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## Vandevender and Burns are Honorary Secretaries of State

West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner hosted two student leaders from Pocahontas County High School (PCHS) as his honored guests at the State Capitol February 21.

Olivia Vandevender and Clayton Burns – both members of the 2024 graduating class at PCHS – were recommended by their principal to represent their high school as Honorary Secretaries of State for their efforts to register members of the senior class to vote. Nominations for Honorary Secretaries of State are only accepted by

those high schools that qualify for the Jennings Randolph Award. To qualify for the Award, a West Virginia high school must host a student-led effort to register at least 85 percent of their eligible senior class to vote.

Started by the WV Secretary of State's Office in 1994, the Jennings Randolph Award for Civic Engagement commemorates West Virginia's late U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph's legacy as the Father of the 26th Amendment. One of the defining moments in voting rights history, the 26th Amendment was passed in

1971. The Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

"With the designation of Honorary Secretaries of State, Vandevender and Burns have proven to their school, community and state that they are committed to seeing more young people in West Virginia voting and playing an active role in our government," Warner said. "Fewer than thirty high schools in the state will receive this prestigious recognition for the 2023-24 school year."

In addition to a tour of the Secretary of State's Office



PICTURED L TO R: Secretary of State Mac Warner, Olivia Vandevender, Clayton Burns, PCHS Civics Teacher Anita Workman and Delegate Jeff Campbell.

and the State Capitol, House members Jeff Campbell and Ty Nestor recognized Burns and Vandevender respectively during the House floor session.

## Unusual and/or Extinct: Animals

Melondy Phillips  
Staff Writer

Many species of plants and animals have been labeled extinct, however, just because they haven't been seen in a long time does not mean they are truly "extinct." There are nearly 350 "Lazarus species" that have been identified since 1889. It turns out that these previously labeled extinct plants and animals are still among us. One example is the Night Parrot. A photograph taken in 2013 was the first "credible sighting" of this nocturnal bird since 1912. Also, 60 years after the last sighting of the Tachira Antpitta, photographs and audio recordings, made by scientists, finally moved this rare bird from the extinct list over to the Lazarus species list.

The original rule for listing an animal as extinct was "if there were no sightings of the species for at least 50 years." However, the revised rule states if there is "no reasonable doubt that the last individual member has died." But who's "doubt" counts?

With numerous remote and unexplored locations around the world, it is impossible to know, with certainty, if an animal is truly extinct. The only way to prove the non-existence or true extinction of anything is if the observer is in all places at the same time.

I, personally, have witnessed animals that we were informed "do not exist in our area" on multiple occasions. The first sighting happened in the late 1970s when I was a young child. I was riding in the back seat of our car, heading home one evening.



THE ELUSIVE NIGHT Parrot stayed out of sight for nearly 70 years before being rediscovered and consequently shifted from being extinct to being put on the Lazarus species list. Photo courtesy of John Young, [theaustralian.com.au](http://theaustralian.com.au)

The paved two-lane road had embankments on both sides, about two or three feet high and with a span of about 25 to 30 feet between crests. As we approached our home, I turned to look out the front windshield. A few seconds later, a very large, dark black cat with a long thick tail, silently sailed from one side of the road to the other, just in front of us. As Mom and Dad asked, back and forth, "did you just see what I saw?" I sat frozen in bemusement, pondering what I had just seen. Black panther, puma, black cougar, melanistic leopard, black jaguar or whatever you want to call it, the image and graceful movement of that magnificent creature has been forever burned into my memory.

About 15 years later, while waiting in line for a food order, my mom started chatting with a local off-duty police officer. The conversation quickly became an excited discussion as the two started

talking about their rare sighting years back. They concluded they had both witnessed the same creature that night so long ago, but he had kept quiet about it, fearing people would think he was crazy. So, even though there were three, and possibly four, people who saw this enormous and sleek, dark black cat on the same night, it "doesn't exist."

Many years later, in the early 2000s, I had another encounter with an animal that the game warden advised me "doesn't exist in our state." Five of us carried on daily routines inside the home as the ground accumulated with a thick layer of snow. I can't remember who noticed the creature first but we all quickly gathered by the large bay window to watch it. A mountain lion perched itself on top of a boulder in our front yard. It calmly groomed itself while pausing at times to leisurely look around. None of us wanted to leave this sight, so

all five of us just stood there, watching this graceful animal for the next 15 minutes. After it wandered off, quickly disappearing into the forest, my husband and I left the boys inside, with our company, while we headed out with a camera – this was before we had a smart phone and we had to go looking for the camera. The paw prints in the snow were huge, larger than our hands. We took multiple pictures of the prints and headed back inside. I called the game warden to inform them of the sighting. Well, that went well. They proceeded to tell us that we had all seen a bobcat because mountain lions did not exist in our state.

Bobcats don't have long thick tails larger than our arms. This wasn't a quick glance but a long observation. We saw what we saw. Just a few years later my husband came frightfully close to another one while out deer hunting with my dad.



## Borrow digitally from local libraries with Libby App

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

There's nothing like opening a book and eagerly turning pages as the story unfolds, except perhaps the feeling you get when you turn on your mp3 player or start your car and hear someone reading a book to you – complete with voices for each character.

Pocahontas County Free Libraries and Visitors Information Centers is a great place to get your hands on classic and new hardbacks, paperbacks or audiobooks. But did you know you can also borrow digital versions of books on your tablet or phone?

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## Proposed requirements for courthouse security positions

Tim Walker  
AMR Reporter

Pocahontas County Commissioners discussion possible requirements for the future courthouse security position at its February 20 meeting. These positions will staff the metal detector and x-ray machine at the only public entrance to the courthouse.

Proposed requirements for applicants:

- Minimum 21 years old.
- Minimum of a high school diploma or a GED.
- Able to pass a criminal background check and psychological testing.
- Physically fit, pass a medical examination and be able to handle climbing up and down stairs.
- Willing to attend and pass the training required by

the sheriff, including possible overnight training lasting for up to several weeks.

- Possibly taking and passing Court Bailiff training.
- Possess good writing skills and good public speaking skills.

Several of these requirements, according to Sheriff Jeff Barlow, will need to be discussed with the commission in a closed session. For example, possibly lowering the minimum age to 18 to accommodate newly graduating high school students. Barlow also wants the commission to clarify if this position will involve carrying a handgun.

He would not predict what the pay scale for the position would be since there has not yet been a budget set for the position.

After providing the above information, the commission went into a closed Executive Session with the Sheriff to further discuss this position and courthouse security.

In other matters, the commission:

- approved the employment of Lee Ryder as a full-time Day Report Officer, starting March 5
- set the dates for them to meet in sessions to work on the fiscal year 2024/25 county budget. Those work sessions will be:
  - Thursday, March 7, beginning at 3:30 p.m.
  - Monday, March 11, beginning at 3:30 p.m.
  - Thursday, March 14, beginning at 10 a.m. – at which they will meet with the various elected officials of the county government.

## UPCC discusses tannery office options

Tim Walker  
AMR Reporter

The Upper Pocahontas Community Coalition (UPCC) met February 12 at the Durbin Library to discuss the fate of the old Howes Tannery office building in Frank.

At its February 6 meeting, the Pocahontas County Commission gave the UPCC and a group of former Howes Leather employees – who had worked in the building and are still emotionally attached to it – until April to find a useful and self-sustaining purpose for it.

Otherwise, the commission has considered demolishing the building as part of its plan to clean-up the entire tannery site, with the end goal of establishing new industrial businesses there.

The office building has water damage due to a leaking roof, repairs of which could be expensive.

Since Fall of 2020, the UPCC has been considering options to use the building, including creating a leather tanning museum on the first floor, but, to date, nothing has come of those discussions. Now, with the commission's April deadline approaching, the February 12 UPCC meeting was held to restart the efforts to find a viable purpose for the building.

Nine people attended the meeting, including County Commissioner John Rebinski.

Judy Fuller pointed out that she had collected information which indicated that utility bills for operating the building as a museum could run upwards of \$600 to \$800 a month.

Sam Knieri, an AmeriCorps member working on historical projects for the U.S. Forrest Service, pointed

out that there could be a need for a tannery industry museum because Howes Leather was the largest maker of combat boot soles during World War II, and there are no museums anywhere in the U.S. dedicated to the tanning industry. He also said there are grants and micro-loans available if the building could be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and AmeriCorps could possibly help out with labor for the project. He suggested that the UPCC compile as much historical information about the building as possible in the next two weeks.

Joanne Gilardi said that the first step should be to come up with a business plan for the museum, but a good business plan requires that a start-up business have enough money in advance to pay for one-year's utility

Other questions identified during the meeting, which need to be answered before moving forward were:

- Is it even feasible to start a museum or other business there?
- Would it be possible to connect a museum to the tourism railroad in Durbin, perhaps by a shuttle bus?
- What is the condition of the existing electrical system including the wiring in the building?
- Can a museum be financially viable, perhaps by selling books and having an admission fee?

Most of the people at the meeting agreed the first priority should be coming up with a business plan and answering those questions. It was agreed that a smaller committee of three or four people should meet weekly to try and do that.

## BOE receives update on success of ACT/SAT class

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

It was a night of good news and celebration at the February 20 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting.

First, superintendent Lynne Bostic congratulated Pocahontas County High School teacher Jennifer Nail-Cook for becoming a National Board Certified Teacher.

"Research has shown that National Board Certified Teachers produce greater student achievement, especially for lower achieving students," Bostic said. "We are all aware of Mrs. Nail-Cook's dedication and role in education. Just this year, she came to the aid of our band students and rescheduled her time and worked with those band students to give them the first semester of a true band experience."

Bostic added that Nail-Cook is also the faculty senate chair at PCHS, a member of the school calendar committee and is a coach for the PCHS Robotics Team.

"She speaks on behalf of her students, but also as an employee, and is an excellent teacher," she said. "I think any of the students that have had her would agree. It is just an honor to recognize you today."

Next, PCHS math and ACT/SAT prep teacher Laurel Dilley, joined by students Taylor Arnold and Miranda Gum, gave a presentation on the progress made by the new ACT/SAT prep class.

Dilley explained that she chose to focus on ACT prep for the first semester and SAT prep for the second, as that aligns better with the state testing schedule.

During the first semester, students focused on the ACT, which has four portions for core subjects of English, Math, Reading and Science.

"Some of the things we've been doing is college prep – so we're thinking about what we want to do in college and where we want to go for college," Arnold explained. "We did our résumés. We did a little bit of community service. We have scholarship

awareness; trying out the digital software, which is very different from paper.

"Then we have yoga," she added. "Yoga and mindful testing. You get to sit there and think, 'I am smart, I know what I'm doing, I believe in myself' and just talk about how you're feeling. I think that's really important, too."

Dilley said it is important to the class to not only prepare the students for the ACT and SAT tests, but to get them prepared for college and help them become well-rounded members of their communities.

"That's kind of what I want this class to be," she said. "You're smart, and you have a good test score, but that is not the whole package. You have to be doing community service. You have to be involved."

In the first semester, the students took the ACT test twice – once in October and again in December. Although there were only two months between the two, Dilley said there was a noticeable increase in the scores.

"The average October score – and this is the whole class – was about a 19.3," she said. "Our English was definitely what we needed to work on the most. It was pretty evident in the beginning. By December, the average score had jumped up to 22.88, so almost a 23. You can see about a two-to-three-point increase in every score."

Not every student in the class took both tests, but Dilley said of the ones who did had an increase in the second

test. She added that, next year, she wants to have a practice test in August to be the baseline for the semester.

The ACT scores are important when it comes time to apply for scholarships and Dilley said 50 percent of the class have qualified for the Promise Scholarship, which requires a composite of 21 and at least a 19 in each category.

An ACT score of 26 and above leads to very good scholarships and a score of 30 and above can lead to a full ride to college.

"We already have a student who has made over a 30 and improved her score five or six points this semester," Dilley said. "She already has the highest possible scholarship you can receive at West Liberty. I added it up today. She gets housing, tuition, all fees, meal plan and that would be \$83,000."

Now in the second semester, the students are focusing on the SAT and preparing for the school SAT test which is set for April 16. Dilley said there will be a second SAT offered sometime in May at PCHS, as well.

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## The 64th Highland County Maple Festival

It's nearly time for Virginia's sweetest event of the year.

Nestled in the peaceful, rural mountains on the western border of the Commonwealth, travelers can take a step back in time for a cultural and culinary adventure at the county-wide Highland County Maple Festival during the second and third weekends of March. This year marks the 64th event, and it is set for Saturday and Sunday, March 9-10 and 16-17.

Highland County is Virginia's least populous county but has been drawing tens of thousands of visitors to the community since 1959 to celebrate the "opening" of the trees and to observe the process of making delicious, pure maple syrup. Free "sugar camp" tours provide a unique and educational experience for the entire family to learn how the golden delicacy is made from tree to bottle, ranging from traditional to modern techniques. Local sugar camps have even expanded to include syrups infused with fruits and spices or even aged in spirit barrels. Other tree syrups can be found at the festival as well, including hickory, birch, and black walnut. Ten local sugar camps will be open on Saturdays and eight on Sundays this year.

Local civic clubs and organizations will be bringing back their delicious food offerings, including those famous fresh maple doughnuts, pancake and buckwheat cake meals with country side dishes, trout, pork rinds, and just about anything maple-flavored.

More than 100 juried arts and crafts vendors will be available in Monterey and

McDowell, providing one-of-a-kind treasures, tasty treats, and special gifts.

Admission to access vendors at the Highland County Public School Gyms and The Highland Center will be \$5 purchased onsite (children 12 and under are free). That \$5 payment comes with a collectible maple leaf keychain that also provides access to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. entertainment at The Highland Center.

Each day of the festival in 2024 will feature at least two live shows at The Highland Center

Saturday, March 16, put on your dancing shoes with old-time band Mudhole Control at 10 a.m., and stay to hear their heel stomping tunes for a 2 p.m. Square Dance with callers Ellen and Eugene Ratcliffe.

All entertainment at The Highland Center is brought to you with the assistance and sponsorship of the Highland County Arts Council

The Highland County Maple Festival is coordinated by the Highland County Chamber of Commerce and made possible with the help of countless volunteers and organizations. Top sponsors include the Blue Grass Resource Center, the Blue Grass Valley Bank, Kissito Healthcare: The Springs Nursing & Rehab, LeafGuard, Summit Community Bank, and The Highland Center.

Full details on all the festival happenings can be found at [www.highlandcounty.org/maple-festival](http://www.highlandcounty.org/maple-festival), with posts highlighting the festival available at [facebook.com/HighlandCounty](https://facebook.com/HighlandCounty) and [www.instagram.com/highland\\_county\\_va](https://www.instagram.com/highland_county_va).



### A Balanced Life Living longer, happier and on your feet

We all lose our balance occasionally, sometimes resulting in injury. Falls to different levels usually cause more severe injuries and sometimes death.

Falls on the same level are the number one accidental cause of injury and death among those over 65 years of age. Those with the additional burden of osteoporosis face an even greater threat if they break a fragile hip.

We owe our propensity for falling to something we don't fully understand – gravity. Yes, it keeps us from floating off into space, but it has a downside too; not to mention our sagging skin as we age. Those waddles under the chin droop a little closer to the Earth's core daily.

A dear friend of a certain age recently fell and broke her hip, requiring a surgical hip replacement. It was a throw rug, the serial killer of aging seniors, that caused her fall.

If my friend had osteoporosis (she does not), she may not have been eligible for a hip replacement, and the injury may have never healed properly, even with treatment.

So, staying in shape as we age is much more than just walking and eating healthfully. We must endeavor to maintain our equilibrium and strength as we age to avoid falls.

Being proactive when it comes to anticipating falls caused by loss of balance can make the journey through our latter years one with full mobility and a confident stride. Minimizing falls will take a little work on your part, which will be covered in the second part of this article.

One in four older adults will experience a fall annually; that's 14 million of us. Of those who fall, 37 percent report an injury that results in medical treatment or restricted activity.

Then, there are those with a disease called sarcopenia. This dreadful disorder causes the body to lose skeletal muscle mass and strength. Age, level of fitness, and gender are all risk factors for sarcopenia, and a whopping 45 percent of women will develop this syndrome as they age. Falls are a massive risk for those with sarcopenia.

As we shall see shortly, balance is maintained by three different systems within our bodies: the visual, pro-

prioceptive and vestibular systems. We will dive deeper into these systems a bit later.

In the following article, we'll examine how falls affect us and how we may minimize fall injuries through maintaining balance and strength, the key to fall prevention.

### Dancing with a rock

Having been a rock climber for several years before I met the ballerina, I had never thought much about the mechanism that results in balance, equilibrium, stability and footing.

Like most of us, I took the complex system of maintaining equilibrium despite the body's orientation for granted.

Carol, a friend and occasional climber, asked me to take her sister Marilyn, a former gymnast, rock climbing but warned me not to let her get hurt as she was a ballerina in training.

I agreed, and on one bright June morning, our team of four climbers, including Marilyn, was sitting on a ledge at Seneca Rocks sorting the equipment with 300 feet of vertical to slightly overhanging Tuscarora Sandstone rising above us.

Marilyn was fit, no doubt about that. Meanwhile, the other two students, both men, had muscles to spare and didn't hesitate to use brute strength to advance up the sandstone wall.

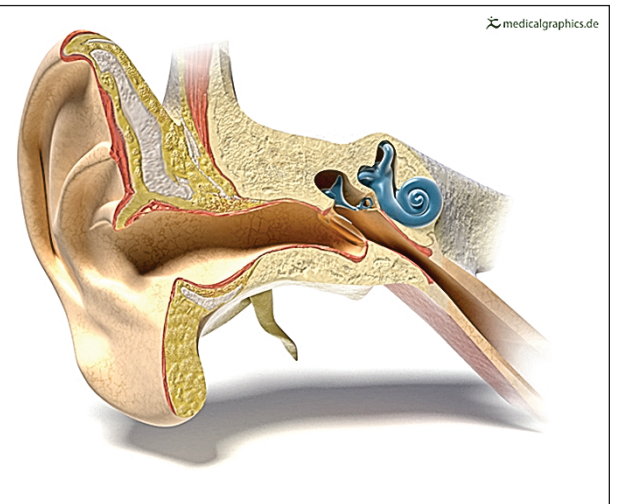
The young woman couldn't have weighed more than 90 pounds, petite for sure. Marilyn was so thin she'd have to run around in the shower to get wet. Her muscles were long and sleek, conforming perfectly to her diminutive body.

But when Marilyn tentatively but confidently started up the wall, the others and I would be treated to a way of defying gravity that I had never had the pleasure of observing before. Marilyn's performance resembled a vertical dance with the rock; it was stunning.

I don't think Marilyn broke a sweat, and she climbed silently and purposefully, and her climbing appeared effortless.

Often, but not always, male climbers approached climbing as something to be overcome through muscular power. When the men climbed, they relied on brute strength to pull themselves up to the next hold. They generally favored the larger holds, so-called "jug holds." Often, you could hear the heavy breathing and even grunting when the men lunged for holds.

Marilyn's approach to



**DIAGRAM OF THE inner ear, which is responsible for balance, movement, and spatial orientation. Note the snail shaped cochlea responsible for hearing is attached to the vestibular organs responsible for maintaining equilibrium.**

climbing offered a glimpse of an athlete not relying entirely on muscular strength, which she no doubt had in spades. Moreover, she seemed to float up the wall rather than attack it.

When you think about it, her performance on the rock required excellent balance and strength, which you can also have.

Marilyn's climbing strategy convinced me there was much more to climbing than bodybuilding alone would allow. At the end of the climb, she had expended much less energy than the others, and it offered us the bonus of witnessing such calculated and graceful movements.

Many people today, young and old, stay healthy through aerobic exercises like walking, running, swimming or cycling. Those who care about their health also eat healthfully and may include other activities like yoga or pilates.

These health measures are all good things, but I suggest becoming aware of your

equilibrium and tweaking your routine to include balance exercises. More on that later, we must first examine the complex and fascinating system that keeps us bipeds on our feet.

### You have rocks in your head; really, you do!

Our ability to maintain balance involves several complex systems working in unison. We'll start with the ear, because that's the last bodily organ we would suspect of being in charge of balance.

The National Library of Medicine describes the vestibular system as providing "a sense of balance and information about the body position that allows rapid compensatory movements in response to both self-induced and externally generated forces." In other words, our body has a system that attempts to keep us upright and balanced at all times.

The vestibular system resides in the inner ear interior

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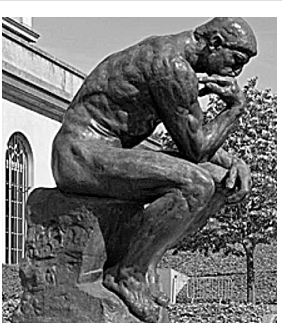
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1. The Mustangs is the sports team of what Dallas higher-education institution whose name reflects its founding by a Protestant Christian sect?

2. "Pistol Pete" Maravich (1970) and Shaquille O'Neal both won player of the year honors while playing hoops for what university?

3. What band released the song "American Woman"?

4. Who is the lead singer of the band Aerosmith?



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# HEALTH & wellness

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
Thank you for publishing Homer McNeil's photo and Thomas (son of Tip Kincaid) Kincaid's article. Brought to mind another little story about the kindness of Homer McNeil in Durbin.  
Homer was a good friend to my father, Gene Lawton, who owned a garage beside the barbershop/doctor's office. We lived above the garage. Homer plowed a garden on his hillside in front of his cabin. My mother planted vegetables, and they shared the bounty. Mother would walk up to the garden with three little girls trailing behind.  
I'm sure she would carry the youngest, Sarah, back home. Mother canned the

extra, of course – no wasting food.  
Recollections from 1940s in Durbin.  
Becky Lawton Benton St. Inigoes, Maryland  
Dear Editor,  
Several years ago, I inherited my grandfather's farm in Pocahontas County, and I visit the gravesite in Marlinton when I come down to spend several days at the farm. The granite headstone has been leaning for several years, and I have been trying to get it corrected by the monument company that installed it.  
They have been contacted several times and keep giving the same excuse. The next time they are down

there they will fix it. It doesn't take years to fix this problem. However, this is not the only headstone leaning, and I have to assume this is the same monument company in Elkins.  
The cemetery is maintained by Marlinton, but the repairs to monuments are the responsibility of the monument company that did the placement.  
The question is why does the town of Marlinton allow this company to continue installations if they neglect the maintenance?  
Pocahontas is a beautiful county and this type of neglect should never be allowed.  
Joe Collins  
Marlinton  
see Letters pg 10



## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

In last week's edition of *The Pocahontas Times*, I read the story of Rev. Sanford Boggs, as submitted by Preserving Pocahontas. Since reading the article and reflecting on the picture taken by photographer Doug Chadwick, I wanted to add a side note.  
Those who knew Sanford, knew him to be a good man – humble, honest, God-fearing.  
Our world would be a better place if we had more men like him.  
Anyone who has attended the annual United Methodist

Conference at Buckhannon, will remember the ceremonial recognition that is given to retiring ministers and/or those who have passed away between annual conferences. Each name read is honored and remembered by others in attendance by simply standing at the reading of the pastor's name.  
The article made me recall the unique privilege I was afforded at the 2005 UM Conference by standing in Remembrance at the reading of Reverend Sanford Boggs' name, as one of many who was touched by Sanford's

life and the example he left behind.  
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As for Town business, a huge water leak was located and repaired last week, on Fifth Street, at the end of Third Avenue. It was estimated to be losing 75,000 gallons per day.  
Also – FYI – for the umpteenth time, I have been shut out of my Facebook and Messenger accounts for about two or three weeks now, and I'm seriously considering staying out.  
The juice just ain't worth the squeeze.  
If you are trying to leave the Mayor a message, please call the Town office number and I will get back with you. 304-799-4315.  
Sam

## Community Calendar

**OPERA HOUSE**  
**The Bing Brothers, featuring Jake Krack**, Saturday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. ~ a night of captivating music that showcases the best of old-time, bluegrass and traditional Irish songs. Tickets, \$10, are available at the 4th Avenue Gallery, online at pocahontasoperahouse.org or at the door the night of the performance. Ages 17 and younger admitted free.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
All 2023 second half taxes must be paid by March 1, 2024 to qualify for the discount, and by March 31, 2024 to qualify for the personal property tax credit when filing your 2024 state income taxes.

All 2023 real and personal taxes MUST be paid in full by April 30, 2024 to avoid publication and penalties.

**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 Avenue in Marlinton.

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

**MEETINGS**  
**Marlinton Town Council** will hold a public hearing in the Municipal Building Auditorium concerning the Municipal Home Rule Application and Plan Monday, March 4, at 6 p.m. The regular monthly Council meeting will follow at 7 p.m. Public comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

**Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee** Monday, March 4, 6 p.m. at McClintic Library.

**Pocahontas County Commission** will meet Tuesday, March 5, 8:30 a.m. in the commission room on the second floor of the court-

house.  
**Allegheny Post 117** Tuesday, March 5, 6 p.m. at the Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Pocahontas County Farmers Market 2024 Season Meeting** Sunday, March 17, 5 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center. All previous and new vendors are encouraged to attend. Short overview of last year's numbers, voting for open board positions, upcoming events and plans for the season.

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

**EVENTS**  
**Old-Time Square Dance**, with music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters, Saturday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. at Dunmore Community Center. Sponsored by Parks and Rec.

**Fast Radio Bursts: A Cosmic Mystery**, free public lecture, Wednesday, March 20, 3:30 p.m. at the Green Bank Observatory Science Center auditorium. Free. No registration required. Brief reception to follow.

**Square Dance**, Saturday, March 23, 6 p.m. at the BFD Firehouse in Durbin. Music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters; callers: Eugene and Ellen Ratcliffe. All proceeds benefit Brandon Kerr. Admission \$5. Ages 12 and younger, \$2.

**LIBRARY NEWS**  
**Cards and Coffee** at Green Bank Library, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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**Green Bank Library** will host a **seed swap** Saturday, March 16. For more information, supplies and registration, email greenbankseedswap@gmail.com or call the library, 304-456-4507.

**PARKS AND REC**  
All activities are at the Community Wellness Center, unless otherwise noted.

**No Yoga** at Cass Community Center in March.

**Yoga** at Durbin Library Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and at Linwood Center Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

**Self-Defense Class**, using Jiu-Jitsu defense techniques, taught by Loren Pryor, 4-week class for ages 12 to adult, Mondays at 5 p.m. at the Wellness Center.

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

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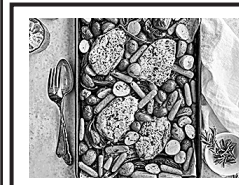
## Pocahontas County Democratic Convention Saturday, March 16 at the Wellness Center in Marlinton

Pocahontas County Democrats will hold a County Convention on Saturday, March 16, at 1 p.m. at the Wellness Center in Marlinton. The convention is open to all Democrats registered in Pocahontas County and is for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention in June.  
All three magisterial districts will be represented at the State Convention where delegates will serve on various committees and help elect State delegates to the National Convention in August 2024. Two delegates, a man and a woman, will be elected to the Northern and Central Districts and three in the Southern District. In addition, as many as seven alternate delegates may be elected.  
Only Democrats who are present may participate in voting for delegates and alternates.

**Democrats who want to be delegates to the State Convention may pre-register by contacting Jay Miller at jvmiller2008@gmail.com.**

## What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb



**One-pan Pork Chop Dinner**  
4 bone-in center cut pork chops, 1-1 1/4 inch thick, trimmed  
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil, divided  
Salt and pepper  
1 tsp. paprika  
1 tsp. ground coriander  
1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, unpeeled, cut in 1/2-inch thick pieces  
1 pound carrots, peeled and cut into 3-inch lengths  
1 fennel bulb, bulbs halved, cored and cut into 1/2-inch thick wedges  
5-10 garlic cloves, peeled  
1 tsp. dried crushed rosemary  
2 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley  
2 Tbsp. finely minced onion  
4 tsp. red wine vinegar  
Pinch of sugar  
Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position and preheat to 450 degrees. Pat chops

dry with paper towels and rub with 1 tsp oil. Combine 1 tsp. each of salt, pepper, paprika and coriander in small bowl. Season pork chops with spice mix and set aside.  
Toss potatoes, carrots, fennel, garlic, rosemary, 1 Tbsp. oil, 1 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. pepper in large bowl. Spread vegetables in a single layer on rimmed baking sheet. Roast vegetables until just tender, about 25 minutes.

Remove baking sheet from oven and carefully place chops on top of vegetables. Roast until pork registers 140 degrees and vegetables are fully tender, about 15 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through roasting.  
Combine parsley, onion, vinegar, sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1/4 cup oil in bowl. Transfer chops and vegetables to platter and drizzle with vinaigrette. Serves 4.

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**TALENT SHOW!**  
Friday, March 1 • 7 p.m.  
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**SPECIAL MEETING**  
The Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) will hold a special meeting March 4, 2024 at McClintic Library in Marlinton at approximately 7 p.m., following the regular meeting of the DEC.  
The purpose of the meeting is to adopt a resolution calling for the Pocahontas County Convention on March 16, 2024, at which time delegates will be allocated to the WV State Democratic Convention among the three magisterial districts in the county. The resolution will also name a temporary chair of the county convention and approve advertising costs for legal and any other advertisements required to announce the county convention.  
This special meeting is open to the public and may be attended in person or by Zoom. To receive the Zoom link by email either call Jay Miller at 304-653-4195 or email him at jvmiller2008@gmail.com  
The person responsible for this meeting is Jay Miller, Chair of the Pocahontas County DEC.

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# Lady Warriors ~ one win from trip to States

**Bruce McKean**  
Contributing Writer

**Pocahontas County V ...52**  
**Pendleton County V ...49**

By the time you read this article the Class A Region II Section 2 #2 seed Pocahontas County Lady Warriors (12-11) will have played the Section 1 #2 seed East Hardy Cougars (8-15) in one of the two Class A Region II co-finals on Tuesday, February 27. The #1 seed in Section 1, Tucker County, will have played the #1 seed in Section 2, Pendleton County, who lost in the Section 2 Final to Pocahontas County also on February 27. The two Region II winners will each play in one of the four Class A first round games in Charleston Wednesday, March 6.

Who plays in the four games depends upon the seeding which is voted on by the coaches of all the 16 Class A teams making it to the regional games on February 27. Tucker County earlier beat East Hardy in the Section 1 Final 50-19 (3 teams in Section 1). No. 2

seed Pocahontas first beat No. 3 seed Tygarts Valley 66-44 in a Section 2 game at home (third win over TVHS this season) and then upset the Pendleton County Wildcats in the Section 2 final (5 teams in Section 2) 52-49.

Sophomore Calli Propst scored a record-setting 31 points in the Tygarts Valley game.

During the regular season PCHS lost to Pendleton twice, by 34-43 at Franklin and by 36-47 at Dunmore. A big, enthusiastic crowd made the trip to Franklin and cheered for the Warriors the entire time. Wildcat junior Jenna Smith nailed a three to start the game 3-0 for the home team. Then Warrior junior Riley Pollack, who scored 7 points in the game, and junior Mackenzie Taylor each hit a two to take the first Warriors lead 4-3. Pendleton would not lead again, but there would be some ties. The first quarter saw an 11-5 Warrior lead that would be the biggest lead of the game, and the first quarter would end in a 13-13 tie. The Warriors made only 1 of 9 free throws while the Wildcats

made 2 of 4.

The second quarter saw the Warriors make 3 of 8 free throws while the Wildcats hit 2 of 3. The quarter ended 10-8 in favor of the Warriors, so at the half the Warriors were up 23 to 21. The Wildcats committed 13 fouls in the first half vs 10 for the Warriors who were not making their foul shots!

The Warriors took the third quarter 19-18 and led 42-39 after three quarters. Senior all-stater Olivia Vandevender nailed two of her eventual 3 threes and a two in the third while Smith hit 2 of her eventual 4 threes in the third. The Wildcats made 6 of 10 free throws, and the Warriors nailed 7 of 12 in the quarter, so both improved. The game was tied 39-39 late in the third.

The crowd got nervous about the close game as the clock ticked away. PCHS had its biggest lead of the game, 50-42, mid-third quarter. Luckily the Wildcats missed 4 of 8 free throws after that score, and sophomore Jameigh Miller helped their cause with a three with 1:52 to go in the game.

Olivia made 1 of 2 free throws with 11.1 seconds to cushion the final score at 52-49. The Wildcats committed 15 fouls in the second half versus 7 for the Warriors who were still not making their foul shots!

Propst, with 20 points and 12 rebounds and junior Avery Townsend with 20 points, 11 rebounds, 6 deflections, 8 of 9 (89%) free throws, 4 steals and 3 assists were the double-double game-high scorers. Olivia was the next game-high scorer with 14 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists. Smith was next with 12 points (4 threes) and 4 steals. Miller totaled 10 points and 5 rebounds. Freshman Allyson Taylor added 7 points and 13 rebounds (now has 225 this season and is third all-time at PCHS). Junior Riley Pollack added 7 points. Sophomore Shayla Bennett added 11 rebounds, 6 steals and 4 assists. Mackenzie Taylor

added 8 rebounds and 3 points.

If Pocahontas County wins the regional game, their record will be (13-11) heading into the state tournament. If East Hardy wins, their record will be (9-15).

The large group of Warrior fans celebrated with the Lady Warriors and took many photos of the girls cutting down the nets. This has been a tough year due to illness of both coaches and

we need to thank head coach Mike Kane and his assistant coaches and volunteers Tim McClung, Chloe Bland, Shannon Arbogast and John Snyder to name a few. Our new athletic director, Chasity Taylor, has adjusted very quickly to the demands of the job and to the big changes dealing with MaxPreps, WVSSAC, Hudl and finding new coaches to name a few.

## BOE, from page 2

In updates:

- The school calendar committee presented the board with the three options for the 2024-2025 calendar and explained the arduous process they went through to create the calendar.

After receiving results from the calendar survey which asked staff and parents what they preferred in regard to start and end dates, and holiday breaks, the committee worked within the calendar policy parameters to make options for the board to review.

This was the first of two calendar hearings held prior to board meetings. After the second, the calendars will be voted on and the board will approve the winning calendar at the following board meeting.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved:

- requested transfer of Cammy Kesteron from teacher of business education at Pocahontas County High School to teacher of Art/CTE at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.
- requested transfer of Marsha Beverage from teacher of second grade at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School to Communities in Schools site coordinator at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective March 10, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.
- requested transfer of Cynthia J. Landis from ECCAT supervisory classroom/bus aid first grade to ECCAT supervisory/classroom/bus aid kindergarten, retroactive to February 9.
- requested transfer of Katie Broce from special education classroom/bus aide at Pocahontas County High

School to first grade ECCAT supervisory classroom/bus aide at Marlinton Elementary School, retroactive to February 16.

- employment of Courtney Curran as mentor for special education teachers, effective for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.
- resignation of Stephen Simmons as assistant track and field coach for Pocahontas County High School, effective February 15.
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## Obituaries

### Harley Bayless

Harley "Bub" Bayless, 88, of Richwood, passed away at his home Sunday, February 18, 2024.

Born January 19, 1936, he was a son of the late Harley and Pauline Gaynor Bayless.

Bub was a U.S. Veteran of the Korean Conflict and a lawyer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene Seldomridge Bayless (2015); son, Eddie Bayless; sister, Peggy O'Dell; and brother, Arden Bayless.

He is survived by two daughters, Rhonda Hinkle, and husband, Gary, of Richwood, and Lynn Scruggs, and husband, Mike, of Orville, Ohio; stepdaughter, Denise Chestnut, and husband, Mike, of Cass; stepsons, Danny Seldomridge, and wife, Barbara, of Green Bank, and Darren Seldomridge, and wife, Mary, of Cass; brother, Allen Bayless, of Craigsville; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be held Saturday, March 2, 2024, 2 p.m. at Wanless Cemetery in Cass with Pastor Dale Bayless officiating.

Online condolences may be made at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com)

### Jimmy Cloonan

Jimmy Preston Cloonan, 69, of Buckeye, died Thursday, February 22, 2024, at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Fairlea.

Born February 28, 1954, at Charleston, he was a son of the late Mitchell Preston and Betty Ruth Nunley Cloonan.

Jimmy was a retired building maintenance mechanic at Droop Mountain State Park.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings, Danny Eugene, Goldie Mae and Patty Ruth.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia M. Cloonan; sisters, Virginia Cloonan Wagner (David) and Eva Cloonan Moore (Rick); nieces, Jennifer Moore and Laura Wagner Dott (Rob); nephew, Justin Mitchell Wagner (Jeanette); sisters-in law, Sue

Helton, Sally Parks (Rusty) and Carol Beck (Pat); brothers-in-law, Tom Moore (Lu-Anne) and Harry Kelley; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service was held Monday, February 26, 2024, at Mountain View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Swago United Methodist Church or the Campbelltown Church.



### Rev. Robert Cruikshank

The Reverend Robert Eugene Cruikshank was born January 7, 1931, in Newton; the first child of Gerald and Thelma Hopkins Cruikshank. He departed this life February 16, 2024, at his home in Greenville, Alabama.

Robert served honorably for 14 years in the United States Air Force from 1948-1962 before receiving the call to serve the Lord. He became a licensed Methodist pastor March 25, 1960, and served many churches in the Alabama-West Florida Conference from 1960-1972 then the West Virginia Conference from 1972-1994 before he retired.

Robert received his B.S. from Troy University, Troy, Alabama, in 1964 and a Master's of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia in 1967; and was a graduate of the Appalachian Regional School for Church Leaders at West Virginia University in 1976.

Robert was a published author. He was a Boy Scout Leader, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Beni Kedem Shrine

Temple, and a member of the Rotary Club. He was a member of the Sons of The American Revolution, The Somerset Chapter Magna Carta Barons, The Plantagenet Society, the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, and The Society of the Ark and The Dove.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Robert Eugene Cruikshank II; daughter, Shawn Marie McDaniels; brothers, Alan Bradford Cruikshank and Gerald Leo Cruikshank Jr.; sisters, Garnet Caroline Stufflebeam, Mary Lou Davison and Phyllis Ann Thomas.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 75 years, Sharon Griffin Cruikshank; daughter, Deborah Cruikshank Hudson; grandchildren, Robert Gregory (Rosie) Till, Brittany Lynn (Daniel) Miller, Autumn Marie (Ernest) Valine, Joshua Issac Cruikshank and Christina Renee (Caleb) Cruikshank; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held February 21, 2024 at First United Methodist Church in Greenville, Alabama, with the Rev. Joe Lisenby officiating.

Interment was in Sunrise Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to VanGillem Scholarship Fund c/o First United Methodist Church of Greenville, Alabama.

The family would like to thank Southern Care Hospice for their compassionate care.



### Dorothy Kellison

Dorothy L. "Doty" Kellison, 87, got home after a

long trip sometime between Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

I figured she was about ready for the rest.

Born April 24, 1936, at Marlinton, she was one of twin daughters of the late Ray and Edna Johnson Weatherholt.

Dotty graduated from Marlinton High School then married Jack Kellison. This union produced three children, Kenneth Allen Kellison, and wife, Debbie, Karen Lynn Kellison Sharp, and husband, Randy, and Daniel Clark Kellison.

After getting on with the Pocahontas County Sheriff Department as a tax deputy in the 70s, she was elected sheriff for one term in 1980.

After the marriage ended, this remarkable lady continued her public service career in several ways – school system, FEMA, Census, Town Administrator, Recorder and then Mayor. In her old age, just to keep busy, she went to work for both the Richardson and Burns families, which she continued to do until her own issues got the better of her.

Heart problems in her later years kept her pretty close to home, but she enjoyed her porch and her dog – and Patrick Mahomes. I guess I was closest to her in the last four years, and I can attest that she loved her family, Cooper and Ginger, NFL football, fresh sweet corn, Jesus and good whiskey. Not all in that order. I ran with her for 54 years, and I have no complaints.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, March 3, 2024, 2 p.m. at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor David Lee officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until the time of service.

In keeping with her wishes

the body will be cremated.

In lieu of flowers donations of sympathy may be made to Marlinton Presbyterian Church or the Pocahontas County Humane Society.

Online condolence may be shared at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com)



### Ruby Vance

Ruby Jayne Kerr Vance was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She left this world Thursday, February 22, 2024, at age 75.

Born April 14, 1948, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Marjorie Kerr.

After graduating from Green Bank High School, Jayne moved to Roanoke, Virginia, where she fell in love and married her husband, Sherrill Wayne Vance.

Together they settled in Salem, Virginia, where they raised their daughter, Dana, started a small business and built strong ties with their southwestern Virginia community.

Jayne valued family and cherished every opportunity to spend time with her parents, brothers and sisters as well as the Vance family on her husband's side. She loved coming back to her hometown of Green Bank to spend time on the farm or enjoy a weekend at the hunting cabin, watching generations of Kerrs grow up in the great outdoors. Jayne was a wonderful cook and took

great pride in contributing to holiday gatherings, such as the Fourth of July celebrations and Thanksgiving dinners held on the mountain each year.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of more than 40 years, Sherrill Wayne Vance; sisters, Jolene Lantz and Donna Kay Kerr Dean; brother, Joe Philmore Kerr; and three nephews, Kirklyn McNeer Kerr II, Trent Ashley Kerr and Travis Leighton Kerr.

She is survived by sisters, Dians Lawton Sharp and Jeanne Hevener; brothers, Dr. Kirklyn McNeer Kerr, Jerry Edward Kerr and Joseph Beard (JB) Kerr Jr.; daughter, Dana Michelle Vance Rodgers, and husband, Andrew; three granddaughters, Kayla Marie Rodgers Amos, Ryan Ashley Rodgers and Brenna Alexis Rodgers; and three great-grandchildren, Madison, Ethan and Evelyn Amos.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Liberty Presbyterian Church in Arbovale with Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating, followed by a graveside service at Arbovale Cemetery Annex.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to any Pocahontas County charity on her behalf.

Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale is serving the family.

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## Libby, from page 1

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## Your, from page 3

to the tympanic membrane (eardrum). The cochlea looks amazingly like a snail. Indeed, the word in Latin means snail and plays a pivotal role in hearing. The cochlea does not have any involvement in maintaining equilibrium. One must wonder why the cochlea is attached to the organs responsible for balance, yet there it is.

Three fluid-filled semicircular canals are situated opposite the cochlea at right angles. The semicircular canals help maintain balance by signals sent to the brain when head movement causes the liquid to slosh around, moving the tiny hairs attached to the wall of the canals.

Situated between the cochlea and the semicircular canals are the utricle and saccule. Like the semicircular canals, this vestibular system function comprises a gel-like fluid, sensory hairs and one more item: rocks.

The calcium carbonate crystals in the otolith organs (saccule and utricle) are tiny and serve to help us maintain equilibrium by detecting orientation and motion. Imagine starting your car and

heading down the driveway. The "rocks" move in the opposite direction of the forward motion, stimulating the hair cells to send the data to the brain. We now feel the sense of forward motion.

So, you really do have rocks in your head.

In the next episode of *For Your Consideration*, we will

connect the vestibular system in the inner ear with the brain and muscles required to correct any instability in equilibrium. Then, we'll explore how and why we can maintain our balance for many years, and it's pretty easy to do.

Ken Springer  
ken1949bongo@gmail.com

### Thank You

As of March 1, I will be a full-time mom, and I am really looking forward to being there for my two boys. I have made so many friends these past 12 years, and I cannot thank you enough for your patronage, support and shared laughter.

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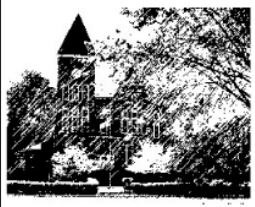
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# Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

## Rev. Sanford Boggs Visiting Wilson Chapel - 1996



Celebrating Black History Month

ON OCTOBER 23, 1996 Rev. Sanford Boggs and local photographer Doug Chadwick visited Wilson Chapel at Brownsburg near Marlinton. It was on that trip that this photograph was taken as Rev. Boggs visited the sanctuary of his old home church.

Born in Pocahontas County June 25, 1908, he was the son of William Madison Boggs, Sr. and Mabel C. Wheeler Boggs. His brother, the Reverend Carl Edward Boggs, served Pleasant Green Church on Seebert Lane during the years of World War II. He then was pastor at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Brownsburg which was founded and served by their grandfather, Reverend William Madison Boggs.

In the early 1960s, Sanford Boggs was licensed to preach in the Methodist Church. He served at Pleasant Green Church on Seebert Lane and Wilson Chapel at Brownsburg, and held midweek services at Denmar. He pastored county churches for 22 years and retired at the age of 87.

The Reverend Sanford Boggs passed away January 3, 2005 at the age of 96. He is buried at the Brownsburg Cemetery alongside his wife, Lutica. (The Douglas B. Chadwick Collection, Courtesy of Deborah Clearman; ID: PHP010110)

“The Douglas B. Chadwick Collection” has been donated to Preserving Pocahontas and items are being added to the on-line digital library as they are inventoried and digitized. We thank Deborah Clearman and The Chadwick Estate for gifting Doug’s local work so that his legacy may be preserved.

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If you have historical records or photographs to be scanned for the county Historical Archive contact Preservation Officer B. J. Gudmundsson at 304-799-3989 or email [info@pocahontaspreservation.org](mailto:info@pocahontaspreservation.org) Prints of photographs are available.

## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, March 3, 1949

The trip last week was over to Harrison County, to try to talk at a journalistic conference of Salem College... It was not a question of what could a body say on such an occasion, but what ought to be said to such a bunch of punks. However, it is always safe to start out by saying that the term fourth estate had its beginnings a way back when kings were kings, and the influence of honest, able, courageous individual journalists made

their influence felt. In fact, such men did exercise so great an influence there came the popular saying which likened them to a fourth estate of the realm of the king. The estates of the realm were the lords spiritual, the lords temporal and the commons.

However, this is now a day and a time of rich and great and massive publicity vending corporations, whose kept-writers too often have to write what they are told rather than what they think – if anything. Too often our journalists are merely little

dogs who run in front of the wagon. Our estate is now so low it would appear from the results of the last five presidential elections that overwhelming journalistic support is too great a handicap for any candidate to overcome...

Last Tuesday, a heavy electrical storm centered around about Marlinton, the first thunder of the year. A haystack on the farm of Z. S. Smith, Jr., below Knapps Creek, was struck by lightning and burned up.

You know the old sign about thunder in the winter being followed with colder weather. To go into detail, let it be said if the thunder is to the north and the rumbles travel south, then the weather will turn extremely

cold. If the thunder is to the south and the noise goes north, the weather will be cooler, but not too cold. ...

Of course, all these folk signs have a foundation of truth. They are a result of age long observations by people much more dependent for comfort and even actual existence on the weather than we who are not much exposed to the elements. ...

How to tell the difference between electrical stores?

Why, look to see if the hogs are running about with straw in their mouths, if you live on the farm. Keep a weather ear tuned to the radio, if you have no hog. Look up the weather map in the daily paper, if you live in town.

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, February 28, 1924

The Carpenter boys have been doing a great business killing red foxes near their home on the head of Williams River. In about a week they got seven red foxes, and in one day their hounds put no less than five wild cats into the rocks. One of the red foxes was classed a cross between a collie shepherd dog and a fox. Its body was like a fox, though not as well furred and of a light color. The head was more like that of a collie dog, and the tail was that of a dog with a white tuft of hair on the end. The feet were heavily padded with hair like feet of wild cats, and the toes and nails were longer than those of a fox. The skin was shipped before this writer heard about it, but a foot was sent to State Game Protector George W. Sharp, in hopes that some animal specialist could identify it. It evidently was a young animal and in size was larger than the average big fox. It has been sug-

gested that this animal might have been a coyote, the small wolf of the western plains. This is not so far fetched if the reports are true that the coyote is gradually increasing its range and has of late years been seen in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York states.

The venerable W. M. Moore came in from Williams River one day last week to claim the bounty on a big wildcat he had trapped. The cat was four feet long and over two feet at the shoulder.

Jesse Beverage, on Stony Creek, lost a fine cow last

week. She slid several hundred yards downhill on the icy ground, and through two fences.

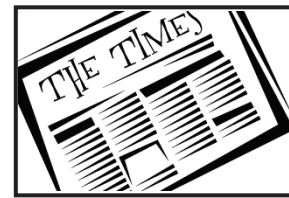
Captain A. E. Smith will be a candidate to succeed himself as Justice of the Peace of Edray District. The Captain as Squire in this town is an institution, he is a man of his own mind, without wavering or shadow of turning; tender-hearted and merciful to the unfortunate, but a terror to the evil doer.

### DIED

In the death of Josiah Osborne Beard at his home at Greenbank January 26, 1924, Pocahontas county and this section of the State lost one of its substantial and influential citizens. ... Surviving him are his wife, Evaline Yeager Beard, daughter of the late John Yeager, and seven children, Irb Leslie,

Monroe, Sheriff Brown B. Beard, Mrs. W. M. Snedegar, Mrs. Don Harper and Mrs. W. A. Arbogast, also one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Burner. Six children preceded him to the grave, Blanch, Fannie, Cleveland, Arthur, Joe, Quade, Mrs. Bertie Clark and Mrs. Ruby Evelyn Kerr... The funeral service was conducted at the home after which he was lain to rest in the Arbovale cemetery... A man’s great heritage to his country is the noble sons and daughters his home gives to the citizenship of the country. Our county is enriched in business life, in so-

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## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, February 28, 1974

State Police served gas station operators with the Governor’s order to sell gas only to those people whose cars had a quarter tank or less of gas. If the station has the gas, your tank can be filled.

The Marlinton Motor Inn is preparing to add a big dining and meeting room at the center and back of the building. It will seat 150, have a big fireplace, and big windows looking to the mountains.

Mrs. Ernest White, of Minnehaha, was in for her annual report Friday to say the frogs were yelling their heads off after the warm rain Friday morning. Zero at Scout Camp Wednesday.

### Warrior Basketball

The Warriors rolled past Pickens 77—57 at Dunmore Friday night. PCHS had a slow start, but finally put it together at the halfway mark...

Four Warriors were in double figures: Jim Cutlip 16; Dave Moore 16; Mike Collins 16; and Gary Cassell 12.

### 94th Birthday

Amos McCarty, of Huntersville, will be 94 March 4. After being hospitalized recently, he is staying at the home of his nephew

and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McCarty. Mr. McCarty has seen a lot of Pocahontas history. As a young man, he worked in the cutting of the white pine.

### WEDDING

Miss Pamela Ann Simmons became the bride of QM3 (SS) Richard Allen Ryder, on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1973, in the Arbovale Methodist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Montgomery officiating. ... The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Simmons, Jr., of Arbovale, and the groom’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Ryder, of Cass.

### DEATHS

William Roy Bruffey, 77, of Kilgore, Idaho; a son of the late John Franklin and Stella Bennett Bruffey. Funeral service was held from Wesley Chapel in Hillsboro; interment in Emmanuel Church Cemetery.

Warren M. Ervin, 65, of Beckley; born at Arbovale, a son of the late Lee and Virgie Sutton Ervin. Funeral held from Keyser-Bryant Funeral Chapel. Burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

Charles Snyder, 29, of Columbia, South Carolina; born at Marlinton, he was a son of Conrad C. and Frances Tyree Snyder. His wife was charged with shooting him during a domestic argument.

## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, March 2, 1899

Some parties about Marlinton supplemented their ample stores of ice by gathering some of the solid and beautiful crystal products of the late freezing. It would be hard to imagine how ice could be more solid or nicer, apart from a glacier, than what could have been taken from the Greenbrier last week.

J. A. Rider is making a record as mail carrier between Warm Springs and Huntersville. February 21, he left the Springs with a leather pouch and two canvas sacks full up and tied on the horse, while the carrier had to walk and lead or drive. In moralizing on this hard way of getting along, the Enterprise pertinently observes, “That owing to mail contracts being let to lowest bidders, the rat with the shortest tail gets into the hole first.”

One day last week, a man named Brooks, on Grassy Creek, about five miles north of Addison, went out to chop down a tree for firewood. He selected a large tree and felled it. It struck the ground and broke into several pieces, being hollow, and imagine Mr. Brooks’ surprise to see a large bear crawl from one of the pieces and make off. ...

Mrs. Catherine Burr, a very worthy aged lady residing at Burr Valley, came near being fatally injured by the deep snow. She was preparing for the weekly wash in the shed used for that pur-


pose when the roof burdened with the snow, fell and would have crushed her to death had it not been for the crossbar on which the wash kettle was suspended over the fire. As it was, she was hurt considerably about the shoulders and temporarily disabled from her domestic duties in which she is so proficient and energetic. Mrs. Burr is the widow of the late John Burr, who died suddenly in F. J. Snyder’s law office at Huntersville several years ago, and the mother of Alvin Burr whose death was announced last week.

A number of charitable Huntington citizens came upon a pitiable sight the other morning. A family of half a dozen children had gathered about a half peck of chicken heads and were engaged in cooking them, feathers and all, preparatory to eating with potato peelings, which the little ones had gathered from garbage barrels. The able-bodied, but drunken father, was taken to jail, and the little ones provided for by the kind citizens.

### A HORSE FANCIER

Houston Fogus, of Greenbrier, was lodged in jail at this place last week for a few days as he was being taken to Greenbrier to answer the charge of horse stealing. About the first of January, it is charged, he broke the lock of a stable and took a horse belonging to a man named Walton. He clipped the tail and mane of the horse and traded it to a citizen on Droop for another horse which he disposed of on

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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 29, 2024**  
**Claim Deadline: Monday, April 29, 2024**

ESTATE NUMBER: 14601  
ESTATE OF: **SHERRI KAYE AUXIER**  
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1708 Jerico Road  
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14603  
ESTATE OF: **WARREN SCOTT HAYES**  
EXECUTRIX: Lindsey Hayes  
171 Arrowhead Lane  
Durbin, WV 26264-9004

ESTATE NUMBER: 14604  
ESTATE OF: **HILDA JANE ELKINS**  
ADMINISTRATOR: Arnold Eugene Elkins  
25 Moore's Trailer Park  
Marlinton, WV 24954

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 23, 2024.  
Melissa L. Bennett  
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission  
2/29/2c

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, MICHAEL C. DOSS, Trustee, by virtue of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Robert J. Nelson and John C. Nelson, for the benefit of Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Inc., said Deed of Trust bearing date the 19th day of December, 2016, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 368, at page 212, the makers, having defaulted in payment of the note secured by said Deed of Trust as provided by the terms thereof, and the beneficial holder of the said note, Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Inc., having declared the whole of the indebtedness thereunder to be due and payable; and having demanded the undersigned in writing to make sale of the real estate described in said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest responsible bidder on the 22nd day of March, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., at the front steps of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in the City of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, the premises, being and consisting of the following:

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**PARCEL I**  
All of that certain tract or parcel of land in the Green Bank District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, lying mostly north of Secondary Route 250/8 about 3 miles from Bartow/Frank, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a found 3-inch metal disc in a pipe, United States Government corner #146 of Tract 39, on the south bank of a stream about 4 feet from the bank in a mound of stones, from which a 16-inch Birch bears S 75 W at 34.1 feet and an 8 inch & 18-inch double Red Maple bears S 6 E at 51.8 feet, in a line with Phyllis Self; Thence N 33-04 W crossing the stream, at 62 feet crossing Secondary Route 250/8, in all 557.6 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rebar in a stone pile at the base of a fallen gate post on the east side of an old road, from which a 30-inch Red Maple bears N 55 E at 4.0 feet, corner to Self and David Butler; Thence S 54-49 W with Butler, at about 46 feet crossing an access road, in all 167.2 feet to a 17-inch called for Beech in old fence; Thence S 27-39 W with Butler and a fence 217.4 feet to a double 14-inch & 16-inch Red Maple; Thence N 10-41 W with Butler 344.4 feet to a 36-inch Sugar Maple, corner to Butler and Judson Malone; Thence S 21-12 W with fence and Malone 321.4 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rebar in a stone pile by a fence post; Thence S 56-42 W with a fence for about 280 feet and with Malone in all 421.4 feet to a 10-inch Red Maple in a line with Malone; Thence S 27-29 W down a steep hill 435.9 feet crossing Secondary Route 250/8 and a stream to a 5/8-inch iron rebar in a stone pile in a wet area, from which a 9-inch Hemlock bears N 80 W at 16.3 feet and a 3-inch Yellow Birch bears N 50 E at 5.2 feet, in a line with USA Tract 39; Thence N 78-22 E with the USA 433.3 feet to a 3-inch disc in a pipe, from which a 12-inch double Hemlock bears S 87-30 E at

21.8 feet; Thence N 43-47 E with the USA 390.1 feet to a point on the southeast ridge of Secondary Route 250/8 on the northwest side of a stream, from which a marked witness tree bears S 4 E at 36.4 feet and another bears S 64 E at 31.6 feet; Thence N 79-53 E with the USA 181.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 11.5 acres, as surveyed by John L. Wayne, Jr., Professional Surveyor, License No. 859 of Arbovale, West Virginia 24915, as shown on a plat of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Plat Book 10, at page 84.

**PARCEL II**  
All of that certain tract or parcel of land in the Green Bank District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, lying about 450 feet north of Secondary Route 250/8 and about 3 miles from Bartow/Frank, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a found 5/8-inch iron rebar in a stone pile at the base of a fallen gate post on the east side of an old road, from which a 30-inch Red Maple bears N 55 E at 4.0 feet, a corner to Phyllis Self and an 11.5 acre tract owned by Watkins; Thence S 54-49 W at about 46 feet crossing an access road, in all 167.2 feet to a found 17-inch Beech snag in an old fence; Thence S 54-49 W with a fence 217.4 feet to a found double 14-inch and 16-inch Red Maple; Thence N 10-41 W 344.4 feet to a found 36-inch Sugar Maple, a corner to Watkins 11.5 acre tract and a corner to Suzanne Malone; Thence N 11-08 W with Malone 271.0 feet to a found 5/8-inch iron rebar in a stone pile on the northwest side of a road at an old gate post, from which an 18-inch White Pine bears N 41 E at 10.5 feet and a 6-inch Ash bears N 70 W at 12.8 feet; Thence N 39-51 E with an old fence 291.1 feet to a found 5/8-inch iron rebar in a stone pile on the southwest edge of a small drain, from which a 13 inch Virginia Pine bears S 89 W at 11.2 feet and a 7-inch Maple bears S 19 E at 22.1 feet, corner to Phyllis Self; Thence S 39-09 E 178.8 feet to a 32-inch Sugar Maple in the corner of a fence north of a drain; Thence S 7-44 E down the drain and running near a fence 403.9 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.8 acres, as surveyed by John L. Wayne, Jr., Professional Surveyor, License No. 859 of Arbovale, West Virginia 24915, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Plat Book 15, at page 50.

**PARCEL III**  
All of those minerals underlying a tract or parcel of real estate containing 3.7 acres, more or less, as acquired by the Grantors by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from Peggy J. Winnings Watkins and Richard T. Watkins, her husband, said Deed bearing date the 5th day of June, 1998, and of record in the aforesaid Clerks Office in Deed Book 254, at page 206.

And being the same lots, tracts or parcels of real estate as acquired by Robert J. Nelson and John C. Nelson, by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from Kenneth R. Watkins and Paula B Watkins, husband and wife, said Deed bearing date the 9th day of December, 2016, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 362, at page 338.

The above-described real estate shall be sold subject to any claims, liens, assessments, taxes, restrictions, covenants, conditions, and encumbrances against the same.

The Trustee shall convey title with covenants of Special Warranty. The purchaser shall pay all taxes due and payable against the said property, the cost of the preparation of the Deed of Conveyance from the Substitute Trustee, the cost of any transfer tax and recording fees due upon the recordation of the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:** 10% of bid payable to the Trustee on the day of sale and the balance within thirty (30) days.

**CONDITION OF SALE:** Said property shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder, with the right reserved to the said Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Inc., to bid at said sale and to continue the said sale by declaration from time to time, as they may choose.

Given unto my hand this the 20th day of February, 2024.  
Michael C. Doss, Trustee  
2/29/2c

**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 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. \$ 136.85

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00

Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2022-9125. \$ 28.74

Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00

Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 182.65

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 246.74

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00

Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$ 594.98

**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  
County Collections Division  
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**  
You will take notice that DAVID J. CAIN, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000028, located in GREEN BANK District, **LT. 5 DEER CREEK .08 AC 50X73.67**, which was returned delinquent or non-entered in the name of **VARNER KENNETH** 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 -10161. \$ 91.37

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00

Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2022-8570. \$ 8.63

Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00

Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 105.08

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 246.74

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00

Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$ 451.82

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

The Pocahontas County Board of Health approved its new rule for Fees for Permits on February 19, 2024.

A copy of the rule is available at the Pocahontas County Health Department located at 900 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954.

A 30-day comment period will begin February 20, 2024 and end March 20, 2024.

**Please send all comments to:**

**Pocahontas County Health Department**  
900 10th Avenue  
Marlinton, WV 24954

2/22/4c

**NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION**

The Pocahontas County Democratic Convention for 2024 will be held Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton, WV, 24954.

The convention will elect seven delegates and alternates to the State Democratic Convention in mid-June, 2024. All Democrats residing in Pocahontas County are invited to attend.

Delegates will be allotted by Magisterial District, as follows: two delegates each in the Northern, Central and Southern Districts, with one additional seat being allotted to the District which had the greatest percent of Democratic voter participation in the 2020 General Election.

The temporary chair of the convention is Jay Miller.

Registered Democrats residing in Pocahontas County may request additional information by calling Jay Miller at 304-653-4195 or by email at jvmiller2008@gmail.com

2/29/2c

**West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection**

**Public Information Office**  
601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304  
304-926-0440

**PUBLIC NOTICE - REMEDIATION ACTIVITY**

**NEWSPAPER:** The Pocahontas Times  
**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:** 2/26/2024

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) will conduct an environmental cleanup at the Hillsboro Service Center site under the State Response Program.

The site is located at 7451 Seneca Trail, Hillsboro, WV.

A leaking underground storage tank at this former service station has led to contamination of the soil and groundwater with petroleum products and their derivatives.

The Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) at the WVDEP, through the CERCLA Section 128(a) USEPA State Response Program, will fund the necessary remediation of this contamination by removing contaminated soils from the site. This remediation will be performed in keeping with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

**Site Location: 7451 Seneca Trail Hillsboro, WV**

**Current Site Use:** The property is currently used as a garage.

**Contaminants:** Petroleum impacted soil and groundwater

**Proposed Cleanup Method and Methods to Control Possible Health Exposure:** Hotspots identified through previous assessments will undergo soil removal. A post-remedial site investigation will then occur to evaluate the effectiveness of the remediation.

**Proposed Future Use:** The planned reuse of the property is to remain commercial, to be marketed pending full remediation

**Requests for Information or Comments:** Questions or comments regarding this application should be directed to:

Jackson Porter, WVDEP  
2031 Pleasant Valley Road  
Fairmont, WV 26554  
Phone: 304-951-7527  
Email: Jackson.L.Porter@wv.gov

All documents relating to this planned remediation activity are available upon request.

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**BULL SALE**

**Saturday, March 9**  
1:00 pm  
Pendleton Community Building  
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**Bulls will not be located at sale site. Call to schedule a time for viewing.**

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**HOUSES AND REAL ESTATE**

**HELP WANTED**

**HELP WANTED** - Looking for a Correctional Officer job? Testing will be offered at the Denmar Correctional Center, Hillsboro, WV, on a daily basis. Interested parties

**FOR SALE BY OWNER** - Body Shop on 2 +/- acres. \$200,000. If interested, call 304-799-6789 or 304-799-6435. 2/29/2c

**WANTED** - Secluded land, cabin or

house in Pocahontas County. Reasonable/cash. 252-675-3869. 1/25/tfn

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - Seek-

ing to fill part-time clerical position. Two days per week. Please submit résumé to hannahins@hotmail.com 2/22/2c

**REWARD OFFERED**

Reward offered for information leading to the return of John Deere Tractor (4115) and loader taken from 1 Stillhouse Run, Marlinton, around the time of December 2023 - January 2024.  
**Call 304-572-5175.**

**Patient Account Representative**

The Business Office at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is seeking a full-time Patient Account Representative. Job duties will include, but are not limited to, electronic billing, follow-up on insurance claims, entering charges, coding, performing duties of cashier/switchboard operator and assisting patients with billing questions. Requires excellent customer service skills. At least one year of insurance billing and customer service experience is preferred, but not required. Please send resume with three professional references to: Katie Brown, HR Director via email at kbrown@pmhww.org by 10 a.m. on 3/8/24. EOE



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# Calendar, from page 4

**Taekwondo**, Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Groovy Tots** – active fun for preschoolers, Fridays, 10 a.m.  
**Cardio and Circuit Training**, led by Sunny Given, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m. 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.

## POCAHONTAS ART COUNCIL

**Oil Painting** – Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Little Yellow House in Dunmore.  
**Adult Pottery Classes** – Saturdays 1 to 4 p.m., Third Avenue Studio, Marlinton.  
 Call 304-456-4600 or text 304-997-2153 for more information or to register.

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

## SPECIAL SERVICES

**Mid-Week Lenten Service**, Wednesdays, noon, at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Thirty-minute service, and brown bag lunch and fellowship. 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.  
**Baxter Presbyterian Church**, Dunmore – Worship Service Sundays, March 3 and March 17, 11 a.m.

**Trivia Answers:** (1) Southern Methodist University (2) Louisiana State (3) The Guess Who (4) Steven Tyler

**Advertising Deadline is Monday at noon. Call 304-799-4973**

# Letters, from page 4

Dear Editor,  
 President Biden continues to ignore Supreme Court rulings as he racks up over \$130 billion in debt forgiving student loans in a brazen effort to buy votes. He does not have the constitutional authority to do this, only congress can allocate these funds.

income potential, spent their time partying at spring break or making six figure incomes.

No one forced these individuals to take out these loans. They need to pay them off. Tuition has increased since I attended college way above the rate of inflation. Google the salaries of a number of university heads and you find that many are pulling in million-dollar salaries with a number of these institutions sitting on multi-billion-dollar endowments.

The exorbitant cost of higher education is a problem that can be fixed by cutting overhead and out of control salaries. Throwing money, we are borrowing, at the problem just makes the situation worse, feeds inflation and the ever growing

national debt

If we as a nation continue to spend money like drunken sailors, it will not end well. Some projections predict that if this continues the price to pay off these loans will exceed \$400 billion and does not fix the core problem.

Joe Kaffl Hillsboro

Open Letter to past Green Bank Elementary students;

In March of 1975, Jo Ann Fromhart had a spelling bee and she asked me to spell Gigantic.

I said, "gig-an-tic is gigantic."

After the spelling bee was over, she said she would always remember that.

Yours, Farrell G. Kelly

The ultimate irony is that many who chose not to attend college or paid their own tuition are footing the bill.

I worked a full-time job as well as being in ARMY ROTC and the National Guard to pay for my degree. Now I am footing the bill for individuals who majored in subjects that have no

# 100, from page 7

cial and spiritual life by the noble sons and daughters of our deceased friend and brother. We all treasured his friendship. He was big-hearted, kind and true...

Maryanna Tibbs, aged 15, a promising colored girl, daughter of Walter Tibbs, died at University Hospital at Charlottesville February 15, 1924. Her body was brought to Marlinton and laid to rest in Brownsburg Cemetery.  
 She is mourned by her fa-

ther, three brothers, three sisters and numerous friends who thought so well of her.

Maryanna's mother died nearly four years ago, leaving seven children. Though but a child of eleven years, Maryanna tried to take a mother's place and served the home faithfully...

# 75, from page 7

## FIELD NOTES

Hillsboro – Allan Halbrook and Kenneth Brown killed a 30-inch water snake at Droop Mountain State Park February 20.

Cloverlick – The other day Newton Kelly went out on his farm with his dog. There was a groundhog and the dog caught it.

A recent February day, Robert Kelly was going to catch the Marlinton bus and he saw a big black snake stretched across the road.

Durbin – On Valentine Day, workers coming to work at the Tannery from Arbovale and Greenbank saw a great number of frogs. There were plenty of frogs in the road between Durbin and Frank.

## SQUIRE SMITH

It is Squire Smith now. I might have written it is Squire Smith again. For Harper M. Smith has been appointed to and qualified for the important office of Justice of the Peace of Edray District. This office was held honorably and efficiently for so long by the late Captain A. E. Smith.

I have only words of commendation for my friend in this, his first venture into public office. When barely more than a boy, he went to work in the woods and drove white pine logs on the Greenbrier. He was a jam breaker, and many a time he has ridden to safety on a white pine stick through white water as hundreds of logs came tumbling after, when a great jam would begin to haul and break. ...

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moats, a son, named William Lee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Hollandsworth, a daughter, named Linda Carol.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill Pritt, of Droop, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morrison, a son, named Samuel Leon. This is their fifth son and seventh child.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cody R. Miller, of Cloverlick, a son.

# History, from page 7

Swago. He hired to W. McClintic and since then has been in the woods at the camps on Williams River. Robert K. Burns arrested him and will receive the very liberal reward offered for his arrest. The prisoner is a man of little or no intelligence, not far removed from a state which would relieve him of the responsibility of his acts.

Fine weather for sugar making. Some of the sugar makers have to get out an injunction to stop the trees to keep them from running off.

J. L. Dysard spent Sunday in town. He is putting a phone in his store at Green Bank so he can talk to the girls. That will be very nice, indeed.

Joe Eiple and Sheriff Sheets were at Marlinton Saturday. Sam Sheets has more business on hand at this time than a Sunday school superintendent.

## KNAPPS CREEK

News is scarce, but mud is plentiful.

Upton Sharp is off to the Hot Springs for dry goods for Hannah & Harper.

M. F. Herold caught his whiskers in a bear trap last week.

Brad Sharp and Price Moore boarded the train Thursday morning at Hot Springs for parts unknown.

## DUNMORE ITEMS

About 20 head of cattle froze to death in this section during the cold snap.

Miss Lillian B. McElwee is on the sick list.

## FROM ELK

L. D. Sharp is selling writing tablets of 20 leaves for 1¢ each.

J. W. Jackson gave his grey horse to Gay and Thompson. He says it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Gay & Thompson are horse trading in this neighborhood. Levi Gibson is also dealing in horses preparatory to going on the round up.

Randolph Hamrick and Jacob Beverage are fox chasing these days. They ran a fox all day and when they finally caught up with him, it proved to be a skunk.

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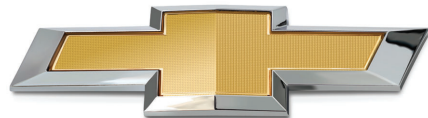
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## MORE LISTINGS



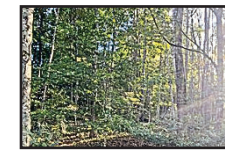
6622 – Dunmore. 3BR/2BA chalet-style home with full basement and two-car detached garage on 50 very private acres. Surrounded by national forest. – \$625,000



6628 – Marlinton. Well-maintained, 3BR/2BA home with large front porch on 0.22 acre. Handicapped accessible. Just minutes to restaurants, recreation and entertainment. – \$150,000



6604 – Marlinton. House in poor condition on a 0.76 mostly wooded acre. Located at the end of a gravelled lane just outside of town. Semi-private setting. – \$22,000



6498 – Hillsboro. Lot A-1. Offering 2 wooded acres in restricted development of Little Mountain Retreat with easy access. Near national forest and fishing. Owner financing available. – \$15,000



6445 – Caldwell. 3BR/1BA mobile home with stick-built expansion on 15+ acres. Great location. Home needs work. Just minutes to Lewisburg, Greenbrier River and Trail and Organ Cave. Sold as is. – \$52,000



6530 – Slaty Fork. Four wooded acres in Eagles Nest Subdivision, within a mile of the eastern entrance to Snowshoe. Near Cass Scenic Railroad, Greenbrier River and Trail. – \$49,900



6585 – Bartow. 3BR/1BA with basement, two-car detached garage on 1.6 acres. Three outbuildings. Borders Recreation Park. Close to Greenbrier River and Trail. Durbin and Cass railroads. – \$169,900



6523 – Mill Point. Lot C-2. Little Mountain Retreat. 2.5 acre lot close to national forest, Highland Scenic Highway, Greenbrier River and Trail. Near Cherry, Cranberry and Williams rivers. – \$22,000



6616 – Huntersville. 8.88 mostly level acres with good access. Property is partially cleared with acreage for a few horses. Close to Watoga State Park, Greenbrier River and Trail and Knapps Creek – \$45,000



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



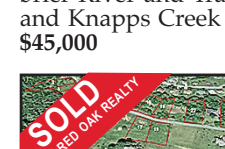
6533 – Lewisburg. Exclusive Lamplighter Subdivision. Lot 17. 0.552 acre. Property is close to all the best the Greenbrier Valley has to offer! Title insurance available. – \$5,500



6534 – Lewisburg. Exclusive Lamplighter Subdivision. Lot 19. 0.55 acre. Property is close to all the best the Greenbrier Valley has to offer! Title insurance available. – \$5,500



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