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Cass train seats get a facelift

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

When Mountain Rail West Virginia took over operation of Cass Scenic Railroad State Park train excursions, the fleet grew to include a 100 year old Western Maryland Railway coach with plush, velvety seats that harkened back to an earlier time.

Those seats, while comfortable, have aged – some up to 100 years – and the wear and tear was beginning to show.

In preparation for the new season, MRWV president and vice president John and Kathy Smith reached out to skilled upholsterer Melody Phillips, of Marlinton, to breathe new life into the antique seats.

Phillips, who has been a seamstress and costumer since 2007, took her sewing skills to the next level of upholstery on set in 2014.

"I started during film work," she said. "I started helping with set deck. They needed a chair upholstered and because I could already sew, they figured I could do it, so they said 'here do this,' and I was like 'okay.' I got thrown into the fire, but it turned out really good. I've been doing it ever since."

Phillips met with the Smiths and the contract went from fixing 10 seat bottoms, to doing all 40 seats for one car.



SEAMSTRESS, COSTUMER AND UPHOLSTERER Melody Phillips pries staples from a seat bottom in her home workshop in Marlinton. Phillips was contracted by Mountain Rail West Virginia to refurbish 40 seats from the Western Maryland Railway coach train at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park. Some of the seats are nearly 100 years old and still have the original materials. S. Stewart photo

Because she works out of her home, Phillips takes two seats at a time and when she is finished, she trades them for another set.

In addition to being her largest commercial job, Phillips said working on the seats has been very interesting and a glimpse into the materials used in the past.

Just like a box of chocolates, Phillips didn't know what she was going to get when she disassembled the seats. Each was different – from materials used, to age, to condition.

"I've been trying to figure this out," she said of the seats' ages. "The reason I can't tell is because some of these seats have been re-upholstered at different times and the styles and materials used are different in all of them. One of the foams that I pulled out – the ones that were really in bad shape – from what my research shows – the foam was used in the 1930s. So, it could have been the 1930s was the last time those particular seats were recovered.

"Some have this type of foam and horsehair and cotton," she continued, showing

the interior of a seat. "I think these are some of the newer ones because these actually have staples. Some of them use tacks. Staples became more popular in the 50s, so some of these seats were done way before then."

There are also springs in some of the seats, while others just have a wooden frame. Regardless of the condition, Phillips takes great care when removing the old fabric, assessing the quality of interior materials and either replacing those

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Wellness Center adds pickleball to the court

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Pou might be surprised to learn that pickleball was created in 1965 by Washington state Congressman Joel Pritchard and businessman Bill Bell. The two returned home after a golf game to find their families sitting around, doing nothing.

They found a badminton net, ping pong paddles and a whiffle ball. They set up the net and started volleying the ball back and forth.

Pickleball is a sport for young and old players, with a ridiculous name – the origin of which is a bit muddy. It is said the name came from the Pritchard family dog, who was named Pickle.

Matriarch of the family

Joan said the game reminded her of the pickle boat in crew. The crew of the pickle boat consisted of leftover oarsmen from other boats. Since the sport used equipment from several other sports, the name seemed to fit and thus it became pickleball.

From there, the sport has grown to be a national sensation with televised tournaments and people looking for the closest place to play.

Now, the closest place to play in the county is at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton.

The sport was added to the menu of activities offered at the center after director Lauren Bennett was contacted by former resi-

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Carpentry students join tiny house fad

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Through the years, the carpentry class at Pocahontas County High School has built a lot of different structures – from houses to bus shelters, garages and cabinetry.

This year, a class of juniors and seniors set their sights on something tiny for their class project. A tiny house to be exact.

In his first year as the carpentry teacher, Jonathan Taylor is continuing the curriculum used by former teacher Duane Gibson and said the tiny house project helps the students go through the steps of a building – from the very beginning.

The class – Devon George, Devon Burgess, Joey Cassell, Austin Rider, Remington Cook, Justin Lizotte, Caleb Ritter and Jayden Her-

shman – worked together to design the tiny house.

In addition to doing research online, the class asked several teachers for their opinions and got feedback on what they should include in the design.

"They did research on tiny homes and one [teacher] wanted to know how her kids could play in the inside and still be safe," George said. "We did a bit of research and watched a lot about tiny houses on TV. She knew more than we did. We used all their information and feedback on what to do on ours."

The group used CAD – computer-aided design – software to do the layout of the house, which includes

one bedroom, one bathroom, two loft rooms and a kitchen/living room area.

One reason the group chose to do a tiny house is

because the carpentry class already owned a trailer which they were able to build the house on.

"The carpentry teacher from last year already had the trailer and had plans to build on it, but never got to it, so we just took the opportunity to try and build on it."

A tiny house gives the students the same experience of building a regular-size house, but with the added bonus of finding innovative ways to include as much as they can in a small space.

"It's a good learning experience because we're working on such a small scale," Cook said.

After the design was complete, the group made a materials list and contacted outfitters for pricing. Although they didn't have a set budget, they wanted to find

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A CLASS OF eight carpentry students at Pocahontas County High School designed and are in the process of building a tiny house. The group did plenty of research to create a living space that is tiny, yet big enough for an individual or small family to call home. Pictured in the house are, from left: Devon Burgess, Devon George, Remington Cook, Joey Cassell, Austin Rider, Caleb Ritter and Justin Lizotte. Not pictured: Jayden Hershman. S. Stewart photo

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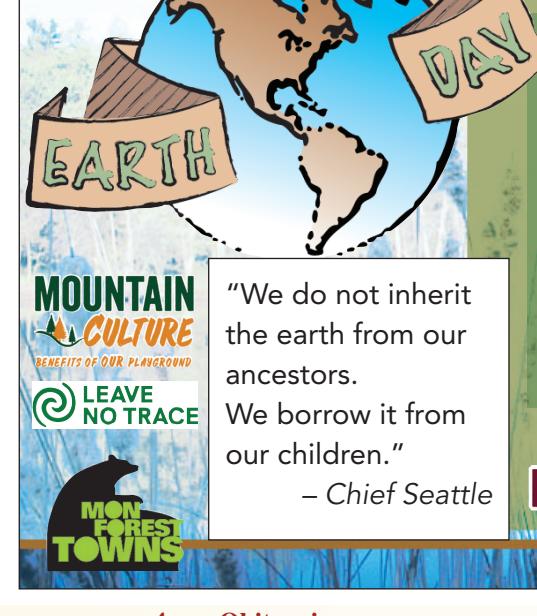
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Commission meets with Solid Waste Authority and WV DEP

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

During a special Pocahontas County Commission meeting April 12, the commission met with the members of the county's Solid Waste Authority, Scott G. Mandriola, Deputy Cabinet Secretary of the WV Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and DEP General Counsel Jason Wandling. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify what the DEP's closure and post closure monitoring and maintenance requirements are and what they will cost once the land-

fill reaches its capacity and closes in a couple of years.

The Solid Waste Authority has been trying to decide how to continue garbage collection and disposal in the county post landfill.

The authority has been negotiating the purchase of the landfill site from Renee Fertig-Hill, whose family has been leasing the property to the Solid Waste Authority, even if the surface of the property is owned or leased by someone else."

There had even been a suggestion that if the Solid Waste Authority does not purchase the landfill from Fertig-Hill, that her family would be liable for the required 30 years of post-cl-

sure maintenance and monitoring of leachate — which is the water that settles in the bottom of a landfill and picks up contaminants — at the closed landfill.

Mandriola quickly put an end to that speculation. He said that under West Virginia law, "The landfill itself is owned by the Solid Waste Authority, even if the surface of the property is owned or leased by someone else."

He explained the landfill is actually what was disposed of under the surface by the authority while it was operating under a permit is

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Lawmakers declined to fully fund Medicaid

By Erin Beck,
Mountain State Spotlight

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Across West Virginia, it's already hard for many people to access health care. And unless state lawmakers change the budget they passed last month, it's about to get even more difficult, especially for people who live in the most rural areas and those considered lower income.

Starting in July, at the start of the next fiscal year, West Virginia officials will be forced to dramatically cut the state's Medicaid budget. Roughly one-third of the state's population relies on the government health insurance program.

Despite testimony from state officials that the pro-

gram needed more funding because of increased health care costs and the end of COVID relief funding, lawmakers gave the program about \$150 million less than what was needed. They also didn't pass a proposal for a bill recommended by health officials to fund some of the increase by increasing the tax on managed care organizations.

And because the state will also lose three federal matching dollars for each dollar that West Virginia spends on the program, the cuts could be severe.

West Virginians covered by Medicaid include single adults who make about \$20,000 a year up to families of four earning around \$40,000 annually. Along with low-income adults, the insurance covers nearly half of the children in West Virginia as well as people whose conditions prevent them from working.

Under federal law, the insurance has to cover some services, such as inpatient

and outpatient hospital visits and some doctor visits. But facing funding problems, state health officials could cut services such as hospice care, dental care, physical therapy, speech therapy, in-home care for people with disabilities and prescription drugs.

They could also pay providers who accept Medicaid patients less money for seeing those patients — which could mean more medical professionals around the state could decide not to accept Medicaid patients at all. This would severely impact the most rural areas of the state, which already suffer from a lack of health care providers.

State health officials at the Department of Human Services didn't respond to emailed questions about how they might reduce services.

But Akeiisa Coleman, senior program officer for Medicaid at the Commonwealth Fund, a health care advocacy

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April is Alcohol Awareness Month

April is designated as Alcohol Awareness Month to raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol misuse and help those struggling with addiction find support and treatment. Alcohol misuse is the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States, with more than 178,000 people dying from alcohol-related causes each year, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Research shows that even moderate alcohol consumption significantly contributes to at least seven types of cancer, yet at least half of US adults are unaware of this association. Additionally, alcohol use contributes to motor vehicle crashes, intimate partner violence, suicide and, of course, Alcohol Use Disorder.

Help4WV is West Virginia's substance abuse and mental health helpline. Program Director Ann Hammond says people are often surprised to learn that among helpline callers, alcohol is the second most cited substance of abuse. Last year, 1,140 helpline callers cited alcohol as their primary drug. The only drug category cited more frequently was opioids, mostly heroin or fentanyl.

"Many people don't take alcohol use as seriously as other drugs, yet it contributes to far more ER visits and deaths than opioids,"

Hammond said.

If you have any of these signs of Alcohol Use Disorder, further screening is warranted.

- Drinking alone or in secret
- Drinking in the morning or at inappropriate times
- Drinking to cope with stress, anxiety or depression
- Drinking to the point of blacking out or passing out
- Increasing tolerance to

alcohol

- Neglecting responsibilities and obligations
- Continuing to drink despite negative consequences such as problems at work, in relationships or with the law
- Engaging in risky behaviors while under the influence of alcohol, such as driving or unsafe sex

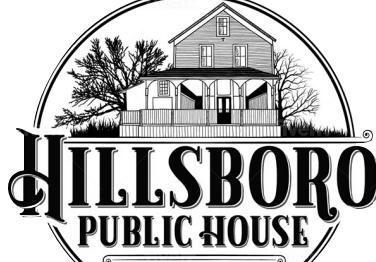
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Manchin announces more than \$1.6 million in SRS funding

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, announced that 14 West Virginia counties will receive a combined \$1,684,201.95

from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service through the Secure Rural Schools program to support public schools, roads and watersheds and to reimburse counties for providing emergency services on national forest and grasslands. Manchin secured this funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) that

reauthorized Secure Rural Schools through fiscal year 2023. Manchin recently moved a three-year extension of the program through the Committee.

"West Virginians are proud to host some of the most beautiful federal forests and public lands in the country," Manchin said. "I am proud to have secured an extension of the Secure Rural Schools program in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law because it is so important to the West Virginia communities that provide crucial services on these federal lands. From supporting education to fixing roads, it is critical that we maintain

Individual awards to counties

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- \$360,583.12 – Randolph
- \$229,471.19 – Webster
- \$174,310.67 – Greenbrier
- \$147,515.73 – Pendleton
- \$122,937.25 – Tucker
- \$70,363.44 – Hardy
- \$53,596.51 – Nicholas
- \$35,047.12 – Grant
- \$31,195.24 – Monroe
- \$8,097.65 – Preston
- \$4,112.63 – Hampshire
- \$102.60 – Mercer
- \$9.00 – Barbour

DoHS's Bureau for Medical Services to audit Medicaid waiver providers

The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Bureau for Medical Services announced it will begin auditing Medicaid waiver providers on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that were received during the COVID-19 pandemic. Providers were notified of this intention by letter on Friday, April 12, 2024.

BMS will conduct the audit to ascertain how ARPA funds were spent, and to assure that 85% of those funds were provided directly to the direct care workforce in the form of wages or other incentives. The purpose of the audit is to monitor that ARPA funds have been spent properly and will be expended by March 31, 2025. Ultimately, any unused or misused funds will need to be returned.

ARPA funds that equaled a 50% increase in rates during the pandemic were provided to waiver programs from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with the un-

derstanding that 85% of those funds were to be passed on to the Direct Care Workforce. The 85% pass-through must have benefited workers that provide or bill for the services that received the rate increases, but could also include workers that provide other Medicaid and state-funded Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). Organizations who received those funds attested to their agreement with this requirement.

Close to \$390 million worth of ARPA funds were distributed with \$200 million directed to Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Waiver (IDDW) providers, \$116 million to Aged and Disabled Waiver (ADW) providers, \$73 million to Personal Care providers, and \$984,000 to Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver (TBIW) providers. These providers were notified they had until the March 2025 deadline to utilize the ARPA funds for direct care workers and other costs carrying them through Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and the majority of FY2025.

The timeline for these reviews and details for submitting supporting documentation will be shared with providers on or after May 15, 2024. Details regarding the final reconciliation process will also be provided at that time.

It is important to note that DoHS and BMS do not pay wages; they reimburse for services. Rates are paid to providers who then make business decisions about rates of pay and how to pay employees out of reimbursements.

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Louanne Fatora
GRWA Coordinator

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Learn about the GRWA water quality project in the watershed in collaboration with WVSOM, stream ecology, and karst geology. Greenbrier Grotto will be present with their Squeeze

Box activity to demonstrate what it's like for spelunkers inside tight spaces. There will be lots of kids activities, music and a fiddler inside the cave. Fairway Fork Food Truck will have great food available, plus beautiful T-shirts, hats and maps of the watershed will be available for purchase.

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1. M&M'S Fruit Chews would eventually become what popular candy?

2. What U.S. state is home to Acadia National Park?

3. Who is considered the "Father of Relativity?"

4. Which branch of the U.S. armed forces used the slogan "It's not just a job, it's an adventure"?

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Tommy Rafes' Herbal Arts Workshops

Carnegie Hall's Classes and Workshops Series offers many different learning opportunities for all ages, taught by regional artists.

Herbal Arts instructor Tommy Rafes' classes have become some of the most attended for the series, offering something different, fun and practical. This spring she is teaching students how to make Natural Liquid Soap, Body Butter and Natural Shampoo Bars.

Limited Scholarships are available for students 50 years of age and older and all materials are provided.

Rafes' first workshop is Soap Making for the Natural

Home on Friday, May 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. Students will learn how to make an all-natural liquid hand wash that benefits both the skin and the environment.

"If you are trying to avoid harsh chemicals and synthetic fragrances that may cause skin irritation, then you might enjoy learning how to make an all-natural liquid hand wash that is perfect for individuals with sensitive skin," Carnegie Hall Education Director Harmony Flora said.

The class will also discuss how natural hand washes use biodegradable ingredients, minimizing the environmental impact on our local water systems. Students will make



BODY BUTTER.

two different formulas to try while discussing various options for ingredients to try at home.

Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rafes will

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

While the town continues to address abandoned and dilapidated structures, I commend others who are going forward with their own private demolition projects. The former EL Poca property is one such project. Still, in today's society, no good deed goes unpunished. After months of planning, preparation and coordination, the work began last week at that site. Before the week was over, a bogus complaint was filed regarding the demo of that property and a state representative called the Town Office to confirm the demolition was being completed according to rules and regulations.

Bruce VanMeter, the municipal FPM/Building Inspector reported to me that he had received a call from DHHR who informed him that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had received an anonymous complaint of "Air Quality" from the demolition of the (former) EL Poca Motel. In speaking to both agencies, the Town FPM/Building Inspector answered questions and concerns regarding proper permits and compliance for the demolition of structure.

Van Meter also informed me that all buildings that are condemned and scheduled for demolition, whether pub-

lic or private, are tested by certified companies for asbestos. This is a paramount step in the demolition process. If a building tests positive for asbestos, it must be abated and reported to the DEP Air Quality Control office 10 days prior to the demolition. VanMeter said, "this is what I do. I am always out to protect our citizens in everything we do and assist our businesses in every way I can."

The beautification of our amazing town is an on-going process. It is often a slow and cumbersome process which entails a lot of preparation, research and certifications. On the county level, the former county school board office was one such project. I started working on possible demolition funding after the 2016 flood, with the former WV Rise program. After that program's demise in about 2018, Mike O'Brien and I pursued potential funding through a slum and blight program.

I commend the county commission and Region 4 staff for finally gaining the funding needed to see the old school board office being advertised for bid. Hopefully, by the time the kids return for a new school year, that whole area will have a fresh look about it.

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Obituaries



Ollie Curry

Ollie Mae Curry, age 87, of Louisville, Kentucky, widow of Samuel Wentz Curry, passed away Saturday, April 13, 2024, at The Pinnacle of Louisville.

Born October 9, 1936, in Paris, Texas, she was a daughter of the late Sanders W.D. and Stella Ellen Gilbert Baxter York.

Along with her husband she was a former resident of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and Marlinton. She was a social worker for the state of West Virginia before retiring. She loved being with her family, playing board games such as 42 Dominoes and Scrabble. Her laughter was infectious. She was an active member of the Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

Survivors include a daughter Brenda (David) White, of Louisville, Kentucky; two sons, Samuel (Myra) Wayne Curry, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Paul (Alyssa) Curry, of Georgetown, Kentucky; a sister, Wanda Lavonne Miller, of Hemet, California; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter Julia Mae Jackson; brother, Jesse Velton Baxter; and sister, Agnes Mozelle Connick.

Graveside service will be conducted Saturday, April 20, 2024, 5 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.simsfuneralservices.com

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to contribute to a worthy cause that Ollie supported: St. Jude's Christian Research Hospital (on the web with URL bit.ly/Ollie_maecurry).

Randall Ross

Randall Alan Ross, 61, of Tempe, Arizona, peacefully passed away Friday, March 15, 2024, after a hard-fought health battle, surrounded by his loving family.

Born July 3, 1962, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Dewey and Dianna Kay McLaughlin Ross, and grandson of the late Basil and Geraldine Sheets McLaughlin.

The family settled in Tucson and Randy graduated from Santa Rita High School followed by a BA Accounting degree from the University of Arizona, and a MS Taxation degree from Arizona State University. He spent his professional career as a CPA and built his own business to serve his Tempe community.

Randy was a dedicated and loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend. He was known to all for his unfiltered, quick-witted sense of humor. He spoke in "Randyisms" that brought automatic responses, smiles, laughter and sometimes groans from those who loved him; he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his girls, the greatest pride and joys of his life: wife of 22 years, Lori Northcutt, and daughters, Libby and Haley; sisters, Ronda Swenson

(Steven) and Reneé Chocklett (Kevin); father-and-mother-in-law, Earl and Peggy Northcutt; sister-in-law, Jennifer Watkins; numerous nieces and nephews; and his loyal dog, Nala.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Details to be determined.

Contributions in his memory can be made to Hospice of the Valley.



Charles Sheets

Charles Asbury Sheets, 82, of Green Bank, peacefully passed away, surrounded by his family, Wednesday, April 10, 2024, following an extended illness.

Born April 12, 1941, in Pocahontas County, he was a son of the late Clarence Asbury Sheets and Ella Waddell Sheets.

Charles was a proud graduate of Green Bank High School where he was active in basketball and football.

After high school, he received a BS degree in business agriculture at WVU, and then was drafted into the U.S. Army.

Most of his army life was spent in Germany on a U.S. Air Force base.

He spent his leave traveling Europe. He would arrive at a destination by commercial transportation and then catch an Air Force hop at a designated time back to the base. He spent

Christmas '64 with a young German couple in Berlin.

He considered his experience with the Army in Germany one of the most enjoyable and educational.

After leaving the army, Charles returned home to West Virginia. He worked for the Department of Natural Resources then became a Surface Mine Inspector with the Department of Interior. A new reclamation surface mining law was enacted in '78 and many of the older surface miners were not receptive and could be belligerent toward federal inspectors.

Charles' calm and helpful manner caused many operators to mellow and eventually become close friends.

Everyone Charles met was a new friend. The family would like to thank those friends who called, sent cards and traveled from

Following in his father's footsteps as an active Lions Club member, Charles became District Governor in 2013. District Governors visit all Lions Clubs in their districts (26) in West Virginia and present goals and objectives to other clubs to motivate them to be active.

Charles chose "Lead the Way," since eyesight is one of the main goals of the Lions. He and his wife went to Rochester Hills, Michigan, headquarters for LeaderDog for the Blind and raised a Black Lab puppy to become a Leader Dog. However, he did not qualify so they brought him back home to become a family member.

Charles was always a dedicated member and officer of many community organizations: United Methodist Church, Arbovale Community Building Association,

Arbovale Cemetery Association, American Legion, Durbin Lions Club, Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation and GVEDC Foundation.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law,

Peggy and Gary McPherson; nephew, Chris McPherson; brother-in-law, Ted Carter; and great-nephew, Steve Carter.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Carolyn Nottingham Sheets; his son, Martin, of Fairmont; daughter, Charlynn Buchanan, and husband, John; grandson, Roanin, of Jonesborough, Tennessee; friend, Tatiana Solovieva, of Fairmont; sister, Jeanne Carter, of Wheeling; nephew, Richard (Kim) Carter, of Wheeling; niece, Jane (Jim) Bengier, of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; niece, Missy McPherson, of Jacksonville, Florida; brother-in-law, Richard Nottingham, of Dunmore; nephews, Shawn (June) and Shane (Brenda) Nottingham, of Dunmore; brother-in-law, Allen Nottingham, of Dunmore; niece, Cheryl Nottingham, of Harrisonburg, Virginia; nephews, Steve Nottingham (Sarah), Riverton, and Charles Nottingham (Doris), of Arbovale; and several cousins, great-nieces-and-nephews and his Black Lab, Durbin.

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When turning 60, or somewhere near there, an important learning curve starts by contacting your county's Senior Center to talk with the social worker. They have expertise with senior programs and support services.

The question to ask is: In the scenario I have a stroke or heart attack and can't care for myself, what are my options? Can I be cared for at home? Does Medicare pay for that?

Also, what services are there and for how long? Is there a sliding scale fee? What eligibility is involved? How long does the application process take? And is there Estate Recovery on Medicaid care?

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to the inside before adding the new fabric.

Most of the materials are still in good enough shape to use and it is mainly the foam that Phillips has had to replace.

"Horsehair lasts a long time and is really good," she said. "Cotton usually lasts pretty good. The ones that I found that did not have any foam in them are sometimes in better shape than the ones that had the foam from the

The basics are that while Medicare covers home health care services for a short period of time, that's not the same as what is known as long-term care received at home under the Medicaid system (low-income individuals) or via long-term care coverage purchased from an insurance company.

That distinction is very important: Medicare's short-term home health isn't the same as Medicaid's long-term care services.

Under Medicare, home health services are short term for an acute situation, especially after a hospitalization, and involve the services of a visiting nurse, a therapist, and other basically skilled clinicians for the recovery period.

Long-term home care under Medicaid or private insurance basically involves a full-time plan where an aide comes every day for

30s."

Although they knew it would be impossible to find the same fabric that was on the seats, Phillips said she and the Smiths searched for a fabric that would not only match the aesthetic of the train car, but also last a long time.

"We actually spent over a month trying to track down the best fabric to use for this because not only was it the color, but you also have to look at the quality of the fabric," she said. "You want high quality upholstery fabric. You can't just put quilter's cotton on it because it

hours at a time to bathe, dress, cook, clean, etc.

Special income and asset qualifications are needed for Medicaid coverage.

Nursing home care is also available under Medicaid, long-term care policies, and private pay.

If you can get these answers at age 60 and plan financially for the worst, it would be ideal. Most people don't want to think about this, but knowledge is power.

Your 60+ Plan also needs to include doing a Will (or equivalent after-death account beneficiaries, when appropriate) and a pre-paid burial plan to save your family a lot of heartache and hassle.

Thanks to various urban myths, some rush to put the house in their kids' names. Don't even think of doing that without meeting with an elder law or estate planning attorney who understands Medicaid and will evaluate your overall situation.

Downsize as you become less mobile. For your own health, always keep the house clean (or hire someone to help with that). Clean out clutter. Don't

will break down.

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is accurate as possible. With this project, it seems they have succeeded.

"When it comes to these seats, it's pretty impossible to make them authentic just because of the fact that some of those materials are not even available today," Phillips said. "That's why I try to use the horsehair and cotton again if it's still in good enough shape.

"It's not really that I'm restoring them, but I'm taking them to a state that they can be used, hopefully, for a very long time."

Both the Smiths and Phillips share a common goal – to be as historically

keep broken stuff. Look for fall risks: stairs, loose rugs, stuff left all over the place often ends up causing injury.

If there are family antiques, make an occasion of it and give them away while you are living.

Face the reality that reliable family members often don't live close by these days. There is no one available to bring a person home from the hospital or stay a few days afterward.

Adult children assume they can come for two days, set up free caregivers for mom, and then leave to continue their lives.

Getting any kind of benefits from the county or state takes at least three weeks. Even for private pay situations, a lot of time and effort are needed.

Your 60+ Plan lets you figure out where the bridge is before you need to cross it.

If you are a state resident, age 60 or older, and need assistance with legal questions about senior programs or other legal issues, contact the West Virginia Senior Legal Aid program at 800-229-5068 for free support.

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the most cost effective materials possible.

"We got a stackable washer and dryer to save space," George said. "We also learned about a dishwasher – it's not like a regular dishwasher. It's smaller. We had to do a lot of calculating on what would be the best thing for our electrical system."

"It definitely opened our eyes to smaller living area amenities," Cook added.

The actual build started in mid-December and now the building is under roof. The group recently installed the windows and are waiting for supplies to finish the interior.

With other projects and classwork taking priority, the house will be finished next year.

The group is proud of the work they've put into the tiny house and have learned a lot through the process. Litzotte even said there are things they are using in the tiny house that he wants to add to his cabin.

"It's been really fun to work on," he said.

Once the tiny house is finished, Taylor said it will be auctioned. There have already been several people show interest in the house, including a couple of the students in the class who said they wouldn't mind living in it themselves.

Suzanne Stewart may be contacted at sastewart@pocahontastimes.com

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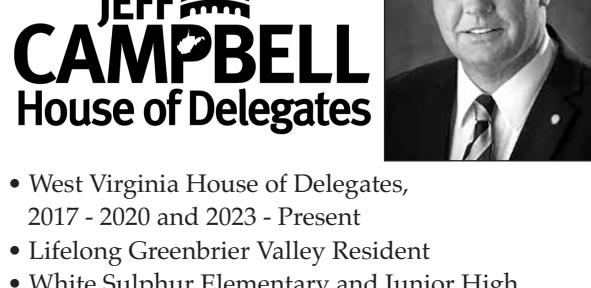
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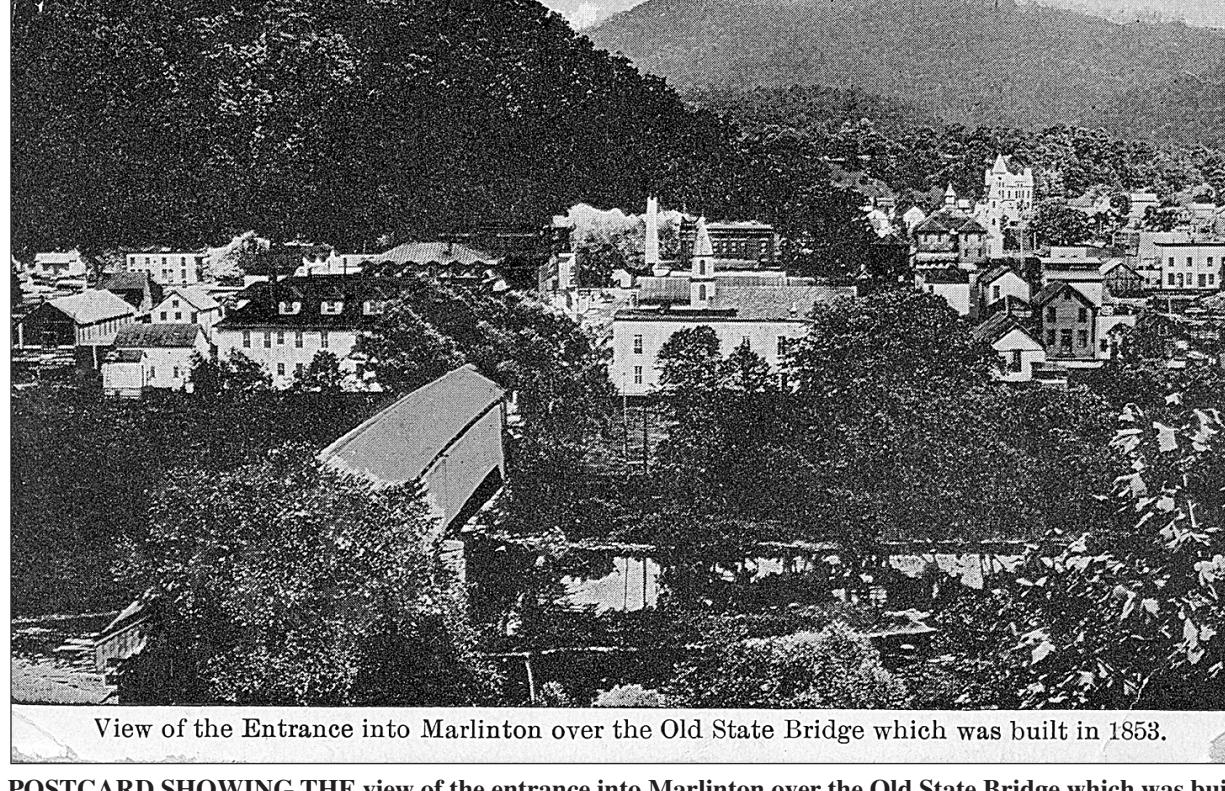
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View of Marlinton - 1911



View of the Entrance into Marlinton over the Old State Bridge which was built in 1853.

POSTCARD SHOWING THE view of the entrance into Marlinton over the Old State Bridge which was built in 1853 by Lemuel Chenoweth of Beverly, W.Va. The card bears a postmark from Marlinton, W.Va. Jan 17, 1911 and is addressed to Miss Camilla Craig, Richwood, W.Va. (Courtesy of Carolyn Burns; ID: PHP001363)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
April 21, 1949

A heavy woven wire fence now protects the playground of the Marlinton Grade School on the 9th Street side. The little ones were always running after balls on this street of heavy traffic.

OLD NOTES

Friend Ed H. McLaughlin, of Browns Creek, recently brought in these notes on the weather and things, marked down many years since by his father, the late Hugh P. McLaughlin:

The year of 1906 will long be remembered as the rainiest season ever seen in this county. It rained in July, August and September. On October 10 was a snowstorm. No frost up to that time. Lot of grass was never cut. Roads were almost impassable. A great deal of oats and

buckwheat rotted in the field. No seeding done by October 10. No threshing done in this section. Hundreds of bushels of apples froze on the trees. Big flood on November 19.

The winter of 1908 was the worst winter since 1857. Snow fell on the 7th of January, 18 inches deep and drifted over fences; roads blockaded. March 15, snow drifts still in the roads, impossible to travel.

FIELD NOTES

Up at the Hevenerland Plantation, on Deer Creek, a red fox was seen going in a hole on a grassy hillside. Investigation proved it to be a den. Digging out, the old fox and a litter of eight little foxes were taken. This big family is being cared for and petted. Eight in a fox litter is just two beyond me; I never saw more than six. Checking

up on red foxes in the book I see the families run from four to nine in a litter. They are born about the first of April.

Farmer friend B. B. Shields, on the Greenbrier,

down Denmar way, advertises sorghum molasses in the classified columns of this paper. I have a weakness for sorghum made in the right way, so he brought me a gallon. I tried it out on hot biscuits and toasted rolls, not to mention cornbread — both spoon and pone. It was plenty good. So, for what-

ever it is worth, this is my testimonial in commendation for Brent's product. . . .

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wilderness. Only in this generation has science separated such various life giving ele-

ments and called them vitamins...

For the sake of the record let it be put down that the

bloom of the service tree showed up white on the hills surrounding Marlinton on

April 12, 1949. This is late by about 10 days from its

usual appearance. In the east, the service tree is the shad

bush, and in the far west it is the salmonberry. The bloom

marks the time when shad

and salmon run into rivers

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dulaney, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dice Sharp, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gale Huber, a son, Gale Lee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Jordan, a daughter named Connie Sue.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jack, a son named Stephen Douglas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Wilfong, a son named Denver Ralph.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
April 17, 1924

Tiny McCoy who shot himself in the head after killing his wife, mother-in-law and brother-in-law at Cass April 6, was taken to jail last Wednesday from the Marlinton Hospital.

The younger generation does not realize what floods meant to us in the days gone by. The county is pretty well bridged, and the presence of a railroad makes the people independent of floods. But in our young days, the stage of the water had a great deal to do with the travel and many a day has been spent waiting for the flood to subside so that the stream could be crossed, and many a visit has been made by the force of circumstances that caught a traveler on the wrong side of a ford. I think that we must have taken the course of events far more calmly then, than now. If high water barred the way, the traveler possessed his soul in patience, and the host welcomed him to all the comforts and consolations of a home.

A little later, the spring floods came to have a great significance for the reason that the principal industry of the county was the cutting of

some twenty million feet of white pine, and that depended upon sporadic floods that took the logs into the boom at the railroad at Roncverte. The river was swift but it was uniform enough to permit large boats called arks to navigate downstream. All the king's horses and all the king's men could not have pulled them back up stream. A drive was formed of about a hundred men and sixteen horses and the logs were followed into the booms. When the river got too deep to ford, it was right for driving. They had good cooks on the ark. Five meals a day, and a bountiful feed. The length of the day was regulated by the daylight. The passing of the drive was the sight of the year. Everybody came to see the loggers work.

I can remember the time when it was the height of my

ambition to belong to the drive, and I was helpless not having the necessary influence to be selected for that high walk in life. I often think of those days when I

see Captain Smith. That is where he got his title. Bossing a hundred men. He had charge of the timber industry here for years and was greater than a king. Now a

days he dispenses justice as a county seat squire.

About the most annoying thing that could happen was for floods to fall so that the logs did not get through. The whole county felt it. It did not often happen, but I remember at least once when the summer came on and the drive had to tie up short of the booms...

This is the tale of Gregory's ghost as I remember it as told me by aged people now dead.

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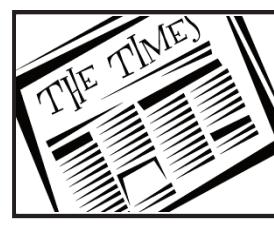
bing his camp. The robbers killed him. To leave the impression that Knapp had been carried away captive by an Indian war party, the robbers decided to hide Gregory's body in a pond or sink hole some distance away.

The dogs came home, took the trail of the robber, and followed it in full cry to the sink hole or pond. The dogs were so close after the robbers and were so savage that the robbers killed them, too.

And for years after, in the fall of the year, at the right time in the hunter's moon, the settlers could hear the furious coursing of Gregory's hounds in the hills of the Knapps Creek Valley, as they run again their last chase to their master's body.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
April 18, 1974

Valencia, Donna Sizemore, Leta Sharp and Debbie Flynn.

PCHS Wins Home Meet Coach Arch Wooddell

PCHS compiled a commanding lead in the field event and held on for a comparatively easy victory in a quadrangular meet Wednesday afternoon.

Pocahontas tallied 114 points compared to second place Braxton County's 83, Cowen was next with 34 and Webster Springs followed with 27.

Jim Rose was the leading individual point winner in placing first in the shot put and the discus, as well as running a leg on the winning 440 and 880 relay teams.

The other members of the 440 and 880 relays were Mark Beverage, Danny Cain and Matt Withers.

Other first place winners were Gary A. Cassell in the 220 years dash; Mark Beverage, 110-yard dash; Dave Moore, 880-yard run, John Wilfong, pole vault, Matt Withers, long jump, and the mile relay team composed of Richard Akers, Tom Moore, Dave Moore and Gary A. Cassell.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beard, of Crescent City, Florida, a daughter named Teresa Lynn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McKeever, of Keyser, a son named Matthew Brian.

DEATHS

Amos McCarty, 94, of Huntersville; a son of the late Peter and Arminta Hill McCarty. He was born, lived and died on the McCarty home place. Funeral service held from VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Dale T. Turner, 59, of St. Albans; born at Marvin Chapel, a son of James M. and Mary Gabbert Turner. Funeral service was held from Marvin Chapel United Methodist Church with burial in the Ruckman Cemetery.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
April 20, 1899

"You, of course. How old is your father?"

"Bout a hundred and ten."

"You don't tell me so?"

"Yes, I does."

"Is he in good health?"

"Oh, no sir, he's in the grave."

"I thought you said he is 110."

"He is. You didn't ask me how old he was when he died."

"Well, how old was he when he died?"

"Bout forty."

"Had he enjoyed good health?"

"Oh, yes, sir; he the healthiest man you ever seen."

"Did he have a lingering disease?"

"What sorta disease?"

"Was he sick very long?"

"Oh, no sir. He dropped off mighty sudden."

"Heart disease?"

"No, sir."

"Did the doctors attend him?"

"No, sir."

"Well, what did they say was the matter with him?"

"They didn't say much o' nothin'. One of em climbed up an put his ear agin the old man and said that he was dead enough to be cut down. Then the sheriff cut him down and put him in a box. I don't think he had heart disease. I think he had some sorter trouble with his neck."

"Look here, I don't believe that make?"

"I don't know, but it's just as easy."

"I'll put you down at fifty."

"Put who down at fifty?"

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Eyes to the ground

Agnes Kalland
Contributing Writer

This odd looking creature is called a Collared Earthstar. In its old age, it will become a more easily identified type of puffball or smokeball. This one growing by our shed is unlike any I have been able to find in our mushroom book or online.

A pretty thorough Google search turned up zero pics of any mushroom that looked exactly like these.

I learned that Earthstar spore pods have a fleshy interior; cheesy and white at first, they turn yellowish or pinkish like this one, gradually darkening until part or all of the interior becomes filled with dust-like spores.

All the many Collared



Earthstar pictures I could find were of mushrooms that had already matured, turned brown and spit out their spores. This one is younger, much younger. And a great deal prettier, in a creepy sort of way. Definitely peculiar. The book says Collared

Earthstars are not good to eat; even so, it appears something had dined on the spore pods of most of these. According to the USDA, squirrels and other woods creatures are able to eat what we cannot or should not.

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Front row, l to r: Kynslie Bennett, first grade; Hope Sharp, Pre-K; Caleb Dickenson, second grade; and Elick Ryder, kindergarten. Back row: Olivia Kimble, eighth grade; Brian Douglass, fifth grade; Mari Boyd, third grade; Madelyn Brock, fourth grade; and Palmer Simmons, sixth grade.

School Menus

April 22 – 26

Monday, 22: Pancake with syrup and fruit.

Chicken tenders with dipping sauce, whole grain pretzel stick, sweet potato fries, baked beans, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, 23: Breakfast

parfait with fruit. Sausage

and egg patty, whole grain biscuit, gravy, hashbrowns, baked apples and milk.

Wednesday, 24: Breakfast bagel with cream cheese and fruit. West Virginia

Wednesday meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, whole grain crescent roll, red pepper strips, frozen fruit cup

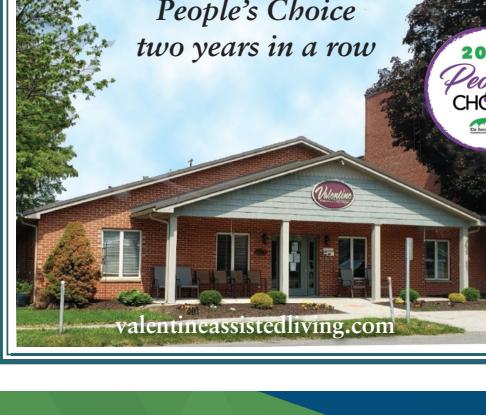
and milk.

Thursday, 25: Breakfast muffin and fruit. Fish patty, whole grain bun, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, carrots, Jell-O with fruit cocktail and milk.

Friday, 26: Professional Learning Day. No School for students.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Pocahontas, WV	Primary Election	May 14, 2024
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER To vote you must darken the oval (●) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.		
NATIONAL TICKET	STATE TICKET	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS
FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)	FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
○ RACHEL HANNA MOHAWK SWIFT ○ Hagerstown, MD	○ BRIAN WOOD Winfield Putnam Co.	○ HALEY BUNN Charleston Kanawha Co.
○ DONALD J. TRUMP ○ Palm Beach, FL	○ KEN REED Hedgesville Morgan Co.	○ Write-in, If Any
○ NIKKI R. HALEY ○ Kiawah Island, SC	○ KRIS WARNER Charleston Kanawha Co.	
○ DAVID STUCKENBERG ○ Tampa, FL	○ DOUG SKAFF JR. South Charleston Kanawha Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)
○ RYAN L. BINKLEY ○ Dallas, TX	FOR AUDITOR (Vote for ONE)	○ CHARLES S TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co.
FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)	FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)	○ Write-in, If Any
○ BRYAN MCKINNEY Inwood	○ MARK HUNT Charleston Kanawha Co.	○ S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co.
○ JIM JUSTICE Lewisburg	○ TRICIA JACKSON Harpers Ferry Jefferson Co.	○ ELGINE HECETA McARDLE Wheeling Ohio Co.
○ BRYAN BIRD Beckley	○ CALEB L. HANNA Charleston Kanawha Co.	○ MYCHAL S. SCHULZ Charleston Kanawha Co.
○ ZANE LAWHORN Princeton	○ ERIC L. HOUSEHOLDER Martinsburg Berkeley Co.	○ Write-in, If Any
○ ALEXANDER X. MOONEY Charles Town	FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for ONE)	
○ JANET McNULTY Martinsburg	○ JOSHUA KURT HIGGINBOTHAM Charleston Kanawha Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
○ DON LINDSAY Lost River	○ ROY RAMEY Lesage Cabell Co.	○ KENT LEONHARDT Fairview Monongalia Co.
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	○ ROBERT E. RICHARDSON Lewisburg	○ ROBERT E. RICHARDSON Lewisburg
○ DERRICK EVANS Prichard	FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE)	○ RYAN BLAKE Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.
○ CAROL MILLER Huntington	○ MIKE STUART South Charleston Kanawha Co.	○ Write-in, If Any
STATE TICKET	○ JOHN "JB" McCUSKEY Charleston Kanawha Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)
FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)	FOR STATE SENATOR 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	○ PATRICK I. VIA Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.
○ PATRICK MORRISSEY Harpers Ferry	○ ROBBIE MORRIS Elkins Randolph Co.	○ Write-in, If Any
○ MOORE CAPITO Charleston	○ ROBERT LEE KARNES Helvetia Randolph Co.	
○ MITCH ROBERTS Poca	FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 46TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 27TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
○ MAC WARNER Charleston	○ PRECINCTS: 10, 12, 18, 23, 26, 27, 29	○ JOYCE HELMICK CARPENTER Webster Springs Webster Co.
○ CHRIS MILLER Huntington	○ TREY EWING White Sulphur Springs Greenbrier	○ Write-in, If Any
○ KEVIN "KC" CHRISTIAN Chloe	○ JEFF CAMPBELL Lewisburg	
	○ THOMAS PERKINS Frankfort	○ THOMAS PERKINS Greenbrier
	FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 66TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	○ Write-in, If Any
	○ PRECINCTS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 13, 15, 21, 22	
	○ JONATHAN B. KYLE Mill Creek	Randolph Co.

NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS	OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote for ONE)
○ CYNTHIA D. BROCE-KELLEY Pocahontas Co.	○ TIMOTHY W. VANREENEN Hillsboro
○ Write-in, If Any	○ Write-in, If Any
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR - UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote for ONE)
○ JENNIFER DUNZ Pocahontas Co.	○ MICHELLE D. WILFONG Dunmore
○ MARK THOMPSON Pocahontas Co.	○ DONALD McNEEL Hillsboro
○ Write-in, If Any	○ Write-in, If Any
COUNTY TICKET	
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE)	FOR ASSESSOR (Vote for ONE)
Not more than one resident of each magisterial district may be elected	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
○ TIMOTHY WALTER HELMICK Hillsboro Southern District	FOR SURVEYOR (Vote for ONE)
○ THANE A. RYDER Marlinton Southern District	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for ONE)	OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote for ONE)
FOR SHERIFF (Vote for ONE)	○ TIMOTHY W. VANREENEN Hillsboro
○ KENNETH "BUSTER" VARNER Durbin	○ Write-in, If Any
FOR ASSESSOR (Vote for ONE)	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR - UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote for ONE)
○ JOHNNY PRITT Marlinton	○ MICHELLE D. WILFONG Dunmore
FOR SURVEYOR (Vote for ONE)	○ DONALD McNEEL Hillsboro
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	○ Write-in, If Any
OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE POCOHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION	
NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For No More Than TWO) Maximum eligible to be elected from each district: Northern District (2); Central District (1); Southern District (0)	OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE POCOHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
○ SAM GIBSON Marlinton Central District	NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For No More Than TWO) Maximum eligible to be elected from each district: Northern District (2); Central District (1); Southern District (0)
○ DAWN BALDWIN BARRETT Bartow Northern District	○ SAM GIBSON Marlinton Central District
○ EMERY GRIMES Marlinton Northern District	○ DAWN BALDWIN BARRETT Bartow Northern District
○ Write-in, If Any	○ EMERY GRIMES Marlinton Northern District
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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Given under my hand and Seal of said County this the 10th day of April 2024.



Melissa L. Bennett,
Pocahontas County Commission

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Pocahontas, WV	Primary Election	May 14, 2024
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER To vote you must darken the oval (●) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.		
NATIONAL TICKET	STATE TICKET	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS
FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)	FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)
○ RICHIE ROBB South Charleston Kanawha Co.	○ TERESA TORISEVA Wheeling Ohio Co.	○ PATRICK I. VIA Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.
○ Write-in, If Any		○ Write-in, If Any
FOR AUDITOR (Vote for ONE)	FOR STATE SENATOR 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 27TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
○ STEPHEN P. LYONS Damascus, MD	○ ARMANDO "MANDO" PEREZ-SERRATO Orange, CA	○ JOYCE HELMICK CARPENTER Webster Springs Webster Co.
○ MANDY SMITH WEIRICH Elkins Randolph Co.	○ JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR Wilmington, DE	○ Write-in, If Any
FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)	FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 46TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
○ S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co.	○ DEAN PHILLIPS Wayzata, MN	○ CYNTHIA D. BROCE-KELLEY Pocahontas Co.
○ ELGINE HECETA McARDLE Wheeling Ohio Co.	○ PAUL S. DETCH Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.	○ Write-in, If Any
FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for ONE)	FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)
○ KENT LEONHARDT Fairview Monongalia Co.	○ CHARLES S TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co.	○ JENNIFER DUNZ Pocahontas Co.
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE)	○ ROBERT E. RICHARDSON Lewisburg	○ MARK THOMPSON Pocahontas Co.
○ ROBERT E. RICHARDSON Lewisburg	○ RYAN BLAKE Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.	○ Write-in, If Any
FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)	○ THORNTON COOPER South Charleston Kanawha Co.	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE)
○ STEVE WILLIAMS Huntington Cabell Co.	○ S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co.	Not more than one resident of each magisterial district may be elected
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE)	○ ELGINE HECETA McARDLE Wheeling Ohio Co.	○ JAY MILLER Hillsboro Southern District
○ THORNTON COOPER South Charleston Kanawha Co.	○ MYCHAL S. SCHULZ Charleston Kanawha Co.	FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for ONE)
FOR AUDITOR (Vote for ONE)	○ RYAN BLAKE Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.	○ LAURA M. KERSHNER Hillsboro
FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)	○ DEBORAH STILES Parsons Tucker Co.	○ JONI O'NEAL NICHOLS Marlinton
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	○ Write-in, If Any	FOR SHERIFF (Vote for ONE)
FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for ONE)	○ Write-in, If Any	○ TROY MCCOY Hillsboro
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT	
○ ROBERT E. RICHARDSON Lewisburg	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote for ONE)	
○ RYAN BLAKE Lewisburg	○ TIMOTHY W. VANREENEN Hillsboro	
○ Write-in, If Any	○ Write-in, If Any	
FOR SURVEYOR (Vote for ONE)	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR - UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	○ MICHELLE D. WILFONG Dunmore	
OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE POCOHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION	○ DONALD McNEEL Hillsboro	
NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For No More Than TWO) Maximum eligible to be elected from each district: Northern District (2); Central District (1); Southern District (0)	○ Write-in, If Any	
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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE MOUNTAIN PARTY

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	STATE TICKET	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS
	FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 46TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 27TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
NATIONAL TICKET	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> JOYCE HELMICK CARPENTER Webster Springs Webster Co.
FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)	FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 66TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> JILL STEIN Lexington, MA	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any
<input type="radio"/> FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS	<input type="radio"/> NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> CYNTHIA D. BROCE-KELLEY Pocahontas Co.
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> HALEY BUNN Charleston Kanawha Co.	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/>	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)
STATE TICKET	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> JENNIFER DUNZ Pocahontas Co.
FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> CHARLES S TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co.	<input type="radio"/> MARK THOMPSON Pocahontas Co.
<input type="radio"/> CHASE LINKO-LOOPER Saint Albans Kanawha Co.	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	COUNTY TICKET
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE) Not more than one resident of each magisterial district may be elected
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR AUDITOR (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> ELGINE HECETA McCARDLE Wheeling Ohio Co.	FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> MYCHAL S. SCHULZ Charleston Kanawha Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	FOR SHERIFF (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> ROBERT E. RICHARDSON Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.	FOR ASSESSOR (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> RYAN BLAKE Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	FOR SURVEYOR (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR STATE SENATOR 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> PATRICK I. VIA Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT

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	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS	OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT
	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 27TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR - UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote for ONE)
NATIONAL TICKET	<input type="radio"/> JOYCE HELMICK CARPENTER Webster Springs Webster Co.	<input type="radio"/> MICHELLE D. WILFONG Dunmore
FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> DONALD McNEEL Hillsboro
<input type="radio"/> JILL STEIN Lexington, MA	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any
<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> CYNTHIA D. BROCE-KELLEY Pocahontas Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	<input type="radio"/> CYNTHIA D. BROCE-KELLEY Pocahontas Co.
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> HALEY BUNN Charleston Kanawha Co.	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any
STATE TICKET	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)
FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> CHARLES S TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co.	<input type="radio"/> JENNIFER DUNZ Pocahontas Co.
<input type="radio"/> CHASE LINKO-LOOPER Saint Albans Kanawha Co.	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	<input type="radio"/> MARK THOMPSON Pocahontas Co.
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co.	NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For No More Than TWO) Maximum eligible to be elected from each district: Northern District (2); Central District (1); Southern District (0)
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FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	<input type="radio"/> EMERY GRIMES Marlinton Northern District
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any
FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> ROBERT E. RICHARDSON Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> RYAN BLAKE Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.	<input type="radio"/> PATRICK I. VIA Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote for ONE)
FOR STATE SENATOR 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> PATRICK I. VIA Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.	<input type="radio"/> TIMOTHY W. VANREENEN Hillsboro
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any
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OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT
FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote for ONE)
<input type="radio"/> TIMOTHY W. VANREENEN Hillsboro
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any
FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR - UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote for ONE)
<input type="radio"/> MICHELLE D. WILFONG Dunmore
<input type="radio"/> DONALD McNEEL Hillsboro
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any

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COUNTY OF POCAHONTAS, to-wit:

I, Melissa L. Bennett, Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and as such Ex-Officio Chairman of the Board of Ballot Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct sample of the official Mountain Ballot to be voted in the Primary Election, said election to be held Tuesday, May 14, 2024, showing correctly all names of candidates certified by Mac Warner, Secretary of State, State of West Virginia, and the names of all candidates filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Given under my hand and Seal of said County this the 10th day of April

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS****LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS****ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS,
DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES**

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 commission.

First Publication Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Claim Deadline: Monday, June 10, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: 14590

ESTATE OF: BERNARD GEORGE ALEXANDER

EXECUTOR: James Murphy

5518 Maudes Way
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14598

ESTATE OF: EDNA M. WEBB

EXECUTRIX: Sondra Cochran

240 Old Campbelltown Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-6522

ESTATE NUMBER: 14620

ESTATE OF: FANNIE MABEL BENNETT

EXECUTOR: Allen Eugene Bennett

10364 Potomac Highlands Trail
Arbovale, WV 24915

ESTATE NUMBER: 14627

ESTATE OF: PHYLLIS MARIE ESTEP

EXECUTOR: Duane Estep

12790 Browns Creek Road
Dunmore, WV 24934-9188

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 5, 2024.

Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission

4/11/2c

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY
Case No: 23-JA-31(D)**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
I.F.**

The object of this action is to notify Adult Respondent Unknown Father of I. F. of an Adjudicatory Disposition/Termination of Parental Rights Hearing scheduled herein so that said Adult Respondent Unknown Father of I. F. may appear to protect his interests.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Unknown Father of I. F.

You are hereby notified that an abuse and/or neglect and/or abandonment Petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, on the 10th day of October, 2023, and assigned Case Number: 23-JA-31(D); and an amended Petition was filed on the 22nd day of March, 2024, wherein the mother of the infant, I. F., is Whitney Barker. The father of the infant, I. F., is unknown.

An Adjudicatory Hearing will be held in this matter on the 9th day of May, 2024 at 3 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Courthouse, 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954.

You are hereby notified that you have the right to have counsel present at all stages of these proceedings, and John C. Anderson, II has been appointed as Counsel for Adult Respondent Unknown Father of I. F., telephone number 757-880-4513.

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Accordingly, you who may have an interest in these proceedings must attend and may make such defense as you shall deem advisable on or before the date and time aforesaid, or termination of your custodial and parental rights may be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, at the Pocahontas County Courthouse, Marlinton, West Virginia, 304-799-4604.

State of West Virginia and

West Virginia Department of Human Services,

Child Protective Services Division

By Counsel

Joni O. Nichols

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

WV State Bar No. 12898

900 Tenth Avenue

Marlinton, WV 24954

304-799-6424

Entered by the Clerk of said Court April 9, 2024.

Connie M. Carr, Clerk of Court

By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy

4/18/2c

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated July 7, 2021, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Document No. 234016, in Book No. 399, at Page 433, Richard L Hefner, II did convey unto Michael C Doss Attorney at Law, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in Marlinton, West Virginia, on May 22, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in 03 - Edray Dist District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All of those certain lots or parcels of real estate including the improvements, appurtenances and easements thereto belonging, situate at Beard Heights near Marlinton, in the Edray District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, which are known as Lots 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47, as said lots are more fully described and designated on a plat of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 83, at page 116a.

And being the same lots or parcels of real estate as acquired by Kenneth Baber and Phyllis Baber, by the provisions of a Corrective Deed of Conveyance from Brenda K. Dilley and Melvin J. Ricottilli, said deed bearing date the 5th day of March, 2009, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 319, at page 383.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 82 Beard Hts Addition Rd, Marlinton, WV 24954.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights-of-way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Pocahontas County Commission is now accepting résumés for the positions of full-time and part-time Court-house Security Officers. Résumés will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Friday, the 3rd day of May 2024.

Qualifications:

- Must be 21 years of age
- Have a High School Diploma or equivalent
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check
- Must be physically fit
- Good written and verbal communication skills

The starting salary for a full-time position will be \$15.00 per hour and will include PEIA Health Insurance, Public Employees Retirement, vacation, and sick leave. Part-time salary will be paid at \$15.00 per hour.

You may apply by filing a résumé with the Sheriff of Pocahontas County or the Pocahontas County Clerk by email or in person:

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**NOTICE
POCAHONTAS COUNTY SCHOOLS
PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET**

The proposed 2024-2025 Budget for Pocahontas County Schools will be available for inspection and review at the Board of Education Office beginning Friday, April 26, 2024, through Tuesday, May 7, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., excluding days school is not in session.

The budget will be presented for adoption to the Board at the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 6 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Board of Education Office, 404 Old Buckeye Road in Buckeye, West Virginia.

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NOTICE
The Pocahontas County Clerk's Office will conduct a **public test of the Express Vote and DS200 voting machines, and Election-eeware Election Management System** for Early Voting and Election Day for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. The test will take place on **Thursday, April 25, 2024, in the hallway of the Pocahontas County Courthouse beginning at 3 p.m.**
Melissa L. Bennett,
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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WATER TREATMENT PLANT**DENMAR CORRECTIONAL CENTER AND JAIL**

Project may be viewed at www.wvoasis.gov

PROJECT: The purpose of the project for which bids are being solicited is to provide Architectural or Engineering design because the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation is reacting to issues at Denmar Correctional Center and Jail to replace the existing water treatment plant with new. For this reason, the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation will require Architectural or Engineering Design ("Project").

Decline, from page 2

and research group, said the easiest and most likely way for state health officials to reduce Medicaid costs would be cutting payments to providers.

"They may reduce the number of Medicaid patients that they accept or stop taking new Medicaid patients," she said.

Sen. Eric Tarr, R-Putnam and chair of the Finance Committee, which writes the budget, denied an interview request through a spokesperson.

In a committee meeting, he indicated that he wants to reduce Medicaid costs, asking health officials questions about whether Medicaid dollars are resulting in improved health and if people who use Medicaid are receiving better benefits than those using private insurance.

Among his committee members, there's some interest in revisiting the issue.

Sen. Mike Oliverio, R-Monongalia, said in an interview that he hopes lawmakers allocate more funding to Medicaid later, possibly during a special session.

Herbal, from page 3

teach a Body Butter making class. Students will learn how to create body butter that is luxurious as well as an effective solution for promoting skin hydration and health.

Body Butter is typically a thick cream made of nut butters, skin moisturizing oils and a fragrance. Each butter is unique and offers different textures, absorbency, and viscosity. In class, students will learn how to formulate body butter to help protect against dryness and rough skin.

Calendar, from page 4

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.

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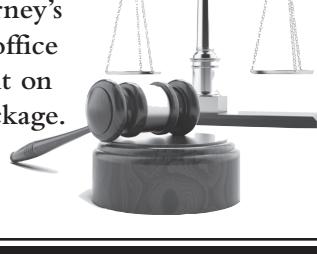
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Cookin'?, from page 4

Banana Chocolate Chip Cake

2 1/2 cups cake flour
3/4 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas (2 large)
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
3/4 cup buttermilk
1 1/2 sticks butter, softened
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

1/4 cup chocolate chips for garnish

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Butter and flour two 8-inch cake pans.

Sift the cake flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt together in a large bowl. Whisk together the bananas, vanilla and buttermilk in a medium bowl. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat until well mixed.

Add 1/2 of the dry ingredients to the butter mixture and blend well. Add all the

wet ingredients and mix well. Then add the rest of the flour mixture and blend well.

Fold in the chocolate chips. Divide the batter between the pans. Bake for 25 minutes or until springy in the center. Allow cakes to cool in pans for about 10 minutes. Remove from pans and allow to cool completely on a wire rack. Spread icing between the layers and on sides and top. Sprinkle with chocolate chips if desired.

Peanut Butter-Cream Cheese Icing

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

8-ounce package cream cheese

1 1/4 cups confectioners sugar

1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Cream peanut butter and

cream cheese in mixer with paddle attachment, scraping sides once or twice till light and fluffy. Add in sugar gradually. When completely mixed, beat in vanilla.

Mayor's, from page 4

With so many buildings going down, we need to see buildings going up. All offi-

cials, at this time, should try to understand and analyze the future housing needs of the community and plan accordingly.

The growing number of long-term rentals turning into Airbnbs, at the same

time more and more retirees are looking to move from metropolitan areas to more rural areas, plus the already critical need for employee housing, has created a problem that must be addressed sooner rather than later.

Marvin Eugene Beaver, 39, of Fort Knox, Kentucky. His wife, Gloria Sharp Beaver, died in 1971. Funeral service was held at VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in the Ruckman Cemetery at Renick.

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in Galilee Episcopal Church.

William Maurice Dodson, 56, of Renick; funeral service was held from Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home with burial in Morningside Cemetery at Renick.

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Mrs. Annie Rebecca Weiford died Saturday night, April 12, 1924, aged 66

years. She was the widow of the late Rev. G. S. Weiford, of Warwick. On Tuesday, the body was brought to her old home at Warwick and buried in the Waugh graveyard on Indian Draft... Mrs. Weiford was a daughter of the late John Dilley and his wife, Naomi McNeil Dilley, who lived in the Hills near Dilley's Mill.

ton, of Marlinton, and the late Mr. Bratton.

Mrs. Sarah Hill McMillion, aged 79, widow of the late Wade McMillion, died at her home at Jacox April 17, 1949. On Tuesday, her body was laid to rest in Beulah cemetery, the service being held from Hill Chapel.

Mrs. Hazel VanDevander, aged 48 years, died at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, April 12, 1949. She was a daughter of the late Lee Ervin and Virgie Ervin. The funeral service was held from the Arbovale Church.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Ruckman, aged 92 years, died at her home near Millpoint April 16, 1949. On Tuesday afternoon, her body was laid to rest in the Ruckman cemetery. The funeral was held from Marvin Chapel church.

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Mrs. Guy Bratton Frame, wife of Dr. Ray I. Frame, of Sharples; burial in the family plot in Mt. View Cemetery. Mrs. Frame was a daughter of Mrs. W. A. Brat-

ton, of Marlinton, and the late Mr. Bratton.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Dr. Pleas Smith, of Edray. She became the wife of Millard Fillmore Ruckman, who preceded her in death 35 years.

Ralph M. Musser, aged 57 years, died at his home at Frankford March 8, 1949. A former county agent, the deceased was one of the best known and highly respected men of Greenbrier county.

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LISTINGS



6624 – Boyer. 4BR/1BA unfinished cabin with wraparound deck on 11.4 mostly private acres. Views of mountain range. Near Greenbrier River and Trail and national forest. – \$122,000



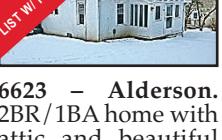
6627 – Marlinton. "Bubble Laundry" in downtown Marlinton. Convenient parking lot and street parking. Private office, large storage room. New HVAC and metal roof. – \$219,000



6523 – Mill Point. Lot C-2, Little Mountain Retreat. 2.5 acre lot close to national forest, Highland Scenic Highway, Greenbrier River and Trail. Near Cherry, Cranberry and Williams rivers. – \$14,000



6536 – Cass. Approximately .55 acre just 30 minutes from Snowshoe Resort. Near national forest, Deer Creek and trout fishing. Short drive to Greenbrier River and Trail. – \$14,000



6623 – Alderson. 2BR/1BA home with attic and beautiful natural light throughout. New roof, new heat pump and new windows installed in 2016. Located just outside of town. – \$115,000



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



6595 – Marlinton. Lots in town, bordering the Greenbrier River with easy step-down access. Great location to set up base camp to explore the river and trails, state parks and national forest. – \$24,000



6596 – Marlinton. This property offers 2 homes and a detached garage on 2.18 acres in a country setting. Gorgeous views. Great rental potential. Close to fishing, trails, state parks and Snowshoe Resort. – \$129,000



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



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



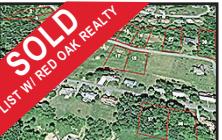
6622 – Dunmore. 3BR/2BA chalet-style home with full basement and two-car detached garage on 50 very private acres. Surrounded by national forest. – \$625,000



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



6533 – Lewisburg. Exclusive Lamplighter Subdivision. Lot 17. 0.55 acre. Property is close to all the best the Greenbrier Valley has to offer! Title insurance available. – \$5,500



6634 – Rupert. 1.91 acre nicely wooded fishing lot on the Meadow River. Public sewer and water. Owner Financing. No restrictions. Great for camper. – \$24,000



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