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THE SECOND LEG of the Great Greenbrier River Race, boating, is what makes it so unique – and so challenging this year with the river at a low level. Above, participants in Saturday's event drag their kayaks and boats into the Greenbrier River in Marlinton as they prepare to make the four mile journey to Buckeye. S. Stewart photo

River Race brings the fun

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Running and boating and biking.

It was time once again Saturday for the annual, one-of-a-kind Great Greenbrier River Race triathlon in Mar-

lington.

Hundreds of racers of all ages were pumped up for the day ahead when they met at the Gazebo Park on Main Street before taking off on an adventure that sees them running three miles, paddling four miles down the Green-

brier River and biking 10 miles – from Buckeye south a few miles on the Greenbrier River Trail, then back to Marlinton.

The beautiful day saw families and friends working together on teams of two, three or four, as well as individuals taking on all three legs of the event. It was a day to enjoy the river and trail, and even made for a unique backdrop for a last minute prom-posal.

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Chamber hosts first dinner since COVID

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

JIt's been four years since the Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce held its annual dinner, but everything fell back into place as the organization gathered to celebrate the success of businesses in the county.

It was a night of good conversation with business folk getting reacquainted and great food catered by Dean's Den.

Before the meal was served, chamber president Bill Jordan introduced the chamber board members and asked for a moment of silence for a member who recently passed away.

"We lost a very important board member, Charlie Sheets, a couple weeks ago," he said. "He was an asset to the community and to our board. He will be missed."

Speaker for the evening was Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Chelsea Faulkner, who spoke about how, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Pocahontas County stayed resilient and managed to thrive in those uncertain times.

While some businesses and schools closed and only the essential workers continued to report to work every day, the county remained a place to recreate and relax.

"When many other destinations were seeing negative numbers and increased

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POCAHONTAS COUNTY CONVENTION and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Chelsea Faulkner spoke at the Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce annual-ish dinner last Thursday at the Pocahontas County Opera House. This was the first Chamber dinner since the COVID-19 pandemic. S. Stewart photo

First Fridays are back

Lauren Bennett
Contributing Writer

The 2024 summer series begins Friday, May 3, in collaboration with the Marlinton Woman's Club's Evening with the Arts as we "Celebrate Our Youth!"

The fun will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in Marlinton at Discovery Junction and the surrounding area.

The event will feature student performances on stage. The list includes

such talent as Sal and Fenna Marks, Gavin Walls, Marlinton Elementary and Hillsboro Elementary recorder students,

Adrienne Cedarleaf's young dancers, students of Trevor Hammons and the

Pocahontas County High School Theatre Club.

At the same time, student artwork from the county middle schools and high school will be on display in the Opera House. The Woman's Club will also have refreshments available.

The Pocahontas County Farmers Market will be out for the first time this season with a variety of spring produce and plants.

Of course, the evening will be rounded out with the usual fun and games of First Fridays.

Many of our partners will be there with activities for the kids, games in the street, and a not-to-miss Dog Circus put on by Pendleton Community Bank.

Come out and let's get the summer started.

Achievements in ag celebrated at FFA banquet

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Pocahontas County High School FFA advisor Andy Friel and FFA president Hannah Burks presented awards and inducted the 2024-2025 officers at the annual FFA banquet April 26.

Friel recognized former FFA member and 2020 graduate Charity Morrison, presenting her with the highest honor a FFA member can receive – the American FFA Degree.

"She was qualified to obtain her American FFA Degree last year," he said. "That's the highest FFA degree you can receive. You have to have three thousand hours or you can have \$10,000 earned with \$7,500 invested back into your SAE [Supervised Agricultural Experience] project. Charity had a combination of beef production, poultry and she had a work placement forestry job at a sawmill."

Before announcing the new officers, Burks gave a speech about her time in FFA. She explained how she rose through the ranks and tried to get involved in as many aspects of the agriculture education offered at PCHS.

"Man, what a journey it has been," she said. "It began



AT THE POCOHONTAS County High School FFA Banquet last Wednesday, advisor Andy Friel presented a personalized gavel to senior and FFA president Hannah Burks as her parting gift from the club. S. Stewart photo

my freshman year when I got there in the summer heat. I took ag mechanics and got to rebuild a stock trailer with my fellow students, as well as help out in the greenhouse."

This year as a senior, she took the ag entrepreneur class and said it has been one of her favorite parts of ag. She took a leadership role and was allowed to plan a field trip to the Perkins Dairy Farm. She also built the monthly FFA newsletter with fellow classmates and organized a community service committee.

"I've shown animals," she said. "I've been out in the greenhouse. I've done a lot

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ARC Broadband Project moving forward – sort of

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

Pocahontas County Broadband Council held a brief meeting April 11, where Brian Tew, of Thompson and Litton, was asked about the status of the ARC Broadband Project. He responded this way:

"With regards the DOH (WV Department of Highways) and Frontier (pole use) permitting, we were in a kind of a holding pattern until the agreement between Pocahontas County and Citynet was finalized," Tew said. "That was approved at the last county commission meeting, so, hopefully, that's not going to be a hold-up any longer."

However, Tew then described another project hold-up which involves the DOH permits.

"We'll get it in expeditiously, but I'm not going to hold my breath," Tew said. "We've got other projects that are in queue (with DOH) and well, we are not even getting responses back. I mean it's just a process. There are some

hold-ups there outside of anybody's control."

Later in the meeting, Tew and Mike Holstine had a conversation during which it was explained that the DOH is very slow in reviewing all broadband permits across the state because they are short of permit reviewers; each DOH region has its own standards for the reviews; and they do not provide a centralized electronic portal to which permit applications can be submitted.

The two West Virginia "State Line Extension Advancement and Development" (LEAD) grants in Pocahontas County were also discussed.

1. Citynet is still working with the state on an agreement about their LEAD project which is bringing broadband south from Valley Head to Marlinton.

2. The Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone Company (SKSRT) is still in the early stages of its LEAD project, which will cover areas in Northern Pocahontas County, including Durbin, Green Bank and Arbovale. They are cur-

rently working with the Flood Plain Coordinator regarding an environmental review of the project.

Regarding the National Telecommunication and Information Administration's (NTIA's) Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program, Melissa O'Brien expressed concern that, because of the required 10% letter of credit and the 25% matching funds Internet Service Providers (ISPs) must submit up front to qualify for BEAD broadband grants, large ISPs will have a very big advantage to be the controlling ISP for much of the state's broadband services. It was suggested that the State of West Virginia should be asked to provide financial assistance to smaller ISPs to enable them to be competitive in obtaining BEAD grants.

Just how important to the state are these BEAD projects?

Holstine announced that the NTIA has just informed the state that they are authorizing \$1.2 billion in BEAD grants in West Virginia.

Manchin's Commonsense Connections

A representative from U. S. Senator Joe Manchin's office will be at the Pocahontas County Courthouse Monday, May 6, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Manchin (D-WV) announced the launch Commonsense Connections Week from Monday, May 6, to Friday, May 10. Representatives from Manchin's office will visit all 55 counties to hear West Virginians' priorities and concerns and

offer the Senator's assistance with federal agencies through casework. Please note that Senator Manchin will not be in attendance.

"I have always believed in the importance of retail government – bringing good government directly to our constituents, hearing their concerns and finding commonsense solutions to the issues that matter to them," Manchin said. "Constituents come first, and for the last 13 years, my office has oper-

ated the best constituent services team in the United States Senate, ensuring the federal government works for West Virginians by handling more than 100,000 cases. This upcoming Commonsense Connections Week demonstrates my continued dedication to the hardworking people of our great State, and I encourage all West Virginians to stop by at one of the locations as my staff travel to all 55 counties."

A Nor'easter showed up April 4-6 and produced 4.5 inches of snow. Normal snow for April is 2.6 inches.

April snow has quietly surprised me. In 33 years, I have recorded 86 inches. There was only one year when no snow was recorded.

Precipitation for the calendar year is now 15.41 inches.

Normal precipitation at the end of April is 14.14 inches.

Trends of warmer temperatures are definitely continuing from last year.

In the last 10 months only November was below normal by 1.9 degrees. I predict that trend should continue.

The lack of rainfall at the end of April is concerning.

May is the wettest month with normally five inches of precipitation.

If we are way below that – look out for the rest of the year.

As of the end of March, I have completed 400 months of weather reports. I have never seen a month of contrasts like this April. There was a record high temperature and a cold Nor'easter snow. There was flooding and a dry spell. There was a solar eclipse and hail. Also, there was a 42-degree temperature movement in eight hours.

This was the second warmest April in my 33 years of records. The average high temperature was 63.2 degrees and the average low temperature was 39.4 degrees. The mean was 51.3 degrees and that was four degrees above normal.

For the new calendar year, all months have been above normal by 17 degrees. Last year at this time, temperatures were 17.8 degrees above normal.

On April 29, a record 86-degree temperature popped up. I called the National Weather Service in Charle-

ston and they were surprised. They said Charleston and Huntington both had 83 degrees but more cloud coverage.

In 2009, my records show a record 86 degrees on April 26 with 84 and 85 degrees surrounding them. Those were the highest temperatures for the year.

In my 33 years of records, there have been 18 years with no 80 degree temperatures in April.

Precipitation looked great for the first 13 days when 3.53 inches fell. However, in the last 17 days only 0.60 inches was measured. Normal April precipitation is 3.77 inches.

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The lack of rainfall

Forever Wild team successful at national championships

Joe Schnapp
Snowshoe Mountain

Snowshoe Mountain's Forever Wild team ventured out to Copper Mountain, Colorado, earlier this month for the USASA National Championships. The 2024 event marked Forever Wild's third year in attendance, bringing along six snowboarders and 11 skiers. The team came away with three snowboard podiums and six ski podiums after two weeks of competition.

The competitions began with Snowboard week. The athletes competed in Slopestyle, Half Pipe, Snowboard Cross, Rail Jam, Slalom and Giant Slalom during the week.

Chole Anderson, aged seven, had a standout performance in her first year of competition. She was able to end her season with a second place in Slalom and a third place in Giant Slalom.

"It's just fun," Anderson said about the Giant Slalom. "Not as many turns so you go faster."

Hailing from Warrenton, Virginia, the Anderson family makes the three and a half-hour journey to Snowshoe every weekend for practice. Anderson's love for the sport and for her team can be summed up in three words, "It's just fun."

Snowboard week also saw a podium finish for Payton Moyer with a second place Slalom finish in her age group, and a third place overall finish for Georgianna Fritz in her age group.

The second week of Nationals was reserved for the skiers. Ali Gregory, age nine, was able to etch her name into Forever Wild history. She came into the season with a lot of potential after a strong 22/23 season and worked hard to put down a third place run in Slopestyle, the first national slopestyle podium for the Forever Wild team.

Gregory is no stranger to adversity and fought hard for this result.

"I wanted to quit because I felt like I wasn't good enough," Gregory said.

Fortunately, the Forever Wild coaches are dedicated to each of their athletes.

The ski team also saw various age group podiums from Evelyn Simmons (second in Half Pipe, second overall), Isla Zollars (third overall), and Nolan Street (third overall). Making these results more impressive is



NOLAN STREET, MEMBER of the Snowshoe Mountain Forever Wild Freestyle ski and snowboard team performs a backflip at one of the USASA – United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association – competitions. Photos courtesy of Snowshoe Mountain Resort

that, for a lot of the Forever Wild athletes, the only time they see a half-pipe, let alone a full on 22-foot tall pipe, is at Nationals.

The team is led by coaches Seth Ruckle, Clay Edwards and Bradin Baum. The coaches work with these athletes, week in and week out, doing everything from hiking rails in the park to indoor training to gate practice, totaling over 150 hours a season.

The results from Nationals show that it pays off.

Although a competition team, Forever Wild is about more than the results. The team aims to be competitive at both regional and national competitions but the coaches also work toward the development of personal progression through a sense of family and community and strive to turn their athletes into ambassadors for Snowshoe Mountain beyond the ski hill.

This camaraderie proved vital in securing Gregory's slopestyle podium.

"I have really great friends [on Forever Wild]," Gregory said. "One of my friends, Isla Zollars. She kind of gives me pep talks like five times before every single run."

As these athletes train throughout the season they are able to build bonds and a trust in one another that can



TEAM COACHES ARE, back row from left: Clay Edwards, Seth Ruckle, and Bradin Baum, shown here with Ali Gregory, who placed third in Slopestyle at nationals.

only be built by pushing themselves and having teammates and coaches that provide support when tricks are landed, and more importantly, not landed.

The Forever Wild team is made of driven athletes and passionate coaches. They can be found riding all over the mountain and competing across the region and country.

To support Forever Wild, participate in their fundraisers throughout the summer and winter seasons.

Give them a follow on Instagram @foreverwildwv and cheer loud when they're competing at Snowshoe.



TRIVIA
— a little something to think about

1. By U.S. law, exit signs must be one of what two colors?

2. When was Earth Day first celebrated?

3. How many points does the Star of David have?

4. What is Barbie's little sister's name?

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Drama Workshop auditions May 11

The Pocahontas County Drama Workshop will hold auditions for the Neil Simon comedy, *Rumors*, Saturday May 11, at 2 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Opera House.

Five men and five women of varying ages are needed.

The play is a hilarious look at an anniversary party that goes hopelessly awry, starting with a gunshot, a missing hostess and lies so profuse no one can be sure of the truth.

The audition process promises to be friendly and welcoming to all experience levels.

Rehearsals will begin in July.

Performances are set for September 20 and 21.

Lake Buffalo Fishing Derby

Lauren Bennett
Contributing Writer

It's time for the annual Lake Buffalo Fishing Derby.

The derby will be held Saturday, May 4, at Buffalo Lake, located off of Rt. 28, north of Bartow. The event is sponsored by the U. S. Forest Service, Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation and the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

The derby is open to all children ages two to 13. A section of the lake will be netted off and stocked with trout.

Participants will be allowed to catch up to two fish. Prizes will be awarded in each age group. There is no entry fee.

Due to limited shoreline, each age group will fish at the following designated



times: ages 2 and 3 from 9

to 9:30 a.m.; ages 4 and 5

from 9:40 to 10:10 a.m.; ages

6 and 7 from 10:20 to 10:50;

ages 8 and 9 from 11 to

11:30; ages 10 and 11 from

11:40 to 12:10; and ages 12

and 13 from 12:20-12:50.

Anyone who didn't catch

a fish in their time frame will

be allowed to fish for 30

minutes after the last group.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be ongoing throughout the event.

The boat ramp will be un-

available for use from 9 p.m.

Friday, May 3, until 3 p.m.

May 4.

For more information,

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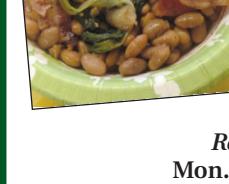
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Letters to the Editor

Editor;

A recent letter writer used the words of MLK to introduce a multi-paragraph collection of half-truths, no-truths, and just general negativity.

"My country, right or wrong."

"If right, to be supported."

"If wrong, to be made right."

I wonder if that letter writer is actually interested in making our country right, or just wants to blow off steam.

Wolf Knight

Marlinton

Editor;

The Pocahontas County Board of Education has volunteered for a responsibility that is as difficult as it is vital — ensuring that our schools

continue to prepare our kids for the world of the 21st century. They have the responsibility to make hard calls and tough decisions, each time knowing that those choices will impact our entire community for decades. The last few weeks have been a particularly vivid illustration of that, as the Board has been weighing budget and staffing issues as they plan and prepare for the next school year. Those worries are shared by not only parents, teachers, and students, but by everyone that lives in Pocahontas County. And after listening to the community, on April 22nd the Board chose not to make the dramatic changes to the high school staff and course offering that many people feared would deal a fatal blow to quality education at PCHS. I am grateful to the Board members for taking their duty seriously, for listening, and for making thoughtful decisions. I'm also grateful for all of the people that have been writing letters, making calls, attending meetings, crafting presentations, and pouring over detailed spreadsheets and the specifics of West Virginia state law to better understand what is going on and what we can do. Most of all, I'm grateful for the students that made themselves heard, giving all of us an example of commitment and perseverance.

Unfortunately, the Board's work is not done; they have many more difficult decisions ahead. There are many

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Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE

The USPS will host a **Grow Your Business Day** Friday, May 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marlinton Post Office at 819 4th Avenue. Come and see how USPS can meet your shipping and advertising needs.

A representative from Senator Joe Manchin's office will be at the Pocahontas County Courthouse Monday, May 6, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Food Handler Course Wednesday, May 8, and Tuesday, May 14, 10 a.m. Community Wellness Center. Additional class May 14 at 3 p.m. Call 304-799-4154 to register.

Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office will be closed Tuesday, May 14, for Primary Election Day.

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

Marlinton Town Council regular meeting Monday, May 6, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building Auditorium.

Pocahontas County

Commission Tuesday, May 7, 8:30 a.m. Due to early voting, the commission will meet in the courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

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

EVENTS

First Friday — "Celebrate Our Youth" Friday, May 3, 5 to 7 p.m. at Discovery Junction. Evening with the Arts, musical performances and more.

Calling All Crafters — Do you have craft materials you'd like to sell or swap — or give away? You are invited to set up beside Handmade WV during the First Friday event, May 3. Quil-

ters and sewers won't want to miss the wide selection of fabric, patterns, etc.

Fill the Bus fundraiser for Communities in Schools Friday, May 3. A bus will be at each Dollar General store during the day and at First Friday in Marlinton. Items collected will be for the children in all Pocahontas County schools.

Annual Lake Buffalo Fishing Derby Saturday, May 4. Registration begins at 8:30. Open to ages two-13. For more information, call the Forest Service at 304-456-3335 or Parks and Recreation at 304-799-7386.

The Yew Mountain Center's 8th Wildflower and Ramps Festival Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free, family-friendly activities throughout the day. Guided wildflower walks, art class, music, native plant sale, "Ramps By Robin" and more are on the menu.

see Calendar pg 11

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1/4 cup sugar
2 cups sliced strawberries
Melt butter in a small saucepan. Add sugar and berries. Boil 5 minutes.

Remove pancake from oven and cut into 4 pieces. Spoon sauce over the top

May substitute blueberries or blackberries for strawberries.

Heat milk in the microwave or on the stove until very warm. Using a blender, mix milk, eggs, 2 Tbsp. sugar and salt at low speed until combined. Add the

What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Spinach, Feta Egg Muffins

6 eggs
2 Tbsp. water
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1/3 cup frozen leaf spinach thawed, squeezed dry

1/4 cup diced baked ham
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
2 Tbsp. drained diced pimientos

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat 6 muffin cups with cooking spray. In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, water and pepper until blended stir in the spinach, ham, feta and pimientos. Divide mixture evenly among muffin cups.

Bake until set in centers, 18-20 minutes.

Dutch Baby Pancake with Strawberry Sauce

1/2 cup whole milk

3 eggs, room temperature

2 Tbsp. granulated sugar

Pinch salt

1/2 cup flour

4 Tbsp. unsalted butter

Place a 9-10 inch cast iron skillet in the bottom third of the oven and preheat oven to 425 degrees.

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

\$80,000 – Federal Funds (80% of the project)
\$20,000 – Sponsor Match (20% of the project)
\$100,000 – Total Project Cost

Justice said the awards leverage state, federal and local funds and represent nearly \$19 million of outdoor recreation infrastructure that will soon be underway.

Also, the National Forest Service has secured \$1,250,000 to reconstruct the Cranberry Glades Boardwalk.

Sam

The Town of Marlinton was officially notified April 25 that Governor Jim Justice had announced the allocation of funds for 61 outdoor recreation projects across West Virginia. Banking on recreation efforts in 34 counties, including nearly 700 miles of new or enhanced outdoor recreation trails.

Please NOTE: This federal grant award is not for construction, but for the Design Phase of the project only.

The following is the funding breakdown:

Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, drinking water serves a vital role in daily life, serving an essential purpose to health, hydration and hygiene needs for the quality of life our citizens enjoy; and

WHEREAS, tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the hard work performed by the entire water sector, designing capital projects, operators ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water or a member of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure communities rely on to transport high quality drinking water from its source to consumers' taps; and

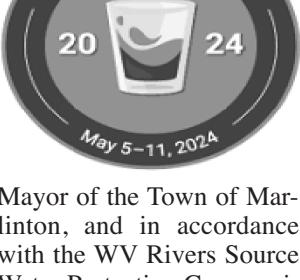
WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has shone a light on the importance of drinking water for health, and

hydration and hygiene needs, and

WHEREAS, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which current and future generations depend; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our Town are called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation and get involved with their water by familiarizing themselves with it;

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Who is running for office?

The following is a brief introduction to candidates running for a few offices in the May 14 Primary. Most of these candidates have a website and or Facebook page.

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Candidates for U.S. Senate

Bryan Bird (R) is from Beckley. He is an associate pastor, having attained his degree in Bible from Piedmont Baptist College. He also has a forestry degree from Glenville State College. He has worked in forestry in West Virginia for 18 years. He is married and has two children.

Congressional District in West Virginia. Mooney serves on the House Financial Services Committee which oversees banking, insurance, housing and investment policies.

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a database programmer, a field engineer, a network engineer, and operating a communications business.

Don Blankenship (D) is from Mingo County. Blankenship ran for the U.S. Senate as a Republican in 2018. Blankenship, the former CEO of Massey Energy, served a year in federal prison after being found guilty of conspiring to violate safety standards, a misdemeanor, at West Virginia's Upper Big Branch mine before a 2010 explosion that killed 29 men. In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a request by Blankenship to review the conviction. *AP News*

in Charleston. He was a 2016 Mountain Party candidate for West Virginia House of Delegates District 39. No other information is available.

Chris Bob Reed (D) lives in Huntington. Miller owns and runs the Dutch Miller Kia car dealership in Barboursville. Miller is the son of U.S. Congresswoman Carol Miller.

Mandy Smith Weirich (D) lives in Elkins. Weirich serves on the board for Meals on Wheels of Randolph County and Highland Community Builders, and is a member of the National Adult Protective Services Association Policy Committee, and represents the Cheat District on the Randolph County Democratic Executive Committee. Weirich is a social work educator and a member of AFT Academics.

Perkins earned a high school diploma from Allegheny High School. His career experience includes working as a crypto currency specialist, formal web designer and photographer.

Jim Justice (R) is from Lewisburg. Justice is coming to the end of his second term as Governor of West Virginia. He was first elected governor as a Democrat, then, in 2017, he switched to the Republican party.

For Governor

Patrick Morrisey (R) is from Harpers Ferry. Morrisey has served as West Virginia Attorney General since 2013. His current terms ends January 2025. He received his B.A. in history and political science from Rutgers College and a law degree from Rutgers Law School – Newark. Prior to his involvement in West Virginia politics, Morrisey worked as staff director and chief healthcare counsel to the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee, and as a lawyer and lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

Steve Williams (D) is from Huntington and currently serves as mayor. He is the first three-term mayor in the city's history, and was named the youngest city manager in Huntington's history in 1984. Williams' background is in finance, business and public administration. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Marshall University in 1978, and a master's degree in public administration from West Virginia University in 1980.

House of Delegates 46th Delegate District

Trey Ewing (R) lives in White Sulphur Springs, and serves as a member of the State Republican Executive Committee, Treasurer of the Federation of Young Republicans, and on the board of the Greenbrier Pregnancy Center, "a non-profit that works to prevent abortions and share the gospel."

For State Senate, 11th Senatorial District

Robbie Morris (R) is from Elkins. He is a graduate of Elkins High School and West Virginia Wesleyan College, where he received his Master's Degree in Business Administration. Morris serves as Chairman of the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council, Vice-Chairman of the Region VII Planning and Development Council, and Chairman of the Corridor H Highway Authority.

Jeff Campbell (R) lives in Lewisburg. He is a graduate of Greenbrier East High School and Concord College where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Bachelor of Science in Education; and was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in 2019. Governor Jim Justice appointed Campbell to the House of Delegates to fill the unexpired term of Mike Honaker. Campbell teaches Social Studies at Eastern Greenbrier Middle School. He is a radio broadcaster and

House of Delegates 66th Delegate District

Jonathan Kyle (R) lives in Mill Creek. Kyle attended schools in Randolph County and graduated from Marshall University. He helps operate his family's farm. He serves as treasurer of the Tygart Valley Lions; is Chairman of the Board of Directors for Valley Healthcare Community Health Center as well as a board member of the Elkins/Randolph County Chamber of Commerce.

Dama M. Nestor (D) lives in Elkins. She graduated from Elkins High School and attended Fairmont State University. She has spent her working career as a medical transcriptionist. This is her first campaign for office, but she says she has always been involved with grassroots activism.

Glenn Elliott (D) is from Wheeling. He is a seventh generation West Virginian currently serving his second term as Mayor of Wheeling. Elliott is a 1990 graduate of The Linsly School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business with a dual concentration in finance and political science. In 2001, he received his law degree cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center.

Zachary Shrewsbury (D) is from Princeton. He is a Marine Corps veteran and a community organizer. He has orchestrated flood relief drives, fed the homeless, participated in harm reduction training, rallied for affordable accessible healthcare, mobilized West Virginians to stand up to the harmful extractive industry and worked as a climate justice organizer for a progressive veterans organization.

Mitch Roberts (R) is from Poca. Roberts is the manager of an equipment rental store. He graduated from Parkersburg High School and has lived in the Cross Lanes area for 29 years.

Robert Lee Karnes (R) lives in Helvetia. He has served in the West Virginia State Senate since 2020 and is known for his controversial, conservative rhetoric. Karnes career experience includes being a life guard, working in the construction industry, and as a satellite communications technician,

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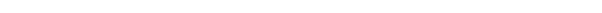
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For House of Representatives, 1st Congressional District

Derrick Evans (R) is from Prichard in Wayne County. He was elected to the House of Delegates in 2020 to represent the 19th district, but resigned in 2021 as a result of his participation in the January 6, 2021 breach of the U.S. Capitol. Evans pleaded guilty to one count of the felony offense of civil disorder and served three months in prison.

Mac Warner (R) lives in Charleston. He is an attorney and veteran and is serving his second term as West Virginia Secretary of State. He is a graduate of the United

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Obituaries



Donald Circosta

Donald James Circosta, 78, of Ronceverte, formerly of Marlinton, died Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at home.

Born July 30, 1945, at Marlinton, he was a son of the late James Circosta and Hallie Grimes McCarty.

He was a 1963 graduate of Marlinton High School and was a Veteran, having served in the U.S. Army and the National Guard. He was a correctional officer, a member of the Trinity Baptist Church at Buckeye, Loyal Order of the Moose and Marlinton Lodge #127 AF & AM.

On November 8, 1969, he married Barbara Ann Vanscoy Circosta, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Angela McMillion (Sidney), of Ronceverte; sons, Travis James Circosta (Treana), of Cumberland, Maryland, and Brandon Circosta, of Low Moor, Virginia; sister, Judy Wilfong (Oliver), of Pennsylvania; step-sisters, Charlotte Thomas (Randy), of Clifton Forge, Virginia, and Sandy Circosta, of White Sulphur Springs; five grandchildren, Adreanna, Dena, Caroline, Amanda and Brandon; and a great-granddaughter, Macy.

The funeral service was held Sunday, April 28, 2024, at Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton with Jimmy Arbo gast officiating.

Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery, with Military Honors by the Army Honor Guard and Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton.



Marshall Ward Markley

Marshall Ward Markley, 41, of Huttonsville, passed from this life Friday, April 26, 2024, at home. He had been in his usual health and death was attributed to a sudden cardiac arrest.

Born Monday, January 24, 1983, in Roanoke, Virginia, he was a son of the late Carson Ward Markley and Elaine Roberta Bell Markley.

On December 4, 2021, in Hartwick, New York, he married the former Julie Marie Field who survives.

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Sharing One Verse

By Dawn Reed

Do you have a favorite Bible verse? One that has been with you in the valley and carried you to the other side?

The first Bible verse I ever remember remembering is James 4:8. When I was a kid – probably in Vacation Bible School – a teacher passed around a paper with the letters of the alphabet. Each one had a Bible verse beside it. We were to go down the sheet, finding the first letter of our name. The verse listed was our “Birthday Bible verse.” I took what she said as gospel, so James 4:8 has been my birthday Bible verse ever since. Way back in the 1970s, I could

say it without even thinking, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” It was only when I grew up that I realized the importance of the words.

Another Bible verse that meant a lot to me as a kid is Psalm 56:3. Growing up in an abusive home, many was the time I went to sleep holding on to my big sister’s hand and whispering, “When I am afraid, I will trust in God,” again and again.

God’s Word is alive! And the Bible says that in Hebrews 4:12,

God’s Word is our weapon against evil. Ephesians 6:17 calls it our sword in the armor of God. A weapon is not just an accessory to look cool. A sword is for battle.

When we don’t have God’s Word in our hearts and minds, we are unarmed in spiritual combat.

Though James 4:8 and Psalm 56:3 have been favorites over the years, Joshua 1:9 is the one I share most. Who doesn’t need strength? Who doesn’t need encouragement? “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua was telling the whole nation after Moses’ death, that the LORD was still in control. He would continue to watch over them, even though things had changed. That’s a good reminder for us today.

On Mondays, I try to text



Dawn Reed

or message Bible verses. Everyone can use a little spiritual push at the beginning of the week. I go down my contacts, choosing whomever the Lord lays on my heart. Copying one of the Scriptures I have in the notes in my phone, I paste it, pray for the person, and then hit SEND.

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Everyone has had miracles. Everyone.

By R.A. Mathews

It's a GBD—Great Big Deal.

In 2021, archaeologists discovered a scorched mountaintop in Saudi Arabia. From a distance, it looks as though a heavy shadow rests on the mountain. Except this darkness doesn't move with the sun. As I said, the land is scorched.

It may be one of the holiest sites created by God. “Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire.” (Exodus 19:18)

This mountain is in northwestern Saudi Arabia. If you can picture the map in your head, Egypt is on one side of the Red Sea and Saudi Arabia is on the other. Catty-corner to this area to the north opposite the Mediterranean Sea is the Holy Land.

So, when Moses led the Hebrews across the Red Sea, they landed in what is now northwest Saudi Arabia. As I said, that's where archaeologists found the scorched mountain.

It's a great big deal because some scholars have called the Exodus a myth due to a lack of physical evidence, according to the NY Post, quoting Ryan Mauro, a Middle East expert and the president of the foundation that discovered the mountain.

The Hebrews were only three months out of Egypt when they arrived at Mt. Sinai and God gave them His covenant — the Ten Commandments, which we still follow today. God said,

“You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians ... Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples...” (Exodus 19:1, 4)

Nice.

It's such a momentous occasion that God descended on the mountaintop before His people in fire and smoke and actually told them the Ten Commandments. They heard Him. (Exodus 20:1-17)

But the Israelites were terrified. They begged Moses to speak to them instead of God. (Exodus 20:18-22)

The rest of the story is well-known. Moses went up to the mountaintop, received the tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments, and returned to find the Israelites celebrating other gods. The people thought Moses was not going to return and they created a golden calf saying,

“These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 32:7-10)

Wait. Who?

Who had brought them out of the land of Egypt?

Remember, by now, only months had passed since God parted the Red Sea.

There was no golden calf leading them. In the space of days, they had forgotten the mighty power of the Lord, rewriting their history. It's simply amazing!

Oh, but wait. There had been more miracles along the way: Bitter water turned sweet, bread and meat falling from heaven, water from a rock in the desert, and an enemy army defeated by a gaggle of brick layers. Miracle after miracle. There was even God speaking to them from heaven. (Exodus 14:1-17, 13, 20:1-21)

see Miracles pg 10



R.A. Mathews

Thank You

The Family of Dennis Doss would like to thank everyone who called, stopped by, sent cards and flowers and ultimately supported us all during his illness and passing. A special thank you to the staff of Pocahontas Memorial Hospital (especially Kelby, JJ and Velma), Dr. Suzan Myles and staff, Dr. Samuel Deem of CAMC Memorial, Pocahontas County Honor Corps, Mountain Hospice, Vince Deeds, Cindy Sabota, the Amish community of Hillsboro and Doug Lantz. We've got a "Dennis-sized" hole in all of our hearts – however, each of you made coping with our loss a little easier. Your kindness will be remembered. God bless, and thank you again.



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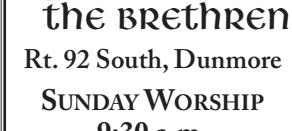
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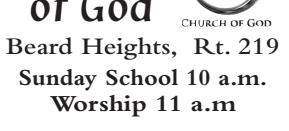
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WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY

7 p.m.



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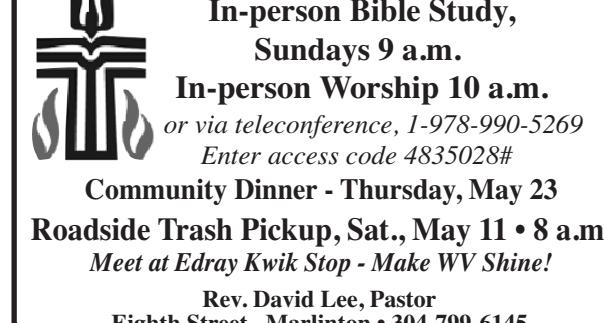


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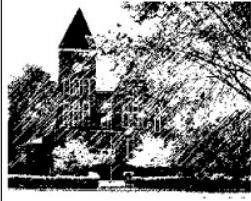
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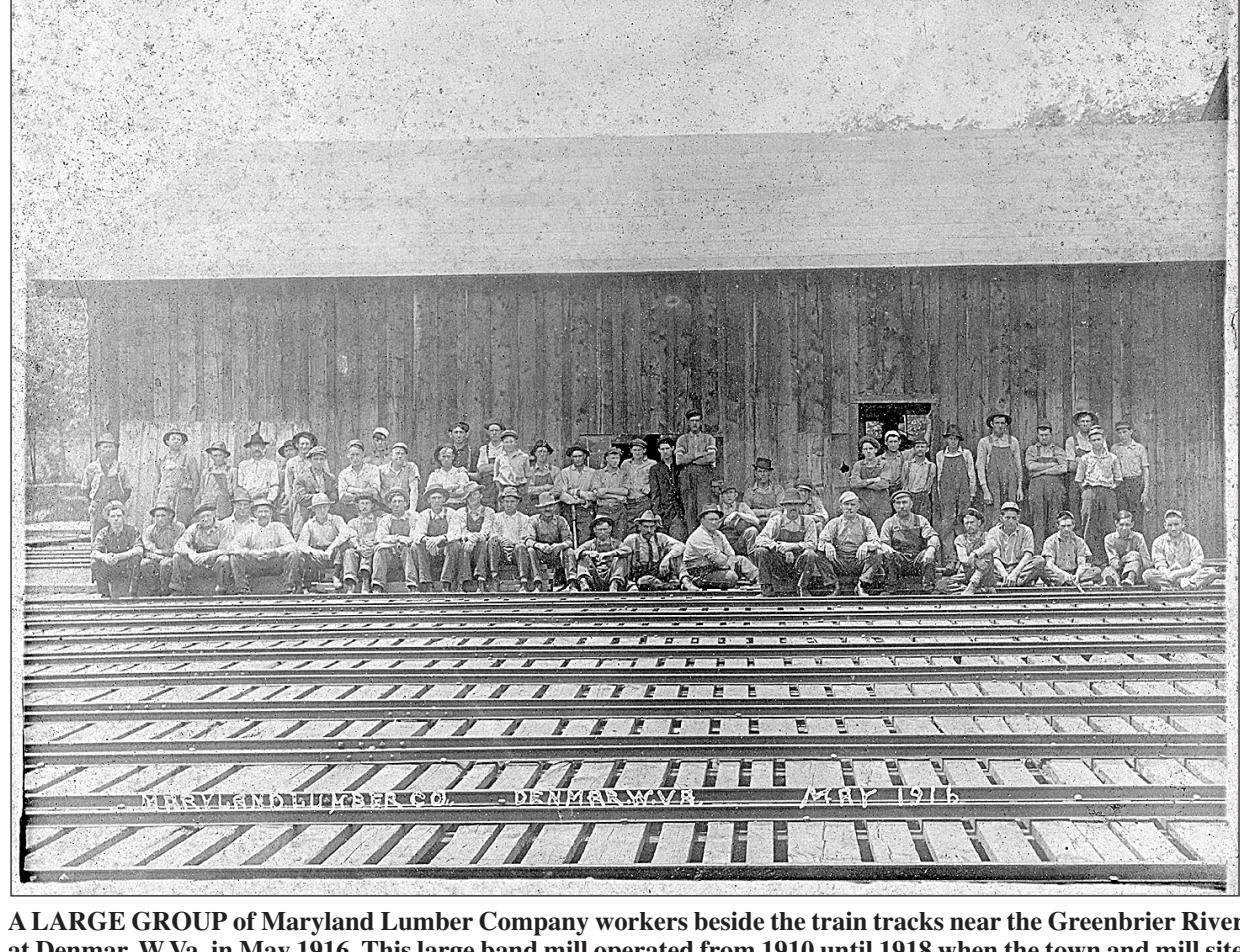
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Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

Maryland Lumber Co. Workers - 1916



A LARGE GROUP of Maryland Lumber Company workers beside the train tracks near the Greenbrier River at Denmar, W.Va. in May 1916. This large band mill operated from 1910 until 1918 when the town and mill site were sold to the State of West Virginia for the proposed tuberculosis sanitarium. The remaining land owned by the company now makes up Calvin Price State Forest and part of Watoga State Park. The photograph was found in the Otto and Olive Hannah House at Riverside, Marlinton, W.Va. (Preserving Pocahontas Archives, Courtesy of Melinda Cutlip; ID: PHP007931)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
May 5, 1949

PIONEER APPLE TREE

Nine years ago, the following was written by the late Squire Coe Beverage about the big apple tree on the Beverage place on Knapps Creek.

My home is on Knapps Creek as the records show. This property owned by the Poages, from them to the Devers and the Jordans and from them to the present owners. On this property still remains some old landmarks. Three old apple trees, one of which I wish to speak. This particular tree stood at the yard entrance and made a fine shade to the porch on the east and south.

I do not know who planted this tree but it shows a growth of about 130 years. From all I can gather, I think it is most likely Mrs.

This tree most always had apples of three varieties, Crow-eggs, Bellflowers and the other variety, the name I do not know. I think a conservative estimate of the apples this one tree has produced would be more than 2,000 bushels. This tree has been the home of many birds, and it has been entertaining sitting on my porch and watching the activity of the different kinds of birds which made their home in this mammoth apple tree. Many song birds were mated in this good old tree.

One Sunday, about three years ago, an old blacksnake got in the apartment occupied by the starlings and after the snake was killed, four starlings were taken from the stomach of the snake...

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Beverage's great-great-uncle Peter Lightner, who planted this tree. I wish I knew for certain. I know this was a productive, useful planting. If all the acts of our life produced as much fruitage as the planting of this apple tree, our country would be a haven to stay in.

Well, I must tell you more of this tree. It had grown so old as to become a menace to the safety of our residence. We have talked of taking it down, but it seemed no one liked to fell that mammoth tree, and from time to time we have waited and this morning, January 10, 1940, after some hesitation, my son, Roscoe, and Wilmer McCarty, felled the old tree with a Simon saw and a double bitted axe. It sure made me feel queer when this good old tree fell to the earth with a crash and was caressed in the beautiful and pure white snow. Mrs. Beverage had shut herself in a chamber of the residence. I look at the loneliness of the tree that still stands and it seems I can hear it say, "why

have I been left?" I should have told you earlier, but could not get the dimensions. The diameter three feet above the ground was 34 inches and the height, 48 feet...

The American Chestnut By Carl Burgtorf Forest Ranger

There are times when we miss an acquaintance dreadfully after he is gone. So it is with the American Chestnut which was so important in our local life and economy. The chestnut tree occupied a place which was unique among our hardwoods. Few, if any tree could compete with the chestnut in vigor of sprouting, rapidity of growth, and yield of a great variety of useful products such as high grade lumber, poles, ties, posts rails, slack cooperage, paper and fiber boards, tannin extract from bark and wood and the abundance of nuts which served as food for both animal and man.

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down, and was struck three times on the head with a heavy pistol by Palmer. Each blow cracked the skull. Scott got away and is still at large, but Palmer was too badly wounded to go far.

In the hunt for Scott, the militia at Clifton Forge was called out. While searching the woods, they came upon a man operating a still. He failed to stop when called upon and he was shot through the body. He was McKinley Smith, a brother of Ben Smith, who was before the Pocahontas court sometime ago on a moonshine charge.

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Tempered with mercy also the best way to reform offenders is through the direct appeal to the man through the medium of good food, well cooked, and in abundance. Great and permanent good may be accomplished through this method of treatment of prisoners as it may inculcate a sense of shame at their humiliation and disgrace that will have a lasting influence

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100-Years-Ago

in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
May 1, 1924

Dale Adkison and other high school boys have been exploring a cave on the M. J. McNeel farm on Swago, the cave being known locally as the Big Tub. The entrance to the cave is small but once inside it assumes large proportions. About a hundred feet in the mountain, the explorers came upon the jawbones of some unknown animal. The teeth back on the jaw are deeply indented and present the appearance of the cutting teeth of a cross cut saw. This indicates a meat eating animal but the teeth are a little large for panther or a bear. Some research is being done to identify the animal.

MILLPOINT

In spite of the cold weather, the grass is growing fine, and the farmers are busy getting ready to plant corn and sow oats.

The dipping vat at Millpoint is a great thing.

We dipped 372 head in less than three minutes per head and one could see the lice dropping off after they pass through the dip. This writer thinks that it is the

greatest thing for horses, cattle, sheep and hogs that has ever been in the country.

Lice costs the farmers from \$2 to \$3 a month in the way of fed.

TROUBLE IN ALLEGHANY

On last Thursday afternoon, Prohibition Officer McManaway, of Alleghany County, and Sheriff C. A. Gum, of Bath County, met an automobile at Flynn, Va., being driven by a man named Scott and Sam Palmer. Sheriff Gum wanted Scott for breaking jail, and stopped the car to arrest him. McManaway went after Palmer, and shooting began. The officer was instantly killed and Palmer severely wounded in the chest.

The sheriff had his man

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John Eilers, D.O. is unable to see patients at this time.

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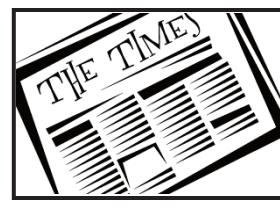
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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
May 1, 1974

DEATHS

Harold E. Wilfong, formerly of Bartow; funeral service from the Durbin United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Faith Wooddell Dilley, 57, of Marlinton, a daughter of the late Edgar and Geneva Sharp Wooddell. Funeral service from VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Thursa Lester Sharp, 76, of Marlinton, widow of Clifford I. Sharp. Funeral service was held from Stony Creek Presbyterian Church with burial in Sharp Cemetery.

Mrs. Ruth Robertson Rider, 61, of Washington, D.C.; born at Edray, a daughter of the late Edward and Daisy Robertson. Funeral service was held at Hot Springs, Virginia, with burial in the Warm Springs Cemetery.

Oley W. Jackson, 82, of Marlinton, a son of the late Frank and Margaret Jackson. Funeral service from the Central Union Methodist Church with burial in the Wilfong Cemetery.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert VanRenen, of Hillsboro, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Kay, to Larry Wayne Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Simmons, of Hillsboro.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Arbogast, of Bartow, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Lewis Ray Arbogast, II.

Mrs. Alice Corrine Allen Daugherty, 34, of Richmond, Virginia, a daughter of John E. and Nancy Wallace Allen. She married James Daugherty, Jr., of Cass, who was killed in action in Viet Nam. Funeral service from the Gilfield Baptist Church in Charles City county, Virginia, interment in the church cemetery.

Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times

Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
May 4, 1899

W. McClintic's mule team went through town last week on their way to the railroad after fertilizer.

More eggs than you could shake a stick at in S. J. Boggs' store. His prices are good for trade: Eggs 8¢, Butter 15¢, Potatoes 35¢, Corn 65¢, Beeswax 25¢. Young Spring Chickens, 10¢ per pound, Hens 5 1/2 ¢, Crowers 4¢. Wool will be taken and the highest market prices paid.

ARBOVALE

Dry weather, fire, smoke and clouds, but no rain.

The farmers are getting ready to plant corn.

William Hill has moved to Green Bank to do Lawrence Dysard's hauling.

Bud Arbogast has shaved off his whiskers.

Will some correspondent please tell me why the sun is like a loaf of bread.

Saul Brown had 50 panels of fence destroyed by fire last Saturday.

As I am writing, the gentle zephyrs bear the sweet music of the Arbovale Band to my ears.

Robert Brown, Sr., is progressing nicely in the construction of Rhodes Wenger's house, which is just outside of the incorporation.

K. W. Lambert and Joseph Sutton came down North Fork with over 100 trout, some of which measured 13 inches in length.

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Time flies, memories remain



THE 1983 MARLINTON Copperheads Football team was undefeated and unscored on for the season. Pictured: Front row, l to r: Brian Reed, Dennis Wilfong, Eddie Hevener, Lonnie Ratliff, Allen Grimes, Kenny Hill, John Cutlip, David Irvine, Jimmy Grimes. Second row: Randy Sharp, Steve Mick, Greg Waugh, Steve Rodriguez, Chad Parkhurst, Steve Poage, Jason Barton, Denton Circosta, K. G. Underwood, Jimmy Pritt, Lindsey Gorby. Third row: Coach Mike Wilburn, Bart Mullens, Earl Irvine, Nick Circosta, David Varner, Mike Howard, Rick Moats, Scott Warwick, John Shaw, Joe Akers, Dan Bennett, James Lawrence, Coach Ed Hill. A. Grimes photo

PCHS FFA members honored at annual banquet



RECEIVING THE GREENHAND Degree were, kneeling, from left: Rachel Felton, Katherine Lambert, Sierra Nelson, Charleigh Halterman and Caroline Bennett. Back row, from left: Trenten Harwell, Riley Cassell, Amber Defibaugh, Dixie Schoolcraft and Griffin Taylor. S. Stewart photos



RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SAE projects were, front row, from left: Cammi Warner and Charleigh Halterman. Back row, from left, Hannah Burks, Kaden Wayne, Kirsten Friel, Griffin Taylor and Amber Defibaugh.



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POCAHONTAS COUNTY HIGH School 2020 graduate Charity Morrison received the American FFA Degree — the highest award offered to a FFA member. Morrison achieved the honor by finishing her beef production and poultry production SAE, as well as her work placement in forestry at a local sawmill.

Save the Date Little Levels Heritage Fair June 28-30

Elect Laura Kershner Prosecuting Attorney

I Know Pocahontas County.

I've lived here and worked here for eight years. I've even hiked from Durbin to Trainer on the Allegheny Trail. I'm a part of this community, and what happens here matters to me. That's why I'm asking for your vote on May 14 for Prosecuting Attorney.

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DISTRICT 46 - EASTERN GREENBRIER AND SOUTHERN POCOHONTAS COUNTIES

I ask for your vote May 14 or in Early Voting, starting May 1

Paid for by Jeff Campbell for West Virginia, Bob Haas, Treasurer

Helping at the hospital

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

A New Jersey high school civics project in 1944 spawned, what would eventually become, a highly recognized group of nationwide volunteers. The teacher provided the class with a red and white striped fabric to make student uniforms. They then began volunteering near the school at the East Orange General Hospital. The project gave young people real world experience in the healthcare system as well as a good foundation in community service.

Candy stripers were very popular until the 1990s.

Another volunteer organization called the "Gray Ladies," which began in 1918, was made up of adult female volunteers who wore grey uniforms. This program continued through the 1960s.

The Red Cross also started a program called the "Blue Teens" who wore blue and white striped pinafores. The term "Candy Stripper," along with the highly recognized uniforms, started phasing out in the 1990s as young men and women, of all ages, started joining this society of volunteers.

For a couple of summers, during my high school years, I had the opportunity to volunteer as a candy stripper. I worked in the long-term care unit at a local hospital. Most of the residents were either critically ill or elderly and

unable to stay in a nursing home.

While the nurses' priority, most of the time, pivoted around the medical needs of the patients, the candy stripers helped with small mundane tasks such as picking up trash or food trays from the rooms, returning the trays to the kitchen, passing out sodas and cookies to the residents (according to the approval list posted in the snack storage room), and other simple chores.

The main purpose of the candy stripers, however, was to provide companionship for the patients. My days were spent picking up the residents from their rooms and escorting them to the game room for crafts or movies, to the cafeteria for a meal if they could go, or just sitting with them for a couple of hours to listen to their life stories and the adventures of their youth.

It took several days to learn the basic ins and outs of the place – where supplies were stored, how to pick up specific meal trays and for whom, and the different nuances and personalities of each person.

We received instructions and special information about the patients, such as which ones really liked to chat while others preferred to be left alone, or which ones would try to trick us into giving them snacks they were not allowed to have.

Even though it has been more than 30 years since I

volunteered at that first hospital, I still remember one lady I had grown very fond of – her name was Mary. A very frail lady, in her 90s, who could no longer walk very well, so I pushed her around in a wheelchair. Although her body was giving out, her mind was still sharp as a tack. I would listen to stories of her youth, paint with her during craft time, take her out around the hospital's park, and listen about how her family never visited her there. She would laugh and cry and was always eager to give me a hug. Whenever the summer drew to a close, and I had to return to school, my heart would be heavy as I said my goodbyes and watched the tears roll down her cheeks.

Before returning to school at the end of the summer program, the hospital held a reward's ceremony for the volunteers. There were usually a dozen or more candy stripers each year. Some of the girls only worked a day or so and didn't come back, while others came more consistently. The two items presented as a "thank you" for volunteering, were a cap and a pin. Those who worked at least 50 hours received a cap, and the pin was awarded to the few who worked more than 100 hours. One year only three of us received both items; and only two of us received them another

year. These mementos of the hospital's appreciation of our work were very nice, and I still have them, but I think the impact of being with those patients and getting to know them for the amazing individuals they were, was the greatest reward I received.

Although the term "candy stripper" is no longer commonly used, volunteers, or "auxiliaries," are still present in many hospitals. They provide help and support for many functions throughout the hospital, from working in gift shops to being greeters,

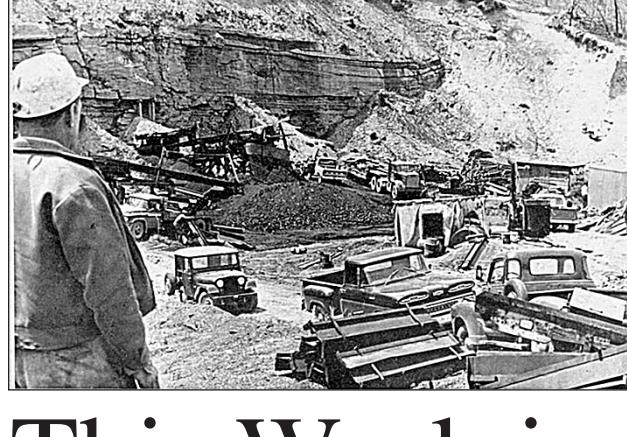


CANDY STRIPERS BEGAN working in hospitals in 1944. At the time, they were defined as volunteers. They were typically young women, who assisted hospital nursing staff. M. Phillips photo

or helping with the nursing staff and care teams with patients.

Volunteering to work at a

hospital is not always easy nor is it for everyone, but it can be very rewarding.



This Week in West Virginia History

e-WV Encyclopedia

May 3, 1917: Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as WVU Potomac State College.

May 4, 1896: The Children's Home Society of West Virginia was formed by a group of Charleston ministers. Their goal was to place orphaned and neglected children with caring families rather than crowd them into county poorhouses.

May 6, 1968: [Shown above]. A continuous miner machine at the Gauley Coal & Coke Saxewell No. 8 mine at Hominy Falls, Nicholas County, cut into an adjacent mine, which was filled with water. The resulting flood drowned four miners and trapped 21 others.

Early Voting
May 1 - 11



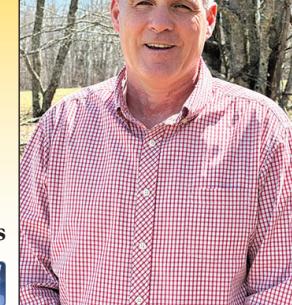
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For Prosecutor

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Race, from page 1

A crowd of friends, family and community members cheered on the racers as they returned to Marlinton in the final portion of the race. Whether they had someone in the race or not, the crowd was supportive of everyone who participated.

Afterward, everyone gathered back at Gazebo Park for a catered celebration and live music and awards.

Winners of the race are as follows:

Top Male Finisher – Hansel Lucas, 40, of Brookville, Pennsylvania.

Top Female Finisher – Peggy Novak, 66, of Derry, Pennsylvania.

Male 0-16 – first place, Leo Hoover, 13, of Charleston; and second place, Trendon Ritchie, 14, of Lavalette.

Female 0-16 – first place, Madeleine Rose, 16, of Glen Allen, Virginia; and second place, Lila Foster, 16.

Male 17-29 – first place, Daniel Parlock, 29, of Huntington; second place, Jeremiah Jordan, 23, of South Charleston; and third place,

Garrett Eads, 25, of Asheville, North Carolina.

Female 17-29 – first place, Rachel Rubin, 27, of Charleston; second place, Hannah Parlock, 28, of Huntington; and third place, Elizabeth Ford, 25, of May-

seville.

Male 30-39 – first place, William Blake, 39, of Scott Depot; second place, William Ross, 36, of Charleston; and third place, Tyson Price, 37, of Glenville.

Female 30-39 – first place, Marie Hedges, 35, of Spencer; second place, Tiffany Harless, 38, of Charleston; and third place, Shannon Rittenhouse, 35, of Dunmore.

Male 40-49 – first place, Mike Renner, 41, of Lewisburg; second place, Kevin Flaim, 40, of Kermersville, North Carolina; and third place, Richard Lewis, 42, of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Female 40-49 – first place, Allison Blanton, 44, of Charleston; second place, Teresa Segelson, 45, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and third place, Kellie Blake, 45, of Scott Depot.

Male 50-59 – first place, Bruce Poacher, 52, of Jones-

borough, Tennessee; second place, David Burkwall, 52, of Mechanicsville, Virginia; and third place, Andrew Rose, 50, of Glen Allen, Virginia.

Female 50-59 – first place, Judy Jordan, 54, of Hurricane; second place, Kim Lucas, 59, of Brockport, Pennsylvania; and third place, Melissa Gamponia, 58, of Charleston.

Male 60-69 – first place, Sven Jonsson, 62, of Brevard, North Carolina; second place, William Jeffrey, 60, of Charleston; and third place, Ray Legge, 62, of Winchester, Virginia.

Female 60-69 – first place, Anita Swanson, 63, of Fayetteville; second place, Liz Wickline, 61; and third place, Cindy Evans, 60, of Roncouver.

Male 70 and older – first place, Lynn Brookhouser, 77, of Tilghman, Maryland; second place, Dennis Pinkley, 76, of Hardy, Virginia; and third place, Ronald Salisbury, 75, of Charleston.

Female 70 and older – first place, Lynne Ryan, 70, of Middletown; second place, Susan Chappell, 70, of Hillsboro; and third place, Joan Phillips, 70, of Winfield.

Teams
Adaptive – first place, Challenged Athletes of West Virginia.

Co-ed – first place, That is All You, of Ashland, Kentucky; second place, Team GHM, of Upper Tract; and third place, Collins Run Road Runners, of Durbin.

Family – first place, Mom is 74, of Lewisburg; second place, River Runners, of Fort Defiance, Virginia; and third place, Joneses, of Frankford.

Female – first place, South Branch River Pirate, of Morgantown; second place, Wonder Twins, of Charleston; and third place, Annie's Kruger Cruisers, of Fayetteville.

Male – first place, Sunny Hotdogs, of Green Bank; second place, Segars Engineering, of Charlesvillesville, Virginia; and third place, Mech Double, of Lewisburg.

Masters – first place, Faster Than We Look, of Huntington; second place, Snap, Crackle and Pop, of Fayetteville; and third place, Speckled-Hound Racing, of Clifton Forge, Virginia.

Youth – first place, Back for More, of Buckeye; and second place, Bus Gang, of Marlinton.

make mistakes. To turn on the Lord.

The archeologists didn't just find a scorched mountain. They also discovered depictions of the worship of cows. The carved art was not everywhere around the mountain, just in one place.

The researchers also found a burial site. Scripture says at least 3,000 men died during the golden-calf incident. (Exodus 32:28)

Do not doubt your Lord. Scripture says, "...ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind." (James 1:6)

Believe.

The way to believe is the same today as it was for the Hebrews at a scorched mountain some 3,500 years ago: Remember the Red Sea, all the Red Seas of your life.

Everyone has had miracles. Everyone.

The Rev. Mathews (B.A., M.Div., J.D.) is a faith columnist.

Miracles, from page 6

But when Moses didn't return, fear overcame them. They doubted the Lord their God and abandoned Him.

It happens every day.

Depression is one of the greatest epidemics of this nation. And the root cause of depression is the loss of hope, that things aren't going to change, no matter what you do.

A people afraid.

But with God, that's not true. He will help you. If you keep hitting a brick wall, He can lead you around it. He can make your path known to you.

Open your Bible and read the miracles. Review your own miracles. The most powerful thing you can do for yourself and your children is to write your miracles down. Review and relive them regularly so you don't end up like the Hebrews. Fear will lead you to

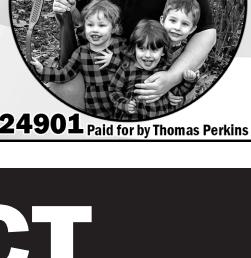
Thomas Perkins (R) WV.com

Republican For District 46 of the WV House of Delegates

Thomas Perkins's fight for juvenile justice reform stems from his own experience, having spent two years in the state's custody as a child, witnessing abuse and human rights violations. Today, many juvenile treatment facilities remain unchecked, allowing children to be abused regularly and denying them their right to a quality education. Shockingly, some of these facilities even serve as controlled pharmaceutical testing facilities, exploiting vulnerable youth for profit. Perkins is committed to shining a light on these injustices and advocating for meaningful reforms to ensure the safety and well-being of all children.

Thomas Perkins Campaign

PO Box 95, Lewisburg, WV 24901 Paid for by Thomas Perkins



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STEEP STAIRWAY

ACROSS	52	Ltd. cousin	89	Relax after working hard	117	Puts in order	16	Lauder of fragrances	65	Crystal ball gazer, e.g.
1 Offer hush money to	53	Pot toppers	90	Red-tinged jewelry alloy	118	City on the Ruhr	17	Lois' partner	66	Neutralized, as a bomb
6 Strip of gear, as a ship	55	Edits for publication	91	Conflict	119		18	Its capital is Nairobi	70	"The Cloister and the Hearth" novelist Charles
11 Weight unit for a druggist	59	Sad paper notices	92	Removes hair from	120	African tree with a very thick trunk	21	Aspiring doc's major	72	Planes' first fliers, often
15 "I am at your — and call"	61	Say a different way	93	Second-to-last king of Egypt	121	Italian municipality west of Turin	27	Person stashing stuff	73	Operations
19 "Elementary" actor Quinn	63	Michael who co-hosted "Live" with Kelly Ripa	94	Greeting sent online	122	Perfect choices to fill positions	30	In the buff	74	Infer (from)
20 Sonata, often	64	Gets broader	95	No outlet street	123	Stereotypical setting for a brawl	32	Cracked, as a cryptogram	75	Like a district bishop's jurisdiction
22 Many a cruise stopover	66	Always, in music scores	96	No outlet street	124	Having a right (to)	36	Info group to be input	76	Faith
23 Uncategorized	68	Keyboard instrument	97	Tropical rabbit lookalike	125	6 In prison, informally	38	"Dagnabbit!"	86	Difficulty
24 Customized for	71	One of three womb-sharers	98	Shrink back	126	7 Vardalos of "Connie and Carla"	40	Bee-luring fluids	88	Finisher just under the winner
25 Lee of Marvel Comics	73	Florida's Key —	99	Brings about	127	8 Toddler bed attachment	43	Chief female officiators in sacred rites	90	Beach footwear
26 Like a swine	74	Charges for not paying on time	100	Finger-paint	128	9 Like a truck ascending a steep hill, gear-wise	44	Gets bigger	92	Overalls for hitting the slopes
28 Also-rans	76	Decongestant brand	101	The Northwest's "City of Trees"	129	10 Silly, like a honking bird	45	First division of a 13-Down	93	Sci-fi automatons
29 Like a diluted drink	78	Legal claim on property	102	11 The two dots in "naïve" or "Brontë"	130	11 Like many allergy sprays	46	Sparse start of some rounds of applause	95	Grand home
31 Parceled out	79	Broke a fast	103	Tropical rabbit lookalike	131	12 Robbie Knievel's father	47	Utter with a hissing sound	96	Purloined
33 "Haven't — before?"	80	Flimflam	104	13 Shakespearian work part	132	13 Fly-catching warblers	48	Arena relative	97	Soundboard control knob
34 Shout of discovery	82	Non-PC person?	105	14 Imitated a cat	133	14 Small restaurants	49	Crafts' counterparts	98	Mojave plant
35 Having two hues	84	Suffix with Taiwan	106	Boyer	134	15 Intertwined	50	Apple's Jobs	99	Northern French city
37 "It could go either way"	85	Bothersome types	107	Actress Russo	135	16 Fedor, e.g.	51	Pop in a blended family	101	Inflicted upon
39 Rival of Delta or United	87	87 Boring type	108	Deck crew officer, in brief	136	17 Fedor for by Candidate	52	Egypt's Nasser	102	Actor Bert
41 Urgent			109		137	18 Fedor, e.g.	53	Detected like a dog	103	"Well well!"
42 Fire residue			110		138	19 Fedor, e.g.	54	Pop in a blended family	104	Fedor, e.g.
44 Taxpayer's ID			111		139	20 Fedor, e.g.	55	Pop in a blended family	105	Actor Bert
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"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

— Thomas Jefferson

The end of the school year is almost here!

Work hard, strive to finish strong!

VOTE MAY 14

Sam Gibson,

Pocahontas County Board of Education

Paid for by candidate.

VOTE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. ELECT RYAN BLAKE FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE!

As early voting begins on May 1, seize the opportunity to shape the future of our judicial system.

With me, Ryan Blake, you're not just voting for a person; you're voting for a commitment to fairness, integrity and accountability. Our courts need new leaders who will uphold the law without fear or favor, ensuring equal and respectful treatment for all.

Voting, whether early or on Election Day, May 14, is your chance to make a difference. Together let's welcome a new era for Justice. Choose Ryan Blake as your advocate for a judicial system that works for everyone.

**BLAKE
FOR JUDGE**

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Pocahontas County Landfill, which would have to accept it.

Walker, who is also a county commissioner, asked what would happen if they were to do that. PCSWA administrator Mary Clendenen said it would close the landfill well before the county was ready to implement a transfer station.

Authority Chairman Ed. Riley reported that the toxicity report on the landfill was basically good.

During a recent special county commission meeting,

the commission agreed to purchase the landfill from the Fertig Family Farm on behalf of the Solid Waste Authority, who will build a transfer station on it so that waste collection can continue after the landfill closes. The commission and the Fertig Family asked the Solid Waste board members to approve building a fence along the left side of the access road to the landfill. At this solid waste meeting, the Fertig family also asked for them to build an additional 356 feet of fence along the right side of the road, saying the authority had already offered to do that during previous negotiations. After much discussion, the authority

members voted to build the 1,864 feet of fence on the left side of the road from Route 28 to the second cattle guard at the top of the hill, and they also agreed to build the 356 feet of fence along the right side of the road from Route 28 to the first cattle guard. In return the Fertig Family Farm agreed to allow the authority access to the stream water on their property through two 10-foot sectional gates. The authority will also provide additional gates, and the family will maintain the fences.

The county Prosecutor is reportedly preparing the deed so the sale can be completed.

things they were going through. A woman whose husband has dementia, more than one going through cancer treatments, a lady who had suddenly been declared a high-risk pregnancy, college students overwhelmed with finals, a friend who is care-giving for her father, and on and on. God was using a verse written thou-

sands of years ago to bolster people I care about here in the mountains.

If I read God's Word and keep it to myself, it will change only me. But, if I share it, it can help others.

There are over 30,000 verses in the Bible. Which one is God using in your life? Don't be stingy. Share it with someone today!

solved. For example, The Board can create a committee to go over the budget line by line and present new ideas for how we can deal with financial issues. The Board, superintendent, and other administrative staff can be more transparent, effectively communicating an overall vision for our schools, plans for achieving that vision, and current work being done to get us there. They could provide more information to the local school improvement councils, and

benefit from the wealth of experience and skill people in our county can bring to the table.

Our schools still face challenges, and the Board will have to keep wrestling with funding concerns, staffing issues, and rising costs. But they are not alone. If we keep working together, I am confident we can continue to overcome all of these challenges.

Nathaniel D. Sizemore
Huntersville

Church – Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 25, 2024

Claim Deadline: Monday, June 24, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: 14609

ESTATE OF: DOROTHY KELLISON

EXECUTOR: Daniel C. Kellison

610 2nd Avenue

Marlinton, WV 24954-1111

ESTATE NUMBER: 14623

ESTATE OF: MARY RUTH BROCE

EXECUTRIX: Tammy Broce

130 Browns Mt. Rd.

Marlinton, WV 24954-5834

ESTATE NUMBER: 14629

ESTATE OF: BILLIE JEAN BEVERAGE

EXECUTOR: Keith Edward Beverage

5221 Potomac Highlands Trl.

Green Bank, WV 24944-8500

ESTATE NUMBER: 14631

ESTATE OF: HOMER RAY HUNTER

EXECUTRIX: Greta McHugh

238 Whispering Woods Road

Charleston, WV 25304-2760

ESTATE NUMBER: 14632

ESTATE OF: ROBERT JOHN NELSON

ADMINISTRATRIX: Debbie Mick

P. O. Box 143

Durbin, WV 26264-0143

ESTATE NUMBER: 14633

ESTATE OF: LEWIS E. SHARP

EXECUTOR: Wendell Wilfong

3214 Brownsburg Road

Marlinton, WV 24954-6603

ESTATE NUMBER: 14634

ESTATE OF: GLORIA ANN SMITH

ADMINISTRATOR: Robert Vernon Smith

P. O. Box 306

Durbin, WV 26264-0306

SHOOTING MATCH

Saturday, May 4 • 6 p.m.

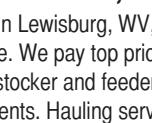
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14635

ESTATE OF: SHENDA FAYE SMITH

ADMINISTRATOR: Braeden Hayhurst

398 Greenbrier Hill

Marlinton, WV 24954-1246

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 19, 2024.

Melissa L. Bennett

Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission

4/25/2c

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

IN RE:
ZACHARY LOUIS RIDER, Petitioner
and
SAMUEL POGGI, Respondent Civil Action No. 24-DV-13

**THE OBJECT OF THIS PUBLICATION IS TO GIVE NOTICE OF
A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER.**

To the Above Named Respondent: SAMUEL POGGI

Notice is hereby given to the parties above that a Domestic Violence Protective order has been issued by the Family Court of Pocahontas County on April 24, 2024, and **shall remain in full force and effect until midnight Monday, July 22, 2024**.

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

Entered by the Clerk of said Court April 25, 2024.

Connie M. Carr

Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County

By: Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy

5/2/1c

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:
CONNIE JEAN KREGER, Petitioner
and
BYRON EDWARD DOWNS-QUINN, Respondent Civil Action No. 24-D-28

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE

To the Above Named Respondent: BYRON EDWARD DOWNS-QUINN

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that BYRON EDWARD DOWNS-QUINN, whose address is out-of-state, is hereby ordered to serve upon the pro se Petitioner, whose address is 2020 Sittlington Road, Dunmore, WV 24934, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Divorce filed in this action on or before May 29, 2024.

A hearing on the Petition for Divorce is set in the Family Court of Pocahontas County at 818-C Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV, on June 25, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

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

Entered by the Clerk of said Court April 29, 2024.

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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:

Jeff Barlow, Sheriff
900 10th Avenue, Suite A
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Mandatory Garbage Disposal Regulations pursuant to the requirements of West Virginia Code.

These regulations require the owner of each residence, defined as any structure or shelter in which a person spends one or more nights per year, to pay the annual Solid Waste Assessment Fee (Green Box Fee), or contract for the entire year with a certified solid waste collection service operating in Pocahontas County, or utilize the Free Day at Pocahontas County Landfill each month during the fiscal year, July 1 through June 30.

Property owners who do not comply with this regulation are subject to a civil penalty of \$150.00 for each year the fee is not paid per West Virginia Code Subsection 22-C-4-10.

The 2023 Green Box fee must be paid by June 30, 2024 to avoid the \$150.00 civil penalty.

Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority

5/2/2c

NOTICE**GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING REQUESTS****POCAHONTAS COUNTY COMMISSION**

In order to better serve all individuals, groups and organizations seeking contributions and/or funding from the Pocahontas County Commission, our office has set aside the first Tuesday of August, November, February and May for discussion and/or action of requests made for consideration. Letters or other correspondence may be addressed to our office at 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954.

Appointments or scheduling of presentations may still be made at any meeting, noting that decisions may be deferred until one of the above-scheduled dates. Guidelines for contributions for fiscal year 2023-2024 are listed below.

Requests to be placed on the agenda for the May session must be made no later than 2:00 noon on Thursday May 2, 2024.

Please contact the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 304-799-4549 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by email at pocackl@clerk.state.wv.us for further information.

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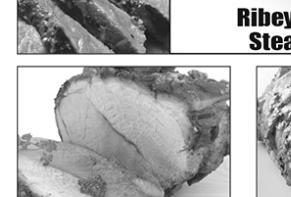
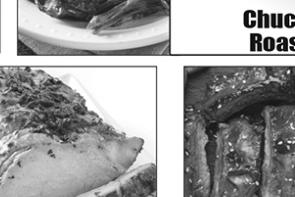
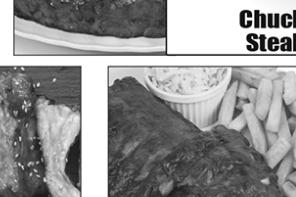
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Barnisky's green thumb



LOUISE BARNISKY, A resident of Pocahontas Center, recently spent an afternoon helping members of the staff plant flowers around the Center.

Louise is well-known in Pocahontas County for her excellent gardening skills.

A donation from the Marlinton Woman's Club helped purchase flowers in honor of Louise, who is a member of the club.

School Menus

May 6-10

Monday, 6: Pretzel with cheese sauce and fruit.

Pizza, garden salad with cherry tomatoes, romaine lettuce, corn, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, 7: Sausage, egg and cheese croissant and fruit.

Cheeseburger on a whole grain bun with lettuce and

tomato, French fries, peas, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, 8: Apple stick whole grain, yogurt and fruit.

Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, whole grain bread stick, seasoned vegetarian beans, sweet potato fries, frozen fruit bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday, 9: Breakfast parfait mixed berry with freeze dried strawberries from Sunset Berry Farms.

Pepperoni roll with mari-

nara sauce, spinach salad,

carrots, Italian vegetable

blend, whole grain cookie,

fruit and milk.

Friday, 10: Cooks' choice.

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ounces the marriage of her sister, Miss Pollyanna Herold, to Clyde L. Varner. The double ring ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in Marlinton, Saturday afternoon, April 23, 1949.

Mrs. Varner is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wise Herold, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Hevener Dilley, of Huntersville.

DIED

John Henry Higgins died April 11, 1949, at the home of Wilbur Shinaberry, at Campbelltown.

He was the son of the late Samuel and Rachel Sheets

Higgins. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Blanch Higgins, sister, Mrs. Laura Clark, and six sons and four daughters from a former marriage: Ellet, Carl, Guy, Harry, James and Daniel, and Wanda Morgan, Ethel Akers, Grace Hill and Arleen Fertig.

Funeral service was held at the Edray Church with burial in the Poage Lane cemetery.

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on their future lives, and a vivid recollection of the Easter Message the lilies bring. The spirit of Easter, born in suffering and grief, voices the highest aspiration of the human soul. - Prisoners

mother is Mrs. J. K. Ray, of Upper Camden, Marlinton. On Tuesday, her body was brought here, and will be buried at the Buckley graveyard on Buck's Run Thursday afternoon.

HUSBAND LOST

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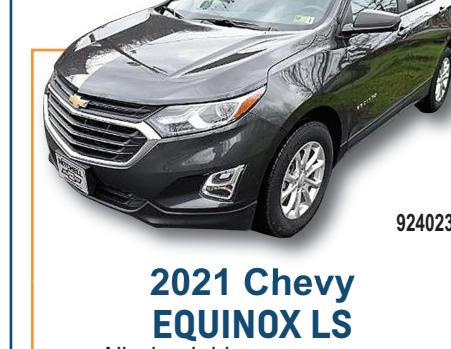
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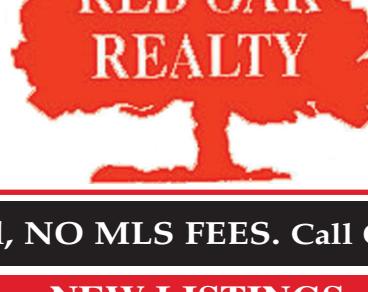
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6659 – Rainelle. 3BR/2BA manufactured home on raised block foundation. Ramp access, detached garage and shed. Near Sewell Creek. – \$44,900



6648 – Hillsboro. Lot C-1. Offering 2 wooded acres in Little Mountain Retreat with easy access. Protective covenants apply. Near national forest and fishing. Owner financing available. – \$15,000



6650 – Dunmore. 38.54 mostly wooded acres with two small cabins and a 12' X 24' barn-style outbuilding. Underground phone lines and electric with 3 transformer boxes in place. Close to the GBO. – \$299,000



6557 – Green Bank. 5BR/4BA mountain retreat with manufactured log home, cabin, picnic pavilion, outbuildings and serene views. Just steps to national forest. Near the Greenbrier River and Trail. – \$329,000



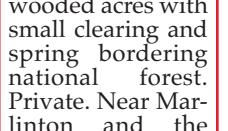
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6591 – White Sulphur Springs. Small lot, approximately 0.33 acre, bordering one-lane paved road. Well and city water. – \$12,500



6571 – Summersville. 2.23 percent interest in 208 acres. Use for hunting, 4-wheeling, etc. Partial ownership only. – \$11,000



6587 – Charmco, Greenbrier County. 2BR/1BA home in need of repair. Sits on 1.43 acres. – \$18,900



6609 – Rainelle. Fenced lot. Shell of a house with metal roof and an outbuilding – \$12,500



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