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A step back in time at Fort Warwick

Suzanne Stewart
 Staff Writer

Two-hundred fifty years ago, a piece of land in Green Bank was abuzz with activity, when Virginia militiamen were at work building a fort in the summer of 1774.

Last weekend, the area was yet again abuzz with activity as Fort Warwick celebrated its 250th anniversary. Archeologists were leading digs on the site, re-enactors were sharing stories of what life at the fort and in the area was like and artisans were sharing wares that were made and used in the 18th century.

University of Kentucky archaeologists Stephen McBride and Kim Arbogast McBride, who have been working with Fort Warwick owners Bob and Elaine Sheets since 1989, led groups through the site and gave the history of the digs and artifacts that have been found.

"I've had the privilege to work on this site since 1989," Kim said. "We had a project to try to locate frontier forts in the region and James Wooddell – an older historian – sat with me and pointed down in this direction and said, 'oral tradition says this was Warwick's Fort.'"

Kim said she used a metal detector on the area and, sure enough, found something. Metal detectors are usually the best way to find pre-Revolutionary war forts because



LAST SATURDAY WAS the 250th anniversary celebration at Fort Warwick in Green Bank, and the crowd was treated to sites, sights and sounds of the 18th century as they explored the pre-Revolutionary War site. Fifeman Paul Vosteen and drummer Grant Huddle played tunes for visitors and explained the importance of having a fife and drum corps as part of the militia. S. Stewart photo

there are nails and fragments of metal items that were used by the colonists.

"They do not have a high density of artifacts, so our traditional archeological survey methods would actually often miss these sites," she said. "Typically, we dig little holes in the ground, sift the dirt, but you could easily do that on a fort site and not get anything. The metal detectors help us find the nails and the second most common artifact is the cast iron kettle fragment because those kettles would frequently explode with heating and cooling."

Since that initial discovery, there have been dozens

of digs hosted at the fort, including by students from local schools. Artifacts including pottery, glassware, metal buttons and clothing adornments are just a few examples of what has been found and now on display in the Fort Warwick Museum on the site.

The most recent discovery was that of the stockade, which was found after excavating the areas that were thought to be the walls of the fort.

"These trenches that you see were dug this year, just recently, with a track hoe by Jed Sheets with Stephen McBride, my husband, working with him," Kim

said. "We have found in those trenches strips of stockading. As you dig in the top soil, then get down about eight to twelve inches, that soil changes into a clay layer that's much older. You can see that clay is a nice light color. Anywhere somebody in the past, or an animal or a tree root, has penetrated into that clay, it leaves a brown stain."

"That is what archeologists follow," she added. "Especially in the pits that are being excavated."

In addition to the archeologists, there were several re-enactors at the fort site giving a glimpse into what

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FRN offering Grandfamilies Programs

Suzanne Stewart
 Staff Writer

Going to visit grandparents for a weekend or summer was always a treat. Getting to see the elders of the family, especially if they didn't live close by, was exciting for kids of all ages.

Those were the good old days.

In recent years, there has been a change in the family dynamic. More children are being raised by their grandparents. In response to this change, the State of West Virginia established several programs to help grandparents in this situation, and Pocahontas County Family Resource Network is here to help share those programs.

FRN Community Outreach Specialist Anna Cassell said there are 35,000 children in West Virginia who are being raised by grandparents. That's just the ones that have been documented.

"Other studies have shown that it's probably closer to forty-three thousand," she said.

Cassell explained that the discrepancy in the two numbers is most likely due

to grandparents who are afraid to say they are raising their grandchildren because they don't want them taken away by the state.

The FRN is not in the business of taking away children. It is in the business of helping guardians make sure the children get everything they need. That is why they have the Grandfamilies Programs in place in Pocahontas County.

"The Grandfamilies Programs do a lot with helping them parent in the 21st century," Cassell said. "There's a lot of crisis help. We do discussion groups in supportive work services for assessment and then you get a social worker for six months after the program. The social worker helps you keep up, and basically what we do is help them find the resources that they don't know are available."

One of the main issues Grandfamilies have is funding. Most grandparents are on a fixed income and/or retirement and worry about the new costs of raising young children.

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HBCUs students visit Pleasant Green Juneteenth

John C. Dean
 Contributing Writer

With no fanfare or national media attention, students and professors from eight historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) arrived at the historic Pleasant Green Church and Cemetery on Seebert Road near Hillsboro last Wednesday.

They were ready to listen, work, learn and assist. The group listened attentively to U.S. Forest Service (USFS) specialists and professors prior to a cleanup, restoration, repair and gardening initiative at the structure and cemetery that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

It was Juneteenth, and the students represented educational institutions across the U.S. – Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama; Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland; Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas; Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; and Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The students described how important it was to learn about the background of those who came before them, but to also prepare themselves for the future. Morgan Joiner, a junior at Howard University, majoring in History with a minor in African Studies, said it was great to learn more about history and that coming to West Virginia gave her a "hands-on" feel for the impact it has had. She also noted that this journey is part of a one-month internship with the U.S. Forest

Service. The previous week, she spent time at Wayne National Forest and after this session in West Virginia, Joiner will be spending time at the Advisory Council on Historical Preservation in Washington, D.C.

Professor Dwayne Moore from Prairie View A&M University and Latif Tarik, assistant professor of history at Elizabeth City State University, were on hand to teach the students about the area.

"It's important to get the students involved with this and, especially, to learn about the forest service and opportunities there," Tarik said. "It's vital for our next generations to know this and to come on board now."

Just what was on the day's agenda and what was accomplished on Juneteenth?

Students toured the church and the nearby cemetery with historical background

presentations by local resident and Pleasant Green Church and Cemetery expert Ruth Taylor. The day's events were explained by several members from USFS, including Lauren Bowlin, an archaeological technician. Bowlin explained how Pleasant Green is connected to Watoga State Park and its proximity to the nearby park. Gordon Scott, former park employee, is buried at Pleasant Green Cemetery. Scott became the first-ever black ranger at a West Virginia state park when he began at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park in the 1950s.

The front door of the church was repaired and painted to preserve its historical integrity. The framing restructuring needs a few final touches and will be completed in the near future.

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STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS from eight Historically Black Colleges and Universities – HBCUs – spent Juneteenth, June 19, at the Pleasant Green Church and Cemetery on Seebert Road in Hillsboro. They learned about the history of the black settlement in Pocahontas County and helped with the restoration of the church.

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County Commission questions PCSC about tax delinquency

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the June 18 Pocahontas County Commission meeting, Kayla Shaw, the current Executive Director of Pocahontas County Senior Citizens, and Sue Hollandsworth, a member of the Senior Citizens Board of Directors, were asked about that organization's delinquent submission of federal and state payroll taxes which has resulted in fines.

Shaw said the late payment of those taxes occurred before she became the Director, and Hollandsworth said those late payments were the result of poor prior management. Shaw added that part of the reason the payments were late was that their auditor was extremely behind in doing audits of the Senior Citizens finances, just

recently completing the 2019 audit. She said there is now a new auditor.

Shaw assured the commission that under new procedures, the tax delinquency, which resulted in about \$50,000 in fines, will not happen again. Jay Miller asked them what source of money was used to pay the fines, and Shaw replied that they used donation money to pay them.

The commission also discussed commission president Walt Helmick's suggestion that they terminate their exclusive agreement with Jamie Warner, which has allowed him, and his father before him, to make hay on the 90-acre county owned hayfield on the East Fork property. Helmick said two other farmers have asked to make hay on the property, as well, with each of them and Warner being allowed to

make hay on one-third of the hay field, or about 30 acres each. Helmick said this is only fair.

John Simmons spoke up supporting Jamie Warner, saying that Warner and his father worked hard over many years to improve the hayfield by removing rocks, putting down fertilizer, seeding and grading what was originally a very poor producing hayfield, and now these two other farmers want to come in and benefit from all that hard work. Jamie Warner also spoke up and pretty much mirrored what Simmons said.

The other two farmers, Travis Vandevender and Allen Sisler, spoke up, saying that this is county land and as citizens they should also be allowed to make hay on part of it.

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Hot Dog Sauce champion named at West Virginia Day celebration

The State of West Virginia celebrated its 161st birthday in style last Thursday, with the unveiling of four new murals in the capitol rotunda, and the announcement of the top three finalists in the "First Lady's West Virginia Day Hot Dog Sauce Cook-off" contest.

More than 140 hot dog sauce recipes were entered, with the top 10 being "taste tested" by the Governor and First Lady, Jim and Cathy Justice, as well as Randall Reid-Smith, Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. A total of 1,000 hot dogs were prepared for the attendees of

Thursday's celebration.

"Everybody loves hot dogs, right?" First Lady Justice asked just before announcing the winners. "That's why we decided to do the contest with hot dog chili."

Marian Weber, of Green Bank, submitted the third place entry. Weber's chili, known as "Old Harlan Hammer," is made from venison, ginger root and sausage. Unfortunately, Weber was unable to attend the celebration, as she was vacationing out of state. She received a \$100 gift card for her entry.

"The second place entry was from here in Charleston," First Lady Justice

said. "The lady learned the recipe when she was seven-years-old, on a camping trip with her aunt. Her name is Selina Burke."

For her second place submission, Burke was awarded a \$300 gift certificate.

"Our Grand Champion winner is from a band boosters organization," First Lady Justice said.

"She makes all the hot dogs for the children in the band, and it's just a great, great recipe."

"It was unanimous that this was the winner," she continued. "This is from Calhoun County - Paige Tony."

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Senators demand answers after suspected ISIS enter U.S.

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) recently joined a group of her Republican Senate colleagues in sending a letter - led by U.S. Senator Ted Budd (R-N.C.) - to U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas demanding answers after eight individuals with suspected ties to ISIS were apprehended at the southern border, vetted, and released into the United States.

"We write to express our grave concerns regarding reports of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests of eight individuals from Tajikistan suspected to have terror ties to ISIS who crossed the southern border to enter the U.S. last year and this year. Reportedly, two of these individuals crossed the border in spring 2023, and one of them used the CBP One app to enter the U.S.," the senators wrote.

"Moreover, there are skyrocketing U.S. Border Patrol encounters of aliens on the terrorist watchlist as well as a record number of Chinese national encounters at the southern border during the Biden administration. In fiscal years 2017 to 2020 combined, 11 noncitizens on the terrorist watchlist were caught attempting to enter via the Southern border between ports of entry. That

number increased to 15 in FY 2021, 98 in FY 2022, 169 in FY 2023, and 80 in FY 2024 as of May 15," the senators continued.

In addition to Senators Capito and Budd, the following senators signed the letter: U.S. Senators Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), John Thune (R-S.D.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), JD Vance (R-Ohio), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Mike Lee (R-Utah), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), John Hoeven

(R-N.D.), John Kennedy (R-La.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.), and Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.).

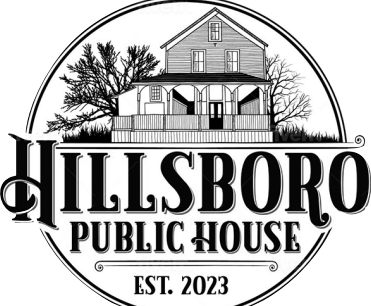
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ARC/Pocahontas Broadband Project 'in a dark period'

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

Brian Tew, of Thompson and Litton Company (T&L), told the Pocahontas County Broadband Council at its June 13 meeting that the West Virginia Department of Highways (DOH) notified them at 2:30 p.m. June 7, that they have temporarily closed down their processing of submitted DOH pole permit applications. He said they had recently submitted a 1,400-page application to DOH to obtain that permit, which is needed before any construction of their broadband project can begin. Tew said that T&L had spent six months working to prepare that application.

Now, according to Tew, they will have to redo their application using the new electronic format that DOH is now requiring, however they can't even resubmit it in the new format until DOH reopens their application acceptance period on July 1. Because of this delay, Tew said that we are now officially "in a dark period" for the project until the application is resubmit-

ted and eventually approved by DOH.

Mike Holstine said the only silver lining to this is that under the new DOH application system, future approval decisions will be based on standards that are consistent in all DOH districts across the state, which was not previously the case. Holstine added that he still does not understand why DOH is making us wait and resubmit it since the application was already completed.

Tew said they will be ready to resubmit the application in the new electronic format as soon as DOH's application acceptance portal reopens, however the county commission still needs to submit a performance bond of five percent of the project's construction cost to DOH.

He also told the council that the "make ready" pole attachment agreements with First Energy are complete, and Citynet is handling those agreements with Frontier, so other than this new delay from DOH, everything is set to move forward with the county broadband project. When

complete, the project will deliver Internet service to the east and north of Marlinton.

Regarding the National Telecommunication and Information Administration's (NTIA's) Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program, Holstine said that the state will need to provide financial assistance to small local Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in order for them to apply to build BEAD-funded broadband projects in distressed counties. He said this assistance is needed because BEAD requires ISPs to provide a 10 percent line-of-credit/performance bond and to put up a 25 percent local match, making BEAD-funded projects unaffordable to most of these small ISPs. He added that there was a recent press release which indicated that there will be some assistance provided, at least for the 10 percent performance bonds.

In addition, Holstine said Spruce Knob/Seneca Rocks Telephone Company is currently in the design phase

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Businesses are reminded to file Annual Report by June 30

West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner has issued an important notice to business owners reminding them to file their Annual Report by the statutory deadline of June 30. Businesses that miss the June 30 deadline will be flagged in the state's database as out of compliance.

Late filers will be assessed a \$50 late fee as required by state law.

Nearly 99% of all Annual Reports are filed online. Online filings can take less than five minutes at the WV One Stop Business Portal found

at Business4.wv.gov

Guest filing is available for business owners who prefer not to establish an online account.

The fee to file an Annual Report is \$25. Warner encourages business owners to be wary of third-party solicitations that charge as much as \$375 to file the Annual Report on behalf of the business. A third party is not required to file this report.

For assistance, call the WV Secretary of State's Office during regular business

hours at 304-558-8000 to speak to a WVSOS Business specialist, or use SOLO, our new virtual assistant, accessible from the bottom right corner of sos.wv.gov

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It's all in the wax

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

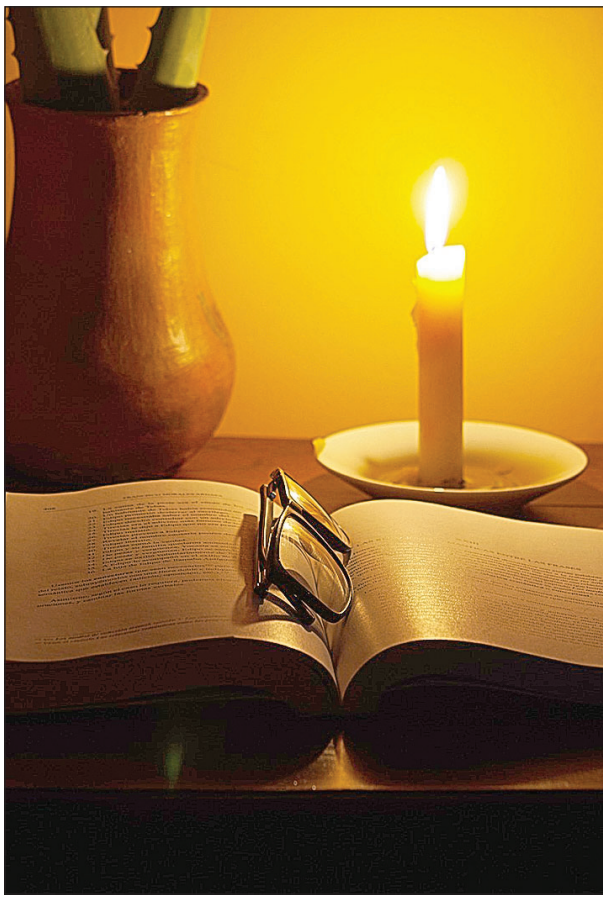
Approximately 95 percent of candles made today are made with paraffin wax. Although there are different grades of refinement, paraffin wax is a byproduct from the refining of lubricating oil; a petroleum product. Paraffin wax was first produced in 1830. During a time when most candles were made from tallow, paraffin wax quickly took off since it was cheaper and burned cleaner. Paraffin wax is also used to make Vaseline; a type of petroleum jelly.

Separating and cleaning the paraffin wax from crude oil is a multi-stage process that takes special equipment and supplies. Sciencedirect.com states, "Two types of processes are used; selective hydrocracking and solvent dewaxing. In the former, one or two zeolite catalysts are used to selectively crack the wax paraffins."

Pure beeswax is a natural substance that can be cleaned and used in most any household, with limited equipment.

I have read several statements online about how taking wax from honeybees is harmful and inhumane. From a beekeeper's point of view, with more than 15 years of experience raising honeybees, I would say I disagree with those statements and here is why.

Bees will be bees. They will continue to work whether you interact with



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them or not. They also don't look around and think "oh, my home is full; I think I'll take a vacation." Healthy hives will always produce far more wax, honey and propolis than they need. In the wild, honey bees will keep expanding their comb into whatever "container" they are living in. When there is no more room to expand, they will either swarm (about one-half of the hive leaves to find a new home) or they abscond (the entire hive leaves). Another possibility can take place. On a few occasions, when I

would be busy with other things and had to leave my bees to themselves for extended periods, they would become honey-bound.

Honey-bound is when the field bees are bringing in a lot of nectar and the house bees start back-filling into the brood section of the hive. The queen, therefore, has no cells to lay new eggs in. With no new eggs being laid, the number of bees starts to decline. If numbers fall too low, the hive will not survive the winter.

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Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

I've mentioned my love of weird fiction before. Books such as *House of Leaves* and *Ship of Theseus* only really work in print. The former uses increasingly weird formatting to emphasize the narrator's mental state. The plot of *Ship of Theseus* unfolds in notes scribbled in the margins and on napkins or notepaper stuffed between pages.

Obviously most fiction isn't like that. All but a handful of the five million or so English language novels unfold in a straightforward linear fashion. You simply flip from one page to the next. (There's a reason we call really engaging novels "page turners".)

I personally think e-book readers are a fantastic way to read normal fiction.

They are lighter than a paperback, easy to operate with one hand—a bonus for anyone who likes to read while they eat lunch—and have adjustable print sizes, something my aging eyes increasingly appreciate.

Best of all, when I travel, I

no longer need to lug around a bunch of books. Throw my Kindle in the bag and I have access to basically anything ever written.

Now there are e-book cynics out there who complain that e-book readers like my Kindle exist only to sell e-books. Amazon—maker of the Kindle—follows what business types call a razors-and-blades business model. The idea is pretty simple—sell the razor cheaply, then sell expensive replacement blades forever. And they have a point—Amazon loses money selling Kindles, while making hundreds of millions of dollars selling e-books.

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You can also stop by and ask one of the library's resident tech whizzes—Chris (McClintic) and Emily (Hillsboro)—to help you get everything set up and configured exactly how you want. Let your local branch librarian know if you can't make it to Marlinton or Hillsboro and we'll get you some help closer to you.

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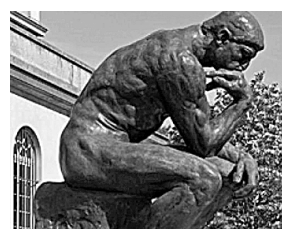
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2. What lizard can change its color based on its feelings?
3. Founded in 1946, "this" NFL team is named for its first head coach.

4. This professional baseball player, known as "the Say Hey Kid," passed away last week. What was his name?

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Thank you, from Fort Warwick!

250 years is a long time - about 10 generations - so it's easy to forget Fort Warwick, built by militia in June 1774, and providing a safe haven throughout the American Revolution. Our heartfelt thanks to those who helped us honor this history on June 22-23, 2024.

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Continuing from last week – with regard to disposal of limbs, brush and lawn clippings.

Help the Town of Marlinton help you maintain an area for lawn debris at the lagoons. The Town is happy to have a place for residents to dispose of these items. However, you should be aware that from time to time, you should know that individuals (unknowingly or without regard) want to use this area as a landfill – and it is not a landfill. Every time construction materials or household trash is dumped with limbs, the Town employees must separate these things. When any items, other than lawn debris are found, it results in threats of fines by State Enforcement agencies, and/or Notice of Closure.

When the Town is threatened with closure or a fine, you probably know what I consider doing? If you have dumped other items before or want to again – in the words of our president – Don't!

If you see others dumping items other than limbs and lawn clipping, please let us know. The burn area you help to save is for your benefit, too. As before, all these questions are addressed in Town Ordinance.

1. § 50.006 GRASS AND GRASS CLIPPINGS.

Code of Ordinances ...§ 50.006 GRASS AND GRASS CLIPPINGS. It shall be illegal to blow and/or leave mowed grass and/or grass clippings on the street(s). (2010-17, passed 12-20-2010) Penalty, see § 50.999

2. § 95.08 TREE LEAVES BLOWING INTO YARD.

Code of Ordinances ...§ 95.08 TREE LEAVES BLOWING INTO YARD. If a tree owner has leaves which blow over into a neighbor's yard, the leaves are the responsibility of the neighbor and not the tree owner. (Ord. 35, 2014, passed 11-3-14)

In broadband news, as of June 13, from the Pocahontas County Broadband Council, Citynet Pole Permitting is complete (even on Frontier poles), and Thompson & Litton will be ready to submit the Department of Highway permits on July 1, when the portal opens up.

With regard to the LEAD program: Both Citynet and SKSRT are in design phases, and moving forward.

Letters were sent to the Governor's Office and legislators about match requirement. NTIA has said they will not reduce the match requirement at the federal level. These issues are being discussed at the state level, but no clear path forward yet.

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Town of Marlinton's 2024 Consumer Confidence Report covering 2023 will not be mailed. It can be found on the Town of Marlinton website at townofmarlintonwv.com/consumer-confidence-report/

Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The Green Boxes will be open 1 to 6 p.m.

The Pocahontas Times will be closed Thursday, July 4. Early deadline for the July 4 edition is Friday, June 28, 3 p.m.

23rd Annual Public Reading of our 1776 Declaration of Independence, noon, Thursday, the Fourth of July 2024, in front of the Pocahontas County Courthouse. Free watermelon. Information will be available about how to secure, for ourselves and our posterity, the rights asserted in that document. For more info, contact John Leyzorek, 304-799-7191.

Family Resource Network Open House Tuesday, July 23, 1 p.m. at McClintic Library for Grandfamilies in Pocahontas County. TANF and FRN will offer information on available resources.

Farmers Markets: Green Bank Firehouse Wednesdays 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Hillsboro, across from McCoys, Thursdays 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Marlinton at Discovery Junction, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MEETINGS

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

EVENTS

Allegheny Echoes Students Concert Thursday, June 27, 7:30 p.m. at Discovery Junction on Third Avenue in Marlinton.

Allegheny Echoes Masters Concert Friday, June 28, 7:30 p.m. at Discovery Junction.

The 26th Annual Little Levels Heritage Fair Friday – Sunday, June 28 – 30. Fun events, music, parades and food. Be sure to check out the arts and crafts and the car show, and you might want to

enter a pie in the Homemade Heritage Pie Contest.

Native Orchid Tour Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cranberry Mountain Nature Center.

George Boxwell and Harry Newman of the West Virginia Woodturners Association will be at Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Syndenstricker Cabin Pavilion Sunday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as part of Little Levels Heritage Fair.

Scenic Drive Day Sunday, June 30, 1 to 3 p.m. at Cranberry Mountain Nature Center. Classic cars on display. Music by Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys. Pack a picnic and enjoy the day.

150th Anniversary Celebration of Beulah Presbyterian Church Sunday, June 30, Worship 11 a.m. Kitchen dedication and lunch (all provided) 12:30 p.m. Music, history, memory sharing 2 p.m. 8740 Mill Gap Road, Monterey, Virginia.

LIBRARY NEWS

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

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

PARKS AND REC

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

Summer Mix-Up Dance Series with instructor Haylee Hayhurst – Jazz Fusion, Mondays and Tuesdays at Green Bank Observatory old tour center; 1 p.m. for ages 6 to 10; and 2:30 p.m. for ages 11-18. Call 304-799-7386 to register.

Dance Conditioning – energetic challenge using dance basics and creative expression, ages 11-adult. Tuesdays at GBO old tour center, and Wednesdays at the Wellness Center, 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m.

Zumba Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m.

Yoga at Durbin Library Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

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

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

For a complete listing of summer activities, call 304-799-7386 or email parksandrec@frontiernet.net

REUNIONS

Noah and Rebecca Teter Warner Family – Sunday, July 7, noon to 4 p.m. at the Clinton Hedrick Community Building in Riverton. Bring a covered dish and family photos.

Marlinton High School Class of 1963 – Saturday, July 13, 11 a.m. Meet at Dari-Land across from Discovery Junction.

Descendants of William Walker and Hosanna Puckett Marshall – Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14, at Pilot View Picnic Shelter, 887 Pilot View Road, Hillsville, VA. For more info, contact gpm

glenda@aol.com
Buzzard/Darnell Reunion – Sunday, July 14, 11 a.m. at Stillwell Park Riverside Pavilion.

Charlie J. and Ora B. Sharp Family – July 26, 27, 28, at the Sharp Family Homeplace on Brownsburg Road.

Schoolcraft/Auldrige Reunion – Saturday, July 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Activities Building at Watoga State Park. This year's theme is Italian. Pot luck.

PCHS Class of 1979 – 45th class reunion Saturday, September 28, at Mim's Kitchen in Marlinton. Full details on Facebook at PCHS Class of 1979 or via email at Karen.hamed33@gmail.com RSVP required by August 15.

CHURCH NOTICES

Baxter Presbyterian Church, Sunday, June 30, Worship at 11 a.m. with Rick McLaughlin, followed by punch on the porch. Everyone welcome.

Central Union United Methodist Church, Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m.

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

see Calendar pg 9



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Fancy Pimiento Cheese
10 oz. Sharp cheddar cheese, grated

1/4 cup minced green onion

1/4 cup diced pimientos or roasted red pepper

2 oz. cream cheese, room temperature

2 Tbsp. dill pickle juice

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 tsp. hot sauce

Dash freshly ground black pepper

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl until well blended. Refrigerate for a few hours for flavors to meld. Serve on crackers, celery sticks or bread.

Doubles easily.

Sesame Soy Broccoli Salad

Dressing

1 Tbsp. soy sauce or Bragg's Amino Acids

1 Tbsp. rice vinegar or vinegar of choice

1 Tbsp. avocado oil or other neutral oil

1 1/2 tsp. sugar

Dash of black or red pepper

Whisk dressing ingredients in a bowl large enough for all ingredients.

Salad
3 cups bite size pieces of broccoli

1/4 cup red onions, diced

1/4 cup raisins

2 Tbsp. sliced almonds (walnuts or pecans)

Wash broccoli under running water, shake off excess and let dry. Cut florets into bite size pieces. Peel outer edges of stem and discard. Cut stem into bite size pieces.

Add broccoli, onions, raisins and almonds to dressing. Toss well.

Before serving, add 1/2 tsp. of toasted sesame seeds.

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107 Really cold
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114 Composer Jean-Philippe —
118 Possess with shallow passion
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5 Nickname for Yale University
6 Adobe file suffix
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10 Loses one's inhibitions
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54 PC brand
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57 Part of Babylonia
59 Dot in the sea
60 Erin of "Happy Days"
62 Custodial worker
65 Stare stupidly
66 Double-reed woodwind
67 In a lazy way
68 Inventive
70 Salt Lake City athletes
71 Admin. aide
72 "A —" ("Adieu!")
75 Press release packet
78 Have dinner
80 Hawk's home
81 "Famous" cookie guy
82 Pool cover
84 Bible division
85 Polite request
86 Cube creator
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87 Valley
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95 "Got a guess?"
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104 Partner of Athos and Porthos
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116 "Take — from me"
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FRN, from page 1

“We see a lot that need financial help,” Cassell said. “We can’t always provide financial help in the form of paying a bill or something like that, but we can get them a food box. We have diapers and pull-ups on site. We’ve bought car seats for Grandfamilies. We’ve bought clothes and beds for kids that need them.”

“Our job as a resource center is to look for places that can help – whether it’s through Community in Schools if they’re school-aged kids – or Project Christmas for Christmas gifts,” she

added. The FRN also has contact with other organizations and professionals – including lawyers – who can help grandparents with any issues they face while raising their grandchildren.

In order to make sure all Grandfamilies in Pocahontas County know about these programs, the FRN will host an open house Tuesday, July 23, at 1 p.m., at McClintic Library.

A representative from West Virginia’s Temporary Assistance for Need Families – TANF – program will be at the event, as well as FRN staff to help grandparents learn more about state-funded programs and the things they can get from

FRN itself.

“A lot of it is just making sure they have the resources not only for these kids to thrive, but for grandparents, too,” Cassell said. “These grandparents are tired. They’ve raised their kids, and now they’re taking care of more kids and possibly great-grandkids at some point.”

“At the end of the day, we want to make sure that kids are taken care of,” she continued. “We want to see that the kids are healthy and thriving and that grandparents are, too. That’s the best thing about this program.”

“It’s not just focused on the child. It’s focused on making sure a grandparent has everything they need.”

Visit, from page 1

In addition, two flower beds at the entrance to the church were installed along with wooden borders.

Dena Miles, a student at Prairie View A&M Univer-

sity, said she had never been on the East Coast, and was taking in the region while also learning.

“The history just seems deeper down here,” Miles said. “I have learned a lot already and am glad that I came.”

Elijah Godette, a senior at Morgan State University,

majoring in Sociology, said he wants to attend law school, but that he also wanted to participate in this project because of the impact of black history on this area.

“I have learned that this was one of the few black settlements in West Virginia at that time,” she said. “And it was a large one.”

Fort, from page 1

life there was like 250 years ago. Portraying a militiaman, Andrew Bragg talked about life at the fort and the daily routine the militia had, preparing for possible attacks and making sure the area was safe.

Joining the militiamen were two very important members – the fife and drum corps. Fifeman Paul Vosteen and drummer Grant Huddle performed and explained each tune and its significance to the militia.

“Fife and drum were important because we taught the soldiers what to do,” Vosteen said. “When we did certain calls, we taught them what that call meant. So every single time we do that call, they’re like, ‘oh that’s the call for breakfast.’ We also had to play a tune like ‘Pioneer March.’

“To the pioneer in the 18th century military, that’s a work detail,” he continued. “Those are the guys who are being called to do the dirty jobs. They had to go cut the trees. They had to go haul the firewood. They had to fetch the water.”

Needless to say, “Pioneer March” was not a favorite tune among the militiamen.

The fife and drum also helped the militia keep time. As they marched away from the fort, if they were planning to go 20 miles away, the fife and drum tune would give them an idea of how long it would take to march that distance.

There were other inhabitants in the area during the 18th century. Giving insight into the Native American lifestyle at that time was Shawnee Indian portrayer Doug Wood.

Wood set up a camp near the fort and explained that it was indicative of a camp for warriors who were on a scouting trip.

The camp included a bow bed made with leaves with a forked stick next to the head of the bed. The stick was there so the warrior had his gun loaded and ready in case they were ambushed. Near the bed was a circle drawn in the dirt with two bent sticks in the center.

One stick was pointed to the horizon, showing what time they left home to make camp and the other stick pointed toward where the sun will be in the horizon when they plan to return.

Wood also had a pictograph he made on a tree in his camp. He peeled away the bark and made a drawing telling who was on the scouting trip and how well they fared during their time away from home. The drawing was made with charcoal mixed with bear grease.

person’s elder clan being. When the animals were more powerful than people, the animals had conferences and councils together. The progenitor of my clan is the squirrel.”

As the leader of the party, Wood was depicted with a head that showed his three face tattoos. Above the head was a bobcat paw which depicts his name, Chingwee. Below the head is a drawing of his chest plate and three wampum belts which means he has been to battle three times.

“This is a war belt and basically is a device to recruit other warriors to go to war,” he said.

Beside that in the pictograph is a depiction of four blankets, meaning the party has been away from home for four days. To the far left in the drawing is representation of the warriors in the party. Included in that list is a broken arrow, signifying that one of the warriors was wounded in battle.

At the very bottom is a depiction of how well the party did on its scouting trip. A man with a hat, two headless men, a young girl and a headless woman are drawn in a row. This shows that a man and young girl were taken captive and two men and a woman were killed and scalped.

The scalps were taken home to be given to families who lost loved ones in the past year. The scalps were used as part of the grieving process.

“They would name the scalp after the deceased relative, take the scalp to dances, take the scalp to the feast, everybody who was close to them would call the scalp by that person’s name,” Wood explained. “The elder of the town would say the mourning period is over and then the scalp goes to the person who took it.”

Saturday’s celebration also included demonstrations from artisans who carry on the trades and artistry of the 18th century.

Terry Carr, of Huntersville, had his blacksmith

forge on site and was making nails and some more decorative items. Dawn Baldwin Barrett had samples of her herbal teas made with locally sourced flowers and herbs.

Staunton, Virginia, couple Paul and Elissa Parish shared their knowledge of colonial living. Elissa demonstrated tape loom weaving, and Paul shared land surveys he has done with 18th century tools. Paul also had a display of tape looms he has made.

Artist Vivian Blackwood was demonstrating archeological sketching and explained that before there were cameras, archeologists had to rely on their drawing abilities to record what they found during digs. She was accompanied by her fiancé Philippe Willis, who is also an artist. He had a display of animal pelts and taxidermy animals. He shared his knowledge of preserving pelts.

Tim and Terry Duff, of Fair Lawn Farms in Monterey, Virginia, had a display of handmade musketloaders and powder horns. Tim showed how he removed the bone from the horns which are then used to carry gunpowder.

Alison Safrit was set up with her pottery wheel and turned out clay pottery pieces, and Melondy Phillips shared her knowledge of tanning deer hides to make clothing.

Lunch was served by Mountain State Cakes, and consisted of a pioneer meal of stew and cornbread. Diners were treated to old-time music performed by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters.

The anniversary celebration continued Sunday with a flag ceremony at the Warwick Cemetery, performed by the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps. The British flag was lowered and replaced by the American flag, signifying the fort’s transition from being a British militia fort in 1774, to when it became one of the first settlements of the new American colonies in 1776.

Wax, from page 3

When harvesting honey, I normally only collect the capping wax, the top part of the wax that seals the honey into the comb. This is a very clean and light colored wax. I don’t like throwing away perfectly good resources, especially when it has so many important uses. Every so often, however, frames do need to be scraped so that the bees have a fresh start. With

each generation, the size of the brood chamber cells gets smaller and darker. There is a buildup of larval cocoons that bees spin inside the cells as they grow. This brood wax may also contain “significant levels of contaminants including pesticides, heavy metals, fungi, bacteria and viruses.” (www.bee culture.com)

The smaller cells produce smaller, less productive honeybees, which can eventually lead to the death of the whole hive. The wax harvested from these brood

frames comes out a darker yellow color after it has been cleaned. The cells that contain the bee bread, or processed pollen, will also darken as it ages.

It’s easy to see that a responsibly harvested hive, of both honey and beeswax, actually helps to keep the hive healthy and growing. Furthermore, I believe it is prudent not to waste the surplus of this natural renewable resource.

The chart below shows a comparison between beeswax and paraffin wax.

Beeswax	Paraffin
Renewable resource	Non-renewable resource
From natural sources	From natural sources but not usually considered a natural product
Classified as a food-grade wax	Classified as a petroleum wax
White, light yellow, medium yellow, or dark brown	Colorless or slightly translucent
Low odor but a slight fragrance of honey at room temperature	Odor varies depending on the grade and source
Solid at room temperature	Solid at room temperature
Melting point range of 140-150°F	Melts around 120° to 150°F depending on grade
Burns clean when wick is trimmed properly. No toxic byproducts created when burned. Helps purify the air by producing negative ions; negative ions attract the positive ions of dust, pollen, and other air contaminants - neutralizing them.	Depending on grade, may release dangerous chemicals, such as carcinogenic benzene and toluene, into the air we breathe. Some chemicals have been linked to lung diseases such as cancer and asthma. Depending on grade, may create highly toxic benzene and toluene when burned (both are known carcinogens) and are the same as those found in diesel fuel fumes.
Approved for food use in most countries	Food-grade paraffin wax is composed of vegetable oils, palm oil derivatives, synthetic resins and other materials
Edible and contains nutrients	Food-grade paraffin wax is usually nontoxic (not harmful) if consumed in small amounts but is non-digestible and has no nutritional value.
“The three main types of beeswax products are yellow, white, and beeswax absolute. Yellow beeswax is the crude product obtained from the honeycomb, white beeswax is bleached or filtered yellow beeswax, and beeswax absolute is yellow beeswax treated with alcohol.” en.wikipedia.org	Many different grades and refinements
Can only be obtained from nature. Cannot be replicated in a lab	Obtained from nature but needs refining with expensive equipment and, possibly, the use of chemicals.
Mostly hypoallergenic, rare cases of allergic reactions	Not hypoallergenic
An estimated 1 billion pounds of wax is used in candles that are sold each year in the United States.	
Only a small percentage of candles are beeswax.	Approximately 95% of candles today are paraffin based.

When making beeswax candles, just adding a bit of coconut oil to the beeswax can help slow down the burn time and prevent tunneling of thicker candles.

Maybe it’s just me, but there is something about the soft warm glow and subtle fragrance from a handmade beeswax candle that I can’t get from a paraffin wax can-

dle; a feeling of simplicity and nature.

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Obituaries

Janet Beck

Janet Lee Underwood Beck, age 89, was called to her heavenly home Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from Valentine Assisted Living in Elkins.

Born November 26, 1934, in Beaver Creek — where she lived most of her life — she was a daughter of the late Origen and Eula Alderman Underwood.

Janet grew up amidst a large family where honest, hardworking traits were instilled and many adventures were shared with her seven siblings. Janet's early days were also filled with church activities and singing Gospel music, which she cherished her whole life.

While Janet had a diverse work history over the years, she excelled as a caretaker, a calling she fulfilled with grace and devotion. She provided unwavering care for her aging parents along with her cherished companion, C. C., until their respective passing. Janet was also known for her hospitality. Over the years, any visiting medical professionals were always offered refreshment as a sign of her natural warmth. Janet had a way of making everyone feel welcome and special.

Janet had a passion for baking homemade bread and pies. She enjoyed being a homemaker in her later years and hosted many family gatherings. Among other hobbies, she also enjoyed gardening and canning the fruits of her labor. Her home was always filled with love, laughter and the aroma of home cooked meals she enjoyed sharing with others.

Janet was a beloved member of the Methodist church, where she held strong to her faith throughout her life.

Gospel music always brought a smile to her face, and she would joyfully sing along until her dying days.

Though Janet did not have children of her own, she embraced the role of a second mother to C. C.'s five children, and was a beloved aunt to her numerous nieces and nephews, whom she showered with affection.

Janet will be deeply missed by her surviving sisters, Mary Richardson, of Columbus, Ohio, and Shelby Ryder, of Marlinton; step-children, Pat Beck (Carol), Penny Wooley (Doug), Bill Beck (Tandy), and Terry Beck; as well as several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, C. C. Beck; step-son, Jack Beck; and siblings, Pauline Hansford, Millie Symes, Josephine Dean, Richard Underwood and Leonard Underwood.

Funeral service was held Saturday, June 22, 2024, at VanReenen Funeral Home with Pastor Sam Felton officiating.

Burial was in Beaver Creek Cemetery.

The family respectfully requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Janet's memory to Beaver Creek Cemetery, c/o Nancy Smithson, 641 Violet Road, Marlinton, WV 24954; or WV Caring Hospice, 519 G. Road, Arthurdale, WV 26520

John Kinnison

John Michael Kinnison, 62, of Marlinton, died Saturday, June 15, 2024, at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte.

Born September 24, 1961, in Belpre, Ohio, he was a son of the late John L. and Phyllis L. Kerns.

John was a CNA at Pocahontas Center.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by daughters, Hallie E. Kinnison and Nora E. Kinnison.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth M. Hurter Kinnison; daughter, Kathryn M. Kinnison; sister, Brenda L. Kinnison; brother, James K. Kinnison; grandchildren, Alexander G. Valdez, Amiyah E. McMath, Malakai S. McMath and Xavion J. McMath.

Alvadore Morgan

Alvadore Nevada Morgan, 87, of Hillsboro, died Saturday, June 15, 2024, at his home.

Born November 4, 1936, at Lobelia, he was a son of the late Samuel Aaron and Luna Margaret Hill Morgan.

Alvadore was retired from the U. S. Forest Service. He was an Army veteran and a member of the Seebert United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wives, Violet Mary Morgan and Shirley Cook Morgan; son, David Aaron Morgan; daughter, Susan Dawn Morgan; and brother, Albert Morgan.

He is survived by his sisters, Janet Morgan and Maria Morgan; brothers, Austin, Roger, Arlie and Randall Morgan; grandchildren, Kristen E. Kelly and Kelsey A. Riddle; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, July 7, 2024, at VanReenen Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Scott officiating.

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

Arnold Shinaberry

Arnold Grant Shinaberry, Sr., 85, of Cass, died Saturday, June 22, 2024, at home.

Born April 30, 1939, at Clover Lick, he was a son of the late Bedford Lee and Drucilla Zane Grimes Shinaberry.

Arnold was a farmer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Molly Vandevender Shinaberry; son, Thomas Shinaberry; daughter, Brenda Walton; sisters, Edith, Edna, Elsie and Gray; brothers, Alvie, Arlie, Gay and Carlen.

He is survived by his daughter, Sarah McComb; sons, Arnold Shinaberry, Jr., John Shinaberry, Phillip Shinaberry and Ricky Shinaberry; brother, Sterl Shinaberry; sister, Eva Shinaberry; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Per his request, the body will be cremated, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

VanReenen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Appreciation for Creation

by Dawn Reed

Listening to the morning sounds in the mountains, I hear birds tweeting and greeting. They call across the hills, "Good morning! It's time to get up."

God didn't have to make birds sing. But He did.

The honeysuckle grows wild up the hollow — a delicious treat for drivers who have their windows down. Autumn Olives were quite fragrant a few weeks ago, drawing bees to make honey.

God didn't have to make flowers smell. But He did.

My friend, Judi, and I are fixated on Mimosa trees this week. I don't know if you have them where you live, but they're showing off around here. The leaves, lush and fringing, hold pink, puffy blooms that are a cross between a feather and a powder puff.

God didn't have to do that. But He did.

All around us are magnificent displays of His loving kindness and amazing imagination just for us to enjoy. When Genesis records the creation of the world, it is written in 31 verses and six days. The span likely would not have been the 24-hour days we now observe. Without question, God could have done it in 24 or less.

I picture God with Jesus giggling as they made new life out of nothing. Like Playdough, they shaped the long-necked giraffes and fluorescent pink flamingos with the skinniest legs you've ever seen. They imagined

and made peacocks that shake their feathers into a full-blown exhibition. Butterflies flutter from bloom to bloom — bright displays of perfectly patterned colors. On day five of creation, toucans, hummingbirds that can fly backward, and pterodactyls appeared.

God didn't have to make such fun creatures with vibrant colors and characteristics. But He did.

My favorite animals have long been zebras, giraffes and elephants whose skin begs for lotion. Did you know a zebra's stripes always go side to side on their behinds? It's an effective camouflage against predators. Hippos might look cute in children's books, but they EAT people. Stay away!

Until my beloved became an avid hunter, I hadn't realized there were so many types of deer. Have you ever heard the sound an elk makes? God made moose and caribou with antlers that look so heavy they make my head hurt. And those Dall rams with the curled horns? I thought an ibex (mentioned in Deuteronomy 14:5) was a deer but it's actually in the goat family.

God didn't have to go hog wild with so many animals. But He did. God could have made a beige world with no tweets, smells, or mews. But He didn't.

His crowning glory of creation was man: the pièce de résistance. He had made the sun, moon, stars, plants, trees, animals, fish, then to top it off He created humans, each of us uniquely different.



Dawn Reed

Paul reminded us in Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus..." And we are. Someone said, "How cool is it that the same God Who created mountains and oceans and galaxies, looked at you and thought the world needed one of you, too?" Let that sink in. You are God's handiwork. He wanted you here!

I don't need to make a special trip to an art museum to behold greatness; I only have to open my eyes to look all around me at the breathtaking creativity of God.

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Again, thank you all!
Thane Ryder

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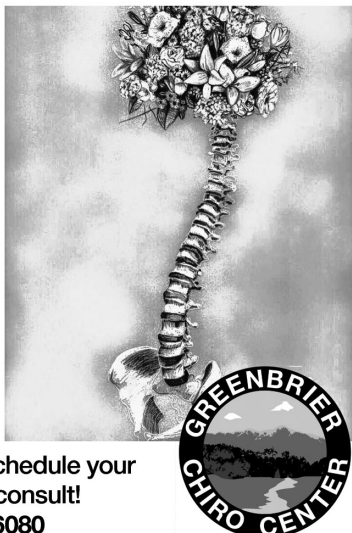
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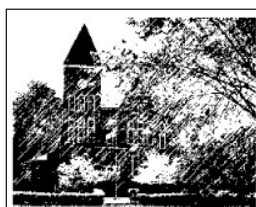
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THE STULTING HOUSE in Hillsboro, West Virginia, is seen here during the early stages of total restoration. It is the maternal ancestral home of Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winning author Pearl Sydenstricker Buck who was born there in 1892. The Pearl S. Buck Birthplace was opened to the public on May 4, 1974 and will begin its 50th Anniversary Celebration during the 26th Annual Little Levels Heritage Fair in Hillsboro June 28-30, 2024. "My Mother's House – A Dream Shared" is a two-part Preserving Pocahontas Exhibit in memory of Pearl S. Buck and Marie Leist. It will be on display in the birthplace museum through mid-October. (The Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Collection; ID: PSB000249)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 30, 1949

Canada Fishing Trip

Charles A. Sharp and James D. Davis have returned from a fishing trip to Lake of the Woods, a way up in Ontario, Canada. This lake is about 70 miles long and covers an area of nearly 700 miles...

Messrs Sharp and Davis left Marlinton Tuesday, traveling by automobile. On Saturday, they arrived at the camp of Charles Hilliers. Here, a cabin can be rented for \$5 a day... Each day of their stay the gentlemen took their legal limit. They report no really record breaking big ones, but northern pike three feet long, weighing nine to ten pounds on light fly rods are not to be sneezed at.

They shipped home 24 fish – their legal limit of the

kinds they took. Those had a net weight of over 100 pounds. Packed in ice by an expert packer employed in the camp, the fish arrived in Marlinton in perfect condition.

FIELD NOTES

On bass opening day, down Watoga way, Dennis Dunn had occasion to go across the rapidly rising Greenbrier River. In starting out, he felt something scrape the bottom of his boat, and then a big snapping turtle stuck his head above water. A properly placed blow with the boat pole, and there was meat for the pot. Nearing the opposite shore, there came a surprise of surprises. A fine two-pound black bass found himself caught between bank and boat. He took a flying leap to clear the boat. His

aim was short, and he landed smack in the boat...

Monk Small was in town last Thursday with the head of a big black rattler. This snake was killed by Ted Callahan in the kitchen of the Callahan residence at Spice Run. It was discovered by Mrs. Small, who went for help. The snake had just caught and swallowed a half grown rabbit. It was evidently seeking a quiet place to sleep off his big meal.

Of course, the books say there can be no such thing as a snake charming a bird or an animal. However, every now and then, people come along to catch them in the act. The other day, Melvin Moore was driving his big lumber truck along a road. He noticed a rabbit acting a bit strangely. And with good reason, for a great black snake had the poor creature just about hypnotized. Mr. Moore killed the snake. The rabbit soon came out of its daze and made its way off.

The snake was more than six feet long.

WOOL POOL

So far as the number of sheep raisers cooperating and the number of fleeces consigned, the Pocahontas County Wool Pool of last week was the largest on record. As for actual weight, the amount delivered by 264 sheepmen was 59,543... Glenn Shrader's store is swamped with wool this year, too. He will handle 60,000 pounds or better before the week is out.

Another big buyer of wool is Pritchard's Store at Dunmore. About 50,000 pounds will be handled there. This leaves the wool buyers at Durbin, Greenbank, Hillsboro and other places to be heard from.

As usual, the Pocahontas County Cooperative Wool Pool was the largest in the state. The pool was one of the best as to quality of wool and the manner in which it was handled.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 26, 1924

Ira D. Brill is improving his property by the addition of a sun parlor.

H. C. Dohoo, with Swarthmore Chautauqua, is in Marlinton this week, in preparation for Chautauqua which opens on Tuesday in July. Mr. Dohoo was born an Englishman. Coming out to Canada, he worked for a Scotch farmer. Later he came to the States and found employment as a cowboy and cowpuncher. This seems to be a considerable step away from his present occupation. His experience has covered a wide scope – London, Canada, the West, Chautauqu.

Col. D. A. Fisher, of Huntersville, was in Marlinton the other day to swear himself out a hunting and fishing license. On his application he gave his age as 87 years. While here, he bought a lot of paint as he has contracted to paint a neighbor's house. The Colonel is about the

youngest man of my acquaintance. The years just seem to mellow him. Hale and hearty and full of good cheer, it does you good to have him meet and greet you. He finds pleasure in his friends and he returns the pleasure with interest.

Last year, Colonel Fisher left the deer in his door yard to hunt on the Alleghany. Far off pastures are always greener. He only stayed two days. The hunters gathered in so thick and the shooting was too promiscuous and general like. In telling about it, the colonel said that if he had to be shot, he wanted it to be done when he had an equal show with the other

fellows. Colonel Fisher served four years in the Confederate army, a member of the First Virginia, one of the original regiments of Stonewall Jackson's Brigade.

SURPRISE PARTY

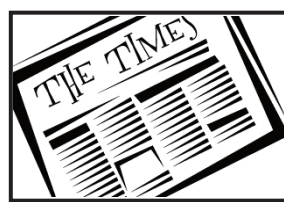
The young people of Minnehaha Springs gave Miss Maggie Eubank, niece of Rev. and Mrs. Palmer Eubank, a surprise party Monday evening. Those present were: Misses Mamie White, Margaret Sharp, Hallie Siple, Lorena Warren, Nelle Sharp, Mildred Herold, Cristine Loury, Elisabeth Hansel and Glenna McElwee. Messrs. Arthur Sharp, Hubert Sharp, Claude Warren, Kyle Larue, Ralph Snapp, Ment Loury, Hal Moore, Arndt White, Kyle Loury, Clarence Allen, Carson Herold, Woodrow Herold, Guy McElwee,

Clarence McLaughlin. Many interesting games were played, and refreshments were served.

MARRIED

Wednesday afternoon, June 25, 1924, at three o'clock, Oren Everette Welder and Miss Maude Ellen Candler were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse. The groom is from Marie, Summers county, and has been working at the local tannery for some time. The bride is the eldest daughter of N. J. Candler. The bride and groom left on the four o'clock train for a honeymoon trip to Summers

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, June 27, 1974

We hear from Johnnie Hill a most interesting story with a good ending. Last Thursday, his brother, Hugh, came to the house for help – a young calf had fallen down a hole. With a light, they could see the calf at the bottom of a limestone pit, about 40 foot down. They had a 30-foot rope which did not reach it. They thought of spelunkers. A call brought quick help from Peter Hauer and friends down the road. They came with their caving equipment and soon had the calf out, apparently none the worse for the 40-foot fall. The mud at the bottom probably provided enough cushion to save it.

Mrs. Stella McLaughlin reports a Big Boy tomato ripe June 26. Just as she was through telling about it, Mrs. Harold Murphy, who lives on the Clover Lick road, called to report a ripe tomato on June 26 - also a cold set, from seeds purchased from Gurney Seed Company of Yankton, South Dakota, planted in February and set out in the garden about May 20. Colonel Bill McNeil has ripe cherry tomatoes in his garden.

SPORTS

Jim Rose, a sensational

football performer for Pocahontas County High School, has signed a letter-of-intent to play football at Shepherd College. The 5-11, 200-pound Rose closed out a spectacular career under coach Elmer Friel by being named to the All New River Valley, All Central West Virginia and All American honor squads.

At Shepherd, Rose will join former teammates Dave Cain and Ken Arbogast...

ROCKATHON

On July 12, 1974, the Pocahontas County Older Adults Center, Inc., will sponsor a Rockathon to help raise money for the fiscal year 74-75 in order to obtain matching federal funds.

Participants will ask area merchants and or private citizens to sponsor them for an agreed amount of money per hour in the Rockathon.

Participants will begin at the Tastee Freez on Third Avenue at 10 a.m. attempting to rock until 4 p.m. The 4-H Clubs will be participating in the Rockathon along with anyone else who would like to rock.

WEDDINGS

Miss Phyllis Ann Rexrode and Larry B. Plyler were married in a double ring ceremony Saturday afternoon,

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, June 29, 1899

The 4th of July will be properly celebrated in Marlinton. The committee has arranged to have the big Merry-go-round in operation; the Hillsboro Brass will furnish delightful music, and no pains will be spared to provide all manner of iced delicacies for the crowd. The best of order is guaranteed for the satisfaction of the peaceable minded by a corps of special police. The town hall will be open for dancing.

A number of calves belonging to J. H. Lantz died suddenly and violently last week showing many of the symptoms of spinal meningitis.

Dr. Cunningham, gigging in the river at the mouth of the creek Monday night, came upon a four-pound eel which he speared and secured after a desperate struggle.

A good many appeared in court to answer a rule for not attending to give evidence before the grand jury, and the judge held a levee to hear their excuses. Each pled the excuse of sickness of either himself or family and all promised to attend the next grand jury term. Among them was J. C. Armentrout, who lives 10 miles above Traveller's Repose and 46 miles from the county seat. We gathered, in private conversation with him, that in his section it was hard not to see violations of the game law, but that, by hard work,

he had been able not to see any. He also informed us that he had kept account of the number of trout served at his table in 1898, and that the whole number was 3,452.

A whiskey drummer who has been in the business 25 years said the other day, "The sale of whiskey is decreasing every year. People have quit drinking. It is no longer considered good form to swill it. A drunken man is a disgrace. A tipples can not hold a job anywhere that is respectable and progressive. The railroads won't have him, neither will anybody else. The sentiment is getting stronger against it. The teacher, the preacher, and the papers are all against it. In 20 years from now, the whiskey problem will have solved itself. Beer, soda, water, lemonade, milkshake, and other light beverages will have crowded it out of the saloons and drugstores, into the medicine chest. – West Virginia News

ENOS SHARP CASES

A section of country near the line of the Huntersville and Green Bank districts is interested vitally in the investigation into the matters pointed out by Enos Sharp which have resulted so far in getting himself bound over to appear before the grand jury, while the other side remains at large.

This section has suffered greatly in the past few years from thieves, and so many sheep have been driven off

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Taking a step back in time



ARCHEOLOGICAL DIGS BEGAN at Fort Warwick in 1989 and visitors to the site last weekend were given an opportunity to join in the excavation.



AMONG THE ARTISANS who demonstrated at the celebration was Terry Carr, a blacksmith from Huntersville. This was the first time Carr has taken his blacksmithing skills on the road. *S. Stewart photos*

Simmons celebrates 100 years

A 100th Birthday Celebration was held Saturday, June 22, at The Seasons in Lewisburg for Agnes Kershner Simmons.

Agnes was born June 21, 1924, at home, on Droop Mountain. She attended the Sunshine School through eighth grade, then went to Hillsboro High School where she graduated in 1942.

Following graduation, she moved to Akron, Ohio, where she worked for Goodyear Aircraft until the end of World War II.

Agnes married Elmer Simmons August 2, 1946, and spent her first anniversary in the hospital giving birth to their son, Jim.

Elmer was employed by the Federal Prison System and worked at the Federal Prison Camp on Kinnison Mountain. When that camp closed, they were transferred to Greenville, South Carolina; from there to



Minnesota, Terra Hute, Indiana, Dallas, Texas, and Milan, Mississippi. They eventually moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where Elmer retired as an Associate Warden.

They chose a house on Dwyer Lane in Lewisburg as their retirement home. Elmer passed away in June 1991, and their son, Jim, died December 20, 2007.

Agnes moved to The Seasons Assisted Living in 2020. Several members of the Kershner and Simmons families joined Agnes Saturday to help her celebrate this major milestone. Submitted by Shirley Walker, niece.

AT THE FORT Warwick 250th Anniversary celebration, re-enactor Doug Wood portrayed a Shawnee Indian named Chingwee. He showed how Indians would prepare a camp when they were on scouting trips and described in detail the pictographs they drew on trees, shown at left.

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Tax, from page 2

Commissioner Jamie Walker said, by his calculation, the 90 acres produces about 160 bales of hay and if you divide that by three, each farmer would get a little over 50 bales, which would not be worth their time and effort. He suggested the commission put the contract out on bid effective next year, but warned that other farmers could also bid on it. Commissioner John Rebinski added that if the commission allowed the other two farmers to have portions of the land out of a sense of fairness, what will happen if two or three additional farmers come next year also wanting their fair share of the hayfield. Rebinski said that the commission traditionally always rewards contractors, who do a good job year-after-year, by

renewing their contracts, and the Warners have done a good job on that hayfield for 33 years, so the commission should allow Warner to continue to make the hay on that field.

Helmick, for the second meeting in a row, tabled a decision on this until the next meeting.

In other matters, the commission:

- approved a budget amendment for the BOE Office Building Demolition Project, and a grant amendment for it, which extends the time limit for completion by one year.
- allowed the Day Report Officer to work four 10-hour days a week, and required that all Day Report employees must work 40 hour a week to get annual and sick leave benefits.
- passed a motion to put the landfill deed in the name of the Solid Waste

Authority even though the Commission is providing the purchase money.

- designated all banks with local branches in the county as FY 2024-2025 county depositories.
- agreed to pay Ethan Burgess \$125 for each mowing at the Handley Campground.
- Approved the hiring of David Burner as a part-time County Ambulance Driver at \$13/hour.
- increased the Service of Process Fee from \$25 to \$30 to stay consistent with the state.
- set a special commission meeting for June 26, at 4:30 p.m. to pay end-of-year bills.

The commission also approved 18 board appointments involving 11 different commission boards prior to adjourning.

Project, from page 2

for its six approved American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funded broadband projects. These include two projects in northern Pocahontas County.

Ruthana Beezley volunteered to obtain updates about those projects. She also said that both the Town of Marlinton and the Pocahontas County Commission have said that they have set aside some of their ARPA money to help with broadband project local match funding, and she will also check to see if this is still their intent.

Sauce, from page 2

For being named Hot Dog Sauce Grand Champion, Tony received a \$500 gift certificate. The three finalists were not told of their final placement in the contest until the time of the announcement.

In addition to the 1,000 hot dogs and the official 2024 state birthday cake, refreshments included West Virginia shaped cookies, and Babydog-designed cookies. West Virginia's official state cake and punch, blackberry walnut and "Mountain Mama Punch" respectively, were also served.

Calendar, from page 4

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

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

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

Marlinton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 16741 Seneca Trail, Marlinton. Bible Study Saturday 9:30 a.m. Church service, 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Marlinton United

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

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

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale – Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

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

Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219 – Sunday

Service 10 a.m.

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

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 5 p.m. Study of Revelation.

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

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

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Have a safe and happy holiday.

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June 15, 1974, at two o'clock at the Monterey United Methodist Church.

The candlelight wedding ceremony of Miss Betty Jane Callison and Mr. Gary Rae Crosby was performed by the Reverend Harper Thomas Callison on Saturday evening, June 15, 1974, at

seven o'clock in the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David A. Barker, of McLean, Virginia, a daughter, Celeste Catherine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Michael, of Lewisburg, a son, Jonathan Paul.

DEATHS

DIED

John Ezra Waugh died Thursday morning, June 26, 1924, at the home of his son, Samuel Waugh, at Cass. His age was 72 years. He is survived by his wife and their nine children. He was a son of the late Beverly Waugh of the Levels. His body will be brought to Marlinton Friday morning and interment will probably be in Mt. View Cemetery.

Lawrence Hill, aged 19 years, only son of Aunt Mattie Hill, died June 21, 1924, at the University Hospital at Charlottesville. He had some tubercular affection, and he had been sick all winter. Burial at Brownsburg cemetery on Monday afternoon.

Miss Rachel Blanch Gum, of Bartow, died May 30,

Mrs. Constance Herold Gissy, 33, of Bridgeport, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. June Herold, Jr. Burial in the Bridgeport Cemetery.

Ralph Leon Long, 56, of Healing Springs; born in Marlinton, a son of the late Benjamin Franklin and Mary Cameron Long. He was a retired C & O Station Porter. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

1924 at Davis Memorial Hospital where she underwent an operation of appendicitis. Her age was 10 years, 9 months and 15 days. Funeral service was held at the Arbovale church. The body was laid to rest in the Arbovale Cemetery. She leaves to mourn her loss, her mother, and four brothers, Bruce, Ralph, Dale and Paul. ... Why did she die when life seemed fair

And no dark clouds were near
 To dim the brightness of her life
 Or start the bitter tear?
 We thought not at the close of day,
 When night veiled earth and sky,
 That one so full of life and hope
 Would breathe a last good bye...

History, from page 7

that some farmers have ceased to raise sheep. Hanson Dilley alone has lost 65 sheep, and George Fertig lost eight and found his bell sheep with the bell muted, indicating that an attempt had been made to drive the whole flock off. Hogs running in the mountains and poultry in large quantities have also been taken. There

is no question but that an organized gang is at work; but the authorities can not be too careful for, with such a condition of affairs, it is not hard to raise suspicion against almost anyone.

The racket started when Scott Kelley was arrested on a peace warrant and, at the hearing, Enos Sharp declared that Kelley had admitted to him that he had assisted in the cutting of Dick Knapp's throat, and that he could name the men who had been driving peo-

ple's sheep off from the range.

In regard to the sheep stealing, Sharp detailed the circumstances attending the driving off of sheep on Elk on the day of the Confederate Reunion at Marlinton in 1897, when the whole county was away from home.

Unfortunately, the witness' reputation for truth and veracity in the neighborhood in which he lives has been successfully assailed in two late trials and his evidence made of no effect...

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county. They will be domiciled with the Candler on Upper Tannery on their return.

A wedding of interest took place at Webster Springs, when Mr. Jesse P. Hannah, of Slaty Fork, and Miss Lelah Hamrick, of Webster Springs, appeared before Rev. Johnson June 17, and were united in marriage. Afterwards touring to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Hannah, where a very beautiful reception was given. Mr. and Mrs. Hannah went to Washington and other Eastern cities to spend their honeymoon.

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lee Madison, a daughter, Marian Martin.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey C. "Buddy" Meadows, a daughter Mary McKim.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Y. Jackson, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cassell, of Buckeye, a son, Thomas Lee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cook, a son, Raymond.

COMING HOME

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riley, of Arbovale, that the remains of their son, First Class Machinist Robert Clinton Riley, who has been interred in the Manilla Cemetery in the Philippine Islands, is enroute to the United States.

DEATHS

Joseph M. Lovic Vaughan, aged 82 years, of Hillsboro, a son of the late J. B. and Mary Jane Anderson Vaughan. On Sunday afternoon the funeral was held from Emanuel Church with interment in the church cemetery.

Charles Hayes Simmons, aged 77 years, a native of Summers County and a son of the late John and Caroline Simmons. On Saturday afternoon his body was buried in the family plot in Mt. View Cemetery, the service conducted by his minister.

Funeral service for Circuit Judge Mark L. Jarrett was held from the Old Stone church Monday afternoon. On Saturday, his body was found in New River, near Radford, Va. He had been missing for several days from a sanitarium at Radford where he had been a patient.

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- Every Day:**
 8 a.m. - Dark Flea Market – Third Avenue
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum open for tours – Rt. 219
 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Rivertown Café and Shops Open
- Thursday, July 11**
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pocahontas Co. Arts Council Adult Art Show – McClintic Library
 1 - 5 p.m. Drop off entries for Food, Flowers and Vegetables Contest – Wellness Center
 1 - 5 p.m. Drop off Photography and Children's Art – Wellness Center
 2 - 5 p.m. Drop off Quilts for display – Opera House
 5 p.m. Quilt Critiquing – Opera House
 5 - 7 p.m. Craft Vendors set up – Opera House
 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Youth Block Party and Youth Bike Decorating (age 17 and younger) – Gazebo
 7 - 7:15 p.m. Children & Pet Parade – Registration and line up at Mini Park – Judging 7:15 p.m.
 7:30 p.m. Children & Pet Parade – Main Street
 7:45 p.m. Bubbles, Balloons & Street Fun – Main Street at Tourism Office
 7:30-7:50 p.m. Gavin Walls – Discovery Junction
 7:50-9:30 p.m. Jayce Turley & Cardinal Point – Discovery Junction

- Friday, July 12**
 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Arts & Craft Show – Opera House
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Quilt Display – Opera House
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Artists at the Depot – Fourth Avenue
 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Food, Flowers and Vegetables Exhibits open to the public – Wellness Center
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pocahontas Co. Art Guild Adult Art Show – McClintic Library
 2 p.m. Old-Time Spelling Bee and WV History Contest – Museum, Rt. 219
 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Photography and Children's Art Show – Wellness Center
 7:00 p.m. Fireman's Parade – Main Street
 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Mud Hole Control & Square Dance – Southern States

- 7:30 - 7:50 p.m. Nathan Seldomridge – Discovery Junction
 7:50 - 9:30 p.m. Holly Forbes – Discovery Junction
- Saturday, July 13**
 All Day: Hammons Family Banjo & Fiddle contest – Discovery Junction
 8:30 - 9 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Competitions registration begins – Mini Park
 9 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Competitions – Mini Park
 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Arts and Craft Show – Opera House
 9 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Pioneer Days Annual Antique Car Show – Marlinton Elementary School
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Quilt Display – Opera House
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Old-Time Jam – Rivertown Shops
 1 - 5 p.m. Hammons Family Fiddle and Banjo Contest – Discovery Junction
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Artists at the Depot – Fourth Avenue
 World Class Jams – all over Marlinton
 Food, Flowers and Vegetables exhibits – Wellness Center
 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Grand Parade registration and Line up – Second Ave. in front of Frankford Vet Office. Horses must have valid Coggins.
 Noon - 4 p.m. Photography and Children's Art Show – Wellness Center
 2 p.m. Antique Car Parade and Grand Parade – Second Avenue to Main Street
 3 p.m. Anything that Floats Race – Greenbrier River, from horse arena to bridge.
 4 - 5 p.m. Contest Judge Jam – Discovery Junction
 5 - 5:30 p.m. Judges Jam and Awards – Discovery Junction
 5 - 6 p.m. Pick up Quilts – Opera House
 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys – Discovery Junction
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bing Brothers with Jake Krack – Discovery Junction
 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Danny Paisley – Discovery Junction
 8:30 - 10:10 p.m. DJ Spoozy – Southern States

On The Badge:

The Allegheny Trail (ALT) is West Virginia's longest hiking trail at 311 miles. The trail is broken up into four sections. Pocahontas County has parts of Section 2 and Section 3 in it. The ALT spans through Preston, Tucker, Randolph, Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Monroe counties. Pocahontas County has the most mileage of any county at 86 miles. The ALT also runs through four West Virginia State Parks – Watoga, Cass, Blackwater and Moncove, and two West Virginia State Forests – Seneca and Calvin Price.

This trail is for day hikers, section hikers and through hikers. People can come enjoy a few miles with the kids and dog or several nights backpacking. All 311 miles of the Allegheny Trail is maintained primarily by volunteers. If you'd like to help out or for more information, visit hikethealleghenytrail.org. It is also on Facebook and Instagram, and there is a monthly newsletter.

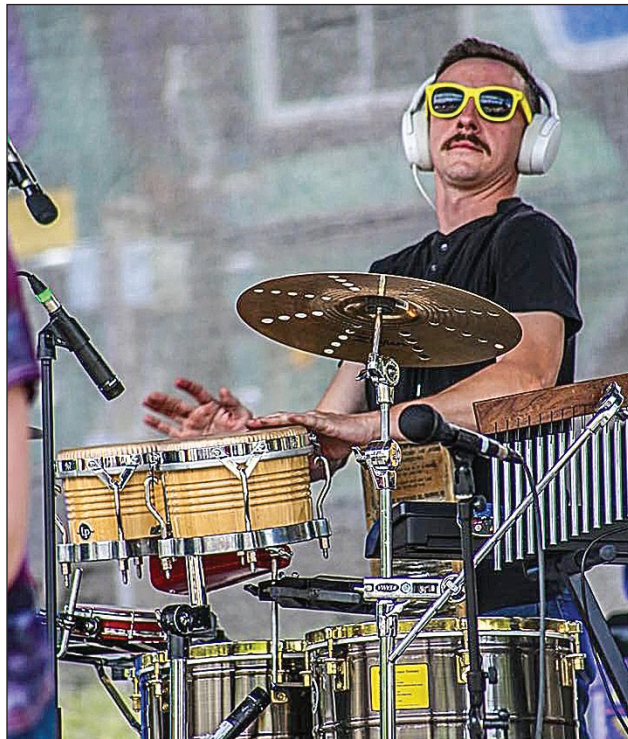
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Rivertown Homegrown Music Series ~ July 5, 7 to 10 p.m.



The July 5 show will feature the music of The Settlement. The Settlement is a jam band from Huntington. Cleverly combining hard rock riffs, jazz harmonies, funky bass lines, dreamy pop melodies, syncopated grooves and world music influences, this ensemble offers something for everyone. Each member has their own unique flavor and contributes to the vast array of sounds. Each set is different from the last, offering an original live performance that thrives on energy, improvisation, creativity and love. Rivertown is located in the former C. J. Richardson building.



MEMBERS OF THE Settlement, shown here in separate photos, will jam at Rivertown Friday, July 5.



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2024 DDHF Baby, Little Miss, Junior Miss, Teen Miss and Miss Durbin Days Pageant, "Rhinestones, Bows and Country Roads," at Pocahontas County High School Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

2 - 6 p.m. Durbin Arts Center - Drop-in classes (free)
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Old Kinder's Market: Drop-off/set up display pieces for Photography, Quilting, Needlework, Art, Gardening and Ceramics Contests
5 - 10 p.m. Carnival - R&D Amusements
Food and other vendors
6 - 10 p.m. Bingo
Dunking Booth*
6 - 6:45 p.m. The Memphis Rundown Band - Main Stage
7 p.m. Greased Pig Contest (registration begins at 5 p.m.) at Annex Tent
7 - 10 p.m. Corey Hager - Main Stage
8 - 10 p.m. Cornhole at Annex Tent

THURSDAY, JULY 18

1 p.m. Snake Show with special guest, Roy Moose, Durbin Library
2 - 6 p.m. Durbin Arts Center - Drop-in classes (free)
5 - 10 p.m. Carnival - R&D Amusements
Food and other Vendors
6 - 10 p.m. Dunking Booth*
Bingo
Spencer Hatcher and the Ol' Son Gang, Main Stage
7 p.m. Pet Show (Registration at 6 p.m.; \$5 entry fee, proceeds benefit Pocahontas County Humane Society) at Annex Tent
8 - 10 p.m. Cornhole at Annex Tent

FRIDAY, JULY 19

2 - 6 p.m. Durbin Arts Center - Drop-in classes (free)
2 - 8 p.m. Country Craft Fair and Entries in Photography, Quilting, Needlework, Art, Gardening and Ceramics Contests open for viewing, Old Kinder's Market.
5 p.m. Karaoke with Brandon Kerr, Station 2 Restaurant
5 - 11 p.m. Carnival - R&D Amusements
Food and other vendors
6 p.m. Little Switzerland Cloggers, Station 2 parking lot
6 - 10 p.m. Bingo
Dunking Booth*
7 p.m. Fireman's Parade, Main Street. Lineup at 6:30 p.m. at Widney Park
7:30 - 11 p.m. Rock House Road, Main Stage
8 - 11 p.m. Cornhole at Annex Tent
10 p.m. Fireworks Show Honoring First Responders (weather permitting)

SATURDAY, JULY 20

8:30 a.m. 5K Run/Walk (Registration at 8 a.m.; \$25 entry fee. Bartow Intersections of Rts. 28 and 250). Sponsored by Pocahontas County Parks & Recreation
9 a.m. - Noon Car Show, Durbin Library Parking Lot. Sponsored by Steve and Linda Donahue; entertainment provided by Carl Behrens.
10 a.m. BBQ Chicken BFD Fire & Rescue
10 a.m. - Noon Old-Time music jam with Cheat Mountain Express, Annex Tent.
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Country Craft Fair and Entries in Photography, Quilting, Needlework, Art, Gardening and Ceramics Contests open for viewing, Old Kinder's Market.
1 - 11 pm. Carnival - R&D Amusements
Food and other vendors
2 - 6 p.m. Durbin Arts Center - Drop-in classes (free)

2 p.m. Antique Car Parade, followed by Grand Feature Parade. Lineup begins at 1 p.m.; Judging at 1:30 p.m. near Durbin Firehouse
6 - 10 p.m. Dunking Booth*
7 - 11 p.m. Nite Phix, Main Stage
8 p.m. Cornhole Tournament at Annex Tent
10 p.m. Fireworks
*Dunking Booth proceeds benefits local organizations.



"The Salt Maker," Jim Bordwine, will be on the Carnival Grounds Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20

Durbin Days Heritage Festival invites you to spend some time Friday and Saturday with "The Salt Maker," Jim Bordwine.

He will bring to life the history of the people of the Appalachian Mountains and the role this region had in the Ice Age, Revolutionary and Civil wars and some of history's greatest moments – including rocket fuel and moonshine.

Bordwine has a history of his own. He has been a Living History Artist for more than 30 years. His appearances on "Mountain Men" (History Channel) and his work to keep and share "real" history will add to your experience as he talks you through the sites where history was made and has been kept.



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THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY Historical Society Museum's float in the 2023 Pioneer Days parade replicated the interior of a pioneer cabin. Below, horse and riders in pioneer dress are always a welcomed sight. S. Stewart photos



Pioneer Days ~ July 11 – 13

Fun for the whole family beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday evening with the Youth Block Party, Children and Pet Parade, Bubbles, Balloons and Street Fun on Main Street. Gavin Walls will perform on stage at Discovery Junction at 7:30, followed by Jayce Turley and Cardinal Point. Friday and Saturday provide all-day events with the return of all your favorite activities that bring you "home" to Pioneer Days. Music all weekend by various bands including the Black Mountain

Bluegrass Boys, Bing Brothers with Jake Krack, Mud Hole Control, Danny Paisley and more. Square dance at the Southern States lot Friday night, 7:30. Grand Parade Saturday at 2 p.m. Antique Car Show Saturday 9 to 1:30 p.m. Pick up a brochure for full details.

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MUSICIANS WHO PARTICIPATED in the 2023 Hammons Family Fiddle and Banjo Contest hold a jam session at Rivertown in the former C. J. Richardson building in Marlinton. S. Stewart photos

The Hammons Family Fiddle and Banjo Contest

July 12, 2024 ~ July 13, 2024

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CARNIVAL RIDES ARE one of the highlights of Durbin Days Heritage Festival. S. Stewart photos



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TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1) Honolulu (2) Chameleon (3) Cleveland Browns (4) Willie Mays



TINA RAPPOLD WAS entertained last week by the playful antics of wildlife during her trip to Watoga State Park. A family of black bears – a mother and two babies – were seen on the side of the road. The concerned momma watched as her cubs tried to climb a tree – with one succeeding – before they ran across the road to another adventure. Thanks to Rappold's swift reflexes and smartphone, we are able to share photos from the three bears' outing.

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