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Smokey Bear celebrates 80th birthday

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, the day before his official August 9 birthday, Smokey Bear celebrated his 80th in style at the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center.

Protected from the scattered rain showers under the picnic pavilion, Smokey fans enjoyed several activities including hearing the story of Smokey's life, making bear-shaped cookies, and coloring flat Smokey that children could take with them – and a snake show with Roy Moose.

And cake. Of course, there was a large birthday cake with photos of Smokey with U.S. Forest Ranger Jason Hattersly. The photos were taken at the Cherry River Festival where Smokey served as the parade marshal.

Smokey Bear first appeared in a U.S. Forest Service Wildfire Prevention Campaign in 1944. Six years later, the icon gained a living symbol when a three-month-old black bear was rescued from a forest fire in the Capitan Mountains in New Mexico in 1950.

Forest Service conservation educator Kelly Perrine used a beautifully illustrated story book to tell the story of the young cub who became the living embodiment of Smokey.

The small cub was discovered, covering in a tree with burns on his paws and hind legs. His burns were treated and bandaged and he was



SMOKEY BEAR CELEBRATED his 80th birthday last Thursday at Cranberry Mountain Nature Center. Attendees made Smokey Bear cookies and coloring sheets before the iconic bear arrived to the party in a 1957 Chevrolet 6500 tanker truck. He posed for pictures before cutting and sharing his cake. He is shown here with Emily Cooper, Kinley Cooper and Melissa Cooper. S. Stewart photo

taken in by the U.S. Forest Service. The cub quickly became famous and he was flown to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., where he lived out the rest of days as the living symbol of Smokey Bear.

Smokey became a spokesman for the Forest Service with his "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires" slogan which is now "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."

A Beckley family, with a big Smokey fan in tow, attended the festivities.

Keith and Melissa Cooper brought their granddaughters, Emily, 9, and Kinley, 8, who enjoyed the activities and were excited to meet

Smokey. Melissa, who was wearing a Smokey Bear shirt, was also excited to see the iconic bear once again. She explained that she had a photo of her with Smokey from 1978 that she wanted to recreate at the party.

She did just that after Smokey arrived to the picnic pavilion in style, riding in the 1957 Chevrolet 6500 tanker truck. The truck has been on loan to the Monongahela National Forest for the past month from the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest in Virginia.

The truck has been to Pioneer Days, the Cherry River Festival and the West Vir-

ginia State Fair, chauffeuring Smokey around for his celebratory year.

After everyone in attendance got a picture with Smokey in front of the antique truck, it was time to sing "Happy Birthday" and to cut the cake.

It was a grand party for an beloved figure who has warmed the hearts of young and old for the past 80 years.

Dressed in his traditional blue jeans and forest ranger hat, Smokey Bear continues to be a reminder that those who visit the forests of this country need to be safe and protect the animals, flora and fauna that call the forests home.



Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

This past week, I had the privilege of attending the 55th Annual Conference of the West Virginia Municipal League (WVML). The WVML is a statewide, non-profit, nonpartisan association of cities, towns and villages. Established in 1968, the membership includes 230 municipalities within the state.

The purpose of the league is to assist local governments and advance the interests of all citizens. The League achieves this directive through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services for municipal elected officials.

By cooperating through the League, cities benefit from research programs and a united legislative voice that would be impossible to maintain individually.

The annual conference provides interaction and opportunities for collaboration. The networking with other mayors and city managers cannot be overstated. The workshops consist of numerous and diverse topics. The discussions that follow each session inspire, challenge, and motivate city representatives to make our communities places where all would want to live.

Vendor exhibits are another feature that provides hands on demonstrations of most everything that has a

municipal application. This may well have been the hottest conference of all. When I arrived in Huntington August 6, it was 104 degrees.

Receiving word that my friend and Town Council Member Roger Trusler had passed away cooled the excitement of what was an otherwise successful annual conference.

The reality of Roger's passing will be immediately felt in our town and community businesses in ways that will take time to overcome. Roger was such an advocate for the Town of Marlinton and all of Pocahontas County. His project involvement was far-reaching. The sidewalks grant and streetscape program were part of the work he was committed to seeing through. Civic duty and enrichment of all residents, students and visitors was at the core of Roger's commitment to community.

Still, I have to believe that, somehow, Roger would be pleased to know that the Town of Marlinton received a West Virginia Municipal League "All Star Community Award" for 2024 Enrichment, in Recognition of Exceptional Performance and Innovative Contributions to Municipal Government.

Humane Society is the cat's meow

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

It takes a real animal lover to volunteer their time to help control the feral animal population and help families and individuals adopt and care for their pets.

That's why Elissa Cavender and Sharon Filmer are excellent additions to the Pocahontas County Humane Society board. Cavender is the new executive director and Filmer is serving as president.

Both women are self-proclaimed animal lovers who grew up with a menagerie of pets. Cavender is from Fairmont and moved back to West Virginia, specifically Pocahontas County, in 2018 from Arizona. Filmer grew up a military brat, but mainly called Virginia home until the COVID-19 pandemic altered her and her husband

Paul's plans.

They were building a home in Pocahontas County and moved in earlier than anticipated to "hunker down" during the pandemic.

After settling in to the county, Filmer and Cavender quickly found themselves volunteering with the Humane Society, putting their love for animals to work.

The Humane Society of Pocahontas County, a non-profit organization, serves the community in several ways. It also asks for assistance from community members who are also animal lovers.

The biggest program the Humane Society pilots is the TNR – trap, neuter and return – program. In order to control the feral cat population, the TNR program is a humane way to collect feral cats, get them neutered or spayed and then return them to their feral lifestyle.

"Being that Pocahontas County is the third largest county, the geographic area that we're trying to cover is very difficult for our small group, so we really lean in hard on our community," Cavender said.

"We will train," Filmer added. "We will be in the field with them until they get into the comfort zone where they feel like they can take it and run with it. We've been trying to educate the community to reach out to us and understand that if you're feeding one kitty that shows up on your front porch, then a second kitty shows up – in a year, you're probably going to have twenty kitties because they breed so quickly."

While the Humane Society will help regardless of how many cats show up in the community, they say it is easier and better to reach out for help when just one or two

are seen wandering around because the TNR program will ensure they don't make more kitties that will also end up feral.

With TNR, the Humane Society provides training and equipment for community members who wish to help. They teach how to set out the traps and provide food to make the process as smooth as possible.

The program also helps capture cats that may have health issues that can be treated if they are caught.

"It's just awful when you see the conditions some of these cats are living in," Cavender said. "That's probably one of the nice things we do, transitioning to that part of it. For instance, this barn cat that I'm fostering – she was outdoors, not spayed and now has four kittens. Now, those kitties are going to go to a home – and see Cat's pg 5



THE HUMANE SOCIETY of Pocahontas County, which shares a building with Frankford Veterinary Services in Marlinton, always has cats who are in need of good homes. Along with finding homes for cats, the Humane Society makes sure your pets and feral cats in the county are cared for with chipping clinics, vouchers for spay/neuter appointments and rabies vaccines. Photo courtesy of Humane Society of Pocahontas County

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Commission discusses proposed property purchases ~ discussion is free

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The Pocahontas County Commission discussed the proposed purchase of the landfill property and deed preparation at its August 6 meeting.

Jay Miller said that, even if they buy the landfill for the Solid Waste Authority (SWA), he is concerned that the SWA might not be able to remain solvent as they try to continue trash disposal in the county after the landfill closes. According to Miller, the relationship between the commission and the SWA has to change, with the commission taking charge of the landfill in a fashion similar to the way they do the hospital, since they are ultimately responsible to ensure waste collection continues post landfill closure.

“The golden rule is that whoever has the gold rules,” he said.

The commission voted to retain Mike Doss as its attorney to handle the purchase. Prior to that, Doss had been retained only to review the deed.

Josh Hardy, the new attorney representing the Fertig Family in this transaction, said he has delivered the deed to Doss and, other than for some rewording and clarification about the responsibilities for fence building, it is nearly ready to be presented to the commission and the SWA.

All the parties agreed that, since the lease is paid up through December, any re-

maining unused portion of the lease payment as of the date the sale is finalized will be subtracted from the selling price.

As agreement appeared close, Ed Riley, Chairman of the Solid Waste Authority cried out, “Wait! Wait! We need the commission to commit to supporting us, and will the deed be made out to the SWA or the commission?”

Commissioner John Rebinski said that whether the deed is in the commission’s name or the SWA’s name was still open for discussion, but he feels it would be easier for the SWA to get future loans if the property was in the SWA’s name, which is his preference, but he would accept putting it in the commission’s name since it could later be transferred to the SWA, if needed.

Commissioner Jamie Walker then announced that if there is any reference in the deed to building a fence along the state right-of-way into the landfill, he would vote against the commission purchasing the landfill since he won’t agree to fencing a state roadway.

After all that, the commission decided to put off any additional motions until they see the finished deed and then they would work out any remaining differences or objections.

The commission also took up the agenda item of awarding the bids to build the 911 Center/EMS building. Miller also spoke against that project, saying the commission

was involved in too many expensive capital building projects at one time. Rebinski gave a passionate speech refuting Miller’s claim, saying that for many years earlier commissions had neglected needed capital improvements, which is why there are so many projects that he feels this commission should build because they are needed.

Rebinski also said that because the bids came in too high for the 911/EMS project, he would need to come up with an additional \$2.5 million to build both the 911 Center and the EMS bay, so until he obtains more funding sources, he will have to rebid the project in two phases. The first phase being the 911 Center alone, then down the road after he obtains more sources of grant money, they can advertise for the bids to build the EMS bay.

The commission also discussed the proposed purchase of the property next to the courthouse that in the future could possibly be used as a site for a courthouse annex or as an additional parking lot for the courthouse. Miller also spoke out against this because he feels they should not buy land until they have identified a use for it and hired an architect to design what they would put there.

Carla Miller (no relation to Jay Miller.) who owns property adjoining that lot complained that putting a

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Grand jury hands up indictments

The August Grand Jury convened last Tuesday in Pocahontas County and handed up indictments against the following individuals:

Robert R. Hall, 67, of Hillsboro – one count, person prohibited from possessing a firearm, a misdemeanor.

David Bradley Moyers, 42, hometown unknown – two counts, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third or subsequent offense, a felony; one count,

assault, a misdemeanor; one count, destruction of property, a misdemeanor; one count, brandishing a deadly weapon, a misdemeanor.

Harley L. Squires, 36, of Hillsboro – one count, malicious assault, a felony.

Roy Lynn Walker, 58, of Hillsboro – one count, harassment, a misdemeanor; one count, intimidation of and against public officers and employees, a felony; three counts, indecent exposure, a misdemeanor.

Sherry L. Carpenter, 60, of Marlinton – one count, stalking, second offense, a felony.

Mason L. Walker, 24, of Hillsboro – one count, murder in the first degree, a felony; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony, a felony; one count, person prohibited from possessing a firearm, a misdemeanor.

Randall Joel Moore, 44, of Arbovale – one count, murder in the first degree, a felony.

An indictment is not proof of guilt. All individuals are considered innocent until proven otherwise by a jury of their peers.

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 agreement has been reached between the State and Roy Myers, 49, of Durbin. A change of plea hearing is set for September 5. The matter will remain on the trial docket until a plea is taken. Myers was indicted by the April 2022 Grand Jury on one count, child neglect resulting in serious bodily injury; and one count, child neglect creating a substantial risk of death.

An agreement has been reached between the State and Clifton Summerfield, 41, of Hillsboro. A change of plea hearing is set for September 12. Summerfield was indicted on one count failure to register as a sex offender.

Jennifer Peck, 44, of Durbin waived her right to indictment by a grand jury and pleaded guilty to one felony count of possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled non-narcotic substance. In turn, she will enter the Southeastern Drug Court Program. The court accepted the plea but deferred adjudication as the defendant enters drug court.

In-person sentencing was held in the case the State vs David W. Mace, 38, of Marlinton, wherein defense counsel asked for alternative sentencing of home confinement or probation. The State objected and asked for the maximum sentences to run consecutively. The court

sentenced Mace to the state penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than five years for one felony count of strangulation. The court sentenced him to not less than one year nor more than five years in the state penitentiary for a second felony

count of strangulation. The sentences will run consecutively. Mace was given 693 days’ credit for time served. He will be referred to the RSAT program within the WVDOCR. Mace was remanded to custody.

‘Small Town Universe’ premiere at GBO

Heather Niday
Allegheny Mountain Radio

It was close to standing room only at the Green Bank Observatory August 4 for the showing of the documentary *Small Town Universe*, a film by Katie Dellamaggiore that was about eight years in the making. Angela Damery, GBO Public Outreach Manager, introduced the film.

“I want to thank you all for joining us this evening,” Damery said. “We’re really excited to bring *Small Town Universe* back home for the local premiere. The film premiered at the Cleveland Film Institute in April; this is our first public showing here in Green Bank.”

Katie, the film’s director, was overjoyed to see the large turnout for a project that has been such a big part of her life for so many years.

“[It] took so long to make this film, so the fact that we’re all here actually showing it to all of you is just the best, best, best thing ever, so please stick

around,” she said. “Afterwards, you’ll get to meet some of the subjects in the film whom you all know already, and we’ll answer some questions, and we’ll all chat afterwards.”

Much of the film’s content centered around an uncertain time for the GBO. The National Science Foundation had recently announced a proposal to defund the observatory, putting not only the lives and families of those who worked there in jeopardy, but also potentially dealing a terrible blow to the astronomical community in the loss of an irreplaceable observational instrument, the Green Bank Telescope. With that as the background, the film explores the lives of four main characters: a young woman who aspires 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 living in an increasing wireless, hyper-connected world.

There have been a number of television, radio and print stories done over the years about the GBO and the unique challenges of living within the National Radio Quiet Zone or NRQZ. Most film crews would be in Green Bank for a day or two, perhaps a week, then go back home to write stories of widely varying accuracy. By contrast, Katie made repeated trips to Green Bank over several years, forming close relationships with her subjects. The result is a film that feels intimate and almost intrusive at times as you watch the emotions of her subjects played out in real time.

But it’s not just the powerful personal stories that drive the documentary. It’s also clearly about the science at the heart of the GBO and the community that surrounds the observatory. Both have had to learn how to co-exist since the founding of the site in the late 1950s.

Funding continues to be a challenge, according to **see GBO pg 6**

Justice signs bill to provide \$12 million for West Virginia fire departments

By Charles Young
The Exponent Telegraph

Governor Jim Justice ceremonially signed a bill Friday that will provide \$12 million annually to fire departments throughout the state.

The governor signed House Bill 5128 during the West Virginia State Firemen’s Association convention in Boone County.

The legislation passed during this year’s regular session of the West Virginia Legislature and became effective June 1.

The bill directs that money from the State Lottery Fund be transferred at the end of each fiscal year to three funds supporting fire departments and volunteer fire departments.

“Basically, the net of the whole thing is it’s going to flip \$12 million toward the great volunteer fire departments all across the state and make more good stuff happen, whether it be people or equipment or whatever,” the governor said. “It’ll save lives — it’ll save bunches of lives.”

Office of the Governor
From the total of \$12 million, \$6 million will go to the

Fire Protection Fund for state distribution to volunteer fire departments; \$3 million will go to the All County Fire Protection Fund for county distribution to fire departments in each county that has in place a countywide excess levy or a county-wide fee

dedicated to fire or emergency services; and \$3 million will go to the County Fire Protection Fund for county distribution to fire departments in each county.

Those bills, passed during the August 2023 special session of the Legislature, allocated \$6 million to the Fire Protection Fund, \$3 million to the County Fire Protection

Fund and \$3 million to the Growth Fire Protection Fund.

The \$12 million provided by the three bills were one-time funds, but Justice promised to secure additional dollars for fire funding “without raising taxes.”

There are a total of 362 fire departments and volunteer fire departments in West Virginia, according to information from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

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by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

This week's post comes from Emily Castilleja, assistant librarian for Pocahontas County Library and Visitor Centers' Hillsboro branch. Emily invites us to learn the virtues of being an introvert in a world that sometimes seems geared toward extroversion.

Being a quiet individual in social settings can be challenging. It can be especially challenging in the kinds of social situations where everyone is expected to be outgoing. As someone who still struggles to engage in small talk every day, I always felt like something was wrong with me. Despite my ability to write and draw, and my love of learning, forming sentences in casual conversations has always seemed impossible, leaving me feeling like a deer in headlights.

Although I am drawn to non-fiction, particularly science and psychology-related content, one book, in particular, caught my attention but also made me apprehensive. Titled *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* – Talking, the very name made me uneasy. I avoided the book for a while before I finally realized I was being... well, silly.

The following day, I mustered the courage to borrow the book and began reading it. Initially, the introduction felt relatable yet slightly repetitive, making me question how the author could stretch the topic into an entire book. However, by the end of the first chapter, I found myself captivated, and by the second chapter, I started to embrace my introverted nature without self-judgment.

I became engrossed in the book, discussing it every chance I got. This insightful read reassured me that there is nothing wrong with being introverted or reserved; in fact, it's more common than I thought. The book's accounts of individuals pretending to be extroverted for societal acceptance and the studies highlighting introverts' unique leadership qualities were enlightening.

The author skillfully presents complex topics through comprehensible studies, sprinkled with humor. The book gets a little dense at times, but, I enjoyed the challenge of Googling some references, as those explorations added to the fun of exploring each chapter.

As I delved deeper into the book, I found myself re-

flecting on my past experiences and how societal expectations had shaped my self-perception. I remembered moments in school, at work, and even in social gatherings where I felt pressured to adopt a more extroverted demeanor.

It was liberating to realize that my natural inclinations were not flaws but simply different ways of navigating the world. The book also emphasized the importance of finding environments that nurture our strengths. I began to seek out quieter spaces and activities that aligned with my interests.

These changes not only made me more comfortable but also allowed me to connect with like-minded individuals who appreciated my perspective. Moreover, the book inspired me to advocate for the value of introversion in my professional life.

I started to voice my ideas more confidently in meetings, knowing that my thoughtful and measured approach was just as valuable as the more spontaneous contributions of my extroverted colleagues. This shift in mindset not only improved my self-esteem but also enhanced my relationships with my peers. In essence, *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* was more than just a book; it was a transformative experience that helped me embrace my true self.

It taught me that introversion is not something to be cured or overcome but a unique and powerful way of being. With this newfound understanding, I felt a sense of peace and acceptance that I had never experienced before. The book continues to influence my daily life, reminding me to honor my introverted nature and to celebrate the diverse ways people contribute to the world.

Introversion isn't the only fascinating subject you can learn about in a book. Your local library is a treasure trove of knowledge, offering titles on farming, crafts, history, and so much more. Each book you pick up has the potential to broaden your horizons and transform your understanding of various topics. Visit the library to discover how a good read can shift your perspective and enrich your life.

TRIVIA – a little something to think about

1. On which three days of the week is December 25th more likely to fall?
2. Which Canadian Prime Minister was born on December 25, 1971?
3. What kind of farm is a formicarium?
4. Black Forest cake originates from which country?

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Glenn Elliott (D) candidate for U. S. Senate

U.S. Senatorial candidate Glenn Elliott visited Pocahontas County last week as part of his 55-county tour of the state. He is running for the U. S. Senate against Republican candidate Governor Jim Justice to fill the seat of Senator Joe Manchin, who decided not to run for another term. While Justice has the benefit of nearly continuous media coverage, Elliott remains somewhat unknown to the majority of voters.

Herein, we present his bio for our readers.

Glenn Elliott is a seventh generation West Virginian and former Mayor of his beloved hometown of Wheeling. Under his leadership, the City of Wheeling has ushered in an unprecedented era of public and private investments in downtown revitalization, new housing construction, parks and recreation enhancements, strategic infrastructure initiatives, and long-overdue new headquarters for its police and fire departments. As a result of his efforts, Wheeling has gained recognition as one of the fastest-growing economies in West Virginia, and the

West Virginia Municipal League recognized him as the "Mayor of the Year" in 2022 and as the recipient of the "James Hunt Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2023.

A Wheeling native with middle-class roots, Elliott is a 1990 graduate of The Linsly School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business with a dual concentration in finance and political science. In 2001, he received a J.D. degree cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center. He has also received honorary Doctorate degrees from Wheeling University and West Liberty University in recognition of his commitment to lifelong learning and community engagement. Academic accomplishments aside, he is most proud of the fact that he financed and repaid 100% of his collegiate and graduate educations himself.

Elliott first developed a love of public service as an attendee of the 1989 class of Mountaineer Boys State in Jackson's Mill. After college, he had the opportunity of a lifetime to serve as a



Glenn Elliott (D)

Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd from 1994 to 1999. This experience gave him a front-row seat to the inner workings of the U.S. Senate while learning from a West Virginia legend and the longest serving Senator in U.S. history. It also impressed upon him just how important it is to be vigilant against all attempts to

undermine our national adherence to the U.S. Constitution.

Though Elliott began his legal practice in Washington, by 2009, the country roads of West Virginia had called him home. He returned to his hometown of Wheeling, where he established a solo

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Extend grace – but you may have to walk away

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We live in an age of addiction and dysfunctional personalities. Lives and families are shattered every day by drug addiction, gambling addictions, pornography, alcoholism and more. Some people have anger issues and live daily lashing out at people and loved ones. Many people have serious mental issues and need help and often refuse to get help. All of these issues and many more can be impactful on friendships and relationships. It takes a lot of patience and work to survive such a relationship.

Sometimes we hang in there because we feel it's the noble thing to do. We try to stick with our kids and be there when they need us. We try to hang tight with our parents in their golden years just in case they need us. We stick with a spouse or significant other out of love or a commitment to see life through to the end.

Most of the time we don't give in unless someone becomes very bad, mean, evil, or is totally wrecking our lives. When this happens then we have to make a decision. How do we stay in relationship with this person? The individual could

be a friend, spouse, significant other or a relative. Most people try for a long time but there comes a point if someone is totally wrecking your life then you have to have a serious discussion with the person. If this doesn't work then you have to go a different direction. You have to "make a new plan, Stan," as Paul Simon said in a song.

Often making a decision to cut ties with a friend or relative is difficult and painful, but there comes a time when mental sanity requires that you make the difficult decision. Once you have made it then there is usually a feeling of relief. Some guilt may follow but not likely if you tried to be a good and fair person and extend as much grace as possible.

No one goes into marriage thinking about divorce but on occasion the battle to make it work is like saving the Titanic from sinking. It's not going to happen.

This happens with friends, children, and even parents. I agree, "Nothing is Impossible with God." Keep in mind that you aren't God and while you may be committed to him in faith, it takes two people to make a relationship work. It's true that winners

never quit and quitters never win but winners don't beat their heads on a fence post either. Try hard. Work hard. Forgive multiple times. Extend grace. Pray. Look to the Bible for guidance. Get counsel. Have long talks. Cry. Try begging. If your life is still swirling downward because of the negativity involving "whoever" the other person is then, "hop on the bus, Gus, and drop off the key, Lee," as Simon also said.

As a Christian, I know God doesn't give up on us and we don't give up on people. This doesn't mean we have to be in union with them or continue to be abused personally by their actions.

Live in peace, joy and harmony with all people, as much as possible and all times, if possible. Just realize that maybe pushing a rope is not easy. Changing the course of the Mississippi River might be easier and some people you simply have to release to God and walk away.

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## Community Calendar

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**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

**Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority** special meeting Wednesday, August 14, 7 p.m. at the courthouse. Purpose: to discuss and/or act on the landfill property.

**Dunmore Community Center Board of Directors** Monday, August 19, 6 p.m. at the center. Members of the community are invited.

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

**Pocahontas County Commission,** Tuesday, September 3, 8:30 a.m. in the commission room on the first floor of the courthouse. Use the handicapped en-

trance to the right of the building.

**Marlinton Town Council** Monday, September 9, 7 p.m. in the municipal building auditorium. An elevator is located at the back of the building.

**Open Sew with Library Quilters of Marlinton,** second Monday of each month 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McClintic Library.

**Upper Pocahontas Community Cooperative** second Monday of each month 6 p.m. at Durbin Community Library.

### EVENTS

**Pocahontas County Art Guild – Photorealistic Birds** in oil pastels with Pat Du-bois, Friday, August 23, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the McLaughlin Cabin on Fourth Avenue. All artistic levels welcome. \$40 fee for non-members.

**Pocahontas County Art Guild – Painting a Naturalist Still Life** with local artist and educator Vivian Blackwood. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the McLaughlin Cabin on Fourth Avenue.

Adult workshop, suitable for all levels. \$40 fee for non-members.

**Team Kid** – beginning Sunday, September 8, 5 to 7 p.m. A weekly event for preschool through high school at First Baptist Church Huntersville. For more information, call 304-799-4099 or email fbchunotersvillewv@gmail.com

### 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.

**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.

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## School Menus

### August 15 – 23

**Thursday, 15:** Whole grain apple frudle, fruit and milk.

Chicken strip with dipping sauce, whole grain breadstick, carrots, cherry tomatoes, baked beans, fruit and milk.

**Friday, 16:** Sausage and cheese biscuit, fruit cup and milk.

Whole grain pizza, spinach salad, red bell peppers, corn, whole grain cookie, fruit and milk.

**Monday, 19:** Whole grain French toast, fruit and milk. Chicken Alfredo and broccoli with a twist, whole grain breadstick, carrots, fruit and milk.

**Tuesday, 20:** Whole grain pretzel with cheese, fruit cup and milk.

Cheeseburger with whole

grain bun, lettuce, tomato, sweet potato fries, Great Northern beans, strawberry cup and milk

**Wednesday, 21:** Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit and milk.

Pepperoni roll with marinara dipping sauce, garden salad, tomato, cucumber, Italian vegetable blend, pears and milk.

**Thursday, 22:** Breakfast smoothie, fruit cup and milk. Diced chicken nachos with corn tortilla rounds, sour cream, salsa, seasoned black beans, carrots, sherbet, fruit and milk.

**Friday, 23:** Whole grain blueberry donut, fruit and milk.

Whole grain biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, eggs, hashbrown, baked apples and milk.

\*Alternate Breakfast Choice: Cereal, yogurt, juice and milk.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

An article in the August 1st issue of this newspaper titled "Senators introduce Countering Hate Against Israel by Federal Contractors Act" describes how U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito has joined with other legislators to stifle the First Amendment right of American citizens to protest government foreign policy, preferring to champion the interests of a foreign power.

Capito is "proud to" deny American businesses and their workers the right to earn a living through federal contracts if they choose to boycott Israel, a country that has killed over 40,000 Palestinians since October 7th, mostly women, children and the elderly. Israel has repeatedly bombed schools, churches and mosques, hospitals, ambulances, residential buildings and refugee camps. On July 24th, a leaked report showed Israel has killed over 366 UN aid workers and their families in Gaza. Israel routinely targets journalists and has killed at least 113 documenting the Gaza massacre. This is one

of the highest numbers of journalists killed in any warzone on record.

On July 29th, IDF soldiers released a video of themselves—set to Hebrew rap music—blowing up one of the last reservoirs providing drinking water to the civilians in Rafah. On July 31st Israel committed another war crime, violating the sovereign territory of another country by assassinating the leading cease-fire negotiator for the Palestinians in Gaza. On August 7th, after horrific new revelations of mass rape and torture at Israel's Sde Teiman prison camp, Israeli lawmakers and TV anchors responded by publicly making arguments in favor of the systematic mass sexual abuse of prisoners!

Israel is a rogue state, flagrantly committing genocide and war crimes as a matter of course. Yet after the disgusting display of subservience to him by Capito and most of Congress a few days earlier, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu felt assured that American blood and dollars will come to Israel's rescue after they pro-

voke and drag us into another full-blown Mideast war.

Israel is making a mockery of America as the defender of human rights everywhere, as well as any pretense of a "rules-based international order." But saying "no" to Israel on anything it wants is political suicide for most U.S. politicians. Capito and others have received hundreds of thousands of dollars from powerful pro-Israel lobbying groups that target anyone who stands up to Israeli influence in Congress. Americans who pay the taxes and die in our wars don't have the equivalent of an AIPAC lobbying group or the Israeli fifth column in our mass media. Capito's "ally and friend" is leading us into a major war with all the human and economic suffering that will come with it. She should be ashamed of herself, and so should anyone who supports her or anyone like her.

Sincerely,  
Alan Balogh  
Hillsboro



## What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

### Harvest Succotash

Sally Cobb

1 large onion, finely chopped (1 cup)  
1 Tbsp. butter  
1 1/2 cups corn kernels, fresh or frozen  
1 pound zucchini, unpeeled, quartered lengthwise, and cut crosswise into 1/2 inch slices  
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved  
1 tsp. oregano, crumbled

In a large skillet (with lid), sauté the onion in the butter until soft.

Add the rest of the ingredients tossing lightly to combine. Cover the skillet and cook over moderately low heat for 15 minutes, stirring gently a few times.

Serves 4-6.

### Summer soup

Helen Nottingham

1 cucumber, partially

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Pocahontas County Art Guild  
**Creative Art Classes**  
August - September at the McLaughlin Cabin  
620 4th Avenue, Marlinton

**Friday, August 23, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
*Photorealistic Birds*  
Oil pastels with Pat Dubois, of Gallipolis, Ohio. All artistic levels welcome.

**Tuesday, September 3 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
*Painting a Naturalist Still Life*  
Water-mixable oil painting with local artist and art educator, Vivian Blackwood. This is an adult workshop, suitable for all levels.

Pre-registration required for these classes. Class fee is \$30 for PCAG or GBA members, \$40 for non-members. Mail check to 620 4th Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 or drop off payment to same address any Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Complete class details at facebook.com/groups/856257485831408/

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Send letters to

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# Back yard sunshine

Melody Phillips  
Staff Writer

The back yard bursts with bright yellow flowers displaying their beauty atop tall green stalks and gently swaying in the wind. But these beautiful flowers are not just for looks.

Evening primrose is native to eastern and central North America and comes in many varieties and colors. The constituents of each variety are similar enough that, for the most part, they can be used interchangeably. Matthew Wood, a practicing herbalist of more than 40 years and an internationally known teacher and author, says he associates this herb with a rare class of medicines called balsams. Other herbs of this class include Lemon Balm and St. John's Wort.

The whole plant is usable — roots, stems, leaves, flowers, and seeds — with each part having its own strength and applications.

Evening primrose is a biennial which means it normally takes two years to mature and produce seeds. During the second year of growth, the stalks, leaves, flowers and seeds may be harvested, while the roots are best harvested in the first year. Energy and nutrients stored in the roots are expended the second year as it sends up its seed stalk. This leaves the root devoid of nutrients.

The approximately two-inch in diameter, four-petaled flowers bloom in an array of colors, including pink, white, lavender and yellow.

Several studies involving evening primrose's medicinal uses revolve around women's monthly concerns and menopause; however, the applications of this delightful wildflower could encompass everyone.

A whole plant tincture (flower, bud, seedpods, leaf and root) can be used on infected wounds, venomous insect bites and stings, and even some rashes.

Native Americans made poultices from the evening primrose plant for bruises and wounds and used its stem and leaf juices as topical remedies for skin inflammation. A poultice can be applied to bruises or rubbed onto muscles to improve strength.

Evening Primrose oil became a popular folk remedy earning the plant one of its common names, King's Cure-All.

The oil, which is extracted from the seeds, contains linoleic acid, gamma-linolenic



THE YELLOW PRIMROSE flowers have a bright nectar-guide pattern perceivable to its pollinators and detectable under ultraviolet light. Photo courtesy of pixabay.com

acid (GLA), and other omega-6 fatty acids. Most of the studies focus on the GLA itself, instead of the primrose directly.

How it works is not fully understood, however the oil appears to show positive results for skin conditions and inflammation as well as many other promising results.

Many women who suffer with endometriosis, severe PMS, or PCOS (Polycystic ovary syndrome) have been found to have lower levels of GLA. Increasing levels of GLA, through the use of evening primrose oil, appears to help stimulate serotonin production, which could balance out the blues during a woman's monthly cycle. It may also help ease the symptom of monthly cycles and reduce night sweats and hot flashes during menopause.

A 12-month study conducted on the oil shows that it may be effective at improving cyclic breast mastalgia.

Other conditions that evening primrose may help with are: atopic dermatitis (a type of eczema), rheumatoid arthritis, spasmodic cough, asthma, belly distress of varying kinds and causes, joint/muscle pain, all sorts of wounds, and has the potential to increase the effectiveness of the HIV medication lopinavir.

The following are suggested dosages for different forms of evening primrose: whole plant tincture is 1 to 15 drops up to 3 or 4 times per day, whole plant infusion is 1 to 3 teaspoons dried herb per cup per day, up to 1 tablespoon of ground root or plant in honey as needed, and 1 to 2 tablespoons of ground seed mixed with flaxseed oil per day.

Evening primrose oil is likely safe for most people when taken in doses up to 6

grams daily for up to one year. Mild side effects such as an upset stomach, diarrhea, nausea and headaches are possible.

There may be drug-herb interactions with some medications so caution is suggested. One example of this is that evening primrose may raise the risk of bleeding in people who take antiplatelet and anticoagulant medications.

The Mayo Clinic also recommends against using evening primrose oil if you have a seizure disorder, mania, or are pregnant or breastfeeding.

In addition to the medicinal aspects of evening primrose, many people throughout history have used it as a food source.

The stalks of evening primrose are cut and peeled for a slightly spicy, crunchy vegetable.

The taproots are a little like carrots or parsnips, but with its own flavor. Some describe peeled raw evening primrose root as being mild and sweet, like jicama or parsnip, and "not spicy at all but with a nice sweetness." Another opinion about its flavor, in Sam Thayer's book, *The Forager's Harvest*, states they're spicy, and give a burning sensation at the back of the throat when eaten raw. Sam suggests cooking it with several changes of water. He also notes that they taste very different when grown in different locations and environments.

The seeds can be eaten raw or cooked, having a slightly nutty flavor. One way to use them is as a substitute for poppy seeds in muffins.

With that, I'll leave you with a Native American proverb: "May your life be like a wildflower, growing freely in the beauty and joy of each day."

The chipping process is not entirely pain free, but if the pet is also being spayed or neutered, the chip can be placed while the animal is under anesthesia.

The Humane Society makes the chipping process even easier by doing the on-line registration of the animal to the national database. Filmer explained that sometimes this process is skipped which negates the purpose of the chip. doing the database entry for pet owners ensures that the information will be readily available if a pet is lost.

For those interested in the spay/neuter program, they are asked to apply for a voucher by calling 304-799-6767. Cavender suggests that the pet owner set up the appointment with their vet at the same time they call because the voucher will be in the mail within days of contact and it expires in 30 days.

The vouchers are provided through grant funding and make the spay/neuter surgery 100 percent free — as long as the funding lasts.

The Humane Society has a great group of volunteers, but Cavender and Filmer said there is always room for more. Filmer said the non-profit couldn't exist without its volunteers and people like Greg Hamons, who donates the corn that is sold at Greenbrier Grille to feed the ducks. Feeding the ducks is

a popular thing for visitors and the sale of the corn is a way of raising funds for the organization.

"We have donation boxes all over Marlinton," she added. "I've got several up at Snowshoe. These little boxes get filled up by the kindness and generosity of people in this community who care about animals. We depend on it to do the work that we're doing."

If you're not interested in helping with the TNR program, the Humane Society also needs foster families to help take care of cats and kittens that are waiting for their forever homes.

"Our nursery is fine to a point, but pets do so much better in a home where they can be handled and loved," Filmer said. "So that is something we are looking for with volunteers. We will provide everything they need to take care of them. It's not going to be any money out of their pockets."

"It helps enrich the life of the cat," she added. There is also the first right of refusal for foster families who fall in love with their foster cat or kitten.

"We've had that happen," Cavender said. "It's so easy to fall in love with them."

The best way to contact the Humane Society is to reach out on the Facebook page at Humane Society of Pocahontas County.

# Life on Black Mountain



ELLIS "WHISKERS" GREEN, second from left, is pictured next to his wife, Rachel Barker Green, and daughters, Etha, Delta, Eva Dale and Hazel, at their home on Black Mountain. When the family lived there, Rachel cooked for 40 to 50 loggers. In 1929, the family "came out of the woods," and moved to Camden on Gauley. "Whiskers" and Rachel had 14 children, eight of whom survived. Photo courtesy of Carl Johnson, grandson of Ellis; son of Eva Dale

## 'Run For It' team registration ends August 31

The deadline to register a team for the 17th annual Run For It race is Saturday, August 31.

Run For It is a 2k walk and 5k race hosted by the Tucker Community Foundation. The race is open to organizations and non-profits in the Foundation's eight-county service area to participate for cash with no strings attached. Currently, 46 teams are registered.

The race will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 28, in Davis, in conjunction with the annual Leaf Peepers Festival. The 2k course is a 1.2-mile untimed walk around town, and the 5k is a 3.1-mile timed walk/run that winds through the town. The 5k is a USATF-sanctioned race open to walkers and competitive runners.

The registration cost is \$12, with half of the entry fee supporting a charity of the participant's choice. To register, individuals and teams can sign up online by visiting [runsignup.com/Race/WV/Davis/RunForIt](http://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Davis/RunForIt), or by completing the registration forms on the Foundation's website at [tuckerfoundation.net/run](http://tuckerfoundation.net/run). Team registration for in-person and virtual races ends on August 31, 2024, and individual registration for in-person and virtual races ends September 21. In-person registration will be available at the Davis Fire Hall Friday, September 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, September 28, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.



The program aims to raise awareness and support for non-profits, civic organizations, and other charities throughout the Tucker Community Foundation's eight-county service area in West Virginia and Maryland. The Tucker Community Foundation operates in eight counties — Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker counties in West Virginia and Garrett County, Maryland. Inspired by the 1985 flood, the Foundation's mission is to create opportunities for the communities it serves. For more information on the Foundation, please call the office at 304-478-2930 or visit [www.tuckerfoundation.net](http://www.tuckerfoundation.net)

## Super Crossword

ENDING IN FIVE DIGITS

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                       | 47 —wester                   | 98 Dismissive facial reaction                                          | <b>DOWN</b>                        | 37 Mr. Flintstone               | 88 Ancient Dead Sea region                            |
| 1 Big name in health insurance      | 48 Fish feature              | 100 One — (long odds)                                                  | 1 Underground vaults               | 40 Feed the kitty               | 89 Takes care of                                      |
| 6 2010 Apple debut                  | 50 Prefix with botany        | 102 Delta rival, once                                                  | 2 Afrique's Côte d'—               | 41 Chuckling with glee          | 90 Punta del —                                        |
| 10 Love to excess, with "on"        | 51 Dean of Truman's Cabinet  | 106 Gallic pal                                                         | 3 Attach using paste               | 42 Big burden                   | 92 San Antonio hoopster                               |
| 14 "Get lost!"                      | 54 Agreed-upon time          | 107 Spread on "Bonanza"                                                | 4 Fish-fowl link                   | 45 Attending                    | 93 "Insecure" co-star Rae                             |
| 19 Park for mobile campers          | 57 Hitter Gehrig             | 111 End-of-workweek cry                                                | 5 Devoured                         | 46 Ratify                       | 99 Dog pests                                          |
| 20 Reuben offerer                   | 58 African land              | 114 Formulas of belief                                                 | 6 "Let It Go" singer               | 48 Royal decree                 | 100 Part of the conspiracy                            |
| 21 "Bejabbber!"                     | 60 Phonies                   | 116 LA-to-IL dir.                                                      | 7 Italian beer brand               | 49 Writing fluid                | 101 Diet-friendly, maybe                              |
| 22 Sycophant                        | 61 Pre-U queue               | 117 "Kitchy-kitchy- —!"                                                | 8 British beer                     | 51 Swiss peaks                  | 103 Turkey's capital                                  |
| 23 Welcome words to a job applicant | 62 Liberalism                | 118 Appliance that cooks batter                                        | 9 Pulled off                       | 52 "Neat!"                      | 104 Like sacred images                                |
| 25 House badly in need of repairs   | 67 Low-key "Hey!"            | 120 In advance ... or where nine key words in this puzzle might appear | 10 Disobeys                        | 53 Luau entertainment           | 105 — Scholar                                         |
| 27 Bake-off dish                    | 70 Ram hard                  | 124 Whether by land —                                                  | 11 "Darby — and the Little People" | 55 Departing for                | 107 French for "fathers"                              |
| 28 Yoko of art                      | 71 Winter hrs. in D.C.       | 125 With 112-Down, she had a "Tootsie" role                            | 12 Levied                          | 56 Potent coffee                | 108 Bad smells                                        |
| 29 Floor layers                     | 72 Haiti citizens            | 126 Sheik, e.g.                                                        | 13 Broadway singer Linda           | 59 Language akin to Thai        | 109 Upply types                                       |
| 30 Active Sicilian volcano          | 76 "Doggone it!"             | 127 One of the Osmonds                                                 | 14 "Disco" cartoon guy             | 63 "— bad boy!"                 | 110 — Lingus                                          |
| 31 Tampa Bay Rays' stadium          | 77 Additional plateful       | 128 Smelting waste                                                     | 15 Manage, as a problem            | 64 Bronze metal                 | 111 Having length and width, but not depth, for short |
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even the mom.

"We stopped that cycle," she continued. "That's not every case, but when it is, it does kind of sustain you to deal with the bad outcomes."

Sadly, there are times when the cats come in and are too far gone with their illnesses, and the best thing for them is euthanasia, which is difficult for animals lovers, but it is the humane thing to do.

"It's very heart wrenching when they come in and you see the conditions that they're in," Cavender said.

"You have to look at it from that angle sometimes and euthanasia is what is best," Filmer added.

Along with the TNR program, the Humane Society also hosts clinics for pet owners to get their dogs and cats spayed or neutered, get rabies shots and chipped for identification purposes.

"Rabies shots are required by the state," Filmer said. "We also offer chipping clinics. It's your way of locating your dog or cat. If your pet gets lost, then we can reunite you with your pet if you take the time to do it. We offer it at a discount. It's a very simple process. It's an injection that goes in between the shoulder blades. It's about the size of a grain of rice."



## Obituaries



**Allie McPaters**  
Allie "Elizabeth" McPaters, 87, of Huntersville, passed away Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

Born January 28, 1937, at Woodrow, she was a daughter of the late Kenny and Mattie Boblett Burgess.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Teddy Blain McPaters; infant sister, Grenta Burgess; and two brothers, Edgar Burgess and Wallace Burgess.

Elizabeth was of the Methodist Faith, and a bookkeeper/co-owner of Brills Exxon Service Center.

She is survived by her son, Dave McPaters; daughter, Sarah McPaters Gibson, and husband, Duane, all of Huntersville; two granddaughters, Amanda Gibson McNair, and husband, Preston, of Charleston, and Kayla Gibson, of Cheyenne Wyoming; sisters, Nancy Hammons, of Marlinton, and Carol Hanna, of Long Island, New York; and many nieces and nephews

Funeral service was held Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor Sam Felton officiating.

Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com).



**Roger Trusler**

Roger Lee Trusler, 75, of Marlinton, passed away Thursday, August 8, 2024, at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Fairlea.

Born October 20, 1948, in Buckhannon, he was a son of the late Arthur Gordon Trusler and Eva Lucille Harris Trusler.

Roger was a graduate of

West Virginia Wesleyan [BA Degree-Education]; West Virginia University [MA Degree-Counseling and Guidance]; and Marshall University [MA-School Administration]. In July 2006, Roger retired from Pocahontas County Schools after 33 years of service as teacher-counselor, Director of Special Education, Director of Federal Programs, School Transportation and Food Services, Director of Special Projects and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

In addition to Roger's commitment to education, he had a commitment to community service. He was a member of Marlinton Town Council; a 43-year member Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation Board having served as Chairman, Secretary and was a founding Board Member; 25 years Pocahontas County Family Resource Board Member; a 49-year member of the Marlinton Rotary Club; and had served eight terms on the Marlinton Planning Commission and Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce Board.

Roger loved Pocahontas County, its people and its natural beauty.

Everyone who knew Roger, knew of his unbounded energy in the pursuit of the betterment of the community, county and all who live here. He was instrumental in bringing the New River Community and Technical College degree

program classes to Pocahontas County High School, initializing the development of the One Room University and working to fund and build the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. He served cooperatively with others, always searching for that next possibility to enhance the lives of children, youth and adults who live in Pocahontas County. He was a strong proponent of education for opening opportunities and constantly worked to find the means to provide for his community those things which most communities take for granted. In 2014, the Chamber of Commerce recognized Roger with the Individual of the year Award.

Roger is survived by a brother, Arthur Gordon Trusler, Jr., of Buckhannon.

A memorial service was held Sunday, August 11, 2024, at Marlinton United Methodist Church with Pastors Tim Scott and Sam Felton officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank Judy Sanders, Jane Dumire, Joe Smith, Gary and Becky Taylor, Brenda Snyder and Dr. Nicholas Snyder for their friendship and support of Roger.

Special thanks to the Marlinton Rescue Squad and staff at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.



**Inez N. Ware**

Bessie Inez Newman Ware, 89, of Waynesboro, Virginia, went to be with the Lord Saturday, August 10, 2024.

Born July 10, 1935, in Pocahontas Memorial Hospital in Marlinton, she was the daughter of the late Clarence David and Gladys Kathlene Moore Newman.

Inez grew up on Knapps Creek between Frost and Huntersville, and was a graduate of Wilson Memorial High School Class of 1953. In March 1954, she graduated from the Wilson/King's Daughters' Hospital School of Practical Nursing. She worked at King's Daughters' Hospital from 1953 until September 1994 when King's Daughters' closed. She then went to Augusta Health and continued to work on the Crossroads Mental Health Unit as an LPN and mental health worker until retiring in March 2004. Her passion for nursing made her an excellent caregiver in the hos-

pital settings as well as in the lives of numerous extended family members. She had a special affection for birds and for her cats. She was a devoted wife and mother. Inez was a member of Barren Ridge Church.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Martin Coleman, Jr.; and a half-brother, Dave Newman.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, George Melvin Ware, whom she married June 21, 1958; four sons, Grady Ware (Denise), of Crimora, Virginia, Nathan Ware (Gina), and Charles Ware-Rinaca (Jim), all of Staunton, and Johnny Ware (Jeanna), of Mt. Sidney, Virginia; seven grandchildren, Joshua, Rachel, Spencer, Cooper, Adam, Joseph and Christopher; four great-grandchildren, Samuel, Amber, Calin and Kayleigh; and a half-sister, Wanda Haussar.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, August 14, 2024, in the chapel of Bear Funeral Home in Churchville, Virginia, with Pastors Henry and Janet Elsea officiating. Burial was in Union Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

Memorials may be directed to the Augusta Regional S.P.C.A., PO Box 2014, Staunton, VA 24401.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [bearfuneralhome.com](http://bearfuneralhome.com)

# Listening to Siri

by Dawn Reed

My family gets a little nervous when I go out of town by myself. When I'm riding in the passenger seat, I never pay attention to roads, route numbers, or traffic. To keep my mind off the highway (and speedometer), I busy myself with reading, writing, crocheting, cutting paper things out, and other stuff. Arriving at our destination, I rarely have any idea how we got there.

When I travel alone, I have to depend on Siri.

Siri is the digital or virtual assistant who lives in my iPhone. I ask her things periodically. Typically, it's to text/call someone or set a timer. Her most important role is giving me directions while I'm driving. I type in the address for the desired location and off we go, she and I. She bosses in an Australian accent while I steer.

When Siri speaks, I listen. Where she leads, I will follow. When I get off course, she instructs me to re-route or turn around and I do it immediately, without question. She knows where I want to go. If I obey her directions, I will arrive at my destination at the exact time she indicated at the beginning.

I do exactly what Siri tells me to do. Yet, she has never watched over my children. She has never helped them get to sleep after a bad dream or comforted them when they were sick. Siri has never provided food when we were in need or clothes and shoes for school. Siri has never encouraged me when I was weary or sheltered me through storms or floods. But my Heavenly Father sure has. How much more should I listen



Dawn Reed

to Him? If He says "Go," or "Whoa," I need to pay close attention and obey.

Siri has lots of answers; my Heavenly Father IS the answer. Siri struggles to understand my Appalachian accent. My Father knows my voice, and sometimes I don't even have to use words (Romans 8:26).

Siri finds a way to get me where I want to travel through the Maps app on my phone. My Heavenly Father directs me through His Word and the Holy Spirit. He has made a way for me to go to heaven through His Son, Jesus. I can't always count on Siri, but I can always count on my Heavenly Father.

Proverbs 3:5-6 instructs: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."

He quite literally will. He has walked me through countless valleys, detours, and hard times. He has met every need, dried every tear along the way. He has the right to direct my path!

I'm heading to Versailles this weekend and then to Corbin in two weeks - all by myself. Siri will navigate.

My Father will not be the co-pilot. He is the real pilot.

## Cemetery Notices

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

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

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

**Bethel Cemetery on Back Mountain Road, Durbin** - Jean Taylor, 13453 Back Mountain Road, Durbin, WV 26264-9012.

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

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

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

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

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

**Edray Cemetery** - Ben Gay, 87 Edray Road, Marlinton, WV 24954.

**Emmanuel Cemetery, Bruffeys Creek** - Dennis Vaughan, 4108 Lobelia Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946

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

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

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

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

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

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**Wilfong Cemetery** - Barbara Williams, 1726 Seebert Wilfong Road, Marlinton, WV 24954

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## West Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association scholarships

The West Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association (WVNLA) Marcus W. Renix Memorial Scholarship program is accepting applications for Mountain State students studying horticulture, landscape architecture, and nursery and greenhouse management. The deadline for applications to be submitted is September 30, 2024.

Julie Robinson, WVNLA executive director, said students must be in-state resi-

dents who have completed half the required courses in ornamental horticulture or landscape architecture and maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average.

"Attracting and training West Virginians - regardless of where they study - to carry on our green industry profession is a priority for the nursery and landscape industry that is thriving throughout the Mountain State," said Robert "Bobby" Gompers, President of the

WVNLA board and owner of Highland Landscaping in Buckhannon. "Our board and membership are focused on recruiting, retaining and promoting the best talent, and this scholarship is a tangible commitment to achieving that goal."

Robinson encourages eligible students who meet the criteria to apply for the WVNLA educational funds. Information can be found at WVNLA's website: <https://wvnla.org/scholarships/>

## GBO, from page 2

Mike Holstine, who recently retired as Business Manager for the site.

"As I understand it, the budget is fairly stable for the near future for the observatory; every change of administration, it becomes different," Holstine said. "It has been worse recently, I anticipate it will get better."

Current GBO Business Manager Christine Plumley verified that funding is sta-

ble, and they anticipate that the most recent budget submitted to the National Science Foundation will be approved.

Our increasingly connected world also poses its own challenges to the GBO, according to Chuck Niday, the Radio Interference "Cop" at the site.

"The biggest problem is satellites right now because there's no real jurisdiction over them, we have no real protection by any of the FCC

rules," he said. "Fortunately, some of these satellite providers are working with us to try to keep down the noise problems."

For the record, the company that is working with the GBO to reduce interference is Starlink.

If you missed the showing of Small Town Universe on August 4, you'll have another chance to view the film on September 22 during the annual family science day at the GBO.

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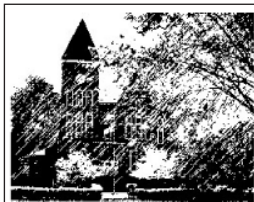
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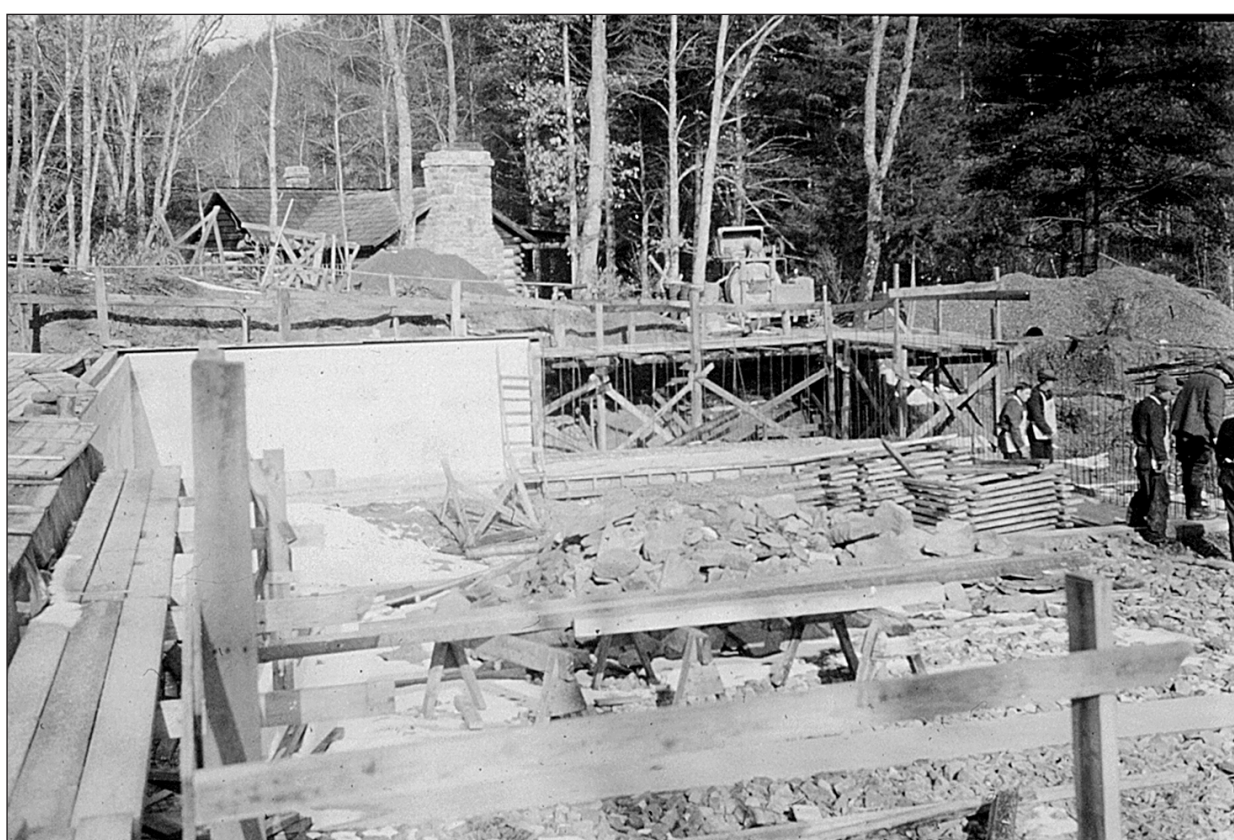




# Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

## Watoga Pool Construction - 1939



SWIMMING POOL UNDER construction at Watoga State Park. The photo was taken in 1939 and shows workers building forms for the concrete walls. Cabin 20 is in the background. This was the last major project completed by the Civilian Conservation Corps at Camp Watoga. (Courtesy of Mark Mengele, Watoga State Park Collection; ID: PHP000368)

Access the "Preserving Pocahontas" Digital Library at [www.pocahontaspreservation.org](http://www.pocahontaspreservation.org) or [www.preservingpocahontas.org](http://www.preservingpocahontas.org)

If you have historical records or photographs to be scanned for the county Historical Archive contact Preservation Officer B. J. Gudmundsson at 304-799-3989 or email [info@pocahontaspreservation.org](mailto:info@pocahontaspreservation.org) Prints of photographs are available.

## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, August 18, 1949

### PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bob Meadows have returned from a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and Canada and are now at home in their apartment building in the Bank of Marlinton building.

Keith Dilley, of the Coast Guard, is on leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dilley, at Clover Lick. He will report to Cleveland, Ohio, for assignment to duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Arbuckle were up from Lewisburg Monday. Mr. Arbuckle recently became the representative of Allis-Chalmers Farm Machinery in the

Greenbrier Valley. He will have a full line of this machinery on display at the State Fair at Lewisburg next week.

### The Cranberry Glades

Deep in West Virginia's Yew Mountains is a curious bit of land, a strange combination of arctic tundra and tropical fen, that has begun to take the fancy of the touring public just as it has had the rapt attention of biologists since the 1890s.

West Virginians know the area as Cranberry Glades for the masses of cranberry plants that grow there. The Glades is a genuine far northern muskeg placed by a quirk of nature 1,000 or more miles south of where it

ought to be. It has the same tangled matting of reindeer moss, sedge, sphagnum and lichen that characterizes the muskeg. This moss blanket is grown into hummocks just as it does up north, resembling frozen waves, some of them measuring three feet from trough to crest...

The far northern motif is continued in the animal life of the Glades. The golden cheeked meadow mouse lives there, as does the tiny jumping mouse, a kangaroo like creature which, though only four inches tall, can jump five or six feet when they are frightened.

A northern species of flying squirrel, never before found south of the Catskills, was found in numbers in the Glades. Birds native to Canada are also common in the area.

The fact this misplaced muskeg has attracted southern animal and plant forms has been of especial interest to every Glades observer.

The orchids have received, by far, the most publicity, but the biologists have found it equally interesting to find southern voles, mice, shrews, and hares living in close juxtaposition with their northern opposite numbers.

The theory of the Glades' origin is that the Great Glaciers, grinding down from the north, pushed arctic plants and wildlife before them and, stopping just short of West Virginia, dumped the load of flora and fauna over the state.

When the ice receded and the temperature returned to normal, all of the stranded arctic life died out. That is everywhere but on one or two specks on the West Virginia map where conditions were ideal to sustain those types of plants and animals. One of these specks is Cranberry Glades, "the muskeg farthest south."

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## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, August 15, 1974

Nottingham, Sam McPaters, Curt Hively, Rick Harper and Mark Beverage.

### Warrior Football

The Pocahontas County High School Warriors will start to build around two veteran players in tackle Kim Wilfong and wide receiver and kicking specialist Gary Sharp.

We have several players that saw some action last year in the 6-3 campaign. Lettermen returning are Ken "Red" Wilfong, Jim Ryder, Paul White, Steve McCoy, Chris Mullens and Jeff Shaw.

Players completing the first week of practice in shorts were Seniors Kim Wilfong, Gary Sharp, Paul White, Gary Cassell, Randy Irvine, Nathan Sharp, Keith Burgess, Kenneth Wilfong, Randy Sharp and Larry Beverage. Juniors Jim Ryder, Jeff Shaw, David Jonese, Joe McMillion, Jim Cutlip, Johnny Totten, D. C. Gum, Chris Mullens, Steve McCoy, Forrest Mullenax, Mike McLaughlin, Brad Thomas and Tom Arbogast.

Sophomores Ronnie Mullens, Rick Doyle, Albert Poindexter, Tom Velencia, Rick Barkley, Earl Galford, Fred Tibbs, Scott Madron, Ike Buzzard, Ronnie VanReenen, Jim Simmons, Lewis Fromhart, Pat Schaffner, Ronnie Dean, Arbie McLaughlin and John Dilley.

The boys expected to report are Paul Kesler, Randall

### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Akers, a daughter, named Ethel Elizabeth.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson, a daughter, Pamela Dione.

### DEATHS

Ralph McElwee Moore, 65, of Marlinton, a retired vice president of S. B. Wallace Wholesale Company, former deputy sheriff of Pocahontas County and a veteran of World War II. Born at Huntersville, a son of the late Elihu H. and Lola Kate Moore. Funeral service from the Marlinton United Methodist Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Carrie Drepperd Langley, wife of John H. Langley, of Madison Heights Virginia. Born in Pocahontas County, a daughter of the late Franklin Clay and Ida Grimes Drepperd. Burial in Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Fred Aaron Gumm, 78, of Monterey, Virginia, born at Dunmore, a son of the late Elihu and Gertrude Wade Gumm. A veteran of World War I. Funeral from Obaugh Funeral Home in McDowell with burial in the Green Hill Cemetery.

## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, August 17, 1899

Grandpap McLaughlin went to the huckleberry woods on Thomas Creek last week and picked 33 gallons of huckleberries, and brought them to the McLaughlin house. He did not kill, see or hear any rattlesnakes on his itinerary.

It is not the noise of the cannon that kills, but the shot. It's not brag that gets us your trade - it's our prices. Mason quart jars 65¢; one-half gallon jars 80¢ per dozen. Best granulated sugar 6 1/2¢. Other goods proportionately low. L. D. Sharp, Linnwood, W. Va.

The new Methodist church to be erected at Academy is to be a frame building, extreme dimensions 48 x 93 feet. The plans of W. A. Cann, architect, of St. Louis, are to be used. Joseph Knapp is the contractor and the cost of the church is to be \$3,300. The cornerstone is of Pocahontas marble.

Grady McNeel, the eight year old son of John A. McNeel, of Farmington, Washington, met with a serious misfortune in the loss of his remaining eye. When a very young child, he upset in his face a can of liquid potash destroying the sight of an eye. A week or so since, when playing with hammer and nails, a nail flew up and struck the pupil of the other eye, destroying the sight.

### GREEN BANK

Dry and hot. Water getting very scarce both for man and beast. Corn and buckwheat ruined; sod dying.

The Ballenger Family Show at this place was largely attended. One of the showmen said there was 600

people there at 2 o'clock.

The North Fork is dry, with the exception of a few ponds for some distance, and there is a stench along the bed of the creek caused by dead trout. The surface of some of the ponds are white with dead fish of many sizes. We fear disease will break out if we don't soon get rain.

### NOTICE

To the Brethern of the Huntersville Lodge, No. 65. A. F. & A. M. and all Masons residing within its jurisdiction. A special communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia will be convened in the town of Hillsboro (Academy) W. Va., Saturday, August 26th for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the M. E. Church South, at which time and place you are urged to attend. Time of meeting 10:30 a.m. Cornerstone Laying 2 p.m. ~ J. Willis Baxter, W. M.

### DEATH OF JOHN BURGESS

Last Saturday evening, John Burgess, of Mill Point, died suddenly of heart disease, for which he was being treated.

T. S. McNeel and J. F. Hill were on their way to Marlinton and found him lying in the road near the Steven Hole Run. Thinking there was nothing serious the matter with him they carried him to the side of the road, and rode up to his nearest neighbor, Frank Thomson, and told him. He was not dead at this time, as he muttered something which they could not understand. Late in the evening, Frank Harper came by on his way home from

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, August 21, 1924

### Editor Times:

We have had some interesting chapel periods at C. T. C. There are two that I think were especially good, and one of those I know would interest the home folks because it was a talk given by G. D. McNeill. He told of a storm at sea which he remembered about being in somewhere off the coast of New Zealand. I looked about over the chapel hall to see how his listeners were enjoying his descriptions. If you can imagine a body of several hundred students and the faculty almost holding their breath and swaying their bodies as he told of the rocking of the ship you will know what I saw...

Glenn Barlow  
Athens

### FAIR NOTES

T. S. McNeel, veteran superintendent of the pioneer exhibit and the Homecoming

features of the Pocahontas Fair, announces the following speakers as an added variation and attraction from the usual program of past years.

Tuesday, "The Homecoming Address" will be delivered by one of our favorite sons, who has gone from our midst, the Honorable Davis L. Barlow.

Wednesday, the Honorable Howard M. Gore. The Republican candidate for governor of this state.

Thursday, the Democratic candidate for governor, Judge Jake Fisher.

Friday, W. D. Zinn, West Virginia's most practical and widely known farmer. Also Nat T. Fane, Director of the Extension Division of the University.

### UNION AND CONFEDERATE VETERANS

The Pocahontas County Fair extends to all Union and Confederate Veterans of the Civil War, living in Poca-

hontas county, an invitation to attend the opening day of the Fair as guests of the management.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore, of Marlinton, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hoover, at Stillwell, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Townsend, of Durbin, a son.

### DIED

Lena Isabella Deputy, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deputy, of Cloverlick, on August 5, 1924. Her age was eight months, having been born December 13, 1923. Burial at the McLaughlin graveyard near Dunmore, the services being conducted by Rev. O. M. Miles.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Samuel Ellis McNeel, a prominent farmer and stockman of the Little Levels died at the Ronceverte Hospital Sunday night of blood poisoning. He took sick last Sunday week and grew rapidly worse and was taken to the hospital on Tuesday of last week where he was op-

erated on for the trouble, but nothing could be done for him to save his life. He was about 58 years of age and was born and reared on the farm on which he lived. He was the son of the late Jacob and Mary J. McNeel. He is survived by his wife, who was Mary Beard, and two children, J. Moffet McNeel and Mrs. George B. Bartholomew... He was buried Tuesday afternoon in the family plot of the old McNeel graveyard which is located on the farm of the deceased.

He was a member of the Oak Grove Presbyterian church and had been a deacon of the same for a number of years. No one in the community has had a higher sense of responsibility to the service of the church than he and his good wife. Through winter's cold and summer's heat, through mire or snow and sometimes both, they could always, barring sick-

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## Free, from page 2

new county building there will destroy the natural water flow, causing her property to flood and it would also destroy her peaceful backyard with noise and lights.

Commissioners Rebinski and Walt Helmick said they should buy it while it is on the market, to which Miller said they should pay a small option just to keep it from being sold to someone else until they decide what to do with it. Debbie Corbin, owner of the property, said she would not accept an option, and will sell it to someone else as quickly as possible if the county doesn't buy it.

Walker indicated he agrees the commission is involved in too many capital projects, and should complete one before starting another one.

In other matters, Helmick brought up a possible visitor's center for the Town of Durbin. He talked about how the Upper Pocahontas Community Coalition had examined turning the old Howes Tannery Office Building in Frank into a museum to preserve the history of the tannery, but gave up because of the poor condition of the building and the presence of asbestos there. Helmick wants to see a community group such as that establish a visitor's center which would also serve as a historical museum for the tannery and also to possibly honor Bruce Bosley, who was a

College Hall of Fame lineman while playing at WVU and later an NFL All Pro football player.

Helmick said they are still looking for a place in Durbin for this center, which would be built and maintained by private organizations. However, he said the commission would be willing to provide an architect for the project. Helmick said this would boost tourism in Durbin.

The commission also discussed renewing the West Virginia Division of Forestry's lease with the to utilize space in the ARC building in Marlinton. They took no action on this after commissioner Rebinski and Day Report Center Director Jodi Zickefoose said that even though the Forestry Department only leases one small area of the building, they have stuff spread out everywhere in the building. The commission will invite a representative of the Division of Forestry to the next meeting to discuss this before they renew the lease for another five years.

The commission also approved to allow the West Virginia Department of the Environment Protection (DEP) to go on the county's East Fork property to sample wetlands. They determined that the area of the property to be sampled is not near any of the areas the commission is planning to develop. The approved motion also requested the commission receive a copy of the DEP's sample results.

The following contribution requests were approved:

1. The Tucker Community

Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 for their 2024 "Run For It" race.

2. Bryans Battery, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500 to help fund the October 12 and 13 Battle of Droop Mountain Civil War Reenactment.

3. \$2,500 for the Watoga Art in the Park Event which is held on August 31 and September 1.

In other matters, the commission approved:

- a change order and resolution in the amount of \$23,967.45 to the PMH HVAC Project. This money from the grant will be used to pay invoices for the project.

- a resolution to pay invoices for the EPA Clean-up grant at the Frank Tannery site.

- a change order and a resolution for the BOE Demolition Project in the amount of \$39,800 for an increase in the cost of the demolition. Cassandra Lawson explained this was because of necessary additional asbestos found at the site, however the added amount still leaves the project well within the amount of money available in the grant.

- hiring Kevin Thompson as a part-time driver for the County EMS Service

- adoption of the Emergency Absentee Voting Policy for the November 5 election.

The commission tabled a discussion about improving the look of the chains which restrict visitors from entering the front door of the courthouse; and whether a no pets policy should be enforced.

## Senate, from page 3

law practice and in 2013 acquired the Professional Building, an iconic downtown office building that had been constructed in 1892 and was in dire need of restoration. His dedication to preservation efforts earned him recognition from the Wheeling City Council in 2014. A decade later, this once-vacant structure now houses two Ohio County law firms. It is also where Elliott resides with his wife, Cassandra, their two-year-old son, Harrison, their dog Minkah, and two mischie-

vous cats.

While fatherhood has quickly become his favorite pursuit, his interests include a variety of subjects and activities. For the last decade, he has spent thousands of hours on evenings and weekends working on DIY projects in The Professional Building — most of which involve undoing decades of "renovations" to its interior spaces and restoring them to their Victorian Era splendor. Though far from a professional musician, he plays piano and guitar and has written and recorded dozens of songs. He is also a licensed drone pilot who is always looking for ways to

capture the beauty of West Virginia from the air. And he has been researching his family tree for more than two decades, tracking all but a few ancestral lines back six or more generations, and identifying relationships with several U.S. presidents and William Shakespeare along the way.

But it is his newfound fatherhood — coupled with his experiences on the front lines of Wheeling's revitalization and the lessons learned from his middle-class upbringing that has convinced him of the need to turn his focus towards representing West Virginia in the United State Senate.

## History, from page 7

Webster Court. He examined him and not finding any sign of life became alarmed about his condition and had him carried into Ellis Stewart's house which was close. The

point where the body was found was not over a quarter of a mile from his own home...

The remains were buried in the McNeel graveyard last Sunday. Service were held at the Marvin Church.

The deceased was about 35 years of age. He leaves

surviving him a wife and two children, one a baby just two weeks old. He was a son of William Burgess, of Academy. He had been twice married. His first wife was a Miss Rock. After her death, he married a daughter of Michael Scales, who survives him.

One who knew Mr. McNeel intimately for some years said of him, that he had never seen a more equable temper in the home than he displayed.

delly lived his life on the farm he was born on near Greenbank. In his span of life, no less than 19 presidents occupied the White House in Washington. He cast his first vote for General Grant, and he voted in every presidential election since.

## 100, from page 7

ness, be depended upon to be in their pews. Indeed, it was often observed that they were more regular and prompt than those who lived under the very shadow of the

church. In this day of laxness in attendance upon church worship, such an example as this is to be loudly commended.

Mr. McNeel was a man of cheerful temper. He had an abundant store of the sense of humor which made him cheerful under all circumstances. In his last illness,

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### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eary James Bennett, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Grogg, a daughter, Diana Pearl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Weatherholt, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Shearer, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Carr, a daughter, Linda Carol.

### DEATHS

Rosie Louise McComb, infant twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge McComb, of Huntersville. Funeral service conducted by Rev. T. G. Alderman, with burial in the Beaver Creek Cemetery.

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 Dolpha Ware, 71, of Charleston, a son of the late T. C. Ware; burial in the family cemetery on Buffalo Mountain.

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 Lemuel H. Kennison, 77, of Hillsboro; burial in the McNeel Cemetery, the service being held from the Hillsboro Methodist Church.

## Calendar, from page 4

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

### REUNIONS

**Alderman Reunion** — Saturday, August 31, 11:00 a.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church Shelter in Minnehaha Springs. Bring a covered dish.

**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

**Frank Church of the Nazarene C. O. T. N. Homecoming #94**, Sunday, August 18. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Pot luck dinner 12:15 p.m. Special speaker, special music and singers, history and more. Everyone welcome.

### CHURCH NOTICES

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

**Marlinton Presbyterian Church** — Bible Study 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

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

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

**First Baptist Church** —

**Huntersville** — Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.

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

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

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

**Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank** — Worship at 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

a.m.

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

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

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

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

**New Vision Praise and Worship**, 215 Fifth Street, Marlinton — Praise and Worship 10 a.m.; Preaching and Teaching 11 a.m.

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

**Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights** — Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 5 p.m. Study of Revelation. Evangelistic Services Sunday, August 25, 5 p.m.

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**August 31 - September 1**

James Pierce Wooddell, 97, of Greenbank, died of the infirmities of extreme old age at the home of his son, Mayor Joe C. Wooddell, in Cass. Funeral service was held from the Cass Methodist church, and the body was laid to rest in the family cemetery near Greenbank. Thus is noted the passing of one of the oldest and one of the best of our citizens. The deceased was a son of the late Jacob S. and Kedena Pugh Wooddell... Mr. Wood-

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Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 900 Tenth Avenue Suite C; P. O. Box 209, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209. An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Pocahontas County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Pocahontas County Commission, upon receiving any timely objection thereto, shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

**First Publication Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024**

**ESTATE NAME: DERRIS LEA RAPER**  
1100 Byrd Avenue  
Chesapeake, VA 23324-2157  
**ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR:** Stephen L. Batten  
1100 Byrd Avenue  
Chesapeake, VA 23324-2157

**ESTATE NAME: ROBERT MICHAEL POLEN**  
49180 East Main Street  
Hopedale, OH 43976  
**ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR:** Harry C. E. Tolhurst III  
300 E. Third Street  
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**ESTATE NAME: JAMES JUDSON BLACKLEY WORTH**  
**AKA JAMES J. B. WORTH**  
23401 Sportsman Drive  
Abingdon, VA 24211-5443  
**ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR:** James C. B. Worth  
601 Kelly Green Street  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 12, 2024.  
Melissa L. Bennett  
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission  
8/15/2c

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**  
Civil Action No. 24-D-31

**IN RE: THE CHILDREN OF: BRITTANY LEEANNA SHINABERRY, Petitioner and ANDREW TODD TAYLOR, Respondent**

**THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN CUSTODY**  
To the Above Named Respondent: ANDREW TODD TAYLOR  
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Andrew Todd Taylor, whose address is unknown, is hereby ordered to serve upon the Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 900-D Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Child Custody filed in this action on or before June 23, 2024.

**The initial hearing on the Petition for Child Custody set in the Family Court of Pocahontas County at 818-C Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV, has been continued to August 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.**

If you fail to answer the Petition for Child Custody, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office  
Entered by the Clerk of said Court August 9, 2024.  
Connie M. Carr, Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County  
By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy  
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**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**  
Civil Action No. 24-D-41

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**DAVID LEE ENGLE, Petitioner vs KELLY OLIVIA ENGLE, Respondent**

**THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE**  
To the Above Named Respondent: **KELLY OLIVIA ENGLE**  
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the address of Kelly Olivia Engle is unknown. **The Court orders the parties to appear on the 20th day of August at 2:30 p.m. at the location of Family Court, 818 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV,** where a hearing will be held on the Petition for Divorce, at which time you may appear to protect your interests.  
A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.  
Entered by the Clerk of said Court July 31, 2024.

Connie M. Carr  
Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County  
By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy  
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**TOWN OF DURBIN GARBAGE ORDINANCE**

**Chapter 5: Town of Durbin Garbage Ordinance**  
**Section 5-1 Amending and Revising the Town of Durbin Garbage Ordinance**  
A. For the purpose of absorbing, with amendments, the former ordinance known as Chapter 4, Town of Durbin Garbage Ordinance, and dated March 14, 2017.  
B. To adjust the required minimum fee for garbage collection and disposal in the Town of Durbin.

**Section 5-2 Garbage Collection and Disposal Fee**  
A. It is therefore Ordered and Ordained by the Council of the Town of Durbin that there shall be a garbage fee of \$10.00 per month for all residential customers. A change from \$10.00 per month for all garbage collection will now be structured as follows:  
**Residential** - \$10 per month with a 20-bag limit per month  
**Unoccupied dwelling** - \$10 per month  
**Small Businesses** - \$15 per month with a 50-bag limit per month.  
**Large Businesses** - \$20 per month with a 100-bag limit per month.

**Section 5-3 Restrictions defined**  
Bag limit will be five (5) bags per week or twenty (20) bags per month per residential customer, Twelve (12) bags per week or (50) bags per month for small businesses, and Twenty-five (25) bags per week or One Hundred (100) bags per month for large businesses. Any customer over the allotment stated above will be charged \$1.00 per bag. \*Small businesses consist of small apartment complexes, Airbnbs, retail shops, art studios, etc. \*Large businesses consist of restaurants, campground, rail station, etc.  
Customers wishing to use their own dumpsters and garbage removal company can be used at the owner's own expense. They will still be responsible for paying the Town of Durbin the specified rate stated in section 5-2 of this ordinance.

Two (2) large kitchen bags will constitute one (1) thirty (30) gallon bag for purposes of convenience of the customers.  
A. Bags shall be limited to fifty (50) pounds in weight and no larger than thirty (30) gallons in size.  
B. All garbage shall be positioned in an area convenient for pickup on owner's property.  
C. Proper weather and animal proof receptacles should be used

**TOWN OF MARLINTON Positions Available Housing Authority**

The Town of Marlinton is reorganizing its Housing Authority. Appointments will be for rotating terms of one to five years. Residents of the Town of Marlinton, who are registered voters, are eligible to apply.  
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by a customer wishing to do so and said receptacles should be maintained and kept clean.  
D. All building materials, lawn or tree trimmings, TV's, Appliances, apples, and boxes are prohibited.  
E. All biohazardous materials are prohibited from being placed in customer's garbage. These biohazardous materials include medical needles, or sharp objects that could cause harm to the town employee.

**Section 5-4 Billing**  
Each individual invoice sent has a due date for remittance of payment. If paid after this date a ten percent (10%) late fee will be assessed.

**Section 5-5 West Virginia Code**  
Pursuant to West Virginia Code 8-13-13, subsection (d), the Town of Durbin, after 60 days of non-payment, will serve notice to the account holder, by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the Town of Durbin will file a lien, if permissible, unless the delinquency amount is paid by the date stated on the notice, which will be not less than ninety (90) days from the date the notice is mailed. The administrative procedure must include the right to appeal to the circuit court of the county in which the real property is located. The circuit court shall consider the appeal under its general authority, including but not limited to subsection (f), section two (2), article two (2) of chapter fifty-one (51) of this code. WV Code 8-13-13.  
Town of Durbin  
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# Beware of social media scams

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What are social media scams?

How do people get scammed on social media?

Social media scams are a type of fraud that is committed on social networking sites. Scammers often create fake profiles, befriend innocent people, and send spam messages or links that lead to malicious websites. But that's only one of several ways that scammers can use social media to target you.

Other tactics include:

- Sending you malicious links that infect your devices with malware.
- Running online dating scams and coercing you into sending money or signing up for fake investment platforms. (The latest version of this scam, known as the "pig butchering scam" has cost victims more than \$10 billion.)

• Posting ads to fake stories that steal your personal information or money.

• Using social engineering tactics to trick you into giving scammers access to your social media accounts or sending them money and cryptocurrency.

• Using surveys and quizzes to gather sensitive information that they can use to steal your identity.

Scammers can create an endless number of fake profiles and ads, putting billions of social media users at risk.

So, how do you spot a scammer before it's too late?

Here's how to quickly identify a scammer on social media:

- Their messages include a lot of grammar and spelling errors. Many scammers aren't native English speakers and may use poor spelling, strange and unnatural language, or awkward formatting. Be especially

HELP!! Someone just stole my trailer here in #leecounty. The camper was stolen right out of the parking lot a few hours ago please help me catch the thief and the issue has already been reported. Kindly bump this post so i can catch him sooner. I am a nomad. This is the trailer



**EVERYONE HAS SEEN** scam posts on Facebook. The majority of folks just scroll on by, but people who are alone – or lonely – or very emotional and soft hearted – too often "bite" on the content without giving it a second thought. Be diligent. If you see an especially heart-tugging post – click on the name of the person who posted it. More often than not, you will find nothing but scam posts on that Facebook page.

cautious when someone's claimed background (where they were born, education, etc.) doesn't match up with how they write.

• It's a brand new social media profile with little content or few friends. The average Facebook user has around 200–250 friends. Regardless of the platform, if an account has fewer followers than that or is very new, it could be a scammer.

• The profile belongs to someone with whom you thought you were already friends. Scammers create "cloned" profiles to impersonate your friends and contacts.

• You receive a random message with a link in it. Never click on links or engage with unsolicited direct messages (DMs). This is how scammers trick you into going to fake websites or downloading malware onto your device.

• You're asked to send money online (via gift cards,

wire transfers, payment apps, etc.) or invest in cryptocurrency. This is the #1 red flag that you're dealing with a social media scammer.

• Posts or ads promoting a deal that seems too good to be true. Low prices or hard-to-find items that are readily available are major warning signs of a scam.

• You're sent to an online store that depicts signs of a scam. Beware of sites that offer good deals but are missing basic information (like shipping times and costs, the company's address, and direct contact information). When in doubt, follow best practices on how to shop online safely.

• The person insists on taking the conversation off social media and asks you to text them. This allows them to bypass the security measures provided on most social media sites (or continue the scam if their account gets reported and banned).

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# Back to School



## Marlinton Elementary School

I hope everyone's summer was relaxing and enjoyable. As we approach the start of the 2024-2025 academic school year, I want to take a moment to extend my warmest welcome to all staff, students and families.

As principal of Marlinton Elementary School, I am thrilled to have you as part of our school community.

Marlinton Elementary School doors will open at 7:40 a.m. each morning. Dis-

missal time will start at 3:20 p.m. for walkers and pickups. All students will exit out the front door. Students being picked up will need a parent or guardian to meet them at the front door if they are in second grade or younger. If your student is older and walking to a specific destination, they will need a specific note stating where they are going. Students in second grade and younger are not allowed to

walk alone after being dismissed.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 304-799-6551 to talk to someone in the office. Marlinton Elementary School is dedicated to your child's success in education. With us all working together, we will make a significant difference in preparing students for the future.

Phillip Anderson  
MES Principal

## Hillsboro Elementary School

Dear students, parents, and community members,

Welcome back to school! I am very excited to begin a new school with the wonderful students and families of Hillsboro Elementary. The student's first day of school will be August 15 and Preschool begins August 26. We invite everyone to join us for Open House Thursday, August 22, from 4:30 to 6:30

p.m. Students from buses and parent drop off will enter the school building through the cafeteria doors between the times of 8:15 and 8:25 a.m. Breakfast will be served first thing in the morning.

Evening pick-up will start at 3:50 p.m. with Preschool and 3:55 for all other students. Buses will load out the front door starting at

4:05. Please remember, DO NOT drive around the buses.

I would like to welcome new staff to our school. Karen Lockhart will be teaching Preschool, Jessica Jones will teach Special Education, and Paulena Schoolcraft is joining us as teacher aide.

You are able to keep in  
**see HES pg 12**

## Green Bank Elementary-Middle School

Dear Students and Families, We hope this letter finds you rested, rejuvenated, and ready for an exciting new school year ahead!

As we prepare to set sail on this journey together, we want to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to all our returning students and families, as well as extend a heartfelt greeting to those who are joining our school community for the first time.

The start of a new school year is always a special time – a time filled with anticipation, excitement, and endless possibilities. It is a time to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and embark

on new adventures both inside and outside the classroom.

As we begin this new chapter together, we want to reaffirm our commitment to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment for all students. Our dedicated team of educators and staff are here to support you every step of the way, whether you are navigating the halls of our school for the first time or returning for another year of learning and growth.

This year, we will continue to build upon the successes of the past while also embracing new opportuni-

ties for innovation, exploration, and discovery. From engaging lessons and enriching extracurricular activities to meaningful projects and

**see GBEMS pg 12**

## Marlinton Middle School

Dear Parents and School Community:

I look forward to this school year and am anxious to continue to watch our students grow academically and as their own individual person. We as a staff anticipate a wonderful school year and are really looking forward to it beginning.

The hiring committee and MMS staff are excited to welcome Melissa Robinson as Science/Social Studies, Abby Cox as Alternative Education/Interventionist, Jeanette Wagner as Special

Education Teacher, and Haley Cummins as Instructional Aide.

I would like to thank our custodial staff – Kim Balance, Loretta Irvine and Sherri Howe for the appearance of Marlinton Middle School. It is shiny and so clean, waiting for everyone to arrive. Staff returned on August 12 and students will begin classes on August 15.

We are switching our grading platform from Live-Grades to WVEIS. There will be a parent portal for families to log in to see

grades, attendance and discipline. This will be new for all of Pocahontas County Schools, and it will be a learning process. Please work with us and reach out with any questions.

We also encourage all students to familiarize themselves with the Microsoft products available through their school email. We will be utilizing these tools throughout the school year. Students will be using these products in and out of the

**see MMS pg 12**

## Pocahontas County High School

My name is Nicole Rose-Taylor, and I am honored to serve as the principal of Pocahontas County High School.

This school year marks my 16th year in education. I have previously held various positions at Pocahontas County High School, Marlinton Elementary, Hillsboro Elementary, and in online settings, encompassing general education, special education and administration. I am deeply committed to our community and look forward to working with our students, families and staff.

My primary focus this year is to enhance effective communication across all levels of our school community. This is vital for fostering a positive environment where we can collectively achieve our goals. Effective communication builds trust, strengthens relationships, and promotes collaboration among students, families,

teachers and staff. I strive to cultivate these relationships to better understand the unique challenges at Pocahontas County High School, enabling us to take meaningful steps toward school improvement.

We are excited to welcome several new staff members to the team. Jenni

Stewart (Special Educator), Owen Vogelsong (PE/Health Teacher), Jessica Taylor (Business Management and Administration Instructor), Kelly Buzzard (Special Educator), Lisa Johnson (Support Staff), Brianna Morgan (Science Teacher) and Alex

**see PCHS pg 12**

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## GBEMS, from page 11

exciting events, there is something for everyone to look forward to.

We encourage you all to approach this school year with an open mind, a positive attitude, and a willingness to accept new challenges. Together, we will inspire one another, support one another, and strive for excellence in all that we do.

As we begin this voyage together, we want to express gratitude to each member of our school community – students, families, educators and staff alike. Your dedication, passion, and commitment to learning are what make our school truly special, and we are honored to serve as your administrators.

Our hiring committee has been busy, and we are excited to announce that we have several new staff members: Andrew Landers (school counselor), Cammy Kesterson (art/CTE), Abby Cox (alternative education/intervention), Becky Peteete (aide), Tiffany Wayne (aide) and Teresa Kloeker (aide). We are excited that they will be joining our GBEMS staff family and wish them the best year possible.

We will not be using Live

Grades this year. We are transitioning to the WVEIS grade book. You will receive information on how to set up your parent portal very soon.

Communication is especially important to us. We have a Green Bank Elementary-Middle School Facebook page that we update often so please follow our group. All updates, current events and parent involvement activities will be posted there. We also update our website regularly and you can find lots of good information there, as well.

We want to give special recognition to our custodial and maintenance staff for all the projects they have been working on this summer. They've been painting, waxing, cleaning windows, installing new swings and benches, pressure washing, decluttering, and putting up a new fence in addition to all their everyday duties. Our school looks fantastic!

Here's to a fantastic school year filled with endless possibilities, unforgettable memories, and countless opportunities for growth and success.

Welcome back, everyone!

Melissa Jordan

Principal

Chloe Schaffner

Assistant Principal

## HES, from page 11

formed of upcoming events on our school website as well as the school Facebook site.

## MMS, from page 11

school building and teachers will explain the procedures, so students become fluent and are able to log on at any point in time.

All students at MMS will have a one-to-one device that will allow them to maximize the technology within classrooms. Parents/Guardians will be required to come to MMS to sign the device agreement and will also sign it back in at the end of the school year. We also encourage families to purchase insurance for \$34 to cover any

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This year, all grades will be utilizing standards-based report cards to keep parents informed of student pro-

gress. Kindergarten through second grade have been using them for several years and now third through fifth grade will also. We strive to keep communication open and welcome parents to call or email any questions or concerns.

I am looking forward to a great school year. Please call me at the school for any questions you may have. 304-653-4221

Sincerely Yours,  
Rebecca A. Spencer  
Hillsboro Elementary  
School Principal

We are all looking forward to this school year at Marlinton Middle School. Please reach out to me at 304-799-6773 if you have any questions or concerns. I appreciate you all!

Please keep watching the

Pocahontas County Board of Education and Marlinton Middle School website for all updated and current information.

Nebraska Scotchie,  
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## PCHS, from page 11

Hummel (Band Instructor).

We cordially invite you to attend our Open House at Pocahontas County High School Tuesday, August 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. This event provides an excellent opportunity to meet our teachers and staff members, including special support services such as Youth Health and Community in Schools and to learn more about the various programs we offer.

Attendees will also have the chance to complete important county policy requirements such as student device sign-outs, student driving permits, and volunteer training. Community in Schools will provide a hot-dog dinner.

Please ensure to bookmark our website at https://pchs.pocahontas.k12.wv.us/ which contains an updated schedule of our first semester events, including the athletic calendar.

We encourage you to come out and support our

Warrior athletes and the PCHS band as we embark on an exciting season!

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can contact me via email at nrosetaylor@k12.wv.us or by calling the school at 304-799-6564.

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| Aug. 12 First Day of School for staff                       | Jan. 2 Students return from Christmas Break                  |
| Aug. 15 First Day of School for Students                    | Jan. 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No school for students |
| Aug. 15 First Day for Kindergarteners                       | Feb. 17 Professional Learning - No school for students       |
| Aug. 26 First Day for Preschool                             | April 11 Early Release                                       |
| Sept. 2 Labor Day - No school for students                  | April 14 - 21 Spring Break - No school for students          |
| Sept. 20 Professional Learning - No school for students     | May 26 Memorial Day - No school for students                 |
| Oct. 11 Early Release                                       | May 29 Expected last day of school for students              |
| Oct. 23 Parent-Teacher Conference                           | May 30 - June 3 Outside School Environment/Make-up Days      |
| Nov. 5 Election Day - No school                             | June 1 Graduation at PCHS                                    |
| Nov. 11 Veterans Day - No school for students               | June 4 Last Day of School for staff                          |
| Nov. 25 - 29 Thanksgiving Holiday - No school for students  |                                                              |
| Dec. 20 Early Release                                       |                                                              |
| Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 - Christmas Break - No school for students |                                                              |

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### Schools / Principals

**Green Bank Elementary / Middle School**  
Missy Jordan, Principal  
Chloe Schaffner, Assistant Principal  
5917 Potomac Highlands Trail • Green Bank, WV 24944  
**304-456-4865**

**Hillsboro Elementary School**  
Rebecca Spencer, Principal  
7530 Seneca Trail • Hillsboro, WV 24946  
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**Marlinton Elementary School**  
Phillip Anderson, Principal  
906 Fifth Avenue • Marlinton, WV 24954  
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**Marlinton Middle School**  
Nebraska Scotchie, Principal  
1 Copperhead Way • Buckeye, WV 24924  
**304-799-6773**

**Pocahontas County High School**  
Nicole Rose-Taylor, Principal  
Christine Campbell, Assistant Principal  
271 Warrior Way • Dunmore, WV 24934  
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### Kindergarten begins Thursday, August 15

Parents of students should contact the kindergarten teacher at the school their child is attending for complete information including questions regarding drop-off time, schedule and when children begin riding the school bus.

### Countywide Pre-school begins Monday, August 26

#### SCHOOL MEALS

All students receive free meals.

### Immunization Information

The Pocahontas County Health Department has all required West Virginia school immunizations. Everything is being handled by appointment only. Please call 304-799-4154 to make an appointment or if you have questions.

Pocahontas County Schools requires all students to be up-to-date on all vaccinations. Parents who have children entering West Virginia schools for the first time or transferring from outside the state should bring their child and his/her vaccination record to the health department.

### SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

The BOE uses a school messenger to contact employees and parents regarding school closings. Information on school closings can also be accessed online at [wvde.state.wv.us](http://wvde.state.wv.us)

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Students in Pocahontas County will have the opportunity to eat a no-cost breakfast and lunch at school through the Community Eligibility Provision program. The CEP was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and provides universal meal service to children in high-poverty areas. This is the fourth year for the option.

The CEP serves as an alternative to collecting, approving and verifying household eligibility applications for free- and reduced-price eligible students in high-poverty Local Education Agencies (LEAs). If at least 40 percent of a school's student population is directly certified for free meal benefits, the entire school qualifies for the option.

"I am proud that Pocahontas County Schools will be participating in the CEP program to help meet a crucial need for many students in our county," said Lynne Bostic, Superintendent of Pocahontas County Schools. "We

know academic achievement increases when our students are well-fed and ready to learn, and we must provide secure and reliable access to nutritious meals, so all students have a chance to achieve at the highest level possible."

Pocahontas County expects to have five schools participate in the CEP. The program allows the school system to feed nearly 884

students each day.

The 2017 Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap data reports high levels of food insecurity and hunger across the country. In West Virginia, more than 14 percent of residents, and over 79,000 children, live in food insecure households.

For more information, contact Julie Shiflet, jshiflet@k12.wv.us or 304-799-4505 ext. 2223.

**Best Wishes for a safe and productive school year**  
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