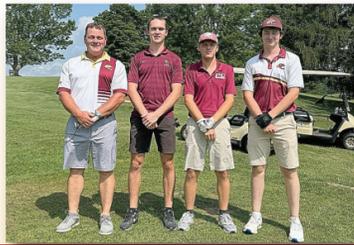




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Art Walk and Rivertown Street Jubilee enlivens a Saturday afternoon

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, local artists, crafters, shopkeepers and musicians welcomed art lovers to downtown Marlinton for the first – but not the last – Marlinton Art Walk.

The sounds of live music echoed from the Discovery Junction stage to the indoor Rivertown stage in the former C.J. Richardson building.

Anne Walker, owner of Handmade WV Market, originated the idea for the Art Walk and Street Jubilee. It was sponsored by Walker, Pocahontas County Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals.

It takes dedication to the cause and a lot of hard work to bring to life an event such as this.

Walker has, for many

years, pursued her vision of promoting the work of local artisans, farmers and craftspeople by providing a shop where they can share the fruits of their labors with visitors and residents alike.

Walker and her daughter, Sherrie, didn't enter the sidewalk art contest, but they couldn't help getting "drawn into" the fun. There they were, both crouched down on the sidewalk in front of Discovery Junction, rendering their versions of the contest's theme: "Summer in the Allegheny Highlands."

"I've just always believed in the special goodness of locally sourced food, and the value of our unique Pocahontas County crafts, art and music," Walker said.

"It's a way to benefit our citizens and, at the same time, offer something special to our visitors.

"Look at these people – visitors who are just passing

through, families who are looking for something to do on a Saturday afternoon – having such a nice time, just sitting here enjoying live music, people watching and spending a little time in our town."

Walker's sidewalk painting featured a mountain cabin scene and daughter, Sherrie, created a slice of watermelon.

Free face painting was offered by Aaron Cutlip; and vendors, set up nearby, in front of the Discovery Junction stage included Cheryl Beverage, with her handwoven baskets, jewelry, ornaments and painted "porch boards;" Lisa Gandry and her handmade quilts; Pocahontas Artisans member Katherine Lehotsky whose charming wildlife paintings bring her animal subjects to life; and Alberto Razo with

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PAULA MORRISON WORKS on her butterfly and mushroom fantasy (above, top) while her daughter, Holly, fleshes out her illustration of a yellow salamander as they take part in Saturday's sidewalk chalk art contest. L.D. Bennett photo

August's First Friday is 'Home Grown'

Enjoy some "Home Grown" family fun at the First Friday event, August 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Discovery Junction in Marlinton.

Mud Hole Control will be on stage, performing their traditional style of old-time music.

The Pocahontas County Farmers Market will be on site, with a taste of Pocahontas County near the peak of the season.

Huntersville First Baptist Church will offer face painting as well as a backpack giveaway.

As always, many local businesses and organizations will join in the festivities, providing activities for all ages.

Local screening of 'Small Town Universe' August 3

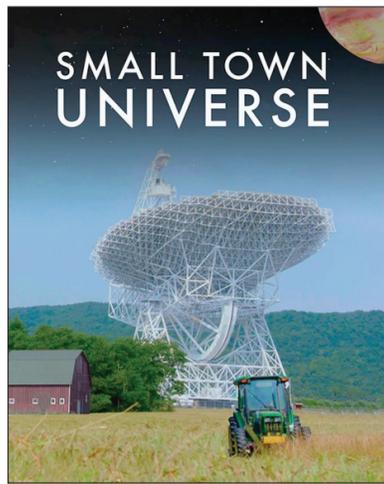
In 1958, the National Science Foundation built the Green Bank Observatory and the Federal Communications Commission established the National Radio Quiet Zone, a 13,000-square-mile area restricting the transmission of radio waves. Back in the 1950s, radio technology posed a minor threat of interference. Today – when over 95 percent of U.S. adults own a cell phone – some people find these restrictions a nuisance, while others see them as the defining way of life in Green Bank.

For many, it's what attracted them to Green Bank in the first place.

The film "Small Town Universe" paints an intimate and captivating portrait of life in Green Bank, home to the world's most sensitive radio telescope and the only U.S. town where Wi-Fi and cell phones are either severely limited or basically useless. In this uniquely radio-quiet community, scientists use the Green Bank Telescope (GBT) to search for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence and advance the field of radio astronomy while residents navigate through pivotal moments of existence, forming deep connections with the universe, science and one another.

Capturing the life of a town when it was on the verge of change and facing the potential loss of federal funding that could have led to the closure of the Green Bank Telescope, the film takes an intimate and forward-thinking approach, following four main characters: a young woman aspiring to become an astrophysicist, a retired engineer nearing the end of his life, a hobby farmer with a long family history in Green Bank, and a new resident looking to escape the challenges of a hyper-connected world.

Through the lens of these personal stories, "Small Town Universe" explores the scien-



tific impact of the Green Bank Telescope and the profound human connections it fosters within this unique community. Apart from its scientific significance, the GBT serves as the town's economic backbone, providing up to 140 local jobs and attracting 50,000 visitors annually.

The local premiere will take place Saturday, August 3, at 6 p.m. in the Green Bank Science Center Auditorium.

A public reception will follow with Emmy Award-nominated documentary filmmaker and commercial director Katie Dellamaggiore. Her feature directorial debut, "Brooklyn Castle," won the SXSW Audience Award, was a New York Times Critic's Pick, and was nationally broadcast by PBS's acclaimed POV series.

Green Bank Observatory is a facility supported by the U.S. National Science Foundation and is operated by Associated Universities, Inc.

Snowshoe Mountain welcomes Almost Heaven swing

The West Virginia Department of Tourism, in partnership with Snowshoe Mountain, has announced the newest Almost Heaven swing, located at Snowshoe Mountain. This swing sits atop the Skidder Ski Slope, adjacent to the lift terminal and gives way to scenic views of rolling hills and valleys. The swing can be reached with a short walk from the main Village.

"As you travel around our state, you'll find that these swings aren't placed just anywhere," said President and COO of Snowshoe Mountain Patti Duncan. "They're found exclusively in places that exemplify the beauty of West Virginia, places where you can fully experience Almost Heaven. To have one here on our mountain at Snowshoe is truly an honor."

There are now 26 Almost Heaven photo-op swings available throughout the state, making it easy for travelers to check off this adventure on the West Vir-



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ginia Summer Bucket List. Visitors are encouraged to share their photos on social media using #Almost Heaven

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BOE receives updates on IT, Adventure Pocahontas

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The Pocahontas County Board of Education got an informative update from IT coordinator Kristi Hamons at its July 23 meeting. Hamons explained the duties of the technology department and provided information on recent and upcoming projects.

Hamons said the technology department staff – which also includes IT coordinator James Chaney and technology director Julie Shiflet – manages 1,575 computers, 893 of which are student devices. In total, the department handles 3,000 devices, including telephones and internet switches.

IT also monitors all the user accounts on the school system network.

Recent projects during the 2023-2024 school year include the addition of three new computer labs at Hillsboro Elementary, Marlinton Elementary and Marlinton Middle schools.

“We upgraded the entire wireless system throughout the county,” Hamons said. “We switched [to a new system]. It gave us a lot better control of our network. A lot better capabilities. Our network was about twenty years old, and we used eRate funds to upgrade that.”

They also replaced 17 network switches with eRate funds.

There were several soft-

ware improvements, including a helpful program for teachers who are now faced with classrooms full of devices. Hamons explained that, while devices are now integral to the curriculum, they can also be a distraction.

Students were playing games during class and it was impossible for the teachers to monitor all the devices at once, but now they can monitor them with the Light Speed Classroom Monitor program.

“A teacher can load a dashboard from their computer that shows every single students’ screen on her screen all at once,” Hamons

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Manchin secures funding for critical priorities

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (I-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured a number of West Virginia priorities in the markup of four bipartisan appropriations bills, which included the Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development; Interior and Environment; Commerce, Justice and Science; and State and Foreign Operations funding bills. The Senate Appropriations Committee continues to work through the remaining five funding bills, which will hopefully be voted on by the full Senate later this year.

These four funding bills included critical priorities that Senator Manchin cham-

pioned, including strengthening immigration screening processes, reclaiming abandoned mine land, combatting illegal opioid supply chains and continuing to work on Corridor H. They also included \$90,968,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests, or earmarks, for 73 West Virginia projects.

“I am pleased that the Committee has advanced these four bipartisan funding bills that will deliver historic wins for West Virginia and the entire country,” Senator Manchin said.

“These bills also include more than \$90 million in targeted funding for deserving West Virginia projects, such as expanding access to clean

drinking water, renovating public parks, upgrading law enforcement equipment and so much more. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue working with my colleagues to bring back regular order, pass the remaining funding bills on time and address the issues important to West Virginia.”

One of the West Virginia priority highlights:

Supporting West Virginia’s Federal Facilities: which maintains strong funding for salaries, operations, and research at federal facilities throughout West Virginia, including:

- \$10.8 million for the Green Bank Observatory located in Green Bank.

Marlinton’s Economic Renaissance

Howard Swint
Contributing Writer

From the corner where French’s Diner once stood one can observe in every direction testament to the revitalization of downtown Marlinton.

Various iterations of the adaptive reuse of historic building stock have allowed for a new era of economic development while preserving many architectural features that lend charm and help make this Mon Forest Town special.

This is true also for the housing stock, for on virtually every street in each and every neighborhood countless improvements have collectively restored the heritage appeal of country living home by home.

But what has been the catalyst for what many consider the biggest economic and community turnaround in half a century?

And will it usher in sustainable development that will allow for new investment as well as the next phase of commercial and residential construction that typically follows?

Having transitioned from its industrial base of traditional manufacturing and wood products dating back from its early railroad days, Marlinton today enjoys dis-

tinct competitive advantages associated with providing recreational services and amenities to a rapidly growing tourism sector.

Of course, traditional service providers centered on health care, agriculture, retail, finance, insurance and allied industries continue to contribute foundationally.

So, too, government primarily as the county seat and home of the Pocahontas County courthouse as well as educational and municipal services.

But clearly more is afoot.

Yes, location, location and location, as they say in the real estate industry, is also a factor, as is the allure of a better quality of life that beckons to all who visit, especially retirees.

Yet more broadly, the availability of high speed internet as well as recently expanded cell phone capacity, appears to have satisfied a critical need for not only those who desire to work remotely but across industry sectors.

This digital infrastructure has already helped enable a new class of entrepreneurs to emerge and with it a youthful vitality that holds great promise for a more viable economic expansion – one that will help support

families living in downtown and surrounding areas.

Perhaps more than any one place, the adaptive re-use of the century-old C.J. Richardson Hardware building exemplifies this new economic energy.

New ownership has converted the once-vacant building into a multitenant adaptive reuse project with public space and a new café on the first floor, several craftworks and retailers on the second, and more to come in the near future.

Aaron Davis, proprietor of Rivertown Café, represents this spirit and says business is seasonal but steady and cites the quality of life in Marlinton as “nice and quiet with less traffic (to contend with)” than his native Philadelphia.

Davis and other business owners are quick to credit others including his landlord and city leaders for creating an environment that welcomes entrepreneurs.

In many respects Marlinton’s economic upturn has not been at just the whims of market forces but the results of good public sector planning.

An exhaustive comprehensive plan completed in 2019 coupled with assistance from federal, state and

see Economic pg 8

Senators introduce Countering Hate Against Israel by Federal Contractors Act

Last week, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), joined 11 of her Senate Republican colleagues in introducing the Countering Hate Against Israel by Federal Contractors Act. The legislation – led by U.S. Senator Jim Risch (R-Idaho) – would prohibit the federal government from contracting with entities who boycott the State of Israel. West Virginia and 36 other states have passed laws or regulations opposing the boycott, divestment, or sanction (BDS) of Israel.

“I have made it a priority to stop the flow of U.S. taxpayer dollars to anti-Semitic, anti-Israel organizations,” Capito said. “This legislation holds the federal government to a standard that over two-thirds of states have already set, including my home state of West Virginia. I’m proud to join my colleagues in this effort to make certain the U.S. does not engage in business with government contractors who boycott our ally and friend, Israel.”

In addition to Senators

Capito and Risch, the legislation is cosponsored by U.S. Senators Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), and John Thune (R-S.D.).

Additional Capito Oversight Efforts

Senator Capito has also been conducting ongoing oversight of the Democrats’ “Inflation Reduction Act” where she has found the legislation is providing millions of dollars in U.S. federal

grant money to extremist groups that demonize the State of Israel and have glorified October 7.

Through a series of press conferences, Capito has exposed these groups, and most recently announced a more in-depth report.

In May, through these oversight efforts, Capito revealed a \$50 million grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency IRA to “Climate Justice Alliance,” a group that engages in pro-Hamas, anti-Israel, and anti-Semitic activities.

Circuit Court

The following hearings were recently held in Pocahontas County Circuit Court before the Honorable Judges Robert E. Richardson and Jennifer P. Dent:

An in-person sentencing hearing was held in the case the State vs Tanner Moore, 27, of Marlinton, wherein the Court sentenced the defendant to a definite term of 15 years in the State Penitentiary for voluntary manslaughter and definite term of 10 years in the State Penitentiary as to use of a firearm during the commission of a felony. Sentences shall run consecutively. Moore was given 749 days’ credit for time served. He was remanded to custody.

A hearing on motion to modify bond was held in the case the State vs Tony Garretson, 52, of Marlinton, wherein defense counsel advised the court that the defendant’s license had not been revoked for DUI, but was suspended. His regular license has been reinstated, and he is asking that bond be modified to allow Garretson to drive for the purpose of self-employment. The defendant also asked for home confinement to be lifted and that he be allowed to travel outside the state to visit his newborn granddaughter in California for one week, and then be placed back on home confinement when he returns. The State and Home Incarceration Officer were opposed to the defendant returning to work. The State opposed the trip to California as it is outside the jurisdiction of the court. The court will permit Garretson to operate a motor vehicle within the restrictions of his license. He will be permitted to travel within Pocahontas County for the purposes of self-employment, directly to and from, up to a maximum of eight hours a day. The defendant is to provide a schedule of his travel with the home confinement officer and may travel up to two times per day to a job. The Court did not modify bond to permit Garretson to travel to California. Garretson was indicted on two counts, driving in a controlled substance

(Methamphetamine) impaired state proximately causing death of any person; two counts, negligent homicide; one count, petit larceny.

A remote status hearing was held in the case the State vs Thomas Schoolcraft, 40, of Buckeye, wherein defense counsel advised the court that a plea offer had been made by the State but they had not had time to review the matter. Schoolcraft was indicted on one count, strangulation; one count, domestic battery; one count, trespassing.

An in-person bench trial was held in the case the State vs Kevin Scott Lambert, 28, of Durbin, wherein the Court granted the State’s motion to dismiss as the defendant has already followed what would be required in a diver-

sion agreement. Lambert’s bond was released.

A remote motions hearing was held in the case the State vs John Stull, 34, of Bartow, wherein the State advised that it no longer objects to severing counts of the indictment. The parties are in agreement, and the Court granted the defense motion to sever counts. Stull was indicted on one count, person prohibited from possessing a firearm; one count, negligent shooting.

In the case the State vs Jessica Snelson, 43, of Elkins, the court found probable cause that the defendant had violated the terms and conditions of the alternative sentencing. An evidentiary hearing is set for August 8. Snelson was indicted by the April 2023 Grand Jury on one count, grand larceny.

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Watoga's Dark Sky Party ~ 'Catch a Falling Star'

Saturday, August 10

By John C. Dean
Contributing Writer

Ready to “ooh” and “aww” at the unmatched brilliance of a Watoga State Park Perseid meteor shower? How about the glistening water of the 11-acre Watoga Lake as the backdrop for a meteor show on a warm West Virginia night?

“The dust trail that causes the Perseids is from periodic comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle,” said Michael Rosolina, one of two local amateur astronomers assisting with telescopes. “This is a Halley-type comet that goes out past the orbit of Jupiter and comes back in every 133 years. It last came through in 1992, and will be bringing fresh dust and debris in 2125 (so mark your calendars).”

Knowing that date is over a century away may prompt you to attend the park's Third Annual Dark Sky Party on Saturday, August 10 at Watoga Dam. Maybe you'll even hear the lyrics to Perry Como's classic, “Catch a Falling Star.”

This annual shower usually offers a consistently high rate of meteors, producing a higher percentage of bright ones during the week,



THE WATOGA DAM has been selected as the best place to view stars, galaxies and meteor showers Saturday, August 10. Watoga Lake photo courtesy of John Dean

as Earth passes through the dust left by Swift-Tuttle. Buhrman said the brighter ones are “shooting stars” and that only our eyes are needed to view, “but they're fast!”

This is the first dark sky event ever held at Watoga. The Watoga Dam location was selected as the best viewing site for stars, galaxies and meteor showers. The first two star parties were at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park. Droop is included under Watoga's dark sky designation by Dark Sky International (<https://www.>

darksky.org), along with Calvin Price State Forest which borders Watoga.

Dark sky watchers will be in for a treat in early August through their peak with frequent, steady, colorful meteor showers, often leaving “persistent trains,” according to earthsky.org

In the early morning hours of complete stillness, you may leave West Virginia's only designated International Dark Sky Park with the opinion that the Perseid shower is now the favorite of all of your Northern Hemisphere

meteor shower gazing.

“A young crescent moon will track in the treetops until 10:30 p.m., but by 9:15 the night sky will have darkened enough to spot a few satellites,” said Dave Buhrman, the other local amateur astronomer and astrophotographer, who is also assisting with telescope placement and maneuvering.

“Looking south across the lake, the glorious summer Milky Way will grow brighter after 9:30. Saturn

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Greenbrier Express meets the Wild West

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The Greenbrier Express train excursion from Cass to Durbin has been a great draw for locals and visitors alike. So much so, that it has attracted the attention of a wild west posse that plans to rob the train Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 2, 3 and 4.

Of course, the robbery is staged, but the entertainment is real. A group of cowboys on horseback will ride up to the train as it makes its way to Durbin and will pull a train heist for the passengers. This has been an attraction on the Mountain Rails Adventure schedule for several years, but this year, there's a new twist.

It seems robbing the passengers on the train isn't enough for the posse anymore. Now, they have their sights set on the Bank of Durbin.

Julius Lorentzson asked the group who portrays the robbers if they would be interested in expanding the robbery into town.

“They said, ‘oh, yes, count us in on something like that,’” he said.

From there, Lorentzson reached out to Buster Varner, who owns the former Bank of Durbin building.

The train robbery will remain the same as it has for the past 11 years, with the

posse robbing the train on its route to Durbin. Then, as the passengers disembark to grab lunch in Durbin, there will be a bit of a commotion on Main Street when the posse rides up to the bank and has a shoot out as it empties the vault.

Lorentzson said the robbery is based on the Northfield, Minnesota, bank raid by the James Gang, which took place in September 1876.

“They'll ride into town and somebody might recognize them, so they fire off a blank into the building,” he said. “Then they'll dash out with the money bags and ride off. There will be some return shots fired at them.”

The robbery will take place around 1:30 p.m. each of the three days, and the event is free to the public.

Lorentzson said they will keep cars away – both with parking and holding up traffic – during the event to allow the crowd to witness the action. He recommends finding a spot near the Durbin Depot which will give a good vantage point to the bank entrance.

It is noted that during both events, there will be gunfire, so those who have a sensitivity to loud noises are urged to wear earplugs.

All shots fired will be blanks, and Lorentzson said all the actors check and double check that all their rounds are blanks.

Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

Way back in the late 1990s, I took a class called “Death, Dying and the Law” as part of my PhD program.

The class was taught by two UVA professors—John Arras, a philosopher who specialized in bioethics, and Richard Bonnie, a law professor who specialized in law and medicine.

We read articles with titles like “Killing and Letting Die,” which—as you might expect from the title—asks whether there is a moral difference between actively killing someone and passively allowing someone to die.

At first glance, the answer seems pretty obvious. You can't kill people. But we let people die all the time. For example, thousands of children die every single day from malnutrition. That's horrible. But no one reading this article is morally responsible for failing to prevent those deaths.

And yet, that simple answer isn't quite right.

After all, some cases of killing are permissible. Self-defense and war are obvious examples.

And some cases of letting die are wrong. A first re-

sponder who refuses to give aid has done something wrong. Or imagine you're walking past a shallow pond and see a small child drowning in waist-deep water. Most of us would agree that anyone who failed to rescue the child is a pretty lousy person.

If some cases of killing are okay and some cases of letting die are wrong, then we're left with the messy task of trying to figure out which kinds of things fall into which category. That is, when faced with a particular kind of life-or-death problem, we have to ask ourselves: is this one of those cases where killing is permissible? Or, conversely, is this one of those cases where letting someone die would be wrong?

These kinds of questions come up fairly regularly in medicine.

For example, the most unforgettable part of my “Death, Dying and the Law” class was a documentary about the life of Dax Cowart. Cowart was burned horrifically in a propane explosion. He was then forcibly treated for 14 months, despite his frequent refusals to accept treatment.

It's a harrowing film—one that changed some of the ways that medicine is practiced.

The medical profession now takes a patient's consent as a necessary condition for beginning treatment.

There are still tricky cases—what happens when a patient cannot give consent (because, say, they are unconscious or not competent)? Many big hospitals now have an ethicist on staff to help out with these tough cases. (Arras was the staff ethicist at the UVA hospital at the time of my course.)

End of life decisions are some of the trickiest of those ethical problems.

If a fully competent patient refuses care, then physicians must comply—even in cases where the physician believes the patient could survive if treated. That ethical requirement extends to withdrawing care—for example, a patient can demand a feeding tube be withdrawn or a life support machine be unplugged. Here, too, physicians must comply with the patient's wishes.

But the killing vs letting die distinction gets blurry in some of these cases. After all, unplugging a machine or withdrawing a feeding tube is an action, one that the physician knows will result in the patient's death.

There are similarly tricky questions around pain relief.

Physicians are permitted to administer pain relief to patients who have refused other treatment. The line between a dose of painkiller sufficient to relieve pain and a dose that proves lethal can be quite small.

How much difference is there between a physician who removes a feeding tube with the intention of complying with a patient's wishes while knowing that the act will result in the patient's death and one who administers a large dose of painkiller with the intention of relieving pain while knowing that the dose will be lethal?

This fall, West Virginians will have to answer that question.

We'll be voting on Amendment 1, which would prohibit physicians and health care providers from participation “in the practice of medically-assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.” If the amendment passes, it would be enshrined in the state constitution.

There are no easy answers on this one.

I spent years studying ethics, and I honestly don't know which lever to pull.

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Compete in Parks and Rec's Olympics

Don't just watch the Olympics – take part in some events right here in Pocahontas County.

Fun, family-friendly competitions for all ages – with a chance to win prizes at the end of the week.

Monday, August 5, at Linwood – Cycling, 4 p.m. and Soccer, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 6, at Seneca Lake – Canoeing, 4 p.m.; and Beach Volleyball at Cass Scenic Railroad 6

p.m. Wednesday, August 7, at the Community Wellness Center – Shooting (Nerf), 4 p.m. and Taekwondo, 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 8, at Hillsboro School playground – Basketball, 4 p.m., and Badminton, 6 p.m.

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1. When first founded by Benjamin Franklin, what was the job of the “bucket brigade?”
2. Who was first U.S. president to recommend Congress declare war?
3. The ancient Romans used the word “mala” to refer to what food?
4. What did the Pony Express transport to California?

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was at the courthouse this week paying taxes, and I was reminded of the difference between national and local politics and the way we may choose to vote.

Issues like taxation, the war in Ukraine, women's rights and immigration come to our hands when we vote for candidates who are identified as Democrat or Republican, as those parties largely control the outcome of those issues. The candidates on a national or state level are mostly unknown to us as individuals and we vote for them often by party affiliation alone.

We likely will never meet them or personally know or interact with them.

Voting for county candidates is entirely different to my thinking.

The political party affiliation of your sheriff, county clerk, circuit clerk, assessor and county commissioner has, to my mind, nothing to do with their ability and dedication to that county office. And, unlike almost every other vote you will cast, you can see and talk to these people any day of the week at the courthouse.

Compare that to the automatic machine written response or text you got, if any, from the last time you may have tried to contact someone in Washington or Charleston.

Here, we see directly how our votes matter and affect us. Here, elected officials are on a first name basis and are our neighbors.

I'm so very glad to live far far away from Washington and Charleston.

Martin Saffer
Hillsboro

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bloodmobile Tuesday, August 6, noon to 6 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center. Pre-register by calling 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org

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

MEETINGS

Marlinton Town Council – Monday, August 5, 7 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

Pocahontas County Commission – Tuesday, August 6, 8:30 a.m. in the commission room at the courthouse.

Allegheny Post 117 Annual Picnic Saturday, August 10, noon at Donnie Waybright's, 2713 North Fork Loop in Green Bank. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Bring a side dish. RSVP to Donnie at 304-456-4738.

Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee Monday, August 19, 6 p.m. at McClintic Library in Marlinton. Contact Jay Miller at jvmiller2008@gmail.com for the Zoom connection info.

EVENTS

First Friday at Discovery Junction, Friday, August 2, 5 to 7 p.m. This month's theme is "A Taste of Pocahontas." Music by Mud Hole Control. Farmers Market and more.

Face Painting and Backpack Giveaway at First Friday, August 2, at Discovery Junction. Sponsored by First Baptist Church Humesville. Also exciting news for kids for the upcoming school year.

Appalachian Heritage Day at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park Saturday, August 3. Celebrate the heritage, history and culture that makes Appalachia unique.

Artisan demonstrations at Leatherbark Ford Gallery.

Treasure on the Mountain – Saturday, August 3, Snowshoe Mountain. Enjoy live, local entertainment, food and drinks, and the chance to win \$350,000 in cash and prizes in the main event.

Film Screening for Small Town Universe – Free event, Saturday, August 3, 6 p.m. in the Green Bank Science Center Auditorium. An intimate portrait of life in the small, but dynamic, community in Green Bank. Featuring interviews and stories from local residents. Public reception with the film's director, Katie Dellamaggiore, will follow.

Methodist Charge-wide Picnic and Hymn Sing Sunday, August 4, 11 a.m. at Stillwell Park. Food furnished.

Dr. Julie Hare and John Leyzorek will lead a walk on Forest Service Road 202 to observe and discuss wild edible and medicinal plants Sunday, August 4, at 2 p.m. Meet at the intersection of Rt. 219 and 150 (Scenic Highway) on Elk Mountain. Walking attire, notebook and pencil, drinking water, camera.

Pocahontas County Chamber Business After Hours, Wednesday, August 7, 5:30 p.m. at Rivertown Café. Drinks, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. RSVP to Clair Rose at clair.rose@american-national.com

Lunch and Learn event – Thursday, August 8, at noon in the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital dining room. Speaker: Donna Lidel-Burley, FNP. Topic: tick bites and

Lyme disease. Free luncheon. Door prizes. RSVP required by August 6 to Susan at 304-799-7400 ext. 1009.

Third Annual Dark Sky Party at Watoga, Perseid meteor shower, Saturday, August 10, at Watoga Dam. Viewing begins at 9:15 p.m.

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.

Performance Conditioning – toning, stretching, cardio, strengthening, using only body resistance. Taught by Haylee Hayhurst. Tuesdays at GBO old tour center and Wednesdays at the Wellness Center through August 7. 4:30 p.m. both locations. \$5 per class.

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

Yoga at Durbin Library Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and at Linwood Center Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

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

REUNIONS

Wilfong Reunion – Saturday, August 10, Stillwell

Bloodmobile
Tuesday, August 6,
noon to 6 p.m.
at the Wellness
Center

Park. Covered dish. Bring your drinks.

Ryder Reunion – Saturday, August 10, noon, at Stillwell Park. Covered dish. Everyone welcome.

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.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming Picnic at Seebert United Methodist Church Sunday, August 4, 1 p.m. at the church shelter. Bring a covered dish and a chair.

Homecoming at Thornwood Community church Sunday, August 4, 11 a.m. Worship Service. Covered dish dinner at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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What's Cookin'?

Local Recipes

Apple Torte
1/2 stick margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 1/4 cup flour
1 tsp. soda
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
2 cups chopped raw apple
1/2 cup pecans
1/4 tsp. salt
Cream sugar and margarine, add egg.
Mix in remaining ingredients.
Pour into a greased 6 x 10-inch Pyrex dish.
Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.
Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

Summer Quiche
Single crust pie shell
Brush crust with Dijon or other spicy mustard...
Bake 5 to 7 minutes at 375 degrees, set aside.
Prepare:
4 cups combination of yellow squash or zucchini, sliced
3/4 cup red pepper
1 onion, sliced
Some broccoli, if you'd like
1 clove of garlic
Sauté vegetables quickly

in olive oil.
The vegetables should still be crisp.
Add:
2 Tbsp. Parsley
2 Tbsp. Basil
(you can use any herbs... except rosemary)
1/4 tsp. salt
Pepper
In a large bowl mix 2 eggs, beaten, with 1/4 cup milk
2 cups of grated cheese mixed coated with 2 Tbsp flour.
Some ham, if you'd like.
Add squash mixture, and stir to combine.
Pour mixture into pie shell and bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until a knife comes out clean.

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August, 2024

Location	Date	Time
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.

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ACROSS

1 Fencing lunge	54 Riddle, part 3	97 — -Cat	9 On — with (much like)
7 Large wine bottles	58 Throw lightly	98 Raw metal	43 Very, in Paris
14 Derisive imitator	59 Shoe tip	99 Rip up	49 Long-winded
20 Theater area	60 Puzzie cube creator Rubik	100 It fixes off-key singing	50 Limited
21 U.S. soccer star Megan	61 Cousins of counties	105 "I'd say," to texters	51 Gold, in Gijon
22 Chimney	63 Elchings, e.g.	107 Simple wind instruments	52 Edinburgh inhabitant
23 Start of a riddle	64 Baseball hitter's stat	112 Fiddle's answer	53 Patterned wool blankets
26 Woes	65 Shows' actors	115 Enkindle	55 Long deli sandwich
27 Ketchup's color	67 With 83-Down, Idaho's nickname	116 Peanut, castor bean or canola	56 "Barnaby Jones" star Buddy
28 "The Great Gatsby" star	68 TV drama of 2000-15	117 Long pastry	57 Major protest
29 Running the show, for short	71 10K or marathon	118 Earned after taxes	62 Kind of internal-combustion engine
31 Illinois' tree	73 Con job	119 Cozies up	65 Mollycoddle
33 Twisty letter	74 Fabied bird	120 Taco exteriors	66 Battery liquid
34 Riddle, part 2	75 Japanese wrestling	DOWN	68 Thing raked in autumn
44 Made gentle	78 Riddle, part 4	1 Quick haircut	100 Neat as —
45 Source of some milk	82 Ionize, e.g.	2 Old 45 player or faces,	101 Compulsion
46 Source of some milk	84 Pioneered	3 Performs like Cardi B	102 Color slightly
47 Earthy color	85 Alternative to Roy Rogers	4 Title bee-keeper of a 1997 film	103 Fail to include on for support
48 Dark deli breads	86 Slightly	5 Faged violently	104 Inflation subj.
49 Kind of internal-combustion engine	87 Protruding belly button	6 Subjects of discussion	69 Like a day in June, per a Lowell poem
52 Bygone jet, for short	88 Tax mo.	7 City in central California	70 Roofing problem in cold weather
	89 Tax pro	8 "— -di-dah!"	71 In favor of the idea
	90 Ghana's largest city		72 Activist Nader
	91 End of the riddle		73 Long deli sandwich
			75 Garbage boat
			76 "Nothin' doin' "
			77 — Hari (spy)
			79 Stare stupidly
			80 Unravels
			81 Envoys's skill
			83 See
			67-Across
			88 Woe
			89 One who may study bonds
			90 CIA spy Ames
			92 Accustomed
			93 Test runs
			94 Triads, e.g.
			95 Western U.S. gas brand
			96 Things raked in autumn
			100 Neat as —
			101 Compulsion
			102 Color slightly
			103 Fail to include on for support
			104 Inflation subj.
			106 Pitcher
			108 Inactive
			109 Actress Patricia
			110 Edible bit of a pomegranate or litchi
			111 Estonia and Latvia, once: Abbr.
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explained. “She can see if the student is on the device. She can send them a message that says, ‘you’re on a game, close it down,’ if she doesn’t want to make a big deal in class. She can close the tab herself; she can lock the screen. If she wanted to give instruction, the teacher could lock everybody’s screen and say ‘eyes up here.’”

Hamons said the teachers have responded well to the new program and are enthusiastic about utilizing it in class.

There are several upcoming projects that Hamons highlighted including device distribution, device insurance open enrollment and replacing devices that have aged out of use.

The IT department has also planned a technology bootcamp for all teachers and aides which will include information about the positive uses for AI [Artificial Intelligence].

“AI can be transformative to give your teachers more time in their classrooms,” Hamons said. “It can come up with some really creative lesson plans, so if you have some new teachers that need coaching, AI is a really good product to put power in their hands to sort of differentiate instruction.”

There is also a push to digitally engage the community more with increased posts on social media pages as well as the BOE’s official website.

“If we learned anything this past year, it’s that the community wants to be more involved, more informed about our school system,” Hamons said. “They want to hear from us. So the question becomes, how do we do that on a large scale? We think the answer is to utilize our current tools to better meet the parents where they’re at.”

The board office has already started with the digital outreach, posting a video of superintendent Lynne Bostic welcoming the public to visit the board office’s booth at Pioneer Days.

Hamons said there is also a plan to equip Green Bank Elementary-Middle School’s support dog Kasha with a digital camera so the public can get a dog’s eye view of the first day of school as Kasha welcomes students back.

The board thanked Hamons for the update and all the great programs the IT department has implemented.

In updates:

- Adventure Pocahontas Director Tracey Valach gave an update on the program, which will begin its fourth year during the 2024-2025 school year. The program has grown from being just for second through fifth grade to now being all-inclusive for preschool through 12th grade.

Valach said she is excited and can’t believe how well the program has grown through the years.

“It has really been the most rewarding project of my entire life – working with your students – working in this county,” she said. “It’s proof that it doesn’t take a lot to do a ton. I just am so grateful to all of you for your support for rallying around the students, for making this program happen.”

“Nothing speaks more volumes than the smiles on these kiddos’ faces,” she added.

This year will mark the “graduation” of the first class to experience all four years of the Adventure portion of the program. Students in this year’s fifth grade class

were in second grade when the program began, so they have gone through learning to ski, kayak and hike and bike the trails of Pocahontas County.

Valach gave an overview of the upcoming season and explained that high school students who help with the younger students will earn Snowshoe season passes for helping. The middle school classes will all have overnight stays again this year with the sixth and seventh grade going to Camp Thornwood for hunter safety classes and the eighth grade will tent camp at Snowshoe.

“This year we spent \$66,434, of which none was charged to your account,” Valach said to the board. “A big bulk of this came from Snowshoe; Dramas, Fairs and Festivals; private donations, fundraisers and things like that.”

A large chunk of that money went into doing a photo wrap on the program’s RV which is used to haul bicycles and other equipment used throughout the year.

Valach said the funding will continue this year with nearly a quarter of a million dollars in equipment and money coming from Snowshoe Mountain Resort, which also pays Valach as a full-time employee. She added that the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau has committed \$30,000 to the program this year.

The board thanked Valach for her work in growing the Adventure Pocahontas program and her continued efforts in educating the students about all the resources Pocahontas County has to offer.

In financial management, the board approved the payment of vendor listing, payment of Local Government Purchasing Card, employee payroll, grant awards and budget adjustments.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved:

- Contract between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Leslie Goodall, occupational therapist, effective August 14 through June 30, 2025, per the terms of the contract.

- Contract between Pocahontas County Schools and Diana Smith, certified school psychologist, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, per the terms of the contract.

- Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Schools and Glenville State University for a continuing agreement between both parties regarding field placements, internships/student teaching and residency, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Agreement between New River Community and Technical College and Pocahontas County High School for dual credit courses for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Pocahontas County Schools to use the restricted substitute waiver for additional substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year, as needed.

- Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Schools and North Central West Virginia Community Action Association, Inc. – Head Start Program, retroactive to July 1 through June 30, 2025.

- District Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Schools and Community Care of West Virginia to provide medical services in Pocahontas County Schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Schools and West Virginia’s Family Nutrition Program to provide nutrition and physical activity pro-

grams for low-income families and/or children for the 2024-2025 school year.

- WVDE National School Lunch Program Snack Agreement Addendum with Pocahontas County Schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Roll-over bid from United Dairy, for purchasing dairy products for the schools, per the terms of the 2023-2024 contract, for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Roll-over bid from Tri-County Wholesale Produce, for purchasing produce for the schools, per the terms of the 2023-2025 contract, for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Roll-over bid from Flowers Bakery Co. of Jamestown, LLC, for purchasing bakery products for the schools, per the terms of the 2023-2024 contract, for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Bid from The Mountain Steer Meat Company, LLC, to provide beef for Pocahontas County Schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

- To remain in conjunction with the Country Roads Cooperative in a successful bid with Gordon Food Services/HPS.

- Increase of staff and guest meal prices from \$2.50 to \$3 per breakfast and from \$4.25 to \$5 per lunch, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

- 2024-2025 sports gender classifications, per West Virginia Department of Education: boys – baseball, basketball, soccer, track and field; girls – softball, basketball, soccer, track and field; and co-ed – band, cheerleading, football and golf.

In personnel management, the board approved:

- Employment of Andrews Landers as guidance counselor at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, for the 2024-2025 school year at state basic pay for 200 days.

- Employment of Sarah Brown as Title I teacher at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, for the 2024-2025 school year at state basic pay for 200 days.

- Employment of Mike Scandalis as summer custodian at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, at state basic pay for up to seven days, effective during the time schools are closed for summer break.

- Employment of Becky Petete as special education/classroom/bus aide for Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year at state basic pay for 200 days.

- Unpaid medical leave of L. Brooke Nottingham at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective August 12 – or upon exhaustion of personal leave – for a period of up to 12 weeks, as needed.

- Resignation of Julie

Markley as special education/classroom/bus aide at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective August 1.

- Employment of Karen Lockhart as teacher of preschool/special needs at Hillsboro Elementary School, for the 2024-2025 school year at state basic pay for 200 days.

- Employment of Peggy Owens as teacher of fifth grade at Marlinton Elementary School, for the 2024-2025 school year at state basic pay for 200 days.

- Unpaid medical leave of Melissa Walker at Marlinton Elementary School, effective August 18 – or upon exhaustion of personal leave – for a period of up to 12 weeks, as needed.

- Employment of Sherri Howe as summer custodian for Marlinton Middle School, at state basic pay for up to seven days, effective during the time schools are closed for summer break.

- Employment of Nicole Rose-Taylor as principal at Pocahontas County High School, effective August 1, for the 2024-2025 school year at state basic pay for 240 days.

- Employment of Owen Vogel song as teacher of physical ed/health for Pocahontas County High School, for the 2024-2025 school year at state basic pay for 200 days.

- Requested transfer of Jennifer Stewart from teacher of special education, multi-categorical/autism at Hillsboro Elementary School, to teacher of special education, multi-categorical/autism at Pocahontas County High School, for the 2024-2025 school year at state basic pay for 200 days.

- Employment of Doug Burns as head football coach at Pocahontas County High School, for the 2024-2025 athletic season at a supplement of \$3,000.

- Employment of Matthew A. Buzzard as assistant varsity football coach at Pocahontas County High School, for the 2024-2025 athletic season at a supplement of \$750.

- Employment of John Snyder as assistant girls basketball coach at Pocahontas County High School at a supplement of \$750.

- Resignation of Abe Ritzenhouse as teacher of physical ed/health at Pocahontas County High School, effective August 12.

- Resignation of Greg Rich as substitute custodian and substitute maintenance for Pocahontas County Schools, effective July 16.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 3, at 6 p.m. at the board of education office in Buckeye.

Suzanne Stewart may be contacted at sastewart@pocahontastimes.com

Swing, from page 1

a place that’s overflowing with outdoor adventure and family-friendly activities – Snowshoe Mountain Resort,” said West Virginia Department of Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. “Visit Snowshoe this summer to experience world-class mountain biking and beautiful hiking trails before the mountain is soon covered with snow for winter fun.”

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Watoga, from page 3

will rise in the east by 10:15, and as Perseus climbs above the horizon, the night’s meteor show will begin. We hope to have several telescopes on the dam, and you’re encouraged to bring binoculars if you have them.”

If inclement weather causes the event’s cancellation, the dark sky party will be Sunday, August 11, or if Sunday is also affected, then the festivities will be Monday, August 12.

Buhrman reminds galaxy aficionados that clear nights always make it cooler around Watoga Lake.

“Bring extra clothing and maybe a blanket to lay on the ground and take in West Virginia’s inky black summer skies,” he said.

“Our Watoga Dark Star Party is a fun night to celebrate the dark skies of Watoga with some education included,” said Mary Dawson, a member of the Watoga State Park Foundation Board of Directors. “It is a great

opportunity for families to enjoy a quiet evening of star gazing while listening to beautiful soft music.

“Our amateur astronomers are there to explain the view in the telescope and answer questions.”

The music will be provided by Erica Marks on the cello.

Some smaller telescopes will be available for use by dark sky partygoers.

Children will receive puzzles and color sheets with information about light pollution and wildlife. Crayons or colored pencils are included.

As a safety precaution, red-bulbed lanterns will be placed throughout the area. Additionally, red-bulbed flashlights will be available for everyone to use during the evening. Glow-in-the-dark bracelets will be handed out at the entrance to add to the festive atmosphere.

Due to limited space and safety reasons, no pets will be permitted in the viewing area.

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Obituaries



Sondra Cochran

Sondra Bee Cochran, 78, of Marlinton, went to be with the Lord Friday, July 26, 2024, while a resident at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

Born September 26, 1945, at Elkins, she was a daughter of the late Jefferson William Nelson and Grace Harper Nelson.

Sondra was a 1963 graduate of Marlinton High School and a graduate of Marshall University. She had worked in the Pocahontas County Assessor's Office and was a member of the Marlinton United Methodist Church. She enjoyed being outdoors, hunting, playing musical instruments and working with flowers.

On January 22, 1966, she married Harold Lee Cochran, Jr., who preceded her in death January 26, 2022.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Nelson and Robert

Nelson.

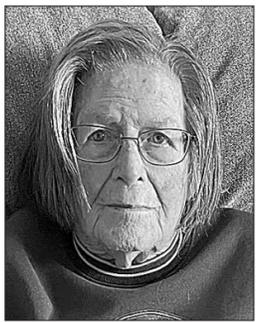
She is survived by her daughter, Misty Lea Cochran, of Marlinton; sister, Barbara Jean Shaw (Norman), of Edray; brother, Harper Nelson (friend, Nancy), of Marlinton; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at Mountain View Cemetery with Pastor Lee Bailey officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Huntersville Baptist Church, 5837 Huntersville Road, Marlinton, WV 24954.

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

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



Arlene Rexrode

Arlene Pearl Rexrode, 96, of Arbovale, passed away Friday, July 26, 2024, in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Born January 6, 1928, at Arbovale, she was a daughter

of the late Wesley Newton Vandevander and Lora Ena Rader Vandevander.

Arlene was united in marriage August 21, 1945 to Hubert Hoover Rexrode who preceded her in death December 23, 1995.

Arlene was an active member of Arbovale United Methodist Church, where she had served as treasurer since 1947. She and Anna Lou Orndorff were leaders of the Arbovale Methodist Youth for many years.

She served on the Southern States Home Advisory Board, attending many meetings in Richmond, Virginia; and she taught ceramics at 4-H camp for several years.

After her husband passed away she continued to manage their 250 acre farm. Her farm was selected as Conservation Farm of 2012 for Pocahontas County, and in 2013 was selected for the West Virginia Women in Agriculture Award. She was very proud of their farm.

Arlene was very active in the Farm Bureau and received the West Virginia Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award. She served on the board of directors, membership committee and chaired the women's committee. She was Region 8 Vice Chairperson for the State Women's Committee and attended various states leadership annual meetings. She went to AFBF annual meetings in St. Louis.

She was very active with the Picture Agriculture in West Virginia Poster Contest with the help of her good friend, Trudy Underwood.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Byll Greene; granddaughter, Donna Byrd; sisters, Maxine Harden, Ruth Pugh and Leona Simmons; and a brother, John Wesley Vandevander.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two daughters, Rebecca Ann "Becky" McCarty, and husband, Clyde, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Starlet Greene, of Pikeville, North Carolina; four great-grandchildren, Brian Warner, and wife, Elizabeth "Beth" Warner, Luca Byrd, Jackie Byrd and Casey Byrd; one great-grandchild on the way; a sister, Mary Cassell, of Arbovale; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Sunday, August 4, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Chapel in Arbovale.

Funeral service will be held Monday, August 5, 2024, 1 p.m. at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Chapel with Pastor Amy Paul officiating. Burial will follow in Arbovale Cemetery.

Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com



Ronald Rose

Ronald Lee "Ronnie" Rose, 59, of Buckeye, passed away Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Cortland Acres in Thomas.

Born on April 3, 1964, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Donald L. "Pete" and Virginia "Joyce" Jackson Rose.

Ronnie was a proud graduate of Pocahontas County High School, Class of 1983.

Prior to his illness, Ronnie had worked for Hanover Shoe in Marlinton; and for Walmart in Lewisburg in the Lawn and Garden Center. He will be remembered as a "gentle giant" who made a friend of anyone he met.

Ronnie loved the Pittsburgh Steelers, WVU Mountaineers, WWE wrestling, hunting and fishing, and he dearly loved his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jeffrey C. Jackson.

He is survived by his brothers, Donald L. Rose, Jr., and wife, BJ, of Sandstone, and John A. Rose, and wife, Mary Ann, of Oakland, Maryland; three nieces and a nephew, Tiffani Jackson, and

fiancé, Steven Rodoussakis, Aaron Jackson, Lillia Rose and Brooke Rose; several great-nieces-and-nephews; and a sister-in-law, Jane Jackson.

A Memorial/Celebration of Life will be held at the Pocahontas County Opera House Friday, August 2, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Marlinton Fire-Rescue, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954.

The C & S Fredlock Funeral Home, P.A., Oakland is honored to be assisting the Rose family.

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Art, from page 1

3-D printed toys.

Walker had turned a picnic table near the stage into a kids' art table, where budding artists could experiment with painting and drawing to their hearts content, then take their creations home to be proudly displayed there.

The sidewalk art contest had few rules – the contestants were grouped according to age. They were invited to choose whichever colors of chalk they might need to create their vision of "Summer in the Allegheny Highlands." Each was given a "block" of sidewalk on which to bring their vision to life and had until 4:30 p.m. to complete it.

The Morrison family, dad Mike, mom Paula, daughter Holley and the family Chihuahua, Ellie May, are from Webster County. They come to Pocahontas County quite often to hike, bike and visit family. They heard about the art contest, and Paula and Holley wasted no time in signing up.

Holley knew immediately that her picture would be of a salamander.

"We spend a lot of time in the Greenbrier River and the creeks when we're here, and I love seeing the little salamanders," Holley said.

Her mom favored a fanciful rendition of a mushroom being visited by a butterfly.

Justin Long, along with his wife, Whitney, and their seven year old daughter, Marley, from Rocky Mount, Virginia, came to Pocahontas County to spend a quiet weekend at the Mason Jar Airbnb cabin. They had no idea they were going to be showcasing Justin and Mar-

ley's artistic talents that day.

"We were just riding our bikes through town, heard the music and saw some people here at Discovery Junction and decided to stop and see what was going on," Long said.

Chalk art contest winners (well, in reality, everyone who entered the contest) were awarded gift certificates to Dari Land and Handmade WV Market – both businesses are situated across from Discovery Junction.

Local musicians entertained visitors who'd

stepped out of the sun and into the cool interior of Rivertown. Some explored the shops on the second floor and some stayed to enjoy the refreshment of an Italian soda and perhaps a chicken salad or crab cake sandwich at the Rivertown Café.

All enjoyed the friendly faces and infectious tunes of favorite local musical acts, including Uncle Gary and the Porch Pickers.

"We had a good time, just playing for the folks who happened in," Sharp said. "We always have a good time playing music together

and sharing it with friends, neighbors and visitors."

With the success of this first year of the Marlinton Art Walk and Rivertown Street Jubilee, it looks like the beginning of a new tradition.

"I'm already putting ideas together for next year," Walker announced.

"It will be basically the same thing we did this year – art, music, crafts and a sidewalk chalk art contest, with one change. I'd like to hold next year's event on Memorial Day weekend.

"And hopefully, it will just

keep getting bigger and better every year," she added.

Thank You

Words cannot express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, kindness and support we received when we lost our brother, Kenny Cutlip. We want to personally thank every single one of you. Please know that we feel very blessed for the strength of our family, friends and this community.

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Glenda, Timmy, Debbie and families

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Woody Simmons at Huntersville - 1982



CHAMPION FIDDLE PLAYER Woody Simmons performing at the Huntersville Mountain Music and Bluegrass Festival in 1982. The photographer is musician Kim Johnson who worked for Goldenseal magazine for many years. Woody was a familiar face in the early Pioneer Days and performed at Huntersville many times.

Woodford “Woody” Simmons was born in 1911 near Huttonsville, W.Va. He taught himself to play the fiddle, banjo and guitar at an early age, and he personally considered Edden Hammons, of Pocahontas County, to be the finest fiddler he ever heard.

Legend has it that Simmons won more than 300 fiddle contests in his lifetime. In the late 1970s, historian and musicologist Michael Kline noted that at age 67, “Woody Simmons is perhaps the most highly decorated local fiddler to come up in central West Virginia. His legendary smooth bowing style and effortless soaring phrases, and his combative approach to contest playing have won him the admiration of a large following of contest and festival audiences.”

In 1983, the West Virginia Department of Culture and History named him the third recipient of the Vandalia Award, West Virginia’s highest folklife honor.

Woody Simmons died in Elkins June 3, 2005 and was buried in the Old Brick Church Cemetery in Huttonsville. That year, the Pocahontas Community Cooperative released a two-CD compilation of his live radio tracks: “Woody Simmons Live at WVMR” and later an hour-long audio documentary about him, “Double Geared Lightning.” (Courtesy of Kim Johnson, Huntersville Music Festival Collection; ID: PHP003555)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, August 4, 1949

Last week the trip was over to Jackson Mill, to commingle with fellows of my printing craft – the art preservation of arts – and generally romance around... During the war, naturally, such visitations had to be suspended. ...

There is certainly the conclusion to be drawn from such a trip as last week – there is marked improvement to be seen in West Virginia newspaper men. In fact, ladies attend these out-

ings. The term newspaper man is no longer accurate – it is newspaper people now. Such people are younger and smarter. You know what was truthfully said of the old school editor – he could take the biggest drinks of liquor and write the dullest of editorials.

COUNTY MAN HONORED

On August 7, at Jackson Mill, Governor Patterson, of West Virginia, and Delegate June McElwee, of Pocahontas County will be two of the

10 citizens of West Virginia to receive honorary State Farmer Degrees from the State Future Farmers of America at the convention to be held August 5 to 9.

JONES FAMILY REUNION

The family of M. Burton Jones, of Seebert, enjoyed a picnic on July 24, 1949. All of his immediate family was present, which included the following: his sisters, Mrs. B. F. Crawford and Miss Nola Jones, of Winchester, Kentucky; his brother, Stuart Jones, of Lexington, Kentucky; Floyd Jones and sons, Stuart and Donald, of Richmond, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones and children, Grace Kay and Macon, of Clifton Forge, Virginia;

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Jones, of Fayette; Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Slavin, of Seebert; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose and daughter, Sally Hale, of Webster Springs.

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers, of Buckeye, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Lee, to Corporal Dennis Lee Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jackson, of Marlinton.

The groom, having been stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia for the past several months, has been transferred to Camp Stoneman, California, from where he expects to be sent overseas.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, July 31, 1924

Two dry state law enforcement officers made a raid on the Judge Bennett farm near Fayetteville Wednesday evening and found a keg of moonshine, containing about 15 gallons of liquor. A large copper wash boiler was confiscated. There was nobody about where the liquor was found, but members of the Bennett family and two workmen on the farm were placed under arrest. All gave bond to answer preliminary hearing. The keg of liquor was found in a small house near the barn. The house was locked and officers pulled the steeple. A stove in the room was broken up. The officers were in hiding near the barn several hours previous to the raid. Federal warrants were also sworn out for the alleged offenders of the prohibition law and deputy marshal Absalom was here Thursday serving the papers. Bond in the sum of \$2,000 each was given by W. R. and Romeo Bennett, Joe Mullens and Ben Johnson for their appearance in federal court. – Fayette Tribune

A tourist in Alaska was being shown over a fox farm. After admiring some beautiful silvers, she asked her guide, “Just how many times can the fox be skinned for his fur?”

The guide, who was an old-timer, replied, gravely: “Three times, madam. Any more than that would spoil him for breeding purposes.”

DOWN IN GREENBRIER

Editor Times; I left home July 14 to go to the home of my friend, W. A. Bright, of Williamsburg, Greenbrier County. The family consists of three members, father, mother and son. They moved from near Ar-

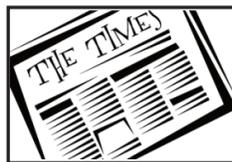
bovale about 13 years ago. Mrs. Bright was a Great-house. They are prospering in their new home, owning a farm of 100 acres of fertile soil. They have fine crops of all kinds, an abundance of fruits of many varieties and last but not least, a most gorgeous display of flowers. One thing I noticed particularly was that they are great church and Sunday School people who are living the Christian life.

I went mostly for cherries, and I got them. Mr. Bright has a fine cherry orchard from which he sold hundreds of gallons this year. People come for many miles to buy cherries and other fruits. Besides cherries, he has apples, pears, grapes, plums, corn, clover, timothy, alfalfa, potatoes – something to sell every day.

I saw more birds on this farm than I ever saw anywhere. The whole Bright family is interested, and the

birds are fed as regularly as the family itself eats. One bird, a robin, is known to have returned season after season for several years. I will give the name of some of the different birds I saw at the Bright farm: cardinal, titmouse, white breasted nuthatch, tufted titmouse, Carolina wren, hairy woodpecker, downie woodpecker, flicker, red belted woodpecker, slate colored junco, song chipping and other sparrows, including a white throated sparrow, black throated blue and other warblers, robins, indigo bunting, toohee, and many others and all in great numbers. These birds respond to good treatment, know when feed-

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, August 1, 1974

County 4-H Camp
“Do you remember the ‘20s, ‘30s, ‘40s, ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s?”

This was the theme for the 1974 Pocahontas County 4-H Camp Pocahontas.

Enthusiasm and spirit could not be dampened by the rain on two different days. When registration ended on Monday, 143 boys and girls were in camp and of these, 59 were first year campers.

Tribal chiefs and sages were as follows: Delaware: Brenda Wyatt, chief; and Cindy Galford, sagamore. Cherokee: Cheryl Dunbrack, chief; and Kay Galford, sagamore. Mingo: Ronnie Mullens, chief; and Carolyn Eddy, sagamore. Seneca: Pat McLaughlin, chief; and Susie Nottingham, chief; and Susie Nottingham, Leeta Killingsworth, Robert Paul Lord, Beulah McClung Duncan, Madeline Waugh Wimer, Mabel Gum Pierson.

The winner of the 4-H information contest was Marvina Doss. She received a full scholarship to next year’s camp.

The outstanding first-year camper award for a boy and girl went to Frosty McNabb and Margaret Mitchell. They each received a full scholarship to next year’s camp.

Wendy Wooddell was

chosen as Spirit of the Camp.

Other awards went to Marvin Beverage, Hand H; Susie Nottingham, Health H; Tim Cassell, Head H; and Cathy Patton, Heart H.

CLASS REUNION

The Marlinton High School Class of 1934 held its 40-year Class Reunion at Allegheny Lodge, Minnehaha Springs Saturday, July 13, during Pioneer Days. Several of their teachers joined them for the occasion.

Those in attendance were: Bill Evans, Charlie Moore, Mary E. G. Weiford, Mildred McNeill Music, Ressie Hill Joyce, Elizabeth Cochran Blake, Paul Duncan, Lee Symes, Robert McCormick, Celesta King Osborn, Ber-nice Adkison Hodges, Florence Price McNeel, Irene Jordan Dowden, Leeta Killingsworth, Robert Paul Lord, Beulah McClung Duncan, Madeline Waugh Wimer, Mabel Gum Pierson, Frank Richardson, Ruth Jordan Kessick, Marie Beverage Zody. Houston Simmons, Elmer Taylor, Madeline McNeill, Kyle McCarty, Robert Jordan, Carl Davis, Margaret Seabold Waugh, Polly Smith Reynolds, and Nancy McNeel Currence.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, August 3, 1899

On the Fourth of July, a party of little people had a picnic to themselves near Dunmore and while they were making freedom ring and having a most enjoyable time, one of their number, Miss Maggie Moore, was attacked by a kissing bug and her lip so badly stung that in a few minutes her mouth was virtually closed. Remedies were applied and medical advice phoned for. It was several days before the swelling was reduced.

THE HIDDEN DANGER

He thought he saw a kissing bug
Descending from a tree,
He looked again and saw it was

A common bumblebee.
“Ah, you can do your worst,” he said,
“You hold no fears for me.”

He thought he saw a kissing bug
Come sailing through the room;

He got into a corner
And armed him with a broom.

He killed it dead and found it was
A honey-suckle bloom.

He thought he heard a kissing bug
A-beating on the pane,
He left his bed at twelve o’clock,

And slept out in the rain,
When morning came the thing
was gone
But his escape was plain.

He thought he saw a kissing bug
One hot oppressive night,
Come flying through the window,
And flutter round the light;

He slew it with a palm leaf fan –
A Dobson (hellgrammite).

He thought he saw a kissing bug
A sitting on his trunk;

He took a heavy bit of wood
And killed it with the chunk,

And as it fell he knew it was
An ordinary skunk.

He saw a nice young dandy give
His daughter Jane a hug,
He rushed out in the twilight

And hit him in the mug,
And turning to his child
exclaimed,
“It is a kissing bug!”

SUICIDE OF JOHN ADKINS

Last Sunday, John Adkins shot himself in the forehead at a basket meeting on Little Back Creek, a short distance above Mt. Grove.

A basket meeting, which is an all day open air meeting held in some grove where the church people bring baskets filled with materials for lunch, was in progress that day. Adkins was there, very drunk, riding up and down in the forenoon and seemed rather boisterous. At the noon hour, he was lying stupid with drink under a tree near the grounds.

Clifford Friel, of Huntersville, approached him and laying his hand on his shoulder asked him if he did not want some dinner. This seemed to enrage him, and muttering some words which could not be understood, drew a pistol. Friel retreated a few steps very rapidly and Adkins raised the revolver and shot himself

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The war on yellow jackets

Allen Hamrick
Mountain Media

What is one common activity that binds most people together in the summer? It isn't the great outdoors as we hike our favorite trails; it isn't the boats we board and head to our favorite fishing spots. It's not that new bike we just bought to ride all the miles of trails or the side by side trails that cover this state. If you are living in West Virginia, it seems that the yellow jackets have taken over this year. No matter where you go, the ground is covered with them – and hornets. They have been playing havoc on those unfortunate beings who have uncovered their hideouts. From high in the mountains to the lowlands, there are yellow jackets aplenty.

These small, yet mighty, winged creatures can scare the hair off the head of the toughest individual. I have seen people, who have been swarmed by these insects, run wildly, flailing their arms and screaming as if they were being torn apart. The very low sounding hum of the bees is enough to be background effects for a horror movie.

People have been surrounded in their homes, fearful to go outside due to the possibility of stumbling upon one of the many nests.

Nests are in the ground, on porch overhangs, inside kayaks, under porch swings, and remember that tarp you folded and laid up for future use? Make sure you check it first. For the most part, the buzzing yellow jackets are staying close to the ground, on flowers and dog waste.

There is a lot of speculation as to why the swarms of yellow jackets have seemed to double or triple from last year. I have heard people say that they have never seen yellow jackets as bad as they are and attempt to try and justify the reason to today's political climate. Honestly, the yellow jackets are worse this season; you don't dare go without shoes or you will get a pedicure – yellow jacket style. If and when they get up your pants leg, look out. Saint Vitus dance takes on a new meaning and all reasoning leaves your mind as they sting where you can't reach. You run and twitch, wildly screaming in a language known only to your ancestors all the while attempting to get your pants off while looking for the



nearest hole of water or water hose. It happens every year, but this year it seems different. Some believe it is the heralding of a winter of biblical proportions that we won't be able to dig out of as the yellow jackets get prepared for the winter of 2024.

They have been thick enough in the yard to walk on and can fly circles around your head while dodging your cat-like reflexes. People are arming themselves with the latest can of Hot Shot or some other wasp and hornet spray just to get to their vehicles or to keep from being chased back into the house. One poor fellow built a new outhouse complete with fan, lights, mosquito netting and wall to wall carpeting but forgot to check under the lid. By the time he realized raising the lid was a bad idea, the yellow jackets relieved him of his reason for being there. Anytime you see as many yellow jackets covering the yard as there are now, you better be watchful – they can turn on you like a starving wolf.

So, here is the scuttlebutt on why there are so many this season. Mild winters allow the yellow jackets to survive and due to the heat this summer, the yellow jackets have flourished with more nests and more bees. The nests have grown in size and the number of worker bees have tripled. As the summer wears on, the bees are looking for protein to feed the young – whether it's meat from food scraps or in-

sects. When that is over, they become aggressive to humans because their habits and tastes change. They are now after anything sweet they can get to feed their own bellies. If they know where they can get easy food, that's where they stay and continue to build nests. The nest they build will hold the next spring's queen bee. It is really a necessity to get rid of the nests. Most worker bees will die during the first cold snap, and the males and females spend the winter in their hideout and emerge around your house the next spring. Sometimes, if you're a brave sort, you can track a yellow jacket to its nest and then destroy the nest. However, most that live in West Virginia have had to kill out a nest, so we know if we don't do it right, we may become part of the swarm.

Basically, the hotter it is, the more there are and the more aggressive they are. Winters are not like they used to be, so unless we get a few rough winters, the bees will become our nearest neighbor. If you can't find the nest, there is a good option for controlling the bees and getting them away from the barbecue. Take a 2-liter

bottle, cut the top off and turn the top upside down back into the bottle body forming a funnel of sorts. Take either dog food or cat food and place half a can in the bottom of the bottle.

Spread a little bit on the entrance of the funnel hole and place the bottle in a nuisance area. They can't resist it; they fly in, eat and then can't get out – works like a charm. It will last a couple

of days, until either full or too pungent. Like it or not, they are here to stay, and it is the one thing that binds all people together – our summer war for independence against the yellow jacket.



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academic stakeholders may well have been the lynchpin for success.

Youth leader David Moore keenly perceives what he characterizes as the "soft gentrification" of the community where there is little displacement but more infilling of underutilized properties.

"What we are seeing is more people and money coming in investing in dilapidated and abandoned structures that, rather than replace current residents, benefits them with improved property values and neighborhoods.

"What we are witnessing is a real gift to the local community for it minimizes the 'us verses them' mentality that many communities of tentatives have to struggle with when 'outsiders' come with new ways.

"This is better as new res-

idents are mindful of their impacts on existing resources while locals appear to be welcoming new ideas and cultures to the community.

"It's making Marlinton one of the most unique and attractive zip codes in the entire state."

Moore's insight is apt for tourism – arguably the primary driver of the new economy – necessarily brings in new people from outside the regional economy and friendly locals warmly accepting the slow influx of new citizens is key.

Yes, economic diversification will continue to be the North Star of sustainable community development, but having good people willing to share their home town with others who are helping improve it will only make Marlinton a better place for all.

Swint is a former contributing columnist for the Charleston Gazette-Mail who frequents Pocahontas County as often as possible.

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If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any claims against an estate must be filed within 60 days of the first publication of this notice in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3A.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commission.

First Publication Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024
Claim Deadline: Monday, September 30, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: 14588
ESTATE OF: **TERRI RENEA TUMBLIN**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Hazel J. Sharp
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Marlinton, WV 24954-6016

ESTATE NUMBER: 14664
ESTATE OF: **JAMES CURTIS LONG, SR.**
EXECUTRIX: Sandra Jean Jordan
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14665
ESTATE OF: **SAMUEL WOODROW KINCAID**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Vicky Kincaid
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14667
ESTATE OF: **RONALD GENE MCCARTY**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Barbara McCarty
8787 Frost Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-7109

Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 26, 2024.
Melissa L. Bennett

Accepting Bids

The Pocahontas County Libraries and Visitor Information Centers Board is accepting bids for new flooring for McClintic Public Library in Marlinton.

The project will include removal and disposal of existing flooring and installation of new flooring in the library conference room, education room, hallway, three bathrooms and kitchen.

All prospective contractors must have current West Virginia business licenses, proof of appropriate liability and Workers' Compensation insurance, and required certifications for specific trades.

Bid deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, August 19, 2024.
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME
FROM: Julia Ann Frothingham
TO: Jay Aronow Frothingham

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of August 2024, at 2 o'clock p.m. at the Family Court, 818 C 10th Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia, on said day or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Joyce H. Carpenter, the Petitioner, Julia Anne Frothingham, will apply by petition to the Family Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said Court, changing their name from Julia Anne Frothingham to Jay Aronow Frothingham, at which time and place any interested party

may appear and be heard if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said petition can be obtained from Clerk of the Circuit/Family Court Connie M. Carr at her office at 900 D 10th Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954.

Dated this 25th day of July 2024.

Julia Frothingham
Pro se Petitioner
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Appearing on the ballot for the 2024 General Election scheduled for November 5, 2024, is a proposed amendment to the West Virginia Constitution as authorized by HJR 28 (2024 Regular Session).

The title of the proposed amendment is "Protection of persons against medically assisted suicide" and its summary purpose is "to protect West Virginians against medically assisted suicide."

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until **SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 10:00 A.M.** (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

CALL: 012; CONTRACT: 2021990003; STATE PROJECT: U399-RW/S-1.00; FEDERAL PROJECT: HSP-2023(001)D; DESCRIPTION: CONT/WRKTP STATEWIDE RWIS RENOVATION; COUNTY: STATEWIDE.

DBE GOAL: 8% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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The office of the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Department is now accepting resumes for the position of Administrative Clerk. Resumes will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 15, 2024.

Job Description:

The position of Administrative Clerk will require clerical duties for and under the supervision of the Executive Assistant of Law Enforcement. These duties consist of answering the telephone, assisting the public, processing concealed weapon permits, processing accident report requests and civil process. Also, provide clerical support to the department officers and other duties that may be assigned.

Qualifications:

Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must possess good oral and written communication skills and be willing to work with the public and other co-workers in a polite and acceptable manner. Applicant must be able to travel for training and willing to attend classes. A background check and drug test will be required prior to employment.

Starting salary for this position will be determined by experience and will include PEIA Health Insurance, Public Employees Retirement, vacation, and sick leave.

You may apply by filing a resume with the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Department Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or by mailing or email: Pocahontas County Sheriff's Dept. Corey Rose, Executive Assistant 900 Jail Ln. Marlinton, WV 24954 cewrose@sheriff.state.wv.us



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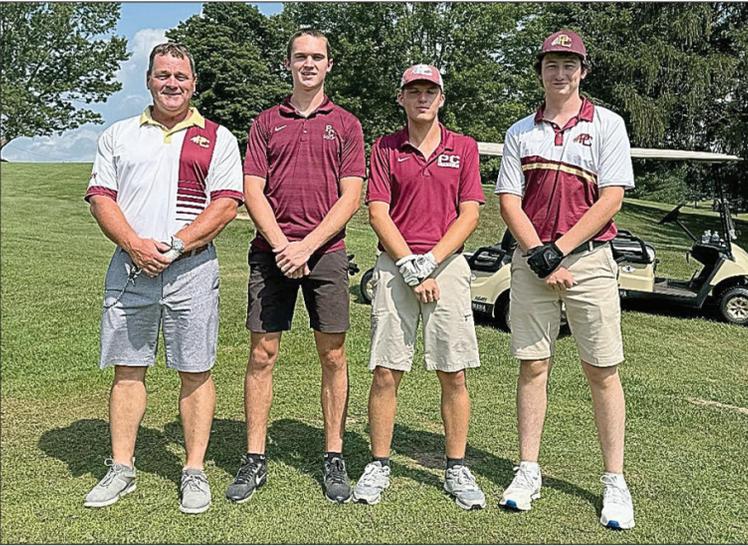
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Youth Golf Tournament



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in the forehead. He lived an hour and a half.

He was so drunk that it is not known whether it was his intention to discharge the

revolver or not. An inquest was deemed unnecessary. The body was buried Monday.

Adkins was a man of about 45, and had been a mail carrier for many years. A deformed arm made him unfitted for most kinds of labor. In the winter of 1897-

98, he carried the mail from Marlinton to Elk.

He was more or less addicted to the use of liquor. When drunk, he has often been heard to wish himself dead, and when in that condition, his mind seemed to run on that subject.

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Mace, of Monteville, a son, Bobbie Ray.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clark Wayne, of Auto, a son, Ernest Clark, Jr.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stottlemire, of Buckeye, a daughter, Rebecca Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dunbrack, of Marlinton, a daughter, Mary Lou.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Allen Beale, a daughter, Geraldine Kay.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Westfall, of Hillsboro, a daughter, Karen Sue.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones, of Huntersville, a son, Samuel William

DEATHS

James Wheeler Galford, aged 77 years, of Durbin, died July 24, 1949 at his home. Funeral service was held from the Bethel Church on Back Mountain with interment in the Bethel Cemetery.

Mrs. Martha Allie Pierson, aged 81 years, died July 27, 1949, at her home on Middle Run, Braxton County. One of her six sons is Squire W. R. Pierson, of Huntersville.

Lee Clark, aged about 73 years, died July 29, 1949 in a Veterans Hospital in Pt. Perry, Maryland. The deceased was a son of the late Preston Clark. Funeral was held from the Oak Grove Church with burial in the family plot in Oak Grove Cemetery.

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ing time comes and have lost their natural (or unnatural) shyness of people.

It was a pleasure to stop in this home of Christian people who take time to be holy, and renew acquaintance of former years.

I returned by way of Anthony Creek.

J. H. Buzzard
Marlinton

DIED

Charles Warren Moore, age 25, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Moore, of Dunmore, died July 25, 1924 at Ronceverte Hospital. Burial in Dunmore Cemetery Sunday afternoon, the service being conducted from the Dunmore Methodist Church. The service was under the auspices of the Cass Masonic Lodge. During the World War, he served as a soldier. For the past year, he had filled the position as bookkeeper for the Spice

Run Lumber Company at Locust.

On June 27, 1924, Mrs. Minnie Alice Doddrell, daughter of Wm. A Wooddell, of Cass, after an eight day illness, passed from this world to the land of fadeless sunshine to be forever with the God she loved to serve while here upon the earth. Mrs. Doddrell was born at Linwood May 1, 1882. In 1903, then Miss Wooddell, was married to C. W. Showalter. To this union was born one child. Both husband and child died. Mrs. Showalter was married to H. W. Doddrell in October 1906. To this union three children were born, two having preceded their mother to the grave. Mrs. Doddrell leaves her father and mother, five brothers, one sister, her husband and little son. Interment was made at the family burying ground at Clover Lick... By the home-going of Mrs. Doddrell, truly earth is made poorer, but Heaven is much richer.

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Health professionals shouldn't kill their patients. But I can still hear Cowart's screams as he begged to die, and I don't think I could vote to convict a health profes-

sional who slipped him a lethal dose of morphine.

I don't know what I will decide, but I do know that this is an issue that deserves careful thought and a lot more background and nuance than this column contains. I also know that there is a lot of thoughtful, nu-

anced work on this topic, work that is based on a variety of philosophical, religious and legal perspectives.

And I know that our libraries—and our librarians—can help you find some of those things to read before you have to walk into the ballot box in November.

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Dilley, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Amanda Jane.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lee Dilley, of Marlinton, a daughter, Elizabeth

Ann. Born to Mr. and Mrs. David R. Sheets, of Huntington, a son, Charles Frederick.

DEATHS

Albert Ward (Ab) Smith, I, of Marlinton, a son of the late Luther Lawrence and Frances Sharp Smith. Funeral was held from the Fairview Methodist Church

with burial in the Fairview Cemetery.

Elbert Edward Pritt, 58, of Droop, a son of the late Wheeler C. Pritt and Switzerland Jane Walton, of Droop. Funeral service from the Mount Zion Methodist Church at Droop with burial in the Sunset Cemetery at Jacox.

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