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Durbin Mural part of Allegheny Trail celebration

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

As part of the 50th anniversary of the Allegheny Trail, artist Heidi Nisbett, of Charlotte, North Carolina, is doing a special Artist/Hiker in Residency program with the trail organization to document her time walking the entirety of the trail and create murals in several towns along the way.

The residency was inspired by the National Parks Artist in Residency program in which an artist is commissioned to create artwork for parks and during their time working on the project, the park would pay for accommodations, meals and recreational passes.

"We were approached by Heidi about doing this," Allegheny Trail outreach coordinator Nicole Flood-Sawczyn said. "With the hiker in residency program, we would employ her to hike our entire trail - 311 miles, 86 of which are in Pocahontas County."

When it came time to choose where the murals should be located, Durbin was an obvious pick. It is a Mon Forest Town and the trail runs right through it.

"Durbin is a base camp of the Mon, it's at the center; kind of dead center of our trail, so all things point to Durbin," Flood-Sawczyn said. "We had a couple meetings with the town council,

looked at agreeing on a package where we're able to help reduce some of the pricing with the Allegheny Trail assisting with accommodations."

A generous donation from a former West Virginia resident, who is also an artist, paid for the entire hike and Durbin businesses and individuals have made donations that took away the stress of funding the project.

The mural is 10 feet by 30 feet and is located on the side of the town office. Instead of going directly onto the building, the mural is painted of sheets of aluminum that are mounted on the wall.

The design process included input from the town and its residents, as well as Nisbett, who has also painted several murals along the Appalachian Trail.

"We went to the town council and said 'who is Durbin? What is Durbin?'" Flood-Sawczyn said. "Think past, present and future. It's going to be a compilation of those things in addition to what the board feels is who we are. The town was fully involved. We kind of started from nothing. I'm pretty excited about it."

The mural looks like a classic postcard, emblazoned with "Welcome to Durbin," and a landscape that includes the train, farming, fishing, hunting and the carnival from Durbin Days Heritage Fair.



PROFESSIONAL PAINTER HEIDI Nisbett, of Charlotte, North Carolina, concentrates on a portion of the mural she is painting in Durbin. Nisbett began working on the mural last Friday and will finish it in time for the reveal party on Wednesday, September 4, at 6 p.m. The party will be a precursor to the Allegheny Trail 50th Anniversary celebration taking place at the Green Bank Observatory Septmeber 6-8. S. Stewart photo

"What we want to do as the town - and something the Mon Forest Towns are constantly engaging and try to promote - is not just outdoor recreation in all facets, but what about the person who has grandkids and doesn't have time to hike twenty-five miles in the woods or mountain bike or go kayaking. They can start engaging with

the Mon Forest Towns on a mural tour. Each of the towns is working hard to get something where we can also create a passport concept with murals."

The mural will be unveiled with an official reveal party Wednesday, September 4, at 6 p.m., but Flood-Sawczyn said Nisbett is comfortable with people experi-

encing the process and watching her work on the painting in the meantime.

"We'd love to have people see it," she said. "She's going to be working, but this isn't new to her. She's used to people watching her work. She's just a talented human and it's been a beautiful journey to be a part of it."

First Friday and Summer's last hoorah

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

School may be in session, but the final First Friday of the year, September 6, is going to be a big shebang bringing summer to a close.

The Discovery Junction on Third Avenue will be transformed into a Back to School Luau, complete with live music, a kids corner with face painting and crafts, games, goodies like hot dogs, snow cones and cotton candy and, of course, it wouldn't be complete without inflatables.

Once again the Pocahontas County Family Resource Network is hosting the back to school bash and will have a street full of inflatable bouncy houses and slides for youngsters to enjoy.

Every child will get a ticket that gives them a chance to win a prize in a big giveaway and everything is FREE!

The event kicks off at 4 p.m. and will be an Appalachian Luau to remember.

Fair Lawn Farm to host 18th Century Trades Fair

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

Colonial history enthusiasts won't want to miss the 18th Century Trades Fair being held this Friday and Saturday, August 30 and 31, and Sunday, September 1, in Highland County.

The fair will feature museum-grade tradesmen and women - blacksmiths, silversmiths, rifleshooters, horners, weavers, spinners and many more.

The family-friendly event will take place at Fair Lawn Farm in Mill Gap, which is just a hop, skip and a jump across the state line from Pocahontas County.

The farm was established in 1887 and is the ideal setting for stepping back in time to experience a taste of life as it was "back in the day" on the Early American frontier of Virginia.

Fair Lawn Farm is the pride and joy of Tim and Terry Duff, who purchased

the property in 1998 and have since restored it to its original glory.

They collect 18th Century tools and equipment which our ancestors used in the days of our founding fathers. And they have passed down their reverence for history to their son, Sean, daughter, Brianna, and their grandchildren.

The Trades Fair is a rare opportunity to meet more than 30 well-known colonial era artisans, including several who have partnered with Colonial Williamsburg as exhibitors and consultants.

"This will be the largest assembly of 18th century trades being demonstrated in Virginia west of Richmond and Williamsburg," Duff said.

"Though the 18th Century encompasses the years 1701 through 1800, our event focuses solely on the trades common to the Virginia frontier, circa 1750-1780," he explained.

"We have nationally

known exhibitors coming from Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina, Kentucky and New York.

"All exhibitors are known to me personally, and they all have decades of experience in their trades."

Those who have attended Pocahontas County's Huntersville Traditions Days in years past, or this summer's open house at Ft. Warwick, will recognize Pocahontas County artisans and artists Melody Phillips, Vivian Blackwood and Philippe Willis, who will be in attendance.

Exhibitors will demonstrate their skills, explain the history of their trades, tell tales of life in the Early American colonies and answer questions.

Guests will have the chance to try their hand at some of the skills that were once such an important part of life on the frontier.

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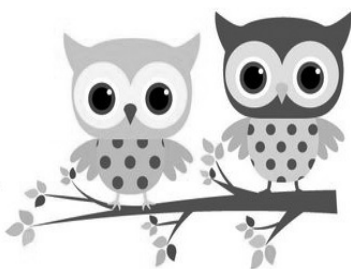
TIM AND TERRY Duff are looking forward to welcoming visitors to Fair Lawn Farm, where nationally-known colonial era artisans will gather for the Duff's fourth 18th Century Trade Fair. L.D. Bennett photo

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Commission announces prosecutor's resignation

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

It was announced at the August 20 Pocahontas County Commission meeting that Pocahontas County Prosecuting Attorney Terry Helmick will resign as of September 6.

As the commission's architect could not attend the meeting, two issues were rescheduled, one concerning the old jail building and the possible purchase of the lot next to the courthouse, and the second agenda item dealt with the proposed Visitors Center in Durbin.

Jeremy Jones, the Director of the West Virginia Division of Forestry, appeared before the commission to ask to renew the DOF's lease of space in the ARC Building in Marlinton for another five years at the same \$500 per month. Others in the building had com-

plained that the DOF had equipment scattered all around – inside and outside of the building – beyond the area they lease, so the commission had invited a representative to discuss the matter before renewing the lease. Jones said the extra equipment is temporary and will be gone within the month, and the agency will avoid such issues in the future.

The commission renewed the lease.

In other matters, the commission

- approved the additional \$20,000 cost of asbestos abatement at the Tannery property because more asbestos was found.

- approved the sheriff's recommendation that pets not be allowed in the courthouse unless they are service dogs.

- moved part-time EMT Kiara Davis to a full-time

EMT position at the County Ambulance Service.

- approved the EMS Salary Enhancement Fund Questionnaire.

- made five appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Commission – Gail Siers, Heather Niday, Leisha Cassell, John Leyzorek and Wanda Wyatt; and appointed Kaitlyn Alderman to the Day Report Board.

Hillsboro resident and democratic county commission candidate Jay Miller offered his opinion on several issues facing the commission, such as the old jail building, proposed courthouse annex, the proposed new 911 Center and EMS building, as well as the future of solid waste disposal in the county.

Since Miller expressed his ideas as part of Hear Callers-or public comment, the commission did not respond.

Forest Service seeks feedback on Tea Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Monongahela National Forest is seeking feedback on the Tea Creek Bridge Replacement Project on the Marlinton Ranger District in Pocahontas County.

This project is in the beginning stages of development and is located at the intersection of Forest Road 86 (Williams River Road) and Forest Road 135 where it crosses the Williams River, 11 miles northwest of Marlinton.

The project will replace the existing bridge with a new structure that will better meet access needs and ensure continued safe public access to Tea Creek Camp-

ground and nearby trails.

Construction associated with this work will occur over one to two years, between July and October 2025 and 2026 (during the low-water season). During construction the campground might experience short term closures for work crew efficiency and public safety. Information on the closure(s) will be posted under Alerts and Warnings on the Monongahela National Forest's webpage linked here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf/>

Additional project information, including a map and photos, can be found on the project website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/mnf/?project=63889>.

Submit written comments to adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov with the subject line "Tea Creek Bridge Replacement," during the comment period ending September 4, 2024.

Comments can also be mailed to the following address: Marlinton Ranger District, Attn: Jason Hattersley, 1627 Cemetery Road, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Information received from the public during the comment period will be used to help develop the project proposal.

For more information contact Adrienne Nottingham at adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov or call 304-799-4334.

State of Emergency extended for all 55 counties due to drought conditions

West Virginia
Press Association

Governor Jim Justice announced August 23 that he has extended the statewide State of Emergency for an additional 30 days due to a shortage of rainfall that has caused drought conditions.

The U.S. Drought Monitor indicates extreme, severe and moderate drought conditions have continued to impact the entire state.

Justice also reminds agencies to utilize the Emergency Drought Relief Reimbursement Grant Program, which provides financial assistance to those helping secure and distribute irrigation and livestock water supplies in counties experiencing severe or extreme drought conditions.

"This drought continues to plague our farmers, so we're extending our State of

Emergency to help get water to those who are in desperate need," Justice said. "Our farmers are truly the backbone of our state, and we understand the level of stress they're experiencing because of these extreme conditions. We will not watch our hardworking farmers suffer because of uncontrollable factors. What we can control, however, is making sure they have the resources to get through this

tough time. Our public agencies are working hard to deliver water, as needed. Our Emergency Management Division and the Department of Agriculture are working hard to secure disaster assistance. We are all pulling the rope together to get through this time. I promise, we will get through it together.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect for an additional 30 days.

Going, Going, Gone



IT HAD A slow start, but the former Board of Education office in Marlinton was quickly felled by a crew with Reclaim Company, LLC, led by Corey Hoover, assistant project manager. The building originally housed Marlinton Junior High classrooms on the second floor, and later Marlinton Elementary School classrooms. The Pocahontas County Board of Education later utilized it as its central office and for storage, as well as housing Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation and Pocahontas County Artists Guild. As of Monday, the only thing that remained was a pile of rubble – which will soon be gone forever. S. Stewart photos



Major investments coming to Cass Scenic Railroad State Park

West Virginia
Press Association

Governor Jim Justice has announced plans for significant developments at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park and Lost River as part of ongoing investments to enhance outdoor recreation and tourism in the state.

Cass is adding its first campground featuring 100 campsites, modern amenities and historic preservation. Lost River is adding 35 modern campsites, enhancing its existing natural retreat. With investments totaling nearly \$13 million, both projects are expected to be completed by mid-2025.

These campground projects are part of an ongoing investment in the West Virginia State Parks system. During the Justice Administration, more than \$250 million in improvement projects have been completed.

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park will soon boast its first campground, located on the

water, featuring 100 campsites equipped with water and 50-amp electrical service, two bathhouses, a check-in station, an RV dump station, as well as paved roads and utilities.

With a total investment of \$8,034,810, construction began in August 2024 and is expected to be completed by July 2025.

The campground will be located on the historic site of the Deer Creek Extract Plant,

which played a pivotal role in the production of hemlock and spruce bark extracts during World War I. Although many of the original structures have deteriorated over time, remnants of the foundations will be preserved and displayed with interpretive signs to honor Cass' rich history. Visitors to the new campground will enjoy modern amenities and gain insight into the area's storied past.

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**Things we leave behind
Foreword**

Do you ever look at some treasured item – a particular photograph, letters de amor, a souvenir, a family heirloom or an award you’re particularly proud of – and wonder what will become of it when you are no longer alive?

On the other hand, it may be an item you do not wish to be found after your passing. Maybe it was something you hid or kept secret from all others, perhaps something you are ashamed of. I’ll let you use your imagination, but we all have secrets and things we wouldn’t want family members or others to know about.

Late one afternoon, nearly 40 years ago, I was mucking out a horse stall in my father-in-law’s pole barn when he popped in for a chat.

Wilford, or Wit as he was generally called, was a man of great (well, there’s no other way to say it)—Wit. His sharp and sometimes dry humor seemed to be a genetic trait. His entire family embraced humor fully, making all holidays and family gatherings like going to an improv comedy club. Their banter would sometimes get me laughing so hard I would have to use my rescue inhaler.

Sometimes, one party consciously ignores the hilarity of a funny situation, which makes it even more amusing. That day in the barn was a case in point. Some months before, I had wrecked a hang glider and ended up in the hospital with a few contusions and a minor concussion. That ended my non-motorized flying, and the crumpled-up glider was hanging from a beam above the stalls. Our conversation started with Wit glancing up at the damaged glider and saying, “Well, when are you going to get up in your flying machine again?” Of course, Wit knew I had no desire to risk my life again on something not much sturdier than a paper kite, and

ner gets cold.” She offered no reprimands or nagging; she just turned and walked back to the house as if she had seen nothing.

Their love and respect were so deep that tacit approval on Florentine’s part seemed the best option. The subject may have come up again when the two were alone, but we are not privy to that piece of information.

It was common knowledge among family members that Wit cached candy bars and cigarettes throughout the 19th-century brick farmhouse and barn. He may or may not have known this, but he enjoyed finding new locations to hide his secret delights. He may have noticed his supply of candy occasionally running short and thought a change of location was warranted.

Because Wit knew that I would not tell others of his modest indulgences, and though he never showed me where he hid the chocolate, he did point out the cigarette caches just in case I needed a smoke.

In a few short years, Wit would be diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer. Throughout the course of his disease, he did not complain, nor did he want others to fuss over him. Likewise, he never lost his sense of humor right to the end of life. He approached his end of life with no apparent fear; Wit was indeed a noble and courageous man in life and at death’s door.

Some months before Wit died, we were alone at the farmhouse, and he decided to have a smoke and a little “something” more. He took the opportunity to share a secret cavity behind the fireplace mantel.

As always, Wit glanced around before revealing his stash, although only a cat appropriately named Fierce was there to see our activities. He retrieved a pack of Parliaments and a fluted glass bottle full of a purplish liquid.

He explained that the bottle contained homemade wine. Now, I realize that the TV series *The Waltons* had two women characters, the Baldwin sisters, who made a drink called the “recipe” that Grandpa Walton was quite fond of. In Wit’s case, three sisters from the Russian Orthodox Church that the family attended made the wine they called a sacramental

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Library Lines
by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

I mentioned last week that over the last year, Pocahontas County Library patrons checked out somewhere north of 77,000 print items. We spend a lot of time helping you find things in our existing collections.

That could mean helping you find items on our shelves. Or helping set you up on Libby, where you can access electronic books, music and movies. Or it could mean getting access to items at other libraries through interlibrary loan, a program that allows us to borrow books on your behalf from any library in the state.

But we also devote a good bit of time to ensuring that you have a steady supply of new things to check out.

Of course, there are lots of books, magazines and movies out there, and we have limited space. So we put a lot of care into selecting new items.

Luckily, we have a lot of tools for helping us make good choices.

The first one is easy. We know our patrons—which means that we know lots of you read particular authors regularly. So when James Patterson or Stephen King or Patricia Cornwell publishes a new novel, we just go

ahead and buy at least one copy. For really popular books, we may order a copy at multiple branches.

We do something similar for ordering movies and TV shows. We order big hits as soon as they’re released on DVD.

Patron requests are also a big source of new acquisitions.

If you want an item and we don’t have it in our system, we’ll often just order a copy, then let you know when it comes in.

Beyond requests and best-sellers, we start looking at data.

Because we have limited shelf space and limited budgets, we try not to order too many copies of any given book. That means sometimes you may have to wait for the item you want. We do this by placing a hold on the item you want.

We review lists of holds regularly. If the waiting list starts to get really long, we order some additional copies.

Beyond specific authors, we also know the kinds of books that people like. For example, several patrons at our Linwood branch really enjoy reading biographies. So we may look at lists of

best-selling biographies and order items that seem similar to those our patrons have enjoyed in the past.

Similarly, we look at reviews of books from newer authors. If we see something new getting lots of reviews that say things like “David Baldacci meets Agatha Christie,” we’ll probably order it, as that sounds like a thing lots of our patrons will enjoy.

Neighboring counties are also good sources of information. Patrons at Pocahontas County Libraries often read the same kinds of books that patrons in Greenbrier or Summers County enjoy. So we regularly look at new book lists from nearby counties for ideas to supplement our collection.

E-books work a little differently. Libraries don’t own e-books—they license each copy of an e-book, usually for a period of 12 or 24 months. A license allows a library to offer the e-book to a single patron at a time.

E-books are convenient and popular. But the pricing model makes them more expensive than physical books. A 12-month license costs about as much as a physical book, but the physical book doesn’t disappear after 12 months.

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about
Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Which US actor was the first to star in eight consecutive number one hit movies?
2. Where did Susie fall asleep in the Everly Brothers’ song “Wake Up Little Susie?”
3. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
4. What is the only planet in our solar system that rotates clockwise?

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Responsible pet owners care for and clean up after their pets. Unfortunately, irresponsible pet owners do not. This week's article is for the latter.

An irresponsible pet owner does not want their dog's mess in their own yard, but somehow thinks it is okay to leave their dog's mess in someone else's yard.

How can that make sense to anyone?

If you do not want to clean up after your dog, you should walk it in your own yard. But, when you walk your pet outside of your own property, you should be sure to pick up after your animal. Even if it is a vacant lot, it is not your lot. Someone is mowing that vacant lot and that person should not have to be concerned about stepping into your dog's mess. Pick up the poop. It's your pet.

After your dog does its business, "it" becomes your business to pick up the crap. Carry a plastic bag. Pick up the poop. Tie the bag and dispose of the excrement in a proper way. READ Marlinton, WV Code of Ordinances

...§ 90.008 ANIMAL OWNER RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMOVAL OF ANIMAL EXCREMENT; FINES. (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to appear with an animal upon the public right-of-way, within public places or upon the property of another, absent that person's consent, without some means for removal of excrement that may be deposited by the animal.

If you remain irresponsible, please READ explanation of penalties and fines. Also, registration of dangerous dogs is required. § 90.049 DANGEROUS DOGS; VIOLATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR DANGEROUS DOG; FINES.

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...§ 90.049 DANGEROUS DOGS; VIOLATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR DANGEROUS DOG; FINES. Any person found guilty of violating the requirements of § 90.048 shall be assessed, fined and the animal disposed of, as follows. (A) Any dangerous dog that is not confined or

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What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Toffee Bars

2 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
2 cups (4 sticks) butter, room temperature
2 egg yolks
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
4 cups all purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt

2 (4-oz.) bars of milk or dark chocolate, broken into pieces
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Beat together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolks and vanilla. Blend flour and salt together then stir into butter mixture.

Spread the dough in a greased 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Bake until lightly browned, 25-30 minutes. The texture will be soft.
Remove from oven and immediately place the chocolate pieces on the hot cookie base. Let stand until chocolate softens, then gently spread it evenly with a spatula. Sprinkle with nuts. While still warm, cut into 2 x 1 1/2 inch bars.

Stuffed Peppers

3 large peppers cut in half from top to bottom, remove seeds and ribs
1/4 tsp. salt
3 Tbps. olive oil
1 pound lean ground beef
1 medium onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced

or 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. Italian Seasoning
1 tsp. salt or to taste
8 oz. tomato sauce
1 cup cooked rice
1 1/2 cups shredded Monterey Jack or Cheddar Jack cheese, divided
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place peppers in baking dish and drizzle 1 Tbsp. of olive oil over the peppers. Sprinkle with 1/4 tsp. salt. Cover with foil and roast 20 minutes to soften. Remove from oven when done and lower temp to 375 degrees.

Heat 2 Tbsp. olive oil in large skillet over medium heat, and sauté onion until soft and translucent about 3-4 minutes. Add ground beef, salt, Italian Seasoning and garlic.
Increase heat to medium high and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon until meat has browned and almost cooked through.
Add sauce and bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat to medium and cook uncovered 5 minutes. Add cooked rice and 3/4 cup of shredded cheese. Stir until cheese is melted. Remove skillet from heat and fill peppers with beef mixture.

Bake in oven 20 minutes then top with remaining cheese and return to oven until cheese is melted.
Serves 4-6.

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

According to Pocahontas County Conditions Drought. gov, this has been the driest year in 130 years. If you take a look at the Greenbrier River, you will get an idea of the conditions we are facing.

A neighbor shared this observation with me: "The spring near us, known as "Cold Spring" along Denmar Road just south of the Old Droop Church, is where we have gotten our drinking water for close to 35 years. But it's now no longer flowing through the pipe, and I mean not even dripping. A man whose family had lived on this property for generations once told us that Cold Spring was a very reliable spring that had never gone

dry - ever. We remember him saying that occasionally it might get down to a trickle, but it never goes dry."

With large amounts of debris on many of our forest floors, the threat for wildfires should be a concern. So far humidity levels have been high but this will not continue forever.

I personally have decided to put a brush fire burn on hold and not do any outside burning until things improve. Hopefully somebody out there is doing the rain dance.

Joe Kaffl
Hillsboro

Editor;

On behalf of the Pocahon-

tas Pound Town Pickleball Club, I would like to thank Jody Spencer and all the crew at Watoga State Park. The new pickleball courts are beautiful. What a tremendous addition to the Park and to our county. We appreciate your hard work.

Sincerely,
Josh Hardy
Hillsboro

Pocahontas County citizens,

We are being taken advantage of by the petroleum companies selling us gasoline.

I just called Marlinton and the price is \$3.13 per gallon; Elkins is \$2.99 per gallon.

So, why is it as much as \$.70 higher here in upper Pocahontas County?

Must be corporate greed-only thing I can think of.

I was in the gas business for years and only saw a \$.10 to \$.15 difference in delivery fees here.

We are being completely taken advantage of and we should not take it.

A boycott of these stations should be in order and even protests at these locations. Until we do something about it, this will just keep happening.

The local owners are not responsible. It is the corporations causing this.

Let's keep this going and make changes.

E. Tim Morris
Bartow

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. The Green Boxes will be open from 1 to 6 p.m.

The Pocahontas Times will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. Deadline for the September 4 edition is Friday, August 30, at 3 p.m.

Marlinton Town Office will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. Garbage pickup for that day will be Tuesday, September 3.

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

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

Upper Pocahontas Community Cooperative Second Monday of each month 6 p.m. at the Durbin Community Library.

EVENTS

Native Seed Collection Walk Saturday, September 7, at Yew Mountain Center. Contact info: Yew Mountain@gmail.com or 304-653-4079.

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 fbchunotersville wv@gmail.com

Free Movie Night at Marlinton First Church of the Nazarene Saturday, September 14, 6 p.m. "The Jesus Film." Pizza, popcorn and soft drinks. Childcare avail-

able. Everyone welcome.
7Song Herbalist Walk and Talk, Tuesday, September 17, at Yew Mountain Center. Contact info: Yew Mountain@gmail.com or 304-653-4079.

PARKS AND REC

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

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

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

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

REUNIONS

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

Dunbrack Family Reunion - Sunday, September 1, 1 p.m. at Stillwell Park. Bring a covered dish and enjoy great company.

Marlinton High School Class of 1961 Annual Get Together Saturday, September 14, at Campbelltown Schoolhouse, beside Campbelltown Church.

Lunch at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 304-799-4177.

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.

HOME COMING

Mt. Zion Methodist Church in the Hill Country, Sunday, September 8. Worship 11 a.m. with a potluck picnic to follow.

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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.

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A burdock's blessings

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

Not all foods or herbs need lush rich soil to grow and prosper. Burdock is normally located in areas where soil is depleted or uncared for, especially along roadsides and throughout pastures and fields.

Annoying burrs that get caught in clothing and pets' fur, that seem impossible to fully eliminate, may be a prime indicator that there is burdock growing nearby. Even though many people may consider burdock a curse, could it, in fact, be a plant blessing in disguise?

In many parts of the world, burdock is a fiber-rich vegetable that may be eaten like potatoes. In Japan, burdock root is a common vegetable called gobo, which is often cut Sasagaki (between shaved and sliced) before cooking. The hard root softens as it cooks and is high in fiber and minerals. The root may cause a detox effect on the body if eaten in large quantities.

Burdock root contains inulin which helps lower blood sugar and improves digestion. In some studies, conducted on mice, fermented burdock root significantly reduced blood sugar levels. This suggests it may be helpful at treating diabetes.

Medicinally speaking, some cultures have used burdock root for treating the common cold and sore throats, treating and preventing infections, as a natural diuretic, and to fight other ailments.

This back yard nuisance has been used as a blood tonic for centuries and was described as a "blood purifier" or "alterative," which is believed to clear the bloodstream of toxins. Burdock is a mild herb that supports liver function and elimination. Since the liver is the body's filter, this natural cleansing allows the liver to remove more toxins from the body. Aliments such as acne, eczema, fatigue, brain fog, as well as many others, are all associated, in part, to a sluggish or unhealthy liver.

Burdock root is known to treat common skin conditions and help calm issues from acne to eczema and psoriasis.

While known for its powerful anti-inflammatory abil-

ities, a 2014 study found that burdock root significantly decreased inflammation in people with osteoarthritis of the knee.

Because burdock improves blood quality and liver health, it may help treat an enlarged spleen and improve circulation. It has also been shown to be antibacterial, an antioxidant, to be a natural diuretic (which could help with edema), induce lymphatic drainage and detoxification, and fight tonsillitis.

Scientific studies have shown that *Arctium lappa* fruit extract (burdock extract) can improve the clinical signs of aging skin. One 2008 study found that topical treatment, with a natural burdock extract, showed that the "wrinkle volume in the crow's feet area was significantly reduced."

Several studies have been conducted on anticancer properties within *Arctium lappa*. Preliminary research, as well as animal studies of mammary, colon and pancreatic cancer, show promising results that burdock could help slow the growth of, and even fight against, cancer. A 2016 study found that it might slow the growth of breast cancer tumors. The powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties of burdock may play a part in this. But one big reason burdock shows promise for naturally fighting cancer is the fact that it contains arctigenin. Arctigenin is a cancer-specific phytochemical that killed human lung cancer cells, human liver cancer cells, and human stomach cancer cells in a research study.

Both the leaf and root of burdock show the ability to kill biofilms. News-medical.net describes biofilms like this: "In the human body, bacterial biofilms can be found on many surfaces such as the skin, teeth, and mucosa. Plaque that forms on teeth is an example of a biofilm. Most bacteria are capable of forming biofilms. However, certain species have more of a disposition toward biofilms than others." And one study by the National Institute of Health concluded that "the burdock leaf fraction significantly inhibited the formation of biofilm and quorum sensing, as well as significantly decreased the content of virulence factors." Therefore,

since "the oral plaque that causes cavities is one example of a biofilm," and burdock shows the ability to kill biofilms, it may have a positive impact on preventing and fighting cavities.

Although burdock root is commonly used, it is not the only part that can be. The seeds are also highly favored for their medicinal properties. The dried leaves are put in capsules or used to prepare teas and tinctures. The flower stalks, once peeled of its tough outer layer, can be eaten as a vegetable with a taste somewhat like artichoke.

A typical dosage of burdock is one to two grams of powdered dry root three times per day; however, since burdock research is in its infancy, there is no single recommended minimum or maximum dose.

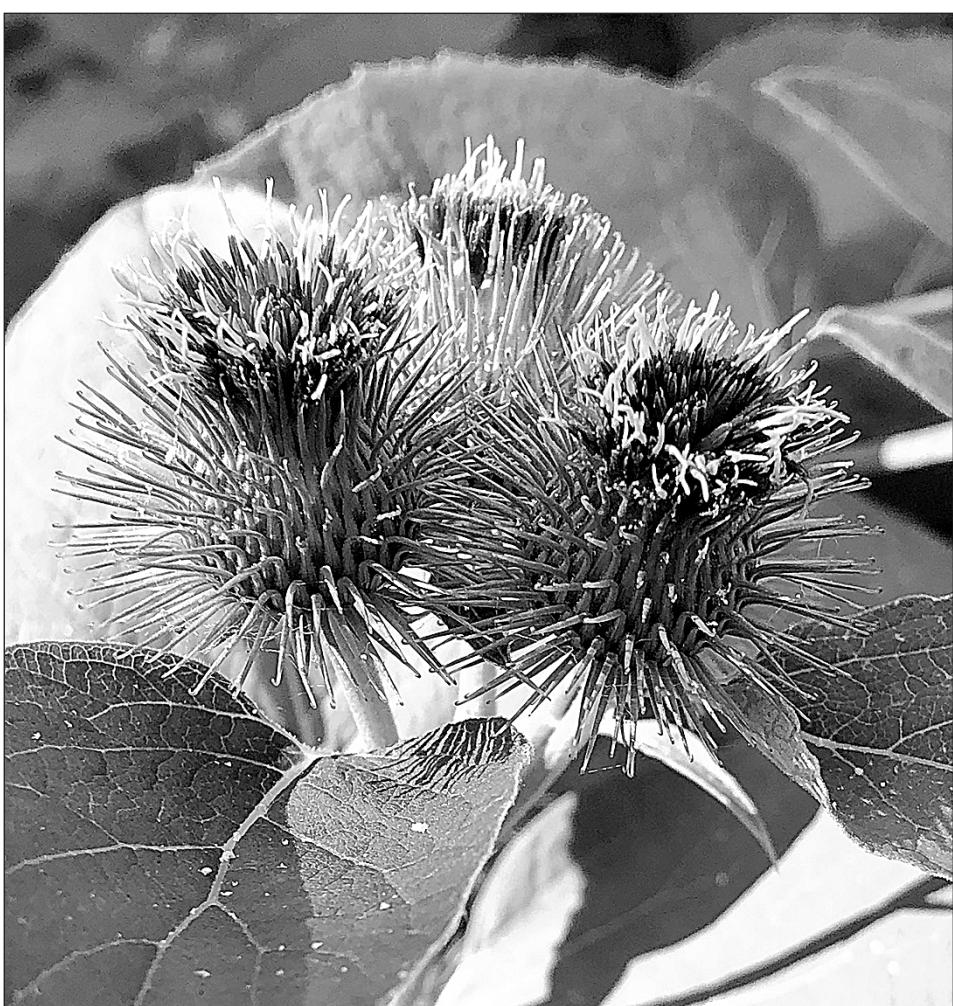
Capsules can be made from the dried powdered herb and taken 1-2 times daily, depending on the size of the capsule.

Powder the seeds just prior to making capsules as they will lose some nutrients over time. If doing large batches, unused powder and extra capsules can be stored in a sealed glass jar in the refrigerator until needed.

A decoction is made by soaking the herb in water, like tea. For burdock seeds, add about one rounded teaspoon to 1 cup of simmering water. After about 5 minutes, use a fine mesh strainer to filter before drinking. This is a strong and bitter tasting tea. Adding other herbs and honey may improve its palatability. A 1/4 to 1/2 cup may be drunk two times per day. It may cause stomach upset. An alternative is for approximately 1/2 to 1 teaspoon seed powder to be stirred into one cup of water or other beverage.

The preparations below represent an herb: menstruum ratio. For example, if it says 1:4 and you have 5 ounces of herb, then you would add 20 ounces of menstruum (5x4=20). The menstruum is the liquid used in the herbal preparation; oil, alcohol, glycerin, etc. A tincture is made by mixing an herb into ethanol where as an extraction uses liquids other than alcohol.

For a burdock seed tincture, use a 1:4 ratio with 70% ethanol (140 proof - in the USA). Common dose is



WHILE THE FLOWERS of burdock and milk thistle may appear similar at first glance, the spiky leaves of milk thistle will give it away. Burdock leaves are large, smooth and heart-shaped. Photo courtesy of authenticwisconsin.com

about 1-2 ml 1-3 times per day.

Burdock may also be used externally.

To make an oil preparation, add powdered seeds to jojoba oil, or other carrier oil, at a rate of 1:4. Place a cloth over the jar so it can breathe, stir occasionally, allow seeds to soak for about 6 weeks, strain, decant, and store in air tight jar. Oil can be applied to skin one to three times per day but can be messy. When using them, I sometimes place a piece of plastic wrap over the area, followed by a cloth or sports bandage to hold it in place. This keeps the oil on the skin and prevents the cloth from soaking it up.

A poultice, or paste, made from these roots can be directly applied to an affected area of skin, as needed.

There are no known scientific reports of interactions between burdock and conventional medications; however, burdock does have some precautions to consider.

Those who have a history of allergies to the Asteraceae/Compositae plant fam-

ilies, which include ragweed, chrysanthemums, marigolds and daisies, may experience an allergic reaction to using burdock internally or externally, including dermatitis.

Burdock might increase the risk of bleeding during and after surgery. And shouldn't but taken for at least two weeks before any surgery or dental work.

The following people should talk to a doctor before taking burdock:

- pregnant, want to become pregnant, or who are breast-feeding
- children under 18

• taking diuretics (burdock could make the effect of water pills stronger)

• taking diabetes medications (burdock might lower blood sugar, causing hypoglycemia)

• using blood-thinning medications (burdock can slow blood clotting and, when taken with blood-thinning medications, may increase the risk of bruising and bleeding)

• have chronic or life-threatening health conditions

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is Monday at noon. Writers may use a maximum of 600 words. Letters should be issue-oriented and never personal. Send letters to jsgraham@pocahontastimes.com For further information, please contact The Pocahontas Times at 304-799-4973.

Fair, from page 1

And youngsters are more than welcome.

"You never know what may spark a lifelong love of history in a young person," Duff said.

"The exhibitors really enjoy interacting with children. I'm happy to say that we're getting more young folks involved every year."

In addition to demonstrating colonial-era trades, many artisans will also be offering their wares for sale.

Guests interested in colonial-era arms will be fascinated by the gunsmithing demonstrations, the Duffs' rustic gunsmithing cabin and the firing demonstrations, which will occur throughout the day.

All exhibitors, and the Duffs themselves, will be dressed in authentic period clothing, bringing the charming 18th Century scene to life. Of course, attendees are encouraged to join in the fun and wear period clothing themselves.

This is the fourth year for their 18th Century Trades Fair, but besides this event, the Duffs welcome visitors to Fair Lawn Farm for many other historically-oriented events.

In the spring, the farm is a favorite stop on sugar camp tours during the Highland County Maple Festival and, in the fall, it welcomes visitors during the county's Hand and Harvest Festival.

It's the ideal location for student trips, educational family fun, homeschool adventures and family outings. Throughout the year, they

also offer farm tours and lessons and other historical skills, all with an emphasis on the history of the late 18th to early 20th Century.

Their restored, original 18th Century gunsmithing cabin and their rustic maple sugar house are two of the most beautiful examples of buildings which would have been common on the 18th Century Virginia frontier.

"We fell in love with Fair Lawn Farm, purchased it in 1998 and have since spent 20 years restoring it to its former glory," Duff said, proudly. "The house is one of the few original brick Victorian homes in the county."

The Duffs have each recently retired from long careers – having spent long years in careers caring for their community.

Terry worked as a Special Education teacher for 35 years. She is now enjoying her gardens, her grandchildren and life at Fair Lawn Farm.

Tim is a former Coast Guard officer, with a 22-year career working in narcotics, search and rescue and immigration. He served as Sheriff of Highland County and a Special Agent for the Commonwealth.

He can now concentrate all of his energy on his pas-

sion – restoring 18th and 19th century tools and equipment, gunsmithing, maple sugar and apple butter making.

"Some of the exhibitors will be bringing musical instruments and a young lady from Highland County will be singing Appalachian-style songs periodically throughout the day," Duff said.

Visitors are encouraged to bring folding chairs and/or blankets.

"Most guests will spend two or three hours engaging with our artists and with Terry and me," Duff told me. We really enjoy meeting people and sharing our love of history.

"It'll be nice to see some of our friends from across the mountain. Fair Lawn Farm is well-known to our neighbors in Pocahontas County," he added.

You can purchase a one-day pass for \$7 or a weekend pass (admission for all three days) for \$15. Children may attend for free.

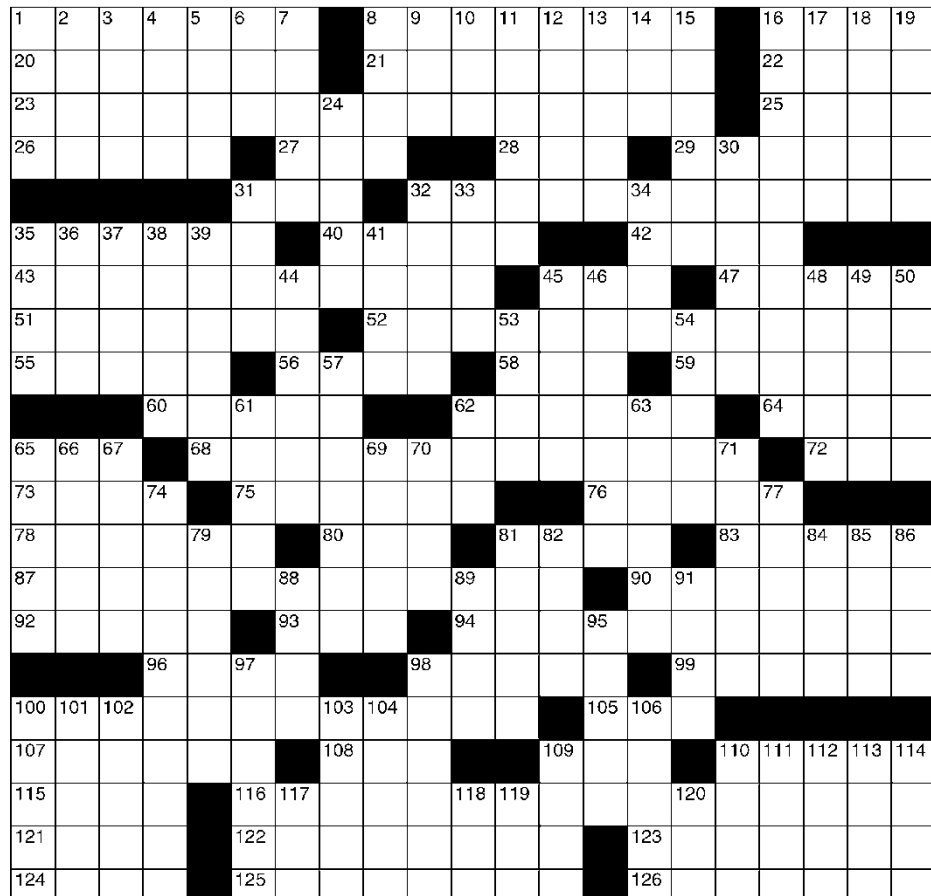
Lunch, provided by a local Amish family, will be available at a modest cost.

Fair Lawn Farm is located at 3228 Mill Gap Road (Rt. 84), just a few miles outside of Monterey, Virginia.

If you have questions you may call 540-468-3094.

Super Crossword THE ROD SQUAD

- ACROSS**
- 1 It's removed from skim
- 8 Guitar's cousin
- 16 Nautical mop
- 20 Be cautious
- 21 Conditionally free, in a way
- 22 Rock's ZZ Top, e.g.
- 23 Building full of periodicals for soldiers?
- 25 Outer edges
- 26 Cursed
- 27 Takes too much, in brief
- 28 Moose cousin
- 29 Fries lightly
- 31 Unit of work
- 32 Body of water on which there are frequent haircuts? cruises?
- 35 Not sinking (wiseacres)
- 42 Safe-cracker, informally
- 43 Hailstorm on the highway?
- 45 Deg. from MIT Sloan
- 47 "Anaconda" director Luis
- 51 Savoir faire
- 52 Dumbbell selling for half off?
- 55 1950s-'70s defense gp.
- 56 Weapon in a boxing ring
- 58 MGM motto starter
- 59 Deliver, as a verdict
- 60 Politico Hatch
- 62 "Sure thing, gov'nor!"
- 64 "Sommerby" star Richard
- 65 Cleo's snake
- 68 World's best singer of Venetian gondoliers' songs?
- 72 Bom. in Brest
- 73 South African Dutch
- 75 First name of Dr. Oz
- 76 Cereal grass disease
- 78 Quick on the uptake
- 80 Many eras
- 81 — Sellzer
- 83 Suggest
- 87 Sticking the singer of "White Christmas" with a fishhook?
- 90 Tell the story of
- 92 Certain building brick
- 93 Guitar's cousin, for short
- 94 Actress Brigitte playing a Bohemian dancer?
- 96 "NFL Live" aier
- 98 Disconnect
- 99 Sailor's "Roger!"
- 100 16-ounce drink from a Starbucks next to a bodega?
- 105 Quick on the uptake
- 107 "No idea"
- 108 Frozen cubes
- 109 Gloomy —
- 110 Tent securer
- 115 Unleavened cornbread
- 116 One-wheeled cart carrying supplies for a toga party?
- 121 Guitarist
- 122 Dining places
- 123 Perfume
- 124 Marina fixture
- 125 Area with bad reception
- 126 Frankfurters
- DOWN**
- 1 Relatives of zinnias
- 2 Caesar's "vidi," in English
- 3 Certain building brick
- 4 1980s Chrysler
- 5 Unnerve
- 6 Jackie's hubby #2
- 7 Choir male
- 8irate crowds
- 9 Ortiz of "Kristin"
- 10 "Ask Me Another" aier
- 11 Risk-taking types
- 12 Toothbrush brand
- 13 Actress Sondra
- 14 Type
- 15 Moniker of a loch monster
- 16 Having a hard time
- 17 Judges' orders
- 18 Singer Mann
- 19 — nova
- 24 Artist Degas
- 30 "Gemini Man" director
- 31 Capts.' guesses
- 32 Sired, biblical-style
- 33 Aspire PC company
- 34 "French Kiss" co-star Meg
- 35 Pooch barks
- 36 — gras (goose-liver paste)
- 37 Singer — Del Rey
- 38 Keats' "Autumn"
- 39 Soak up
- 41 Test centers
- 44 Shoot again, as a gun
- 45 Mother of Bart Simpson
- 46 Capital of Kyrgyzstan
- 48 Witty Nash
- 49 — Khan ("The Jungle Book" tiger)
- 50 "If — falls in the forest ..."
- 53 Author Sheehy
- 54 Incorrect
- 57 Restrained
- 61 Noodle soup
- 62 Turn sour
- 63 Capital of Albania
- 65 Addis — (capital of Ethiopia)
- 66 "What a pity"
- 67 — Canada (oil brand)
- 69 Love, to Luigi
- 70 City near Lake Tahoe
- 71 Become silver-haired
- 74 Gawk
- 77 — Haute
- 79 Links (with)
- 81 Higher than
- 82 Country rocker Lovett
- 84 "I did it!"
- 85 "This is not —" (warning label)
- 86 Head, in Nice
- 88 — ho (keen)
- 89 Raced
- 91 Blind as —
- 95 "Sauer" topping
- 97 Vanished, informally
- 98 Villains' looks
- 100 Two-legged beast
- 101 Love a lot
- 102 Of an ancient alphabet
- 103 Ranch rope
- 104 Made believe
- 106 Amp (up)
- 109 Main idea
- 110 Curing stuff
- 111 Trampled
- 112 Mythical ship
- 113 Donkey or Hong follower
- 114 Some sheep
- 117 "Norma —"
- 118 Put a tear in
- 119 — noir
- 120 Ghostly cry



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Obituaries



Mamie Oscar

Mamie Mattie Oscar, 84, of Kearneysville, passed away Sunday, August 18, 2024, at Canterbury Center. Born July 6, 1940, in Hillsboro, she was a daughter of the late Charles Albert Sidney Hickman and Lillie Oscar.

She retired as a book binder for Balmar Printing Company; and loved crossword puzzles and crafts.

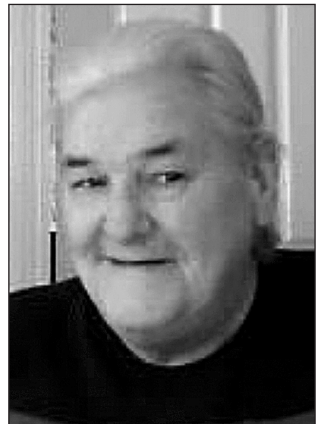
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Thomas Oscar, Herman Oscar, Cecil Hickman and Dick Hickman; three half-brothers, Samuel Hickman, James Hickman and John Hickman; and a half-sister, Lucy Persinger.

Mamie is survived by brothers, Albert Hickman, of Kearneysville, and Wilson Oscar, of Advance, North Carolina; sisters, Virginia Barnett, of Roanoke, Vir-

ginia, and Dorothy Hickman, of Kearneysville; 14 half-brothers-and-sisters, Nadine Hickman, Bertie Chandler, Lennie Sowers, Betty Beck, Charlie Hickman, Rosie Middleton, Mary Brooks, Frances Galford, Martha Thompson, Rebecca Schepleng, John Evans, Kenneth Evans, Leroy Evans and Edgar Evans; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Saturday, August 24, 2024, at Jefferson Chapel Funeral Home in Ranson, with Dr. Henry Christie officiating.

Interment was in Parklawn Memorial Park, Rockville, Maryland.



Daniel Pederson

Daniel Vernon Pederson passed Saturday, August 24, 2024, at his home in Edray.

He was the son of Vernon Pederson, of Saskatchewan, Canada, and Henrietta

Swortz, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Bentley; son, Daniel Bernard Pederson, and wife, Evelyn, of Atlanta, Georgia; two grandsons, Noah Sage and Winter Soleil; sister, Mary Anne Pederson, and husband, Allen Padavano, and their children, Jeanna Marie Padavano, and husband, Brian Kosloski, and their children, Stella, and Hope; and Angeline Padavano, and husband, Justin Fenn. Other family members include Elizabeth and Terry Rodgers, Jessica Rodgers and Samuel Rodgers, Margaret Dawson and Robert Adams, James Dawson and William Dawson.

Dan received his BA degree from Mount St. Mary University and worked for Amtrak from 1973 to 1983. His interests included golf, fishing and Bluegrass music. He enjoyed hosting "Rambling the Rails" and gospel and country as a volunteer with Allegheny Mountain Radio.

"We all love you, Sweetheart, and always will."

In keeping with Dan's wishes, the body will be cremated.

A service will be held at a late date.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

Baptisms at the jail

by Dawn Reed

The portable baptismal pool had been brought out of storage, filled with water, and placed in the sun. We were on the ballcourt at the jail, an enclosed space with wire overhead. This was our sanctuary for the afternoon. Dark clouds threatened to interrupt.

Five female inmates had asked to be baptized. Two of them newly saved and surrendering their lives to Christ. Three others had made re-commitments to Him. We had contacted the jailer and set a date. This was the day!

I had gathered baptismal robes from the church. That's a big deal. The white robe over an inmate's tan or orange uniforms is significant and symbolic. We weren't sure if photos could be taken, but the white robe was sure to leave a vivid picture in all the girls' minds.

We knew there would be five, but knowing Jesus is contagious, I had high hopes. Pretty sure others would want to make decisions, too, I took extra robes and towels.

The girls came in three groups. Some were being

baptized; others had just come to witness.

My beloved gently explained the reason for baptism. He wanted them to understand why this was important. In the most tender voice, he shared the full gospel and part of his testimony. The Kleenex box was passed around.

An older lady was the first to step into the pool. Due to health issues, it took three of us to help her in and out. She closed her eyes as my beloved spoke: "It is my great privilege to baptize you, my sister Linda, in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." When she came out of the water, her squeal of delight was so loud they could hear her back in the cells. One girl sang a song after she was baptized. With a rich voice, she belted out "Come morning, I'll walk by the river..." She knew every word.

There was such a peaceful expression on each face as they waded into the water. Angelic. They knew exactly what they were doing. And they knew the cost. They would face resistance, even persecution when they returned to their cell. But they wanted a change. They



Dawn Reed

NEEDED a change. Some spoke of knowing Christ years ago. Without fail, they told that they had gotten with the wrong crowd, made bad decisions, and then ended up incarcerated.

I have never treasured my beloved more. He treated each lady with such respect and tenderness. For some, he was the first man to ever speak kindly to them. That he cared so much touched their hearts and mine.

It was hot. The dark clouds had moved on and the sun beat down. We were there, standing, for an hour and a half.

Three groups came to the ballcourt "sanctuary." Ten ladies were baptized. It was an amazing time.

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Live for today or focus on tomorrow?

by R.A. Mathews

There's a photo of him taken at the beginning of the 20th century, walking in New York City with his wife. John Jacob Astor, IV, one of the wealthiest men in America, appears in that picture to have not a care in the world.

Yet, Astor died a tragic death.

At the age of 47, on April 15, 1912, John Jacob Astor disappeared beneath the cold, black waters of the Atlantic Ocean, along with the Titanic.

Perhaps that unsinkable ship came to mind last week when another vessel, the Bayesian, also deemed unsinkable, descended into the Mediterranean near Sicily. The very wealthy Mike Lynch, hailed as Britain's Bill Gates, was among those who died. He was 59 years old.

Money can bring security—a safe neighborhood, good schools, the best medical care.

But not always.

If anything, it was wealth that placed these two men in harm's way—both traveling on a ship few could afford to board. Each vessel deadly.

This raises an age-old question: Since we don't know when we'll die, should we live for today and not focus on the future?

Many say Jesus would answer with a resounding "Yes." They point to how the Lord spoke of the birds and lilies. But examine Jesus' words closely.

"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet, Solomon was not arrayed like one of these. Therefore do not be anxious,

saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we wear?' Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God..." (Matthew 6:26-34, ESV)

There are two key phrases in Jesus' message.

First: "Do not be anxious."

Second: "Seek first the kingdom."

Jesus is saying turn to God in faith, and He will help you. The opposite of anxious is faith.

Jesus later relays the Parable of the Talents—a story that many say focuses on money and the future. Look at His words.

"...a man about to go on a journey called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, and he went on his journey. The one who had received the five talents earned five more talents. In the same way the one who had received the two talents earned two more. But he who received the one talent hid his master's money."

"Now the master of those slaves came and the one who had received the five talents brought five more talents. His master said to him, 'Well done. I will put you in charge of many things.'

"Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'See, I have earned two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done. I will put you in charge of many things.'

"Now the one who had received the one talent said, 'Master, I hid your talent. See, you still have what is yours.'

"But his master answered and said to him, 'You worthless, lazy slave, you ought to have put my money in the bank, and I would have re-



R.A. Mathews

ceived my money back with interest. Therefore: take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'

"For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away." (Matthew 25:14-29, NASB)

Jesus isn't talking here about money. The parable is also about faith.

Hopefully, when John Jacob Astor, IV, died on April 15, 1912, and when Michael Lynch died on August 19, 2024, each had led a life seeking and following God.

Lay your fears and your worries at the feet of Jesus, tenaciously pray for guidance, and know that God will help you. Life is not about today or tomorrow—not first and foremost.

It's about Jesus. "Seek ye first the kingdom..."

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wine to give it a certain respectability. If memory serves me right, that wine was potent by any standards.

Little did I know at the time that Wit's stash would comfort me after a tragic experience.

The very week that Wit died, a good friend and colleague's wife would drive out of state and walk off into the woods to take her life. My friend called me to say that she had abandoned her car in deep snow along a state road, and after several days, it was towed away.

We started our drive to Pennsylvania in the evening, arriving at the tow truck operator's rural house around midnight. The gentleman was kind enough to show us where he had picked up the car.

In short, I found her frozen and snow-covered body under a large sycamore

tree several hundred yards off the road: a small .22 caliber handgun clutched in her right hand. My friend was devastated, but we called the state police on a payphone: They arrived an hour or so later with the coroner.

We stayed another hour so that the police could get any necessary information for their report and discuss what my friend wanted to be done with the body. Then, we drove home in separate cars.

I arrived back at the farmhouse about an hour before daylight, feeling despondent and a bit in shock. The entire family was upstairs in bed, so I turned on the gas fireplace and sunk into one of the overstuffed chairs; there was no way I would get to sleep even if I tried.

I had never been a regular smoker, but on that sad occasion, I had a craving for

one. Suddenly, I remembered Wit's hidey-hole behind the fireplace. Even though he was gone from this earth, I felt his comforting presence as I sipped the sisters' elderberry wine and smoked his cigarettes. I know Wit would have understood.

This foreword introduces a series of short stories about items left behind when we die. The first in the series will be about a woman who finds a hidden diary left behind by her departed father. Her misinterpretation of the diary causes problems between her and her siblings.

Next time in "For Your Consideration."

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A special thanks to Susie Hardesty, the only one who knew where Wit hid his chocolate bars.

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**Ode to
Keith Alderman**

It's been four years now, but it does not seem possible - your smile is still vivid in my mind. It will always be.

We tend to think back on all the good times and that makes it possible to carry on. As it has been said, we were like brothers, but I think we were deeper than that! The good times will never be forgotten.

Rest in peace, always.

*Your cousin,
Gerald Hively
Beaeton, Virginia*

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B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

Pearl S. Buck Book Signing – Hillsboro, 1971



PEARL S. BUCK, Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winning author and humanitarian, signing books at the “Quality of Life” Seminar in Hillsboro, W.Va. Seated to her left is moderator Harry M. Brawley, Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Educational Broadcast Authority in Charleston. The Second Annual Seminar was held in the Hillsboro High School auditorium on July 8, 1971 and was part of Mrs. Buck’s tour of West Virginia to promote the restoration of her birthplace in Hillsboro. The photograph was taken by Miller Studio of Covington, Virginia. (Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Collection; ID: PSB000327)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
September 1, 1949

PHYSICIAN HURT

Durbin – On last Tuesday night, Dr. George F. Hull suffered serious injuries when his automobile went over the road. He was taken to a hospital in Elkins, where it was found he had suffered a brain concussion and several rib fractures.

grasped the finger above the wounds and made her way back home about a mile and half distant

The physician gave opinion the snake was not venomous, as the wounds looked like tooth marks rather than those of fangs. However, the precautionary measure of administering anti-venom was taken.

Then the trouble began. The arm swelled to the shoulder; the color ranged from dark yellow to blue black. After days of illness, the trouble finally cleared up, with considerable tenderness remaining from the wounds and treatment.

About the third day, the physician pronounced it a venomous snake, probably a copperhead...

Some years ago, William Perry was picking raspberries off of thick, high vines. A rattler popped right up in his face. The snake had been lying up in the vines, several feet off the ground.

SOME TOMATOES

Mrs. J. A. Sydenstricker produces the champion tomato this season – two pounds, three ounces. These big ones were grown over in the flower garden, from home reared plants, away from the corrupting influence of the general patch, which is being bespoiled by blight. You know the old saying – only the pure in heart can grow the loveliest flowers and biggest tomatoes. Along with the green thumb, there is surely something to it.

FIELD NOTES

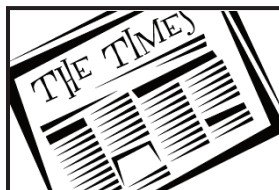
Mrs. C. W. Wells, of Thurmond, suffered a snake bite while picking blackberries. She had reached over a high bush and then felt a sharp pain in her little finger. She then saw a large snake of dark brown or dirty beige color. There were four wounds – two punctures and two scratches. With remarkable composure, Mrs. Wells,

Still writing of tree climbing snakes, years ago the late Soloman Perry cut a bee tree. The surprising thing was a big rattlesnake bedded down in the bottom of the hollow in which the bees were. The entrance was many feet from the ground.

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MARLINTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1954



Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
August 29, 1974

MHS Class of '54

Marlinton High School Class of 1954 recently held its 20-year reunion. Those in attendance were, back row, l to r: Roger K. Pryor, Mary Currence Daugherty, Joann Beverage Gardner, Patricia Landis McNeill, Martin Bell, Doris Weatherholt, Samuel Barlow, Nancy Pennybacker Rose, Dorothy Weatherholt Kellison, Phyllis Schumaker Merrill, Robert Shields,

William Shifflett, Ronald Moses. Middle row: Doris Cooper Lustine, Charlotte Nottingham Deputy, Opal Green Buzzard, Freda Underwood Thompson, Barbara Varney Kelley, Mary Bowers Workman, Shirley Kelley Smith, Nancy Currence Kopf, Marilyn Ryder Alvaro, Adele Friel Loudermilk, Nancy Yeager Stokes. Front row: Ward Jackson, Richard Sharp, Fred Burns, Jr., Robert Hannah, and Class Sponsor Charles E. McElwee.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Billy N. Cook, of Marlinton a son, Christopher Michael.

DEATHS

Harry Bernard Ryder, 66, of Clover Lick; born at Green Bank, a son of Iva Florence Ervine and William H. Ryder. Funeral service was held from the Methodist Church in Clover Lick with burial in the Stony Bottom Cemetery.

Forrest C. (Jack) Sharp, 65, of Marlinton; born at Dunmore, the son of Mrs. Lola K. Sharp, of Marlinton, and the late Charles A. Sharp. Funeral service from the Marlinton Presbyterian

Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Everett W. Ruckman, 88, born on Knapps Creek, a son of the late W. G. and Mary C. Landis Ruckman. He farmed in that community most of his life and was a member of the Mount Carmel United Methodist Church. Funeral service from the Marlinton United Methodist Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

David N. Moore, 79, of Durbin; a farmer and lifelong resident of Durbin and veteran of World War I. Funeral service from the Bethel United Methodist Church on Back Mountain with burial in the church cemetery.

HUMOR FROM THE TREASURE CHEST

Usually, the fellow with money to burn ends up sifting through the ashes.

Nothing makes it easier to resist temptation than proper upbringing, a sound set of values – and witnesses.

The announcement that there are 48 million unmarried adults in this country gives you some idea of the vast market for electric blankets.

The stone is of Pocahontas black marble. A rough boulder was taken from the mountainside on the lands of Captain W. L. McNeel. It was sent to Hinton and was finished and lettered by R. E. Noel. The only expense was the freight, \$1.33...

Helen Keller

Having finished her preparation for college in three years instead of four, which had been assigned for the work, that wonderful woman, Helen Keller, blind, deaf and dumb, recently took the regular entrance examination for Radcliffe College

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
August 31, 1899

It is with emotions of sadness that one, who admires beautiful scenery, hears the noble pines – princes of the Alleghany forest – falling to the earth with crashing sound to be carried away by the flood as articles of commerce and then, after awhile, reappear as store boxes, furniture, etc. But such is business in the 19th century.

In the days of cattle driving to Pennsylvania, one of the noted cattle stands was the Herron place near Frost. It would not be an extravagant estimate to say that a hundred thousand fatted bullocks have grazed for a night on these ample pastures in the course of the driving period. The place is now owned by the Gibson brothers and is being put into fine condition for meadows and crops.

CORNERSTONE LAYING
The cornerstone of Wesley

Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Academy, was laid August 16, 1899. The day was bright and our hearts joyous. Nearly every Mason in the county, about 40 in number, was there, and the crowd has been estimated at 500. At 11 a.m., services were held at the church... Dinner was served in Okey Kinnison’s beautiful grove. The tables were burdened with good things, and the large gathering was soon served by the ladies. The Presbyterians vied with the Methodists in making the day a success...

At 3 p.m. the Masons marched from the Academy building to the dinner

grounds, and were joined by the citizens, and then to the new church lot. J. Willis Baxter, Grand Worshipful Master, commanded silence, and Rev. J. H. Dills requested the Masons to lay the cornerstone. Prayer was offered by Capt. Smith, then the people sang: “On this stone now laid with prayer, Let thy church rise strong and fair.”

In the cavity there was deposited the Holy Bible, by little Neva Dills; two old copies of the Episcopal Methodist, published in the days of Dr. Bond, by Isaac McNeel; an old coin, by J. W. Beard; a list of the members of Wesley Chapel; the subscription list; and a list of the members of the Huntersville Lodge, No. 65 A. F. & A. M. As the stone was slowly lowered to its resting place, we sang: “Rock of Ages cleft for me.”...

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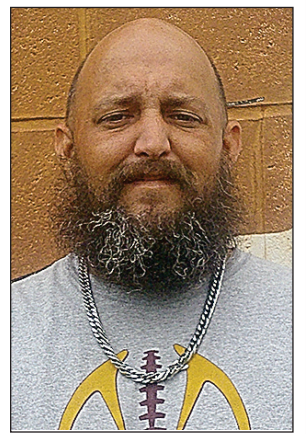
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POCAHONTAS COUNTY HIGH School Warrior Football: Front row l to r: Gary Warner, Landon Hebb, Devon Burgess, D. J. Wilfong, Haydon Moore, Jake Bennett. Second row: Aidan Jordan, Gavin Delair, Tony Bennett, Gavin Jordan, Draven Hannah, Gavin Doolittle. Third row: Tanner Smith, Griffin Taylor, Austin Price, Thomas Arbogast, Morgan Beverage, Logan Keatley. Fourth row: Harley Bennett, Michael Mason, Dawson Deputy, Brom Koerber, Dominick Barnes and RT Hill. *S. Stewart photo*

Middle School Football returns

By Mitchell B. Koerber
Student Sports Journalist



Coach Kyle Graae

This season, Pocahontas County Middle School Football is primed and ready for battle as last year's Head Coach Kyle Graae returns to football, as delighted as ever. His flaming passion for teaching and bringing young teens to football drives his players to attend practice, even through scorching hot temperatures. Through tremendous training and hard lessons, the Middle School team is proud to say that they are overflowing with pride and confidence, and that they will not only win, but will thoroughly enjoy this season!

season! The offensive line will be our work-horses."

Middle School Warriors Football Schedule

September 4, Tygarts Valley
September 11, Tucker County
September 21, Long Drain
September 25, Pendleton County
October 9, Webster County
October 16, Petersburg
October 24, Clay-Battele
October 30, Richwood

The team is led by eighth-graders Joey McClure, James Smith, Jaxon Hill, Levi Hill, Liam Burdette, Mitchell Koerber, Noah Foe and Payden Kerr.

When asked for his thoughts on this upcoming season, Couch Graae said, "I'm optimistic for this

Football season begins in Pocahontas County

By Mitchell B. Koerber
Student Sports Journalist

For the past three weeks, numerous student athletes have been putting in hard work and dedication to achieve one common goal. WIN! WIN! WIN! During the hot month of August, before school began, the students from Pocahontas County High School were toughing out one 4-hour grueling practice after the next (after school began, the practices reduced to approximately two hours). Athletes spent time conditioning, running drills, watching film, learning routes, scrimmages and growing together as a team, but, more so a family.

This season the team is being led by Head Coach Doug Burns. His winning tradition and style have been well received by the players and the commu-

nity. Coach Burns has gotten his 24-man squad in the best condition possible. When asked about his prospects for the upcoming season Coach Burns stated, "I'm very excited for this year! This is one of the hardest-working group of young men that I've had the pleasure to coach."

The Offensive Line is led by Seniors D. J. Wilfong and Landon Hebb. Their experience and talent should provide for an exciting offense on Friday nights. Left Tackle D. J. Wilfong said, "I think we've got a special group of players this year who are willing to learn and work hard to achieve victory each week."

Coming off of a dismal 1-9 season, the Warriors' attitude and excitement has completely changed. The athletes have their heads up and are eager to begin play Friday night. The season

kicks off with an away game at last year's region winners Tucker County Mountain Lions. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

PCHS Warriors Football Schedule

August 30, at Tucker County.
September 6, at Meadow Bridge
September 14, vs Sherman
September 20, vs Greenbrier West
September 27, at Richwood
October 4, vs East Hardy
October 11, vs Wirt County *
October 18, at Pendleton County
November 1, vs Tygarts Valley
November 8, at Webster County
* Homecoming

Cheat Mountain Salamanders are on the trails

Scott Triplett
Contributing Writer

Pocahontas County's Youth Mountain Bike Team, the Cheat Mountain Salamanders, have started their fourth season in the West Virginia Interscholastic Cycling League (WVICL), a part of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association. Practices began in early July at various trails around the county.

Ten members return from last year, and we have welcomed four new members to the team, bringing us to 14 members strong. Some team members have their sights set on competition, and they are working hard to build skills and speed to take them to the front of the pack. Others joined the team to become better riders and embrace the fun and joy of just going for bike rides with friends. The fact that racing is not required is one of the great things about the NICA organization and helps them promote their mission to build strong minds, bodies, character and communities through cycling.

Chad Baldwin returns as Head Coach assisted by Charles Evans and returning coaches Mikey Valach, Hunter Skalkeas, Andy Rice and Scott Triplett. Dave Hissom, C.J. Peterson, Shawn Cassell and Zen Clements join the coaching staff this year to provide enough coaches to ensure every athlete gets the attention they need to improve their skills.

The team has been fortunate to add a new trail system to their practice schedule this year. The Salamanders have been given the opportunity to use the new Monday Lick Trail System in Marlinton for their practices. With easier access than some of our other trails it has provided a great location for athletes to hone their skills. With the technical trails providing a place for team members to get comfortable traversing obstacles and the adjoining Greenbrier River Trail providing a place to build leg strength and practice sprints that could help lead them to a better race fin-

ish. These skills were put to the test last weekend at the Salamanders first race, The Rally in the Valley at Canaan Valley Resort State Park. This is a time trial event to set the starting order for future races. Nine riders made the trip to Canaan and after a good day of practice under the hot sun on Saturday, the team felt ready to tackle the trail on Sunday's race day. The temperature heated up again Sunday and so did the competition. It was a very successful day for the Salamanders at Canaan, with every athlete successfully completing the course. When the bikes had all crossed the finish line the Salamanders had placed three riders on the podium and two riders in the top 10.

In his very first NICA race, Tyler Faulkner finished first in the Sixth Grade Boys Division, beating second place by over four minutes. In Sixth Grade Girls,

Mia Valach finished second, in a tight race, just missing the win by half a minute. After several podium finishes the past two seasons, Brynn Clutter found her way to the top of the podium, finishing first in Eighth Grade Girls. The Eighth Grade Boys race saw Silas Dean grab a top 10, finishing ninth. Carter Faulkner also brought home a top 10, finishing ninth in JV 1 Boys. Jaxon Cassell, Nebraska Long, Blake Alderman and Dawson Deputy also competed at Canaan and all the riders completed the challenging Canaan Valley course.

The Cheat Mountain Salamanders will be back on their bikes September 8, at Big Bear Lake in Preston County.

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ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at P. O. Box 209, 900 Tenth Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later.

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

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commission.

First Publication Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024
Claim Deadline: Monday, October 28, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: 14676
 ESTATE OF: ANGELA DARIE GARRETSON
 ADMINISTRATRIX: Patience Garretson
 627 Beaver Creek Road
 Marlinton, WV 24954-6023

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 23, 2024.
 Melissa L. Bennett
 Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
 8/29/2c

Public Notice Invitation for Bids

The Town of Marlinton (Town) located in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, seeks sealed bids from properly qualified general contractors for demolition and removal of certain structures located within the corporate limits of the Town.

This is a DEP Grant paid project.
 Bids for the Project will be received at the Town of Marlinton Town Hall located at 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia, until Monday, September 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. local time. At that time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:
Demolition and removal of structures located at:
 278 Greenbrier Hill, Marlinton, WV;
 813 Y 8th Street, Marlinton, WV;
 814 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV;
 18114 Seneca Trail, Marlinton, WV;
 264 Stony Creek Road, Marlinton, WV;
 193 4th Avenue, Marlinton, WV; and
 704 Moses Avenue, Marlinton, WV.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until **OCTOBER 8, 2024 10:00 A.M.** (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project (s):

CALL: 004; CONTRACT: 2023380023; STATE PROJECT: S338-250-5.03 00; FEDERAL PROJECT: STBG-0250(310)D; DESCRIPTION: CONTWRKTP; DESCRIPTION: LITTLE RIVER BRIDGE - THORNWOOD, MIDPOINT OF PROJECT; COUNTY: POCAHONTAS

DBE GOAL: 5% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

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

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

West Virginia Department of Transportation
8/22/2c

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CALL: 008; CONTRACT: 2023380022; STATE PROJECT: S338-219-26.50 00; FEDERAL PROJECT: NHS-0219(420)D; DESCRIPTION: CONTWRKTP; SCENIC HIGHWAY - LAKE REED ROAD-MIDPOINT OF PROJECT; COUNTY: POCAHONTAS.

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

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

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West Virginia Department of Transportation
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Public Notice Invitation for Bids

Debris from demolition of the aforesaid structures shall be removed and properly disposed of in an approved landfill in Greenbrier County, West Virginia.

Copies of the bid documents, including asbestos certifications, are available for review between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Town of Marlinton Town Hall located at 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia. Site visits may be scheduled by contacting Bruce Van Meter, Town of Marlinton Building Inspector, at 304-799-4315 or Brucebuildinginspector@gmail.com

Contractor must be fully and properly licensed to operate in West Virginia, and provide proof thereof, at the time of bid submission.

Sealed bids are due by 2 p.m. local time Monday, September 9, 2024.

Bids may be delivered by hand or parcel service to Town of Marlinton Town Hall located at 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954.

Submittals received after 2 p.m. on September 9, 2024 will receive no consideration.

The Town requires that bids be guaranteed for a minimum of sixty (60) days. No verbal, facsimile, or email bids will be accepted.

The Town will make a good faith effort to make a decision within thirty (30) days of bid receipt.

Upon review of the bids, the Town may award the project to the Lowest Qualified Responsible Bidder. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or waive any informality in the bidding.

8/22/2c

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year/500-year Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies Groups and Individuals:

This is to give notice that the Responsible Entity designee under Part 58, Region 4 Planning and Development Council has determined that the following proposed action under The Economic Development Initiative/Community Project Funding (CPF) Awards are administered through the Department of Housing and Urban Development is located in the 100-year floodplain and 500 year floodplain will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The Pocahontas County Family Resource Network located at 614 Second Avenue will house the day-to-day operations for the organization. Grant funds will make interior improvements and installation of a commercial kitchen facility for use by the local population for entrepreneurial and community-based services, and the addition of a 20x25 gravel parking lot area for staff parking. The proposed project(s) is located at 614 Second Avenue in Marlinton, WV 24954, Pocahontas County, WV.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplains/wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts.

Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas.

Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received in writing by designee Region 4 Planning and Development Council at the following address on or before September 13, 2024, to the Region 4 Planning and Development Council, 885 Broad Street, Summersville, WV 26651 or at 304-872-4970 Attention: Betsy Morris, Project Specialist. Comments may also be submitted via email at bmmorris@reg4wv.org

A full description of the project may also be reviewed at Region 4 Planning and Development Council, 885 Broad Street, Summersville, WV 26651 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Date: August 29, 2024

8/29/1c

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WANTED TO BUY

WANTED TO BUY - Maytag wringer washers. Any condition. 304-698-9612. 8/22/4p

WANTED TO BUY - Land adjacent to the Greenbrier River and River Trail, developed or undeveloped. No more than 1/3 should be floodplain. Contact Dave at 540-910-0366. 8/8/11p

WANTED TO BUY - Buying gin-seng at IGA in Marlinton, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday. Rock root, Black Cohosh, Goldenseal (tops), Bloodroot, and all other roots. Jesse Sams, 304-645-4047 or (cell) 304-667-6398. 8/1/9p

FOR RENT

OFFICE FOR RENT - 520 Curry Street, Marlinton. \$750/month. 304-799-6243. 8/15/4c

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED - Looking for a Correctional Officer job? Testing will be offered at the Denmar Correctional Center, Hillsboro, WV, on a daily basis. Interested parties should contact Human Resources at the facility at 304-653-4201 to schedule an appointment. 1/19/tfnc

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NOTICE

NOTICE - As of August 29, 2024, absolutely no trespassing on the property of Charles M. and Paula R. Bennett in the Town of Durbin. Anyone caught will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. 8/29/2p

YARD SALE

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - Friday, August 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, August 31, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Wellness Center (beside Marlinton Elementary School). Purses, assorted household

items, books, sleeping bags, CDs, CDs, LPs, and things. Not responsible for accidents, just bargains. 8/29/1p

YARD SALE - Friday and Saturday, August 30 and 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, 316 Lake St., Marlinton (past Fran Manor). Follow signs. Lots of DVDs (100 or more), wooden bookshelf headboard, elliptical machine, printer, baby clothes, hunting supplies, knick-knacks, books, blankets, curtains, picture frames. Longaberger baskets, jewelry, coats, hats, little bit of everything. 8/22/2nc

YARD SALE - Donna McGinnis residence, Seneca Trail, Buckeye. Saturday, August 31, 9 a.m. to ?. Woodstove, two wagons, odds and ends. 8/29/1p

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Call Carlton Guffey, 304-642-5039, for more information if interested.

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SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS WANTED

Are you interested in becoming a Substitute School Bus Driver for Pocahontas County Schools?

Pocahontas County Board of Education is planning a training class soon. For information, contact the Board Office at 304-799-4505; ext. 2222, Sarah Hamilton, or ext. 2224, Duane Gibson. You must pass a background check along with a drug and alcohol test.

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Answers

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The Pocahontas Times will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

Early deadline for the September 5 edition is Friday, August 30, at 3 p.m.

Mayor's, from page 4

registered pursuant to § 90.048 shall be impounded by authorized personnel in accordance with the provisions of § 90.057.

Dogs cannot run loose according to § 90.055 DOGS PROHIBITED TO RUN AT LARGE. Marlinton, WV-Marlinton, WV Code of Ordinances

...§ 90.055 DOGS PROHIBITED TO RUN AT LARGE. (A) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep a dog which

runs at large in the town. Knowledge or acquiescence by the owner is not an element of the offense. An animal shall not be deemed to be running at large if: (a) The dog is firmly attached to a leash or chain under the physical control of its owner; (b) The dog is within a structure or within a fence enclosure with the permission of the owner of the structure; or (c) The dog has an operating electronic collar and is under the charge or control of its owner who is operating an electronic pet containment system or electronic training system for the animal. (2) Notwithstanding this divi-

sion (A), all dogs on the public right-of-way in the central business district (8th Street) must be kept on a leash or chain under the physical control of its owner. (3) Notwithstanding this division (A), Stillwell Park is NOT included, but the owner is subject to Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation rules for that facility.

You may not remember the past dog attacks on local residents, which resulted in serious injuries, but we at the Town office do. It cannot be tolerated in the future.

One UPS driver said he could show you his scars, left by "dogs that don't bite."

75, from page 7

Young Thomas Burns and John Calvin Sharp turned up at this office the other morning with a repulsive caterpillar. I happened to know it was the larvae of the Luna moth and so could turn to the right place in the reference book. This moth is considered to be our most beautiful insect with its long wing tails and lovely green color. This is one of the giant silk worm moths. They belong to the Saturn family of moths... By reason of size and beautiful colors, such moths are the delight of children and others pure in heart, with comprehending eye undimmed by sin.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wal-

ter Jett, a son, John Walter. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dean, a son, Larry Ralph.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John V. Mitchell, a son, Rodney Ligon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee Walker, a daughter Norma Lee.

DEATHS

Dexter Sharp, aged about 61 years, died at Parsons, August 26, 1949. On Monday afternoon his body was laid to rest in the family cemetery on Jerico Road... The deceased was a son of the late David W. and Amanda Beverage Sharp...

Mrs. Ethel Hudson Arbogast, aged 68 years, died at the People's Hospital in Morgantown. On Friday afternoon, her body was laid to rest in the Wesley Chapel

Cemetery near Greenbank... The deceased was a daughter of the late J. L. and Maggie Virginia Gillispie Hudson...

Thomas Wilson McFerrin, aged 58 years, of Cass. His body was laid in the Rosewood Cemetery at Lewisburg with graveside service by Rev. J. Q. Geiger.

Okie Ward Walton, age 43 years, of Buckeye; a son of Mrs. Laura Walton Miller. For many years, Mr. Walton was an outstanding teacher in the schools of Pocahontas county and a leader in 4-H work. He also served as a soldier in World War II. Funeral service was held from the Marlinton Presbyterian church with interment in the family plot in Mt. View Cemetery with Masonic Honors.

row, August 25, 1924, a daughter.

AROUND THE STATE

Moundsville - Among the federal prisoners transferred from the West Virginia penitentiary at Moundsville to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, was George Rogers, who is serving a 67-year prison term for this part in the million-dollar mail robbery at Toledo, in 1921.

Wheeling - When William Palmer, a city fireman, pushed back his chair from the table and struck a match to his pipe for a comfortable after dinner smoke, gas,

which had accumulated in the room from a leaking jet, blew out the entire side of a four family apartment house on Wheeling Island. No one was injured.

Wheeling - Angered by his wife's repeated pleas for money with which to return to her native Italy, Leo Grecco, 29, of Richland, a suburb, called her to him with a request for a kiss and when she threw her head back to receive the embrace, he slashed her throat with a razor, according to Mrs. Grecco's account to police at a hospital.

History, from page 7

waited until the delayed train of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company came in though the sodden woods and under the weeping skies. And about the break of day, he got off the woods train at Laurel Bank, at the three forks of Elk River, and got a motor car and came over to Marlinton in time to make his appointment, and from Thursday to Saturday, he visited among us.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James McClure, at Wood-

History, from page 7

in geometry, algebra, advanced Greek and advanced Latin. Of course, she could not see the examination papers or hear the voice of anyone reading them. Her faithful companion, Miss Sullivan, with whom she converses by the sense of touch, does not know Greek or Latin or the high mathematics. A man who had never met Miss Keller, transcribed the examination papers in Braille characters, the system of punctured points now much used by the blind... Miss Keller was used to the English braille system, but the gentleman used the American system, which she read with difficulty. Moreover, her watch, made for the blind, had been mislaid, and there was no one who could tell her how much of the allotted time she was consuming in preparing her answers and printing them with a typewriter. In spite of all obstacles, however, she passed triumphantly, her examination in Latin and Greek being especially creditable. - New York Independent.

care, and spend the hours of closing day in humble grateful prayer."

Owing to reasons not needful to specify, the writer found himself unable to reach an appointment for one Friday evening, and he turned in to pass the night at a home nestled among the hills. Still loveliness reigned supreme, and there was nothing to be heard, save the mischievous but suppressed chirping of 30 or more half-grown turkeys as they seemed to be sportively chafing each other for a favorite roosting place amid the branches hidden from sight by the dense somber foliage of a balsam fir tree of ample proportions.

The family group consisted of parents of middle age and six daughters and five sons... One of the literary treasures of this household is Mrs. Sangater's "Home Life Made Beautiful" Among the illustrations, the one on page 23 seemed most interesting. "The Mother's Hour..."

TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1) Will Smith (2) At the movies (3) Michelangelo (4) Venus

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6546 - Mill Point. Little Mountain Retreat, Lot D-6. Offering approximately 4.5 wooded acres in restricted development. Easy access, nice building site and great views. Owner financing available. - \$15,000



6676 - Lewisburg. In-town lot in the coolest mountain town. Ready for your building plans. Best of both worlds - walking distance to downtown; short drive to all you need. - \$65,000



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Fifth annual Drive-Around Art Studio Tour. Free to the public. Wander the back roads and great outdoors of Pocahontas County Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discover Open Studios and Shops around Droop Mountain State Park. Meet local artisans as they create a wide variety of handcrafted art. Enjoy make-and-take activities, demonstrations and good times on porches and meet new friends. Select works available for purchase. Visit Droop Mountain Artisans on Facebook. Tour starts at BrenWood Forge and Broom, 8798 Denmark Road.



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TAKING A BREAK from “Breaking Legs” – pictured, front row, l to r: Craig Goheen, Lauren Bowlin, Jeff Marcum; back row: Chris Curry, Joe Miller and Nathan Dameron.

‘Breaking Legs’ at the Opera House ~ September 20 – 21

The Pocahontas County Drama workshop will present the Tom Dulack comedy “Breaking Legs” Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21, at 7:30 p.m. The action occurs in an Italian restaurant owned by a successful mobster and managed by his beautiful unmarried daughter. When the daughter’s former college professor arrives to ask for financial backing for a play he’s written about a murder, the funny business gets rolling. In this madcap spoof of every mob movie you’ve ever seen, murder, menace, and romance are served up with plenty of pasta and laughter.

Rockin’ Redneck Square Dance ~ Friday, September 27

Head out to the Rockin’ Redneck Square Dance at the Pocahontas County Opera House Friday night, September 27, 7 to 9 p.m. Don’t be intimidated, those twirlin’ around you will help you learn all the moves. Before you know it, you too will be whirlin’ and twirlin’ to the mountain music beat. This is the Friday before our big festival! So come early and stay in town!



COME RAIN OR shine, the RoadKill Cook-off is sure to attract a large crowd with adventurous palettes. Culinary concoctions that feature meat from deer, bear, groundhogs, rabbit and more will compete to win the top prizes of Best in Show and People’s Choice. *S. Stewart photo*



UCI MTB Marathon World Championship ~ September 21-22

The UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships is coming to Snowshoe Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22. This race will see riders from around the world compete for their chance at the coveted rainbow jersey. The race will take place on the brutal Snowshoe Marathon course that takes riders around the mountain then out into the Monongahela National Forest and back for a grueling three-hour event. Come out and watch as these racers look for glory for themselves and their country.

Autumn Harvest Festival and RoadKill Cook-off ~ Saturday, September 28

This annual cook-off style festival will certainly exceed your expectations when it comes to the traditional food festival. The West Virginia RoadKill Cook-Off features local and regional culinary wizards who compete to see who can whip up the best “road-kill” fare. Don’t worry, the food you’re eating isn’t necessarily fresh off the side of the road, but it certainly could be. Taste test dishes from bear wontons, turtle stew and even opossum and vote for your favorite culinary team. Before and after you vote, visit the countless vendors selling handmade art and crafts, and enjoy other local foods from non-profit organizations while listening to mountain music. Wristbands for sampling game dishes must be purchased for \$10 at any of the information tents. Sampling begins at 11 a.m. Winners will be announced at 3 p.m.

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Cranberry Shindig ~ Sunday, September 29

Head to the mountains Sunday, September 29, Cranberry Mountain Nature Center, specifically, for the Cranberry Shindig, a one-day celebration of Appalachian culture. This

popular event is set against a backdrop of fall color. Bring a picnic lunch and lawn chair and spend the day. Featuring traditional artisans, demonstrations including blacksmithing, clogging and square dance. Traditional music by

Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters and The Bing Brothers featuring Jake Krack. Offerings will include apple cider, maple syrup, woodworking, hand-crafted items, jellies and fudge. Food will be available for sale.



Huntersville Traditions Day ~ October 4 and 5

Huntersville Traditions Day is an annual festival held in Huntersville, the first county seat of Pocahontas County, settled in 1821. Come enjoy mountain music, learn the traditions of Appalachian heritage and more.

Friday night, listen to old-time music by The Bing Brothers featuring Jake Krack, watch the cloggers and enjoy a country dinner, also take part in the annual pie auction and cakewalk.

Saturday activities will include old-time music throughout the town, wagon rides, demonstrations such as blacksmithing, quilting, chair caning, broom making and wool spinning, in and around a Civil War encamp-

ment. Take tours of the Huntersville Jail, Huntersville Museum, Clerk's office and the Presbyterian Church which served as a hospital during the Civil War.

Greenbrier River Trail Marathon and Half Marathon ~ October 6

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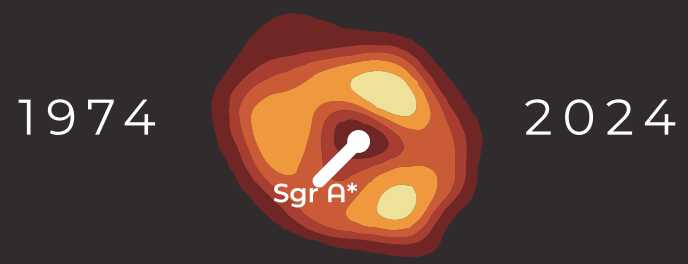
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