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# Learning a sweet lesson at HES

**Suzanne Stewart**  
Staff Writer

If there’s one thing that there is no shortage of in Pocahontas County, it’s trees – especially maple trees. For centuries, it’s been a tradition to tap maple trees in the spring to make delicious maple syrup.

Maple syrup has become such a large part of the farming industry in West Virginia that, in 2017, Mountain State Maple Days was founded and during one weekend in February and one in March, the state becomes a haven for maple lovers. Sugar shacks open up for tours and local restaurants have special maple inspired menus.

This year, the Future Generations Appalachian Program got into the maple game with Maple in the Schools. Hillsboro Elementary School was selected as one of the schools to participate in the pilot program.

Future Generations community education associate

Casey Withers has worked with HES to implement the program and provide hands-on learning to the students.

“I was able to go to the school February 7,” he said. “We had ten taps and ten buckets. We identified some maple trees on the property and each class was able to come out and put some taps in. They were able to drill their tap hole and put in the tap.”

All students – kindergarten through fifth grade – participated in collecting sap and closely monitored the buckets.

The sap flowed swiftly and it wasn’t long before the school needed help with containers for the sweet water. Luckily, Hillsboro Maple Works is near by and was happy to help.

“Whenever we tapped, it was really good sap flow weather and they were collecting it so fast that they were scurrying a little bit, trying to figure out what to do with everything,” Withers



**HILLSBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** students took a field trip to Hillsboro Maple Works March 5 where owner and operator Trevor Swan, right, showed the students the process of making maple syrup – from collecting sap from the trees to boiling it down into the sweet dark liquid. *Photo courtesy of Casey Withers*

said. “I had given them some white five gallon buckets to collect it in, but they had already filled those up within the first few days, so Trevor [Swan] from Hillsboro Maple Works, was able to get them a big barrel for their sap.”

As Swan made his rounds to collect sap from his own trees, he would swing by the school to do the same there. On March 5, the students got to experience the next step in maple syrup production with a tour of the Hillsboro Maple Works facility. Swan led the students on the tour and at the end, gifted them and their teachers with mini bottles of a special batch of syrup.

“He used their sap to make maple syrup and on the field trip, he had little mini bottles

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**THE RIVERTOWN CAFÉ**, on the first floor of the former C.J. Richardson Hardware building in Marlinton, is home to a delicious and simple menu that features locally sourced ingredients. Above, co-owner and chef Aaron Davis takes his place behind the counter, ready to serve his customers. *S. Stewart photo*

## Rivertown Café – a cozy eatery in a historic location

**Suzanne Stewart**  
Staff Writer

When thinking about new uses for an old hardware store, not many would think of a café, but when it comes to the Rivertown Café on the first floor of the former C.J. Richardson building, it works.

The vast entrance to the café is still surrounded by the original shelves and bins that

once held a variety of nails, screws, nuts, bolts and other hardware supplies. But there is now the addition of a small stage, tables, couches, fireplace and free library that directs diners to the back of the building where the small café counter and kitchen await.

The café is owned and operated by husband and wife team Aaron Davis and Nicole Schwarz. The couple lived in and around Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for many years and moved to Marlinton when Schwarz got a job with the U.S. Forest Service.

Davis said they both have extensive backgrounds in the restaurant field. Ever since he could, he has worked in kitchens and they both were night bakers for Panera Bread for 13 years prior to their move to Pocahontas County.

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## Restoration underway



**HUNTERSVILLE HISTORICAL TRADITIONS** is pleased to announce that work has begun on the restoration of the “Old Clerk’s Office” in Huntersville. The building is the last remnant of the original Pocahontas County Courthouse, built in the 1840s. With the assistance of the Pocahontas County Commission, the West Virginia Department of Culture and History, representatives of our senatorial district and many local donations, HHT has been able to fund the historic restoration and looks forward to its completion this summer. Pictured is HHT President Tim Wade. *L.D. Bennett photo*

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# ARC Broadband Project getting closer to construction

Tim Walker  
AMR Reporter

At the March 14 meeting of the Pocahontas County Broadband Council, Cory Nipper, of Thompson and Litton (T&L), was asked where the Appalachian Regional Commission’s (ARC) Broadband Project currently stands. Nipper reported that the “Make Ready” pole agreements which will allow fiber to be installed on the First Energy poles needed by the project are about a week away from being signed. He said once that is done, Citynet can move on to reaching similar agreements regarding the 38 Frontier poles that will also be needed for the project. Citynet is negotiating with Frontier about those. Nipper said once all pole agreements have been finalized, the project will be submitted to the DOH and when approved by them, they can begin the bidding process for the full construction. Nipper summed it up this way: “We’re getting real close to the finish line.” Amy Truesdale added that the project is actually moving along faster than expected, although it will still

take 90 days after the pole agreements are signed and paid for before the utilities make their poles ready to receive fiber. Regarding the National Telecommunication and Information Administration’s Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program broadband funding, Mike Holstine said the deadline for applying for these funds is in late July. He said the purpose of BEAD is to ensure all areas get broadband. Holstine said that despite BEAD not being allowed to provide broadband service in Frontier’s awarded RDOF areas of the county, there are still some places that remain open to BEAD, and, also, BEAD fiber lines are allowed to pass through those RDOF restricted areas to reach other open areas. Sarah Riley said she has been informed that the White House has been made aware of our problem with these Frontier RDOF closed areas. Holstine said BEAD grants seem to be designed to be mostly applied for by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) rather than by community or government organizations because of the 30% local funding match that BEAD

requires. Amy Truesdale said she is worried that ISPs will only apply for BEAD funding in those areas that will be profitable for them to operate in. Holstine said that because of the work by the State Broadband Council, West Virginia was the third state in the country to complete and submit the two required submissions for BEAD funding, which should give West Virginia some priority in receiving that funding. Regarding the West Virginia “State Line Extension Advancement and Development” (LEAD) program funding, it was pointed out that Pocahontas County already has two approved LEAD projects funded: 1. Citynet’s LEAD project which will bring broadband south from Valley Head to Marlinton. 2. Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone’s LEAD project, which will cover areas in Northern Pocahontas County, including Durbin, Green Bank and Arbovale. It was also reported that the FCC is ending its Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) after April. That

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# Moore charged with first degree murder

Jaynell Graham  
Editor

According to a criminal complaint filed March 17, 2024 in Pocahontas County Magistrate Court, Sr. Trooper J. A. Petete, of the West Virginia State Police – Marlinton Detachment, responded to a 911 call concerning a reported DOA in Arbovale early Sunday morning. Arriving at the address on Green Bank Road, the officer found Monica Jo Moore “lying upside down in the fetal position in the passenger seat of a 2021 Jeep Cherokee.” The vehicle had a temporary Virginia registration tag.

Family members at the scene advised the officer that Randall “Joel” Moore showed up at the Green Bank address at approximately 6 a.m. and was covered in blood. Moore told family members that Monica Moore was dead, and he needed help “cleaning up stuff.” The officer observed multiple blood splatter patterns inside the vehicle and also observed that Randall Moore had visible wounds to both hands. EMS personnel and the county coroner arrived on the scene and confirmed that Monica Moore was deceased. A search warrant was ob-

tained to allow access to the residence where the officer found several pieces of broken glass and recovered a gallon-size glass jug. The broken glass appeared to be consistent with the facial injuries sustained by the victim as well as the injuries to Randall Moore’s hand. The complaint identifies the victim, Monica Moore, as Randall Moore’s wife. Moore was arraigned Monday morning in Magistrate Court. He has been charged with first degree murder and is being held, without bond, in the Tygart Valley Regional Jail. The investigation into this matter continues.

# Forest service plans prescribed burns

Monongahela National Forest plans to conduct prescribed burns on 3,667 acres in Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Tucker counties from March through June, weather permitting. The purposes of these treatments are to re-establish fire’s natural role in the forest ecosystem, improve forest health and wildlife habitat and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires. Project areas planned for prescribed burns include: • Guinn Ridge – 1,462 acres (Pocahontas County) • Ramshorn Ridge – 1,005 acres (Pocahontas County) • Upper Greenbrier North – 514 acres (Pocahontas County) • Lake Sherwood Piles and Dam – 5 acres (Greenbrier County) • Meadow Creek Units 1 and 2 – 243 acres (Greenbrier County) • Rucker Gap – 384 acres (Greenbrier County) • Nursery Bottom – 54 acres (Tucker County) Each burn area will be

closed to the public on the day of the burn, and may be closed for several days after, to ensure public safety. Signs will be posted on roads near all prescribed burn areas before and during burning. Residents and Forest visitors may see and smell smoke for several days. If you encounter smoke on the highway, slow down, turn on your vehicle’s lights and drive appropriately for the conditions. Prescribed burns are conducted under specific weather conditions and are designed to accomplish pre-de-

termined forest management goals. Monongahela National Forest follows strict guidelines for conducting prescribed burns, and takes into consideration environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, smoke dispersion and wind. If any environmental conditions are not within limits, the burn will be postponed. Local radio stations will be alerted to burn activities ahead of time. When burning begins, information, photos, and maps will be available at https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/

# BOE honors Lady Warriors, spelling bee winners

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

The Pocahontas County Board of Education office was filled with a celebratory glee during the March 12 board meeting. Superintendent Lynne Bostic introduced and recognized the Pocahontas County High School Lady Warriors basketball team and coaches, as well as the County Spelling Bee winners. The Lady Warriors made it to the state playoffs – the first time in four years – as the #8 ranked team, and put up a hard fight against the #1 ranked Cameron High School Dragons. Although the Lady Warriors fell to the Dragons, they still deserved recognition for a well-played season. The team was joined by coaches Mike Kane, Tim McClung and Shannon Arbogast. Coach Chloe Schaffner was not in attendance. Bostic also announced the winners of the County Spelling Bee – first place,

Ethan Jones, of Green Bank Elementary-Middle School and second place, Bailey Goodwin, of Marlinton Elementary School. During her report, Bostic shared the news that Governor Jim Justice directed the West Virginia School Building Authority to approve all the Needs applications that were submitted and denied last year. This included the Pocahontas County application for PCHS, to replace the gym floor and for electrical upgrades. Bostic explained that the funding will be used to re-finish the gym floor instead of replacing it, as well as make electrical upgrades. The Lady Warriors coaches were still in attendance during this discussion and all implored the board to consider going ahead with plans to replace the floor due to its age and wear and tear. The coaches said there are several dead spots in the floor that, if landed on incorrectly, could cause a student to injure themselves. Bostic said the evaluation of

the gym floor did not include information about this issue, but said it would be looked into further. In financial management, the board approved payment of vendor listing, payment of local government purchasing card, employee payroll, extra duty pay, grant awards and budget adjustments. In miscellaneous management, the board approved: • Crist Consulting to provide support, technical assistance, and coaching to High School Career Technical Education (CTE) instructors and administrators for an additional five days. • Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Pocahontas County Board of Education and the Pocahontas County Extension Service Committee. • Sample Plan Document Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan. • Facility Analysis, Planning and Architectural and Engineering Services with

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# AG questions FBI’s DEI hiring practices

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is questioning the FBI’s recruitment, hiring and promotion practices, suggesting they present serious issues that may violate the nation’s non-discrimination laws. The Attorney General penned a letter to the FBI’s associate deputy director on Monday, taking issue with how the organization, tasked with investigating federal crimes and threats to national security, has placed the Biden administration’s diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) requirements on top. This priority threatens to degrade the core values behind the Bureau’s recruitment, hiring and promotions efforts. “Let me be clear: however you look at it, discrimination is wrong and has no place in our society. Race-conscious recruitment, hiring and promotion practices in the FBI only foster division and stereotypes,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “The FBI is the country’s top law enforcer, but it is no longer recruiting for the best and the brightest—recent revelations suggest the organization is abandoning its core principle of attracting the most-qualified candidates and instead hiring and advancing employees based on gender/sexual orientation and race.” In the letter, the Attorney General described those practices as “outright racial

balancing,” noting that the FBI has made diversity “an FBI core value.” A couple months ago, many anonymous FBI whistleblowers filed a report with the House Judiciary Committee titled “Report on Alarming Trends in FBI Special Agent Recruitment and Selection.” The conclusion of that report indicated a number of “lower-quality candidates” rejected by other agencies are being recruited by the FBI to abide by Biden’s DEI push. In the letter, the Attorney General posed a number of questions he requested the FBI to answer no later than April 18. “I write in the hope that you can provide answers to

real questions that the Bureau’s actions have generated,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “West Virginians—and the American people—deserve to know whether their government is following the laws it purports to enforce.” “.... Obviously a genuinely diverse workforce is desirable and valuable for many reasons. But the Bureau can’t build a diverse organization by targeting protected traits like race or sex,” the Attorney General continued. “Thousands of FBI employees and contractors live and work in West Virginia, and the policies the FBI uses to hire them directly affect this State and its residents.”

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The deadline for submission through the State Arts Office's online grants portal, GOapply, is Monday, April 1, at 11:59 p.m. A description of each available grant is listed below.

**Arts in Education** – Arts Exposure Projects grant provides support for schools and nonprofit organizations, as well as individual artists and artist collectives, to present professional performing, literary and visual artists to students in grades K-12.

**Arts in Education** – School-Based and Out-of-School-Based Projects grant provides support to schools and nonprofit organizations for curriculum-based, hands-on projects that involve K-12 students and teachers in the arts during daily instruction or outside of regular school hours.

**Community Arts Project** Support grant provides support for nonprofit organizations and local governments to provide arts programming in all disciplines to the public. Categories include presenting artists, performing artists, visual arts, media arts and folk and traditional arts.

**Creative Aging for Lifelong Learning** grant provides support for individual artists, schools, local governments, and nonprofit organizations to carry out projects that teach a new skill in the arts to a group of adults.

**Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources** grant provides support for building and renovation projects at arts facilities and history museums.

**Living Traditions: Folk Art** – Project Support for Artists grant provides support for individual artists to improve their skills in an area specifically related to folk and traditional arts.

**Living Traditions: Folk Arts** – Organizations grant provides support to schools, governments, and nonprofit organizations to host workshops, activities or training in the folk and traditional arts.

**Professional Development for Artists** grant provides support for individual artists to expand or improve their work or share their expertise with others.

**Public Art – September 11 Day of Service** grant provides support for visual two- and three-dimensional public art projects that honor local veterans, engage community

volunteers, and are celebrated on September 11, 2024. Funding for this program is provided by Volunteer West Virginia.

**STEAM Power WV** grant provides support to schools and non-profit organizations for projects that integrate the arts with STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines for K-12 students. Funding for this program is provided by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

**Youth Engagement through Public Art** grant provides support to schools, local governments, and 501(c)3 organizations for public art projects that engage local youth in the planning and/or implementation of the project.

Access to the grants portal GOapply and sample grant applications, including eligible project expenses and evaluation criteria, are available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>. Contact the State Arts Office staff at 304-558-0240 with any questions.



NASHVILLE GROUP WILLIAMS Branch will headline this year's 22nd Annual Bath Bluegrass Jamboree, Saturday, April 13.

## Bath Bluegrass Jamboree

Allegheny Mountain Radio has announced the 22nd Annual Bath Bluegrass Jamboree, set to take place Saturday, April 13, 6 p.m. at Bath County High School. This year's Jamboree promises to be a celebration of bluegrass music and Appalachian culture like never before.

The Bath Bluegrass Jamboree has long been a highlight for music enthusiasts and families alike, drawing crowds from near and far to revel in the soulful melodies and foot-stomping rhythms of bluegrass. From seasoned veterans to emerging talents, the lineup for the 2024 Jamboree is set to showcase the best of the genre, with performances that will captivate audiences of all ages.

This year's Jamboree will

be headlined by Nashville recording group Williamson Branch.

Southern Rail Express will kick off the Jamboree with a great set of original music and covers. Led by Allegheny Mountain Radio's own DJ Willie, Southern Rail Express has been the premier Bluegrass Band in the Allegheny Highlands for over a decade and has performed throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Ruckus Bluegrass Band out of Lexington, Virginia, has been lighting up stages throughout the Shenandoah Valley and Blue Ridge Mountains. Their sound is a mix of traditional and contemporary Bluegrass. They have grown their following on the strength of great live performances.

In addition to the live per-

formances, the Jamboree will also have drawings for gift baskets, a 50-50 drawing, concessions and opportunities to connect with fellow bluegrass enthusiasts. Whether you're a die-hard fan or new to the genre, there's something for everyone at the 22nd Annual Bath Bluegrass Jamboree.

Tickets for the Jamboree are \$15 for adults, \$5 for ages 13-18 and free for kids 12 and younger. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite or at the door on the day of the Jamboree. Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of Appalachia's rich musical heritage in a setting that's as warm and welcoming as the music itself.

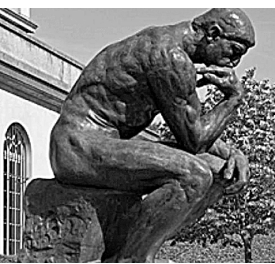
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Letters to the Editor

To the members of the Pocahontas County Board of Education,

Good morning. My name is Gabriel Walkup. I am a graduate of Pocahontas County High School, Class of 2013. I am sure many of you know of my family, a total of nine siblings that graduated from PCHS between 2000 and 2013. I am writing in regards to some news I heard from a classmate regarding potential cuts to the STEM program at the high school, a decision that would grieve me greatly.

My time at PCHS was extremely formative for me as a teenager and shaped who I am today, especially in the STEM department. It was there that I developed a passion for chemistry. I went on to earn a BS in Chemistry from WVU after receiving two undergraduate awards in Analytical Chemistry(ACS Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry, 2016 and the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh Award, 2017). I have worked for over 6 years in the Greater Philadelphia Area serving the finished lubricants industry. I am a co-inventor on a patent and have worked my way up to Lab Manager for the Americas region. I will be moving jobs soon, still to work as a lab manager. If it wasn't for the education I received in the PCHS STEM department, I would have never known a love for Chemistry. Investment in STEM classes is absolutely necessary for the future of the county's students. Even if a student does not directly study Chemistry or Engineering, other fields

benefit immensely from their time in STEM courses.

My family has also highly benefited from PCHS' STEM department. My oldest sister, Jessica, is a Nurse Anesthetist, a field very heavy in Chemistry. My sister Laura is a geologist with the USGS in Menlo Park, CA specializing in volcanic glass geochemistry and tephra correlation in the tephrochronology lab. My brother Jed has a BS in Chemistry from WVU. My sister Melody has her doctorate in Physical Therapy. None of these previous students of PCHS would be as successful and accomplished if it weren't for the education they received at PCHS, especially in STEM.

I recognize that funding is short. But it seems a cruel future when students are not offered the proper tools and support they need to succeed, as all of us were. Please consider our stories, and the stories of so many other Alumni, as decisions are made, and consider how those may affect the future generations of alumni coming from PCHS.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Warm Regards,  
Gabriel Walkup

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing in concern to a matter of great concern regarding the potential elimination of Science/Math positions at Pocahontas County High School. Upon learning of this possibility, I was deeply troubled. As someone who has dedicated herself to promoting STEM education, including co-creating and serving on the board of the

Empower Appalachia Foundation, which provides STEM scholarships to PCHS students, I cannot overstate the importance of investing in our youth's future.

As many of you may know, I am a product of Pocahontas County - raised by a father, Fredric Gardner, who worked as a logger, and a mother, Cynthia Gurreri, who is actively involved in our community's arts scene. It was the teachers at PCHS who recognized my aptitude for numbers and nurtured it, ultimately leading me to pursue a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. Today, I am proud to say that I am a successful project engineer in the energy industry, all thanks to the foundation laid by my STEM teachers during my high school years.

A decade after graduating, I joined a group of like-minded individuals in founding an organization committed to empowering our youth to dream and succeed. It is essential for the future prosperity of our county that the STEM department at PCHS remains intact. These educators possess the ability to shape our country's future leaders, provided they receive the necessary support and resources.

I am cognizant of the changes in leadership since my time as a student, and I understand that there may be individuals who need a reminder of the tremendous impact the STEM department has had on former Pocahontas County students.

Allow me to expand on this with a recent experience. At the beginning of 2024, three other graduates from the PCHS Class of 2024, two

of whom also pursued STEM education and careers, and I had the privilege of speaking to STEM classes at PCHS. Our intention was to share our post-graduation experiences and offer a \$5,000 scholarship to a senior pursuing a STEM education. During our visit, we witnessed the passion and dedication of students engaged in STEM projects and classes. This passion, instilled by the dedicated teachers of PCHS STEM, serves as a testament to the transformative impact of quality education because it's the same passion that has pushed my peer group to the heights they continue to attain everyday.

There can be no justification for jeopardizing the future success of these students by cutting resources from one of the most successful departments in the school and the county.

I implore you to reconsider the allocation of funds or explore alternative solutions that uphold our commitment to providing future generations with hope and opportunity, not despair.

I have shared my story on Facebook and have received ample amount of rallying support in regards to this matter. It is a problem that many realize could have catastrophic effects. Please take a look to see what our community is saying.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,  
Fredrich Gardner  
Co-Founder, President,  
Secretary, Empower  
Appalachia Foundation

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

As I explained last week, the Town of Marlinton is in the process of submitting an application to the State Home Rule Board to become a Municipal Home Rule City. On March 18, we had the third and final reading before sending the application to the State Board for approval.

To those who may be asking "Why Home Rule?" or "Why now?," I offer the following explanation: Marlinton has a very small residential tax base and, yet, being a remote town on a busy U.S. highway on the way to a resort destination (Snowshoe Mountain), we provide service to a much larger population.

In addition, the Monday Lick Trail was intentionally designed to position Marlinton as a strategic trail town within the Snowshoe Highlands Ride Center. When open, tourism experts believe Monday Lick will draw as many as 16,000 mountain bikers annually to downtown

Marlinton. The trail tourism will benefit the local economy and the county at large. What is good for local businesses will come at a cost to the Town. More visitors will mean more services to provide.

At the present time, the Town is only able to generate revenue via taxation by imposing a municipal business and occupation tax or by imposing a sales tax; W.Va. state code creates a legal barrier by requiring the two taxes be mutually exclusive. W.Va. Code §8-13C-1 et seq. contemplates the imposition of a sales tax by municipalities either for pension relief or as an "alternative municipal sales tax" at a rate not to exceed one percent.

However, a municipality may only impose such a sales tax if it eliminates its B&O tax. W.Va. Code §8-13C-4(b). The Town currently imposes a B&O tax on

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What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Black Bean Chili

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
  - 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
  - 2 Tbsp. chopped, seeded green chilies or jalapeño peppers, divided
  - 2 cloves minced garlic, divided
  - 2 tsp. cumin
  - 1 tsp. coriander
  - 1 tsp. chili powder
  - 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes
  - 7 cups water
  - 28 oz. can tomatoes, drained and chopped, reserve juice,
  - 1 pound black beans, rinsed, soaked overnight and drained.
  - 1 tsp. salt
  - 1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
  - 1 Tbsp. tequila, optional
- Soak beans overnight with enough water to cover. Or, heat beans with water to cover and bring to a boil. Let set for one hour then drain.
- In a Dutch oven or large heavy saucepan, heat the oil over medium high heat, add onions, half of the chilies and garlic and sauté for 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in the cumin,

chili powder and red pepper flakes and sauté for 30 seconds. Stir in the water, tomatoes with their juice, and beans. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce the heat, cover the pan and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 3 1/2 hours or until beans are very soft. Stir in the salt. Purée half of the bean mixture in a food processor, blender, inversion blender or food mill. Return purée to the pot. Stir in remaining chilies and garlic. Simmer for 15 minutes. Just before serving, stir in the tequila, if using, and vinegar. Adjust seasonings. Serve the chili with a bowl of yogurt or sour cream and parsley or cilantro.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority** will hold a Public Hearing on the Green Box Fee Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. at the courthouse. The regular monthly meeting will be held following the hearing.  
**Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office** will be closed March 29 in observance of Good Friday.  
**The Pocahontas Times** will be closed March 29 in observance of Good Friday.  
**Red Cross Blood Drive** Tuesday, April 2, noon to 6 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcross-blood.org  
**All 2023 real and personal taxes MUST be paid in full by April 30, 2024** to avoid publication and penalties.  
**Green Box sites summer hours:** Wednesdays and Sat-

urdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**MEETINGS**  
**Pocahontas County Farmers Market** Season Meeting Sunday, March 17, 5 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center.

**Pocahontas County Local Emergency Planning Committee,** Thursday, March 21, at 2 p.m. at the Marlinton Wellness Center. The LEPC assures compliance with provisions of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA). For additional information, call 304-799-3985.

**Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee** Monday, April 1, 6 p.m. at McClintic Library. Open to the public and available via Zoom. Contact Jay Miller at jvmiller2008@gmail.com for the Zoom connection.

**Allegheny Post 117** Tuesday, April 16, 6 p.m. at Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

**EVENTS**  
**Cards and Coffee** at Green Bank Library Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Beginners welcome. Hot drinks provided.

**FREE Community Dinner** Thursday, March 21, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by area churches and community volunteers. Spaghetti, salad, desserts.

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

**4-H and FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Sale,** Saturday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Opera House.

**Easter Egg Hunt** at Eden in the Alleghenies (AFC) Campground Saturday, March 30, beginning at 1 p.m.

**Annual Bath Bluegrass Jamboree,** Saturday, April 13, 6 p.m. at Bath County High School.

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

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# Cozy, from page 1

With the way things go around here, Schwarz just happened to be taking a yoga class taught by Alison Safrit, whose husband, Bob, is the owner of Rivertown. One day, the ladies were discussing the idea of adding a café to the building.

“My wife blurted out, ‘hey, my husband has run several kitchens, would you be interested in his services?’” Davis said, laughing.

Not long after that, the couple was putting together a menu and preparing the café for its soft open, which just happened to be on one of the busiest days in Marlinton — RoadKill Cook-off.

They made it through the day and immediately took a week’s vacation.

“Our official opening was probably a week later,” Davis said.

Davis runs the café and has quickly become a member of the community. He’s so easy going, inviting and personable, you could swear he has lived here his whole life. He greets his customers as if they are old friends and is quick witted with jokes and jabs.

“We’re welcoming,” he said. “This isn’t like a hand-over-fist restaurant where you get your sandwich and leave. We’ve got tables. We’ve got a fireplace. We’ve got a couch. We also have a free library. There are games; there are toys for the kiddie-winks.”

And, even more important, there’s the great menu. A fresh and simple selection of sandwiches, soups, salads and a weekly special is all they needed to draw in a crowd.

“I’m a lifetime line cook, and I’m always thinking about ease, price and speed to service,” Davis said. “So, how easily can we make it? How cheaply can I make it without sacrificing quality? How can I do this easily, quickly, affordably and so on, and so forth.”

Davis doesn’t paint himself into a corner with adhering to a certain culinary style. The menu has five sandwiches — chicken salad, shrimp burger, barbecue pulled chicken, mushroom



THE MENU AT Rivertown Café includes a great selection of sandwiches — accompanied by popcorn or plantain chips. The café also has weekly specials that draw from international cuisine. As seen in the background, the café has a cozy atmosphere with couches, a fireplace and free library. Photo courtesy of Rivertown Café

and roasted red pepper baba ganoush and grilled cheese. They all come with a side of popcorn or plantain chips, when they are available.

The specials range from soups, salads, sandwiches and more, drawing from Asian, Mexican and American mainstays.

“Anything we can try, we try,” Davis said. “Case in

point, a couple weeks ago, we did ramen as our special. People were surprised.”

No, it was not the typical packet of ramen found at the grocery store. It was the traditional Japanese and Chinese ramen noodle soup with beef, vegetables and a boiled egg.

In addition to specials and regular menu items, a variety

of baked goods entice diners from a case right next to the register. Those are created by Schwarz. Soft, chewy cookies, such as chocolate chip, snickerdoodle and iced sugar cookies are joined by specialty items like mini cheesecake, flan, Irish potatoes and more.

The café also serves coffee that some might say is better than that of the most well known coffee franchise.

“We do fanciful coffee drinks and we also do standard drip coffee, cold coffees, just anything that we can with the equipment we have,” Davis said. “We do use a local roaster, Lori Doolittle out of Hillsboro.”

Doolittle Roasting Company isn’t the only local source of ingredients for Rivertown Café. Davis said he tries to use as much local produce and products as he can when crafting the menu and specials.

“I try to, as often as possible, use local ingredients from local producers because you guys have got a lot of them around here,” he said. “If you want to talk about not just good, cheap and quality — it’s local. We’ve been using Lori Doolittle’s coffee pretty much since we opened this

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place. There’s another place, Middle Mountain Farmstead — we use their products. I’ve been getting stuff from Tim Wade’s Farm sporadically. He’s got me down for a constant intake of his eggs.

“From here on out, unless something happens, all the breakfast sandwiches will have Tim Wade’s eggs in them,” he added.

“We make everything fresh. There are very few

things we buy that are pre-packaged, especially when it comes to the sandwiches and soup. Just like I tell people with our cookies — everything starts with butter and sugar. Everything we make starts with the vegetables.”

Rivertown Café is open Thursday through Monday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For weekly specials and updates to the menu, visit the Rivertown Café Facebook page.

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# Sweet, from page 1

and each student and teacher got to take one of those home,” Wither said. “We’re under the assumption that it definitely contained some of their sap, so that was pretty cool.”

In addition to the hands-on activities, Withers said the maple in schools program has a six week curriculum that ties into the school standards for grades pre-K through 12, so HES was able to tie the maple syrup program into several different lessons.

Now that maple syrup season is essentially over, the taps and buckets will be put aside until it’s time to tap the trees again for the sweet nectar.

“The school wants to keep doing this every year, so that’s pretty exciting,” Withers said.

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PHONY-BALONEY

**ACROSS**

1 Wearing nightclothes, for short

6 Meanie's look

11 In addition

15 Eyelid hair

19 Steel, e.g.

20 Ancient Greek region

21 Empty spaces

22 World's fair

23 Illegal detention

25 Columbus is its capital

26 British actor Guinness

27 "Mind your — business!"

28 High, round collar not folding over on itself

31 Without any variety

35 Ingest

36 Boston NBAer, for short

37 Paint job made to look like marble, wood, etc.

41 New Nintendo console of 2012

43 Big antlered beast

47 Opposite of dep., in an airport

48 Thin porridge

50 Saw against the main grain, as wood

52 Bit of money seized by a Secret Service agent

58 Ecol. monitor

59 Midways

60 Tiny arachnid

61 J. — Hoover

64 Like overdue birthday wishes

67 Bill & Ted went on one in a 1991 film

70 Wombs

71 Bible book after Prov.

74 C-V linkup

75 "Spider-Man" director Sam

76 Wedlock not based on love

79 Cheer up

81 Burros, e.g.

82 — occasion (never)

83 Paris' river

84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.

85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe

91 "Beloved" novelist Toni

94 Buc, Bronco or Niner

95 Beatty of film

97 Cindy Brady player Susan

98 Former jets to the U.K.

101 Bit of non-needed body art

105 Sour plum

107 Stage star Hagen

109 Title for Kate Middleton

110 Component of a coated glass-bead bracelet, perhaps

117 Even score

118 Forum attire

119 In the past

120 Apt cry of disbelief for this puzzle

125 Coagulate

126 Rebuke from Caesar

127 Like a dweeb

128 About, before a date

129 At this place

130 Lather (up)

131 Gather up

132 Hoodwinked

**DOWN**

1 Global finance org.

2 Teacher's union, in brief

3 Old TV ministry initials

4 2002 "Friday the 13th" sequel

5 Whole lotta

6 Knightly title

7 Bulblike base of a stem

8 — cat (two-base game)

9 Neighbor of Minn. and Ill.

10 Jewish potato pancake

11 Relative of a guinea pig

12 Lion portrayer Bert

13 Feature of Betty Boop's hair

14 "— Mio"

15 Crude sheds

16 Car shaft

17 Project detail, for short

18 Sell at a pawnshop

24 Opponent

29 "I taut I — a pudgy tat!"

30 Shade trees

31 Flip — coin

32 DEA worker

33 Irish money

34 Bring about

38 Some flawed garments: Abbr.

39 Add-on to the end of a wd.

40 Bit of a bray

42 Most polar

44 Sea nymph

45 Sovereign

46 Letter two before iota

49 VIP vehicle

51 Margarine

53 Deprives of weapons

54 "Sorry, too busy"

55 Bodily digit

56 Big striped cat, in French

57 A/C output qtzs.

62 Landscape painter Asher Brown —

63 Like low-quality eggs

64 City transport

65 Alcohol in liquor

66 Landlords or landladies

67 Empty

68 Having protruding hearing organs

69 Yang go-with

72 Sings gently

73 U.S. pres., militarily

77 Inquires

78 "Continue"

80 Architect Maya

83 Chiang Kai —

84 Broody rock genre

86 Investigate pryingly

87 Very loudly, in music

88 Miami loc.

89 Stud money

90 Old Storms and Trackers

92 Paraphrase

93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.

96 Two, in Chile

99 Maintenance job on a car

100 Indy sponsor

102 Ballet outfit

103 Something very easy

104 Vegas casino

106 Some Siouan speakers

108 MetLife rival

110 Concern for a dermatologist

111 Concern for a dermatologist

112 Horror film lab assistant

113 Twice tetra-

114 "Psst" cousin

115 — avis

116 Some old Fords

121 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.

122 Hosp. zones

123 Ideal serve

124 Young fella



Obituaries



**Fannie Bennett**  
Fannie “Mabel” Bennett, 84, of Bartow, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkins.

Born February 18, 1940, at Riverton, she was a daughter of the late Jessie J. and Mary Louise Vandevender White.

Mabel was a homemaker and was a member of the Frank Church of the Nazarene.

In addition to her parents, Mabel was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur “Ott” Lee Bennett; and sister, Hazel Vandevender.

She is survived by daughters, Bonnie Bennett, of Winfield, Carolyn Louk, and husband, Robert, of Nitro, and Peggy Peck, and husband, Tom, of Pine Tree Acres; sons, Buster Bennett, and wife, Tammy, of Boyer, and Frankie Bennett, and Debra, of Bartow; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside service was held Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Bennett Family Cemetery with Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating

Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com



**Homer Hunter**

Homer Ray Hunter, 80, of Stony Bottom, peacefully passed away Friday, March 15, 2024, surrounded by his family, following an extended illness.

Born at home May 3, 1943, in Boone County, he was a son of the late Ramie Lawrence Hunter and Zelma Baisden Hunter.

He was a proud graduate

of Van High School. He maintained close relationships with those he grew up with, attending many Van High School reunions over the years.

After leaving Van, Homer enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving as a corporal in the Third Marine Division during the Vietnam War. While serving in Vietnam, Homer had a chance encounter with a lone Catholic missionary named Father Roy while traveling to get supplies for his unit. This led to the start of a humanitarian project that supported the newly arrived Marine division with laundry services provided by refugees, which in turn provided financial support that helped to feed and clothe 5,000 refugees fleeing the communist invasion of South Vietnam. He loved the Marine Corps and was a member of the Marine Corps League and the Veterans of Foreign Wars following his service to our country.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Homer returned home to West Virginia. He worked in construction and was a skilled masonry worker and carpenter – a hobby he continued to enjoy through the years helping countless family and friends with various projects. He began a career with E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (DuPont) in 1966 at DuPont’s Belle plant where he spent more than two decades working alongside many friends.

Homer loved music and was well-known throughout the Mountain State’s bluegrass music community. He spent countless hours singing and picking with friends over the years. He and his beloved cousin Ray Baisden helped form the Kanawha Valley-based band The Flat-top Pickers in the late-1970s, performing together through the mid-1980s. A musical highlight for Homer was his band opening for the Father of Bluegrass Bill Monroe for a performance at Huntington’s Memorial Fieldhouse.

He enjoyed picking with friends at the annual Vandalia Gathering on the State Capitol Grounds each May and hosting post-Vandalia jams at his Charleston-area home for many years. What he loved the most was performing alongside his siblings, The Hunter Family, and singing the songs that the family grew up singing when their father was preaching at tent revivals and church services in his native Boone County.

Following his retirement

from DuPont, Homer enjoyed his retirement years at his home along the Greenbrier River near Cass and was very active in the Pocahontas County community. He continued to perform with groups in Pocahontas County and the Greenbrier Valley region, and was a dedicated supporter of Allegheny Echoes Inc., participating in their summer workshops, an annual study and celebration of West Virginia and Appalachian culture and heritage. He also was a familiar voice in the mountains of Pocahontas County, lending his talents to emcee many community events and to support Allegheny Mountain Radio in its broadcast operations as a DJ and a board member.

Homer earned acclaim with his acting debut in the 2013 motion picture “Angels Perch,” filmed on location in the Town of Cass, portraying Delbert, the endearing local postman who was also rather popular with the ladies. J.T. Arbogast, the film’s writer and star, said of Homer’s on-screen performance that he “just about stole the film away from everyone else... he’d never acted a day in his life, but you sure wouldn’t have known it by his performance.”

Above all else, Homer loved his family and he loved the Lord. His presence will be missed in our lives daily, but the many memories that he created with those he loved and cherished will live on forever. Thankfully, there are many videos online where his music can still be heard and his larger than life personality still shines.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Henry (Mary), Harry, Hansel (Carolyn), Herman and Hershel “Doc” Hunter; and sisters Roberta (Harley) Harbison and Sue Maison.

Homer is survived by his daughter, Greta McHugh, and her husband, John, of Charleston; the joy of his life, his granddaughters, Brenda Grace, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Olivia Rose, of Charleston; sisters-in-law, Barbara Hunter, of Millwood, Elsie Hunter, of Vienna, and Kathy Hunter, of Mason; several nieces, nephews and cousins, and countless friends.

Everyone Homer met was a new friend. The family would like to thank all those friends who called, sent cards and traveled from around the country to spend time with him this last year. Your kindness brightened his

days and warmed his heart.

The family would also like to thank his caregiver, Brenda Fortune, for her friendship and devotion.

Funeral service will be held Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Handley Funeral Home, 439 Phipps Avenue in Danville.

The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until time of service.

A memorial service and musical celebration will be held Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the Pocahontas County Opera House.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Allegheny Echoes, 4407 Frost Rd., Marlinton, WV 24954, to support a music scholarship established in Homer’s name.



**Tina Walther**

Tina Marie Cummins Walther, 57, of Bartow, born February 11, 1967, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Monday, March 11, 2024, at her home.

She was a daughter of the late Henry and Edith Cummins.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Richard Walther, of Bartow; sons, Chase Walther, of Amherst, New Hampshire, Chance Walther, of Dunmore, and Judd Walther, of Morgantown; brothers, Joe Cummins, of Marlinton, Frank Cummins, of Durbin, and Jack Cummins, of Bartow, sisters, Esthel Summerfield and Caren Bondura, of Baltimore, Maryland; and grandchildren, Aden Walther and Liam Walther, of Amherst, New Hampshire, and Henry, Lillian and Eliza Walther, of Dunmore.

Tina will be remembered for her joyful laugh, how she cared for others, and the love she had for her family, especially her precious grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Rivers of Life Ministries, formerly Durbin Church of the Brethren.

One. His name is Jesus. He came down from above wrapped in flesh and bone. Born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger. He was the Messiah first promised in the book of Genesis. As an

see Rescue pg 8



**Edwin Young**

Edwin C. “Boss” Young, 80, of Neola, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, March 16, 2024, at his residence surrounded by family.

Born in Neola, June 12, 1943, he was a son of the late John and Lillian “Sis” Young.

Boss was always a well-known and loved member of the community.

He had retired from VEPCO and was an Honorary Member of the Anthony Creek VFD and Rescue Squad and member of the Neola Baptist Church.

He was an avid deer hunter and loved to fish. He was an NRA member and lifelong farmer. He loved taking rides and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Helen Scott.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Young; two sons, Brent Young, of Fishersville, Virginia, and David Young, of Neola; brother, Johnnie Ray, of Neola; special first cousin, Barbara Ann Turner, of Pennsylvania; four grandchildren, Kendra Thompson (Adam) and Colton Young, both of Virginia, Alexis Easter (Tyler) and Levi Young, both of Neola; four

great-grandchildren, Carter, Abigail and Lillian Thompson and Madeline Easter; and several special nieces and his church family.

Funeral service will be held at Thursday, March 21, 2024, 11 a.m., at Neola Baptist Church with Rev. Ralph Hubbard officiating. Interment will follow in Watts Chapel Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Expressions of sympathy may be made as a donation to the Anthony Creek Volunteer Fire Department, 12584 Pocahontas Trail, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986 or Neola Baptist Church, 16518 Pocahontas Trail, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

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Joyce and Family

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Huntersville Historical Traditions wishes to thank all the businesses and individuals for their support of our 2024 Potato Feast Fundraiser, which was a big success.

We especially thank all those who made extra donations and those businesses which gave material support: Pocahontas IGA; and Wendy’s, Applebee’s, Walmart and Flowers Baking in Greenbrier County. Our heartfelt gratitude is due to all of our faithful volunteers – we couldn’t make it happen without you!

Huntersville Historical Traditions

The Rescue

by Dawn Reed

The pictures were terrifying. A few weeks ago, half of a tractor trailer dangled over the side of the Clark Memorial Bridge which connects Louisville, Kentucky, to southern Indiana. Far below was the Ohio River. Reporters flocked and spectators stared in horror as emergency workers rushed to the scene.

The driver – a woman – was still strapped in the front seat. As the truck teetered, it looked at any moment like the vehicle would tear free from the mangled bridge plunging her to her death.

Just when it seemed her life was ebbing away, a man named Bryce Carden wrapped in a firefighter’s uniform and rope came from above to save her. He was her only hope.

She reached out and took his hand. She did not fall, she did not slip, but held fast to her rescuer. When she put her life literally in his hands, he lifted her out of the dangerously perched semi to a safe place up on the bridge.

I can’t imagine the emotions...the sheer terror as she hung over the side of the bridge. The driver was in trouble. She had no hope. She could not save herself.

It sounds straight out of Psalm 18. David wrote,

“The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. He reached down from on high and took hold of me...He rescued me...”

The firefighter said the truck driver was praying when he got to her. That’s a good idea in time of crisis and all other times. We can always count on the Lord hearing us and coming to our aid.

The truck driver had a



Dawn Reed

choice. She could have said, “I’ve got this. I’m fine,” but would have been lying to herself. She chose to reach out to the firefighter. She wanted to be rescued.

God knew we were sinking in sin and needed a Rescuer, a Savior, so He sent

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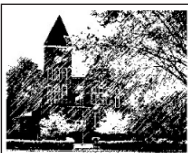
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## Preserving Pocahontas

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### Louise McNeill – WV Poet Laureate



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Poet Louise McNeill, the daughter of Douglas ("G.D.") and Grace McNeill, was born January 9, 1911 on the Thomas McNeill farm at Buckeye, West Virginia. She married Roger W. Pease, of Ashfield, Mass. in 1939 and they had one son, Douglas McNeill Pease. She received her education at Edray District High School, Concord College and Miami University of Ohio. She received her PhD at West Virginia University in 1959.

Dr. Pease began her teaching career in Pocahontas County. She taught at Potomac State College, Concord College, Fairmont State and Davis and Elkins College. She began her writing career selling short poems to the *Saturday Evening Post*. Her first collection, "Mountain White" was published in 1931. She went on to publish six other collections with her best-known work, "Gauley Mountain" being published in 1939.

In 1979, Gov. Jay Rockefeller named Louise McNeill West Virginia's Poet Laureate, a title that she held until her death on June 18, 1993. (Preserving Pocahontas Archives; ID: PHP008047)

Access the "Preserving Pocahontas" Digital Library at [www.pocahontaspreservation.org](http://www.pocahontaspreservation.org) or [www.preservingpocahontas.org](http://www.preservingpocahontas.org)

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

## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

### SHOOTING IN GREENBRIER

Grant Cochran shoots and kills Lundy Perry  
May 26, 1904

A killing, the result of a feud of several years standing, occurred at the Walkup place on Droop Mountain on the Greenbrier and Pocahontas County lines Saturday evening. Lundy Perry, aged twenty-five, is dead and Grant Cochran, a useful, industrious citizen is in jail at Lewisburg, waiting examination by the grand jury of Greenbrier County.

Cochran, with a number of hands, was at work on Droop Mountain preparing for a crop of corn. Toward quitting time Saturday evening, Lundy Perry, Roy Darnell and Bunyon Fogus came to the field to see a boy in Cochran's employ. When Cochran saw Perry coming, he was prepared for trouble as there was bad blood between the two and it was known that Perry had made dire threats against Cochran for the part the latter had taken in a fight ensuing Perry resistance of arrest. It seems that Perry brought up the old trouble by asking Cochran if he was not the man who had clubbed him. Thereupon both men drew guns and commenced shooting. Perry was shot in through the heart, in the stomach and had a wound in the back. It was not ascertained whether the latter was a separate shot or the bullet

entering the abdomen had gone through the body. Upon examination of Perry's pistol, it was found that he had fired a single shot. The men were about a dozen steps apart. Perry died in a few minutes. Cochran came to Marlinton and gave himself up to the authorities of Pocahontas County Saturday night.

The inquest was held Monday at the Droop Mountain sawmill where the dead man had been removed from the Walkup farm. The coroner's jury was made up of the following citizens: C. O. Callison, J. R. Penick, C. H. Hannah, M. W. Walton, Sam McClung, G. W. White. The verdict was that Lundy Perry had come to his death at the hands of A. G. Cochran. Cochran waived examination. He has retained L. M. McClintic and Col. R. S. Turk as counsel. . . .

The feud, which the killing of Lundy Perry was the outcome, originated at a fight at Droop church three years ago. A. G. Cochran and several others were appointed special officers to quell a riot and arrest Lundy Perry and a number of others who were drunk and disorderly and disturbing religious worship. Arrest was resisted and knives and clubs were much in evidence. In the melee, Cochran downed Perry with a club, while the latter was trying to carve John Dunlap, who had broken his stick with a bowie knife. The officers finally

overcame the resistance but not until several of the unruly members were much battered up and a number of the officers had wounds from sticks and knives.

Perry was about twenty-five years old and unmarried. He is a son of Solomon Perry, near Sue. He has been employed by Kirk & Ross, sawmill men, the past year. For a number of years, he has worked in the lumber woods. He was a man of tremendous frame and utterly fearless.

A.G. Cochran has ever had an enviable name as an industrious and law abiding citizen. He is a son of the recently deceased D. J. Cochran, of Droop Mountain. He is about thirty-five years old and unmarried.

### GRANT COCHRAN'S TRIAL

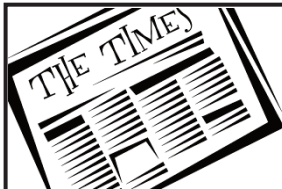
July 28, 1904

The trial of Grant Cochran, a citizen of Pocahontas, for the killing of Lundy Perry, held at Lewisburg, resulted in a verdict of voluntary manslaughter. On motion of his attorneys, L. M. McClintic and Col. R. S. Turk, Judge McWhorter set the verdict aside and granted him a new trial.

The facts of the case in a nutshell are that Perry, who had made threats against the life of Cochran, came into his field, armed and with two companions, and made a hostile demonstration against Cochran, and Cochran shot him. Perry, falling with a loaded pistol in his hand.

The action of the Judge in setting the verdict aside gives general satisfaction in both counties concerned.

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## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,  
March 21, 1974

### Bank of Marlinton

We salute the Bank of Marlinton on its 75th birthday. Steady and dependable growth since 1899, through good times and bad, has been its record, and just as steady and dependable has been its service to the people of Pocahontas County. Its new building sets a tone of progress and we wish for it continued growth and prosperity.

### BOOK DONATION

Superintendent P. C. H. S.; The enclosed book, "The Great White Fleet," is being sent to your school library in memory of the late Dr. George Douglas McNeill.

Dr. McNeill was my teacher in the sixth and seventh grades – with the late Dr. Calvin Price he was my Scout Master and more than that, a lifelong friend.

I hope you will place this book in the school library for everyone to use and you could mention it to The Pocahontas Times so his children still in Pocahontas County could read it also.

Although the book was published in 1965, it is now out of print and very scarce. The U. S. Naval Academy here in Annapolis only has one well-worn copy. Dr. Pease is presently writing a book on her father's life.

Sincerely,  
Glen L. Vaughan  
Lt. Ret. U. S. Navy

### Wedding

Sandra A. Chestnut and George D. Gladwell announce their marriage on Friday, March 8, 1974 at the Baptist Church in Covington, Virginia. Sandra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Chestnut, of Hillsboro, and George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil G. Gladwell, of Hillsboro.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Artie Barkley, of Arbovale, a son named Cameron Ellis.

Born to Captain and Mrs. Jerry D. Long, of Aurora, Colorado, a daughter named Katherine Marie.

Born to Glen and Donna Ferguson, of Tampa, Florida, a daughter named Ashley Shawn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hommema, of Marietta, Ohio, a son named Charle Brian.

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
March 24, 1949

### STORK SHOWER

Thursday evening, March 10, a double stork shower was given by the Hillsboro Farm Women's club at the home of Mrs. Ralph Burns in honor of Mrs. Dick McNeel and Mrs. Thomas Edgar.

In the center of the dining room table was placed a pink and blue umbrella where many useful and lovely gifts were placed. Games to fit the occasion were played, refreshments served.

Those present were the hostess, and Mesdames Dick McNeel, Thomas Edgar, Alfred McNeel, Moffett McNeel, Joel Beard, Gay Pyles,

Blake Shrader, Ed Sheets, Eric Clutter, Harold Elmore, Lloyd Payne, Hubert Lewis, Henry Beard, Sherman Beard, Cliff Anderson, John Chappell, Charles Rund and John Feamster.

### FIELD NOTES

Mrs. Max Casto, who has been spending the last several weeks in Florida with her mother, Mrs. John Turner and sister, Mrs. A. H. Goe, has been lucky with her fishing equipment. On a recent day near Jensen Beach, she hooked and brought in a Blue Marlin that was eight feet long and weighed 100 pounds. This is a rare specimen for Florida waters. It is common to the waters

around the Bahama Islands. This was the first Blue Marlin that has been caught on the particular boat from which Mrs. Casto was fishing in a period of 22 years.

Mrs. Casto is the mother of John Casto, of Marlinton, Conservation Officer of Pocahontas County.

How \$25 virtually walked into the hands of a Marlinton restaurant proprietor is told by Conservation Officer John L. Casto. C. C. Kelley, owner of the Toll House, was chopping stove wood in the rear of his restaurant one night recently when, in the rays of his flashlight, he saw a dark form moving near his chopping block. Thinking it was a large rat, he picked up a stick and knocked it out. Then he discovered he had killed a nice mink. The pelt was sold for \$25.

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
March 20, 1924

On last Tuesday, the roads were blockaded by snowdrifts near Hillsboro so badly cars couldn't get to the station to meet the trains until late in the afternoon. This is the worst snowstorm since 1918.

This writer will not vouch for the following, which somehow leaked out of the grand jury room, but it is a good story nevertheless. A lady was before the grand jury to testify in a matter involving the signature of a paper where forgery was charged. Her answers were straight forward, intelligent and illuminating. After the particular matter for which she had been summoned had been disposed of, the foreman asked her the stereotyped question, "and where have you been buying your liquor?" Quick as a flash came the answer, "The last I got I bought from you!" That held the young fellow for the rest of the session. . . .

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But always says: "Send it; our people all like it –

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How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum,

How it makes our pulse throb;

How it makes our heart dance.

We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless him –

The steady subscriber who pays in advance. – *Exchange*

### WEDDING

Mr. Reed Johnson and Miss Flora Perry were married at the home of Rev. D. T. Tharp, Wednesday, February 27. The groom is a son of B. F. Johnson, of Fairview, and is now employed by the Pifer and Williams Lumber Co. The bride is a daughter of John Perry, of Thorny Creek, and has been a teacher in the public schools for a number of years.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Summers C. Galford, at Woodrow, March 13, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weatherholt, near Marlinton, March 13, a son.

### DIED

J. Beckley Pyles, aged 75 years, of Seebert, March 13, 1924. The death of Mr. Pyles was the passing of one of the oldest and most useful and esteemed citizens of this community... He was a Christian man of the old

school, walking in the old paths of an upright Christian life with his fellowman. He was the oldest son of James H. Pyles and Susan C. Pyles, whose family consisted of 10 children... Mr. Pyles was united in marriage with Sarah J. Buzzard, June 17, 1873, which bonds were not broken for more than 50 years. To this union 10 children were born... The funeral service was conducted at the Presbyterian church at Seebert. His body was laid to rest in the McNeel Cemetery.

Moody Orndoff Sheets, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sheets, of near Greenbank, March 9, 1924.

Bernice Catherine Faulkner, little daughter of Mrs. Clyde Faulkner, March 8, 1924, aged two years, eight months, 22 days. Burial in the Mt. View Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, service being held from the Methodist church. The little child had been afflicted with tuberculosis for several months...

Mrs. Alcenda McLaughlin, widow of the late Hugh P. McLaughlin, died at her home on Browns Creek, near Huntersville, March 9, 1924. Her body was laid to rest at the McLaughlin graveyard on Monday. Her surviving children are Charles and Edward H. McLaughlin, of Browns Creek...

Mrs. Minnie Rebecca McCarty, wife of Mr. J. W. McCarty, passed to her reward March 11, 1924. She was a member of the M. E. Church

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serve both current and prospective customers. This group, working alongside the entire PCB team, will position the bank for further growth and success in the years ahead as we continue to focus on supporting our customers and greater communities."

# Rescue, from page 6

adult, He didn't just risk his life, He gave His life for us. If we will reach out to Him,

He will save us. He will forgive us of our sins, walk with us daily, and take us to heaven when we die.

As Resurrection Day approaches, let us remember the sacrifice of the Savior. We put our trust in many people and things, but there is only One who can rescue us from sin.

The truck driver will never forget the day Bryce Carden rescued her. I will never forget the day Jesus rescued me: August 20, 1971.

# Calendar, from page 4

**Try the traditional Ukrainian art of Pysanky**, decorating eggs with layers of wax design and dye. Monday, March 25, and Thursday, March 28, 5 to 9 p.m. Call 304-799-7386 for more information or to register

**Pocahontas County Youth Soccer League** registration for the spring season through March 22. Anyone who played in the fall does not need to register again. Registration forms are available by calling 304-799-7386 or emailing parksandrec@frontiernet.net

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

**Learn to play pickleball.** Lessons with Eric Hill, Saturday, March 16, from 9 to 11 a.m.

**Tackwondo**, 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.

**Chair Yoga** at Marlinton Thursdays at 5 p.m. Beginner friendly for those with limited mobility.

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

**Maundy Thursday Service** at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, March 28, 7 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday Service** March 28, 7 p.m. at Mt Hermon United Methodist Church in Renick.

**Good Friday Service** March 29, 7 p.m. at Frankford United Methodist Church.

**Easter Sunrise Service** Sunday, March 31, 7 a.m. at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church on Droop. Breakfast to follow.

**Marlinton Presbyterian Church Easter Sunrise Service** at Mountain View

Cemetery Sunday, March 31, 7 a.m.

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Baxter Presbyterian Church, Dunmore** – Worship Sundays March 17; 11 a.m.

**Marlinton Presbyterian Church** – Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.

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

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

**First Baptist Church – Huntersville** – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

**Trinity Baptist Church, Rt. 219 Buckeye Hill** – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor David Moore.

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

# BOE, from page 2

Wendel Architecture for potential improvement projects at Pocahontas County High School.

- Contract between Karen B. Haines M.S., CCC/SLP to provide AAC Evaluation Services for Pocahontas County Board of Education.
- Bid from Frontier Communications for Wide Area Network.
- Major Improvement Plan (MIP) application between the School Building Authority and the Pocahontas County Board of Education for electrical upgrades including electrical panels at

Pocahontas County High School.

- Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates, as listed, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025: Class I – \$19.40; Class II – \$38.80; Class III – \$77.60; Class IV – \$77.60.

In personnel management, the board approved:

- Shane Jones and Jacob Jones as volunteer basketball coaches for the fourth and fifth grade basketball team at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective for the 2023-2024 athletic season.
- Retirement of Maria L. Hall, Pre-K teacher at Hillsboro Elementary School, effective June 30.
- Retirement of Barbara L.

Beard, kindergarten teacher at Marlinton Elementary School, effective August 20.

- Creation of position extra-curricular bus operator, Marlinton to Pocahontas County High School, mid-day run, \$60 per day, as needed, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Resignation of Tomma Johnson as supervisory/classroom and bus aide for Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, retroactive to February 26.

The next board meet will begin with a local school improvement council meeting at 3 p.m., followed by the regular board member at 4:15 p.m., at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School.

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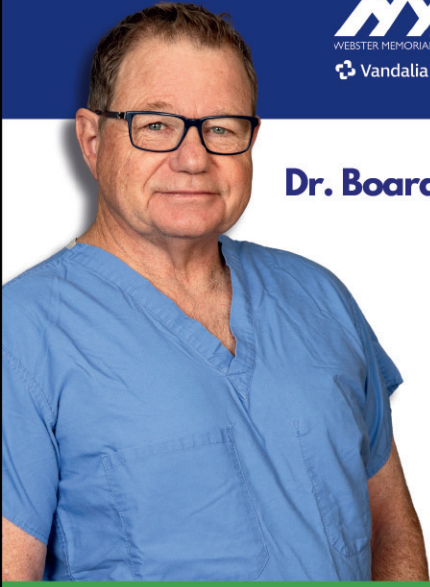
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# ‘TURN’ around to possibilities

Melondy Phillips  
Staff Writer

About 10 years ago, something happened that caused me to be so weak I could barely walk up the five or six steps to my porch. Feeling like I had a lack of oxygen, it would take me about 45 minutes to recuperate. As this issue got worse, I ended up in the hospital. This bit of detail is important for what was about to happen next.

After about a week in the hospital, feeling like a human pin cushion on a daily basis, I was released from the hospital with less energy than I had going in and with no answers as to why. I went home and felt like a lump on a log, not being able to do much of anything.

Between this moment and years before when I had worked on Lincoln, I had had the opportunity to work on several other films and meet many more people in the industry. Consequently, I received another unexpected call.

Less than two weeks after returning home from the hospital, someone from the costume department on *TURN: Washington's Spies* called me. She told me that the person who ran the principals' costume trailer was no longer with them and that she needed someone who could do [a long list of things – basically anything that was thrown at them, plus keeping it all organized] and that some people had told her to call me.

I had never run the principals' trailer, but I knew it was a great responsibility to

manage. It is a lot to keep up with, long hours, hard work, and having an extreme attention to detail and a great memory is a must. I was having a difficult time moving about and remembering what day it was, let alone trying to run that! Also, the thought of running the principals' trailer was pretty intimidating to this shy girl who, so far, had only worked in the sewing room and helped with some of background actors on set.

However, before responding, something inside of me stopped me from turning the job down cold. Instead, I explained what had been going on and said that I wasn't sure I had the strength to do such a demanding job at that time. She said they desperately needed someone and negotiated with me to give it at least a week. She said if I didn't like it after a week then I could leave with no hard feelings. I told her I would think about it and give her an answer the next day.

That evening, I sat down and discussed it with my family. As we all prayed about it, peace penetrated my soul as all of the uncertainty of a just faded away. It was unanimous. I would take the job. I called her back the next morning to let her know, and we discussed all the details. Because I was so weak, my family had to help me pack up the car before I left.

On my first day at production, I was shown around the office and where all the other departments were stationed. The tour ended on the principals' truck where I was told to get familiar with everything in there, where it

all was, how it was organized, the actors' names along with their number and character name, as well as a long list of other things. What happened next had me wondering if I had made the right decision to work there.

A small item of clothing had been lost just prior to me starting. I won't go into details about the next several hours except to say that there were a lot of colorful words, people running everywhere, and tears flowing down the cheeks of many different crew members. Oh, but then, Hallelujah! The item was found. As someone placed that very item into my hand, they said, "This is now your responsibility."

"OK," I responded, as I thought to myself, "Oh boy, what have I gotten into?"

Coming into the middle of a production can be more difficult than starting at the beginning. During pre-production, you have time to read the script, get use to the storyline, characters and events, and start memorizing character names as well as the organizational set up of the department. Being thrown into the middle of a production, especially in charge of something like the main actors' costumes, without any prior knowledge, is like learning to swim by being thrown into a lake. Sink or swim! But an interesting thing happened within me.

From the first moment I took over the trailer, my full strength returned, I could breathe good, my thoughts were clear and concise, and my nerves were steady and unshaken.

A normal day for this job begins before the actors arrived and didn't end until after they had all left and I had wrapped out all of their rooms. This was an average of 14-18+ hours a day on my feet. Some of the basic tasks were: sewing informational tags into every piece of clothing (character name, scene number, etc.); keeping costumes organized within each closet (each actor had their own "closet"); pulling all items of a costume according to the scene in the continuity book; setting costumes correctly in actors' trailers, including warming layers and other comfort items; cleaning muddy boots, at least the ones that made it back from the mud fields; cleaning mud off a silk dress so it still looked new; making repairs as needed; receiving new items to insert into closets; labeling and shipping out items to sewing shops or other repair shops as needed; cleaning fake blood from costumes (there was a LOT on this shoot); helping actors get dressed by tying cravats, lacing up corsets, helping with layering of 1700s dresses, etc.; keeping up with inventory; being able to make something on the fly to replace damaged or lost items; tagging, tying or stitching up parts of the costume, as needed, while the actor was wearing it; plus a heap of other undertakings.

On many occasions, when it was a heavy background (BG) day with few principal actors, I helped with altering items for the BG trailer, such as making pants and vests larger, so they could fit larger



“HURRY UP AND wait.” After being processed through check-in, costumes and hair and makeup, background actors go to the holding area to wait – usually at base-camp – to be called for their scene. M. Phillips photo

size BG when they ran out of those size costumes. On these days, I also took time to do a more thorough cleaning of the whole truck, double check that the continuity book was up to date, check through every costume for any overlooked repairs or stains that needed action and then fixing them, prep more tags, and any other chore I didn't have time to do while things were crazy busy.

I remember on one occasion, a custom-ordered silk dress was held up in customs and didn't arrive until the morning it was to be worn on film. Unfortunately, the dress was too small for the actress. An alteration of this scale

would normally go to the sewing shop for them to complete. However, even though we were based at the stage which was at the production office, and the sewing department was within walking distance through a building, the dress wasn't taken to them. The head of the department handed the dress directly to me, while I was managing the principals' trailer, and told me to size it up. Through a serious tone, I was made to understand that I had one hour to complete the alteration while production "waited" for me to do it.

see TURN pg 11



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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 commission.

First Publication Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024  
Claim Deadline: Monday, May 13, 2024

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ESTATE OF: CHARLES LINTON STANLEY  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 8, 2024.  
Melissa L. Bennett  
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission  
3/14/2c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority will hold a public hearing Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Courthouse, located at 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia. The purpose of this hearing is to solicit comments from the public on the Green Box Fee. The deadline for written comments will be 4:30 p.m. on April 12, 2024.

Mail comments to the Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority at 900-H Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954.

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Letters,  
from page 4

Dear Editor;

On March 14th and 15th of last week, some teachers at Pocahontas County High school were notified that at least two teaching positions at the High School (science and math) are going to be eliminated next year due to a budget shortfall. The proposed cuts likely will result in the elimination of a number of highly successful programs at the school, including dual credit and AP math and science, anatomy, STEM engineering, surveying, nutrition, ACT/SAT prep, and a number of other courses that have taken years to develop. The effect of these potential cuts will immediately eliminate some of the best academic programs at the High School; the potential cuts will also seriously impact our children's chances of gaining acceptance to college; and these proposed cuts will cause significant economic damage to the County because new residents and new businesses will not be attracted to the academic wasteland created by eliminating teachers from their classrooms.

The Board of Education and Superintendent should engage with the students and the entire County before deciding on what cuts to make; they should also closely ex-

amine alternative budget cuts that do not eliminate teachers' jobs. This decision is major, and its effects will be impactful and long lasting throughout the County; it deserves to be debated and discussed in an open public forum and not behind closed doors without the input of all of us.

Our kids' future deserves better than what is currently being proposed by the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

Josh Hardy  
Hillsboro

Open Letter to Pocahontas County Board of Education:

Students at PCHS learned Friday that our Superintendent has notified several teachers at the high school that they may lose their jobs next year. We assume that the Board of Education is in a financial crisis and that they have to immediately reduce expenses. We understand hard choices will have to be made. However, schools are for kids and the young people in our county deserve to have our voices heard before irreversible decisions are made about what our school system loses. Here's what we want you to understand. If you proceed with these plans, you WILL remove generous, caring, loved adults from our lives who are more than our teachers. They look out for us, care for us, educate us, encourage us, and create

new opportunities for us every day. We know that everyone has had a teacher like that before. But these teachers are more than just our supporters and role models. These teachers open doors by allowing our schools to offer kids choices and have an understanding that not every teenager is going to chose the same pathway for their future, or has the same goals as an adult. These teachers allow our high school to offer courses for students who want to get through school and to the workforce as soon as possible. They offer courses for students who want to be doctors and engineers. These courses are not the same. These teachers have developed programs over decades that will immediately be over if you don't make some time to think of other options. What we need you to understand is that if you remove these teachers from our lives, you remove their positions from our school. And if you do that, you remove choices for our future. We have experienced our school system from the time we were 4 years old. We know what the most important parts have been for us over the years. We know our schools best. If we have to make hard choices, no one should be leaving us out of the conversation.

Ramona Hardy  
Kynlee Wilfong

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION  
WITHOUT PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

NOTICE is hereby given that Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority (the "Authority"), a commercial solid waste facility and a public utility, has, on March 8, 2024, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA an application containing increased rates and charges for furnishing landfill waste disposal services to customers at the Pocahontas County Landfill (the "Landfill") in Dunmore, West Virginia.

The Landfill is owned and operated by the Authority, and the Landfill operates under authority of Solid Waste Facility Permit No. SWF 2001/WV0109436, which was issued by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$156,278 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 17.44%. The purpose of the Authority's rate case filing is to increase rates and charges for increased operation and maintenance costs relating to the Landfill's compliant and continued operations. The proposed increased rates and charges will not become effective until approved by the Commission. The Authority's current and proposed rates, on a per ton basis, are as follows:

	Current	Proposed	(\$)	(%)
RATES (Green Box Sites)				
Residential Assessment	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$0	0%
RATES (Landfill)				
General Public	\$64.00	\$86.25	\$22.25	34.77%
Commercial Haulers	\$64.00	\$86.25	\$22.25	34.77%
TIRE FEES				
General Public	\$100.00	\$275.00	\$175.00	175.00%
Commercial Haulers	\$100.00	\$275.00	\$175.00	175.00%
WHITE GOODS FEE*				
General Public	\$0.00	\$77.50	new	new
Commercial Haulers	\$0.00	\$77.50	new	new

\*The White Goods Fee is a new fee the Authority is proposing.

Both the present and proposed rates referenced above are exclusive of any legislatively mandated or authorized per-ton assessment fees and any other per-ton assessment fees due to any governmental entity.

The Authority has no resale customers.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within thirty days, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed or hand delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well a representative of the Authority to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the Authority: 900-H Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025  
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
MUNICIPALITY OF HILLSBORO, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Unassigned Fund Balance	196,300
Property Taxes - Current Expense	36,568
Prior Year Taxes	1,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	2,000
Excise Tax on Utilities	13,500
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	6,000
Dog Pound Fees	150
Contributions from Other Entities	2,550
Gaming Income	10,000
Video Lottery (LVL)	300
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 268,368

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 29
Coal Severance Tax	1,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 1,029

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
Mayor's Office	4,800	-
City Council	4,500	-
Recorder's Office	1,170	-
Treasurer's Office	9,600	-
City Attorney	10,000	-
City Auditor	11,000	-
Regional Development Authority	125	-
City Hall	40,180	-
Other buildings	70	-
Contingencies	4,000	-
Fire Department	1,500	-
Ambulance Authority	1,500	-
Fire Hydrants	5,000	-
Emergency Services	3,000	-
Street Lights	6,000	-
Signs and Signals	500	-
Snow Removal	2,500	-
Sidewalks	161,573	-
Water & Sewer	900	-
Fair Associations/Festivals	450	404
Library	-	625
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 268,368	\$ 1,029

MUNICIPALITY OF HILLSBORO, WEST VIRGINIA  
Regular Current Expense Levy  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Certificate of Valuation	Levy	Taxes
Assessed Value	Rate/\$100	Levied
for Tax Purposes		
CLASS I		
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.16 \$ 0
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	\$ 0

CLASS II		
Real Estate	\$ 3,567,060	24.32 \$ 8,675
Personal Property	35,982	88
Total Class II	\$ 3,603,042	\$ 8,763

CLASS IV		
Real Estate	\$ 2,580,290	48.64 \$ 12,551
Personal Property	2,536,369	12,337
Public Utility	1,321,692	6,429
Total Class IV	\$ 6,438,351	\$ 31,316

Total Value & Projected Revenue \$ 10,041,393 \$ 40,079

Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes 5.00% 2,004

Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate) 2.00% 761

Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable) 0

Total Projected Property Tax Collection \$ 37,313

Less Assessor Valuation Fund 2.00% 746

(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)

Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes \$ 36,567

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF

Pocahontas

MUNICIPALITY OF

HILLSBORO

I, Andrew Rice, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 12th day of March, 2024.

(Signature)

Recorder

(Official Title of Recording Officer)

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## ARC, from page 2

program has allowed 140,000 low-income West Virginia families to receive a \$30 monthly credit on their Internet bills. Holstine said he does not believe the program will be restarted.

It was also decided that Amanda Smarr, of Region 4, will be updating broadband

service maps on the council's website, adding the ability for the viewer to turn on or off the view of different projects on the map. Outdated service maps will be removed, as well.

In addition, there was a short discussion about Frontier trucks being observed all around the Stomping Creek area, but no one at the meeting had any information about what they may be

doing.

After the meeting, Holstine sent out an email which says the FCC has just quadrupled the required download speeds that ISPs have to provide to be broadband service. Now they have to provide 100 megabytes per second down and 20 megabytes per second up in order to legally market their service as being true broadband.

## Mayor's, from page 4

businesses, but the B&O tax is neither a wholly fair tax on some categories, nor does it provide adequate revenue to support community needs.

Under W.Va. Code §8-1-5a(i)(14), municipalities participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program do not have the authority to pass an ordinance under Home Rule pertaining to taxation, except that a participating municipality may enact a mu-

nicipal sales tax up to one percent if it reduces or eliminates its municipal B&O tax. However, sales tax alone, without the B&O tax, would exempt certain critical town businesses (banks, insurance, real estate agents) from paying municipal tax.

By becoming a Home Rule city, Marlinton seeks to restructure its business tax structure, "reducing and eliminating some classes" of the Business and Occupation Tax and instituting a 1% sales tax in order to increase revenue, which will be used primarily for public safety

operations. This new business tax structure will be fairer and more standardized, and similar to those in adjacent communities. Furthermore, through the 1% (Point of Sale) tax, the 16,000 (or more visitors) per year will help pay for services that will benefit our local residents.

Taking a moment to remember Mayor Doug Dunbrack, who served the Town of Marlinton for 24 years, and passed away as Mayor, March 16, 2004. Twenty years ago.

## 75, from page 7

### DEATHS

Elva M. Ratliff, aged 72 years, of Bethel, PA. died at his home. On Wednesday afternoon the funeral was held in the Hosterman Church with interment in the nearby cemetery. The deceased was a native of Pocahontas county, born on Jerico Road, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Ratliff...

service being held from the Marlinton Methodist Church. She was twice married – first to Charles Harvey Maupin, and then to Grant Johnson. Both preceded her in death.

Mrs. Mary Ann Jackson Lane, aged 90, died at her home near Millpoint. The funeral service was conducted at Marvin Chapel and her body was laid to rest in the family plot in the Ruckman Cemetery...

Rev. Oswald N. Miles, aged 70 years, died at his home in Marlinton Monday afternoon, March 14, 1949. On Thursday afternoon the funeral service was held from Marlinton Presbyterian Church, and burial was in

the family plot in the cemetery at Maxwelton.

Rev. Miles was a native of England, his father was a clergyman of the Church of England.

Rev. Miles married Miss Mary Anna McClung, of Greenbrier County. She and their two children, Charles and Anita survive.

At the age of 16, Mr. Miles came to America. At first, he was a member of the English colony around Mingo. Later, he went to Greenbrier County and engaged in farming... He attended Union Seminary at Richmond and was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church. For more than 25 years he served churches in the Mingo field...

## TURN, from page 9

While I was fully disassembling the bodice of this 1700s style silk ball gown, the designer had several others making different items to add to the dress (bows, etc.). To do this alteration, I was not sitting at a nice sewing table in a clean room. I was standing up at a built-in desk, slightly larger than a standard home sewing machine, in the back of a semi-trailer. The trailer was packed down both sides, floor to roof, with costumes and other items, leaving a narrow walkway up the center. People were still running in and out of it to get things that were needed for set, so besides altering the dress, I also had to keep this fluff ball of discombobulated fabric clean and in like new condition. They came to check on my progress at the 50-minute mark, just when I was finishing it up. Yea! One

fire put out. Next?

I ended up staying the remainder of that production and into wrap, about four months. Post-production can feel like a whole different job, but that's a story for another time.

After wrap, I packed up my kit from production and all of my stuff in the hotel room and headed home. The day after returning home, everything I had been given to successfully complete the job I had been on for the past several months, energy, clarity of thought, etc. just up and flew away. I returned to

the way I had felt months before. In time, my doctor did figure out that a tick bite had caused my issues, and, with treatment, my health eventually returned.

As I look back on my life, there are countless times when I have felt blessed by God, to do whatever job He put before me, beyond my abilities, strength, skills and understanding.

Instead of focusing on our weaknesses and inabilities, we should turn around and focus on the One who is able to provide for all of our needs, in His perfect timing.

## 50, from page 7

### DEATHS

Mrs. Gladys Graham Sharp, 78, of Marlinton. Mrs. Sharp operated the News Stand in Marlinton for several years after the death of her husband, Harry A. Sharp. Funeral service was held from the Marlinton Presbyterian Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Georgie Virginia Jor-

## 100, from page 7

south, a devoted Christian woman, a good wife and loving, kind mother. The funeral was conducted at the Bethel church and the body was laid to rest in the Bethel graveyard.

Mattie Catherine Beverage, aged 20, one month and 28 days. She was a daughter of Jacob (deceased) and

dan, 73, of Hillsboro, a daughter of the late William and Frances Hill Morgan. Service was held from the Hillsboro Methodist Church with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Bob Allen Brubaker, 35, of Arbovale, died from injuries received in a car accident. He was a lifelong resident of Pocahontas County, a member of the Arbovale Church of the Brethren and worked for Howes Leather Company. Funeral service was held

from the Durbin Church of the Brethren with burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

William Sterl Camden, 78, of Satellite Beach, Florida; born in Marlinton, a son of the late William and Lummie Hall Camden. He was the last of seven children. Mr. Camden was a mail carrier in Marlinton for 22 years before going to Washington to work for the State Department. Funeral service was held at Brownie Funeral Chapel, with burial in Fountainhead Memorial Park.

Nancy A. Beverage who is now Mrs. Nancy A. Sharp. She leaves her mother, three brothers, Adam, Clawson and Lee, and four sisters, Mrs. Owen Kellison, Mrs. E. G. Galford, Mrs. Arnett McNeill and Mrs. Milburn Sharp. All were present at her funeral which was conducted at her mother's home. Her body was then taken to the home graveyard on the head of Stony Creek near Onoto, where her deceased father was buried 13 years ago. Mattie was in training

as a nurse at the Marlinton Hospital. She had begun her work of training eight months ago, and Drs. Solter and Yeager of the hospital, and Miss Flack superintendent, say she was making a record breaker as a nurse. ...

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**GBEMS Students of the Month**



GREEN BANK ELEMENTARY-Middle School congratulates it Students of the Month for March. Front row, l to r: Keira Halterman, first grade; Gage Starks, fourth grade; Hunter Cassell, third grade; CW Wilfong, kindergarten; and Nevaeh Bennett, Pre-K. Back row: Elizabeth Dickenson, fifth grade; Kendall Taylor, sixth grade; Abby Bauserman, eighth grade; Joey Arbogast, seventh grade; and Bella Moore, second grade.

**MES Students of the Month**



MARLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL congratulates its Students of the Month for February. Front row, l to r: Laylonee Fleming-Thomas, kindergarten; Natalie Vater, first grade; Amelia Herold, Pre-K; and Lennon Murray, kindergarten. Second row, Mason Albaugh, third grade; Brysen Cox, fifth grade; Bella Wade, fourth grade; Savannah Barnes, fourth grade; and Jase Long, third grade.



TOP PHOTO FROM left: Madelyn Sheets, second grade; Ryan Burns, second grade; and Andrew Herold, second grade.

AT LEFT, CHANNING Dean, first grade. Not pictured: Mason Albaugh, third grade.

**School Menus**

**March 25 – 29**  
**Monday, 25:** Oatmeal, cheese stick and fruit. Cheeseburger, whole grain bun, lettuce, tomato, macaroni and cheese, peas, carrots and milk.  
**Tuesday, 26:** Breakfast pizza and fruit. Hot ham and cheese, whole grain bun, Great Northern beans, roasted sweet potatoes, fruit cup and milk.  
**Wednesday, 27:** Sausage with egg and cheese crois-

sant and fruit. West Virginia Wednesday, Spaghetti with WV beef, sauce, garden salad with Romaine lettuce, whole grain bread stick, corn, pineapple and milk.  
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