

LLHF ~ maintaining values and traditions

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

It was hot and humid Saturday, but that didn't keep visitors to the Little Levels Heritage Fair from enjoying themselves. With tours of the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace and McNeel Mill, as well as festivities at Hillsboro Elementary School, there was something for everyone.

The music was old-time and bluegrass with performances from the Hefner Sisters, Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters, Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, Viney Mountain Bluegrass Boys and Uncle Gary and the Porch Pickers. The harmonies were on point, and it was hard not to clap or stomp along to the beat.

The HES pavilion – which was dedicated in the afternoon with a ribbon cutting – housed crafters and bakers with lots of goods to sell. The pavilion was paid for with donations from members of the local community and is only half-way finished. The plan is to add electricity and a concrete floor, so the school is still



open to donations for those who want to contribute.

The pavilion will be used by the school for activities and is also available to the community for a small rental fee.

While the music wafted around the school grounds and attendees enjoyed the display of classic cars, there were several activities to take part in including an old-fashioned tug-of-war competition, shirt tie-dyeing and even learning how to rope a



THE HILLSBORO ELEMENTARY School pavilion was officially dedicated During the Little Levels Heritage Fair. Taking part in the ribbon cutting, l to r: Ruth Taylor, Pocahontas County Board of Education president Sue Hollandsworth, Superintendent of Schools Lynne Bostic, HES principal Becky Spencer, Abigail McNeel and David Smith. At left, grand prize winner in the pie contest Mike Smith is shown with the contest sponsor Ruth Taylor. This is Smith's second consecutive win. S. Stewart photos

triple berry pie. Second place went to Sydney Taylor and third place to Joyce Mullens.

For winning the grand prize, Mike Smith received a Feistaware pie plate donated by Bob and Ruth Taylor.

There were also awards for the parade entries.

In agricultural equipment, first place went to Bee Rose; second place, Dustin Sim-

mons; and third place to Ed Workman.

In miscellaneous parade entries, first place went to Jolene Workman; second place, Little Miss Pocahontas Miley Alderman; and third place to Ken Beezley.

The Mosesso Insurance Agency won first place in the float category for its covered wagon float.

The theme for the fair this

year was Pearl S. Buck Birthplace, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a museum. In addition to tours of the Stulting house where Buck was born, there was also a special photography display in the Sydenstricker Cabin of the late Doug Chadwick's panoramic photography, hosted by Preserving Pocahontas.



THE VOCAL CLASS closed out the Allegheny Echoes Student Concert Thursday night with its rendition of "I'll Fly Away." The class dedicated the song to the late Homer Hunter, who was a welcomed and beloved member of every music session he attended. The Student and Master's concerts took place on stage at Discovery Junction. S. Stewart photo

Allegheny Echoes ~ a family affair

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Allegheny Echoes week is a good time to play the license plate game in Marlinton. The one-of-a-kind old-time and bluegrass music "camp" attracts musicians of all skill levels from all over the country. They converge on Marlinton and fill the town with tunes as old as the moun-

tains.

They claim to only know how to sing *Boil That Cabbage Down*, but tend to leave the camp with a close relationship to *Old Joe Clark*, *Old Susanna* and *Liza Jane*.

After just four days of class, the students of Allegheny Echoes take the stage for the student concert. This year was the 28th year of performances; and the first year the concert was

held at the Discovery Junction.

Beginners, intermediate and advanced musicians plucked and picked at their guitars, banjos, fiddles and upright basses as they played the songs that define Appalachian music. They lifted their voices, as well, singing the words of old-time pioneers.

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Cryptids join landmarks in new Marlinton mural



THE LATEST PIECE of public art is located on Ninth Street in Marlinton, and was painted by Kelson Thorn, of Petersburg. The mural was the brainchild of Pocahontas County Arts Council member Peggy Owens, who gave Thorn a basic idea of what she wanted and he brought it to life with vivid colors. The mural was funded by the PCAC through grants provided by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History under the direction of Randall Reed-Smith. The grants were for Youth Engagement Through Public Art and a STEAM Power Grant.

This is just the beginning for new art in Marlinton. Owens reported that the PCAC has received a 9/11 Day of Service Grant which will fund a mural honoring local servicemen and women. Photo courtesy of Kelson Thorn



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In Their Own Words

Patrick Morrissey ~ Republican candidate for Governor of West Virginia

Since being elected West Virginia's Attorney General in 2012, Patrick Morrissey has secured countless wins for the Mountain State and for West Virginia conservative values. He is nationally recognized as a leader in the fight against federal overreach.

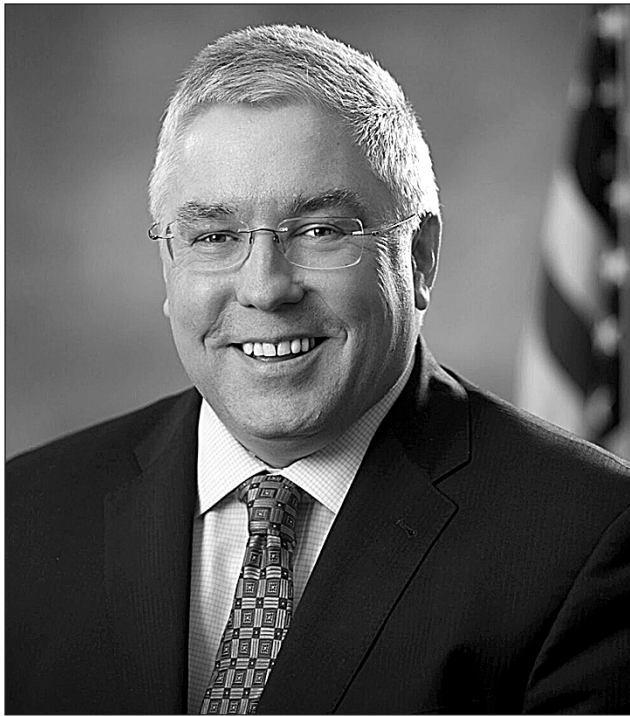
Morrissey has been the public face of some of the nation's most significant legal victories in recent years. He spearheaded America's largest win against the deep administrative state in decades (WV v. EPA), a pivotal case for our state because it helps protect energy jobs and limits the ability of federal agencies to issue regulations without clear statements from Congress. He was a leading advocate of bringing constitutional carry to West Virginia citizens, led the effort to successfully defend the state's school choice laws (one of the broadest in the country), and set up the first-ever Disability Fraud Unit in the state over Republican and Democratic opposition. He's the first pro-life Attorney General in West Virginia history, and defends the states' pro-life laws in Court without reservation.

With his unmatched experience and incredible success, Morrissey is now the Republican candidate for

Governor of West Virginia. He is running for Governor to put more money in the pockets of hardworking West Virginians, to advance educational excellence, supercharge economic and workforce growth, and protect families from the ravages of drugs and the woke, anti-freedom, socialist threats facing us today.

Under Morrissey's leadership, West Virginia has aggressively attacked the opioid epidemic. He's won numerous settlements against drug companies, bringing in a record-breaking amount of funds (over \$1 billion with the counties and cities, and securing the highest per capita settlements in the nation) to be used to fight this epidemic. He has established a comprehensive agreement and plan for the state and all of its political subdivisions to address the drug and fentanyl problems holistically. Morrissey's landmark agreement was widely praised, earning public votes of support from all 55 West Virginia counties and 34-0 and 94-0 votes in the state Senate and House.

Morrissey's conservative values stem from his upbringing, instilled in him from his father, a World War II veteran and account manager for steel companies, and his mother, a VA registered



nurse. The Attorney General put himself through college and law school by working multiple jobs and balancing his academic, athletic and economic pursuits. His strength of character, hard work ethic, and perseverance were further strengthened after law school when he nearly endured bankruptcy. He waited tables, picked up odd jobs, practiced law, and put in very long hours to make ends meet.

A Rutgers College and Rutgers School of Law graduate, Morrissey has had a multi-faceted career in law and public service, including

roles as a former Partner and Practice Chair at a major national law firm, a former Chairman of the Republican Attorney Generals Association, a former Chief Counsel to the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee, an owner of his own law practice, and former professional Tennis Umpire (worked through the finals of the U.S. Open).

He is married to his wife, Denise, and they have one daughter, Julia. He moved to Harpers Ferry in 2006, after many years of visiting the state and taking in its beauty.



Charlotte Lane

Happy Birthday, America!

Charlotte Lane
Chair of the PSC

As I prepared this column, I fondly remember reading that the most important thing to emerge from the historical period known as the Age of Enlightenment was the United States.

I'm not sure how historians measure such things. However, I certainly endorse the concept that these United States, a diverse mixture of people from all over the globe, was the best thing produced from a period known for logic and reason, rationality, and the search for truth.

Ours is a nation in which the common person could, and often did, triumph over those who were in positions of privilege. And that possibility remains one of the foremost motivating powers in this nation today.

I believe the governing body of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia exemplifies that idea. The three of us sit as a tribunal over utility ratemaking issues, and none of us is the product of privilege. We're your neighbors and your colleagues. What we have accomplished, we

have done mostly through our own hard work.

I grew up on a farm along the Ohio River. My family wasn't wealthy. Winning the Golden Horseshoe in the 8th grade inspired me into politics. And while I have won elective offices, I've also been humbled by losing races.

Commissioner Bill Raney began his career as an inspector for the Division of Natural Resources, wearing the green uniform. He was born and raised in Mercer County and, like me, went to WVU. He served many years as a reserve officer in the National Guard. By hard work and effort, he earned an important leadership position with the coal association. Bill is also an elder in his church.

Commissioner Renee Larrick is from Beckley, and went to the University of Kentucky. She has taught in high school and college. Renee was the business manager of a law office when she was tapped to serve on our Commission. She knows what hard work is all about.

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Steve Williams –Democrat candidate for Governor of West Virginia

Steve's record as Mayor of Huntington is one of promises made and promises kept.

Born and raised in West Virginia, Steve Williams built a successful career in banking and finance where he helped individuals, small businesses and corporations achieve their goals. Elected Mayor of Huntington in 2012, Williams inherited a city in sharp decline. Essential services were being cut, first responders faced layoffs, and the city's bond rating was downgraded as it struggled to pay its bills. As Mayor, he took decisive action to overcome these challenges and, in 2017, Huntington was selected the \$3 million grand prize winner of the America's Best Communities competition from among 350 cities nationwide. Working with community leaders the Williams administration has been able to leverage millions of dollars in additional grants and corporate investments to revitalize Huntington. And he's done it all without raising taxes! As Governor, Williams says he will bring the same energy and drive to make sure the best West Virginia is yet to come.

During the height of the opioid addiction crisis, Huntington was hit hard, at one point registering 28 overdoses in a four-hour period. Williams marshaled community leaders and city resources and got to work. He created quick response teams and employed innovative new treatment options to help overdose victims find ways to break the cycle of addiction. And that's not all. Williams took the big drug distribution firms to court – the same firms who bragged about "turbocharging opioid sales" – and made them pay for the misery they created in his city. In a few short years, Huntington went from being known as ground zero for the opioid crisis to being known as "the city of solutions" and a national model for how to deal with the drug epidemic.

When Williams took office, much of downtown Huntington consisted of boarded-up office space and city streets and neighborhoods were suffering under years of neglect. Once again, he got to work and put together a redevelopment plan that was selected as the

grand prize winner in a nationwide competition. Steve used that plan and the \$3 million grant money that came with it, to leverage nearly half a billion dollars in public and private investments that are transforming Huntington. Unemployment and crime are down, new businesses are opening up, and the city's decaying sewer and stormwater systems are receiving a \$200 million upgrade. The city's bond rating has been restored to A status, and Huntington has the largest rainy day fund in its history.

Mayor Williams has said, "If we can do all this in Huntington, we can do it in the rest of West Virginia. I want to use the lessons I've learned as Mayor, as an investment banker, as city manager, and as a member of the House of Delegates, to build West Virginia into the kind of state we're all proud to call home. I want West Virginia to be a model for what's possible when people of good will work together."



As your Governor, and with your help, I know that West Virginia's best days are still ahead of us.

Steve is married to the love of his life, Mary Poindexter Williams. He has two step-daughters, Nikki Reed and Laura Urban, of

whom he is immensely proud. Steve has a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Marshall University where he played football for the Young Thundering Herd, and a Master's of Public Administration from West Virginia University.

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Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

Earlier this year, my wife and I began watching the Apple TV+ program, *For All Mankind*.

The show explores what might have happened had the Soviet Union beaten the United States to the moon.

I don't want to give too much away here, just in case some of you out there might want to watch it. (You should! It's really good!) But I think it's not too spoilery to say that one big change from reality is that the space race of the 1950s and '60s continues well into the 21st century.

In our world, spending on NASA peaked in 1966. That year, about 4.41% of the entire federal budget went to the space agency.

That is a very large percentage!

For context, all federal spending on education, training, employment and social services last year amounted to around 3% of the budget.

All that spending on the space program generated a few tangible side benefits (e.g., memory foam and Tang) But mostly, it increased human knowledge. I think we'd all agree that knowledge is important. But its importance is tricky to measure in purely monetary terms.

Economists have a name for things that are important but not really measurable in market terms. They're called "public goods." A public good is a thing that can be accessed by multiple people at once, without getting used up.

There are lots of examples of public goods—especially here in Pocahontas County. Over half of our county is public land, mostly in the form of parks and state and national forests. Parks are a quintessential public good—how can one possibly put a price on seeing the Falls at Hills Creek for the first time? The same goes for education. Going to school doesn't use up schooling. Lots of people can go.

The United States has generally been very good

about funding public goods.

In fact, there's a good case to be made that the US won the race to the moon at least in part because NASA could draw from a huge pool of college graduates—a pool that existed thanks to the GI Bill, a federal program that paid for college for around eight million World War II veterans.

To put the point a different way, much of America's standing as a superpower—one that has enjoyed a nearly unprecedented period of dominance militarily, economically and technologically—rests upon its commitment to actively support public goods.

Libraries are also public goods.

In West Virginia, a public library must have a "governing authority"—ours is the county commission—and must be at least partially funded by tax revenue.

In exchange for that tax revenue, we provide intellectual stimulation and cultural enrichment, enable lifelong learning and foster recreational reading. Are those things hard to measure in dollar terms? Yep. Are they valuable? Also yes.

Recently, we've seen an erosion in the provision of public goods. State funding of colleges and universities has cratered in the years since the Great Recession. Libraries across the country have weathered funding cuts in the wake of COVID. Parks are charging entrance fees.

This week, as we celebrate our country's 248th birthday, we will—quite rightly—take pride in the United States' continued economic, military and technological dominance.

I'll be right there with you! (The cannon fire at the end of the 1812 Overture gives me chills Every. Single. Time.)

But I'll also take a few moments to appreciate living in a country that has always prioritized public goods. I hope you'll be there with me, too.



The Local Paper: Why we need it now more than ever – Redux

"The freedom of press is one of the great bulwarks of liberty, and can never be restrained but by despotic governments."

~ George Mason

The first issue of *The Pocahontas Times* came hot off the press in 1883. In the 141 years that followed, residents of Pocahontas County have never missed even one week without our *Pocahontas Times*, even during the devastating floods of 1985 and 1996. Talk about commitment to its readers.

Local print newspapers, the lifeblood of our communities, face a unique and pressing threat from technology. The internet's power and presence are pushing these smaller papers to the brink, forcing them to find innovative ways to survive.

A recent story in the New York State Bar Association's journal about the decline of print newspapers, both large and small, found that there are now fewer than 7,000 newspapers in the U.S., most of which have a circulation of under 15,000 subscribers.

Newspapers, in general, but specifically local papers, are clearly in an existential crisis. Social media, dwindling advertising income, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) threaten smaller newspapers.

Yet, I am happy and proud to state that our *Pocahontas Times* is still healthy and provides the only focused and in-depth coverage of local news, sports, activities, and politics in this region. As is often said, "All politics is local."

You'll not drive by the Time's office without seeing the crew of women who craft our paper always, and I mean always, hard at work.

One significant difference between large-city newspapers and *The Pocahontas Times* is that writers and editors face their readers daily.

Small-town newspapers must maintain a specific sensitivity not generally exercised by larger metropolitan papers and tabloids. As one reporter for a community paper in Wyoming said, "You have to remember that

the person you are talking to is probably related to the person you are talking about."

Another distinction of local papers is that the scope and breadth of what is reported vary considerably from those of big city newspapers.

"I really love that *The Pocahontas Times* will put a picture of a third-grader in the paper who was named 'Student of the Month.' Imagine the positive effect that may have on that young student. That single experience could influence the entire course of his or her life." ~ Mary Dawson.

Of course, the most important job of any local paper is building and main-

taining the community's trust, something I feel the Times has done quite admirably for over a hundred years.

To survive, many small newspapers have gone to a digital-only status. Others lose critical advertising revenue when the big chain stores come into the area, causing small businesses to close their doors.

Additionally, the loss of local newspapers disproportionately affects rural and low-income areas because access to reliable high-speed internet is often absent.

Areas with aging populations show a greater preference for print over digital news. These people are less likely to utilize the internet or cell phone to obtain local news, making them even more marginalized.

More than 2,000 local or regional newspapers have closed their doors for good in the past 20 years. When this happens, the community suffers on several fronts. Not only are citizens deprived of local news and events, but public oversight of local officials and politicians is con-

siderably diminished.

The historical content of columns like Preserving Pocahontas, 50 years, 75 years, and 100 years ago, would be far less accessible to the public without *The Pocahontas Times*. Our weekly newspaper helps to maintain our ties to the past and the traditions of our region in Appalachia.

National and international news is ubiquitous and just a click away on our cell phones, laptops and TV. And, of course, we have Allegheny Mountain Radio as a provider of local news and events.

However, some people look forward to the heft and smell of printed news.

"I like to hold a newspaper in my hand while relaxing in a comfortable chair with a fresh cup of coffee." ~ Ruth Taylor

Local news is unique and something we should take seriously in these times of diminishing newspapers. The national news is often biased, and I wonder how, or even if, unfiltered news

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OUR OWN RUTH Taylor prefers her *Pocahontas Times* in print and accompanied by a fresh cup of coffee. K. Springer photo

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

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2. Which country is the largest in the world?
3. What U.S. state is home to Acadia National Park?
4. What was the first message sent by Morse code?

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A Blast from the Past

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He had the ring...
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Before I tried it...
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Brad Dunz turns the big 5-0 July 6, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The pool at Watoga State Park will not be open for the 2024 season, as the 90-year old facility needs to be replaced.
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, in observance of Independence Day.

The Marlinton Town Office will be closed Thursday, July 4, in Observance of Independence Day. Garbage pickup for this day will be Friday, July 5.

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
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.

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
Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Monday, July 8, 7 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton.
Allegheny Post 117 Tuesday, July 16, at Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.
NA meeting Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. at Hillsboro Library. Call 681-418-1484 for more information.

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Free Ice Cream Social at Discovery Junction Thursday, July 4, 5 p.m. Sponsored by Marlinton United Methodist Church.
Celebrate Independence Day in the Town of Marlinton Thursday, July 4, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Discovery Junction. Live music from the band "Gilt," hotdogs, hamburgers and watermelon, and Games for Kids
First Friday at Discovery Junction ~ All Things Bicycle – Friday, July 5, 5 to 7 p.m.
Rivertown Homegrown Music Series featuring the music of The Settlement Friday, July 5, 7 to 10 p.m. in the former C. J. Richardson Building, Marlinton.
Open Sew with Library Quilters of Marlinton, second Monday of each month 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McClintic Library. Everyone welcome.

Hot Dogs and Games at Widney Park Saturday, July 13, 3 to 6 p.m. Free event.
Methodist Charge-wide Picnic and Hymn Sing Sunday, August 4, 11 a.m. at Stillwell Park. Food furnished.

PARKS AND REC
All activities are at the Community Wellness Center, unless otherwise noted.
Water Wednesdays. Enjoy a splashing good time! July 10 – East Cass Park; July 17 – Stillwell Park; July 24 – Seebert "beach"; July 31 – Green Bank Library, 10:30 a.m. to noon, each location

Family Art Night. Enjoy an evening of creativity at Durbin Library, Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call 304-799-7386 to register.
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.
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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.

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 gpmglenda@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. 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
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.
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.

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

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Location	Date	Time
Marlinton Wellness Center	July 16	10 a.m
Marlinton Wellness Center	July 16	1 p.m
Durbin Library	July 17	1 p.m.
Marlinton Wellness Center	August 13	10 a.m.
Marlinton Wellness Center	August 20	10 a.m.
Marlinton Wellness Center	August 20	3 p.m.

Please call 304-799-4154 to reserve your seat. Cost of course is \$20.
Courses conclude in August.



Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

From the Mayor's perspective. The Great American Bar Scene and Album Release went as well as could be expected. Approximately three weeks of setup planning was not nearly enough time for this type of event, but Danny Flores, of Old Mountain Tavern, managed to pull off this extraordinary block party in record time. Even the Zach Bryan management team, who attended the event, were impressed by the celebration that took place in Marlinton on Saturday.

The Zach Bryan media team came to support the event which was live streamed by his top management and media. Drones in the sky produced amazing pictures that hopefully will be shared later. The event was very exciting for Marlinton with national exposure of the Old Mountain Tavern. The extra effort by all involved, out shined the other bars chosen to be a part of Zach Bryan's album release.

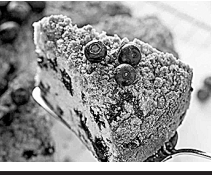
Danny pulled out all the stops in set-up for the event. A horse-drawn carriage provided rides, approximately 50 bikers showed up as part of a poker run, and the family friendly atmosphere included corn hole and pool tables in the streets, that kids and families were able to enjoy.

According to Jim Campbell, a semi-retired professional events planner, the event went off with only a few minor glitches. Jim's career in event planning, light-

ing and sound contributed to the event's overall success. He concluded it was great exposure for Marlinton and will benefit future tourism growth. Also, Jim shared his feeling that a lot of people stepped up to volunteer, on short notice, to help make this happen. It really showed what can happen when approximately 40 community volunteers come together to help a local business leader and help their town step up for a very unique opportunity. Danny Flores estimated that visitors numbered at between 1,500 and 2,000 over the 11-hour event. People came from all over the state and several from out of state. There were many positive compliments. Kids playing. Super good. A real treat for all involved. All merchandise, and Almost-Heaven BBQ, sold out by end of day.

BTW – Happy 248th Birthday, America.

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and spread into prepared pan.

Combine all topping ingredients in a small bowl until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter and bake 35-40 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool. Cut into 9 squares.

Blueberry Buckle

3/4 cup white sugar
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
1 egg
2 tsp. lemon zest
1 1/2 cup all purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup milk
1 Tbsp. flour
1 1/2 cup fresh blueberries

Topping
1/4 cup butter plus 1 Tbsp., cold, cut into small pieces
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup white sugar
1/3 cup flour
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
Grease an 8x8 inch pan. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, cream butter, sugar, egg and lemon zest until fluffy. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add to creamed mixture alternately with milk until just combined.

Blueberry Pecan Crumble

Topping
1 cup pecan pieces
1 cup flour
1 1/4 cup old-fashioned oats
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon

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Echoes, from page 1

Also taking the stage were several members of the creative writing class who read poems they penned during the week.

While there are a lot of out-of-staters taking part in the week-long camp, there are many familiar faces who make Allegheny Echoes a family affair.

Three generations of the Burt-Kinderman family – matriarch Susan Burt, her daughters, Joanna Burt-Kinderman and Sarah Riley, and her grandchildren, Ramona and Willa Hardy and Hazel and Silas Riley, were all honing their skills on their respective instruments.

Sisters Katie Broce and

Jessica Oxier were in guitar class together while Broce's son Garrett was in beginner guitar.

Brothers Silas and Victor Dean were also students, with one taking guitar and the other fiddle.

John Perry was in a mandolin class while his niece, Kaya Eves, played fiddle.

There were many more couples, siblings and all kinds of families taking part in the celebration of music and Appalachian creativity. Even if you came alone, by the time you left, you were part of a large family.

That family includes the phenomenally talented instructors who continue to the pass down the music. Guitar – Doug Hepler, Robin Kessinger, Dustin Benson, Danny Arthur and Kenny Smith. Banjo – Stephen

Casto, Chance McCoy and Tim Bing. Fiddle – Ben Davis, Dave Bing, Jake Krack and Tessa McCoy.

Mandolin – Scott Rucker and Brandon Shuping. Bass – Tim Corbett. Vocals – Amanda Smith, Dan Wilson, Bob Leving and Pete Kosky.

The concert came to a close with the vocal class singing "I'll Fly Away," dedicated to the memory of Homer Hunter who was a well-known – and well-loved – local musician and beloved member of the Allegheny Echoes family.

Allegheny Echoes offers scholarships to those who want to attend the classes, and, this year, 70 individuals received scholarships.

For more information about the program and scholarships, visit alleghenyechoes.com

Your, from page 3

would be received by a social media-inebriated and uncritical population that embraces fake news and outrageous conspiracy theories.

Has the all-pervasive media made us unable to "Handle the truth?" One introspective fellow I met on the Greenbrier River Trail said, "Hey, just give me the bare facts and not merely opinions; I'm intelligent enough to come to conclusions independently.

That one brief engagement on the GRT suggests we can handle the truth without talking heads consuming and regurgitating the news before we get it. The days of unadulterated news seem to be a thing of the past, and news journalists like Walter Cronkite and Eric Sevareid are few and far between.

It's now time to hear from a few of our readers:

"Being a relative newcomer, I rely on The Pocahontas Times for learning about the community, its people, services offered, and the Calendar of Events." ~ Robyn Fitzsimons

"One of the last bastions

of individuality that genuinely reflects the interests and concerns of our neighbors is our local newspaper." ~ Margot Marshall

"There are two things I like about The Pocahontas Times. First, there is the long tradition of local news and editorials written (in the words of Thomas Carlyle) 'with cool vigor and laconic pith.'

I also like letters that address local concerns. And I appreciate the candor in some of the classifieds, 'Cat-free to a good home, would make a good barn cat.' You can't do better than that." ~ David Elliott

"The anticipation of getting The Pocahontas Times after my dad, Vernon, finished reading it, was something that I looked forward to each and every Thursday. The local news inspired

me to become a journalist and writer." ~ John Dean

"I hope we can always have our local newspaper. It is especially important in a rural area such as ours. Events, cancellations, funerals, notices, and scheduled meetings. I also love how The Pocahontas Times promotes our fairs, festivals and fundraisers." ~ Ruth Taylor

In closing, I would like to share one memorable sentence I encountered while reading the police blotter section of a local newspaper in southeastern Ohio in February of 1977: 'Mrs. Fletcher, of 3981 Beatty Avenue, reported several schoolboys urinating dirty words in the snow in front of her house.'

You won't find that tidbit in the *New York Times!*

Ken Springer
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Calendar, from page 4

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 pm. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

America, from page 2

So, this is what I think of every time our great national birthday rolls around. In this country, if you work hard

enough at it, you can be anything you want. I like to think we commissioners exemplify that idea.

So, as I close, let me wish you – on behalf of us here at the Commission – a very happy and prosperous Fourth of July.

Answers

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650	\$258	\$233	\$230	
700 lbs.	\$243	\$220	\$221	Low Dressing
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COURSE	SUBJECT	DAY	TIME	COURSE	SUBJECT	DAY	TIME
Acct 201	Principles of Accounting I	T	4-5:15 p.m.	Math 109E	College Algebra Enhanced	M, W	12:30-2:45 p.m.
Acct 202	Principles of Accounting II	TH	4-5:15 p.m.	Mgmt 210	Principles of Management	T	4-5:15 p.m.
Acct 215	Managerial Acct	WEB	WEB	Mgmt 226	Human Resources	WEB	WEB
Biol 105	Intro to Anat./Physiology	T, TH	5:30-6:45 p.m.	Psyc 103	General Psychology	T, TH	12:30-1:45 p.m.
Biol 231	Human Anat./Physiology I	WEB	WEB	Psyc 103	General Psychology	WEB	WEB
Biol 232	Human Anat./Physiology II	WEB	WEB	Soci 210	Principles of Sociology	TH	5:30-6:45 p.m.
Comm 208	Fund of Public Speaking	M, W	2-3:15 p.m.	Socs 161	Intro to Social Work	M	4-5:15 p.m.
Comm 208	Fund of Public Speaking	WEB	WEB				
Comm 212	Interpersonal Comm	WEB	WEB				
Crmj 151	Intro to Crim Justice	M	5:30-6:45 p.m.				
Crmj 210	Correctional Manag	WEB	WEB				
Econ 211	Principles of Economics I	WEB	WEB				
Econ 212	Principles of Economics II	WEB	WEB				
Engl 101	Composition I	M, W	12:30-1:45 p.m.				
Engl 102	Research	W	7-8:15 p.m.				
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Hist 105	American History	M	9:30-10:45 a.m.				
Mast 105	Medical Terminology	T	5:30-7:45 p.m.				
Math 101	Quantitative Reasoning	T, TH	3:30-4:45 p.m.				
Math 101E	QR Enhanced	M, W	9:30-11:45 a.m.				
Math 109	Algebra	M, W	12:30-1:45 p.m.				

Last day to register for classes and pay tuition is August 23, 2024.

FIRST DAY OF CLASS IS AUGUST 19, 2024



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Obituaries

Alvadore Morgan
Alvadore Nevada Morgan, 87, of Hillsboro, died Saturday, June 15, 2024, at his home.
A memorial service will be held 1 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.
A memorial service will be held Friday, July 19, 2024, 2 p.m. at Arbovale Cemetery.

Cemetery Donations

Donations for the upkeep of the following cemeteries may be made to:

Arbovale Cemetery – Daniel Solliday, 1754 North Fork Loop, Green Bank, WV 24944

Beaver Creek Cemetery – Nancy McComb Smithson, 641 Violet Road, Marlinton, WV 24954

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Boyer Cemetery Trust – Joan Barkley, 14 Alleghany Mountain View Trail, Arbovale, WV 24915

Bruffey Creek Cemetery – Dennis Vaughan, 4108 Lobelia Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946.

Buckeye Chapel Cemetery – Juanita McNeill, 243 Waugh/Walnut Street, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Cochran Cemetery – Charlotte Alderman, treasurer, 63 Farmhouse Lane, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Dunmore Cemetery – Greg Pritchard, 15249 Browns Creek Road, Dunmore, WV 24934.

Edray Cemetery – Ben Gay, 87 Edray Road, Marlinton, WV 24954.

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Fairview Cemetery – Barbara Campbell, PO Box 11, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Grogg Cemetery on Pine Grove Road – Joseph and Doris Reed, 26 Lambs Run Road, Arbovale, WV 24915.

Gum Cemetery, Back Mountain Road – Alan Wright, 14640 Back Mountain Road, Durbin, WV 26264

Hill Top Cemetery, Cass – Richard Ryder, 707 Chert Lane, Beckley, WV 25801

Kee Cemetery – Tink Gum, 713 Spruce Flat Road, Buckeye, WV 24924; or Mike Hollandsworth, 26 Lonesome Hollow Lane, Marlinton, WV 24954.

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Hillsboro, WV 24946.

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Sharp Cemetery on Stamping Creek – Donald K. Sharp, 2703 Locust Creek Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946

Sunset Cemetery – Lyle Ware, 752 Jacox Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946

Wanless Cemetery – Margaret Cassell, 4232 Back Mountain Road, Cass, WV 24927.

Wesley Chapel Cemetery on Galford Run Road – Nancy Rexrode, 4949 Wesley Chapel Road, Green Bank, WV 24944.

Wilfong Cemetery – Barbara Williams, 1726 Seebert Wilfong Road, Marlinton, WV 24954

William Sharp, Jr. Cemetery, Back Mountain Road near Fairview – Tommy D. Sharp, 2744 Brownsburg Road, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Wilmoth Cemetery, Allegheny Mountain, Bartow – Bill Kramer, 305 Valley Pike, Lexington, Va. 24450
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‘God is not surprised’

By Dawn Reed

It’s what Sara Robinson said at Radiant (Pastor’s Wives Retreat) when speaker Christine Hoover’s plane had been delayed time and time again. We prayed and rearranged the schedule. A substitute was mic’d, ready to step to the stage. But, a few moments before her exact time to speak, Christine pulled into the parking lot and walked right to the podium.
God is not surprised when the key leader of a group is unable to go on a mission trip that was planned for a year. And another member who had prayed, saved and intended to go has to stay home due to a sudden serious illness.
God is not surprised when cancer invades a body, a family. But He is there.
God is not surprised when storms come into our lives. Mark 4 proves that to be true. The disciples had obeyed Jesus. Still the storm came. There are many other

examples in Scripture.
God was not surprised when the Israelite’s backs were against the Red Sea and Pharaoh’s army thundered straight for them.
God was not surprised when Daniel was thrown into the lion’s den. When Joseph was stranded in a dungeon in Egypt for a crime he did not commit. When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced the fiery furnace. When David stepped up to face Goliath.
God was not surprised when three armies headed to make war on Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20). The Israelites had a plan in place for what to do in time of crisis: “If calamity comes upon us...we will stand in Your presence...and cry out to You in our distress, and You will hear us and save us.” It was their Plan A. There was no Plan B.
Jeremiah 29:11 is one of those well-known verses we might rush past. “Yeah, yeah, I know that one.” Yet, it’s one to hold on to, one to

squeeze tight in the dark. God does have a plan for us. It’s a plan to prosper and not to harm; plans for hope and a future. He is for us – no matter what. Even when the plan is difficult. Even when it is not what we expected. Even when we are limping on the path.
Yes, God has a plan. And so do I. Like Jehoshaphat and his people, I’m gonna rush to Him, cry out, and be rescued.
“God is not surprised.” I speak it to myself and then to others when life has taken an unexpected detour. You know what it does? It allows me to take a relieved breath.



Dawn Reed

I’m not in charge, but I know Who is!
When life surprises me, it doesn’t surprise God.

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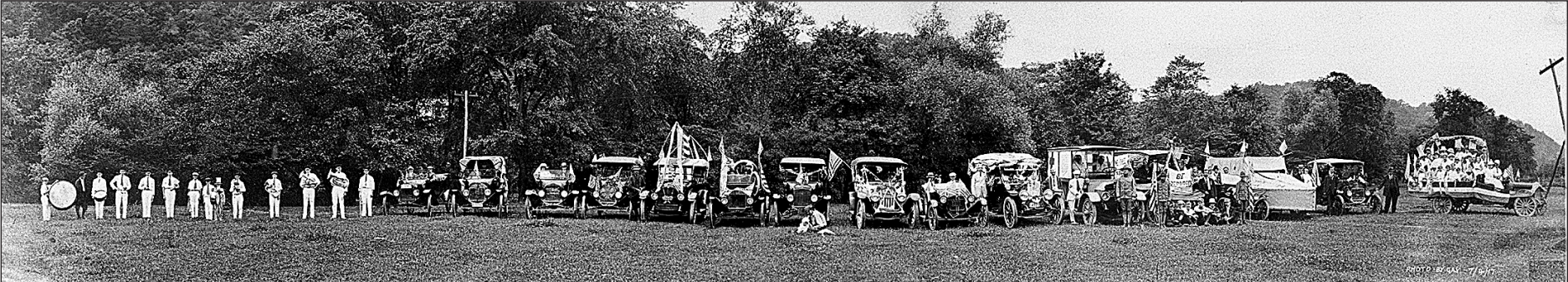
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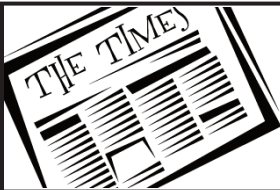
July 4th Parade Lineup - 1917



PARTICIPANTS ARE LINED up near Marlinton for a Fourth of July Parade. The photograph was taken on July 4, 1917 by local photographer Cal Gay. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection; ID: PHS000288)

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
July 4, 1974

Edgar Bridge Dedication

The Thomas C. Edgar Memorial Bridge at Seebert will be formally dedicated by Delegate Sarah Neal July 8 at 6:30 p.m. She will bring a proclamation from Governor Moore, officially naming the bridge. A bronze plaque, imbedded in a piece of marble from the Edgar farm, will be unveiled. This plaque and marble were procured by the Marlinton Rotary Club and other interested citizens of the Levels.

Editor;

I noticed the little photo article about the blacksnakes in the Times yesterday. I'd very much appreciate it if you would read the enclosed folder. I think that there is much ignorance and superstition about snakes here in Pocahontas County, perhaps due to a large number of rattlesnakes. But 99 percent of the snakes here are useful and beneficial creations of nature that do mankind only

good. Particularly the black snake.

In the midwestern corn country, some farmers will pay \$10 for a blacksnake pair to release in their barn. It is the cheapest means of rat control known, and the snake can get to the rats where poison and cats can't go. I have a pair in my barn, which I rarely ever even see, and despite large amounts of exposed corn and grains, I see no evidence at all of rat or mouse troubles.

One day, about a year ago, one of my blacksnakes was sunning itself on the berm of the road in front of the barn when a man in a pickup driving by noticed it. This was a Sunday, and he took a loaded shotgun from next to him, stuck it out the window and blasted the snake. He then drove back and forth over it to finalize his deed, and waved a friendly hand to someone on the porch. He really thought he had done us a favor, and just did not know what he had done wrong – besides shooting from a car on a Sunday with a loaded gun kept in the car...

I just spent five years teaching something like 25,000 ghetto trapped children about nature and animals before coming to Pocahontas County. I believe that all children should be taught the importance of snakes in controlling rat, mouse and insect population, and be made to know that snakes are clean, tamable, important works of God and that they deserve as much respect in our Earth's chain of life as anything else.

A newspaper editor has a responsibility in educating the public as well as just printing news. I hope that you will reconsider your editorial policy about the killing of animals when it is not actual hunting, but just killing for the sake of creating death. That is a dangerous and immoral thing to approve of, or encourage.

I hope that you aren't mad at me for writing you this letter, as it is meant in a friendly way. I do enjoy your paper and think that your preservation of hand-set print and old-time format is an important contribution to preserving America's heritage.

Very Sincerely,
Peter Hauer

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Seventy - Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
July 7, 1949

Pioneer Conference

Those in attendance at the Pioneer Group Conference of Greenbrier Presbytery from Marlinton this week at Davis and Elkins College: Maurice and Annette Rucker, Jack Bear, Jimmy Hannah, Roger Pryor, James Hubard, Basil Sharp, Don and Mary Louise Bowers, Fred Burns, Mary J. and Nancy W. Currence, Sybil and James Davis, Frances and Steve Smith, Davis Mason, Phyllis McNeill, Bubbles Moore, Charlie Roman, Jane Ruckman, Frances Bankhead, Kenneth and Don Ervine.

CHOSEN BEAUTY QUEEN

Talent, personality and beauty were considered in

the selection of Miss Anna Davisson, of Clover Lick, as "Miss West Virginia University." Candidates were nominated by various sororities. Among the eight finalists, two were from Pocahontas county, Miss Davisson and Miss Marian Tracy, of Boyer.

CATERPILLARS

Every spring there appeared hundreds, yes thousands, of caterpillar webs or nests in the trees in this section. This year there did not appear a single one that we have been able to observe and others informed us they did not see any. Wonder what suddenly became of them?

Bet Cal Price can tell us. How about it Cal? – Greenbrier Independent

Of course, the easy way out for quick answer is to

blame a dearth of caterpillars on the action of sun spots, and let the other fellow prove such fool contentions wrong. To guess it out, is to say that owing to the unusually open winter, the mother web worms came out too early and got nipped in the bud by the spring freezes and frosts.

However, I happen to know that web worms come and go in cycles. Dr. Maurice Brooks of the University, tells me the time of such a cycle is 25 years. The height was reached in the Shenandoah Valley three years ago. It just takes time for the plague of parasites to catch up with and wipe down the web worm pest to the irreducible minimum, where they will start up again from scratch.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Long, of Droop, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Circosta, of Clover Lick, a son.

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100 - Years - Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
July 3, 1924

The first Country Life Conference for the Elk Region was held at Mary's Chapel last Friday, Saturday and Sunday... The community scored high as a desirable place to live. Especially was the score a good one for the first time. A local committee was organized for community welfare, consisting of representatives from the Elk, Slaty Fork, Linwood and Dry Branch neighborhoods.

CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua pitched its tents on Tuesday and is now well under way with what is considered the best programs ever given on this circuit. Automobiles are largely used this year in transporting the advance people, tent force and talent. It saves time and is more economical than railroads...

A special patriotic program has been arranged for the Fourth of July. The afternoon session will begin at 2:30 on Friday, the Fourth... Our out of town friends should come to this part of the Chautauqua at least. The afternoon session will out and over in time to catch the 4:08 train and those in auto-

mobiles can get home for milking and other chores and be back for the fine program at night.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard VanReenan, at Woodrow, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed Johnson, of Marlinton, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sutphim, of Marlinton, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Clutter, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Irvin, at Maternity Hospital, Toledo, a son.

TRAVELING IN THE ALLEGHANIES

It is a mistake to consider that roads in the mountains of West Virginia were inaugurated by the white man. The Indians had a fine system and network of roads as could be desired for the modes of travel in vogue at that time. And it is pretty certain that these roads had reached their highest degree of perfection at the time that the white people first settled in Virginia in the year 1607. After that time, as the Indians were driven back, their roads were abandoned to a great extent. But the earliest explorers set forth on horse-

back from the Tidewater country and rode westward until they tired of the journey and turned without ever coming to the end of the road...

Probably the most remarkable road in America at the earliest date that history covers was the Seneca Trail that led from New York to Georgia, paralleling the main Alleghany Mountain, sometimes on one side of it and sometimes on the other. The Indian called it the Warrior's Road. It passed through the City of Elkins and turned there to follow up the Tygarts Valley crossing over to the waters of Elk River at Mingo, over Elk mountain near Edray, down Indian Draft, and through Marlinton, winding to the west of Hillsboro, coming along Droop Mountain to cross the Greenbrier River near the county line between Greenbrier and Pocahontas, down Anthony's Creek to the White Sulphur Springs, and from there through Monroe county to the Bluestone country and from there on in a southerly direction. It was the military road of the Iroquois nation... The Iroquois were the most powerful of the northern native nations. They attained a high state of national life and were perhaps superior to the mass of European people at the first white invasion in New York state. For over 100 years, the Iroquois occupied the moun-

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
July 6, 1899

A few days since, Eddie Carter killed the big rattlesnake whose trail has attracted attention the past two or three years, crossing the road at the Jake Place. It was between four and five feet in length and nearly 12 inches in circumference and had eleven rattles and a button.

Three chicken thieves were captured at Dunmore last week. One owl, by Swecker; one opossum, by Taylor; one skunk, by Moore.

Cornelius McLaughlin was lodged in jail for cutting Willis Sheets in the abdomen at the Stony Bottom picnic. The wound is serious, penetrating to the abdominal cavity. At Stony Bottom, a good many coattails were trod on that day, resulting in numerous fights. Bud Burner, C. P. C., carried a warrant for Bernard Hamrick, and found him at the picnic. Burner presented a pistol but Hamrick refused to yield. The trouble seemed likely to grow. Hamrick had friends who were disposed to aid and abet him and the constable gathered a posse. The two parties, 15 or more, left the grounds together. We learn that the matter was submitted in arbitration, and Hamrick gave bond to the constable for his appearance.

Gurgles from a Gorgeous Gulch

"Where I lead, others follow!" hollered Billy Ayers, as he jumped right into corn hoeing.

wood vicinity. About 40 neighbors and relatives were present at the nuptials.

Quite a pleasant society event transpired on Brown's mountain near Huntersville Thursday evening when John William Loury and Miss Sallie Hickman McLaughlin were married by Rev. William T. Price. ... The parlor where the ceremony was performed was tastefully decorated and during the service the bridal party was arranged under a canopy of ferns, flowers and evergreens.

DIED

Thomas Galford, a Confederate veteran, died July 2, 1899, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Mayse near West Union, being in his 79th year.

July 1st near Marlinton, Newton Jordan, aged about 25 years. His disease was a cancerous affection and was treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He returned home on the 25th of June and sank rapidly. He is survived by his wife and three year old son. He was buried at the Moore graveyard on Elk.

June 17th at her residence on Elk, Mrs. Margaret Hannah, in the 74th year of her age. Mrs. Hannah was the wife of J. B. Hannah and was a highly esteemed lady

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AN ENGLISH BULLDOG resembling Gov. Jim Justice's Babydog in a mural in West Virginia's Capitol. Photo by Perry Bennett/WV Legislative Photography

Capitol renovation oversight has been skirted for years. Now, West Virginia has a Babydog mural in its historic seat of government

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On West Virginia's 161st birthday, Governor Jim Justice came to the Capitol Rotunda to unveil four historical murals first envisioned by the building's original architect nearly a century ago.

And, of course, he brought Babydog along.

"She's made a real contribution to this state," Justice said, sitting on his stool beside the English Bulldog that accompanies him to state and cam-

aign events. "She's made you smile and that's really important."

As the governor and his dog looked up at the mural several stories above them, they would see what every visitor to the Capitol will see: a scene at Seneca Rocks, a noisy mock serenade of a newlywed couple... and a dog that bears a striking resemblance to Babydog.

The governor and his top officials have faced mounting questions in recent days: How did his pet come to be included in a historical mural?

No one should really be surprised. Oversight of renovations and additions to West Virginia's historic Capitol building has been skirted or hampered by confusing rules for years.

Multiple times, legislative auditors have warned that changes were made without approval from the Capitol Building Commission, and that the state law spelling out the commission's jurisdiction was confusing and needed to be clarified.

Pioneer Days Food, Flowers and Vegetable Exhibit and Contest

The annual Pioneer Days exhibit and judging of homemade goodies and homegrown flowers and vegetables will take place Thursday through Saturday, July 11 - 13, at the Marlinton Wellness Center.

Entries are to be delivered to the Wellness Center Thursday, July 11, between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m.

There will be categories for youth, adults, commercial establishments and amateur.



Entries are to be picked up Saturday, July 13, between 5 and 6 p.m.

Exhibits must be in place when winners are announced in order to receive cash prizes.

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Lewisburg Literary Festival will feature David Baldacci

The Lewisburg Literary Festival will take place the first weekend in August, and will feature bestselling author David Baldacci, whose books have sold more than 150 million copies, published in 45 languages in more than 80 countries. David's books include legal thrillers, suspense novels and stories for young readers. His first novel, *Absolute Power*, was adapted into a movie starring Clint Eastwood.

David and his wife, Michelle, are passionate promoters of literacy. Their Wish You Well Foundation supports literacy efforts in the U.S., and David has testified before Congress on the subject.

Other headliners include Victoria Christopher Murray, author of more than 30 novels. Her current best-sellers, *The Personal Librarian* and *The First Ladies*, were co-written with Marie Benedict. With three million books in print, Victoria is one of the country's top African American contemporary authors. Five of her novels have become Lifetime Channel movies, and *The Personal Librarian* has been optioned by Al Roker's production company for a miniseries.

Also appearing at the festival will be Patrick Bringley, a former security guard at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Patrick's book, *All the Beauty in the World*,

weaves together a tour of the museum, bits of his autobiography, meditations on art and the people who make it, witty observations about people-watching, and gossip tidbits about what goes on behind the scenes at the Met.

His one of a kind book has received enthusiastic reviews from the *New York Times*, the *New Yorker*, the *Washington Post*, *NPR* and the European media, and is being adapted as a play.

All three authors will appear at Carnegie Hall on August 3.

Tickets are free, and available to reserve at www.lewisburgliteraryfestival.com and pickup is at the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Lewisburg Literary Festival has been celebrating literature and promoting reading in the region since 2012. Headliners appear onstage in casual interviews that prove revealing, entertaining and often humorous, followed by book signings that present opportunities to chat with the authors.

Previous speakers have included Garry Trudeau (*Doonesbury*), Jeanette Walls (*The Glass Castle*), Homer Hickam (*Rocket Boys*), humorist David Sedaris, poet Nikki Giovanni, Kathryn Stockett (*The Help*), Sara Gruen (*Water for Elephants*), Lynda Rutledge (*West with Giraffes*) and even basketball legend Jerry West (*West By West*).

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Pocahontas Veterinary Services. Stacy Tawney, DVM. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. 150 Carl McCarty Road, 4.2 miles north on Rt. 28 from Huntersville intersection, on right. Small/large animals. We do farm calls. 304-799-6803. 3/7/fwmp

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2024 ASSESSMENT

July 1, 2024 is the beginning of the new assessment year. This assessment will make up the 2025 taxes (tax ticket).

Real estate – Real estate is valued by three methods; farmland, managed timberland and market value.

Farmland – Farmland value is based on the income it produces. In order to have your land valued as farm, you or someone else, must qualify it as a farm or part of a farm operation. If claimed by someone else, you need to ensure that they have your property listed on their farm application. We must have a competed form signed and on file before we can qualify your real estate as a farm. This form must be completed on a yearly basis and is due no later than September 1, 2024. Any applications received after this date will be denied in accordance with West Virginia Legislative Rule 110 C.S.R. 1A. In an effort to expedite the return of the farm form, we will mail an advance copy to those who qualified last year. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call or stop by the office and someone here will assist you. Failure to meet the September 1, 2024 deadline will cause your property to be valued at market value which is a drastic increase over farm value. If you are a new applicant, please contact us prior to this date. If you purchased new land or rented new farm property, make sure it is added to your farm form. If you have been approved/qualified for the farm rate and plan to timber/log your property, please contact our office. Land that is timbered/logged and is part of a qualified farm, can result in your property being appraised at market value and increasing your taxes on the property. If you contact this office, we can provide information and other options that may save you money.

Managed Timberland – The initial contract for Managed Timberland property must be applied for by July 1. Once approved, you must submit an application annually, between March 1st and September 1st every year in order to remain in the program. The Assessor does not approve or deny any Managed Timberland applications. All approvals or denials are done by the West Virginia Division of Forestry. If you have any questions, please call (304) 558-2788 option 2, or write the West Virginia Division of Forestry, 7 Players Club Dr. Charleston, WV 25311. To ensure your application was received, I recommend you call the West Virginia Division of Forestry prior to the deadlines shown above. Applications for this program are available at the West Virginia Division of Forestry website at www.wvforestry.com. Applications can also be obtained at the Assessor's office.

Market Value - Market Value of real estate is the value your property would expect to bring, if sold. Homestead Exemption - If you are 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled and have been a resident of West Virginia for two full calendar years, you can qualify. This exemption will give you \$20,000 assessed value exemption on your real estate. This exemption will save you at least \$135.00 or as much as \$185.00 for those who live within corporations. In order to receive this exemption, you must complete the application not later than December 1, 2024. This exemption once approved, will remain in effect. To qualify for disability exemption, you must provide proof of disability in addition to completing the application. This office has the application and will assist you in completing the required form.

Personal Property – The assessment of personal property, will be the same as last year. Vehicles will be assessed at 60% of NADA loan value. The value is based on vehicle identification numbers. Big trucks with non-apportioned license are to be reported on your assessment form. Trucks with apportioned license plates will still be reported to the Public Service Commission. All other property will be assessed at 60% of market value. We charge a \$25.00 fee on all supplemental tax tickets. These supplemental tax tickets are changes made because of incorrect information or lack thereof. To avoid the additional charge, please help us make sure you are assessed correctly. This can be done by contacting our office if you have not already been contacted by the Assessor, or a Deputy Assessor.

Dogs - State law requires that a tax be collected on all dogs in the county, which are at least six months old on July 1, or within ten days of the dog becoming six months of age during the assessment year. The dog tax is \$3.00 per dog for those who reside outside of corporations. If you reside within the corporations of Marlinton, Hillsboro or Durbin the dog tax is \$6.00 per dog. Dog tags can also be paid/purchased on-line at our website pocahontascountyassessor.com.

Sheep & Goats - There is also a \$1.00 per head assessment on all sheep and goats of breeding age, for those electing to participate in this program. This assessment is to be collected by the Assessor or deputies and submitted to the Department of Agriculture for the Coyote Control Program.

If you have any questions, need assistance, or just feel more comfortable in person, please call or stop by our office. We are here to assist you. We want your assessment to be as easy and as convenient as possible for you to complete. The assessor and/or the deputy assessors, will attempt to contact everyone at their residence, please understand that this is not always possible. We appreciate your support and cooperation in ensuring we have a fair and accurate assessment of our county. If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call or stop by our office.

Sincerely,
Johnny A. Pritt
Pocahontas County Assessor
7/4/2c

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Officer Position (male/female)

The position of Day Report Officer will work directly under the authority of and answer to the Day Report Director.

Qualifications: Associate degree or two years' experience in a related field.

Responsibilities may include:

- Supervision of participants in the County's Community Corrections Day Report Program at the Day Report Center as well as outside the center during community service duties.
- Assist in the transportation of offenders as needed.
- Enforce rules, regulations, and policies to ensure offender compliance.
- Prepare detailed reports on incidents, violations, and offender behavior.
- And/or other duties assigned by the Day Report Director. Employees must be able to perform assigned duties with a significant level of independence.

Qualifications:

- Associate degree or two years' experience in a related field
- Ability to maintain composure in stressful situations.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills for report writing and offender communication.
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment.
- Must pass a background check and drug screening.

Individuals must submit to and pass background checks as required by the Pocahontas County Commission before employment. The position includes health insurance coverage, participation in the West Virginia State Retirement System, paid holidays, and accrual of vacation and sick leave in accordance with county policy.

Interviews for the position will be jointly conducted by the Day Report Director, Pocahontas County Commission, and the Pocahontas County Community Corrections Program Board.

To apply for this position, send a résumé to: jjzickefoose@court.state.wv.us or mail to: Pocahontas County Day Report, 300 A Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024.

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**Emma Dean
Community Coordinator**

Energy Express was pleased to receive a recent visit from guest reader and Board of Education President Dr. Sue Hollandsworth. A distinguished educator and supporter of children's literacy, Dr. Hol-

landsworth joined the program to share a favorite story and inspire young readers. Employing her engaging storytelling and dedication to education, the reading session proved to be both entertaining and educational. The children had an opportunity to experience Dr. Hollandsworth's captivating reading style; and the visit was a wonderful chance to encourage young minds to explore the joys of reading. It was a memorable and enriching experience for all at Energy Express

TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1). 14 (2). Russia (3). Maine (4). "What hat God wrought?"

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BIRTHS
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith, II, of Biloxi, Mississippi, a son.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Shafer, a daughter, Philissa Mary

DEATHS
Wallace Arlie Galford, 56,

of Culpepper, Virginia. Mr. Galford was a farmer and a sawmill operator in Pocahontas County. Born at Dunmore, a son of Mrs. Ruth Hudson Galford McLaughlin, and the late Glen Galford. Funeral service from the Marlinton Presbyterian Church with burial at Fasisfern Farm at Linwood.

Henry A. Sheets, 67, of Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, formerly of Green

Bank, a son of the late David L. and Addie Gum Sheets. Funeral service from Green Bank United Methodist Church with burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Martha E. Thomas, 93, of Elkins; born at Marlinton, a daughter of the late William and Emilee Johnson Irvine. Funeral service in Elkins, with burial in the Huntersville Cemetery.

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DEATHS
Henry Franklin Arbogast, age 80, of Mill Point; funeral service from the Marvin Chapel Church with burial in the Ruckman Cemetery.

Mrs. Ruby Mae Ralston Beard, aged 69, of Green Bank, widow of the Late Leslie O. Beard. Funeral service from the Myers home in Durbin with burial in the Arbovale cemetery.

Kenton James Kramer, aged 62, of Marlinton; fu-

neral was held from the Presbyterian Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery. During the first World War, Mr. Kramer saw active service as a soldier.

Porter Morris Atkinson, aged 59, of White Sulphur; funeral service was held from the home, with burial in the White Sulphur Springs cemetery. Mr. Atkinson was a former superintendent of the Edray trout hatchery.

James Circosta, aged 29, of Clover Lick, met death in an automobile accident July 2, 1949. His body was laid to rest in the Grimes Family cemetery; the service being

conducted from the Poage Lane Church.

Samuel Edward Scott, aged 73 years; his body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Watoga, the funeral being held from the Seebert Methodist Church.

Edward Scott came to West Virginia many years ago, to engage in mining and railroading. Twenty-seven years ago, he came to Pocahontas from Logan County to engage in farming on Pyles Mountain.

Thus is noted the passing of another friend – and honest, industrious and upright citizen.

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tain portion of the country and white people the seacoast as friendly corresponding countries, and for many years the English government maintained an ambassador at the capital of the Iroquois nation.

After the subduing of the Erles, they became amalgamated with the Iroquois, being distributed among the Senecas, the military branch of the nation, and a law was promulgated, setting aside

the country between the east bank of the Ohio River and the top of the Main Allegheny now called West Virginia, as a reserve for the Iroquois, used to from a shield from the powerful tribes in the south and for a hunting ground. A great military road was established, and something like 50 garrison towns lined its 500 mile length.

The one that was in operation in 1754 in this section was at Mingo Flats, and it was a party of warriors from this fort that killed the family of seven, Robert Files, his wife, and five children, at the

mouth of Files Creek, where Beverly is located...

There are signs of another fort on this trail, 13 miles south of Mingo Flats, just opposite the church building known as Mary's Chapel, on Elk in Pocahontas county. At certain seasons of the year, when the light is right, looking down on the meadow, two magic rings can be seen plainly outlined in the grass. This is the site of an old Indian fort. It is on the Old Field Branch of Elk, so called from an Indian clearing at this place

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and for more than 50 years a devout member of the M. E. Church. A severe attack of the grip which was succeeded by heart trouble and dropsical affection were the occasions of the sufferings that resulted in her lamented death. In all the relations of life, she was a person who tried to know and do her duty, and her memory is affectionately cherished by her

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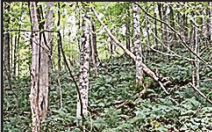


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