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Seneca Health ~ here to serve

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Staff Writer

Last Thursday, the outdoor dining area at Locust Hill was the site of a special event held by Seneca Health Services. As one of six provisional status CCBHCs – Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers – in West Virginia, Seneca is expanding its coverage area to now serve Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas and Webster counties with offices and online services.

Seneca Health CEO Marcie Vaughan explained that the event was held to highlight the services offered and the collaborations taking place in the communities they serve.

"We decided to take five different topics and present what we call our 'power partnership,'" she said. "We know that the issues that we face with behavioral health are not going to be addressed by Seneca alone. We are partnering with law enforcement, with school systems, with hospitals, with primary care, because the issues that we face are going to take everyone being a part of the solution."

The topics included crisis services, case management, care coordination, medical and therapy services and medication assisted treatment.



SENECA HEALTH SERVICES hosted an information party at Locust Hill last Thursday to give the community a better understanding of all the services provided by the Certified Community Behavioral Health Center. Visitors went through four stations that explained how the behavioral health center works with other entities and communities to serve those in need. S. Stewart photo

"We have a very responsible medical-assisted treatment program in which people can get medication to keep them comfortable while they learn to live life without drugs," Vaughan said. "Our case management program talks about the extent that our employment reaches in the different counties that we serve. We employ a lot of people in all the counties in which we operate."

In addition to having office hours for individuals to seek help, Seneca Health also has tele-health options in-office or for those who have reliable Internet service at home.

"We actually have erased

county lines in our service delivery," Vaughan explained. "We have individuals who can come into our center on Third Avenue in Marlinton and sit in front of our equipment and connect with a medical provider, a psychiatrist, nurse practitioner, a therapist, a peer coach, in any of our locations."

"For those who have reliable cell service or broadband, you can use your own personal device, eliminating the need for transportation," she continued. "We have a HIPPA secure network in which they can receive their medication visit, their therapy session, anything, using

technology."

There is also a mobile clinic that comes to Hillsboro once a week where individuals can use one of two tele-health rooms for their sessions.

During the event at Locust Hill, visitors had the chance to talk with Seneca Health employees Jeremy Nicholas, crisis coordinator; Tonya Hargis, crisis peer support specialist; Mital Patel, clinical director; Amanda Deitz, program director; and Kimberly Raleigh, director of nursing.

For more information on Seneca Health Services, visit shsinc.org or call 888-736-3229.

Queens for a ~ Year



THE MISS POCAHONTAS pageant was held last weekend and Miss, Miss Teen and Little Miss Pocahontas 2024 were crowned. In front, Little Miss Pocahontas 2024 is Miley Dawn Alderman. Back row, from left: Miss Teen Pocahontas 2024 is Bella Arbogast; and Miss Pocahontas 2024 is Rayna Smith. See page 10 for more photos. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Barlow

West Virginia's 'officials'

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

An official is often seen as an authority or person holding office in a governing body, but it also means an object, or other things, chosen to represent a group.

Every state in the United States has an official state flag, seal, motto, bird (sometimes several), and tree, but there are many other types of "officials," as well.

On September 26, 1863, the West Virginia legislature selected "Montani Semper Liberi" as the new state's motto. This was officially signed into the state constitution in 1872. The phrase, meaning "Mountaineers Are Always Free," had been used by Swiss mountaineers to express their independence of spirit. This motto also supported the state's nickname, "The Mountain



STUDIES HAVE FOUND that rattlesnakes, like many people, are calmer around others of their own kind and have the general attitude of "I'll leave you alone if you leave me alone." Photo courtesy of pixabay

State." Added to the reverse side of the state seal was the phrase "Libertas E Fidelitate," meaning "freedom and loyalty." Other West Virginia mottos include Almost Heaven, Panhandle State and The Switzerland of America.

About half of the states in the United States have official colors.

"On March 8, 1963, the West Virginia Legislature adopted blue and "old gold" as the state's official colors.

Many West Virginians think that blue and "old gold" have always been the state colors, but it didn't officially occur until West Virginia's Centennial celebration.

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Season Preview Party

The Pocahontas County Opera House is excited to invite the community to its highly anticipated 2024/2025 Season Preview Party. This event promises to transport attendees back in time with a 1920s Speakeasy Soirée; guests are encouraged to get into the spirit of the Roaring Twenties by wearing period attire.

The preview party is set for Saturday, June 15, from

7 to 9 p.m., at the Pocahontas County Opera House, located at 818 Third Avenue in Marlinton.

This complimentary public event offers a sneak peek at the upcoming performance series and serves as a unique community celebration. The evening will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, door prizes, a raffle, and a silent auction, providing the perfect opportunity for arts and culture enthusiasts

to connect, celebrate and support the new season at the Opera House.

In line with the speakeasy theme, entry will require a secret password: Silver Season. In addition, guests are invited to bring their own Mason jar, adding to the night's distinct and interactive atmosphere.

A highlight of this year's see Party pg 5



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MARLINTON ROTARY PRESENTED a check to Marlinton Town Council at Monday evening's meeting. The donation will be used to purchase American flags and brackets, which will be installed on lamp posts along Main Street. Pictured, from left: Rotary historian and town council member Joe Smith, Rotary president Kenny Woods, Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton, Rotary and town council member Roger Trusler and his leader dog, Neelix. *S. Stewart photo*

MTC approves block party, denies curb invoice

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At the Marlinton Town Council meeting Monday evening, council received news that country singer Zack Bryan would like to have an album release party in town later this month.

Old Mountain Tavern owner Danny Flores explained that Bryan, who has been to the tavern several times, has selected 23 bars around the country for album release parties, and the tavern is one of those.

"He's been at my place more than once and fell in love with it, and he wanted to help the town, the community," he said. "He wanted to pick a place that reminded him of Oklahoma — a small place where he grew up in Oklahoma."

Flores has planned a block party for Saturday, June 29, and asked council for per-

mission to block off the street for the party.

Flores said he would like to block off parts of Eighth Street and Third Avenue, next to the City National Bank from noon to 9 p.m.

"I've been in contact with the road [DOH] and as long as you guys accept it, they can approve that block off," Flores said. "They just need to be able to have traffic control on that day."

The block party will be held around the old French's Diner lot.

Council approved to block sections of the two streets for the day of the event.

In other good news, council received a check from Marlinton Rotary Club to help purchase of 26 American flags and brackets. The flags will be installed on lamp posts on Main Street.

Rotary president Kenny Woods said getting the project funded was a group effort between Rotary members

and town council members Roger Trusler and Joe Smith. The timing of the donation is also special as the Rotary club's anniversary is this week.

"I want to mention, too, this was a good opportunity for us," Woods said. "I've kind of named Joe as our club historian. He put together the history of our club and eighty-five years ago two days from now, the club had its first charter dinner. I thought that was kind of a neat thing."

The town is in the process of installing the flags.

Council also discussed an issue concerning an invoice that was sent to council for payment to replace a curb on Third Avenue.

Mayor Sam Felton explained that the curb in question was damaged three years ago when the town was replacing 700 feet of

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Circuit Court

The following hearings were recently held in Pocahontas County Circuit Court before the Honorable Judge Robert E. Richardson:

A three-day jury trial is set for September 17 in the case the State vs Tony Garretson, 52, of Marlinton. Garretson was indicted on two counts, driving in a controlled substance (Methamphetamine) impaired state proximately causing death of any person; two counts, negligent homicide; one count, petit larceny.

In the case the State vs Ashley Welch, 32, of Monterville, defense counsel asked for a continuance to have time to review an offer put forth by the state. Welch waived her right to a speedy trial in this term of court. The matter is set for a joint jury trial August 20. Welch was indicted on one count, attempted entry of a dwelling or outbuilding; one count, conspiracy to commit a felony.

In the case the State vs Justin R. Arbogast, 35, of Valley Head, defense coun-

sel asked for a continuance to have time to review an offer put forth by the state. Arbogast waived his right to a speedy trial in this term of court. A jury trial for Arbogast and his co-defendant is set for August 20. He was indicted on one count, attempted entry of a dwelling or outbuilding; and one count, conspiracy to commit a felony.

In the case the State vs Ayden Carroll, 20, of Cass, the court found that the statement made by the defendant shall be admissible at trial. The court denied a motion by the defense, finding no credible evidence for obtaining existing health records of the victim in this matter. Carroll was indicted on four counts, sexual assault in the third degree; and two counts, sexual abuse, third degree.

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Jesse Blake, 40, of Marlinton, wherein defense counsel advised the court that the defendant had gained access to a 90-day treatment program. Blake was indicted on one count, person prohibited from possessing a firearm; and one count, petit larceny.

A motion hearing was held in the case the State vs Franklin Cook, 66, of Caldwell, wherein the court denied a defense motion as there was no credible evidence for obtaining existing health records of victims in the matter. Cook was indicted on three counts, sexual abuse in the first degree; two counts, sexual abuse by a custodian of a child; and three counts, sexual assault in the first degree.

Manchin registers as independent

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (I-WV) released the following statement Friday after he registered as an independent at the West Virginia State Capitol.

"From my first day in public service in 1982, I have always focused on doing what's best for my state and my country, without regard to party or politics. Throughout my days in

elected office, I have always been proud of my commitment to common sense, bipartisanship and my desire to bring people together. It's who I am. It's who I will always be. I have never seen America through a partisan lens.

"However, since becoming a United States Senator in 2010, I have seen both the Democrat and Republican parties leave West Virginia and our country

behind for partisan extremism while jeopardizing our democracy. Today, our national politics are broken and neither party is willing to compromise to find common ground. "To stay true to myself and remain committed to put country before party, I have decided to register as an independent with no party affiliation and continue to fight for America's sensible majority."

History and civics, Golden Horseshoes at BOE meeting

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The Pocahontas County Board recognized Golden Horseshoe winners at its May 28 meeting and discussed the history and civics exams that are required for graduation.

Superintendent Lynne Bostic congratulated Green Bank Elementary-Middle School eighth grader Nadiya Kerr for having Pocahontas County's highest test score on the Golden Horseshoe test. Kerr and Marlinton Middle School student Nicholas Beverage were the two county winners of the Golden Horseshoe this year.

Bostic explained that the Golden Horseshoe test has been administered since 1931, and each year students with the top scores in each county receive the prestigious award and are inducted as Knights of the Golden Horseshoe at a ceremony held at the state capitol in Charleston.

From one test to another, Pocahontas County High School civics teacher Anita Workman gave a presentation on the citizenship test which is given each year to seniors in her class.

"When I started work at [PCHS] as the civics teacher, I realized that we weren't doing what we were supposed to be doing and that was to require all seniors to take the citizenship test to graduate," she said. "I started that, jumped head first into it. It fits right into the curriculum content standards."

Workman said she uses the citizenship test as the final exam in her civics class and has had success with students passing it.

She explained that there are now three state required tests in history/civics including the Golden Horseshoe test, which all eighth graders must take. Juniors must take the American history exam and all seniors must take the citizenship test. Those three tests are all required for graduation according to state law.

The board thanked Workman for the information and for her continued dedication to the students.

In financial management, the board approved — payment of vendor listing, payment of local government purchasing card, employee payroll, extra duty pay, grant awards, schedule of revenues and expenditures on a cash basis and budget adjustments.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved:

- Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Board of Education and the Southern Educational Services Cooperative for the Proximity Learning.

- Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Board of Education and West Virginia Wesleyan College School of Nursing, School of Counseling and Psychology for the potential grant award referred to as the West Virginia Wesleyan Fellows Program.

- 2024-2025 Math adoption.

- Director of finance/treasurer to pay invoices prior to board approval, effective June 11 through July 18 and to make budget adjustments prior to board approval, effective June 11 through June 30.

- Superintendent to post and fill positions prior to board approval, effective May 29 through October 25.

In professional management, the board approved:

- Resignation of Kaylea Kelley as head girls basketball coach at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 athletic season.

- Resignation of Kay Blackshire as athletic director at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 athletic season.

- Retirement of Katherine LaFleur, Title I teacher, at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective June 30.

- Employment of Chris Sutton as head boys basketball coach for Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective for the 2024-2025 athletic season, at a supplement of \$1,125.

- Requested transfer of JoAutumn Goldizen from teacher of preschool to teacher of kindergarten, effective for the 2024-2025 school year at state basic pay for 200 days.

- Resignation of Shonda Carr as fifth grade teacher at Marlinton Elementary School, effective August 1.

- Employment of Natasha Trainer as softball coach for Pocahontas County High School, effective for the 2024-2025 athletic season, at a supplement of \$1,125.

- Resignation of Darlene Arbogast as head cheer coach for Pocahontas County High School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 athletic season.

- Employment of Jessica Oxier as school nurse for the 2024 Summer Opportunities for Learning and Engagement (SOLE), at Pocahontas County High School, at daily rate of pay, effective for the four-week program, June 3 through June 29. Wages contingent upon adequate staffing and student enrollment.

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Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

Today officially marks the end of the 2023-24 school year for kids in Pocahontas County. Remember that feeling? The endless possibilities. Two-and-a-half months was basically forever.

I'm not gonna lie – summers as a college professor were pretty great, too. Multiple weeks in which to read and write about whatever you wanted.

For most kids, reading isn't exactly a high priority for the summer. And that can be a problem. Reading is a bit like exercise—if you stop doing it, your skills erode. Teachers call this the “summer slide,” when hard-won reading comprehension and new vocabulary can fade.

That's why every summer, all across the country, public libraries participate in the Summer Reading Program.

But this is not your stuffy sit-in-a-corner-and-read-quietly kind of program.

Our theme this year is “Adventure Begins in the Library.” And everybody knows you don't adventure quietly in a corner.

Instead, kids will get to do things like meet – and pet – Nala, a very good girl whose day job is helping her human friend – SRCD Patrol Captain Chad Carlson – conduct search and rescue for those who get lost or hurt exploring.

And they'll meet Mr. Moose, who will make the

trip in from Cranberry Glades to talk about some of the fun things you can find in the forests.

They'll be making some crafts, too. Maybe performing a science experiment.

And, yes, there will be some reading. But the reading will be related to the other cool things happening that day. After all, anyone who meets Nala is going to want to read about Johannes – the dog charged with being the eyes of the park in which he lives in Dave Eggers' delightful *The Eyes and the Impossible*.

This year's program runs from June 17 to July 26. That's six weeks of adventures!

Each of our five branches – Durbin, Green Bank, Hillsboro, Linwood and McClintic – will meet on a different day of the week. And each offers different activities. So if your kids are feeling especially...adventurous...they can take part in all 30 activities. When you're visiting a new branch, make sure to ask for a badge. Each one is different!

Finally, don't forget to come to our end-of-summer bash on July 29. This year, we'll be meeting at the Linwood branch for food and games. There will be prizes for those who meet their summer reading goals. We'll also be raffling off a family four-pack of

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Ken Springer

Myron C. Butts vs. Mushrooms

Way back when I was in the fifth grade, I had a friend and classmate named Myron C. Butts. A child saddled with that surname already has one strike against them. They are generally teased and bullied, or they create an outrageous personality that would impress and mystify their friends; such was the case with the young Mr. Butts.

Myron would do almost anything considered daring, sometimes foolhardy, for the bargain price of a Three Musketeers candy bar. Once, he climbed up onto the roof of the school and slid down a drainpipe for his favorite treat.

Another time, a few of his school chums made a primitive and untested zip line on a steep hillside behind his house. A rope was rigged from a tree at the top of the hill to another tree at the bottom. No one wanted to go first, so a kid named Bruce ran down to a nearby bodega and bought a Three Musketeers bar. Sure enough, Myron hooked into a makeshift harness and bravely started his descent.

When Myron got about halfway down, he realized he was going to slam into the tree trunk and issued a scream that came to a sudden stop upon arrival; we thought Butts was dead. Myron's broken arm slowed him down for a while, long enough for him to create a new way to impress his

classmates – Myron announced he would eat anything for his favorite candy bar.

He munched through several insect species and a worm he found during outdoor recess. A few boys were grossed out and returned to the schoolhouse, and when the news of his latest gustatorial adventure reached the girls, they all swore never to kiss Myron, not that they would anyway.

Myron Butts would eat damn near anything, well, almost! One of the boys found a mushroom growing in the field behind the school one fall afternoon. It was a species that I was familiar with, called a meadow mushroom, and was one of the only two mushrooms I collected at that time, the other being the morel.

When our school chum offered Myron the mushroom, he finally drew the line on what he would put in his mouth.

“My dad says you shouldn't eat mushrooms,” Myron exclaimed. “They are all poisonous, and he knows what he's talking about. He served in the Great War and has been around the world. Nope, I won't eat that, even for an entire box of Three Musketeers.”

I lost track of Myron when I moved to California shortly



THE BLACK TRUMPET, aka the poor man's truffle, tastes remarkably like the European black truffle, which costs anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per pound. Our truffles cost nothing; you only have to go out and get them. *K. Springer photos*



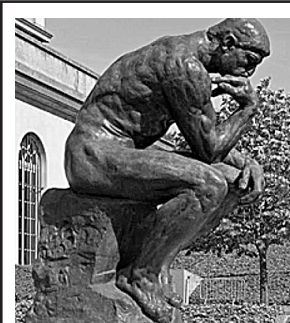
BESIDES BEING TASTY, honey mushrooms go well with most meats and egg dishes. Pictured is a dish of sautéed honey mushrooms with a coddled egg on a bed of rice.



NOTE THE LATEX seeping from the Bradley's gills and stalk, a vital identification factor. Some inedible species of *Lactarius* have a bitter latex, while the Bradley latex is sweet.

after grade school. I later father was wrong about heard that he was, fittingly, a mushrooms; a few are lethal helicopter pilot in Vietnam. I if consumed, but many can only assume that he eventually found out that his

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TRIVIA

– a little something to think about

1. The women in Amy Tan's “Joy Luck Club” meet to play what game?
2. Who was the first author to use a “typewriter” or typewriter in writing a manuscript?
3. Who wrote “To Kill a

Mockingbird”?

4. What Charles Dickens novel begins with the sentence, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times?”



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- Little Miss – 5 - 8 years
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- Teen Miss – 13 - 16 years
- Miss – 17 - 21 years

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Officials, from page 1

bration in 1963. Prior to that, the state often used blue and gold in ceremonies because those were the official colors of West Virginia University. So, when the legislature adopted blue and “old gold,” it came as a surprise to many West Virginians that we didn’t already have official colors.

The next question then is, “How and when did WVU pick blue and old gold for its colors?” They were chosen by WVU upperclassmen in 1890 because the colors were featured so prominently in West Virginia’s state seal, which was adopted in 1863, just months after our state entered the Union.

And why were WVU and the legislature so adamant about specifying “old gold” as opposed to just regular gold? Well, blue and gold are the official colors of the University of Pittsburgh — which, of course, has traditionally been WVU’s arch football rival.”wvpublic.org

In addition to colors, about half of the states in the U.S. have an official state tartan. A tartan is “a woolen cloth woven in one of several patterns of plaid, especially of a design associated with a particular Scottish clan.” Tartans are common among royalty, military branches and civilians alike. West Virginia adopted a state tartan as one of its symbols in 2008. The plaid weave consists of a mixture of blues and green on a red background. Although the pattern is different, the colors represented in the West Virginia tartan are similar to several other ones around the world. Among them are the personal tartan of the British monarch, The Royal Stewart tartan (a royal house of Scotland), and many Scottish families (both clans and non-clans).

Along with the commonly known state symbols, there are several unique and even obscure ones, such as two states who have a state microbe and another two states which have a state toy. Here is a walk-through of West Virginia’s timeline of officially adopted state symbols.

West Virginia’s military crest, which is the crest used in the coats of arms of units of the National Guard, was adopted in 1863. A crest is

an element within a coat of arms while a seal refers to the entire coat of arms including the crest, shield, motto and other elements.

In 1903, the Rhododendron (Big Laurel) beat out the wild rose and honeysuckle to bloom as the state’s official flower.

In 1927, June 20 became the official state holiday known as West Virginia Day. This day celebrates the state’s admission into the union, during the Civil War, after the secession of several northwestern counties of Virginia. This was the formation of the new state of West Virginia in 1863.

The sugar maple trees have long been used as a source for making rich flavorful syrup. The sweet sap flows in the late winter to early spring when the temperatures fluctuate between cold nights and warm days. In 1949, three states agreed to make this sugary source its state tree: West Virginia, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Many years passed before another icon would come to light. Black bears, typically found in wooded areas that are abundant across the hills of West Virginia, strolled in as the official mammal in 1973.

The Brook Trout wasn’t floundering in 1973 either, as it made the list as the state’s official fish. This fish can only thrive in the cleanest of waters in the cold mountain streams which are found in abundance in West Virginia. The Brook Trout is revered for its fighting spirit.

Lithostrotionella, Chalcedony, a type of coral found in Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties, made the “officials list” as the state’s gemstone in 1990. Although Lithostrotionella is not a gemstone, but rather categorized as a fossil, it is often cut and polished for jewelry.

In 1972, the House Concurrent added the Golden Delicious Apple as the state fruit, but it wasn’t until 1995 that the Senate Concurrent approved this tasty treat. The Golden Delicious was discovered in 1905, in Clay County by Anderson Mullins.

The Monarch Butterfly and the honey bee flew to the list of West Virginia’s official symbols in 1995 and 2002, respectively. Butterflies are not only lovely to watch but also play an important role as pollinators in

our food chain, are an indication of a healthy ecosystem, promote biodiversity, and are a natural pest controller. The honey bee plays a key role in the production of many food sources worldwide. These busy bees are essential pollinators for the production of almonds, Brazil nuts, squash, watermelon, kiwifruit, passion fruit, macadamia nuts and rowanberry; among many others.

Monongahela Silt Loam is a fine loamy soil, moderately well drained, and considered prime land for cultivation of crops and pastures. This fertile soil became the official state soil for West Virginia in 1997.

In 2008, The Megalonyx jeffersonii, an extinct genus of ground sloths native to North America, was adopted as the state’s fossil. “Megalonyx is notable for having been originally described by future U.S. President Thomas Jefferson in 1799 based on remains found in West Virginia, the species M. jeffersonii was described later, and named in honor of him.” wikipedia.org

Another historical icon moved to the state’s “officials list” in 2008. The timber rattlesnake was adopted as the state’s reptile. The “rattler” is one of West Virginia’s two venomous snakes with the other one being the copperhead. The image of a timber rattlesnake had been depicted as a prominent element in a regional 1775 flag. Unless threatened or deliberately provoked, a timber rattlesnake’s personality is usually “I’ll leave you alone if you leave me alone.” Sounds familiar.

The hills of West Virginia are known for their coal mines so it should be no surprise that the state’s rock would become bituminous coal, which it did in 2009. This rank of coal, the most abundant type, yields around 10,500 btu/pound of heat. In comparison, wood fires generate around 8,600 btus while the average household gas range puts out between 5,000 – 20,000 btus.

In 2013, the Hall Model 1819 flintlock rifle became West Virginia’s official state firearm. Hall acquired a patent for a breech loading rifle design in 1811; however, production was hindered until 1817, due to the War of 1812. Hall moved to the U.S. Arsenal at Harpers

Ferry, Virginia at the government’s request. His rifle was formally adopted by the U.S. government in 1819. He received a government salary plus \$1 per rifle that was produced.

The red salamander became West Virginia’s amphibian representative as of 2015. These lungless little creatures absorb oxygen through their skins and the lining of their mouths. This allows them to live and function in both water and in moist soil areas. Virginia followed suit three years later by adding these little creatures to its list.

West Virginia has four official songs: (1947) “West Virginia, My Home Sweet Home” by Julian G. Hearne, Jr.; (1961) “The West Virginia Hills” by Ellen King and H. E. Engle; (1963) “This is My West Virginia” by Iris Bell; and (2014) “Take Me Home Country Roads” by John Denver, Taffy Nivert, and Bill Canoff.

In 2021, The House passed a bill declaring the delicious pepperoni roll, uniquely West Virginian, as the official state food. Originating in West Virginia, out of necessity for simplicity, the pepperoni roll dates back to the 1920s. Lunches for the coal miners were simple, often consisting of only a loaf of bread and stick of pepperoni or salami. After Giuseppe Argiro, a former coal miner, opened his bakery shop, he thought “why not combine them (the bread and meat),” and start making an easily transportable and shelf-stable pepperoni roll. It was a hit! Pepperoni rolls are now enjoyed by many across the great state, so why not make it official?

As of this writing, it appears that the bill, which The House passed, has “died in committee” in the Senate, and is “Pending: House Rules Committee.” legis.com.com/WV/bill/HCR19/2023

What do you think? Should this tasty treat be added to the list representing West Virginia?

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ment. Paid holidays are not part of this contract.

• Employment of Charles McQuain as school bus operator for the 2024 Summer Opportunities for Learning and Engagement (SOLE), at Pocahontas County High School, at daily rate of pay, effective for the four-week program, June 3 through June 29. Wages are contingent upon adequate staffing and student enrollment. Paid holidays are not part of this contract.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, at 6 p.m. at the board of education office in Buckeye.

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MISS TEEN POCAHONTAS 2024 – Second Runner-Up and Miss Teen Photogenic, Claire Kelk, daughter of Carl and Cindy Shreve Kelk, of Buckeye; Miss Teen Pocahontas Bella Arbogast, daughter of Amber Arbogast, of Hillsboro; and First Runner-Up, Emma Anderson, daughter of Phillip and Shannon Anderson, of Marlinton.



LITTLE MISS POCAHONTAS 2024 – Little Miss Photogenic, Raelynn Bennett, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Bennett, of Buckeye; First Runner-Up, Gracie Anderson, daughter of Phillip and Shannon Anderson, of Marlinton; Little Miss Pocahontas Miley Dawn Alderman, daughter of Ryan and Kaitlyn Alderman, of Marlinton; and Second Runner-Up, Karsyn Cummins, daughter of Brian and Haley Cummins, of Marlinton.

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FAIR PLAY

Said the Coal Man to the Miner,
 “My profits are too small;”
 Said the Miner to the Coal Man,
 “My wage won’t do at all.”
 Said the Coal Man and the Miner,
 “There surely is a way;”
 And they nodded to each other –
 “Damn the people! Let them pay!”

“They dare not say us nay;
 “We’ll tie up all the traffic
 and
 “Make the people pay.”

Said the Farmer to the tractor,
 “My living needs more cash;”
 Hummed the tractor to the Farmer,
 “If there’s little wheat to thrash
 The prices will go higher”
 –
 As the Farmer rode away,
 He whispered to his tractor,
 “Gosh! Let the people pay.”

may,
 “It may not be just honest,
 but –
 Who cares? The people pay.”

O! You long enduring people!
 Rise up and play the game,
 The game sure needs an umpire
 To tell it who’s to blame.
 Your part is plain before you,
 You need to do and dare,
 And call with voice decided,
 “Come on, you boys, play fair.”

Said the Rail Man to the Train Man,
 “We’ll make a raise in rates;”
 Said the Train Man to the Rail Man,
 “I’ll take my share, my mates.”
 Said the Rail Man and the Train Man,

Said the Chieftain to his Minion,
 “We’ll make a grab for wealth;”
 Said the Minion to his chieftain,
 “It must be done by stealth.”
 Said the Chieftain to his Minion,
 “We’ll oil where e’er we

TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1). Mahjong (2). Mark Twain (3). Harper Lee (4). “A Tale of Two Cities”

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First Friday ~

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tion, Claire Silbernagel, a Boyce, a multi-instrumental-fiddler raised touring on the bluegrass circuit, and Kaylee Boyce, a multi-instrumentalist who plays across multiple genres.

Geology Program and Interpretive Hike ~ June 7 and 8

Watoga State Park will welcome visiting Geologist Ken Ashton from the West Virginia Geological Survey Friday, June 7, at 7 p.m. Ashton will discuss local geology around Watoga State Park. The program will be presented at the Rec Center. Please park in the pool parking lot.

Saturday, June 8, Ashton will lead an interpretive hike at Beartown State Park. The hike will begin at 10 a.m.

Marshall Markley Memorial 5K Stump Run – Saturday, June 8

If you spent any time on the Greenbrier River Trail in Cass in the last several years, you probably ran into former Superintendent Marshall Markley out with his dogs or his family. Whether it was a marathon or for recreation, running was a huge part of his life.

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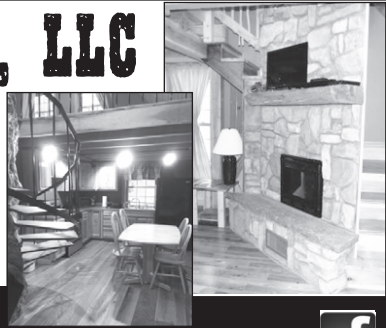
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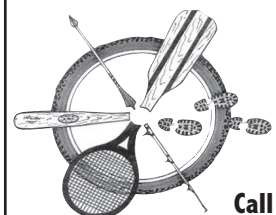
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26th Annual Little Levels Heritage Fair

"Celebrating 50 Years of the Birthplace of Pearl S. Buck"

June 28 - 30 • Hillsboro, West Virginia

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



FRIDAY, JUNE 28

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pearl S. Buck Birthplace 50th Anniversary. Free Tours, Exhibits, Preserving Pocahontas and Gift Shop

7 p.m. Firemen's Parade Around Hillsboro Rt. 219, Lobelia Road and Payne Street
Presented by Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Activities at Hillsboro Elementary School unless noted

7:30 a.m. Sausage Biscuits at Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department (until sold out)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tours of Historic McNeel Mill Mill Point, WV

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pearl S. Buck Birthplace 50th Anniversary. Free Tours, Exhibits, Preserving Pocahontas and Gift Shop

10 a.m. Music by Bill Hefner Family Band

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sweet Reads: Book and Baked Goods Sale, Hillsboro Public Library
Friends of the Library

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Arts & Crafts Vendors Schoolgrounds

10 a.m. Kids Crafts

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Car Show Hillsboro Car Club
Sponsored by the Town of Hillsboro

11 a.m. Music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters

11 a.m. - Noon Homemade Heritage Pie Contest Registration/Drop Off Hillsboro Senior Center

11 a.m. Food: Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches Community Club (until sold out)

11 a.m. Sausages, Hot Dogs, Baked Potatoes Pocahontas County Senior Citizens

11 a.m. Lemonade Stand (until sold out) Hillsboro Girl Scouts

Noon Field Games

Noon Music by Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys

Noon - 2 p.m. Heritage Parade Registration Little Levels Heritage Tent

1 p.m. Music by Viney Mountain Boys

2 p.m. Music by The Porch Pickers

2:30 p.m. Winners of Parade, Pie and Car Show Judging to be announced Under the Tent

3 p.m. Heritage Parade Rt. 219, Lobelia Road and Payne Street

4 - 6 p.m. Bingo, HES Cafeteria by Hillsboro Elementary School

6 - 8 p.m. Square Dance with Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters Under the Tent

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Noon - 4 p.m. Pearl S. Buck Birthplace 50th Anniversary. Free Tours, Exhibits, Preserving Pocahontas and Gift Shop

2 p.m. Log Race at Seebert Bridge PCHS Athletics

3:30 p.m. Oak Grove Cemetery Tour Meet at Oak Grove Church Weather Permitting

8:15 p.m. Vespers at McNeel Cemetery (Inclement weather location: Pleasant Green Church)

Live Music • Saturday, June 29

Elementary School: Under the Tent

10 a.m. Bill Hefner Family Band

11 a.m. Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters

Noon: Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys

1 p.m. Viney Mountain Boys

2 p.m. The Porch Pickers

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