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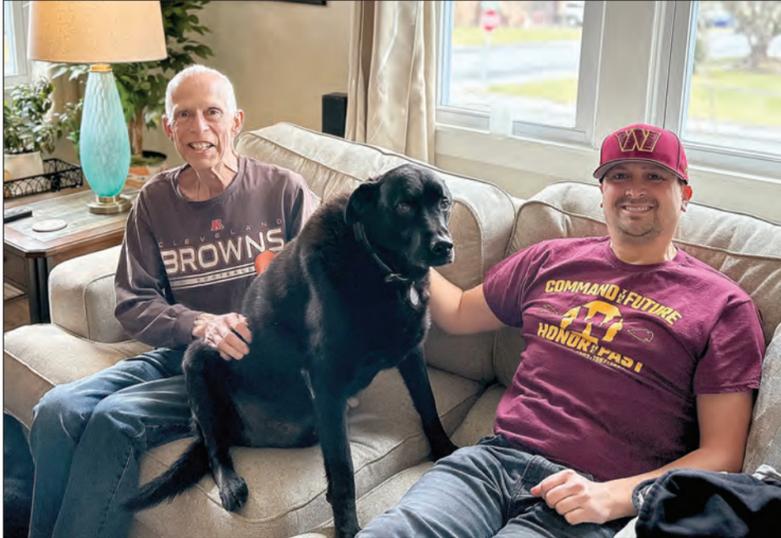
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John Dean is Super Bowl bound ~ thanks to the Dream Foundation



JOHN DEAN, FORMERLY of Watoga and now of Charleston, at left, will have one of his dreams come true February 11. He will be in Las Vegas attending the 58th Super Bowl. Dean will be accompanied by his nephew, Ken Garrett, right, who may or may not be an even bigger football fan than Dean. Photo courtesy of John Dean

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

He may have grown up in a rural area in West Virginia's largest state park – Watoga – but John Dean has been to quite a few big deal events. He attended a lot of home games of his beloved Cleveland Browns when he lived in that city and he saw the West Virginia University Mountaineers compete in the 2010 Final Four in Indianapolis, Indiana; and was in the stands for Game 2 of the 1995 World Series with the Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians and Game 4 of the 2007 NBA Finals with the Cleveland Cavaliers and San Antonio Spurs. Dean is quite the sports fan, but there was one big deal game he had yet to attend – a Super Bowl. You could say it's been a dream and now, that dream is coming true with the help of

the Dream Foundation, a non-profit foundation which literally fulfills the dreams of individuals who have been diagnosed with a life limiting illness. In 2022, Dean was diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer. He was given a life expectancy of one and a half to two years. With a lump in his throat, Dean took the news as well as could be expected, but didn't let the bad news keep him from seeking the best treatment possible. "I was being treated at the Cleveland Clinic, which is in the top ten in the United States, but then I ran into an issue where their technology advances and their clinical trials available for me were not on a comparable level as MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, or Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York," he said. After a lot of research, Dean chose Memorial

Sloane Kettering as the place to take his treatment, with Dr. Eileen O'Reilly, a world-renowned pancreatic oncologist. By 2023, O'Reilly informed Dean that his cancer had spread to his stomach and his pancreatic cancer was now Stage 4. Although he is still fighting a difficult battle, Dean said he knows that getting a second opinion and doing his research to find O'Reilly has prolonged his life. "If I hadn't gotten a second and third opinion, I do not think I would be here today," he said. Knowing that he was working with a deadline – something he's used to from his journalism career – Dean set out to make his dream come true. "The way I found out about it is interesting because it was maybe a couple

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Burns trades theater stage for the silver screen

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Katelynn Burns was bitten by the acting bug when she was in high school at Greenbrier East. She joined the Greenbrier Valley Theatre in Lewisburg, and found her passion on the stage. "I was kind of a shy kid, so it was a great way to feel like I could express myself," she said. After graduating high school in 2013, Burns went on to earn a degree in musical theater from West Virginia University. She honed her skills and decided that she was going to go for it and move to a city for actors. But which one would she choose? "I moved to Atlanta," she said. "I heard Atlanta was up and coming at the time, and I was thinking that it was close enough to home, but big enough to find some opportunities. I didn't want to go all the way to LA, it's expensive. New York is kind of the same thing. Chicago was just too cold. "Atlanta seemed like the best fit of all." It was hard to say goodbye to West Virginia, but Burns has returned as often as she can to visit family and for film projects. "I moved about three months after I graduated," she said. "It was tough saying goodbye to West Virginia. I'm probably the most homesick actor. Most of my friends were like, 'I can't wait to get out of here,' whereas I can't wait to get back." Although the film industry is cut throat and hard to break into, Burns managed to get her start rather quickly with indie (independent) film projects, reenactment parts in TV shows and student films. "There are a lot of indie film projects happening in Atlanta, and you sort of have

to work your way up," she said. "My first jobs would have been student films, passion project films that are very one and done – grab a camera and tripod, and steal a shot because they don't have a permit for it, and you have to wing it on the spot." As for the TV roles, Burns did a reenactment part in the series *American Detective* with Lt. Joe Kenda, which aired on the ID Network. "It's so odd to play a character that is a real person," she said. "They're going to watch you later." In addition to acting parts, Burns has most recently been a stand-in on the TV miniseries *Class of '09*, where she got to work with several famous actors. "I got to meet some pretty amazing actors," she said. "I was a stand-in at the time for Kate Mara who was one of the football players' girlfriend's in *We Are Marshall*. That was a surreal experience. I was star struck at the time. I've had a lot of moments like that where I meet people I grew up watching." Ironically, Burns' biggest project to date – a film titled *Aquarium* – was filmed at Marshall University in Huntington. Burns' costar, Steve Judy, who is also a producer on the film, got his degree at Marshall University. "I still get a lot of work from home," Burns said. "You'd be surprised how often I'm running back home to West Virginia to shoot projects with other West Virginia creators." *Aquarium* recently had a premier in Huntington and will soon be available on Vanalida TV. "It's a 1950s period piece, and it takes place in a bunker – a Cold War bunker," Burns explained. "It's sort of a metaphor



KATELYNN BURNS DISCOVERED her love for acting in high school when she joined the Greenbrier Valley Theatre in Lewisburg. Now, she is an up-and-coming actor with several TV performances and short films under her belt. Her most recent project is Aquarium, which was filmed at Marshall University in Huntington. Photo courtesy of Katelynn Burns

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EVEN THOUGH THERE is an ongoing effort to protect the few remaining species of Rosewood trees, these endangered, slow-growing trees are struggling to remain in existence, due in part, to illegal logging. vodeng-lish.news

Unusual and/or extinct

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

For most of my life, I have been fascinated by unusual plants and animals. I sometimes wonder what an extinct food tasted like or how it looked as it was growing, or what an elusive animal sounded like. Pictures from the past, of species labeled extinct, are intriguing to me. Why did they go extinct? Throughout history, people

have cross-bred animals and cultivated plants in an effort to enhance desired traits. Seeds saved from the strongest, healthiest and earliest producing tomatoes from year to year will sooner or later start producing a strong early variety tomato. Saving seeds that produce a lighter or darker color each time eventually yields the desired color more frequently. Selectively harvesting seeds, or crossbreeding animals in like manner, can create new and di-

verse flora and fauna but there could be a downside to it, as well; the forerunners become forsaken. In the plant world, thousands of ancient species have already been lost due to the industrialization of monoculture, overharvesting and loss of habitat. One ancient plant, Silphium, only grew in a narrow strip of land in what is present day Libya. The 35-by-125-mile piece of land

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Report estimates 2.7 years remaining for Pocahontas Landfill

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority approved the 2023 Annual Operation Report at its January 31 meeting. This report, prepared by Potesta Engineering, estimates that the county's landfill still has 2.7 years of useful life before it becomes too full to accept more trash.

Over the past year, the authority has discussed possible options for trash disposal in the county once the land-

fill is closed. These include putting in an expensive transfer station to collect waste and ship it to other landfills outside the county, paying their tipping fees in addition to the collection and shipping costs here; or to simply collect trash at the green boxes and haul it to other landfills. One option not given serious consideration would be to open another landfill in the county, since finding another landfill site in Pocahontas County is highly unlikely, and even if one is found, it would take

many years, and be outrageously expensive to acquire the land, obtain the necessary permits and get a new landfill up and running.

While those discussions were happening, it was unknown just exactly when the current landfill would become unusable. Now, with the release of this operational report, there is a reasonable estimate of 2.7 years.

Ed Riley, chairman of the authority, pointed out at the meeting that this timeline is

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Marlinton Town Council sails through agenda

Jaynell Graham
Editor

All members of Marlinton Town Council were in attendance for a short meeting Monday night. The January meeting lasted more than four hours, while all items on Monday's agenda were tended to in less than an hour.

The evening kicked off with some good news from Mayor Sam Felton, as he reported that the town's Department of Environmental Protection Demo Grant application was approved in

the amount of \$217,000. Those monies will go a long way in demolishing at least 12 dilapidated structures within town limits.

Felton said he had attended a meeting in Franklin where he learned that a couple took advantage of the DARRE Program and rebuilt and repurposed the old theatre building there. The building had been empty for 25 years, and when the couple approached the bank for a loan, the bank said no, but DARRE said yes.

Felton also presented information on plans to up-

grade street lighting to LED. He said some areas of the town would only need 50-watt lamps, whereas streets that have heavy tree growth, or areas where security cameras are installed, would require 90-watt lamps.

In addition to the change to LED, the lamps will have shields that will project the light toward the ground so as to not jeopardize the Dark Skies Initiative.

Councilmember Joe Smith noted that council had never voted to change the lighting,

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Board of Education covers various topics

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

Cheryl Jonese, Rebecca Spencer and Anita Workman attended the January 30 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting to talk about Pocahontas County High School's Purple Star Shoe Box Project This project, which is spearheaded by the school's Purple Star Club, involved sending Christmas packages to PCHS alumni who are currently serving in the U.S. Military. These packages contained items donated by the local students, members of the community and businesses in the county. Some of the items included in the packages were copies of *The Pocahontas Times*, student-made items and letters, paracord bracelets made by PCHS students, and a collection of postcards written by students and collected by Allegheny Mountain Radio, as well as practical items such as water bottles, pens, notebooks, glass cleaning cloths and candy.

They explained that the items will remind the alumni that the Pocahontas County community has not forgotten them and their service, and each package included the light message, "Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday from your hometown community, Pocahontas County."

They sent out 63 packages this past holiday season and spent more than \$1000 on postage in doing so. Their

biggest challenge is maintaining a current list of names and addresses of alumni who are serving in the military, especially since some joined the military a long time after graduating and moving out of the area. If the readers know of someone serving in the military that did not receive a package, contact PCHS so they can be added to the list.

During her Superintendent's Report, Lynne Bostic recognized Cash Beers, a ninth grade student at PCHS, for being awarded the West Virginia Department of Education's Proximity Academic Excellence Award, an award Bostic described as being "very special."

Student Representative Riley Pollack said the school's carpentry students will build enclosed stalls in the boys' restrooms at PCHS.

In addition, Pollack recognized the winners of the "Poetry Out Loud" contest. They are: Sabrina Leyzorek, first place; Haley Fitzgerald, second place; Dillon Dunz and Courtney Waugh, tied for third place.

Joanna Bert Kinderman talked about improvements county students are experiencing in Math proficiency as evidenced by state test scores. She explained that while those scores declined a bit during the COVID years, they are again on the upswing. She also talked about successful new techniques for teaching Math, which challenge students to approach math differently

than simple finger counting or memorization of tables. She said students, and their parents, should be open to these new models, since over half of adults, who were taught the old way, say they are bad at math, but the new way makes it fun to learn.

Julie Shifflet provided an update on the schools' "Grow Your Own" teaching pathway. She said there are currently five student from Glenville State College serving as student teachers. Three of these, Taylor Arnold, Alex Harrah and Miranda Gum, came to the meeting and spoke about how the program provides free tuition and free text books and also allows them to earn their first 24 credit hours at Glenville while still attending high school.

Marlinton Elementary School LSIC President Luci Mosesso reported that, once the old BOE Office building next to the school is torn down this summer, there will be a safe recreation and fenced-in playground area, as well as staff parking and a safe bus drop-off and pick-up area there.

Principal Phillip Anderson talked about the services provided by the Communities in Schools Program, the Third Grade Success Act, as well as new disciplinary and attendance programs at the school, which are based on positive incentives, and recent academic improvements achieved by the students in state testing.

Circuit Court

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

Tanner Moore, 26, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for a status hearing, wherein the State asked for a continuance of the pre-trial conference and trial due to the main witness being unavailable. Defense counsel also asked for a continuance due to surgery being scheduled during that time for a family member. Pre-trial conference is now set for May 15; and trial is set for May 20. Moore was indicted on one count, first degree murder; and one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

A sentencing hearing was held in the case the State vs John Stull, 34, of Bartow, wherein the court received the pre-sentence investigation report and a substance abuse evaluation. The court found, from all evidence presented, that the plea agreement is not in good standing with the fair administration of justice, and the court did not accept the agreement. Stull was indicted on one count, person prohibited

from possessing a firearm; one count, negligent shooting.

A hearing on motion to revoke bond was held in the case the State vs Roy Myers, 49, of Durbin, wherein the defendant waived his right to the preliminary hearing and the evidentiary hearing. The court found that Myers had violated the terms and conditions of his probation by drug abuse. Motion for bond was not granted at this hearing to give the defendant an opportunity to bring the motion on again after determining available substance abuse programs. The matter is set for a status hearing April 11. The April 2022 Grand Jury indicted Myers on one count, child neglect resulting in serious bodily injury; one count, child neglect creating a substantial risk of death.

In person sentencing was held in the case the State vs Landon Gibson, 21, of Buckeye, wherein defense counsel advised the court that the defendant had completed a drug re-hab program and has followed a good path since. The State will rely on the

court for sentencing. Gibson is sentenced to one year in the regional jail, but will be permitted to serve his sentence on monitored home incarceration. Normal terms and conditions apply with assessment at Day Report Center. Court costs are to be paid and will stand as a judgment against the defendant. No fine.

Greg Charles Sharp, 39, of Cass, tendered a written plea agreement to the court wherein he pleaded guilty to one count of battery, and pursuant to the agreement, the State dismisses one count, attempted sexual abuse in the first degree. The matter is referred to the probation department for a presentence investigation report. Sentencing and disposition is set for March 20. Sharp remains on present bond.

A four-day jury trial had been scheduled to begin February 6 in the case the State vs Skylar Tincher, 24, of Buckeye. At a pre-trial conference held January 31, Tincher waived his right to a

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Magistrate Court

According to Magistrate Court records, the following individuals had activity in their cases:

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

Kory Bishop, 22, of Elkins, pleaded no contest January 18 to a charge of tail lamp violation. Bishop was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

Hans J. He, 29, of Clifton, Virginia, pleaded no contest to charges of speeding on an open country highway and left of center. Clifton was assessed \$402.96 in court costs and fines.

Roy Daniel Myers, 49, of Durbin, pleaded no contest to charges of possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription, meth, and possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription, marijuana. Myers was sentenced to 180 days of unsupervised probation and assessed \$362.96 in court costs and fines.

Charles T. Parker, 53, of

Goodview, Virginia, pleaded guilty February 2 to a charge of speeding on open country highway. Parker was assessed \$206.01 in court costs and fines.

Brett Thomas Ware, 28, of Valley Head, pleaded guilty January 10 to a charge of vehicle in restricted area. Ware was assessed \$206.01 in court costs and fines.

Aaron T. Sharp, 30, of Marlinton, entered a guilty plea agreement January 29 on two counts of reckless driving with no bodily injury, two counts simple assault, three counts obstructing law enforcement and two counts fleeing from law enforcement officer to evade arrest by means other than a vehicle. Sharp was sentenced to six years and 175 days suspended jail, 180 days' jail and five years and 360 days of home confinement. Sharp was also assessed \$1,983.32 in court costs and fines.

In Magistrate Jennifer Dunz's court:

Emil Avram, 54, of Manakin, Virginia, pleaded guilty January 22 to a charge of passing in a no passing zone. Avram was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

Stephen L. Bennett, 44, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty January 3 to charges of driving too fast for roadway conditions, driving while license suspended or revoked, tail lamp violation and operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Bennett was assessed \$674.44 in court costs and fines.

Darlene H. Cassell, 74, of Dunmore, pleaded no contest January 30 to a charge of failure to drive with due care. Cassell was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

Jordan T. Wills, 23, of Elkins, pleaded guilty January 22 to charges of speeding and driving while license suspended or revoked. Wills was assessed \$482.96 in court costs and fines.

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New and fascinating science updates - part one
A new theory about an old mystery ~
the 1908 Tunguska Event

A short documentary, Powers of Ten, came out in 1977. This nine-minute film, conceived and directed by none other than Charles and Ray Eames of furniture design fame, expands the mathematics of powers of ten out to vast distances in the universe and then reverses the other direction to the smallest known subatomic particles.

The unique thing about this mind blowing documentary is that it compares distance and size from a human perspective. This demonstration of the relative size of all things in our universe begins with a couple picnicking on the lawn in Grant Park, Chicago.

The overhead view moves away from the couple as each multiplication by ten takes us further into the depths of our universe. It then reverses back to Grant Park and into the bodies of the two people to demonstrate the smallest objects we know of in our world.

I urge you to watch it on YouTube. The investment of your time is minuscule compared to the rewards of this documentary. And, if you don't care for the film, check out the Eames' stylish and artful furniture.

So, readers, this series of articles examines several recent discoveries and theories from astrophysics, medicine and anthropology. I hope you

enjoy these fascinating science vignettes.

The Tunguska Event

A new alternative theory about a mysterious event occurring deep in Siberia's wilderness of marshes and boreal forests in 1908 will introduce us to something very, very small: a Primordial Black Hole.

As a brief refresher about things that occasionally fall to Earth from the sky, a comet is an icy object that orbits our sun and develops a tail when it gets close to it. The Halley Comet, for example, is visible from Earth every 75 to 79 years as it orbits the sun.

Asteroids are rocky and also orbit the sun. An asteroid named the Chicxulub Impactor decimated the dinosaurs 66 million years ago. Meteors are composed of small pieces of asteroids or comets called shooting stars. When a piece of meteor impacts the Earth, it is called a meteorite.

June 30, 1908, promised to be a beautiful, sunny day for those living in or near the Tunguska River in Central Siberia. However, at approximately 7:15 a.m., something that rivaled the sun's brightness and traveling at an incredible speed split apart the blue sky overhead.

The fiery ball left behind a blue and white light trail that remained visible several evenings afterward. Then suddenly, this intruder from outer space exploded in the largest atmospheric detonation in recorded human history.

The resultant shockwave shook the Earth like an earthquake, registering a solid five on the Richter Scale. The explosion was many times more potent than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Based on the explosion's damage, the object was estimated to be 120 feet in diameter and weigh 220 million pounds - a bit more than a U.S. aircraft carrier.

Yet, despite the tremendous explosion and resultant shockwaves, only three people were reported killed in the affected zone, more a function of the sparsity of people living in the area than anything else. The fatalities would have been exponentially higher if the atmospheric explosion occurred over a highly populated area, such as a city, preferably Moscow. (Just kidding)

According to oral histories from the Tunguska area, the shockwaves ejected fishing boats from the river onto the bank. Moreover, buildings collapsed, forests ignited spontaneously and winds were so hot people began removing clothing and seeking shelter.

The shockwave threw one man sitting on a chair nursing his morning brew several meters into a fence. He lived to tell the tale.

The shockwave that followed the explosion leveled more than 800 square miles of Tunguska forest. These 80 million trees did not blow over willy-nilly but in a perfect radial pattern that revealed ground zero for the explosion.

Yet, the weirdest part of this story is that even though we know where the impact site should be, there was no evidence of an actual impact. Despite the many research parties sent out to study the site, no rocky material, such as a meteorite or an impact crater, was ever found.*

So, what happened in Tunguska on this fine June morning in 1908? After 115 years, we still only have theories, very little evidence,



800 SQUARE MILES of mostly forest was downed by the atmospheric explosion over the Tunguska region of Siberia in 1908. As observed from above, the trees fell in a radial pattern, pointing to ground zero of the explosion. *Public Domain photo*

and none fit with the findings.

But quite recently, Matt O'Dowd, an astrophysicist from the City University of New York, Lehman College, offered a new and intriguing theory involving a special black hole, a Primordial Black Hole, or PBH.

A PBH is not a regular black hole that gobbles up all the cosmic real estate that ventures near its event horizon. You probably know that black holes occur when a dying star collapses into something infinitely dense. The black hole, as predicted by General Relativity, warps the very fabric of space and time.

And you cannot discuss a black hole without offering the hackneyed yet accurate phrase, "A black hole is a dense, compact object whose gravitational pull is so strong nothing can escape it, not even light."

The whimsical term "spaghettification" explains vividly how anything entering a black hole is reduced to single atoms and, finally, subatomic particles.

(Many astrophysicists believe that this reduction and

separation of everything represents the future of our universe: cold, dark, and empty. But don't worry; if correct, this scenario is estimated to be at least 20 billion years away.)

If you were to enter a black hole feet first, you would soon find your legs stretching out below you with the rest of your torso following suit. And then? No one has been in one, so we can only speculate, but it wouldn't be pretty!

The Primordial Black Holes were forged in the heat and chaos during the first moments of the Big Bang, and for the past 13.7 billion years, they have been untethered and scattered about the universe.

O'Dowd's theory suggests that the Tunguska Event may have been caused by a Primordial Black Hole (PBH). He contends that it is possible that a PBH has already impacted the Earth or will sometime in the future.**

"There must be an unimaginably large number of them (PBHs) out there. And, in fact, they must be passing through the Earth constantly

if that's the case," said

O'Dowd.

What would that look like if a PBH was responsible for the Tunguska Event?

It is important to note that even though a PBH is invisible to the naked eye, it may have a mass equal to that of an asteroid. As this minuscule black hole enters the Earth's atmosphere, its gravitational pull begins accumulating molecules like oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide.

Traveling at 62 miles per second, the heat generated by a PBH would cause an atmospheric blast equivalent to several atomic bombs. The damage would be the same or similar to that witnessed in Tunguska in 1908.

If the Tunguska Event was the work of a PBH, impact with the Earth would be unavoidable. What happens then? This is where the whole story gets even stranger.

In two minutes, that super-diminutive black hole would make its way through our Earth, including the solid core, and out the other side; the antipode of Siberia is

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DIRTBEAN OHANA, Marlinton: Maple lattes, french toast with maple syrup.

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HANDMADE WV, Marlinton: Hillsboro Maple Works Syrup – Buckwheat cakes using Arbaugh Farm buckwheat flour along with a fruit and pastry bar.

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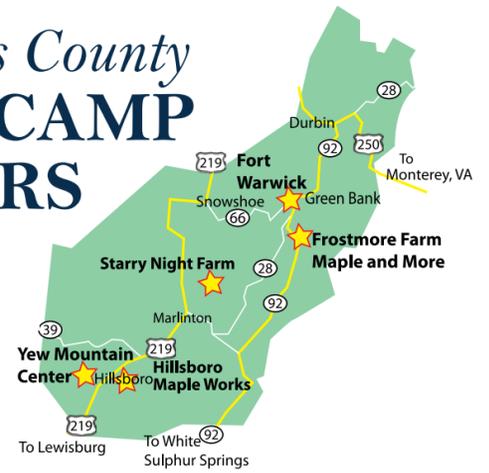
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YEW MOUNTAIN CENTER

9494 Lobelia Rd, off US Rt. 219 south of Hillsboro. Visit www.yewmountain.org
Lobelia Road is just south of Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park (a right turn if you're headed south). Stay right on Lobelia Road at the intersection with Jacox Road (about 2 miles). Continue for 1.3 miles and the center is on the left. Sugar bush tours, savory and sweet maple delights and kids' educational activities.

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Marlinnton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

This week's Mayor's Corner is to let you know that 2024 is off to an exciting start in Marlinnton. January required some snow-plowing for the first time in a couple of winters.

Already, plans are in progress for 2024 First Fridays at Discovery Junction and other events, including extra musical and car-show events.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, with Destination by Design, to discuss concepts and ideas about the Streetscapes project. Through the Town's connection with the Mon-Forest Town Partnership, Sara Cottingham, of Downstream Strategies,

achieved a \$30,000 grant from Partner Community Capital. This grant funding will allow the Town to develop a streetscape plan for sidewalks, lighting and aesthetics for downtown Marlinnton. The Town is not required to provide any matching funds for this grant.

The Street Lighting Upgrades to LED is in progress. When our local power company crew receives the proper change orders, they will begin to install the newer lighting as they have time. The new Cobra-head LED streetlights available from Mon Power, will provide the Town a modest savings in electricity costs each month. The Town will identify locations where

more or less wattage could be used. These newer lamps will replace the high-pressure sodium lights and will be mounted on the existing poles at no cost to the Town.

The newer lights are designed to direct light downward and will not interfere with the "Dark Skies" initiative. Currently, the electricity cost for each high-pressure sodium light is \$8.80 per month. The LED lights would cost \$6.91 per 50-watt lamp, and \$8.51 per month per 90-watt lamp.

Ending on a sour note, and after many months of filing paperwork to be included in the State's Opioid Settlement, a payment of \$604.55 was a disappointment to say the least. Following talk of more than a billion dollars coming into our state, it was easy to imagine at least a few thousand dollars to smaller communities. Obviously, that did not happen.

Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE
Annual Opry Night featuring Mary Sue and Mike Burns with Old-time Festival Friends, February 17, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$10, are available at the 4th Avenue Gallery, online at pocahontasoperahouse.org and at the door the night of the performance. Ages 17 and younger admitted free.

PUBLIC NOTICE
FREE Testing for Amateur Radio licenses including upgrades will be held Tuesday February 13 at 7 p.m. at the Cass Firehouse. All test levels will be offered and will be provided. Sponsored by the Laurel VEC's (Volunteer Examiner Coordinators) and facilitated by the 8 Rivers Amateur Radio Club. Contact Rudy Marrujo at 304-456-3057 for more information and to reserve your space.

Family Resource Network is taking applications for minor home improvements to take place in June and July. You may pick up an application at the FRN office, 821 A Third Avenue in Marlinnton. Deadline for applications is February 15.

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
Diabetes Support Group, Tuesday, February, 20, 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Marlinnton For more information, call 304-799-5847

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

EVENT
Mountain State Maple Days, Saturday, February 17.

Maple sugar houses will open their doors for tours, education, sampling and sales. Local restaurants and businesses will highlight maple syrup entrées and products.

FREE Community Dinner Thursday, February 22, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinnton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by area churches and community volunteers.

LIBRARY NEWS
Cards and Coffee at Green Bank Library, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Beginners welcome. Hot drinks provided.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chair Yoga, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at the Green Bank Observatory. Beginner friendly

for folks with limited mobility

POCAHONTAS COUNTY ART COUNCIL

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

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, Marlinnton. 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
Marlinnton First Church of the Nazarene, Edray, special speaker/music and holiness preaching Sunday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. Tristian Brown has a special heart for teens and young adults. All are welcome.

Mid-Week Lenten Service, Wednesdays, beginning February 14, noon at Marlinnton Presbyterian Church.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 14, 7 p.m. at Marlinnton Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH NOTICES
Marlinnton Presbyterian Church – Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m. Souper Bowl 11 a.m.

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

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

First Baptist Church – Huntersville – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship

see Calendar pg 12

Letter to the Editor

Editor;

I live in the southern part of the Pocahontas County area that Citynet has the right to service with high-speed fiber. I have been told by reliable sources that it will take over two years before they reach my area.

I find it amazing and disgusting that a country that was able to build a Liberty Ship in a matter of days during World War 2 cannot execute the simplest of projects in a timely fashion.

My impression is that a major

factor in this slow process is that Frontier is intentionally dragging out the process for approving the use of their poles in attempt to slow this project so they can maintain market share while at the same time having no intention to install fiber in our area. How long does it take to inspect an existing pole to determine if fiber can be hung from it? Weeks, months?

This is not rocket science, personnel from both companies should be able to drive a pole

line and make this determination in minutes per pole.

Maybe it is time that the state takes legal action if they care about their citizens. The slow Frontier Internet that many of us have as our only option would not be tolerated in many third world countries.

I ask Governor Justice to address this unacceptable situation.

Joseph Kaff Hillsboro

Weather Report

January Weather

When the temperature stats and snowfall were added up, both were very close to normal. But nothing was normal in January. Precipitation was way above normal breaking the drought of 2023. Six named storms came rolling through.

The temperature for the first 12 days was in the normal range. Then the 11 days from January 13 to 23, the temperatures never got above freezing. That cold spell was 10 degrees

below normal. The eight days at the end of the month were 13 degrees above normal.

The average high temperature was 35.3 degrees and that is exactly the normal high temperature for January. The average low was 17.5 degrees and that is 0.4 degrees above normal. The mean of 26.4 was 0.2 degrees above normal.

The lowest temperature was minus 2 degrees on January 22, and the highest temperature was a balmy 61 degrees on Jan-

uary 26. That swing in a four-day period is really amazing.

The Super El Nino low pressure systems from the Pacific Ocean really showed up. There were six named storms from January 4 to 24. They included Ember, Finn, Gerri, Heather, Indigo and Jarvis. I have never seen that many storms back to back.

Also some damaging torna-

see Weather pg 8



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Cauliflower Au Gratin

2 1/2 pounds cauliflower florets
 3 Tbsp. butter
 3 Tbsp. flour
 2 cups milk
 1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 Salt and pepper to taste
 3 bay leaves
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 12-inch round baking dish.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the cauliflower florets and cook until just tender, but still firm, 7-8 minutes. Drain well.

Melt butter in a heavy saucepan. Whisk in the flour until well blended and cook until bubbling. Gradually add the milk. Bring to a boil and cook, stirring constantly, until thick.

Remove from heat and stir in

the shredded cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Place the bay leaves on the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Arrange florets on top in an even layer. Pour the cheese sauce evenly over the cauliflower.

Bake until browned, 20-25 minutes. Serves 4.

Turkey Meatloaf

1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
 1 medium onion, diced
 1 bell pepper, Seeded and minced
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1 pound ground turkey
 1 cup fresh bread crumbs
 1 egg, beaten
 12 sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained and chopped
 1/3 cup milk
 1/2 tsp dried rosemary
 1 tsp ground fennel
 1/2 tsp dried oregano
 1/2 tsp salt
 Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Heat oil in skillet. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic and cook over low heat, stirring often.

Remove from heat and let cool. Place ground turkey in a large bowl. Add cooked vegetables and all remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Transfer to an 8 1/2 x 4 1/2-inch loaf pan, packing the mixture town firmly. Bake until golden brown, about one hour. Serves 4.

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ACROSS
 1 Auxiliary professor
 8 Nickname for baseball great Ruth
 15 Cultural value system
 20 High-fashion clothing
 21 Knows someone at the company, say
 22 Reluctant (to)
 23 "Wait, my rant isn't finished..."
 25 Private, as desires
 26 Agnus — (lamb figure)
 27 "Cool beans!"
 30 Look lewdly
 31 2018 war documentary directed by Peter Jackson
 38 Composer — Sebastian Bach
 40 Hamilton/Burr confrontation
 41 Era upon era
 42 Turned down
 43 Stati — (America, in Italian)
 44 Stage design
 47 La — Tar Pits
 49 Gp. opposed to leather
 51 Made a habit of taking nks
 54 Actress Cuthbert
 57 French for "summers"
 58 Bible book after Micah
 59 Dwell at
 61 — Ops (CIA mind games)
 62 Coffee holder
 63 In love
 67 Big name in candy wafers
 68 2011-13 Fran Drescher sitcom
 71 Give it — (try)
 74 Paris' Champs —
 75 Certain scanning device. Abbr.
 76 St. crosses
 79 First book section
 81 Former U.N. chief Boutros Boutros —
 83 Stool or pew
 84 Milk container
 85 Just a tiny bit
 90 Op-ed writer Maureen
 91 Art of Ené
 92 Once existed
 93 Eldritch
 94 Links gp.
 96 Canon camera brand
 98 — part (role-play)
 100 1996-2002 sports sitcom
 101 Song phrase following "See you later, alligator!"
 107 Amazes
 108 Daddy's boy
 109 Prague citizen
 110 Victor's hand gesture
 113 Prefix with type or plasm
 115 What's spelled out by the starts of six answers in this puzzle
 121 Lot units
 122 Countering an attack by missile, e.g.
 123 Pundit
 124 Hockey feints
 125 Fill with more inventory
 126 Like soon-to-be-unveiled tech
 127 Derby drink
 128 "True" (about lo collapse)
 129 Recurring themes
 132 Detests
 133 Author Blyton
 134 Oil, informally
 135 Dweeb's kin
 136 Cassini of 20-Across
 137 Quick quip
 138 Minty Kentucky Derby drink
 139 — last legs (about lo collapse)
 140 Biting turtle
 145 Ordinal suffix
 146 Like so, informally
 148 Correo — (Spanish airmail)
 150 — over (satisfied for the moment)
 152 "Movin' —"
 153 (sitcom) theme song)
 153 Tube prizes
 155 Brand of fruit drinks
 156 Year, in Brazil
 160 Signs up
 162 Multilevel structure for Fluffy
 164 Suffix with chlor- or fluor-
 165 Model Cheryl
 166 "ER" or "CSI"
 168 Get a move on
 169 Lead-in to "So sue me!"
 170 Caesar's 202
 171 N.C. State's NCAA div.
 172 "— Na Na" brand
 173 Toiling away
 176 Fetching
 177 Certain surrealist paintings
 178 Eye maladies
 180 Funds
 182 Sly — fox
 183 Tortoise's top
 186 Calf product
 187 Caesar's "Behold!"
 188 Campus mil. program
 189 Singer Halliwell
 194 Underside of a dog's foot
 195 Liftoff stress
 197 Hebrew horn
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 104 Missouri's — Mountains
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Appalachian Funerals

by Dawn Reed

A funeral in Appalachia is an emotional and wonderful thing. If you've never had the pleasure of attending a mountain farewell celebration, there's much to be appreciated.

Last weekend, the funerals of two of my beloved's cousins were held back home in Belfry. At the first, cousins from several states hugged, laughed and cried as they reminisced. They hadn't been together in years. I watched and listened as they talked at once — making up for lost time.

In the mountains, we take a seat and sit a spell. And we did.

The six offspring from the Scalf clan had been Ernestine, Maxine, Edgar, Willie (Junior), Janice and Frankie. While the elder Scalfs have passed on, their children had gathered to pay their respects to one of their own. Seeing all of them together, I grabbed a pen to take notes. I'd only met a few of them over the years but had heard their names and stories forever. I wanted to get every-one straight.

Ernestine married Kingfish (probably not his real

name). They begat Morgan and Judy. Maxine begat Mickey and Debbie. He is married to Pam, while she is married to Pogo (truly not his realname). Edgar's kids were Dan and Phil. Jr's children were Stan and Susan. Janice had two daughters, Brenda and Leigh Ann. Frankie also had two girls, Karen and Sharon. Karen passed away four years ago; this was Sharon's funeral. See why I took notes?

The next day, a completely different and yet related Bevins clan gathered. The Bevins children were Ethel, Armilda, Craft, Eunice, Glessie and Myrtle. I mention the names of the Scalfs and Bevins because they were good mountain people. Hard workers, honest, kind to their neighbors. This time their descendants had come together to celebrate the homegoing of Geraldine Welch, a beloved retired teacher who had touched many lives.

These weren't actually my people. I wasn't flesh and blood, but was grafted in upon my marriage in 1980. I had unknowingly married them all. They had welcomed me into the fold.

My beloved had the honor of preaching both services.

After telling funny stories, with laughter erupting all around, he shared God's Word. He reminded everyone that death was coming for all of us, ending with the importance of having a relationship with God. That's the game changer.

We headed to the cemetery — both days in the rain. Along the way, cars and trucks pulled to the side of the road to show respect. It's a mountain thing and melts my heart. It hits different when it's your family. The cousins were buried a day and a few feet apart. After each graveside service, a dinner was held for anyone who wanted to come.

When we give our hearts to Jesus, we are grafted in to a humungous family or clan. All sizes, shapes, and ages are connected by the blood of Jesus. There's room for everyone.

The two funerals made me think of how it will be in heaven. I picture us rushing to loved ones we haven't seen in so long. Lots of hugs and catching up. (I'm gonna cry for a second just thinking about hugging my mom.) There will be laughing along with tears. We will see Jesus first and then there will be a big dinner!

Obituaries



Arch Buzzard

Arch Benschel "Ben" Buzzard, 86, of Frost, passed away Friday February 2, 2024.

Born August 26, 1937, in Marlinton, he was a son of

the late June and Viola McCarty Buzzard.

Ben was a heavy equipment operator for Clemetric on the Bath County pumped storage facility, as well as a logger and a farmhand. He enjoyed mowing grass, sitting on his porch, and tending to his garden. Ben was also known as the hat man as his favorite hobby was collecting hats. At last count, he had more than 11,000.

He was preceded in death by his companion, Hilda Sharp; sisters, Jean Boggs, Linda Willington and Mary Lou Waugh; brothers, Joe Buzzard, Dennis Buzzard and Jim Buzzard.

He is survived by a brother, Clark Buzzard, and wife, Deloris, of Frost; sister-in-law, Patty Bussard, of Frost; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at Lantz Funeral Home with Rev. David Rittenhouse officiating.

In keeping with his wishes, the body was cremated, and the ashes will be interred in Mt. Zion Cemetery at Frost.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Marie Cooper

LTC Marie Goodwyn Cooper, US Army (Ret.), 81, of Grovetown, Georgia, entered into rest Sunday, November 26, 2023.

Marie was a native of Marlinton, and the daughter of two educators, Sidney and Lillian Goodwyn.

She went to Hampton University where she earned a BSN in Nursing. After college she proudly served in the United States Army as a nurse for 24 years and was a Vietnam Veteran earning a Bronze star as a combat nurse.

After retiring from the military, she worked at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center for 27 years where she served our nation's veterans as an RN eventually serving as a nurs-

ing supervisor. Marie retired from nursing at the age of 75 after nearly 55 years of service.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, JoAnne Goodwyn. She is survived by Terrill Cooper (Clista) and Charles Cooper II (Jessica); granddaughter: Kennedy Marie Cooper; best friend, Charles Cooper; and other loving family members and friends.

A memorial service was held Thursday, November 30, 2023, at The Sanctuary in Evans, Georgia, with Rev. Bryan Cockrell officiating.

Landfill, from page 2

still only based on a reasonable estimate. It still depends on the actual amount of solid waste being brought into the landfill in the future. If more is brought in than predicted, it could shorten the usable life of the landfill, while less could lengthen its lifespan. Riley also pointed out that there is some dirt in the landfill that can possibly be removed as well as regrading some parts of the landfill, both of which could possibly add more time to the life of the landfill.

There have been discussions and negotiations over the past year about the authority buying the current landfill, which is now leased.

Most of the authority's members felt that it is important to own the land even after the landfill is finished, since they will need to continue to use the site as a possible transfer station, as well as for their tire and other recycling.

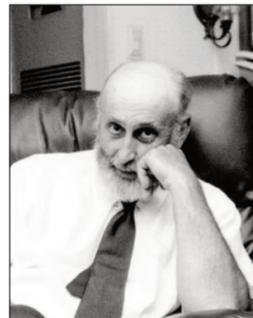
Jacob Meck announced that a survey has been done of the landfill and an actual plat of the site will be ready in a couple of weeks.

In other matters: The financial report showed the authority is meeting its budget estimates

for the fiscal year. With 50 percent of the fiscal year remaining, their income and expenses are at about 49 percent of their budget.

The authority is required by the state to install a new downgradient groundwater monitoring well, but will have to re-advertise this as no certified company responded with a bid.

Approved a requirement that anyone depositing demolition waste at the landfill must produce an asbestos inspection report that certifies there is no asbestos in the rubble. This is required by the West Virginia Department of the Environmental Protection.



Donnie Ellis

Donnie Milburn Ellis, 70, of Renick, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2024, at his home.

Born October 19, 1953, in Marlinton, he was the son of the late Benjamin and Gladys Ellis.

Donnie worked as a logger most of his career. He was known as "Bear Hunter" by his bear hunting crew.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Shelby Lynn Ellis; and a niece, Beverly Sue Ellis.

He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Sharon Ann Lewis Ellis; daughter, Samantha Dawn McCoy (Bobby); brother, Benjamin Harrison (Brenda); sisters, Annabell McMillion and Charlotte Lu-

cille Siers (Melvin); granddaughter, Mya McCoy; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m., Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Morgan Funeral Home Chapel in Lewisburg with Pastor Robert Hefner officiating. Visitation 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Ellis Chapel Cemetery on Brushy Flats.

Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

Council, from page 2

and he then made a motion to proceed with the upgrades. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember and fire department liaison Tom Miller advised the council that the 1987 generator needs to be replaced. The generator is often out of service, and as the firehouse is the center of activity during disasters, a new generator is needed.

There are grants available from Homeland Security, but the town, not the fire department, will have to apply, as the generator is used to furnish power to the whole municipal building.

In other matters, council: reported that all fire hydrants were tested last year, and are good for four years. However, the town would like to get back to doing annual testing.

will meet with representatives from Destination by Design Wednesday, February 14, from 10 a.m. to noon to discuss ideas and concepts for a Streetscapes plan for the town. The meeting will be posted, and the public is invited.

accepted bids from Woodford Oil for heating oil and propane for the coming year.

In the Public Input portion of the meeting, Zed Weatherholt asked for clarification of the three-minute limit during public input. He wanted to know if the time limit also pertains to individuals who have asked to have items placed on the agenda.

The mayor said the three-minute rule only applies to individuals who sign-in and want to express an opinion about an issue on the agenda.

Marlinton resident Wolf Knight wrapped up the evening, expressing his appre-

ciation to the town crew and volunteers who stepped up to help others during the recent snowstorm.

"A lot of people did a lot of good work," he said.

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for being in a relationship where you're holding on to a person because you're scared to let go. It's about these two people who have realized that they would be better off if they were not together. It's about the implosion of a relationship."

Burns said it was a heavy and dramatic subject to film, but is pleased with the final product.

"It was a heavy one to

film, but beautiful nonetheless," she said. "I loved doing it and getting to work with them. I have not worked on an indie set that had such great people working behind it. Of course, Marshall University was super helpful. They were very supportive of us. They gave us props and the space. They were wonderful."

Aquarium was filmed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and Burns said it felt as though the film was a real "art imitates life" situation, knowing that several rela-

tionships around the world crumbled due to being quarantined together for a long period of time.

After filming *Aquarium*, things slowed down a bit, partially due to the SAG-AFTRA strike, but now that the strike is over, Burns hopes to get back to work and in front of the camera again.

During the down time, she had modeling jobs and has been featured several times in *Gladys Magazine*. She has also taken time to write her own screenplays that she

hopes to develop in the future.

"I've got a couple scripts that I'm working on," she said. "The hardest part is just putting it out there. It's a vulnerable process, but it's also very cathartic. I've got a couple horror, supernatural pieces. I don't seem like the type of person, but I love scary movies. I grew up watching them with my dad. I think I've always had a love for them and would really love to write my own — in my own way.

"I've got a very artistic

horror film in mind that I hope to bring to life one day," she added.

While she is honing her craft and developing her own stories, Burns continues to consume media in every form to find inspiration and to expand her horizons.

"I'm always watching things that are making me feel better for watching them," she said. "Whether you're an actor, director or someone in the industry, you're always watching to make yourself better.

"I just watched *Poor*

Things at the theater," she continued. "It's a wild one. It's very experimental and pushing the bar. It's a beautiful film. It's well acted; well shot and good directors. It hit every mark, but it does push the boundaries.

"I think that's what inspires me to do what I'm doing."

Burns is the daughter of Matthew and Patricia Burns, of Lewisburg, and the granddaughter of Nancy Martin, and the late Jim Martin; and Larry and Shelia Burns, all of Marlinton.

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weeks before the playoffs were going to start and I saw an ad for the Make a Wish Foundation that grants wishes for kids with cancer," he said. "I thought, 'I wonder if they do that for adults,' so I just researched it. It came up fairly quickly in a Google search of organizations or non-profits that will help adults with final wishes."

The Dream Foundation was founded in 1994 and in its 30 years of operation, it has granted 35,000 dreams, COE Kisa Heyer said.

With thousands of dreams to process and approve, Heyer said it really does take

a village — organizations like the NFL, hotels and airlines all work with the foundation to make sure applicants get a fully actualized dream.

After learning about the foundation's work, Dean quickly sat down and wrote a letter to the Dream Foundation about his dream to go to the Super Bowl — a dream that wasn't his first choice.

"I really wanted to go to the summer Olympics this year and stay in Paris for a week," he said.

The Dream Foundation doesn't do international travel, so Dean picked his next dream and on February 10, he will fly out of Yeager Airport in Charleston.

Once Heyer, public relations consultant Dani Cordaro and dream coordinator Rebecca Steiger read Dean's

letter, they all knew they wanted to make his dream come true.

Steiger said she swiftly went into action coordinating with the NFL, the airline and a hotel in Las Vegas to make the trip truly memorable.

Although they won't get a chance to meet Dean in person, all three said they were moved by his beautiful letter and were so happy to organize the trip for him.

Dean was granted a four day, three-night trip and was given a chance to take one person with him. He chose his nephew, Ken Garrett, who, Dean is first to admit, is a bigger football fan than he is.

"He won't tell you this, but I will," Dean said of his nephew. "Ken is the type of

person that will bend over backwards to help somebody else — friends or family. But he never asks for anything in return and that was one of the main reasons that I selected him. I knew what a big football fan he was, so he was a natural fit."

At first, Garrett admits he was skeptical about his uncle's invitation.

"My initial thought when John called and told me that we're going to the Super Bowl was that I didn't want to fall for the joke because I'd never live it down," he said laughing. "You have to understand that, in our family, a good joke comes with bragging rights."

Once he realized the invitation was real, Garrett felt honored that Dean selected him.

"It was kind of a surreal moment to realize we're actually going to watch the

Super Bowl in person," he said. "I also realized he could have picked any number of people [to go with him]. Given the magnitude of the event, that was no small gesture on his part. I was both humbled and appreciative that he thought of me."

While neither of their favorite teams is in the Super Bowl — for Dean it's the Cleveland Browns and for Garrett it's the Washington Commanders (Redskins) — they are both excited to see the Kansas City Chiefs take on the San Francisco 49ers in Allegiant Stadium in Paradise, Nevada.

The two will arrive in Las Vegas February 10 and return to Charleston Tuesday, February 13. Other than the big event, the two will have time to enjoy a road trip to the Grand Canyon on Monday.

"Ken has always wanted to go to the Grand Canyon and so have I," Dean said. "We're going to drive over to the Grand Canyon and take in part of that natural beauty."

It will be an interesting trip — going from one of the biggest and loudest events in the country on Sunday with the Super Bowl to going to one of the biggest and quietest National Parks in the country on Monday.

It truly is a dream come true for Dean who has been beyond excited since the Dream Foundation contacted him.

"I am still smiling," he said. "I can't get this smile off my face."

For more information on the Dream Foundation or to apply to get a dream approved, visit dreamfoundation.org

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somewhere in Antarctica, so it would likely exit the planet unobserved.

As it traveled through the Earth, it would meet no barriers, just the empty space between atoms and the empty space within atoms.

You are probably wondering what would happen if a PBH hit you; well, trust me, you don't want to know.

For millennia, Chinese herbalists have used an attractive mushroom called Lion's Mane for improving brain function, particularly

memory. Admittedly, I have often scoffed at such claims, yet it turns out that scientists have isolated a compound that, indeed, proves the Chinese correct.

More in the next episode of *For Your Consideration*, seen only in *The Pocahontas Times*.

Ken Springer

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Many thanks to the illustrious folks at Radiolab.

Citations are available

upon request.

*Some anomalies have been found in Tunguska impact zone soil samples, indicating higher concentrations of certain minerals and compounds associated with asteroid and meteor impacts. But not enough to confirm the cause of the Tunguska Event.

** Most researchers still stand by the asteroid theory, although no definitive evidence exists.

Burma-Shave

A Blast from the Past

Courtesy of the Ruth Friel Estate

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Sakes alive...
Ma missed signs...
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It ain't too late...
He's gone...
To git...
Some widder bait.
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TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. The Civil War brought about the bloodiest single-day battle in American history? What was it?
2. What was the date of the Black Tuesday stock market crash?
3. What was the name of the space shuttle that exploded on re-entry over Texas, killing all seven astronauts aboard?
4. Which band had a Number One hit with "A Whiter Shade Of Pale?"

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Pleasant Green Methodist Church - 2013



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY Month: The Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church was started in 1871. The church building on Seebert Lane near Hillsboro was completed in 1888. The Trustees were C. W. Lee, Richard Lee and George Pryor. The church bell, the black walnut altar rail and the pulpit were given to the church by the Wesley Chapel Southern Methodist Church of Hillsboro. The bell was considered to be “the finest bell with the sweetest sound in this area of West Virginia.” The oil lamps were given by the Presbyterian Church of Seebert. The Pleasant Green Methodist Church and the cemetery located behind it have served the black community for more than a century. This church and the neighboring Pleasant Green School are on the National Register of Historic Places. (Photograph by and courtesy of Ruth Taylor; ID: PHP001188)

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 Prints of photographs are available.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 10, 1949

MEN OF DISTINCTION

Why doesn't the Calvert Company and all of the other distilleries that boast of “men of distinction, who drink their brand of liquor,” publish the picture of Robert McFarland of near Sissonville, who recently came home drunk and shot his own 16 years old son?

On the morning of January 14 about 3 o'clock, in a beer tavern at Olcott, Denver Page shot and killed James Hershel Mooney, and the bullet also seriously wounded Junior Holstein. These were also “men of distinction” who thought it smart to drink alcoholic

liquor.

Wednesday morning, January 12, the Bluefield Daily Telegraph published this item in the upper left-hand corner of page one: “The highway fatality rate was doubled in Mercer county during 1948. Twenty killed, more than half as a result of drunken driving.” Mercer county has a lot of “men of distinction.”

But here we have our “men of distinction” list doubled. Here are two of them. Ralph Newberry and his brother, Sam, are now in jail near Bluefield, for the murder of Ralph's wife, after an all night drinking party.

A news story coming out

of Bellaire, Michigan, recently mentioned three “men of distinction” of whom the beer people ought to be proud. They chased Gerald Lee, a farmer, ten miles, firing ten or more shots at him one of which struck Lee in the back, killing him instantly. The man who did the shooting said, “I didn't mean to hit anybody.” All had been drinking beer.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hammonds, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witt, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Barthel Townsend, a daughter, named Linda Frances.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Workman, a daughter, named Donna Eileen.

DEATHS

Carl G. Beard, aged 66 years, died at his home at Hillsboro Thursday, February 3, 1949. On Saturday afternoon his body was laid to

rest in the McNeel Cemetery. The funeral service was held from the home. . . . Mr. Beard is survived by his two daughters, Misses Martha and Janet Beard. His wife, Mrs. Irene Callison Beard, preceded him within a year.

The deceased was a son of the late Edgar and Lucy McNeel Beard.

Mr. Beard was one of the prominent and best citizens of the Greenbrier Valley. He adhered to the Presbyterian Church, and for years had been an officer of the Old Oak Grove Church.

Lantie G. McClure, aged 59, of Point Pleasant, a native of Pocahontas County and a son of E. S. McClure. . . . He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Madge Ruckman McClure, and daughter, Katherine, of Mill Point. . . . Interment was in Grandview Memorial Park at Dunbar.

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SCHOOLS

Honor Roll, Buckeye School, fifth month. Clara L. Palmer, teacher – Lucille Kennison, Stella McNeil, Ruth Rucker, Beatrice Howard and Ruth Hinkle. Primary room. Carrie Brown, teacher – James Miller, Paul Duncan, Bernard Hinkle, Glenn Rucker and Madeline McNeill.

Honor Roll for Bethel School, fourth month. Mrs. Nelle McNeel, teacher. – Roscoe Dilley, Maynard Dilley, Kermit Dilley, Helen Dilley, Halane Dilley, Wilma Dilley, Addie Hebb and Helen Hebb.

CIRCUIT COURT

A decision has been rendered in the case of the will of the late George P. Moore, at a term recently held in this county by Judge Sharp of the Circuit Court. The court held against the contention of the next of kin deciding that the bequest in the will to the

Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was intended for and belongs to the board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation.

POCAHONTAS

Pocahontas is one of the many Indian names preserved by the English language in the nomenclature relating to the names of place, but it is the only name so preserved, so far as I am informed, in honor of an Indian woman. The social system of the Indian tribes contained no avenue of fame for women. . . . Their custom was of reserving their women for the glory of motherhood, and making that the ultimate aim of every woman's life has much to commend it, being in accord with the teachings of the Bible. Beverly, one of the earliest and most authentic historians of Virginia, says that there was no instance of

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 7, 1924

WOODROW WILSON

Woodrow Wilson, the great President, passed away Sunday morning, February 3, 1924, between eleven and twelve o'clock.

He was a man who had known the greatness of power and place, but his life was one of service to his country, and he bore a stainless reputation. Never a man of strong physical powers, he lived a busy and useful life, and was given strength to round and complete one of the most notable careers ever given a mortal to pursue. Washington, Lincoln and Wilson are outstanding names in the bright history of the American Republic.

TOWN COUNCIL

The new council held its first meeting Monday night. . . . John Waugh was appointed chief of police at a monthly salary of \$125. Frank King was reappointed sergeant at a

monthly salary of \$50 and no commission; and manager of the Light and Water plant at a salary of \$100 a month.

The Council went on record to enforce the building ordinance in the fire district.

All past due water and light bills must be paid by March 10 or the service will be discontinued.

FAVORITE HYMNS

Expressions recently solicited by an Omaha newspaper from people who had favorite hymns resulted in 32,000 replies. Abide With Me led the list with 7,301 votes, and then in their order came Nearer, My God To Thee with 5,490 votes; Lead Kindly Light, 4,161; Rock of Ages, 3,432; Jesus, Lover of My Soul, 2,700; Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty, 1,444; Just As I am Without One Plea, 875; Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me, 487; My Faith looks Up to Thee, 236; and All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, 220.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
February 7, 1974

January Weather

Minimum temperature: 6 degrees on the 13th. Maximum temperature: 63 degrees on the 16th. Average low: 27.6. Rainfall: 6.14 inches. Note: Total of 6.14 inches of precipitation for January 1974 is the highest January precipitation on record for this station, back to 1940. We also had the highest average maximum and minimum temperatures recorded since in the 1940s.

WHOSE WOODS ARE THESE?

A weekly column of Wilderness Lore by the staff of the Woodlands and White-water Institute, Spruce Knob. Where did our Appalachian Mountains come from? How were they formed?

Take a handkerchief from your pocket and flatten it out on a table so that it is square in front of you. Now slide the bottom right hand corner of the handkerchief toward the center. Rows of folds arise in the cloth. This is how our Appalachian Mountains were formed.

180 million years ago, the eastern half of the United States was flat. Then a tremendous pressure came

from the southeast, pushing in on the coast of the U. S. just as you did on the corner of the handkerchief.

Mountains wrinkled up. These mountains were very tall. They stood more than five times as high as they are today – higher even than Mt. Everest. Erosion from water, wind and earthquakes occurred over the following millions of years, wearing down the mountains.

However, at least once since the first dramatic upheaval of 180 million years ago, the Appalachian Mountains have been shaken and thrust up again. So our mountains of today are the combined result of a big, early upthrust, followed by erosion, and then a later, smaller upthrust and finally much more erosion. The Appalachian Mountains extend for 1,200 miles from Newfoundland in Canada to central Alabama. Geologists divide this system into parts: the northern section, from Newfoundland to the Hudson River to the Kanawha River here in West Virginia, and the southern section, from the Kanawha River to central Alabama.

Mount Mitchell in North Carolina is the highest point see 50 pg 10

Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 9, 1899

A BLACK FOX

Last week, Levi Beverage, of Clover Creek, killed a black fox, the first to be secured in this county in many years. It was about the size of a common cat. Its fur is very valuable.

AN UNKNOWN FRIEND

Last week, the prosecuting attorney received a letter signed, “Your Unknown Friend,” which had been mailed at Driscoll. He said, “I will give you the names of some of the game-killers.” Then followed a list of names of well-known citizens of that section, about 20 in all; but he had no suggestions to make in regard to witnesses or how evidence against them might be secured.

THE LIGHTNING ROD

“One of the best evidences of the value of lightning rods up to date has been afforded by the Washington Monument. It is capped by a small, four-sided pyramid of aluminum, which metal, so cheap today, was very costly at the time of the building of the greatest obelisk that the world has ever known. This aluminum tip is connected with the ground by four copper rods which go down deep into the earth. On April 5, 1885, the monument was struck fiercely five times, but it suffered no damage what ever. . . .

The 38th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson, of Marlinton, remember last Sunday, February 5, as the 38th anniversary of their marriage, that auspicious event of their blended lives occurring February 5, 1861.

When this marriage was celebrated, our nation was convulsed with conflicting passions and was on the verge of a terrific war. During the honeymoon, Fort Sumter was bombarded. Virginia passed the ordinance of secession, and President Lincoln issued the first call to arms. Mr. Patterson was among the first to espouse the Southern cause and was in the Stonewall Brigade from start to first in advance and last on retreat.

It was a touching scene to see this worthy couple last Sabbath braving the snow to attend worship as the best way, as they remarked, to remember the day, in honoring that kind Being who has been the guide of their lives.

Dilley's Mill Items

Snow, rain and mud alternately in abundance.

The people in the Hill Country are suffering from severe colds which is very nearly related to la-grippe.

The Mount Zion school, taught by E. B. Moore, closed the 2nd inst. A large number of persons were present to witness the closing

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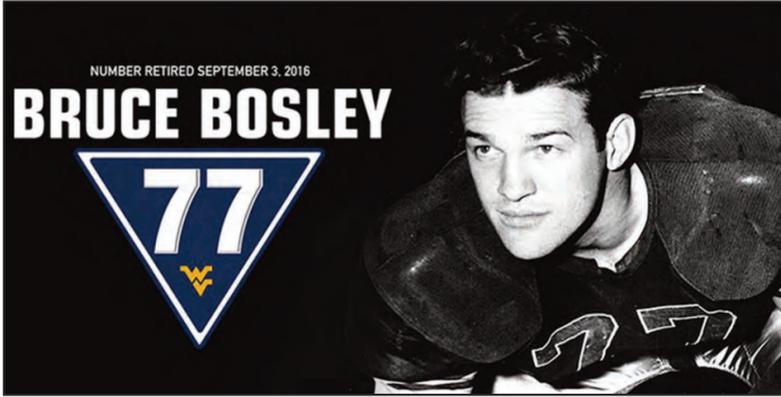
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Bruce Bosley, Pocahontas County's most celebrated athlete



BRUCE BOSLEY WAS a dominant fullback at Green Bank High School back in the day. He went on to have a career with the San Francisco 49ers.

Gibbs Kinderman
Contributing Writer

There's a lot of buzz about the Super Bowl match-up between the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers, and it's almost all about Patrick, Jason and Taylor. But did you know there's a Pocahontas County connection to this Mega Event?

Durbin and Green Bank High School's Bruce Bosley was a member of the 49ers squad in 1957, the year they came within a whisker of making it to the NFL championship game.

They were beaten by three points in the Western Conference championship game by the Detroit Lions, the same team the 49ers beat a couple of weeks ago to make the 2024 Super Bowl.

Ironically, Bruce was born in Fresno, California, but was mostly raised in Pocahontas. He was a dominant fullback at Green Bank.

My father-in-law, Larry, who played for Webster Springs at the same time, tells me he dreaded every time he had to line up against Bosley. Despite his reputation in this part of the state, Bosley only made third team All State, as a fullback. But WVU had a higher opinion of his talents, and gave him a football scholarship. Bruce blossomed in Morgantown, sparking a renewal of the football program along with fellow All-American Sam Huff.

A consensus All American in 1955, the chemical engineering major was also an Academic All American.

Bosley was later honored by selection into the College Football Hall of Fame

Drafted in the second round by the 49ers, he was a starter in his first season at guard, later playing center for many years.

He was All-Pro four times and played in four Pro Bowls in his 13 years with the 49ers.

After his football career ended, Bosley stayed in the Bay Area, went into renovation of historic houses, and was an active civic leader until his death in 1995.

So, friends, if you can take your eyes off Taylor Sunday, raise a glass to Bruce Bosley, all time 49er great, and the most celebrated athlete ever to come out of Pocahontas County.

Unusual, from page 1

mand, and all attempts to cultivate the finicky plant failed. The leek-flavored herb had many uses, including medicinal, but the last known spotting of it was around 60 AD. Two plants listed as critically endangered, spikenard, grown in the Himalayan Mountains, and the Rosewood tree, native to India, are slow-growing and hard to cultivate.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources' Red List, 44,000 species are threatened with extinction, the breakdown is: 41% amphibians, 26% mammals, 34% conifers, 12% birds, 37% sharks and rays, 36% reef corals, 28% selected crustaceans, 21% reptiles, and 70% cycads. Of the 157,190 assessed species in 2023, 28% are recognized as threatened. About 20 species of conifer plants alone have been escalated to 'critically endangered'.

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below ground, keeping the seeds safe during any possible power outages. This vault is supported by countries around the world to help ensure seed diversity in case of any cataclysmic events. On its first anniversary in operation in 2009, the vault accumulated about 400,000 seed samples. These samples came from Ireland, the United States, Canada, Switzerland, Columbia, Syria and Mexico to name a few. As of October 2023, more than 1.2 million distinct crop samples had been amassed in this single location with 100 depositories from 74 different countries. The facility has ample room for storing up to 4.5 million seed samples.

Seed saving is an important step in preserving, not only our food source, but a part of history, as well.

Weather, from page 4

does hit the Southeast U.S. in January. I do not recall of that ever happening.

I am glad to announce that the Bartow Weather Station measured 5.49 inches of precipitation. Normal precipitation for January is 3.33 inches.

That is my third wettest Jan-

uary in 33 years of records. January has the wettest record at 7.50 inches. Also there was 6.01 inches in January 1999.

My records show 21 days of measurable precipitation. This El Nino system should last for awhile. Future precipitation should be bountiful and beautiful.

At Bartow, last year, my records show only 13.6 inches for the whole winter. This Jan-

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an unwed Indian woman before the corruption of the race by contact with the European people. ...

DIED

L. A. Hefner died at his home on Swago Monday afternoon, February 4, 1924. His age was 79 years and nine months. Burial on Wednesday afternoon at the Ruckman graveyard near Millpoint. The services being conducted from the Swago Church. ... He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hefner, his mother before marriage being a Miss Kincaid, of Monroe County.

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exercises, which consisted of declarations, dialogs, music and speeches by the teacher and parties present. It was a very enjoyable occasion. The trustees secured Mr. Moore's promise to teach the school another term.

The Ciceronian Literary Society of Mt. Zion has attracted much attention throughout the Judean hills this winter. The last question discussed was, Resolved: that friendship with treachery is worse in its nature than power with cruelty. The speakers on the affirmative were E. S. Grimes, E. Moore, W. A. G. Sharp and J. A. Reed. Negative: J. W. Grimes, Morgan Grimes and G. S. Weiford. After a hard fought battle of Ciceronian warriors, the verdict was given in favor of the negative.

BUCKEYE

A.W. McNeil says winter is about over, for he did not see his shadow on groundhog day.

Owing to the ill health of Mr. Duncan, he could not help Mr. Dorman to get in his ice, but he expects to be able to help use it next summer.

Sunday morning, the sad news reached here that Mike Myers had been drowned while driving logs on Turkey Creek. He was a favorite among the lumbermen and every one else who knew him. The deceased was 28 years of age. He was a hard-working, upright man who held the respect of all who knew him. He was an experienced lumber-

man, and was doing well financially. He came from Calhoun County, and a few years since married Miss Lucy Armstrong, of Buckeye, who survives him with two small children. It is a very sad affair. The remains were brought home to be interred in the Buckley cemetery. It was necessary to go by Addison, and the distance traveled in a wagon, through a deep snow over high mountains was 81 miles.

DIED

January 29, 1899, at her home at the head of Stony Creek, Mrs. Martha Taylor, wife of A. N. Taylor and eldest daughter of the late Rev. James E. Moore. She would have been 55 years old on the day of her burial, January 31.

January 27, at her home near Marlinton, Ella M. Gilmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gilmer, aged nine years, three months, and nine days. She had been afflicted all her life, but had an intense desire to learn and would attend school and compete for the prizes at all risks. She was at school two days during the week she was stricken and died.

Wednesday, January 25, Mrs. Anne Revercomb died at her home in Bath county, very near Windy Cove, aged about 55 years. She was the wife of Charles Revercomb, Esq., the noted sheriff of Bath county, and daughter of the late Squire John Cleek of Cleek's Mills, and has quite a number of relatives in our county.

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in the Appalachians at 6,684 feet. It is 1,822 feet higher than Spruce Knob, the highest point in West Virginia, the place from where we write this column.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray Smith, of Huntersville, a son, named David Gray.

DEATHS

Mrs. Dolly deKraft Richardson, died in Denmar State Hospital February 5, 1974, just six days short of

her 100th birthday. She was a registered nurse and a native of Amelia Courthouse, Virginia. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. W. deKraft. Burial at Amelia.

John William (Buck) Deputy, 44, of Dunmore; a native of Dilley's Mill. He was a logger and a member of the Dunmore Methodist Church. Funeral service was held in the Dunmore United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Lawrence Ledford Dilley, 71, of near Covington, Virginia; born at Dunmore,

and Mrs. Fannie Cameron Beard Callison. Funeral service was held from the Oak Hill Methodist Church, with interment in the Highlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Mary Virginia Wagner, age 72 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Taylor, at Dunmore. She was the widow of the late Edward C. Wagner, of Akron, Ohio. Her body was laid to rest in the Wesley Chapel Cemetery, the funeral being conducted by Rev. Quade Arbogast.

Howard Bussard, aged 76 years, of Dunmore, the son of the late Arminius and Frances Kelly Bussard. The funeral was conducted from the New Hope Church with burial in the family cemetery.

Rev. Bradley Johnson was born in Waterberry, Maryland, the son of the

son of the late Christopher and Daisy Sharp Dilley. Funeral was held from the chapel of the Arritt Funeral home. Interment was in Alleghany Memorial Park.

Ralph Neal Warwick, 69, of Shenango, Pennsylvania. Born at Green Bank, a son of the late Jesse Lee and Caroline Cleek Warwick. Funeral and burial in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Grace Price Gwin, of White Sulphur Springs, Montana. She was a daughter of the late Samuel Price and Caroline McClure Price, early residents of Marlinton.

late William Henry and Mary Ellen Johnson. He was ordained in the Washington Conference in 1905 and accepted his first charge at Falls Church, Virginia. ... His funeral service was conducted from the Pleasant Green Church of Seebert; and his body was laid to rest in the Pleasant Green cemetery.

The Seebert Charge sustains a great loss in the passing of this faithful friend and brother.

COMING HOME

The funeral service for Private First Class Gordon O. Bryant will be held at the Marlinton Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon with burial in Mt. View Cemetery. This young soldier was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bryant, of Buckeye. He was killed at Barre, France, November 28, 1944. He was a member of the 48th Tank Division.

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024.
Claim Deadline: Monday, April 1, 2024

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ESTATE OF: **MARIA ANN REED**
ADMINISTRATOR: Jason Reed
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14597
ESTATE OF: **ROGER BIGGS**
EXECUTOR: Thomas Barb
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 26, 2024.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
2/1/2c

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Jason Bucklee Brock
1592 Kyle Beard Road
Hillsboro, WV 24946, Plaintiff
v.
Christian Haney, Defendant
Civil Action No. 23-M38C-00165

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain judgment against the Defendant, Christian Haney.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the Defendant was not served, either personally or by way of service upon an appropriate family member, after service was twice attempted by the Sheriff of the county in which the Defendant resides or is located.

It is ordered that Christian Haney serve upon Magistrate Jennifer M. Dunz, 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before one (1) month after the date of the first publication, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against Christian Haney at any time thereafter.

A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court January 26, 2024.
Courtney R. Gainer
Magistrate Court Clerk
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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.

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\$ 136.85

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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
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G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
Delinquent and Non-entered Lands of
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2022-C-000028-POCAHONTAS COUNTY-DAVID J. CAIN

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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

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POCAHONTAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION
The Pocahontas County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission will conduct competitive examination testing for **entry level Deputy Sheriff position(s)**.
The written test will be given at the Pocahontas County Courthouse Monday, March 4, 2024, at 2 p.m.
Applicants must be citizens of the United States and be between age 18 and 45. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. Successful applicants shall become a resident of Pocahontas County within (6) months of their hire date.
Deputy Sheriffs are full-time benefited positions, including retirement, medical insurance, vacation and sick leave. **Initial annual uncertified officer salary is \$40,000, increased to \$42,500 upon completion of Academy and increased to \$45,000 after twelve (12) months of Academy Certification. West Virginia Certified Officers in good standing start at \$42,500 and increase to \$45,000 upon completion of a 12-month probationary period.**
Applications may be obtained from the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office or the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office.
Applications must be received by the County Clerk's Office no later than the close of business Thursday, February 15, 2024.
The applications may be dropped off or mailed to 900C Tenth Avenue Marlinton WV 24954.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Pocahontas County Commission is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Pocahontas Memorial Hospital - HVAC Replacement
Sealed bids will be received by the Pocahontas County Commission, County of Pocahontas, West Virginia, at the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, 150 Duncan Rd, Buckeye, West Virginia, 24924 until the **bid time and date of March 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** local time, at which time, all sealed bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital - HVAC and Roof Replacement project.
The Project includes the following Work:
Replacement of the existing HVAC Units and associated work for this project. Bids should be based on in-kind equipment for this project.
This CDBG-CV Block Grant project is to be financed in part by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the West Virginia Development Office and will be referred to as Pocahontas Memorial Hospital - HVAC Replacement.
Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.
Bid award will be based on the base bid sum only.
Bids shall be submitted on the furnished Bid Forms. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated on the Bid Form. The bids shall be submitted using the two (2) envelope system. Envelope #1 will contain the required bid documents. Envelope #2 will contain only the Bid Form and bid schedule.
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:
Becker Morgan Group, Inc.
312 West Main Street, Suite 300, Salisbury Maryland 21801
Project Manager: Brenden Frederick, AIA,
Office: (410) 546-9100
Email: bfrederick@beckermorgan.com
Bidding Documents
Online Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain access on or after January 2024, by contacting Architect, Becker Morgan Group, Inc. - Brenden D. Frederick, AIA, LEED AP by email, bfrederick@beckermorgan.com. Online access will be provided to prime bidders only.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Pre-bid Conference
A Pre-bid meeting for all bidders will be held at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital - Board Room on February 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., local time. Prospective prime bidders are required to attend.
Bidder Requirements
Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.
Bidders must comply with the requirements for Affirmative Action and Minority Business Enterprises participation as described in the Federal Specifications insert to the Contract Documents. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act, and the Drug-Free Workplace Provisions pursuant to West Virginia Code § 21-1D-5.
Contractors are required to comply with all laws pertaining to the federal wage rates issued in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act.
All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee Bond payable to the Owner for five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid or a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Letter of Credit in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Bid.
The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
No Bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the time of the opening of the Bids.
All bidders are required to have a West Virginia contractor's license per Section 21-11-11 of the West Virginia Code. A Contractor's License Number is to be included in the bid submission.
DBE Requirements
Each Bidder must fully Comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and Affirmative Action Requirements, as identified in the contract documents. The Bidder agrees to make "positive efforts" to subcontract a portion of the total value of the contract to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) affirmative steps as outlined in 40 CFR 33.240. Failure to demonstrate positive efforts to do so may lead to rejection of bids. For this program, the term "subcontract" includes all construction, modification, and service work contracted for by the bidder in the execution of the work under this contract.
Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 5-22-2, requirements stated in the advertisement for bids and the bid form may not be waived by any public entity.
Pocahontas County Commission
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WAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The Pocahontas County Board of Education, Buckeye, West Virginia, invites proposals for Wide Area Network for Pocahontas County Schools.
Proposals must comply with the Universal School and Library Program of the Universal Service Fund, or E-Rate requirements. The scope of service, submission requirements and the basis for the award is contained in the request for proposal. No proposal may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for at least ninety (90) days.
No responses will be accepted after the posted closing time. Other requirements are detailed in the RFP.
Proposals will be publicly opened Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Pocahontas County Board of Education Office, 404 Old Buckeye Road, Buckeye, WV 24934.
Proposals may be obtained by contacting Julie Shiflet at 304-799-4505 Ext. 2223.
Pocahontas County Board of Education
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF MARLINTON APPLICATION UNDER MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM
Notice is hereby given by the Town of Marlinton, West Virginia, that the Town Council will hold a **public hearing Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Marlinton Municipal Building Auditorium, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia for the purpose of providing members of the public an opportunity to speak either in favor of, or in opposition to, the proposed Town of Marlinton Application and Plan to participate in the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Program pursuant to West Virginia Code §8-1-5a.**
The comments provided by members of the public will be considered by the Town in the completion of the Town's Application and Plan. **A copy of the Application and Plan is on file at the Town Hall Office, Marlinton Municipal Building, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia and is available for review by members of the public Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or online at https://townofmarlintonwv.com/alerts-announcements/**
The first reading of the ordinance approving the Town of Marlinton's Application and Plan to participate in the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Program is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marlinton Municipal Building Auditorium, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia.
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speedy trial as the State related that the matter is not ready for trial and may be moving toward an agreement. Tinchler was indicted on one count malicious assault; one count, attempted murder; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Steven Good, 31, of Durbin, admitted to violating the terms and conditions of his probation and his attorney asked for disposition to be home confinement. The State objected and the court declined the motion for home incarceration. Good was sanctioned by confinement in the regional jail from Jan-

uary 31 to February 5, and his probation is extended for six months. Good was remanded to custody.

Kristie Dawn Moore, 34, of Marlinton, waived her right to a speedy trial and defense counsel advised the court that a plea negotiation is anticipated. Moore was indicted on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling; one count, conspiracy to commit a felony; one count, petit larceny.

A pre-trial status hearing was held in the case the State vs Wendell Edward Johnson, 55, of Cass, wherein defense counsel asked for a competency

psychological evaluation for the defendant. Johnson waived his right to a speedy trial, and the matter is set for a competency hearing March 28. Johnson was indicted on one count, wanton endangerment involving a firearm; one count, obstructing an officer.

Defense counsel for Jeremy D. Moore, 38, of Marlinton, advised the court that the matter may be negotiated. Moore waived his right to a speedy trial and the matter is set for a status hearing April 18. Moore was indicted on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling; one count, conspiracy to commit a felony; one count, petit larceny.

School Menu

February 12 – 16

Monday: Chicken biscuit, fruit. Cheeseburger, sweet potato fries, California Blend vegetables, fruit.

Tuesday: Pancakes, fruit. Pulled pork sandwich, cole-

slaw, sweet potato fries, green beans, fruit cup.

Wednesday: Smoothie/Granola, fruit. Pepperoni roll, garden salad, Italian vegetable blend, cookie, fruit.

Thursday: Oatmeal muffin,

fruit. Chicken potpie, biscuit, mixed vegetables, frozen fruit cup.

Friday: Sausage/egg/cheese wrap, fruit. Philly Cheese Steak, roasted potatoes, vegetarian Beans, fruit.

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10:45 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale – Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

Campbelltown Church, Marlinton – Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.

Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219 – Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Edray United Church – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 5 p.m. Evangelistic Service Sundays, February 11 and 25, 4 p.m.

Marlinton Church of Christ, Lakeview – Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m. and 6 pm. Wednesday Bible Study 7

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6618 – Huntersville. 3BR/2BA ranch home on 2.10 semi-private acres. Close to Greenbrier River and Trail, Knapps Creek, Watoga and Seneca State parks, Snowshoe and national forest. – \$129,000

6325 – Rainelle. 92 acres of woodland with some timber. The property is located at the end of a peaceful farm valley and backs up against the Meadow River Wildlife Management Area. – \$255,000

6200 – Mill Point. 105 +/- acres bordering Rt. 39 and just steps from huge section of national forest. Nice mountain views. Near Cranberry Glades and the Highland Scenic Highway. – \$235,000

5175 – Beaver Creek. 2.03 level to rolling acres of woodland. Lot 4. Nice building sites. Near Watoga State Park, Greenbrier River and Trail and Knapps Creek. Seller wants offers. – \$24,000

6578 – Hillsboro/Mill Point. Lot B8. Lovely 3.3 wooded acres close to national forest, Highland Scenic Highway, Summit Lake, Cranberry Glades, Williams and Cherry rivers. – \$17,000

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

6540 – Dunmore. 2BR/1BA cottage on 2.02 acres in a small community. Near Seneca State Forest and Lake, national forest, Cass Scenic Railroad, Greenbrier River and Trail. – \$83,500

6340 – Mill Point. 8.79 acres of mountain woodland. Home site offers excellent views. Electric, phone and septic in place. Close to the Cranberry Wilderness, rivers and national forest. – \$49,900

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

6297 – Snowshoe. 2.30 wooded acres in Sunset Mountain, a protected community. Building site and potential views. – \$7,500

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

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