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'Accidental Artist' named WV Emerging Artist

Suzanne Stewart Staff Writer

Marlinton's Peggy Owens is known for her bright, colorful glass artwork and her passion for education.

An unknown member of the community saw a spark in Owens and nominated her for the West Virginia Emerging Artist award which is presented by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.

It was only surprising to Owens when she received the award.

"I was floored because they don't usually give it to old people," she said. "An emerging artist is something that people are starting out in their career. Whoever nominated me said that even though I was older than your average emerging artist - I was only four in art years, like dog years."

Owens never set out to be an artist. As a student at Pocahontas County High School, she immersed herself in music, with the thought that she would be a musician one day.

"I have never taken an art class in my life because when I was up at the high school I wanted to be a music major," she said. "I was one of Charlie Fauber's, so I took band. I took choir. I was in jazz choir. I was in the jazz band. I took instrumental every year so I could either practice for All-State or learn to play a different instrument."

In college, she found her passion for elementary education and was fortunate to find a job she loved in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Owens recalls that, in college, a professor told her class to dream big and design a classroom, regardless of cost. She kept that plan and was able to implement it with her preschool class.

"At the time we were doing it, I thought, 'man, if this isn't the dumbest thing' because who's going to have an unlimited budget?" she said. "But, of course, I never throw anything away. So when we moved out to Indiana, I took my art with me."

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IN ADDITION TO making art that others can display in their homes, Peggy Owens, of Marlinton, decorates her own home with many of her framed and three-dimensional glass pieces. Also on display in her living room is her 2024 West Virginia Emerging Artist Award. S. Stewart photo

GBO to host Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

Suzanne Stewart Staff Writer

The last time a solar eclipse was visible in Pocahontas County was August 21, 2017. Thousands of enthusiasts gathered at the Green Bank Observatory for activities and a viewing party with telescopes and special eclipse glasses.

The GBO will once again hold a viewing party for the upcoming eclipse Monday, April 8.

GBO STEM educator Sarah Olivera explained that there will be lots of activities for people to enjoy, in addition to the actual eclipse.

"We'll have UV bracelet making and pinhole project making," she said. "People can make projects to look at the eclipse a different way if they don't want to look at it directly through glasses. Then we'll have this really fun bubble activity that we just like doing where kids can make images of the sun."

The activities will begin at 1 p.m. at the science center. At 2 p.m., the crowd will move outdoors for the viewing.

"We'll be giving out eclipse glasses for free for people on the day of," Olivera said. "I think we have two thousand saved up. In 2017, we purchased five hundred and then we ended up with two thousand people showing up. People were great about sharing, but we wanted to make sure we had more than we needed this time around since there won't be another eclipse in the U.S. for twenty years."

Along with the activities and the viewing party, Olivera said the auditorium will be open and have the NASA livestream playing on the screen. A 20-meter telescope onsite will also be pointed at the sun during the eclipse and that will be live streaming, as well.

The eclipse will start right around 2 p.m., reach it's maximum at 3:16 p.m. and it will all be over around 4:30 p.m.

Community speaks out against proposed cuts

Suzanne Stewart Staff Writer

More than thirty individuals - parents, teachers, students and community members - spoke at the March 26 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting, expressing concerns and opinions regarding the proposed staff cuts at Pocahontas County High School.

The cuts have been the talk of the county - and state - for two weeks, since it was revealed that Pocahontas County Schools Superintendent Lynne Bostic had a private meeting with the math and science teachers at PCHS to discuss the upcoming RIF and transfer season.

Each year, school systems have to look at the budget and estimate how much funding is to be received from federal and state entities. If there are any cuts to funding, then the superintendent is to evaluate the staff and see if there are any cuts or transfers that can be made.

“Every parent believes that the board should be looking at and doing what is best for their children, and we're charged with doing what is best for all the children. We have to consider all the children.”

Board member Morgan McComb

This year, the board was aware that ESSER - Elementary and Second School Emergency Relief Fund - was going to be discontinued at the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The ESSER funding was established to assist schools with funding during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The school system is also unsure how much funding it will receive through the Safe Rural School Fund - known locally as the forestry funding. Congress determines the amount paid to counties each year.

Taking both of those funding issues into consideration, Bostic had to make a RIF -

Reduction in Force - list. She had meetings with staff members who would be affected. The meetings and RIF notices had to be delivered by April 1.

After her meeting at PCHS on March 15, news spread that the board was planning to cut a math teacher and a science teacher. This led to many letters being sent to the board as well as news entities, with concerns about the loss of the positions and stressing the importance of the STEM program at PCHS.

At the board meeting, which was held at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, the individuals who spoke shared why they were

against the proposed cuts and some gave suggestions on how the board could fund the programs and keep the positions.

Since all speakers were signed up under the delegations portion of the agenda, the board could not respond or answer questions at that time. Board members did, however, speak at the end of the meeting about the issue.

Board member Jarrett McLaughlin thanked the community for being respectful during the meeting and handling themselves well as they shared their opinions.

"It could have been very nasty, and I think that everybody handled themselves pretty well," he said.

Board members Becky Campbell and Sam Gibson shared their displeasure with how things were handled and said they received a lot of calls and messages about something they didn't know about until after it happened.

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Eye Safety for Total Solar Eclipses

NASA

You can make your own eclipse projector using a cardboard box, a white sheet of paper, tape, scissors, and aluminum foil. With the Sun behind you, sunlight will stream through a pinhole punched into aluminum foil taped over a hole in one side of the box.

During the partial phases of a solar eclipse, this will project a crescent Sun onto a white sheet of paper taped to the inside of the box. Look into the box through another hole cut into the box to see the projected image.

Here are some important safety guidelines to follow during a total solar eclipse.

• View the Sun through eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer during the partial eclipse phases before and after totality.

• You can view the eclipse directly without proper eye protection only when the Moon completely obscures the Sun's bright face - during the brief and spectacular period known as totality. (You'll know it's safe when you can no longer see any part of the Sun through eclipse glasses or a solar viewer.)

• As soon as you see even a little bit of the bright Sun reappear after totality, immediately put your eclipse glasses back on or use a handheld solar viewer to look at the Sun.

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UPCC no longer opposes demolition of tannery office

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

Jason Bauserman and Joann Gilardi of the Upper Pocahontas Community Coalition told the Pocahontas County Commission at its April 2 meeting that, after considering the pros and cons of renovating the former Howes Tannery office building, they will no longer oppose demolishing it. Bauserman explained they reached this decision after considering

the asbestos, black mold and handicap access issues as well as the approximately \$300,000 in repairs that would be needed to make the building safe and usable.

Bauserman said the UPCC's alternative plan would be for the commission to give them the site of the office building once it has been demolished so a one-story modern museum could be built there. He mentioned that the UPCC has been interviewing for-

mer Howes Tannery employees and recording their stories about working for the tannery. He said these will be saved and people visiting the future museum could watch them.

Commission President Walt Helmick said he agreed that the old building needs to be demolished because of its condition, but disagrees about building a museum on that site. Helmick said it is in such a **see UPCC pg 10**

Capito discusses Internet connectivity, Pocahontas County 911 Service at Senate Commerce Hearing

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), a member of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, recently participated in a hearing where she questioned several witnesses on addressing connectivity in rural areas, and ensuring reliable 911 coverage in Pocahontas County.

Since speaking with leaders from West Virginia's 911 service centers, hearing from a number of constituents, and visiting the area, Senator Capito has been focused on finding ways to improve 911

connectivity in the region. During the hearing, Senator Capito spoke directly to the perspective of residents in Pocahontas County and the challenges they are facing as leaders look toward identifying a dependable solution.

On the National Radio Quiet Zone affecting 911 services in Pocahontas County:

Senator Capito: "The National Radio Quiet Zone is in West Virginia. And we have half of that, but it restricts transmissions so that it will allow for advanced scientific research and other sensitive

technology operations without interference in a very remote part of our state. But where we're running into problems here, it also conflicts with the 911 service and the ability to deliver service. So, when you have a conflict like that, how, in those sensitive areas, can we continue to work so that you can do the innovation that you need to do in the quiet zone area, but you can still serve our citizens through 911? Does anybody have an answer for that?"

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PCSWA questions Landfill Inspection Report

At the March 27 Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority meeting, Chairman Ed Riley said that, despite the Landfill Inspector's assurance at the time he did the inspection that everything looked fine; when the inspection report was received four violations were cited.

These included issues with water seep management, excess mercury, ammonia nitrogen, fluorides, and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) being found in water samples. There were also problems found with the working face of the landfill cell being too large. Riley, and landfill manager Chris McComb questioned the accuracy of the new testing procedures that were used. They suggested that the testing company used new limits, and the samples or equipment they used might have been incorrect or contaminated.

While they have the option of appealing the fines, which could be from \$8,000 to \$10,000 per violation, that might be a waste of time and effort. McComb said the testing company employees were unable to explain their process or the results, so he has no way to even begin to figure out how to correct

some of these violations. Riley said the results of the new tests show many times the amounts of some of these pollutants – especially Mercury – than have ever been found by the previous testing

procedures.

Office Administrator Mary Clendenen reported on the Authority's February financial statement. She said there

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VFDs in West Virginia now have permanent funding source

By Henry Culvyhouse,
Mountain State Spotlight

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Scratch-off and Powerball tickets will become the newest funding source for volunteer fire departments, after Governor Jim Justice signed off on a bill Wednesday.

With little fanfare — and near unanimous approval — lawmakers passed a bill earlier this month to provide an extra \$12 million for volunteer fire departments in the state each year from the state lottery fund.

Randy James, president of the Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association, said the boost is much needed. As the Chief of the Frametown Volunteer

Fire Department in Braxton County, James said equipment, like battery rescue tools to remove people from crashed cars, costs tens of thousands of dollars.

"That money is a big help for us," he said.

The extra money can also go towards making payments on new trucks, James said. Depending on the size and function, a new fire engine can cost more than \$1 million in today's economy.

In West Virginia, the more than 400 volunteer fire departments are funded through a variety of ways — boot drives, spaghetti dinners, mail-flyers asking for donations and county fire fees.

All departments also receive a stipend from the state from a small tax on property insurance. For about 15 years, there's been a push to raise that tax to get increased funding for VFDs, but lawmakers have consistently

shot it down.

During the 2023 legislative session, lawmakers made another go at finding more funding, but it died on the vine during the last night of the session. That plan would have provided permanent funding for volunteer fire departments and EMS providers.

In August, delegates and senators returned to Charleston to scrounge up more money for VFDs. They approved an extra \$6 million to go into the fund bankrolled by the insurance tax, \$3 million to go to a new fund for counties with fire levies or fees and the other \$3 million to get distributed to all counties, based on population and need.

However, none of that was a permanent fix. By January, half of the \$12 million had been tapped out.

"Last year, it was a one-shot surplus deal," James **see VFDs pg 10**

Wastewater treatment, Cemetery Software on MTC agenda

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At Monday night's Marlinton Town Council meeting, Cassie Walton, with Region 4 Planning and Development, gave an update on the many grant applications the Region 4 Council is applying for on behalf of the town for improvements to the wastewater treatment system.

The particular grant on the agenda was for \$3 million — a Community Development Block Grant — which, if awarded, will be matched by the West Virginia Development office.

It was required of council to approve the application as well as three resolutions that accompany the grant. The resolutions are to allow authorization for Mayor Sam Felton to sign all necessary paperwork, a fair housing agreement and a citizen participation clause which requires the town to have public meetings to keep the community informed on the

system's progress.

Council approved the application and the three resolutions to move forward with the process.

Walton also spoke about more grants that will help lessen the size loan the town will need to finish the project.

"What we're talking about is an approximately \$13 million project, so what we want to do is help the town apply to every grant resource possible to try to help grant supplement that \$13 million as much as possible."

Region 4 has already submitted a \$2 million request to the Army Corps and Walton said the town is eligible for \$1 million from the Infrastructure Council and \$2.5 million in a forgivable loan from the WVDEP Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Council thanked Walton for the update and Region 4's continued efforts for the town.

Felton said that the original cost of the project was

\$28 million and that amount has already been lowered to \$13 million by multiple funding sources.

In other action, council:

- received a demonstration of the Chronicle Cemetery Software which maps out Mountain View Cemetery, including all 6,000 plots on the property. Once the input of data is complete, a website will go live where the cemetery can be viewed. It will allow people to find graves of loved ones, as well as see where there are plots available for purchase.
- agreed to provide a letter of support for the Mon Forest Towns ARC Power Grant.
- discussed changes to the employee handbook and chose to table approval of the changes to the next meeting.

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Garth Newel Classical String Trio

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adults; ages 17 and younger are admitted free. Tickets can be conveniently obtained at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, online at pocahontasoperahouse.org or at the venue on the

evening of the performance. The Pocahontas County Opera House is grateful to receive financial support from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, with the endorsement of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, Mid-Atlantic Arts, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

WVU Symphony Orchestra to perform at Carnegie

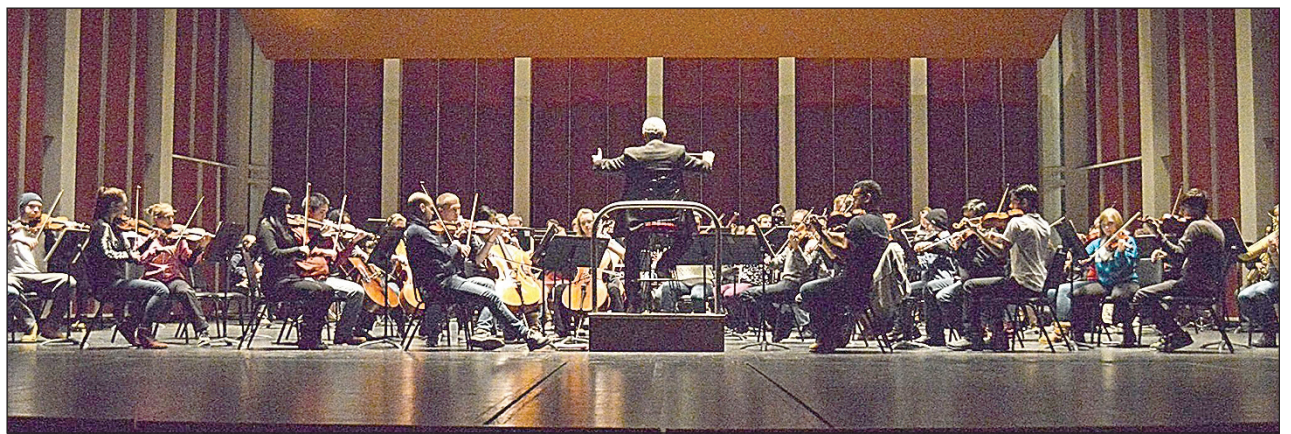
Carnegie Hall will present the West Virginia University Symphony Orchestra in concert Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. Concert tickets are on sale now – only \$15/adults and \$7/students. The performance will be conducted by Rotem Weinberg, WVU's Director of Orchestral Activities.

The program will include Villa Lobos' Sinfonietta No. 1, Beethoven's Piano Con-

certo No. 5 "Emperor," movements 2 and 3, and Brahms' Variations on a Theme by Joseph Haydn.

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala.

The Hall is located at 611 Church Street in Lewisburg. For more information, call 304-645-7917 or visit carnegiehallwv.org



WVU Symphony Orchestra

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3. Emma Boettcher is a University of Chicago Librarian who became nationally famous after a 2019 appearance on what television show?

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- 1 Very little bit
- 5 Large Indian city
- 10 Discover by chance
- 15 Elegant
- 19 Liposuction target
- 20 Take out — (borrow cash)
- 21 Journalist — Rogers St. Johns
- 22 Actor Cronyn
- 23 initial impression
- 25 Printer cartridge contents
- 27 Still in the future
- 28 Harsh review
- 30 Admit defeat
- 31 Wonder
- 32 Like bedroom communities
- 35 Partners of 84-Down
- 36 Metal sleeve in an engine's piston
- 40 Slide down a slope
- 41 Cuts of pork
- 42 Disney who drew
- 43 Toot one's own horn
- 46 Gaius' garb
- 50 Rancid objectivism
- 51 "Viva — Vegas"
- 52 Base coat on a wall, maybe
- 54 Is a little too fond of
- 57 Rest on top of
- 59 Writer Nin
- 60 Prefix with conscious
- 61 Dock
- 62 Honey liquor
- 64 Cpl., e.g.
- 65 Big grant-giving group
- 72 Totally
- 73 Granny
- 74 Dog food brand
- 75 Places with lots of IVs
- 76 Mental picture
- 78 Dictators
- 81 Row of PC-screen buttons
- 85 Cabaret where the cancan originated
- 87 Kilmer of "Tombstone"
- 88 Kitchen utensil brand
- 89 "Little" actress Rae
- 90 Decorative tattoo dye
- 91 Very little
- 93 Garden pest
- 95 Mem. of the family
- 97 Annotation in the text of Christian scripture
- 100 Server overseer, informally
- 103 Convention speeches
- 105 "... flaw — feature?"
- 106 Mixed with cognac, e.g.
- 108 Flip (out)
- 109 Clip out
- 113 Something cast at sunset
- 116 What you have passed when you figure out this puzzle's theme?
- 118 Hydroxyl compound
- 119 Cooling, as champagne
- 120 French gal pals
- 121 To be, to Livy
- 122 Really resist
- 123 Former quarterback
- 124 French governing body
- 125 Letters after pis
- 1 Not definite
- 2 "Rolie Polie —" (kids' book)
- 3 Sour
- 4 Refrain from drinking
- 5 Patted lightly
- 6 Fanning of "Teen Spirit"
- 7 Baseball's Gehrig
- 8 Wilds influence
- 9 Occupy
- 10 TV's Linden
- 11 Lupino or Tarbell
- 12 Actress Thompson of "Creed"
- 13 Brand of fake 69-Down
- 14 — a one (zero)
- 15 Go through the motions
- 16 1/16 pound
- 17 Aroma
- 18 "— Johnny!"
- 24 Small cities
- 26 Ankara native
- 29 Convent sister
- 32 Span. women
- 33 Steel support for concrete
- 34 Grill
- 36 Dressed (in)
- 37 "Around-the-world" toy
- 38 Dryer fluff
- 39 Actor McGregor
- 40 Fuel additive brand
- 44 Strong ill will
- 45 Dutch artist Jan
- 47 Certain Arab
- 48 State Farm alternative
- 49 Fiery crime
- 51 Spa sponge
- 52 Actress Valerie of "Lenny"
- 53 Storm-finding systems
- 55 Cartoon cry
- 56 Act starter
- 57 Qatar export
- 58 Letter #22
- 61 Take selfish advantage of
- 63 "It's —" ("You're on!")
- 65 "Darkman" director Sam
- 66 Actor Edward James —
- 67 Santa —
- 68 — nous
- 69 Liposuction target
- 70 Mantra words
- 71 "For shame!"
- 77 In a harshly bright way
- 79 Pass quickly on foot
- 80 "To repeat ..."
- 81 Unveiling cry
- 82 — chic
- 83 Pivot point
- 84 Fishing sticks
- 86 Devils' org.
- 87 Dirt Devils, e.g., in brief
- 91 Nissan car models
- 92 Reason for extra innings
- 93 Get — on reality
- 94 Ceiling coat
- 96 Terminates
- 98 Arrow shooter
- 99 Short-horned grasshopper
- 100 Differently — (other-skilled)
- 101 Pilotless craft
- 102 Lead-in to "the cloth" or "the hour"
- 103 Cartoonist Bil
- 104 Comic and actor Murphy
- 107 Breakfast chain, in brief
- 109 "I — bad moon rising"
- 110 Meeting period, slangily
- 111 — buco (veal dish)
- 112 Map nos.
- 114 Tenth mo.
- 115 Very little
- 117 Cousins, e.g.

PMH Health Beat

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

How many shoppers walking from downtown to IGA and Riverside know or remember that the MTA bus is available to carry you to or from banks and stores during the week?

The Town of Marlinton is committed to addressing abandoned and dilapidated structures to improve the

health, safety and welfare of the community and, as such, has identified a number of vacant and dilapidated structures. Some are subject to partial or complete collapse. The Town is currently waiting on the results of recent asbestos testing.

When the test results are in hand, a required Notice to Bid will run in *The Pocahontas Times*. Parties inter-

ested in bidding on removal of these structures should watch for "Notice to Bid" on the legal page in the paper.

Dilapidated structures lower property values and can stymie reinvestment in the community. DEP Grant funding will be used to remove at least 10 houses over the next few months.

It is springtime. Lots of plans are in progress. Save yourself from unnecessary aggravation.

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Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE
Garth Newel Classical String Trio, Saturday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. An ensemble celebrated for its electrifying interpretations of classical works, promises an unforgettable experience for concert-goers. Tickets, \$10, ages 17 and younger admitted free.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Town of Marlinton Spring Clean-Up, April 8 - 12.

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

MEETINGS
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. Everyone welcome.

EVENTS
Old-Time Square Dance, with music by Mud Hole Control, Saturday, April 6, at Dunmore Community Center. Sponsored by Parks and Rec.

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

Great Greenbrier River Race, Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m. beginning on Main Street in Marlinton.

LIBRARY NEWS
Friday Fun Day 4 p.m., for ages three to 10, at Durbin Library. Reading, crafts and activities.

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

Poetry Readings – that speak of life in Pocahontas County – Saturday, April 13, 1 p.m. at Hillsboro Library. Free and open to the public.

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

Chair Yoga, Tuesdays through April 30 at 5 p.m. at

the Green Bank Observatory old tour center.

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

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

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

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

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

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

This is in reference to the article on page 2 of the March 28, 2024, edition of this paper titled Commissioner proposes "Owner Friendly" Demolition Ordinance.

According to the article, the county commission received two résumés for the position of County Flood Plain Manager. Instead of scheduling interviews for both of the applicants, each commissioner will review the résumés and then vote on which applicant to hire.

I went to the Pocahontas County Commission Facebook page and watched this part of the meeting to make sure I read this correctly.

I was astounded and disappointed by the blasé attitude our county commission

had as they discussed this position and even more astounded and disappointed in the way they have decided to handle the hiring process.

Why no interviews? Why not meet them in person? Will the résumés be verified? Or, is someone already in place for the job and this is just a formality?

Thank you,
Caroline Sharp
Marlinton

Dear Editor,

This is my opinion concerning this proposed ordinance pertaining to dilapidated properties. This is an open letter to the citizens, taxpayers and anyone else with ties to Pocahontas County especially the natives who have spent their lives hammering out a living

here.

The first item I would like to address is letting Mr. Rebinski know that we don't necessarily live like the people in Monongalia County (no offense to them, please) and most like things just as they are.

This is just another form of zoning and trying to gain more control. I personally know of individuals living in dilapidated houses who have no place to go if evicted. Are you going to leave these people homeless in the streets? No doubt it could happen.

Please, voters of our county, be very wary of who you vote for and vote your heart and for our future.

We need good paying jobs

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Weather Recap

by Jason Bauserman

Five months of winter weather is over, and it is now Spring.

March snow was very scant. Temperatures were very warm just like February. Precipitation was below normal.

March only produced 0.9 inches of snow. That is the second lowest March snow in my 33 years. In 2021 March had no snow recorded. Normal snow for the month is 13.3 inches.

Shockingly, my four lowest winter snow totals have occurred in the last five

years. Last year had to be an all time record with only 13.6 inches. The COVID year in 2020 produced only 22.6 inches. In 2021-2022 there was 30.8 inches and this winter recorded 30.3 inches.

My first five winters from 1991 to 1995 averaged 72.6 inches. My last five winters have only averaged 29.3 inches. Where is the snow?

Precipitation was 3.24 inches and that was 0.93

inches below the March normal.

Three-month precipitation is now 11.28 inches. Normal precipitation at the end of March is 10.37 inches.

The average high temperature was 54.4 degrees and that was the third warmest high in 33 years. That average high temperature was 7.3 degrees above the March normal.

The average low temperature was 29.7 degrees and that was 4.2 degrees above normal. The mean of 42.1 degrees was the fourth warmest in 33 years.

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Artist, from page 1

apolis and the job came open, and I got it, they said, ‘this is a federally-funded program, and we want to use you as a showcase; spare no expense.’

“I pulled out my list,” she added, laughing.

Owens was the teacher for five years for the first at-risk preschool in the state of Indiana when she thought she could help more people as a principal. She moved up the ranks and realized shortly after, she missed the classroom.

“I hated it,” she said. “I don’t like pantyhose; I don’t like dressing up; I don’t like going to meetings; I don’t like to discipline. And nobody ever comes to the principal with a child and says, ‘he’s been really good, do something to him.’ It was just like wearing a target all the time, and I finally went to them and I said, ‘you know, I want you to put me back in the classroom.’”

Owens returned to elementary education and taught first grade for several years before returning to Pocahontas County. She and her husband, Mark, came in during the fall break, and

Owens noticed there was a position open at Hillsboro Elementary School. She was planning to retire soon and this was a part-time job, so she threw her hat into the ring and got the job.

It was her first encounter with art.

“It was art, music and phys. ed.,” she said. “It was so much fun, but I knew it was only going to be that one year.”

Then superintendent of schools Terrence Beam worked with Owens on moving her to another position – this time at Marlinton Middle School. There, she was the art and gifted teacher. Although she was an elementary teacher, she decided to take a chance.

Then the COVID-19 pandemic happened. When it was time for the schools to return to in-person education, Owens decided it was time to retire.

Although she left the public school classroom, she was bitten by the art education bug and started teaching classes through the Artisan’s Co-op and Community Wellness Center.

Owens said her jobs in the Pocahontas County Schools system led her to art and are part of the reason she is now an established artist.

“On my first cards that I

passed out, I put ‘Peggy Owens, Accidental Artist’ because had it not been for that, I would have never done art,” she said. “What really started me off was Trish McNaull brought me this bucket of glass and a couple of frames that Roger [I think she meant Jim] VanReenen had made and said, ‘Peggy, I tried to do this, but it’s just something I found I don’t want to do. Will you take this and make it into abstract stained glass for me?’”

Not one to ever admit she doesn’t know how to do something, Owens took on the challenge and made her first two glass art pieces. It took some time, but she found her groove and all the right angles, to make something beautiful.

“The funny thing is, I can remember Kathy McGee in geometry in high school and thinking, ‘I will never use this stuff in real life,’” Owens said. “When I started looking at the glass, I had to measure the angles to make sure the pieces fit together. So my apologies to Kathy McGee, turns out I really did use [geometry]. It just took forty years.”

Unlike traditional stained glass which uses lead caming and soldering, Owens combines her glass fusing

skills with layers and covers everything in a layer of epoxy to seal in all the elements of her glass mosaics and collages that incorporate glass, miscellaneous objects and stickers.

Most of Owens’ pieces are framed and can be displayed on walls or as sun-catchers, but she has also branched out into the three-dimensional realm with items like her Mountain Mama bust covered in blue and gold glass, beads and stickers, or her rainbow colored guitar.

There is no limit to Owens’ imagination and talent. She not only continues to expand her personal art career, but is also working hard to get Pocahontas County declared a Certified Arts Community. She has been writing grants and working with other artists to offer classes, organize events and truly celebrate all the art and artists Pocahontas County has to offer.

Owens’ artwork can be found at the Pocahontas County Artisans Co-op 4th Avenue Gallery in the Depot, Handmade West Virginia Market in Marlinton, Hillsboro Public House, Plants, Etc. in Lewisburg, Allegheny Highlands Art Center and at Tea with Tarsha in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Safety, from page 1

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Cuts, from page 1

“There’s been a lot of misinformation out there, and that’s caused a lot of chaos,” Campbell said. “I know the first time I heard about the cuts, I was sitting in a training class and my phone was blowing up. Sue [Hollandsworth] was sitting beside me. I felt a little embarrassed that the general public knew more about this than I do, and I still feel very embarrassed about that.”

Bostic said the reason she did not share the information with board members at the time the meetings took place was because, from her understanding, state code does not allow that information to be shared with the board until after April 1.

“I think that this is the worst public relations tactical error we have ever had,” Gibson said. “We basically threw all of our public support out the door. This could have been handled so much better.”

Gibson added that he felt Bostic could have come to the board and told them that they were looking at cuts without giving specific names.

Board member Morgan McComb, who was an employee of the school system for decades, said he remembers when the board of education was sued by employees who were cut during RIF/transfer season. The board reached a settlement with the employees because the cuts were discussed beforehand.

When treasurer Sherry Radcliff explained that the ESSER funding was used to hire LPNs, Gibson suggested that the board RIF everyone who was hired with the “COVID” money and then the board would have time to reevaluate the budget.

Since the matter was not on the agenda, Gibson’s suggestion to vote on the issue could not happen.

Radcliff said the majority of the ESSER funding was used to repair HAVAC systems at GBEMS and Marlinton Middle School.

Gibson asked Bostic what the plan was in regard to the next step with the RIF process. Bostic asked if she could answer and McComb advised her against it.

“We have to follow state law,” McComb said. “One thing I’d like to add, Sam, is I hate to see programs leave too, but Lynne inherited this, and she’s fixing it. [Terrence] Beam told us last year that he had to get [a math teacher] back to the high school as a full-time teacher because he had promised them that, and the numbers would not support it.”

“When you make that kind of decision, somewhere down the line, when your funding is based on numbers, there has to be a reckoning,” he added.

When looking at the proposed RIFs, Hollandsworth reminded everyone that they are not cuts and there are possibilities to combine classes and/or transfer a teacher to another position to keep them in the system.

“Right now, we have a math teacher teaching wrestling,” she said. “We’re teaching land surveying. We have an applied statistics class with two people in it.”

“The medical terminology course, when I looked at the schedule, they have one person in that class,” Bostic added.

While the board is open to offering AP courses and college courses, it is important to look at the size of classes, as well as what is being offered.

“I’m passionate about college education and degrees and college credit,” Mc-

Comb said. “My daughter went out of Pocahontas County High School with thirty credits and that was great. – if we can afford them. If we can provide that while Green Bank, Marlinton, Hillsboro and the students at Pocahontas County High School that have no intentions of going to college, are getting what they need.

“Do we have students that are not getting what they need because all we’re offering is high level classes?” he continued. “Every parent believes that the board should be looking at and doing what is best for their children, and we’re charged with doing what is best for all the children. We have to consider all the children.”

“I just think there’s options,” Gibson said. “I’m not ready to abandon this, yet.”

“It’s horrible,” McComb responded. “I’ll be the first to admit that, but we have to be realistic, and we have to look at the facts. We can’t let passion override common sense.”

All the RIF/transfer notices have been delivered and the next step is for the board to have hearings with the individuals who received notices and request a hearing to discuss their options.

In financial management, the board approved: payment of vendor listing, payment of local government purchasing card, employee payroll, extra duty pay, bank reconciliations, grant awards, Pocahontas County Schools Summary of Schedule of Revenues and expenditures on a cash basis and budget adjustments.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved the following:

- Out of state trip to the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, Virginia, for a field trip with the Theater Club on April 17. There will

be approximately 20 students with chaperones. It will be a one-day event.

- Purchase of a Sterling Acterra 2001 Refrigerator Truck for food services.

• Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pocahontas County Board of Education and the Human Resource Development Foundation, Inc. (HRDF) for Youth Health Threat Assessment.

- to include Donkey Basketball to the school-based fundraiser list for Green Bank Elementary-Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.

In personnel management, the board approved the following:

- Employment of Tina Tracy as teacher of special education/multi-categorical at Hillsboro Elementary School at state minimum salary based on degree and experience plus equity, retroactive to March 21, for 53 days, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

• Employment of Alexander Hummel as teacher of music and band director at Pocahontas County High School and band director at Marlinton Middle School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience plus equity, effective March 27, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

• Resignation of Daniel J. Ahern as bus driver and substitute teacher for Pocahontas County Schools, retroactive to March 15.

• Employment of Karen Vandevender as substitute teacher for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic professional salary, based on degree and experience, from the 2023-2024 school year, as needed.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, at 6 p.m., at the board office in Buckeye.

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Obituaries



Billie Jean Beverage

Billie Jean Sutton Beverage, 69, of Green Bank, passed away Saturday, March 30, 2024.

Born October 12, 1954, in Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Edison Earl and Monna Bell Long Sutton.

Billie was a homemaker and attended the Green Bank Church of God.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Brian Beverage; sisters, Glenda Sharp, Roberta Lacy, Shirley Sharp and Phyllis Jean Sutton; brothers, Robert Sutton, Edward Sutton, Frances Sutton and Patrick Sutton.

She is survived by her husband, Keith Edward Beverage, of Green Bank; sons, Keith Edward Beverage II, and wife, Shana, of Green Bank, and Jamie Lee Beverage, and wife, Karen, of Crescent, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Tyrel Beverage, and wife, Marleah, of Arbovale, Summer Combs, and husband, Zane, of Claremore, Oklahoma, Kadance Hood, and husband, Shane, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Jace Beverage, of Crescent, Oklahoma, and Edward Cardenas, of Green Bank; great-grandchildren, Everett Beverage and Lincoln Beverage, of Arbovale; sisters, Catherine Vandevander, and husband, Ray, of Arbovale, Barbara Mann, and husband, Ray, of Huntersville, and Jennifer McCarty, and husband, Rick, of Marlinton.

Funeral service will be held Friday, April 5, 2024, 11 a.m. at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Pastor Marty Clevenger officiating. Burial will follow at Arbovale Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Thursday, April 4, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com

He was treasured as a loving and faithful husband to Julia Tyler Bird for 45 years, a compassionate father and grandfather, a good friend and teacher, and a Christian. Mr. Bird was an avid outdoorsman who was deeply attached to his farm. He was a martial arts expert and an individual who valued life-long learning.

Mr. Bird was a graduate of West Virginia Institute of Technology and a U.S. Army veteran who served in Korea. Professionally, he began designing information architecture systems when computers were in their infancy and took on roles of increasing responsibility. His last position was senior systems engineering analyst with Dominion Energy working on the Bath County Pumped Storage Station.

On June 2, 1979, he married Julia Tyler Bird, who survives.

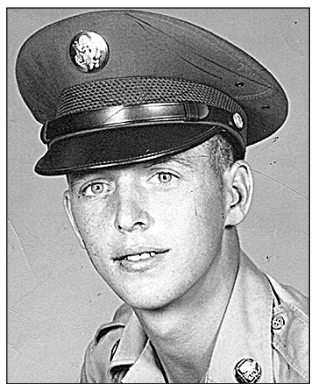
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Bird; and great-grandson, Jacob Matthew Walker.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Rebecca Bird, of Largo, Florida, Beth Hunt (Paul) and Edith Allin (Tom), all of Richmond, Virginia; three sons, Richard Bird (Nina), of Switzerland, Michael Bird, of Clearwater, Florida, and Richard McGrath (Stacy), of Hanover, Virginia; brothers, Wayne Bird (Sandy), of Fayetteville, and Fred Bird (Doneeta), of Elkins; trusted friend, Tom Moore (Lindie), of Marlinton; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the New Hope Church in Dunmore Saturday, April 6, at 11 a.m. led by Pastor Julian Rittenhouse.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the church.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at kimblefuneralhome.com



Dennis Doss

Dennis Melvin Doss, 76, of Hillsboro, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2024,

at home, surrounded by his family.

Born February 1, 1948, in Whitesville, he was a son of the late Grace and Moncie Doss.

Dennis was a proud U.S. Army Veteran. He spent two years in active duty and was stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, before traveling overseas to Germany to serve his country. He was awarded a National Defense Service Medal - Sharp Shooter (M14) before receiving an honorable discharge.

He spent his childhood in Whitesville, before moving to West Haven, Connecticut, with his family for work. He married his wife, Gloria, in 1972, and it wasn't long before he found himself back in the mountains of West Virginia. He worked in concrete for 50 years, side by side with his brothers. He also was a very talented chef and later in life built swimming pools.

All who knew Dennis, knew his heart of gold and wonderful sense of humor. Dennis never met a stranger, and he loved to talk. He cared deeply for his family and friends. His absence will be felt by all who loved him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald "Buster" and William "Billy;" daughter, Lisa Ann Doss; and granddaughter, Angela Garretson.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gloria Doss; daughters, Lisa Doss Beverage (Danny Wilfong), of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Louann McMillion, of Hillsboro; sister, Evelyn "Mutt" Nelson, of Connecticut; brothers, Norman (Faye), of West Haven, Connecticut, Fred (Joyce), of Lewisburg, and Randy, of West Virginia and Florida; grandchildren, Erica Faulkner (Lucas), Daniel Hoke (Keri), Brittany Hoke, Jesse Hoke (Elizabeth), Gabrielle Hoke, Alicia Hoke and Ashley Garretson; 13 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; and a loving Yellow Lab named Buddy and a cat named Jasper.

Funeral service will be

held Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor Vince Deeds officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro with Military Honors by the Pocahontas Veteran Honor Corps.

The family will receive friends from noon until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, Dennis asked for donations to be made to the Pocahontas County Senior Citizens and to the American Cancer Society.

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

JoAnn Fromhart

JoAnn Rogers Fromhart, 91, of Dunmore, peacefully passed away Friday, January 12, 2024, in Charleston, surrounded by her family.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 6, from 1 p.m. until the memorial service at 2 p.m. at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Pastor Amy Paul officiating.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Patricia Garcia

Patricia Ann Garcia, 68, of Beckley, wife of Michael Garcia, died Friday, March 22, 2024, in St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington.

Born October 9, 1955, in Oak Hill, she was a daughter of the late Manuel and Vivian Jacks Wykle.

Patricia was an owner and operator of antique shops.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Stephanie (Sherman) Redden, of Huntington; four grandchildren, Jennifer Hoover and Summer Redden, both of Huntington, Andrew Redden, of Lodi, Ohio, and Travis (Julie) Arednik, of Beckley; and her ex-husband, Steve Hoover, of Marlinton.

Chapman's Mortuary in Huntington is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be sent to www.chapmansmortuary.com



Virginia Morris

Virginia Lee Shaw Mullens Morris passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Born December 12, 1930, in Pickens, she was a daughter of the late Norman W. Shaw and Eula Conrad Shaw.

She attended school in Slaty Fork and Marlinton.

Virginia was raised in a family of faith; a family of faith that thanked God for the many blessings in life. She knew Jesus as her Lord and Savior, and we are comforted knowing she is in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas; sister, Mary-Joyce; and husbands, Kenneth Mullens and Greg Morris

She is survived by a brother, Norman Shaw Jr., and wife, Barbra, of Edray; sons, Wayne (Lynne), of Livingston, Louisiana, Jake (Linda), of Wake Forest, North Carolina, and Brad (Ginny), of North Bay, Ontario; grandchildren, Derek, Melanie, Dan and Jeremy; great-grandchildren, Megan, Daylen, Rayce, Ben, Ali and Amy; great-great-grandchild, Remi; stepchildren, Jim and Linda, of Texas; and many nieces and nephews in Pocahontas and Upshur counties and elsewhere.

The family sends a big thank you to the staff at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton for their special care throughout the past year.

Grammy will always be remembered as a loving, kind, generous mom and grandmother. She will be greatly missed by all.

There is a joyous celebration as she is reunited with many loved ones.

Funeral service was held

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at the Pleasant Dale Church in Selbyville under the direction of Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

General Triplett

General Franklin Triplett, 91, of Hillsboro, passed away at his home Wednesday, March 27, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Born at home on Raintown Road, October 11, 1932, he was a son of the late Elmer and Dorthula Peyton Triplett.

Gen served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1953 to 1955.

He was a member of the Mt. Kennison Church of God. He was a logger and enjoyed working outside, farming and gardening.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Earl, Clay, Kenneth, Kelly, Edgar, Ray and Herman; and sisters, Grace, Ruby and Sybil.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Evalena Triplett; son, James F. Triplett, and wife, Sandra, of Hillsboro; daughter, Sandra Rediker, of Hillsboro; sister, Dorthy Eagle, of Terre Haute, Indiana; grandchildren, Kristi Tankersley, and husband, Brian, Michele Stewart and Michael Stewart, all of Hillsboro, Jamie Smith, and wife, Kim, of Churchville, Virginia; four great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Evalene Mullens, of Bluewell; and several nieces and nephews.

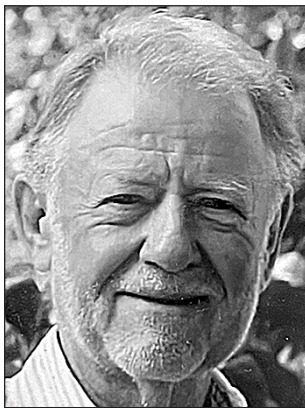
Funeral service was held Saturday, March 30, 2024, at Mt. Kennison Church of God with Sam Felton officiating. Interment was in Sharp Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department, 7524 Seneca Trail, Hillsboro, WV 24946.

VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton was in charge of arrangements.

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Richard Bird

Richard Grant Bird, 88, of Marlinton, departed from this life Sunday, March 31, 2024, at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital in Buckeye, surrounded by his loving family.

Born August 3, 1935, in Charleston, he was a son of the late Wilford G. Bird and Wava Evelyn Skeen Bird.



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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.

Marlinton Church of God
Beard Heights, Rt. 219
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday evening Bible Study of Revelation at 5 p.m.
Sunday Evangelism Service, April 14 and 28 at 5 p.m.
Rev. Fred Goldizen

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Rt. 250 • Bartow
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
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Saturday Mass 5:30 p.m.
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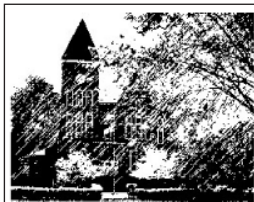
Trinity Baptist Church
Rt. 219 Cook Town (Buckeye Hill)
Worship 11 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 10 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Pastor David Moore
681-875-0076.

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Rt. 219 North, in Edray
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Marlinton Presbyterian Church
In-person Bible Study, Sundays 9 a.m.
In-person Worship 10 a.m.
or via teleconference, 1-978-990-5269
Enter access code 4835028#
Community Dinner - Thursday, April 25
(Planning meeting April 11 at 5:30 p.m.)
Rev. David Lee, Pastor
Eighth Street, Marlinton • 304-799-6145

Cochran Creek Baptist Church
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Pastor Roger Frame
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Psalms 25:4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

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Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

Green Bank High School - 1937



GREEN BANK HIGH School Senior Class of 1937 in front of the school. First row, l-r: Kathleen Young, Ethel Jennings, Nell Nottingham, Grace Brown, Milly Lee Hevener, Eva Lois Bowling, Lake Sheets, Ada Kramer, Ethyl Mae Bennett, Anna Mae Ashford. Second row, l-r: Timie Young, Doris Snyder, Nell Smith, Tom Herold, Victor Reda, Adam Talercio, Dexter Aldridge. Third row, l-r: Betty Ellen Pritchard, Drexler Oldaker, Marvin Dill, ? Hamrick, Franklin Groff, Nellie Margaret Cover, Celia Cromer, Olive Lyle. Fourth row, l-r: Jim Wiley, Hulda Bird Suder (Sponsor), Pearl Rider, Eugene Puffenbarger, Delores Wright, Elmer Cook, Catherine O'Brien, Virginia Gragg, Dorothy Jean Herold, Wardell Wooddell. Back row, l-r: Earl Ralston, Raymond Tracy, Eugene Burner, Walter Shafer (Sponsor). Exposure by J. H. Williams. (Courtesy of Robert "Bob" Sheets; ID: PHP003846)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, April 7, 1949

Last Friday afternoon, neighbors called in to observe the big silver ring around the sun. What was the sign? Why, snow, of course; there was a plenty on high ground Monday morning. The book says the ring is reflected light of the sun on ice crystals in the upper atmosphere.

HONOR STUDENTS

Of the 119 residents of the woman's dormitory at the University who made a B or better in their scholastic averages during the first semester were Jeanne Sheets, daughter of Clarence A. Sheets, of Dunmore, and Ruth Hill, daughter of George P. Hill, of Hillsboro...

FIELD NOTES

On Thursday morning of last week, Ernest Burr, of Burr Valley, took his famous Bluetick jip hound, Queen, out fox hunting. She routed a gray fox in a short time and ran him all day long without Ernest getting a shot. He took the dog off the track at dark and decided to wait until daylight next morning. At day break, he took Queen back where he had taken her off the track, and started her again.

In about an hour, she had the fox going again. She again ran the fox all day with terrific speed. Ernest got two shots which were more or

less guess work. The shots taking no effect caused the fox and dog to increase their speed until dark again. It was after dark when Ernest took his dog off again and trudged home more or less disgusted. Not to be outdone, (like all old fox hunters) he went back on Saturday morning and started the dog at the same place. She trailed the fox about one half mile and suddenly quit barking. Ernest knew something had happened so he began trailing his dog and found the fox lying dead and stiff. The dog had not touched the fox. Of

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, April 3, 1924

High winds characterized the weather Saturday and Sunday. Roads dried up remarkably fast, but fences were blown down that have always stood up before.

Terrible floods and washouts last Saturday in the Western Maryland country. A number of lives were lost and great damage done at Cumberland. The West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company lost heavily at their Luke plant. The Western Maryland Railroad has been tied up.

There were 348 persons at the Methodist Sunday School last Sunday - an increase of 70 over the Sunday before. They ranged in age from R. E. Overholt, aged 85 years, to little Miss Margaret Billingsley, the pastor's daughter, who is less than a year old.

At the Presbyterian Church, there was an attendance of 228, an increase of five over the Sunday before...

Two stylish dressed young men were brought to jail the past week by C&O officer Taylor to answer to a charge of robbing a passenger on a C&O train. The victim of the sharpers, Harlan Pittman, a Pocahontas man, who was going to join the army and

inadvertently displayed a roll of money when one of the crooks asked change for a \$5 bill in the course of a friendly card game in the smoker. Pittman discovered his loss of \$160 and a recruiting officer aided him in recovering his money. The third member of the card party believed to be a pal of the two arrested could not be found on the train. The two men arrested gave their names as L. E. Davis and James Foley. - Fayetteville Pick and Shovel

SASSAFRAS TEA

This is now the time of year when every well regulated household is conditioned with its daily potion of sassafras tea. The only real sassafras tea is made with sugar water. Go to the woods and grub out some sassafras roots. Reject all but roots with red bark. The blue kind is supposed to be bitter. Tap a sugar tree and catch a bucket of sap. The water from the maple is just as

good. If you can get the sugar water no other way, borrow a bucket of sap from a neighbor's camp. Pay him back when it rains. Personally, I have never paid much attention to scrubbing the roots too clean. It is healthy dirt, and it is said the human system craves and requires so much sand anyway. Besides, much of the soil is shaken off chipping the bark and the rest goes to the bottom. After all this preliminary, put on the pot and boil. This steeping business may be all right for store tea, but sassafras to be right, requires heroic treatment. The tea should be drunk hot, sweeten to taste preferably with maple molasses or sugar. I never choose milk in mine. I can only add the testimony of an aged friend who says he has always had his sassafras tea in the spring and in all his 85 years he has always noticed that he has lived through to grass.

THE ROTARY CLUB

On Last Thursday night, steps were taken towards the organization of a Rotary Club in Marlinton. The idea, the development of practical service in the community. The Motto is "He profits

most who serves best."

Rotary Clubs are organized on the unique rule that only one business or profession can be represented in its membership. For instance, the club in any city can only have one butcher, one baker, one candlestick maker, etc. This plan is held to be representative of a community. The men of no single occupation or calling can in any way predominate in or take over the club. The name Rotary comes from the custom of meeting around in the offices of the members. The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago 19 years ago. A lonesome young man got the idea that there were others who were just as lonesome as he was, and who could welcome companionship of the right stripe as much as he would. The founder of Rotary is still alive.

There are now Rotary Clubs in about 30 different countries with a membership of over 100,000...



Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, April 4, 1974

Kids Take Concerns to Top Man

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Kids say the darndest things. Especially in letters they write to the President.

At least 1,000 letters a day from young people come into the correspondence section of the Old Executive Office Building, adjacent to the White House.

"They cover almost everything imaginable," said Mrs. Pauline Galford, a resident of Pocahontas County, who has been employed in the correspondence section since November 1972.

"Right now, kids are offering all kinds of suggestions on the energy crisis, such as making electric cars, or giving the President advice on Watergate.

"It runs in cycles. For a while we were bombarded with save the wolf letters from school children.

"The President also receives invitations to dinners and graduations, or perhaps a simple request to 'come to my house.'"

SOME OF THE letters are sad, Mrs. Galford pointed out. They tell about family hardships or other personal problems.

She recalled a letter from

a youngster whose father couldn't work because of arthritis.

"My mother can't drive, and she has to wait in the cold for a bus," the youngster wrote. "What will happen if she gets sick and can't work?"

Kids send their pictures to the President and ask for his picture in return.

Recently, a group of third graders at Marlinton wrote the President, told him they were very happy with Daylight Saving Time and asked for pictures of the President.

"You can be sure they all got pictures," Mrs. Galford said.

"A lot of people may think that letters to the President aren't read," Mrs. Galford continued. "but every one of them is read and every one is answered..."

If the President's answering service feels a genuine personal or family hardship is involved, the letter will be forwarded to the appropriate government agency for further investigation.

It's also up to the correspondence section to analyze which letters the President should personally sign.

"We're pretty selective," she said, "but it still amounts to a lot of letters."

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, April 6, 1899

There is much said and more surmised concerning the speedy railroad development of Pocahontas. Enough of this fancy work could be had to fill a paper, but it would not be news and might get the speculators into trouble. We mean by speculators those who sit in comfortable lounging places, in easy attitudes, and pursue inquiries and form conjectures in regard to the coming of the railroad in their minds, a priori, and without any knowledge of their own to build on; moralizing and speculating about a railroad, but not planning for it. Their name is legion...

Easter Sunday was raw and cold. Easter Sunday, by an agreement, was fixed by the Christian church to be observed on the first Sunday after the full moon occurring on or after the 21st day of March. It can come as early as March 22, or as late as April 25. During the 19th century, Easter occurs 77 times in April and 23 times in March.

Arbovale can boast of a store, a harness and saddle shop, two blacksmith shops, one uses stone coal, the other charcoal, a shoe shop, and everybody is a silverite. They are going to have a post office which will be a convenience to a great many.

J. F. Todd, of Staunton, has been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for detaining Miss Jessie B. Rodgers, of Highland county, in a house of ill-fame. The young lady went to Staunton to act as a trained nurse and Todd induced her to go to the house under pretense that she was

wanted to nurse his brother who, he said, had the fever. She refused all offers of money to hush the matter up. Todd was a saloon keeper.

Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Ebb Barnhart died within three hours of each other at Raven Rock last week and were buried in adjoining graves Sunday. They were twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Virden, and were married to Barnhart brothers about three years ago, the wedding being a double one. The women were taken ill on the same day two weeks ago and each leaves two children. - Webster Echo

Died, at her home on Brown's Mountain, two miles east of Huntersville, March 20, Mrs. Mary Irvine, wife of William Irvine, aged about 75 years. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Burr.

Henry McNeel was seriously injured last Sunday by his horse falling with him near the blacksmith shop between Academy and Mill Point. He was found in an unconscious condition with wounds and bruises all over his body. One of his eyes is greatly injured. The nature of the hurt would indicate that the horse had stepped in his face. He is now doing as well as could be expected.

The steamer Rowena Lee exploded in midstream in the Mississippi River opposite the Missouri Shore. Sixty persons were drowned, two only escaping.

Henry W. McNeel of Academy died at his home last Monday morning at seven o'clock of pneumonia.

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Healing the overlooked

Melody Phillips
 Staff Writer

After the loss of one of our beloved fur babies, it took time before I was ready to get another kitty.

A few months passed, the emptiness in the house grew, and I began visiting the local shelter. I looked forward to seeing all of the animals each time I went and started to grow very fond of a few cats in particular. Even though I could tell the animals were well cared for, seeing them in their cages, reaching out for any bit of affection, always left sadness in my heart as I had to walk away.

There is a common saying: “people adopt dogs, but cats adopt people.” This seemed to be true in my case as two cats stood out the most every time I was there. The purrs and head bumps I received for the affection I gave them, warmed my heart. After a difficult choice, because I didn’t feel like I had enough room for them both, I ended up taking only one of them home.

Baby, a black kitty, maybe four years old, was a surrendered house cat that went from living in a home to being in a cage. She was very skittish and hid a lot when I first brought her home. I knew she needed time to build some trust, so I let her roam as she pleased. Each time I passed by one of her hiding places, I would speak softly to her for a minute or two and then walk off and leave her alone. After we had settled into bed the first night she was there, I felt a thump and looked up. She had joined us on the bed. She didn’t want to come close to us but instead laid down at the foot of the bed and slept there all night.

Over the next several weeks, she ventured around more frequently and allowed me to pet her more often. Every single night was the same routine, as soon as she saw we were in bed, she jumped up and laid on the foot. One day, I placed a small blanket there, just for her. I could tell she knew the blanket was hers. She sniff-tested the blanket for a bit, walked around on it while feeling the texture, and eventually curled up in the center of it before falling asleep.

In the meantime, and while Baby was getting use to her new home, I continued to visit the shelter. I wanted to keep up with the other older kitty I had grown close to, but I still wasn’t sure if I could house both cats. I asked the wonderful workers there to call me if a decision had to be made about him. I wasn’t ready to bring him home yet, but I also didn’t want anything to happen to him. The shelter was not sure about his age since he was an adult stray when he was brought in, but they guessed him to be five or six years old. One day, I just couldn’t stand it anymore and went to pick him up. I’m so glad I did!

Sylvester, a mostly black kitty, quickly became our “love bug.” All he wanted was someone to love him. Every time I sit down, which isn’t too often, he immediately jumps up on me and demands to be petted, while curling up on my lap. Each time I stop petting him, he places his paw on my arm, while looking up at me with hopeful eyes, petitioning me for more love.

Even Baby, my little diva, now demands to be petted every night before going to sleep. Their sweet purrs and the content look in their eyes are heartwarming reminders that they found their forever home. But what about the others?

According to the shelteranimalscount.org, as well as other sources, during 2023 in America, 6.5 million dogs and cats entered into a shelter or rescue. Approximately 4.8 million found good homes and around 810,000 were reunited with their owners after getting separated or lost. Sadly, nearly 850,000 never got that opportunity. These numbers don’t show how many are being self-adopted from the approximate 70 million strays running around without any secure food or shelter.

Of the millions of dogs and cats who are in shelters, young puppies and kittens are usually the first to be adopted. Numbers also show that black cats spend 40 percent more time in shelters than any other cats. Animals with health concerns are also less likely to find a loving home.

Roughly 80 percent of pet



IT TAKES SEVERAL months for some animals to decompress from a stressful life, but with love and patience, it can happen. M. Phillips photo

owners consider their pets to be part of the family, which may be why there are only about eight percent of homes in America fostering pets. This makes sense to me because I know if I took in fosters, I would fall in love with them and not be able to let them go.

When adopting one of these overlooked neglected, or previously abused animals, they may need time to grow accustomed to their new home and the people around them. It can also take about six months for some of them to realize that it is their new home, that it’s safe, and

to start opening up to giving and receiving affection. Be patient. Also, like a flower, color is just that, color, and age is merely a number that doesn’t represent their ability to love. Furthermore, a hefty price tag from a store doesn’t mean they will be more grateful of a loving home. An animal rescued from a hard life, that is given the opportunity to heal and experience love, however, can become greatly appreciative of their new home and become a dedicated life companion. Older shelter animals, those with health issues need loving homes the

same as the playful little cats and dogs – and they were all well worth the effort. We’ve adopted all kinds –

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 For Prosecutor
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School Menus

April 8 – 12

Monday, 8: Pretzel with cheese sauce and fruit. Hot ham and cheese sub on whole grain, lettuce, tomato, whole grain Sun chips, green beans, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, 9: Breakfast bagel and fruit. Baked chicken, whole grain roll, macaroni and cheese, roasted broccoli, peach cup and milk.

Wednesday, 10: Homemade cinnamon roll, cheese stick and fruit. Pizza, garden salad with cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, corn, Birthday cake, fruit and milk.

Thursday, 11: Oatmeal, cheese stick and fruit. Cheesy scalloped potatoes with diced ham and peas, whole grain croissant, carrots, fruit and milk.

Friday, 12: French toast stix with syrup and fruit. Beef and cheese burrito with whole grain wrap, shredded Romaine lettuce, tomato, Spanish rice, seasoned black beans, fruit and milk.

Meet the candidate!

Join Jennifer Dunz,
 Candidate for Magistrate, Division 2,
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 Ask questions, show your support!
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As a Circuit Court Judge for Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties, I will be committed to fair and just accountability in sentencing. As an assistant prosecuting attorney for more than 16 years, I have sought accountability for those who have perpetrated crimes upon the community. Too often, I have been witness to cases in which accountability has not been fairly and properly addressed, enabling repeat offenses to go unchecked.

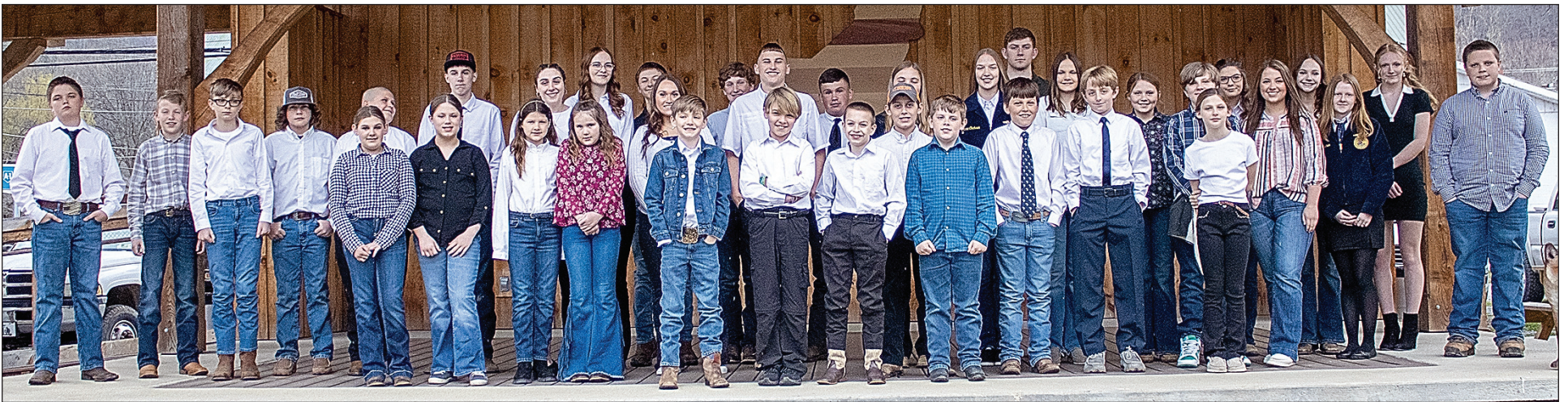
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FRONT ROW, L TO R: Makiya Burns, Natalie Irvine, Lydia Taylor, Riley Hamons, Michael Friel, Kylor Brock, Lane Wilfong, Evan Sharp, Victor Dean, Grayson Barlow and Natalie Sisler. Back row: Coleton Taylor, Jarrell Clifton, Tyler Friel, Noah Dilley, Levi Hill, Luke Taylor, Macaden Taylor, Amber Defibaugh, Joseph McClure, Kelsi Taylor, Silas Dean, Trenton Brock, RT Hill, Kirsten Friel, Trey Sattler, Brianna Cochran, Ethan Armstrong, Abigail Taylor, Sienna Hamons, Garrett Bauserman, Elizabeth Friel, Emma Riffe, Leanne Green, Cami Warner, Jessica Armstrong and Noah Sharp. Not pictured: Ezra Bond, Madalyn Brock and Caleb Ritter. Photos courtesy of Brianna Sharp

2024 4-H and FFA Ham Bacon Egg Show and Sale

The annual event was held March 23 at the Pocahontas County Opera House. Forty county 4-H and FFA youth showcased their many hours of hard work as they exhibited and sold 31 hams, 30 bacons and 14 dozen eggs they raised as projects. Support from businesses in and out of the county created an impressive sale volume of \$58,319.94.

Sienna Hamons exhibited the Grand Champion Ham which weighed 23.06 lbs. Dominion Energy purchased the ham for \$980.05. The Reserve Champion Ham, shown by Silas Dean, weighed 21.66 pounds and was sold to Southern States for \$953.04. R.T. Hill exhibited the Grand Champion Bacon, which weighed 6.58 pounds and was purchased by Dairy Queen for \$2,566.20. The Reserve Champion Bacon was exhibited by Riley Hamons weighing 7.6 pounds and selling for \$2,356.00 to Southern States. The Grand Champion Eggs, shown by Natalie Irvine, sold for \$600 to Mitchell Chevrolet. Coleton Taylor's Reserve Champion Eggs were purchased by Dari Land for \$525. The PCHS FFA Scholarship Ham weighed 20 lbs. and was purchased by Owens Repair Services for \$3,000. Glades Building Supply donated an additional \$250 on the scholarship ham. Glades



GRAND CHAMPION HAM: Sienna Hamons. Ham purchased by Dominion Energy, represented by Robin Mutscheller.

Building Supply also gave the winning bid of \$925 for a handmade wooden FFA plaque donated by Denmar Correctional Facility.

Joe Mitchell, of Mitchell Chevrolet, accepted the 2023 Friends of 4-H award on behalf of the business. Mitchell Chevrolet was recognized for its donation of time, heavy equipment and even its facility as host to the Ham, Bacon and Egg Sale for many years in addition to continued support of the youth exhibitors at the annual sales.

In addition to the Grand and Reserve Champions and see FFA pg 14



GRAND CHAMPION EGGS: Natalie Irvine. Eggs purchased by Mitchell Chevrolet.



GRAND CHAMPION BACON: RT Hill. Bacon purchased by Dairy Queen, represented by Jaenna Hamons, Jennifer Burns and Cayson Bennett.



SCHOLARSHIP HAM – THE Jonathan Owens family, representing Owens Repair Services, with Cami Warner holding the ham.

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UPCC, from page 2

Helmick said it is in such a remote area it will not attract visitors. Gilardi said they had considered that and planned to use shuttle buses from the train station in Durbin to the new museum. Helmick said it would make more sense to locate the museum in Durbin near the train station, as that location would make it easier and less expensive for visitors, and help the Town of Durbin by adding a new tourism activity. He mentioned that there were some buildings in Durbin that could be renovated or a new museum could be built there. Both Bauserman and Gilardi liked Helmick's idea. Helmick suggested the museum should be a 1,500 square foot and only one story. Bauserman added that if the museum was in Durbin, a Mon Forest Town, there would be money available to assist with the project through that program.

Helmick suggested that he meet with the UPCC in Durbin next week to look at potential sites there.

The commission approved two memorandums presented to them by Sheriff Jeff Barlow regarding courthouse security. The first one set the policy for the new courthouse security operations as well as the new policy for the use of key Fob/Keycards issued to employees so they could enter the courthouse through doors not open to the public. The public will be required to

only enter via the basement door to the right of the main courthouse entrance, where they will be screened by a metal detector and their possessions by X-ray. They also voted to advertise for the security officer jobs to be stationed at the public entrance. The job position lists the minimum age of an applicant to be 21, with a high school diploma or GED, have a clean criminal record, be in good physical shape and pass a medical exam, and be willing to attend overnight training.

The commissioners also voted to hire Scott Triplett as the new County Floodplain Coordinator.

Lisa Cutlip, with the Snowshoe Resort Community District (SRCD,) asked the commission to allow the SRCD's new Ranger Law Enforcement Agency to utilize the county's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and their Records Management System (RMS.) The commission agreed to this. This will allow that agency, which now has two employees, to store their police records on the county's RMS, although different agencies of the system cannot access other agencies information. Currently the Sheriff's Department and the Marlinton Police Department can access the CAD and RMS. Cutlip also said the Rangers are willing to be a part of a mutual aid agreement with the other law enforcement agencies in the county.

911 Director Mike O'Brien showed a computer imaging program which al-

lowed the commission to virtually tour the proposed new 911 Center complex.

In other matters, the commission:

- agreed to transfer the Pocahontas County Broadband's pole attachment agreements from the commission to Citynet, which will speed up the project.

- approved and signed four documents to advance the Howes Tannery Clean-up Project, which Amy Truesdale of Region 4 said were formalities required by the grant.

- approved the annual filing of fees charged by the county Health Department.

- signed a letter of commitment with the Mountain Transit Authority to financially support them this upcoming fiscal year.

- signed a letter of support for the County Ambulance Service to apply for a grant for ambulance supplies.

- discussed the possible new county demolition ordinance. Because a lot of people are suspicious of new ordinances especially if they equate them with possible zoning, it was decided to hold a public meeting on this ordinance in June. The meeting is to let people know that the ordinance is not punitive, since it will only help people who own distressed buildings, who want to demolish them, but can't afford to do so, to receive financial help from the county.

Commissioner John Rebinski said the ordinance would not force owners to demolish any buildings on their property if they don't want to.

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there were no major changes in February. There are \$357,680 in unrestricted funds available, but that will decrease as the end of the fiscal year approaches. She said there was a loss of \$30,710 in February, with normal recycling losing \$569.05 and tire recycling losing \$1589.85. The recycling of white goods did not experience any loss or gain in February. She said the authority is on track for the fiscal year, with 66% of the budget spent.

Clendenen also reported that the state's financial audit of the Solid Waste Authority has been completed, and that results were "clean."

There was also a public meeting held that evening where the public was invited to address board members

about Green Box fees, however no one in attendance wished to speak out on this. Riley said the public still has until April 8 to send comments about Green Box fees to the Solid Waste Authority office.

It was also announced that at 11 a.m. Friday, April 12, there will be a meeting with at least some of the Pocahontas County Commissioners; representatives from the West Virginia Department of the Environment (WVDEP;) Jacob Meck, of Allegheny Disposal; and Mark Holstine Executive Director of the WV Solid Waste Management Board. The purpose of this meeting is for the WVDEP representatives to explain and answer questions about landfill closure and post closure requirements.

Riley said he has a concern that if the county commission buys the current landfill, they should know that, as the

owner of it, they will be responsible to cover the annual post closure costs and inspections there for at least 30 years. They will need to budget money each year for those costs. Both Riley and PCSWA board member David McLaughlin pointed out that the Solid Waste Authority will be unable to pay those post closure costs and still be able to afford to operate a solid waste program in the county. McLaughlin added that the commission will also need to financially help the Solid Waste Authority with the ongoing expenses of operating a solid waste program. Without the income now generated by the tipping fee at the landfill, there will be little revenue coming to the authority once the landfill is closed. He said it will also be much more expensive to send trash to a landfill in another county.

Letters, from page 4

here and believe the commission should be spending their time on this and other more important issues.

E. Tim Morris
Bartow

Dear Editor;

It is April 2024 and looking at where America stands regarding illicit drug use and on ongoing trends things are not very encouraging. It is estimated over 110,000 + Americans die of drug overdoses or poisoning ever year not to mention the criminal activity and wasted lives that drug use causes. More than 40% of the many thousands of poor children living in South America that join the drug cartels die violently in less than 10 years. Most of us know individuals who have lost their lives or ruined them because of drug problems and the negative impact it has had on WV culture and families.

Drug deaths in the US are many times that of European countries. Besides the opium prescription debacle that led to the heightened consumption of other illegal drugs, a significant part of the problem causing these deaths is the drug Fentanyl mixed in with other drugs or masquerading as them.

In a number of cases these deaths are actually poisonings when someone takes a single pill believing it to be another drug, that results in a Fentanyl overdose. Many of the chemicals that are used by the Cartels to manufacture Fentanyl are coming from China. The Chinese Communist Party allows this to happen as a form of soft warfare against our country to destroy the fabric of our society. The Communist Party has a long memory, and they consider this poetic justice for what the West did to China in the form of the Opium Wars of the mid 1800s.

So, what can we do to stop this attack against America?

How about realizing that many of us provide the market for these drugs by taking party drugs, more active drug abuse or just tolerating their use. Without this market this problem would not exist. Maybe it is time for Americans to reevaluate their own personal conduct and the rest of us not to accept this behavior. The war on drugs, to include locking drug abusers up has been a failure as has further legalization and will continue to be one if we don't have the intelligence and will power to address the root causes of the problem.

So, if you use party drugs or tolerate their use are you willing to take responsibility for the deaths of 110,000 US citizens every year, is getting high worth it? Maybe it's time for a change at the grass

roots level and the end to the live and let live attitude that in many cases ignores drug abuse and a lifestyle change by individuals that dries up the market. So is this idea the solution? Only part of it.

What is needed is a multi-faceted approach because what we are currently doing is not working.

Joe Kaffl
Hillsboro

Pocahontas County Board of Education
Attn: Dr. Sue Hollandsworth, President

Re: Request for Meeting Concerning Proposed 2024-2025 Budget Cuts

Dear Dr. Hollandsworth and Members of the Board:

The Local School Improvement Council (LSIC) of Pocahontas County High School writes to express deep concern regarding the rumors of proposed budget cuts for the 2024-2025 academic year. If these cuts, as indicated by the positions that have received reduction in force notices, come to fruition, they stand to dismantle vital teaching positions and erode some of our most esteemed academic programs. Understanding the gravity of the possible loss of these positions and the profound impact they will have on our school community, the LSIC respectfully requests an opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Board before any definitive action is taken.

In accordance with West Virginia Code 18-58-2, the LSIC formally requests that the Board schedule a meeting before April 12, 2024 to provide insight into the budgetary constraints identified and the anticipated repercussions of the proposed cuts. As you well know, the LSIC is mandated by West Virginia code to create a dialog with "parents, students, school employees, business partners and other interested parties" that addresses issues affecting the High School's "academic performance, curricular, resources, and the capacity for school improvement." Regrettably, the LSIC finds itself unable to fulfill its statutory obligations as we have received no information regarding the proposed cuts or their implications for the high school's curriculum in the upcoming academic year.

The LSIC finds itself shrouded in uncertainty regarding this matter, with news of the possible cuts spreading rapidly throughout the county since their revelation. In response, some of our students have engaged in protests, resulting in suspensions, while our dedicated teachers grapple with uncertainty surrounding their professional futures. Additionally, distressed parents have approached LSIC members seeking guidance, pondering the prospect of relocating their children to neighboring counties for high school due to the proposed cuts.

Our community looks to the LSIC for assistance and answers during this tumultuous time, yet we find ourselves ill-equipped to provide support due to the absence of pertinent information. We earnestly implore the Board to extend its guidance and cooperation to the LSIC, enabling us to fulfill our legal obligations and serve the best interests of our school community.

We eagerly anticipate receiving an invitation to meet with the Board on or before April 12, 2024. Thank you in advance for your responsiveness to these pressing concerns.

Sincerely,
PCHS LSIC
Cindy Solak,
Co-President/Teacher Representative
Tabby McCoy,
Co-President/Parent Representative
Casey Griffith,
Secretary/Teacher Representative
Patricia Felton,
Parent Representative
Tonya Pollack,
Parent Representative
Andrew Friel,
Teacher Representative
Ruthana Beezley,
At-Large Member
Josh Hardy,
At-Large Member
Cierra Sharp,
Student Representative
Ellena Bauserman,
Student Representative
Joseph Van Meter,
Student Representative
Benjamin Workman,
Student Representative
Joseph Riley,
Principal
Christine Campbell,
Assistant Principal
Linda Beverage,
Guidance Counselor
Lois Wilfong,
Communities in Schools

Capito, from page 2

Mary Brown, Executive Director of Wi-Fi Forward: "That is a difficult question when you have quiet zones and that requires a lot of technical analysis to look at 'are there wireless signals that could be propagated at low power, at a low level in order to deliver the 911 technology that you need, while not interfering with the radio astronomy.' Radio astronomy also has a number of bands available to it and it may be that you have to ascertain which of those bands is going to be

best if you are concerned about having 911 connectivity at that facility. It's an engineering problem, yes."

Senator Capito: "Well, I mean, I'm thinking about the folks out in Pocahontas County where this is located. They're going to need some technical expertise. Obviously, the state can help, but this has been a chronic issue out there."

On finding the right connectivity technologies for different geographic areas:

Senator Capito: "I'm from West Virginia, we need more connectivity. But to close the digital divide, I've been technology neutral because we have a lot of moun-

tain. Not every technology works in our state, and fixed wireless has shown some promise. So how do you see the role of fixed wireless after future auctions playing out in the rural areas?"

Dr. Monisha Ghosh, Professor of Engineering at the University of Notre Dame:

"I think the rural connectivity is about more than just spectrum. It's about having deployments. So, you can have all the spectrum in the world, but if base stations are not deployed, you're not going to get coverage... So, I think we have to be more creative and getting rural and isolated communities connected."

VFDS, from page 2

said. "We didn't know if we were ever going to see that money again."

Del. Daniel Linville, R-Cabell, had proposed last year that lottery money be used to help fund volunteer fire, instead of raising the surcharge tax.

Linville said when he first floated using lottery for fire funding, he looked at more

than 20 years' worth of data to see if the money would be steady enough for the long haul.

"We feel quite confident that there will be a stable revenue stream for long, long, long into the future," he said.

For departments big and small, James said the extra money each year could be a game changer.

But this wasn't something that happened overnight — James said volunteer fire has

been advocating and pressuring lawmakers for years to get more money for the service.

"I started going to the Capitol in '96 on a pretty regular basis. And then, after I retired in '14, I told people I tried to get my mail down there during the session," James said. "You have to be down there daily, in my opinion."

Reach reporter Henry Cullyhouse at henry@mounaintainstatespotlight.org

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CHURCH NOTICES

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.

Marlinton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 16741 Seneca Trail, Marlinton. Bible Study Saturday 9:30 a.m. Church service, 11 a.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, Liberty – 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. Study of Revelation. Sunday evening evangelistic service Sundays, April 14 and 28 at 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.

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Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at P. O. Box 209, 900 Tenth Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later.

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024
Claim Deadline: Monday, May 27, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: **14610**
ESTATE OF: **JOSEPH SHARP**
EXECUTRIX: Christine Sharp
1107 Third Avenue
Marlinton, WV 24954-1021

ESTATE NUMBER: **14611**
ESTATE OF: **DOUGLAS SHARP**
ADMINISTRATOR: Garrett Sharp
6303 Potts Creek Road
Covington, Va 24426-7213

ESTATE NUMBER: **14616**
ESTATE OF: **HELEN JANE HIVELY**
EXECUTOR: Robert Hively
P. O. Box 238
Bartow, WV 24920-0238

ESTATE NUMBER: **14617**
ESTATE OF: **JANET EULA STARKS**
EXECUTOR: Thomas Starks
42 Lynn Circle
Stuarts Draft, Va 24477-3333

ESTATE NUMBER: **14619**
ESTATE OF: **STEVE MICHAEL PHILLIPS**
EXECUTRIX: Dorothy E. Phillips
1126 Woodrow Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-6728

ESTATE NUMBER: **14621**
ESTATE OF: **DANIEL CHARLES RYDER**
EXECUTOR: Daniel Ryder, Jr.
12233 Frost Road
Dunmore, WV 24934-9022

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 22, 2024.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
3/28/2c

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

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024.

ESTATE NAME: **VIVIAN FERRIER SCHEIDER**
327 Prestwood Drive
Hillsborough, NC 27278-9939
ANCILLIARY ADMINISTRATOR: Nicholas J. Scheider
327 Prestwood Drive
Hillsborough, Nc 27278-9939

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 25, 2024.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
3/28/2c

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First Publication Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024.

ESTATE NAME: **DENNIS W. MERCHANT**
6512 Shamrock Road
Manassas, VA 20112-3818
EXECUTRIX: Raquel Sue Walker
6512 Shamrock Road
Manassas, VA 20112-3818

ESTATE NAME: **ALFRED THOMAS DONET, SR.**
2725 Kirkleigh Road
Dundalk, MD 21222-4608
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATRIX: Nancy L. Donet
2725 Kirkleigh Road
Dundalk, MD 21222-4608

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 26, 2024 and April 2, 2024.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
4/4/2c

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Change of Name From: KMA To: KMS

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of May, 2024, at 12:30 o'clock p.m. at Family Court, 818C 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV, on said day or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard before the

see Legal Advertisements pg 12

Pocahontas County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
County of: Pocahontas, West Virginia

In accordance with WV Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Pocahontas County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance	\$ 1,000,000
Property Taxes Current year	3,341,678
Prior Year Taxes	202,000
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	300
Dog Taxes	8,844
Property Transfer Tax	175,000
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	40,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	40,000
Hotel Occupancy Tax	1,750,000
Federal Grants / Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	800,000
State Grants	85,000
Sheriff's Service of Process	5,000
Sheriff's Earnings	200
County Clerk's Earnings	45,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	12,000
Accident Reports	400
Motor Vehicle License Fee	2,000
Clerk Deed Fees	2,500
Rents & Concessions	6,000
Franchise Agreement	1,500
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	30,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	500
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement	10,000
Interest Earned	6,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,000
Sheriff's Commission	15,000
Commissions	884
Gaming Income	40,000
Video Lottery	5,000
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources)	30,000
Emergency 911 Reimbursement	500,000
General School Reimbursements	30,000
Magistrate Court Reimbursements	2,000
Payroll Reimbursements	249,426
Transfers from Rainy Day Fund	250,000
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund	152,265
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$ 8,843,497

Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 436,710

Pocahontas County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

Coal Severance Tax	20,000
Interest Earned on Investment	6,500
Total Coal Severance	\$ 463,210

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
County Commission	\$ 557,025	\$ 463,210
County Clerk	438,749	-
Circuit Clerk	205,174	-
Sheriff - Treasurer	390,637	-
Prosecuting Attorney	456,473	-
Assessor	310,689	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	152,265	-
Statewide Computer Network	25,000	-
Agricultural Agent	91,604	-
Elections - County Clerk	70,370	-
Courthouse	496,388	-
Regional Development Authority	7,869	-
Economic Development	9,837	-
County Clerk Operations	2,500	-
Contingencies - Not to Exceed 10% of Budget	431,413	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,645,993	463,210
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	1,043,555	-
Sheriff - Service of Process	64,487	-
County Jail - Nonreimbursable J/C	65,678	-
Regional Jail	250,000	-
Emergency Services	98,480	-
Communication Center	679,163	-
Fire Coordinator	120,000	-
Ambulance Authority	599,426	-
Dog Warden/Humane Society	50,039	-
Flood Control	15,000	-
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	284,280	-
Courthouse Security	135,693	-
K-9	20,531	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	3,426,332	-

HEALTH AND SANITATION		
Local Health Department	28,000	-
Hospital	75,000	-
Vital Statistics	200	-
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	103,200	-

Pocahontas County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Parks & Recreation	96,100	-
Arts & Humanities	10,850	-
Fair Associations/Festivals	68,200	-
Historical Commission	18,600	-
Civic Promotion	7,750	-
Visitor's Bureau	910,500	-
Library	93,000	-
Law Library	2,000	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	1,207,000	-
SOCIAL SERVICES		
Senior Citizens	100,000	-
Family Court	21,662	-
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	121,662	-
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
Community Development	33,310	-
County Commission	306,000	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	339,310	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,843,497	\$ 463,210

Pocahontas County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Certificate of Valuation	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	
Class I				
Personal Property	\$ 0	11.85	\$ 0	
Public Utility	0		0	
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0	
Class II				
Real Estate	\$ 381,803,080	23.70	\$ 904,873	
Personal Property	1,776,874		4,211	
Total Class II	\$ 383,579,954		\$ 909,084	
Class III				
Real Estate	\$ 390,616,730	47.40	\$ 1,851,523	
Personal Property	95,420,341		452,292	
Public Utility	47,025,920		222,903	
Total Class III	\$ 533,062,991		\$ 2,526,718	
Class IV				
Real Estate	\$ 26,149,130	47.40	\$ 123,947	
Personal Property	16,203,752		76,806	
Public Utility	5,493,695		26,040	
Total Class IV	\$ 47,846,577		\$ 226,793	
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 964,489,522		\$ 3,662,595	
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	183,130	
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	69,589	
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0	
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			3,409,876	
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		2.00%	0	
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 3,409,876	

Pocahontas County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF POCAHONTAS

I, Melissa L. Bennett, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 19th DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Melissa L. Bennett
(Signature)

3/28/2c

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Honorable Joyce H. Carpenter, the Petitioner, Brittney Shinaberry, will apply by petition to the Family Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said Court, changing their name from KMA to KMS at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said petition can be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit/Family Court, Connie M. Carr, at her office at 900 D 10th Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia, 24954.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2024.

Brittney Shinaberry
Pro se Petitioner
4/4/1c

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, MICHAEL C. DOSS, Trustee, by virtue of that certain Deed of Trust executed by New AA & R, LLC dba Lucy's Grocery, for the benefit of John D. Moore, said Deed of Trust bearing date the 3rd day of August, 2022, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 409, at page 573, the makers, having defaulted in payment of the note secured by said Deed of Trust as provided by the terms thereof, and the beneficial holder of the said note, John D. Moore, having declared the whole of the indebtedness thereunder to be due and payable; and having demanded the undersigned in writing to make sale of the real estate described in said Deed of Trust, the undersigned **Substitute Trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest responsible bidder on the 26th day of April, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., at the front steps of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in the City of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia**, the premises, being and consisting of the following:

All of those certain tracts or parcels of real estate, including the improvements, appurtenances and easements thereunto belonging, situate in the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, known as Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 44.

And being the same lots or parcels of real estate that were acquired by New PA & R, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Company, by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from John D. Moore, said Deed bearing date the 3rd day of August, 2022, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 403, at page 95.

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

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

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

CONDITION OF SALE: Said property shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder, with the right reserved to the said John D. Moore, to bid at said sale and to continue the said sale by declaration from time to time, as they may choose.

Given unto my hand this the 1st day of April, 2024.
Michael C. Doss, Trustee
4/4/3

TOWN OF DURBIN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE RESALE SEWER RATE Ordinance Number 4:24

This ordinance is to set, adopt and promulgate rates, rules and regulations for furnishing sewerage and sewer disposal services for the Durbin Sewer System and to raise the rates and charges for resale customers.

The Town of Durbin Council does hereby set, adopt and promulgate the hereinafter set forth rates, rules and regulations for furnishing sewerage and sewer disposal services for the Durbin Sewer System through the amending of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia's Tariff No. 7, to become effective for resale service rendered on or after forty-five (45) days from passage.

The Town of Durbin Council does further adopt a two-step change of rates and charges for the resale customers as follows:

Step 1: An increase of One Dollar and Thirty-Five Cents (\$1.35) or Forty-Five (45) percent increase based on resale class at 1,000 gallons as set forth and to be published under Public Service Commission of West Virginia Tariff Form Number 12, to become effective for services rendered on or after Forty-Five (45) days from passage of this ordinance.

Step 2: An additional increase of 15% every TWO YEARS for a period of SIX YEARS for the resale rate class at 1,000 gallons to become effective for future services rendered as set forth in Public Service Commission of West Virginia Tariff Form 12 to become effective on or after Forty-Five (45) days from the passage of the or-

PMH, from page 4

The American College of Radiology® (ACR®), founded in 1924, is a 42,000-member medical association that advances patient care, medical practice and collaborative results through advocacy, quality standards, research and education. www.acr.org

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital located in Buckeye, West Virginia with a diverse range of services including Level IV Trauma Center status, federally designated Rural Health Clinic, Pulmonology Clinic, outpatient pharmacy, and two outlying family practice clinics. Pocahontas Memorial Hospital has been dedicated to providing compassionate and high-quality healthcare to the residents and visitors of Pocahontas County for 118

years. The addition of mammography services marks a significant milestone in the hospital's commitment to expand services and enhance healthcare accessibility for all.

The deadline for **Letters to the Editor** is Monday at noon. Writers may use a maximum of 600 words. Letters should be issue-oriented and never personal.

Send letters to jsgraham@pocahontastimes.com
For further information, please contact **The Pocahontas Times** at 304-799-4973.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until **MAY 07, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.** (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project (s):

CALL: 009; CONTRACT: 2023990067; STATE PROJECT: S399-081/00 0 00; FEDERAL PROJECT: HSIP-0081(047)D; DESCRIPTION: PAVEMENT MARKINGS, 2024 RPM; COUNTY: STATEWIDE.

DBE GOAL: 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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West Virginia Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
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For more information: Call Brandon Myers, 304-667-2178

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SPECIAL SPRING CALF SALE Friday, April 12, 7 p.m.
REGULAR SALE Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m.
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MEETING NOTICE

Region 4 Planning and Development Council will have an Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

via Zoom Meeting.
The Region 4 PDC Office is located at 885 Broad Street, Suite 100, Summersville, WV 26651.
Please call 304-872-4970 ext. 314 for further information regarding attending this meeting online.

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FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 MUNICIPALITY OF MARLINTON LEVY ESTIMATE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF MARLINTON to wit:

In accordance with Code Section 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 doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ESTIMATE

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	
Unencumbered Balance	\$ 31,476
Ad Valorem Taxes	186,653
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	15,303
Excise Tax on Utilities	53,802
Gross Sales Tax	208,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	5,925
Animal Control Tax	350
Hotel Occupancy Tax	27,903
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	2,093
Licenses	1,850
Building Permit Fees	4,576
Franchise Fees	8,704
Inspection Fees	180
IRP Fees	93,569
Cemetery Revenues	16,045
Rents & Concessions	22,640
Refuse Collection	178,137
Fire Service Fees	73,000
Table Gaming Revenues	10,574
Interest Earned	8,416
Video lottery	1,254
Miscellaneous	1,404
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 951,854

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES (GENERAL FUND)	
Office of Mayor	\$ 15,978
Members of Council	10,114
Recorder	4,357
Treasurer	20,092
Police Judge	7,079
City Attorney	11,418
Custodial	11,930
Regional Development	433
Building Inspector	73,865
Housing Rehab	10,000
City Hall	119,892
Other Buildings	2,530
Police Department	91,365
Fire Department	75,239
Streets & Highways	127,386
Street Lights	17,512
Central Garage	21,989
Garbage Department	172,844
Parks	66,943
Visitors Bureau	13,952
Fairs and Festivals	9,499
Beautification	12,546
Cemetery	54,891
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 951,854

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,700
Coal Severance Tax	4,800
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND)	\$ 6,500

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES (COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND)	
City Hall	\$ 1,000
Streets & Highways	5,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND)	\$ 6,500

LEVY PAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Class	Assessed Values Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I Property			
Personal Property	0	11.80	0
Public Utilities	0	11.80	0
Total Class I	0		0
Class II Property			
Real Estate	11,805,370	23.60	27,861
Personal Property	29,376	23.60	69
Total Class II	11,834,746		27,930
Class IV Property			
Real Estate	22,010,230	47.20	103,888
Personal Property	11,461,954	47.20	54,100
Public Utilities	3,953,300	47.20	18,660
Total Class IV	37,425,484		176,648
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE	49,260,230		

TOTAL PROJECTED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	204,578	
*Less 112,113,239 (box lower left)	5%	10,229
Less 107 - Tax Discounts	2%	3,887
Total Projected Property Tax Collection	190,462	
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from current expense taxes levied only)	2%	3,809
Net Amounts to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes (To #301-01 on Page 4)	186,653	

* 112 Uncollectable Taxes 3,410
* 113 Exonerations 3,410
* 239 Delinquencies 3,409

Class	Roll Back Value	Weighting	Weighted Assessed
Class 1	0	0.01	0
Class 2	11,834,746	0.02	236,695
Class 3	0	0.04	0
Class 4	36,346,287	0.04	1,453,851
Total RB Value	48,181,033		1,690,546
Prior total projected property tax			193,700
Amount to be raised @ 103%			199,511
			11,8016
Class 1 Rate			11.80
Class 2 Rate			23.60
Class 3 Rate			47.21

COUNTY OF POCAHONTAS
MUNICIPALITY OF MARLINTON

I, MARY K CLENDENEN, 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 18th day of March, 2024.

Mary K Clendenen
(Signature)

RECORDER
(Official Title of Recording Officer)

3/28/2c



Buckeye Winners 4-H Strawberries for Sale - \$27/flat or \$17 half flat

To order, contact a member or Pam Burns at 304-646-1771 by April 12

Pickup date is May 3 at Southern States, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Green Bank School, 3:45 - 5 p.m.



Weather, from page 4

The highest temperature was 72 degrees on March 14. The lowest temperature

was 16 degrees on March 1. Weather pundits on TV called the March entrance a lamb. I disagreed. March 31 had a high temperature of 69 degrees and a low of 42 degrees. Where is the lion? March 15 started out at 31

degrees with a frost and went to 72 degrees in eight hours. Wind was prevalent through out the whole month. Many trees and branches fell. April will be welcomed!

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course, it's anybody's guess what happened, but Ernest is of the opinion, that two days of hard breath-taking speed by Queen was more than Mr. Fox had bargained for.

WASTED KNOWLEDGE

Nearly every great development has been hindered by people who didn't want their thinking disturbed. The Wright brothers flew their plane six months before a leading American scientist flatly declared it couldn't be done. The first tests of Edison's electric light were

hailed as a failure by the president of Stevens Institute of Technology. When the first railways were being built in Germany, doctors solemnly testified that hurtling across the countryside at the tremendous speed of 15 miles per hour would cause blood to spurt from the eyes, mouths and ears of the passengers...

Stagecoach owners drove the first steam automobiles off the English roads by ridiculous laws. It took more than 40 years for English automobiling to catch up with the rest of the world...

The lag between the needed idea and the wide use has apparently always existed. S. C. Gilfillan analyzed 19 major inventions

that were important between 1888 and 1913. Averaging them out, he found that about 176 years had elapsed after the idea for the invention was first mentioned and before a working model was made. The first practical use took another 24 years. And another 12 years went by before the invention became of real social importance.

Perhaps the most dispiriting obstacles in the way of using what knowledge we have are broadly social, rather than any caused by the self-interest of any special group. The responsibility for the lag in their introduction rests squarely on the doorstep of society as a whole. — George Mann, Science Digest

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, of Hillsboro, a son named Robert Coe Smith, Jr.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Simmons, of Parsons, a son, named Kevin Eugene. The mother is the former Carolyn Sue Wenger.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McCarty, of Marlinton, a son.

DEATHS

James R. "Rube" Cromer, 83, of Durbin, a retired surveyor and farmer. Funeral

service was held from the Durbin Church of God with burial in the Bethel Cemetery on Back Mountain.

James Thurman Barlow, 64, of Marlinton, a son of the late William A. and Mary Joines Barlow; funeral service was held from the Campbelltown Methodist Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Cecil B. Shinaberry, 80, of Dunmore, a lifelong resident of the county and a cattleman. Funeral service was held from the New Hope Church near Dunmore with burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

Mrs. Elva D. Fenstermaker, 76, of Baltimore, Maryland, formerly of Pocahontas County. Funeral service was held from the Bethel United Methodist Church with burial in the Bethel Cemetery.

Mrs. Lillian Bell Wilson, 84, formerly of Marlinton, a daughter of the late Nathan and Lucy Tyree. Her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Pritt, of Lexington, Virginia, with whom she made her home, died the day after her mother. Funeral service was held from the Marlinton Presbyterian Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

History, from page 7

March 26th, he was thrown from his horse and sustained serious injuries. The next day, pneumonia developed and in spite of unremitting

care on the part of his friends and physicians, he continued to grow worse until death resulted. The deceased was the youngest son of Captain William L. McNeel. He was 28 years old. In 1894, his marriage with Miss Eva Ligon, a daughter of Dr. John Ligon, of Clover Lick,

occurred. His wife and little son, Ligon, survive him.

It can be said without exaggeration that Henry McNeel had not an enemy in the world. His genial disposition and high sense of honor in his business relations made all who knew him think kindly of him.

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FOR SALE – Vintage Cyphers incubator, \$50. 304-799-4237. 4/4/1p

FOR SALE – Infrared inversion table, like new. Will deliver within an hour radius. Call 1-304-646-1544. 3/28/2c

FOR SALE – Hulled wheat, emmer (Lucille), for Spring planting. \$3.49 per pound. 304-456-4255. 3/28/6p

FOR SALE – 27 ton log splitter, \$1,000; 14hp brush chipper, \$2,500; 4x8 utility trailer, \$600. Call 681-368-3351. 3/21/1fnc

FOR RENT

TRAILER FOR RENT – Fully furnished, suitable for single person or couple. Call 304-799-7162. 3/28/2p

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Auto Value Parts Store, Durbin. Inspections, tires, parts, mechanic on site. 304-456-4505 or www.varners.net. 9/7/fwmc

Areas's Largest Selection of new and used ATVs, Side by Sides, and Motorcycles. **Elkins Motorsports** Beverly 5-Lane, Elkins, WV. 304-636-7732 or elkinsmotorsports.net 1/4/fwmp

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Tom's Garage. Batteries, tires, exhaust, computer diagnostic - American and imports, transmission flush machine, fuel injection cleaning. Jasper engines and transmissions. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekends by appointment. 304-456-3445. 3/7/fwmp

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Bryant Construction, LLC. Residential and commercial construc-

tion. 304-799-4399. 1/4/fwmp

Burgess Construction. Top notch craftsmanship at a reasonable price. 304-799-6143 WV048016. 3/7/fwmp

McCarty's Excavating. House sites, septic systems, roads, stone, demolition, buried lines and more. WV056046. Green Bank. 304-456-5381 or 304-456-3263. 2/1/fwmp

All types of backhoe, excavator and dozer jobs. Dump truck services and more. **M & L Miller Excavating, LLC**. 304-799-2339 or 304-646-6695. WV058103. 2/1/fwmp

Mr. Painter, LLC – Commercial and Residential Painting. Billy Dunz, owner/operator. 304-799-7152 or 304-618-9420 or mrpainter25@frontier.com 1/4/fwmp

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Mosso Agency. Insurance for home, auto, life, business and farm. We also offer retirement products. 1100 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton. 304-799-6303. 1/4/fwmc

Pet Grooming

Donna's Tails A Waggin Pet Grooming. 3099 Browns Creek Road, 3 miles North of Huntersville intersection. By appointment only. Call 304-799-7277. Donna Nash owner/operator. 3/7/fwmp

RESTAURANT

The Kickin' Chicken and More!

Dine in/carry out. Roasted chicken, soups, salads, hoagies, sides and more. 598 Cass Road, Slatyfork, across from the Inn at Snowshoe. 304-572-4444. Open Tuesday - Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. Weekly specials on Facebook. 3/7/fwmp

RETAIL

Buckeye Home, Farm and Garden Center, Rt. 219, Buckeye. Authorized Stihl Dealer. 304-799-0860. Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 2 p.m. 1/4/fwmp

J & P Furniture. Furnishings and accessories for the way you live. Showroom and warehouse, 616 First Avenue, Marlinton. 304-799-6235. 2/1/fwmp

Sunflower Fabrics, LLC. Lots of new quilting fabrics, patterns, notions, batting and backing. 805 Second Avenue, Marlinton. 681-318-0767. Monday - Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1/4/fwmp

SENIOR CARE

Valentine Assisted Living. Affordable, personalized senior care in Elkins. Private and semi-private rooms, providing quality service and care for our residents. New owner/administrator, Denise Campbell, RN. Call 304-636-3900 for more information. 1/4/fwmc

SEPTIC SERVICE

A-1 Pumping. Septic tank installation, inspection, repair and pumping. Prices start as low as \$375. Durbin. 304-456-4505 or www.varners.net 12/7/fwmp

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(Meadows Septic Tank Service.) 11/2/fwmp

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SERVICES

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Deutsch Mountaineer Knife Sharpening. 216 Burr Lane, Green Bank. \$5 per knife or household shear. Drop off anytime, pick up the next day. 304-456-3368 or garyweb29@gmail.com 4/4/fwmp

AG Equipment Repair. On-site repair of all types of agricultural equipment in Southern Pocahontas and Northern Greenbrier counties. From oil changes to complete rebuilds. **Dutch Bottoms, Inc.** Hillsboro. Steven VanReenen, owner. Call 540-815-8159. 4/4/fwmp

Jenkins Painting. Interior/exterior painting. Free estimates. John Jenkins, owner. Arbovale. Call 304-456-5529 or 304-668-1416 or email jenkinsjohn@aol.com 4/4/fwmp

VETERINARIANS

Frankford Veterinary Hospital – Marlinton Office. 410 Second Avenue, in Humane Society Building. Monday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon. 304-799-6181. Julie Gibson, DVM. Small/Large animals and farm calls. 12/7/fwmp

Pocahontas Veterinary Services. Stacy Tawney, DVM. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. 150 Carl McCarty Road, 4.2 miles north on Rt. 28 from Huntersville intersection, on right. Small/large animals. We do farm calls. 304-799-6803. 3/7/fwmp

WATER WELL/

SERVICE

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FFA PLAQUE – PICTURED are Cami Warner, Randy Sharp of Glades Building Supply, and Brianna Cochran.

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the scholarship ham, bidders attending the auction had a chance to buy 16 Prime hams, 9 Choice hams, 3 Good hams, 13 Prime bacon, 7 Choice bacon, 8 Good bacon, 6 Grade AA eggs, 3 Grade A eggs, and 3 Grade B eggs.

4-H members selling these products included Ethan Armstrong, Jessica Armstrong, Grayson Barlow, Garrett Bauserman, Ezra Bond, Kaylor Brock, Madalynn Brock, Trenton Brock, Maki-ya Burns, Jarrell Clifton, Silas Dean, Victor

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FFA members selling products were Brianna Cochran, Kirsten Friel (4-H/FFA), and Cami Warner.

The following businesses and individuals supported the event: Southern States, Owens Repair Services, Poc-

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Ben Wilfong served as Auctioneer and Howard Henderson was the Show Judge. Pocahontas IGA provided free slicing and bags for the sale. City National Bank, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and Gibson's Feed and Grain provided donations for project premiums to be divided equally among all participants. Brushy Flat Bushwackers 4-H Club provided refreshments for the event in addition to ham biscuits prepared by 4-H Agent Luci Mosesso and cinnamon buns donated by Dari Land.

The 4-H and FFA members appreciate the continued support of the community.



RESERVE CHAMPION HAM: Silas Dean. Ham purchased by Southern States, represented by Matt McPeak.



RESERVE CHAMPION BACON: Riley Hamons. Bacon purchased by Will Dalton, represented by Craig Hamons, Konnor Hamons and Cayson Bennett.



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