing from her contacts in Richwood.

Regarding the ARC Pocahontas Broadband Project, Brien Tew, also from T&L, said the project's Mon Power pole agreements are progressing, with only three proposals outstanding. He added there "is a well-defined path forward." Tew explained the Special Use Permit and the Environmental studies have been completed and approved, and as soon as the pole agreements are complete, they will be ready to start construction. Regarding the Frontier pole agreements, Citynet is in the process of assuming what had been the county's role in those, and they should be able to wrap up those agreements more quickly than the county could.

The BEAD NTIA grant was discussed. Ruthana Beezley told the members that the state is in the process of challenging the Federal Communications

Commission's (FCC's) maps for BEAD funding. Mike O'Brien added that the NTIA-FCC's National Telecommunications and Information Administration – involves very complicated processes, and the registration to receive funding through this program begins February 10 to March 10. John Tuggle, of Region 4, said NTIA had better get information out about this very quickly.

O'Brien described how the Pocahontas 911 Center is working with both Highland and Bath counties on a joint emergency communications system, and the Green Bank Observatory is willing to make concessions to make that system happen.

O'Brien also said that the Director of the Observatory has told him it might be possible to actually get cell phone service into the Green Bank area without interference to the radio telescope, if cell towers switched from using Ultra High Frequencies (UHF) down to using Very High Frequencies (VHF), since the lower frequencies of VHF are less harmful to the observatory's equipment.

# Make It Shine Spring Cleanup

Applications are now available for the 2024 West Virginia Make It Shine Statewide Spring Cleanup. This annual event is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) Program. This year's cleanup will be held during the first two weeks of April (April 1 through April 14) and applications are due by Friday, March 8.

The Make It Shine program will provide resources such as cleanup materials, waste hauling and landfill

fees to community groups volunteering to conduct litter cleanups in state streams or on public lands.

More than 3,500 volunteers from nearly 140 groups participated in the 2023 cleanup, removing 215 tons of litter, remediating 87 dumps, and collecting 1,267 tires from 281 acres of public lands and 87 miles of streams across West Virginia.

Applications are available online

Once your project is approved, REAP staff will coordinate delivery of cleanup supplies, waste hauling and disposal. For more information, contact Chris Cartwright at DEPwvms@wv.gov or by phone at 1-800-322-5530.

This event is completely dependent on volunteers, so sign up today and help make West Virginia shine!

REAP, whose motto is "Keeping WV Clean and Green," was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage.

# Circuit Court

The following hearings were recently held in Pocahontas County Circuit Court before the Honorable Judges Robert E. Richardson and Jennifer P. Dent:

A bond revocation hearing was held in the case the State vs Tony Garretson, 52, of Marlinton, wherein the defendant waived his right to a preliminary hearing and moved to proceed with the motion to revoke bond. The state, in conferring with defense counsel, advised that it might consider a request for home confinement, but with extreme conditions that Garretson would only be allowed to leave his home for a medical issue, or if the home was on fire. The State also asked that the court order contain the language that if law enforcement finds the defendant has left the residence that he be picked up on a violation of home confinement and placed in the regional jail until a hearing can be held. The court related that the purpose of a bond is for court appearances and to protect the community. The court will permit Garretson to be outside the home, but within a 50-foot perimeter of the residence and will allow him to use his woodshop. The defendant may leave his home for scheduled medical appointments or medical emer-

gency, but must notify home confinement of appointments in advance, and he will not be allowed to operate a motor vehicle. Garretson waived his right to a speedy trial in this term of court.

A hearing on motion in limine was held in the case the State vs Jerry Schoolcraft, 61, of Renick, wherein defense counsel had several motions to be heard. The State explained that this hearing was set for only the motion in limine. The court continued the matter to February 21. Schoolcraft was indicted on four counts, sexual assault in the second degree.

A continued change of plea hearing was held in the case the State vs Jacob Bing, 39, of Marlinton, wherein the defendant pleaded guilty to two felony offenses of

burglary under Kennedy v. Frasier. The court deferred adjudication until Bing successfully completes, graduates or otherwise is discharged from the Southeastern Drug Court Program. The defendant was to immediately report to Day Report Center for hookup on home confinement. The court granted the state's motion for dismissal of the remaining counts of the indictment.

The court granted the state's motion for a continuance of trial in its case against Ross Benedict, 37, of Marlinton, due to the main witness being unavailable. Trial is rescheduled for July 10. Benedict was indicted by the August 2022 Grand Jury on one count, burglary; and one count, destruction of

see Court pg 5

# Op-ed on USPS Center

**Senator Joe Manchin**

Since I last visited the U.S. Postal Service's processing and distribution center in South Charleston, right after a review of operations at the facility was announced, I have spoken at length with U.S. Postmaster Louis DeJoy, USPS staff and postal workers. I am now more concerned than ever about the potential for staff relocations and significant reductions in services for West Virginia families and businesses.

I also need to set the record straight in response to an opinion piece penned by a USPS spokesman that ran in the *Charleston Gazette-Mail* [last] Wednesday.

First and foremost, West Virginians' concerns about the transition of this facility from a processing and distribution center to a local processing center are not due to an inability to "comprehend" what is happening. West Virginians understand all too well what is happening. The USPS Inspector General has already identified problems with the ongoing USPS consolidation effort that has resulted in less efficient, less reliable mail service. If the Charleston facility becomes a local processing center, every piece of our mail will have to travel hundreds of miles from Charleston to Pennsylvania and then back to West Virginia. There is simply no way that will result in better service for West

Virginians. I also take issue with the USPS spokesman's assertion that the Postal Service is self-sustaining. Just two years ago, Congress had to step up to bail out the Postal Service because it was hundreds of billions of dollars in debt. We did that because of the essential services the USPS provides to rural communities in places like West Virginia. But that investment of American taxpayer dollars comes with a responsibility to include them in the decision-making processes.

The USPS Inspector General has repeatedly faulted the Postal Service for not sufficiently communicating with stakeholders and impacted communities before final decisions are made. The spokesman's opinion piece implied that the future of the Charleston facility is already decided. That would be a slap in the face of every West Virginian who spent their Valentine's Day at a public meeting to make their voices heard.

If the USPS is worried about saving money, they should consider consolidating operations right here in West Virginia. The cost of living in Charleston is 62% lower than in Pittsburgh. West Virginia is also home to the hardest working, most

loyal workers in the nation, and the West Virginians who work at this facility proudly come to work every day to keep the mail running efficiently for their neighbors.

Let me be clear: any reduction in services or personnel at the Charleston facility would defy the Postal Service's mission of reliably serving every community. It is a gross offense to the public's faith and trust for such an important organization that receives federal dollars to spread misinformation and disinformation about the people of West Virginia, and I will personally hold the USPS accountable for transparency and honesty throughout this process.

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# Dreams do come true

## The rest of the Dream Foundation story

By John C. Dean

Saturday, February 10, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. – Charleston Yeager International Airport. My nephew, Ken Garrett, and I were on the plane! Woot! Woot. Vegas and Super Bowl Bound, baby!

We arrived in Vegas PDT at about 5 p.m., met the rental agency and drove to the South Point Hotel Casino Spa on the world-famous Las Vegas Strip. Beautiful, spacious rooms, 25-story hotel, 2,504 rooms, 160,000 square-foot casino, 11 restaurants, bowling alley, movie theater and more. When I realized all there was to do here, I knew that Ken and I would never get to do even half of it in our 4-day, 3-night stay, but we'd try!

Sunday, February 11, 2024 – The Big Day and Big Game arrived! What can I say? Today is such a natural



high and it's only hours before game time. Ken and I arrived early to take in some of the sights and sounds of pregame celebrations – the aroma of burgers and dogs sizzling on a grill. The look on people's faces, as they savored a big, ol' Kansas City barbecue, was priceless. The music was rocking.

3:30 p.m. It's kickoff time! I will leave out the play-by-play of the game since most of you probably know the end result by now. The following describes some of the feelings and emotions that I felt during this momentous experience:

Chills up and down my spine. Tingles along my arms. The hair on the back of my neck standing at attention. A natural high. Beyond belief. Is this really happening? You have to be here to truly take in the excitement. It's unlike watching it on TV at home. A different world.

And an overtime Super Bowl topped all of my expectations.

Well, I guess that just about sums everything up. I had a great time . . .

But, no, wait, there's more. What more could there be, you wonder?



JOHN DEAN WAS granted a wish from the Dream Foundation to attend the Super Bowl February 11. Dean and his nephew, Ken Garrett, shown above at the game, traveled to Las Vegas for the game and also had time to take a side trip to the Grand Canyon, left. Photos courtesy of John Dean

**A Mesmerizing Mecca**  
How about going to the Grand Canyon on Monday before flying home

Monday morning, February 13, 2024 – Beautiful sun-filled drive of about 90 minutes to the west rim of this amazing natural wonder. I drove there and let Ken take in all of the scenery. We spent most of the day walking around, doing a little shopping, taking in the views

from the skywalk and more.

While photos are captivating and stunning, they do not do this mesmerizing marvel of a mecca justice unless seen with your own eyes. If you ever have the opportunity, spend at least a week at the Grand Canyon. My words and these photos will never be able to capture what it's like.

And yes, rest assured, I am still smiling.

John Dean, writer and editor, is a Pocahontas County native, having grown up on-site at Watoga State Park for 16 years when his dad, Vernon, was a park ranger. These days, he focuses primarily on dealing effectively with his cancer diagnosis and highly recommends everyone get a second opinion. John is a member of the Watoga State Park Foundation Board of Directors.

# Carnegie Mainstage Series presents Rhythm of the Dance

Carnegie Hall will present a matinee performance of popular Irish Dance group Rhythm of the Dance Sunday, March 3, at 3 p.m. Guests are invited to come early to Club Carnegie from 2 to 2:45 p.m. in the Board Room located adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

Rated as the most popular Irish Dance production touring the world, Rhythm of the Dance creates a new era in Irish entertainment. This extravaganza celebrates all elements of Irish culture with champion step dancers and innovative choreography, first rate Irish musicians and singers, and storytelling that is centuries old and yet utilizes the latest in stage technology to celebrate the Emerald Isle in the 21st century.

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

1. In May 2003, the fastest known speeding ticket in U.S. history was handed out to the driver of a Swedish sports car allegedly going 242 mph in a 75 mph zone. Fittingly, in what state did this occur?

2. "The Run for the Roses" and "The Fastest Two Minutes in Sports" are both colloquial names for a horse race that occurs on the first Saturday of May in which U.S. State?

3. In the movie "Castaway," what specific type of sports ball is Wilson who serves as the companion of Tom Hanks' character Chuck Noland?

4. What legendary 21st century NFL quarterback, after winning Super Bowls for the Colts and the Broncos, returned to TV in 2021, hosting NBC's "College Bowl" alongside his brother, Cooper?

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## Obituaries



vibrant spirit touched everyone she knew.

A funeral service will be held at VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton, Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 11 a.m.

Lunch, following the service, will be served at the Edray Senior Citizens building.

### Camie Rider

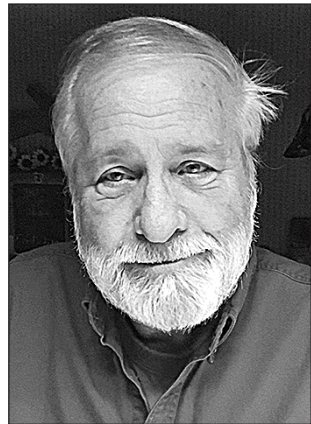
Camie Cheyenne Rider, 21, of Marlinton, lost her life Monday, February 12, 2024, due to a domestic violence incident.

Born March 22, 2002, at Fairlea, she was a daughter of Donald Lee Rider and Angel Gale Turner, both of Marlinton.

Camie was a 2019 graduate of Spring Valley High School in Huntington. She was employed as a lifeguard at Snowshoe Mountain Resort.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her two year old son, Camden Slava Walker, whom she cherished; brothers, Kasey Rider, Don Rider, Jesse Feury and William Feury; sisters, Christina Buchanan, Danielle Smith and Donna Rider; nieces, Morgan Rider, Alexis Gibson and Chloe Bing; and nephew, Landon Gibson.

Camie's caring nature and



### Charles Stanley

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

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.

# Remembering Homer McNeil

Thomas Kincaid  
Contributing Writer

Originally from Buckeye, Homer had a barber shop on Main Street in the eastern part of Durbin. In addition to his barber chair, there were two pool tables and a potbellied stove. Mounted on the walls were paws from different wild animals along with rattlesnake rattles. Homer would promise a free haircut to anyone who could bring in an animal paw that he couldn't identify.

As small kids, we were permitted to come in the shop, but we were not allowed to play pool. It was great fun to listen to the tales being told by Homer and his customers. Homer was very fond of children and always happy to tell stories, especially about the outdoors. Like many other young boys, Homer gave me my first haircut – I remember sitting on a board he had placed across the barber chair.

In the early 1930s, he let my aunts, who were small girls at the time, dance on the street in front of his shop to make enough

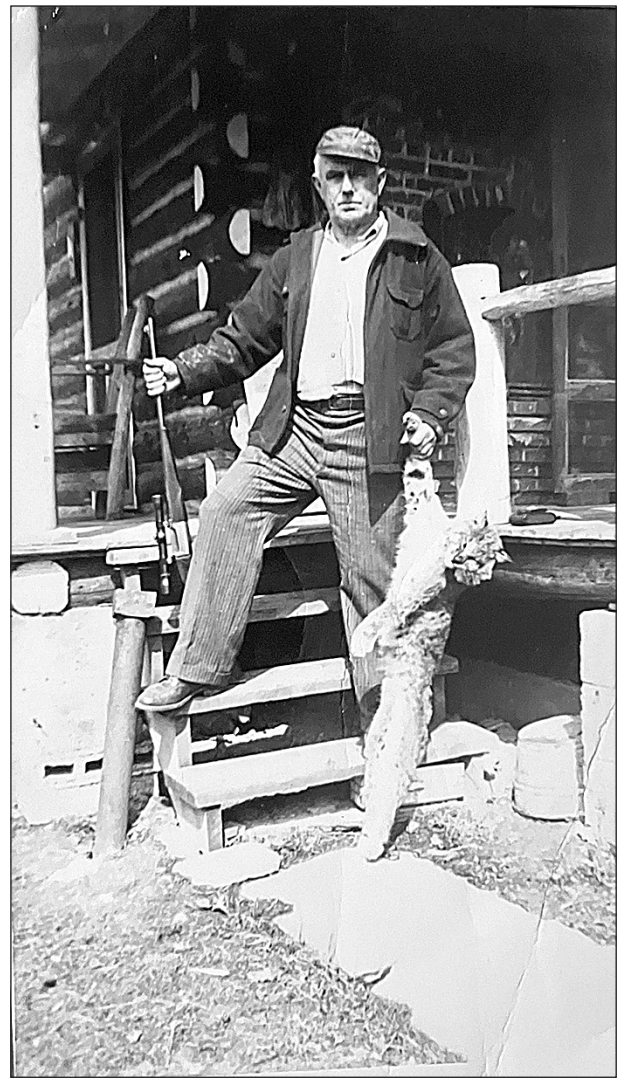
money to go to the movies.

In his later years, Homer moved his barber shop to the top of the hill in Durbin, alongside the log cabin he built and lived in for many years. He lived very much like a pioneer and spent much of his time in the outdoors. He would often take children with him and teach them to hunt and fish.

In the photo, he is holding a bobcat which he had dispatched with his rifle.

In the late 1960s, I would visit Durbin and get a haircut from Homer – even if I didn't need one – just to talk with him and listen to his colorful and interesting stories. My paternal grandmother, Mattie Burner Kincaid, was one of his favorite friends and lived nearby. While cutting my hair, he'd tell me about his many conversations with her. They would discuss phases of the moon and how they affected planting times in the spring. They also enjoyed talking about wild herbs and which ones should be used for different maladies. They were both very close to the land.

Homer was a good man and a "good neighbor" to everyone.



HOMER MCNEIL, A popular barber and outdoorsman, who lived in Durbin, 1930s to 1970s.

## God at Work

Dawn Reed

Not everyone knows about Jesus. It still surprises me to find that to be true. While I grew up going to church, countless others did not. While I know Him personally and He walks with me each day, to some He is a stranger they have heard little about.

A new rehab for women has opened in our area. We watched and prayed as the building was being remodeled, employees were assembled, and women began to arrive. Most were court ordered so they came straight from various jails. The new supervisor – a dear friend – asked if some of our jail ministry team could come to teach and love on the women there. The answer was a hearty "YES!"

Some faces there are familiar: girls we have met at our county jail. We love seeing them NOT in orange or tan scrubs. It's a huge step up. No longer a thin mat on a cell floor, they now have real beds to sleep in. They have couches and chairs where they can lounge and private bathrooms. Oh, there are plenty of restrictions, which they need. They're working with counselors making great strides for a drug-free future.

On Sunday, we met Mary (not her real name) who had just arrived from a jail many



hours away. When we introduced ourselves and explained why we were there she began to wipe her eyes. As Becky – on our ministry team – began sharing her testimony, the tears flowed freely.

Reminding women who are down and out that Jesus still loves them is an important thing. They often feel like He couldn't possibly. So many broken promises on their part would surely have driven Him away. Forever. We have the privilege of encouraging them to turn to or back to the One who loved them enough to die for them.

After the lesson, Becky and I spoke privately with Mary. She had been carrying around an AA book with prayers in it. She read them

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## Finding your own true north

By R.A. Mathews

Finding your own "true north" is perhaps the be all and end all of life. It changes who you are, how you think, the choices you make. Your true north can bring joy or unhappiness.

The saying comes from the North Star, Polaris, which would guide mariners in ancient times. While other stars seemed to move across the sky throughout the night, Polaris would essentially "stay put," traveling in a tight circle over the North Pole, always there to pilot sailors home.

Everyone has a true north, whether they realize it or not. As I said, it's what guides your life. Think of someone you know well, and you can probably state their true north. Their creed. Mine is four words: Stay close to God.

Even so, within my true north is another true north. What do I also believe?

It's all about Jesus.

Jesus broke the back of Evil. It's Jesus who restores you and me to God the Father. It's all about Jesus.

And I thought that was it—everything I needed to see me through life: "Stay close to God" and "It's all about Jesus." But then there was this year's Super Bowl – and a 24 year old. In the past

few weeks, my true north shifted.

On February 11, the two best quarterbacks in the world stood opposite one another in Las Vegas, Nevada. Patrick Mahomes, called a child prodigy, had been chosen 10th overall in the 2017 NFL Draft. Brock Purdy had been chosen 262nd in the 2022 draft and labeled "irrelevant."

Even with their different paths, each man echoes the words of the other, as if they were reading from an identical playbook.

And they are.

Mahomes believes it's not about winning or losing, but glorifying God. Likewise, Brock Purdy recently told reporters, "... win or lose, I'm going to glorify You – that's my peace. That's the joy. That's the steadfastness. That's where I get it from..."

Jesus is his true north. His lane, so to speak.

It isn't enough to know where you stand. Brock Purdy meets with others on his team for Bible study. This is important to him.

Every Christian needs to be with Christians who live their creed. Those in your lane strengthen you or

weaken you. Scripture says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17)

Yet many reared in the church have found themselves with the wrong people, drawn away from their true north, slipping into lifestyles that did real damage.

Brock Purdy does something more. He starts his day with his faith. Purdy understands what Scripture teaches: You are transformed by renewing your mind every day.

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

Right now, Purdy told reporters his focus is the 23rd Psalm. "The Lord is my Shepherd," he said. "...It's what I start off with every single day."

Psalm 23 reads, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leaeth me beside the still waters.



"He restoreth my soul: He leaeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the

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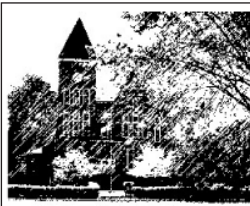
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# Preserving Pocahontas

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## Rev. Sanford Boggs at Wilson Chapel - 1996



Celebrating Black History Month

The Reverend Sanford Boggs in front of Wilson Chapel at Brownsburg where he served as pastor for many years. Born in Pocahontas County, June 25, 1908, he was a son of William Madison Boggs, Sr. and Mabel C. Wheeler Boggs.

His work life began with laying steel for the railroad. When the Great Depression hit, he took a job building sidewalks in Marlinton to replace the boardwalks near the First National Bank. He helped on the family farm, was a bellhop in a Michigan hotel, and worked a stint in the coal mines.

In 1941, after his family lost their home to a fire, he went to work for Bethlehem Steel in Pennsylvania and sent money to his father so that the family might have a home again. He married, raised a family, and as segregation ended in the 1950s he went to work for the State Department of Highways.

A heart condition in 1961 ended his days of hard work, so Sanford Boggs studied at home, was graded by mail, and was licensed to preach in the Methodist Church. He served at Pleasant Green Church on Seebert Lane, Wilson Chapel at Brownsburg, and held midweek services at Denmar. He pastored county churches for 22 years and retired at the age of 87.

On October 23, 1996, Rev. Sanford Boggs was accompanied by local photographer Doug Chadwick to Wilson Chapel at Brownsburg near Marlinton. It was on that trip that this photograph was taken.

The Reverend Sanford Boggs passed away January 3, 2005 at the age of 96.

Next week, Preserving Pocahontas will feature a photo of Rev. Boggs inside Wilson Chapel. (The Douglas B. Chadwick Collection, Courtesy of Deborah Clearman; ID: PHP010059)

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they came to life again, and have been lively ever since. Paddy is beginning to learn to take her meals out of a plate.

### BEAVERS

At a guess, around 200 head of beavers were trapped in the recent open season. I heard of a 63-pound beaver being taken at the head of Greenbrier River. I saw a 45-pound one which Howard Mullins caught on Cranberry. It was the hope of the Conservation Commission to reduce the number of

beavers in Pocahontas County by at least half. If ten percent were caught, I would be surprised. It can be said that much was learned and the plans and specifications will be different another year...

At Marlinton, Brown McComb got four big beavers on Greenbrier River below Stillwell. Austin Duncan got one from the same colony.

Moody Moore caught himself a 40-pound beaver in Browns Creek.

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party repaired to the dining room where a bountiful dinner was served to about 30 guests. The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for a trip to Washington and other eastern points. The bride and groom are excellent young people and we wish them all the happiness this life affords.

### STORE ROBBED

A burglar entered the store of Wise Herold Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. The safe was opened and about one hundred dollars in currency was taken. No goods were taken, so far as known. Entrance into the store was had through a back

window. Tracks showed that the robbery was done after the snow had ceased to fall.

As this paper goes to press Wednesday afternoon, a warrant was issued for Stat Weatherholt, aged about 20 years, charging him with the robbery of Mr. Herold's safe. He is now in jail. He was formerly employed by T. D. Moore. He was preparing to leave town on the afternoon train.

### LETTER

Dear Calvin;  
I wish you would send me the Times to Gap Mills, W. Va. Mr. C. C. Pierce, of

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## Seventy-five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, February 24, 1949

### FIELD NOTES

Miss Bonnie D. Moore, of Back Allegheny, daughter of Isaac Moore, caught and petted a pair of ground hogs last year – Paddy and Pete. The female of the species is Paddy. Along before Thanksgiving the ground

hogs went willingly to sleep in the neat warm nest duly provided in a barrel in the basement. Pete, male like, developed into considerable of a snorer before long.

On January 27, the ground hogs roused out of their long winter nap. They ate heartily of apples and biscuits and drank milk. On February 2 – regular Ground Hog Day –

## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, February 20, 1924

Charles Young, a prominent farmer of Buckeye, was before Squire Smith on Monday afternoon and confessed to charges of driving a car while drunk and having liquor. In the one case, he was fined \$25 and sentenced to 60 days and in the other \$100 and 60 days, the jail sentences to run concurrently.

fatal of all eruptive diseases. Due to partial immunity, most cases at the present time are comparatively mild. State health laws require quarantine of houses where cases occur, and vaccination of all exposed persons.

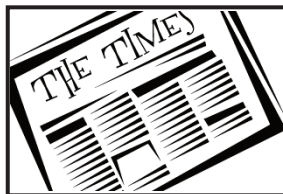
### WEDDING

A very pretty and interesting wedding took place February 6, 1924, at high noon, when Ivan Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sharp, of Slatyfork, and Miss Genevieve Orndorff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Orndorff, of Arbovale, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents... After the ceremony the

John L. McLaughlin, aged about 75 years, died at his home at Mustoe, Highland county, Sunday morning, February 10, and was buried the same evening. Mr. McLaughlin had been blind for several years. He was well known in Bath, Highland and Pocahontas counties.

Anna Tibbs, about 16 years of age, daughter of Walter Tibbs, died at Charlottesville last week, following an operation for appendicitis.

Cases of smallpox are reported at Seebert and Buckeye, also at many other places throughout the state. It is a filthy disease and before the discovery of vaccinations, most dreaded and



## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, February 21, 1974

from the free throw line. G. R. Cassell was 4 for 4 – he now has hit 21 straight from the line...

Mrs. Josephine Boggs saw a white fox Monday at the home of Hazel Jackson McPeak in the vicinity of the old airport. She saw it in the field and got close enough so there was no doubt as to its identity.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Bradley Harper celebrated his eighth birthday, February 2, 1974, at his home on Knapps Creek.

The party was given by his mother and sister, Mrs. Vincent B. Harper and Candy Harper, who served refreshments to the following: Tony Landis, Douglas Davis, Beth Harper, Debbie, Danny and Chuck Mullens, Junior McLaughlin, Anne and Marjorie Howsare, Timmy, Lisa and Andy Alderman, and Mrs. Roy L. Landis...

The season is three weeks ahead of last year. Johnnie Hill brought in some Colt's Foot Monday, February 18. We checked it against the time he brought some last year, which was about March 9.

### Scholarship Finalist

Sarita Lantz, a senior at Pocahontas County High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Lantz, of Green Bank, has been notified that she is a Finalist in the competition for National Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1974.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lewis, Sr., of Mill Point, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Poage, of Marlinton, a daughter, named Kathryn Lynn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Broyles, of Marlinton, a daughter, named Rachel Marie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Kramer, Jr., of Marlinton, a daughter, named Beverly Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Workman, of Middlesex, New Jersey, a daughter, named Sarah Elizabeth.

### Warrior Basketball

Tuesday evening the Warriors overpowered Union 91-43. Coach Groseclose went to his bench early in the second quarter. Thus, several sophomores gained playing experience in the contest.

Four boys were in double figures: Mike Collins hit for 10, Dave Moore 13, Gary Russell Cassell 20, and Gary Allen Cassell 25.

The team shot 81 percent

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, February 23, 1899

Hereafter all criminal executions in West Virginia will take place within the walls of the penitentiary. Murder, arson and rape are punishable with death by the laws of West Virginia. This was the first bill signed by the Governor.

The great fall of snow has been a great benefit to W. McClintic in the way of enabling him to transport supplies to his camp. One day, 13 loaded sleds went into the camp. He has established a depot of supplies at the Burgess place fitting up a commodious camp and stables.

Miss Lena Duncan, of Buckeye, came to Marlinton last week on ice skates and returned, moving swiftly as a trolley car, and there are others equally expert.

### Knapps Creek

We are informed by Mr. A. W. Moore that there have been 20 snows this winter, making 60 inches of snow in all; 36 and a half inches in February.

It snows and rains and we have some cold weather, too. As near as we can tell, about 15 head of cattle froze to death on Knapps Creek during the recent storm.

### DURBIN NEWS

Sunday night, February 12, as William Hill was coming back from Beverly with a load of goods, he

came to Greenbrier River which was badly frozen on each side. He drove to the opposite side, but the horses could not pull the wagon up on the ice. The water was deep and horses fell down in the water. Messrs. Greathouse, Beverage and Kerr heard him and came to his assistance. They got one horse out on the bank where it sunk in the snow, and the other horse was drowned. Hill stayed in the water with his horse until it floated down the river some distance and the horse went under the ice. Then he was persuaded to let it go and get out of the water. He had been in the water over an hour, part of the time in water up to his neck, with the temperature at 12 below zero. He was nearly frozen before he got to the fire. But soon got so he could walk home. They put some blankets over the horse laying in the snow and it was left to die. Next morning, it was alive, and men were sent for to help get him out. He is doing well now.

### DEATHS

Prof. M. G. Mathews, so wildly known in our county in public school circles, died Saturday afternoon, February 18, at the home of his friend Samuel M. Gay on Indian Draft near Edray. His age was about 53 years.

By common consent Mr. Mathews was regarded as one of the most remarkable citizens of his time, and for

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# 'The queen of the garden world'

Melody Phillips  
Staff Writer

According to Statista (a platform that provides statistical data), potatoes were the most consumed vegetable in the U.S. during 2022. A total of 453 million cwt (hundredweight) of potatoes were produced in 2019.

The Irish loved potatoes so much that many of their old sayings incorporate potatoes, even about love and marriage. Two such sayings are "It's easy to halve the potato where there is love" and "Only two things in this world are too serious to be jested on, potatoes and matrimony." Another Irish saying is, "If beef's the king of meat, potato's the queen of the garden world." In fact, potatoes had become such an intricate part of Ireland's food supply that millions of people died during the 1840s Irish Potato Famine.

Not all countries fell in love with the potato so quickly. The French originally believed potatoes to be an element of witchcraft that would cause leprosy and other diseases in people so potatoes were only used as feed for cattle. There was so much trepidation about the spuds that they had a law passed, in 1748, against the use of potatoes. This ban was later lifted in 1772.

baked, boiled, fried or mashed, there seems to be endless possibilities for cooking the spuds.

**Edible uses for potatoes:** Mashed, baked, or fried — no one knows for sure when someone first cooked potatoes for food, but I think many would agree, according to statistics, that most people enjoy potatoes as a food source.

**Chips** — The first appearance of what could be the forerunner of one of our delicious snacks today comes from an 1817 cookbook. In his book, William Kitchener referred to the creation as "potatoes fried in slices."

As in many of today's cookbooks, this recipe may have been an example of what other people at that time were already making. So, the exact origins of the potato chip are unknown.

**Hashbrowns** — One of the first documented references to this form of cooking potatoes was in the 1887 *Kitchen Companion*, called "hashed browned potatoes." Hash comes from the French word "hacher" meaning chop or hack.

**Potato starch and flour** — Starch is released from damaged cells when potatoes are crushed. This means it is easy to make potato starch at home. Wash, peel, and then grate raw potatoes. Quickly place the grated potatoes in warm water to pre-

vent oxidation. Allow the mixture to sit a few minutes. Gently stir the slurry to help release the starch. Strain out the water through some cheesecloth and repeat the process until the water comes out clear. Save all the cloudy water, this contains the starch. The potato remnants can be cooked as desired. Allow the pot of starch water to sit, undisturbed, for about 30 minutes. The starch will settle to the bottom. The clearish, but tinted, water can be carefully poured off, try not to slosh the starch from the bottom of the pot. Add about the same amount of fresh water to the residual starch and allow it to sit another 30 minutes before pouring it off. This will rinse the starch. After pouring off the rinse water, use a spatula or scraper to remove the wet starch from the pot. This starch can be used wet but to lengthen its shelf-life, place it in a dehydrator or a glass pan so it can dry.

**Seeds for the following year** — The potato itself can be planted for a crop the following year. Gather some about the size of golf balls and throw them in the ground when dandelions start to bloom. They like the sun so point their eyes up. Potatoes may play a major role in the American diet, but there are also many other possible uses for the



"REFERRING TO THE potato as a 'hidden treasure,' the United Nations officially declared 2008 as the International Year of the Potato to raise awareness of the potato in developing nations experiencing severe food shortages" Photo source: Pixabay

spuds. Ruralsprout.com has an extensive list of different ways to use potatoes other than for food. I have personally used several of the following ways throughout my life.

- Battery bank for small LED light
- Starter for roses and geraniums
- Compost
- Rub on glass or goggles to reduce fogging up
- Removing rust
- Thickener for sauces and stews

- Remove excess salt from soups and stews
- De-sticky and de-stain hands
- Used to make biodegradable plastic
- Removing stains from fabric and carpet
- Clean windows
- Shine silver or shoes
- Starch for moisture absorber in damp spaces
- Added to soap for silky skin
- For deodorant
- Reduce puffy eyes and dark circles

- Facial mask
- For bruises, burns, sprains
- Itchy skin
- Headaches
- Promote sleep
- For hot or cold compress
- Remove broken light bulb from socket
- Make stamps — carving shapes into the cut side and dipping it in ink

As winter is still with us, I think it's time for a nice big pot of loaded potato soup!

## Calendar, from page 4

**Groovy Tots** — active fun for preschoolers, Fridays, 10 a.m.  
**Cardio and Circuit Toning**, led by Sunny Given, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m. New session starts Monday, February 19.  
**Chair Yoga** will move to Marlinton for the month of March: Tuesdays, March 5 — 26, 5 p.m. Beginner friendly for those with limited mobility.

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**Mid-Week Lenten Service**, Wednesdays, noon, at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Thirty-minute service, and brown bag lunch and fellowship. Speakers: February 28: Dr. Sue Hollandsworth, of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. March 6: Pastor David Moore, of Trinity Baptist Church. March 13: Fr. Arthur Bueogle, Jr., of the Pocahontas Catholic Parish. March 20: Pine Grove Church of

Pastor Tim Scott, of the Marlinton United Methodist Parish. March 27: Jane Huppert, of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

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**Marlinton Presbyterian Church** — Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.  
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**Edray United Church** — Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.  
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**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.

## North, from page 6

days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."  
Purdy says his needs are met by the Good Shepherd. He says football does not define him. Jesus does. And it's the Holy Spirit who takes over in the chaos and allows

## Work, from page 6

every day, but still had a deep yearning in her heart. From other things she told us, it was clear that the Lord was drawing her to Him. He was working puzzle pieces together in amazing ways. She called them coincidences, but we knew better. "How will I know when it speaks to me?" Mary asked. Becky quickly answered, "The first thing you need to know is there is no 'it.' There is a 'He' that speaks to

him to think clearly. Indeed, the 49ers coach says Purdy has an unexpected "poise."

I believe all of this, and it forms my true north: Stay close to God; It's all about Jesus. But Brock Purdy showed me one more thing, which deepened my creed. He said, "It's not about you."

Those were four words I needed to hear. There's a humility that has escaped me,

and God knew the time had come to address it.

Find your own true north and don't be embarrassed to share it. You may change a life.

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you."  
"You mean it's GOD that has been speaking to me? That's HIM?!" she was completely stunned. "Yes!" we said together. "Oh, thank you! Thank you!" she cried. "I will never forget you for telling me!" Mary squealed with more tears. Though excited at the news, Mary was not ready to ask Jesus to come in to her heart. We gave her a Bible and look forward to seeing

her again in a few days. We don't just need Jesus to go to heaven, we need Him for everyday life. We are all sinners in need of a Savior!

This morning, I dropped off a pair of strong reading glasses to Mary. (She had left hers at the jail.) They just happened to be the same color as her mohawk and the shirt she was wearing. "Look! They match!" she announced, "That was not a coincidence!"

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DEATHS

John Arbogast, 23, of Pendleton County, was killed in an automobile acci-

dent near Bartow. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelard Arbogast. Burial was in Lambert Cemetery near Thornwood.

Miss Helen M. Smith, of Lapeer, Michigan, born at Marlinton, a daughter of the

late James Otis and Mary W. McLaughlin Smith. A graduate of Edray District High School... Graveside service at Mountain View Cemetery with Rev. Willis Cornelius officiating.

Orville Warren Barnette,

another baby girl, Carles Ann, was born to these young parents. Mrs. Beverage was the former Miss Arlene VanReenen.

DEATHS

Mrs. Betty Ann Raines, aged 80 years, died Sunday, February 13, 1949, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Collins, of Durbin. On Tuesday, the funeral was held from the Cherry Grove Methodist Church and the body was laid to rest in the Cherry Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Taylor Gum, aged 86 years, widow of the late C. M. Gum, died at her home at Greenbank, Wednesday, February 16, 1949. On Friday,

92, of Clover Lick, born at Rockcastle, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Barnette. Funeral service was held from the VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel; burial was in the Poage Cemetery.

the funeral was held from Wesley Chapel and her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery. The deceased was a daughter of the late Lutie and Elizabeth Tacy Taylor...

Funeral services for Edward James Ray were held at Warren, Ohio, at the Roberts Memorial Home. He was born at Clover Lick January 4, 1877, the son of the late James Ray and Judy Cortney Ray...

John Howard Bussard was born November 29, 1872, and died February 3, 1949, age 76 years. On Saturday afternoon his body was laid to rest in the home cemetery, the funeral being conducted from the New Hope Church.

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reasons readily understood by all who know his personality and individual history...

Mrs. Mary Ann Hogsett, wife of William Perry Hogsett, age 74, died February 14, 1899, on Browns Creek. Her decease was very sudden and a great surprise to her family and neighbors. She heard the clock strike three Wednesday morning, spoke of it, and seemed perfectly well. At four, Mr. Hogsett noticed her labored breathing and on speaking to her, received no answer. When he raised her head, she expired at once.

Mrs. Hogsett was the only daughter of the late Hugh McLaughlin, Esq., of Huntersville. Her children are Rev. Wellington Hogsett, S. Renick Hogsett, Mrs. John F. Wanless, Mrs. Ada C. Moore, Mrs. Sheldon Moore and Mrs. Jasper Dilley...

Alvin Burr, age 38, died at his residence east of Hillsboro February 20. He was a much respected person for his integrity and industry... The interment took place Wednesday at the McNeel cemetery with Masonic honors.

Mrs. Martha Lewis unexpectedly died at her home near Academy February 20. Two children, George and Annie Lewis, survive her; her husband, Christopher Lewis died five years ago. Rev. A. M. Cackley D. D. of the Baltimore conference was a brother of the deceased. Mrs. Lewis was an acceptable member of the

Methodist Church.

Mrs. Margaret Priscilla Slaven, 67, relict of the late J. Randolph Slave, of Huntersville, died February 8, 1899, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McClintic at Marlinton.

She was born at Green Bank. Her parents were John Wooddell and Mary Slaven, persons representing pioneer families of our county. The names of Wooddell and Slaven are identified with the annals of our section of West Virginia for more than a hundred years. By industry and good citizenship, the Slavens and the Wooddells have served a good and influential part in giving tone and character to society...

August 12, 1852, Mr. and Mrs. J. Randolph Slaven were married. About the time they were gathering around themselves the comforts of an established home and making a fair start in life, the war intervened and it is needless to repeat here how Upper Pocahontas was "scattered and peeled" during those mournful years.

About 1871, believing Missouri would be a favorable place for their young and growing family of five sons and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Slaven migrated to that State. Not finding the prospects such as had been anticipated, the family returned to West Virginia immediately. On the journey home, several members of the family were stricken with fever, and they were delayed several weeks. While thus delayed, our lamented friend saw three of her children suffer unto death: Lucas aged 12; Oliver, aged 5; and Willy aged 3...

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RURITAN CLUB

A Ruritan Club has recently been organized in Hillsboro with A. J. Schrader, president; W. S. Beard, vice president; Charles Cox, secretary; L. P. Anderson, treasurer; J. M. McNeel, Jr., Sergeant.

Among the other charter members are:

Clifford Anderson, W. J. Beard, Edwin Bruffey, George P. Edgar, Tom Edgar, H. T. Elmore, Winters Hefner, G. L. Hilleary, D. R. Hollandsworth, Leroy Jeffreys, Joe Kramer, Harrel McCarty, A. D. McCoy, J. Moffett McNeel, Richard

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This is the seventh Ruritan club to be organized in West Virginia.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Denver Offutt, of Arbovale, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duncan, of Marlinton, a son.

On February 13, 1947 at 2:50 o'clock p.m., a baby girl, Paula, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beverage, of Marlinton. Then, on February 13, 1949, at 2:50 o'clock p.m. (exactly the same mi-

and grain. I expect to pay you all a visit this summer. I was very glad, as well as the whole family, to get back to good old W. Va. I have been here since the last of December, and brought the family in yesterday.

J.H. Phelan

PETER HILL DEAD

Mr. Peter Hill, one of the pioneer citizens of Jacox, Pocahontas County, reached the end of his long earthly life at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, February 10, 1924, at the home of his son, George Hill, at Hillsboro, from feebleness and infirmities incident to old age. Mr. Hill had

been in a feeble condition for some time, but recently suffered a stroke of paralysis and never recovered from same, but gradually became weaker until the feeble cord of life could no longer hold him here and it snapped, and he departed from this earthly life to enter into life eternal...

On April 11, 1867, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Margaret J., daughter of Ebenezer and Sallie McMillion Whiting, and they spent almost 56 years of wedded life together, Mrs. Hill dying March 16, 1923. To this union five boys and three daughters were born...

Mr. Hill, during his active

years, was an energetic, useful business man and built up home and farm and accumulated quite a wealthy property being stockholder in some of his county banks, also having shares in the Telephone Co., and interested in the business of his county.

He united with the Methodist church, and for nearly 70 years remained a member... On Tuesday, February 12, which would have been his 87th birthday, his remains were brought to his home church and thence to the graveyard and laid to rest by his wife...

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Kingwood, and myself have bought a piece of timber in Monroe county - about 18 million feet of white oak and rock oak, a fine piece of timber, never had an axe in it and it lays in a fine country where there are lots of good Democrats. We will take it off with small mills, have two on it now, and will put in two more shortly. We have also bought another piece of about 300 acres. This is a beautiful country, lots of big farms. They raise mostly hay

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# Hot teas for chilly weather

Laura Dean Bennett  
Staff Writer

Coffee may beat out tea — three to one — as Americans' favorite hot drink of choice but those of us who prefer tea are a passionate minority.

My mother was a confirmed tea drinker. She always said that there's no problem that a cup of tea can't make a little better.

The invigorating warmth of a cup of tea never fails to lift the spirit, soothe the mind and tantalize the senses.

It just does a body good. The boundless selection of varieties — including caffeinated, de-caffeinated, herbal and medicinal — make tea a veritable wonderland of choices.

This is a good time to acquaint ourselves with some unfamiliar teas and give the tea drawer a makeover.

Let's first review the difference between teas which contain caffeine and those without caffeine.

All actual tea — whether it's black, green, white or oolong — comes from the same plant — *Camellia sinensis*. All teas from the *Camellia sinensis* plant contain caffeine.

Herbal teas, which come from a huge variety of plants, aren't really tea at all. They should technically be called tisanes. Most herbal teas do not contain caffeine.

We'll start our tea tour with caffeinated teas.

## Earl Grey Tea

With its tantalizing aroma, Earl Grey Tea is an English tea which, since coming on the scene hundreds of years ago, has become an international favorite.

Bergamot oil is blended with black tea to give it its distinctive flavor. This delicious tea is usually served with sweetener and milk.

Bergamot is a citrus fruit native to southern Italy. It's often mistakenly called a bergamot orange. While it may resemble a small orange, it's rarely eaten as it has a disagreeably sour taste.

Bergamot oil is a precious commodity. It takes one hundred bergamot oranges to yield about three ounces of oil. No wonder many brands of Earl Grey are known to use artificial bergamot flavoring.

## Builders Tea

Builders tea is the term used in England for black tea (the kind with caffeine) purposely brewed to be extra hearty. It was named for the builders and construction workers who favor their cuppa quick, easy and hearty.

Any black tea can be used to make builders tea, as long as it can be made easily and quickly (this can mean using a tea bag and a microwave) and it's served sweetened with milk (which is the way tea is traditionally served in Britain).

## Shou Pu-erh Tea

Pu-erh (pronounced "po-are"), with its high caffeine component, is supposed to

be the strongest tea there is. It's been used by Chinese Buddhist monks for centuries to stay awake while meditating.

Pu-erh is made from the fermented leaves of *Camellia sinensis* var. *assamica* — grown in the Yunnan province of China.

It has a strong, earthy flavor and aroma — savory, woody and smoky — similar to whiskey. It's sometimes called a "coffee-lover's tea."

## Chunmee Tea with Mint

Chunmee tea is a green tea grown in southeastern China near the Yangtze River.

It has a tangy aroma accompanied by a slightly sweet taste. Adding mint gives Chunmee a pleasant and uplifting flavor and helps it fight cold symptoms.

Like all green tea, it contains caffeine, which gives a gentle boost of energy.

## Lemongrass Tea

This tisane — an herbal brew — is caffeine-free.

It's known for its antioxidants and its delightfully sweet lime and citrus flavors and aroma.

Not only a delight to the senses and the perfect antidote to cold weather, it boasts medicinal properties which recommend it as a healthful winter beverage.



**SPICED RUM CHAI** tea makes a delicious treat for a cold night. Brew a cup of **Chai** and finish with a shot of spiced rum. You can even top it off with a dollop of whipped cream. Then kick up your feet and relax by the fire. L.D. Bennett photo

## Gunpowder Tea

Gunpowder tea, a traditional Chinese tea, has a bold, smoky flavor with hints of nuttiness and a slightly bitter finish.

It takes its name from the method by which it's made. Green tea leaves are tightly rolled into tiny pellets resembling gunpowder.

Its smoky flavor and aroma come from the way the tea leaves are roasted.

Overall, gunpowder green tea is a strong and flavorful tea, perfect for those looking for a tea with a little more kick. It's higher in caffeine than most green teas and provides sustained energy without the jitteriness associated with coffee.

## Autumn Flush Darjeeling

Black tea from Darjeeling (a city in India) or Nepal is often categorized by the "flush" (the time of year) during which it was picked, which greatly influences a tea's flavor and body.

First flush tea is picked and processed from March to April. Second flush is picked in the summer, from June to July.

Autumn flush is the last tea of the year, picked once the monsoon season has passed — during October and November when there's less rainfall and the temperatures

are cooler. The antibacterial and antifungal properties of lemongrass help in fighting colds, chest congestion and coughs. It also contains vitamins C and A and antioxidants which support the immune system.

As the cold winds blow, this invigorating brew may offer comfort and relief on chilly days.

## Masala Chai

In India, "chai" is the word for tea. Once thought to be exotic, Chai is fast becoming one of America's favorites.

Masala Chai (the proper name for what we know as Chai tea) is black tea with whole milk or cream and sweetener. It's enhanced with spices like cinnamon, cardamom, ginger, star anise and cloves — and sometimes even a pinch of black pepper.

These days it's even easier to make at home with so many chai tea mixes on the market.

## Oolong Tea

Oolong comes from Taiwan and China. Its name means "dark dragon."

It contains less caffeine than green tea but more than black tea. It has slightly sweet, melon notes in a woody, roasted flavor, similar to black tea.



also relieve dry-weather coughs. tem. It also offers support to the immune system.

## Lemon Ginger Tea

Lemon and ginger teas have been revered for centuries for their medicinal properties.

Lemon tea has long been used to soothe a sore throat and ginger tea is known for calming an upset stomach.

And you don't have to drink it for its medicinal qualities. It's a great wake-up tea, with its delicious zest of lemon and the powerful flavor of ginger root.

## Mullein Tea

This caffeine-free brew, crafted from the leaves and flowers of the Mullein plant has a rich aroma and herbal flavor with a subtle sweetness.

It has a refreshing taste while offering soothing effects on the respiratory sys-

## Cinnamon Tea

Is there a spice that evokes warmth more than cinnamon?

Cinnamon comes from the inner bark of the Cinnamon tree, which forms the familiar cinnamon stick scroll while it dries. These sticks can be ground into powder or steeped directly in boiling water

This aromatic tea delivers a distinctive flavor that's simply indescribable.

If you don't have cinnamon tea, you can easily prepare this tisane at home.

Just double-steep cinnamon sticks in boiling water, add sweetener and enjoy.

Many people enjoy combining cinnamon tea with black tea, orange peel or sweet cloves.

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