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Matthew Barkley boards the retirement train

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

After 29 years as an officer for the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, Matthew Barkley has decided to retire – and he's been busier than ever with his retirement plan.

Barkley began his career with the DNR in 1995. He went to school for business, but an elective class in criminal justice led him to pursue a law enforcement degree. He took a natural resources class and realized he wanted to join the DNR.

"Out of the academy, they sent me to Hardy County," he said. "I was there for three months and then they had a shortage of officers in Boone County, so I went there for three months. Then, Doddridge [County] came open, and I wanted to go north."

Barkley spent 14 years in Doddridge County which be-

came a home away from home.

"The people are a lot like they are here," he said. "I still talk to a lot of them there."

After those 14 years, Barkley returned home to Pocahontas County and spent 15 years as a DNR officer here.

The misconception about the DNR is that it's only concerned with hunting and fishing violations, but there's more to the natural resources than that.

"We do a lot of different things," he said. "We mainly focus on fish and wildlife, but we also handle solid waste – just household trash. The main parts of that is if somebody dumps illegally on somebody else, we'll handle the investigation or if somebody isn't handling the solid waste in their home correctly, like burning trash or letting trash build up, we investigate that, as well."



WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT of Natural Resources Corporal Matthew Barkley has retired after 29 years as an officer. Photo courtesy of WVDNR

"We do all the boating and waterways stuff, too," he added.

In Pocahontas County, the DNR monitors the rivers and lakes, making sure everyone is licensed and safe. With several large events taking place in the Ohio Valley, the waterways were a big part of Barkley's work when he was in Doddridge County.

"In Doddridge County, I worked the hunting seasons and then in the summer, I was usually on the Ohio River on a boat," he said. "I worked most weekend for the different river events. Lot of boating – Parkersburg Homecoming, Stonewheel Regata, river races and Fourth of July weekend. Those were the big ones."

While there is some boating coverage in the summertime, Barkley said most of his summer was spent dealing with bear and deer damage. Bears have a tendency to get into people's trash

while the deer prefer gar-

dens. After spending 29 years with the DNR, Barkley said his favorite part of his career was working with the people and being part of the communities.

"You get to know a lot of people," he said. "Doddridge was the same way. They roughly had the same population. I did a lot of stuff with the schools – with hunter education and 4-H. I've taught air rifles at our 4-H camp up here ever since I moved back. I did it in Doddridge County, too."

Barkley started his retirement in July by using up leave time, but he hasn't slowed down. In fact, he may be busier now with his new adventure.

His retirement plan is to work at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park – a place that is in the Barkley blood.

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Watoga Art in the Park



THE ANNUAL ART in the Park event, held last weekend at Watoga State Park, brought artisans and crafters to the area to demonstrate and to sell their creations. Above, Beverly Guzikowski demonstrates chair caning. She said she learned how to cane chairs in 1975 and continues to hone the craft at her home in Marlinton. Visitors to the event were given the opportunity to test their own artistic abilities with projects such as flower pounding, tie-dyeing and chalk drawings, as shown below. S. Stewart photos



DESPITE THE SCATTERED rain showers, visitors to Watoga State Park played pickleball on the newly renovated courts Saturday. In addition to two pickleball/tennis courts, locals and visitors can also enjoy shuffleboard and a half basketball court. Stop by the park office to rent equipment. Photo courtesy of Anne Workman

Watoga unveils new outdoor courts

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

With snacks like pickles on a stick and pickle juice shots, you know it's going to be a unique day. That's what was waiting for visitors to recreation center at Watoga State Park last Saturday.

It was the official unveiling of the newly refurbished recreation area. What was once two tennis courts and a basketball court is now a place where people can add pickleball and shuffleboard to their recreational fun.

When it came time to fix up the area, Watoga superintendent Jody Spencer said they weighed the options of what people would want to do while visiting the park.

"We decided to just do away with tennis, because out of all these options, we felt like it was probably the least popular thing now," he said.

Ironically, as he was saying that, a couple began using the new courts to play tennis.

That's the great thing about the courts. They can be used for tennis or pickleball, which are similar.

After the courts were finished, Spencer said he was surprised to see how one sport was popular among visitors of all ages.

"Oddly enough, shuffleboard," he said. "Sometimes it's as popular as pickleball." Those interested in taking up the two new sports, or who want to play good old-fashioned basketball or tennis can rent equipment from the park office.

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Commission appoints Joni Nichols as interim prosecutor

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At its September 3 meeting, the Pocahontas County Commission appointed Assistant County Prosecuting Attorney Joni Nichols as interim prosecutor through December. Current prosecutor Terri Helmick (R) submitted her resignation from that office, effective September 6, 2024. Nichols changed her political affiliation from Democrat to Republican following her loss in the spring primary election to Democrat attorney Laura Kershner. The change in party affiliation qualified Nichols for the appointment since state law requires that an appointed interim be a member of the same party as the departing elected prosecutor.

Kershner is running unopposed in the November General Election. When the commission took up the agenda item concerning awarding and/or modification of bids for the EMS/911 project, as recommended by Commissioner John Rebinski, they took no action. Rebinski explained he wanted to wait because he does not know if the county would still be committed to paying the winning contractor's bid in the event they cannot come up with the funds for the project. The commission did pass the second part of that agenda item — which authorizes the County Building Commission to proceed with an application for a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan to build the project. He explained that he is also

working on other financial resources for the project including Congressional Directed Funding, commonly referred to as congressional earmarks, from U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito, which could reduce the amount of any loan. In other matters, the commission

- voted to clarify that any previous official documents referring to the hospital as "Pocahontas County Memorial Hospital (PMH)," the official name. This was necessitated by questions from the USDA regarding their existing loan with PMH.
- approved the lowest bid of \$11,981.25 to install a

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BOE appoints McNabb as interim member

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Pocahontas County Board of Education held a special work session last Thursday to appoint an interim member to fill the vacancy left by Becky Campbell's resignation. The board also discussed the superintendent's and board members' goals for the 2024-2025 school year. After interviewing three candidates for the position, the board appointed Andrew "Frosty" McNabb to fill the vacancy. McNabb was sworn in and took his seat among the board members. Superintendent Lynne Bostic presented her two main goals for the school year. First, Bostic said the goal



POCAHONTAS COUNTY SCHOOLS treasurer Sherry Radcliff, left, swears in Andrew "Frosty" McNabb as the interim Board of Education member at the August 29 meeting. S. Stewart photo

is to see students increase their performance in English/language arts, math, science and social studies by five percent over last year. She explained that, obviously, the goal is to have every student be at 100 percent in those four core areas to ensure they are at grade level and prepared for the future, but said it is important to reach that goal incrementally.

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SWA discusses green box abuse and fence issues

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) discussed the Green Box sites at Caesar Mountain and Marlinton at its August 28 meeting. Landfill Manager Christopher McComb talked about the many issues at those Green Box sites. One of the issues McComb brought up was that, if the SWA replaces the fence around the Caesar Mountain site, he believes people will just illegally tear it down again. He said people also abuse the system by placing all sorts of unauthorized things like metal poles, fence posts, construction materials such as shingles, and once even a car engine in the boxes which are supposed to be used only for bagged house-

hold trash. He said those types of items destroy the floors of the green boxes and even damage the trucks that load the trash from the boxes. He also said that just the other day, he found a green box at Caesar Mountain that was completely filled with tires. SWA board member Dave Henderson suggested that perhaps the SWA should put up a sign at the site and also post a notice in *The Pocahontas Times* advising that if the fence is torn down again or if people continue to dump unauthorized items in the green boxes at Caesar Mountain, the SWA will remove the boxes and close down the site. McComb said they will replace the gate at the Marlinton Green Box site, but people are also placing prohibited items at that site, as

well. He noted that those things are not happening at the other Green Box sites in the county. SWA chairman Ed Riley said that at their upcoming special meeting, set for September 9 at 2:30 pm, these Green Box issues will be addressed and action approved to remedy them. McComb estimated that the special meeting may take up to three hours because of the number of issues that will need to be addressed. In the SWA's July 2024 financial statement, which the members approved at the meeting, SWA Administrative Assistant Mary Clendon said that there was nothing unexpected except for the unanticipated \$9,000 landfill lease payment. However, depending on how long

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Randolph logging company facing federal lawsuit

Taylor McKinnie
Staff Writer
The Inter-Mountain

A Randolph County logging company is facing a civil lawsuit from the United States Attorney's Office for logging in a National Forest that could result in them paying more than \$80,000 in monetary damages. The United States Attorney's Office has filed a civil lawsuit against John R. Fox and Fox Logging, LLC, of Valley Bend for trespassing and cutting down approximately 10 acres of timber on the Monongahela National Forest near Slaty Fork in Pocahontas County. The criminal complaint was filed for the government by Assistant U.S. Attorney Maximilian Nogay. According to the complaint, an investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service found that Fox allegedly encroached on nearly 10 acres of the National Forest, which resulted in the cutting of more than 45,500 cubic feet of mature hardwood and pine saw tim-

ber. The amount of timber cut was valued at nearly \$28,000. Fox is also accused of damaging and taking timber from an adjacent private property that he did not have permission to cut in. Fox submitted paperwork to timber 319 acres of private property that borders the Monongahela National Forest in Pocahontas County. Logging allegedly began in 2015 and continued until at least 2019. The case was investigated by the Forest Service as part of the U.S. Attorney's Office Environmental Justice Initiative, which "enforces federal laws to protect environmental quality and human health in all communities within the district," according to the the United States Attorney's Office.

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Circuit Court

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

A pre-trial status hearing was held in the case the State vs Karlee Scheimreif, 42, of Slaty Fork, wherein defense counsel advised the court that they have more discovery to review. The court granted a continuance of 30 to 45 days. Scheimreif was indicted on one count, malicious assault.

A discussion about special juror questionnaires took place at a hearing for Franklin Cook, 66, of Caldwell. A revised version of the questionnaire will be provided to the court. Cook was indicted on three counts, sexual abuse in the first degree; two counts, sexual abuse by a custodian of a child; and three counts, sexual assault in the first degree.

A continuance was granted in the case the State vs Ayden Carroll, 21, of Cass, due to an impending change of prosecuting attorneys. Carroll was indicted on four counts, sexual assault in the third degree; and two counts, sexual abuse, third degree.

Mason Slava Walker, 24, of Hillsboro appeared by video from the Southern Regional Jail for his arraignment hearing. Walker pleaded not guilty to one count, murder in the first degree; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony; one count, person prohibited from possessing a firearm. No bond was set.

Randall Moore, 44, of Arbovale, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for his arraignment. Moore pleaded not guilty to one count, murder in the first degree

Sherry L. Carpenter, 60, of Marlinton, did not appear for her arraignment hearing. An arrest warrant is outstanding. Carpenter was indicted on

one count, stalking, second offense.

Christopher M. Waybright, 40, of Arbovale, was placed on probation with the condition of completion of the Southeastern Drug Court Program. A jury found Waybright guilty of grand larceny.

Jessica Snelson, 43, of Elkins, waived her right to an evidentiary hearing and admitted to violating her probation. The court re-imposed the original sentence in regional jail. Snelson was given credit for time served and is to self-report to Tygart Valley Regional Jail by 11 a.m. October 30, 2024.

In the case the State vs Eli

Pritt, 24, of Marlinton, a hearing was held on the defendant being returned as unfit for Anthony Correctional Center. Defense counsel asked for sentencing that

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ONE OF HUNDREDS of varieties of apples, the crabapple tree originated in the mountainous regions of Central Asia, specifically in what is modern day Kazakhstan. Apple seeds were brought to America by European settlers as early as 1630.

Apples in the ancient world

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

Today, the apple is the most widely cultivated, has had and still has the most varieties and is most popular fruit. There are at least 7,000 different kinds of apples grown around the world.

Many pomologists say that the first apples came from Kazakhstan in Central Asia, east of the Caspian Sea. The capital of Kazakhstan is Alma Ata, which means “full of apples.” They originated in Kazakhstan, in central Asia east of the Caspian Sea. Alma Ata, capital of Kazakhstan, until 1997, means “full of apples.” Carbonized apples dating back to 6500 B.C. have been found in Anatolia.

The Greeks, Etruscans and Romans were known to cultivate many varieties of apples.

Evidence of apples has also been found in prehistoric settlements in Switzerland and the imprint of an apple seed appears on a fossil found in a Neolithic archeological site in England and Egypt’s King Ramses II had apple trees planted in the Nile delta in the 13th Century.

Apples have been cultivated since the Seventh Century B.C. in Greece and Greek mythology is full of references to apples. They were on the table at wedding feasts in Athens.

Apples were so symbolic of love and marriage in ancient Greece that tossing an apple to a woman was tantamount to a proposal of marriage. And if she caught it, the hopeful bridegroom could assume his suit had been successful.

Although they were expensive, it was rare that there



wouldn’t be at least a few apples on the table of a Greek wedding feast. Tradition held that the newlyweds must consume an apple before retiring to their bedchamber to ensure their health and fertility.

The Greek general Alexander the Great, lived in the 4th Century B.C., became king of Macedonia and established one of the largest empires in the ancient world. He was a great believer in the power of apples to convey health and longevity.

He took them with him wherever he went, even on long military campaigns. Legends said that many of Alexander’s priests lived as long as four hundred years because they consumed only apples.

Alexander was 32 when he died in 323 B.C.E. During his 13-year reign as the king of Macedonia, Alexander created one of the largest empires of the ancient world, stretching from Greece to northwestern India. (356-323 BCE) Greek ruler, explorer and conqueror. (384-322 BCE) Greek scientist and philosopher.

The mythic Druid master Merlin, which Celtic myths

say may have lived in the 5th or 6th Century A.D., lived, worked and “held court” in an old grove of apple trees. He believed that eating apples gave him wisdom, foresight and the power of prophecy.

The Celts were making cider during the reign of Julius Caesar and cider was always on the table in Medieval Normandy, in France. In the Old Testament, in one of his psalms, King Solomon wrote: “Comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love.”

By the late 15th century, the apple was a regular part of life in Spain, and Spanish ships were carrying apple seeds and trees along their trade routes back and forth between Europe and the Far East.

Since ancient times, the apple has had an important place in the culture of the Old World.

It’s no wonder that immigrants to the New World brought their knowledge of apple cultivation with them.

Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

Last weekend, my wife and I enjoyed one of our favorite weekend excursions—we biked the Greenbrier River Trail, stopping off for pizza at Jack Horner’s Corner. As we sat on the deck waiting for our order, the opening chords of “Every Breath You Take”—the 1983 hit from The Police—began to play.

I observed to Caroline that if that song was released today, it’d be much less likely to have been a hit.

The observation kicked off a long discussion about problematic art.

Now there are a couple of ways that art can be problematic. The content itself could be objectionable. “Every Breath You Take”—which many would argue romanticizes stalking women—is an example of problematic content.

Art with objectionable content is a thorny problem that we’ll leave for another day.

I’m interested in the second way art can be problematic—when the art is good but the person who produced it is problematic. (I’m not assuming a particular definition of “problematic” here. You can read the term as “something that you personally find significantly objectionable for moral/social/religious reasons.”)

Take the 1974 film, *Chinatown*. It won an Oscar for best screenplay and secured nominations for its lead actor and actress and for its director.

That director, of course, is Roman Polanski, a man who drugged and raped a 13-year-old girl.

I’m confident we can all agree that someone who rapes a child is a Very Bad Person.

But what do we then want to say about *Chinatown*—a film that many critics argue is among the best ever made?

Chinatown is a relatively clear-cut case—an objectively important work of art made by an obvious villain. Other cases are harder. If you’re a left-leaning fan of outlaw country, what do you say about racist comments

from Charlie Daniels or Hank Williams, Jr? If you lean right, can you still enjoy *Rage Against the Machine* when Tom Morello calls a Republican presidential ticket “the embodiment of the machine our music rages against?”

How much can we really separate the art from the artist?

In the early part of the 20th century, most critics believed that art and artist are fundamentally intertwined. For this school of thought (which is known as formalism), an artist’s biographical circumstances are the key to understanding any piece of art, music, film, book or poem.

A formalist would say that it’s impossible to separate *Chinatown* the film from Polanski the child rapist.

By the 1960s, formalism had given way to a new form of interpretation that viewed a work of art as a self-contained item—a thing that could be judged solely on its own merits. This strategy reached its peak in Roland Barthes 1967 essay, “The Death of the Author.”

Barthes—whose essay is one of the defining works of a school of thought known as post-structuralism—argues that authors (and any other type of artists) are simply vessels through which the artwork passes. The author/artist’s views and intentions have no bearing on the interpretation of a work. Each individual’s interpretation is uniquely valid.

We’re unlikely to solve a century-long academic debate in a newspaper column. But I’d suggest that both the formalists and the post-structuralists are partly right. Individual interpretations are perfectly valid. But the artist’s intentions aren’t completely irrelevant.

For example, both David Fincher and Chuck Palahniuk—respectively, the director of *Fight Club* and the author of the book from which the film is adapted—intend their work as a criticism of a particular type of masculinity. Tyler Durden isn’t a hero—he’s a hyper-violent reaction to the Narrator’s loneliness.

But a not-insignificant set of (mostly) men do read Durden as a hero. Actual fight clubs sprang up in the wake of the film’s release. It’s not hard to find internet forums filled with Durden’s muscular, burn-modernity-to-the-ground masculinity.

Which is the true interpretation of *Fight Club*?

The answer turns out how much we separate art—the film/book as a self-contained unit—from the intentions of the artists.

The same is true for art by problematic artists.

I’ll be honest: I like a lot of art made by people I find problematic. But there are also things I once liked but no longer enjoy because I can’t get past the terrible nature of the artist.

I don’t have a universal principle to share. I just try to ask myself in each example, “why do I like this thing even though I know it’s problematic?”

Sometimes I emerge from that process liking a thing less. Sometimes I emerge liking it more. But in every case, I find that by taking the time to think through why I still enjoy (or don’t) a problematic work, I have far more sympathy for those who reject things I like or like things I reject.

That’s probably about the best any of us can do. Enjoy what we enjoy, but do it reflectively and with kindness toward those who reach a different conclusion.

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

1. In which country would you most likely find the traditional Mariachi bands?
2. Who played Princess Leia in the original Star Wars movies?
3. What is Ace Ventura’s occupation in the movies by the same name?
4. In how many theatrically-released movies has Anthony Hopkins played the character Hannibal Lecter?

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Sutton is new MFT chair

The Mon Forest Towns Partnership's quarterly board meeting was held in Marlinton in July. At the conclusion of the meeting, the gavel was passed from current board chair Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton to Elkins representative Jessica Sutton, formalizing her election as the new board chair.

In addition to being an avid trail runner and outdoor enthusiast, Sutton is an active member in her community, serving on the board of Elkins Area Shared Trails and Wonder and Grow Mindful Nature Experiences, coaching youth cross-country and tennis, coordinating Elkins' adult volleyball league and supporting the Randolph County Outdoors Collaborative.

Mayor Felton will continue supporting the Partnership as a member of the



PASSING THE GAVEL from current Mon Forest Towns Partnership board chair Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton to newly elected chair, Elkins resident Jessica Sutton.

board and representative for Marlinton. Everyone at Mon Forest Towns offered sincere appreciation to Felton for his commitment to collaboration and enthusiasm for the

Mon.

"It has been my distinct honor to serve this organization through its founding," Felton said. "The Mon Forest Towns Partnership has

grown well beyond what many thought possible in the early years of its organization. The time was right to pass the torch."

What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Southwestern Chicken Salad
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1Tbsp. fresh lime juice
2 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. minced fresh garlic
1/2 tsp. cumin
4 cups chopped grilled chicken
3/4 cup diced poblano pepper
Salt to taste

Whisk together first 6 ingredients. Stir in chicken, poblano pepper and salt to taste. Mix well. Serve over salad greens or serve in soft taco sized flour tortillas. Top with diced avocado, diced tomatoes or shredded Monterey Jack cheese.

Chocolate Coconut Macaroons
4 egg whites
3 cups sweetened shredded coconut
3 1/2 ounces semisweet or bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped

6 Tbsp. sugar
2 tsp. vanilla extract
Scant 1/4 tsp. salt
Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper or foil. Position oven racks in the upper and lower thirds of oven. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine all ingredients in a stainless steel mixing bowl. Set the bowl in a skillet of barely simmering water and stir the mixture, scraping the bottom to prevent burning, until it is sticky and hot to the touch.

Scoop rounded tablespoons of the mixture about 2 inches apart on the cookie sheets. Flatten each cookie slightly with your fingers. Bake 13-15 minutes rotating the cookie sheets front to back and upper to lower after 7 minutes. Slide parchment onto cooling racks. Cool cookies completely before removing from parchment. Best on day baked, but can be stored in airtight container 4-5 days.

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

MEETINGS

The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority will hold a special meeting Monday, September 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and/or take action on fencing and gates at the Marlinton and Caesar Mountain Green Box sites, and to discuss and/or take action on planning future operations of Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority.

Allegheny Post 117 Tuesday, September 17, 6 p.m. at the Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

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: YewMountain@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, 6:30 p.m. "The Jesus Film." Pizza, popcorn and soft drinks. Childcare available. Everyone welcome.

New Hope Brethren Church Walk for Water fundraising event Sunday, September 15, 2 p.m. Proceeds go toward building wells for struggling communities in developing countries. The walk is six kilometers on the Greenbrier River Trail, starting and finishing at the Cass Pavilion. For more info, call 304-456-5172 with any questions.

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

LIBRARY EVENTS

Budding Bookworms at Green Bank Library Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning September 11. Story time and play group for children ages five and younger, accompanied by a grown up. Cancelled when schools are closed.

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

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

HOMECOMING

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

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Sunday, September 8. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Preaching 11 a.m.; Dinner 12:30 p.m. Music by Dustin Lambert 2 p.m.

CHURCH NOTICES

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

Marlinton Presbyterian Church - Bible Study 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Edray United Church - see Calendar pg 10

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Julia Lockridge Elbon is a Pocahontas County native, now living in Elkins with her husband, Bob. She is a retired Dean of Women at Alderson & Broaddus College, served as a Representative in WV House of Delegates, and established Archer Real Estate as a woman broker. Her fascination with children's imagination and creativity are part of the rationale for the three-book *Lil Leroy* series. The books are well illustrated by Heather Johnson.

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Appoints, from page 2

kitchen in the Day Report Center. It was explained that this was required to operate a new program there.

- approved, after a lengthy discussion, to allow Day Report to pay each of their three employees an additional \$1,600 per year, which will be paid for out of the Day Report's grant. Jodi Zickefoose, the Day Report

Director, had requested this since the commission had authorized the hiring of a new employee for Day Report at a salary that included the extra \$1,600 because of his experience. Zickefoose explained this was needed to keep up the morale of the other two employees.

There were questions raised about how this would affect other county employees, and it was stipulated in the approval that this can only be paid in years Day Report has the extra money

to cover the cost.

- held a discussion about the possible building of a Visitors Center/Tannery Museum in Durbin where tourists could get off the train and patronize it. It was agreed that the Durbin Town Council should be included in any serious discussion and implementation.
- appointed Donald McNeel, Bridget Shaw, Helen Clark and Mike O'Brien, Ex Officio, to the 911 Advisory Board.

Barkley, from page 1

"I've worked for John [Smith] for a little over three years — part-time mainly — as compliance and police officer," Barkley said. "When I started burning up leave toward the end of July, I've been working full-time for him — mainly here around Cass, but I go over to Elkins some and Staunton, Virginia, too.

"I've always liked working on the train," he continued. "My retirement thing was, I would be police a little bit and just be a conductor some, but that's all blown up. I do a little bit of everything. Actually, two weeks ago, I started engineering the castaway cabooses. John has gone with me to help me learn the diesel engine — to take them down and out. You've got to learn to do it all."

Barkley's son, Noah, is an engineer on the Bald Knob run at Cass and several of his

family members have worked there in the past.

"My great-granddad Lee, he had the house at the end of the street," he said. "My granddad Barkley and grandma lived in this corner house when dad was younger. Dad did work at the mill. Then back in the late 80s, early 90s, granddad was a brakeman here, I was a brakeman here, [his cousin] Cameron came in the 90s as a brakeman and [uncle] Artie was engineer. Then [aunt] Diane, Artie's wife, was commentator. We had a bunch over here."

Cass isn't all that Barkley has in store for retirement. He has plans to do a lot more, such as travel and help Noah with his farming business.

"He shows purebred sheep," he said. "We go to

Petersburg once a year, and we usually do the state fair. Noah is vice president of the American North Country Cheviot Sheep Association. They got us into the big North American International Sheep Show in Louisville, Kentucky. We're going to go to that in November.

"That's going to be my retirement trip," he added.

At this time, the DNR has yet to find someone to take Barkley's position, either through lateral transfers or a new hire. To those interested, Barkley offers a bit of advice.

"It's a different type of law enforcement where you've got to learn the back roads well," he said. "That's where your locals help you out a lot."

Court, from page 2

day. The Court stated that the defendant and his counsel needed to go over the presentence investigation report that was prepared in December 2023. Sentencing hearing is set for September 11. Pritt is being held at the regional jail pending sentencing.

Tommy Schoolcraft, 40, of Buckeye, tendered a written plea agreement to the court wherein he pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor offense of domestic battery. In the agreement, the State will dismiss all other counts of the indictment. The matter is set for acceptance of plea, sentencing and disposition October 23.

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

Robert Hall, 67, of Hillsboro, appeared for his arraignment and tendered an affidavit for appointment of counsel to the court. The Court appointed the public defender. Hall pleaded not guilty to one count, person prohibited from possessing a firearm. Bond was set at \$1,000 PR with the added condition that the defendant will be allowed to travel out of state for healthcare.

Steven K. Bennett, 49, of Green Bank, waived his right to an evidentiary hearing and stipulated to the allegations in the petition to revoke alternative sentencing of home confinement.

The State relates that the defendant has served most of the time he was initially sentenced to, and the Court accepted the relinquishment of the initial sentence and sentenced Bennett to 120 days in the Regional Jail with credit for jail time and home confinement time served. Bennett was remanded to custody.


Christopher Gibson, 47, of Buckeye, failed to appear for his arraignment, and a *capias* was issued.

Virginia Hall, 42, of Hillsboro, failed to appear for a hearing on petition to revoke deferred adjudication. A *capias* was issued.

A change of plea hearing is set for November 4 in the case the State vs Christina Giese, 42, of Arbovale. Giese was indicted on one count, burglary; one count, trespassing; and one count, destruction of property.

Roy Lynn Walker, 58, of Hillsboro, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for his arraignment hearing. Walker pleaded not guilty to one count, harassment; one count, intimidation of and against public officers and employees; three counts, indecent exposure. Bond was set at \$20,000 personal recognizance (PR), subject to GPS monitoring on Pocahontas County Home Confinement Program and no direct or indirect, physical or verbal contact with alleged victims.

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Harley Lennon Squires, 36, of Hillsboro, appeared for his arraignment wherein he pleaded not guilty to one count, malicious assault. Bond was set at \$5,000 PR with the added condition that the defendant may travel outside of the state for healthcare.

David Bradley Moyers, 42, of Durbin, failed to appear for his arraignment. A *capias* was issued. Moyers was indicted on two counts, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third or subsequent offense; one

Super Crossword

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Asteroid belt's largest body</p> <p>6 Ooze</p> <p>10 Lavish party</p> <p>14 PC peripheral</p> <p>19 "Hall!" at sea</p> <p>20 Forearm bone</p> <p>21 Nagging pain</p> <p>22 Amtrak train</p> <p>23 Part of a cylinder lock preventing motion</p> <p>25 Lectures aided by blackboards</p> <p>27 Concerning</p> <p>28 Gigi's "yes"</p> <p>29 Working stiff</p> <p>30 "Bad Guy" singer Billie</p> <p>31 Wrestler's leg lock</p> <p>35 Pop rocker Turner</p> <p>36 Co. big shot</p> <p>37 Eye, to poets</p> <p>38 — Dhabi</p> <p>39 Egg-shaped</p> <p>41 Instant lawn</p> <p>44 Manor</p> <p>46 Original name of the comic strip "Popeye"</p> <p>49 French painter Camille</p>	<p>51 San Diego baseballer</p> <p>52 Pulsate</p> <p>53 Revered one</p> <p>56 Arizona tribe</p> <p>59 Burglarize</p> <p>60 Twosome</p> <p>62 Adhesive-roll containers</p> <p>66 Study of light</p> <p>67 Actor's signal</p> <p>68 "Angel"</p> <p>69 Singer Yoko</p> <p>70 Flaky dessert</p> <p>71 Bit of body art, informally</p> <p>72 Being staked</p> <p>74 Inoculation creation</p> <p>77 Sisters' daughters</p> <p>78 Noted coach</p> <p>79 Parseghian</p> <p>79 Scientology's — Hubbard</p> <p>80 With</p> <p>84-Cross, think piece in a newspaper</p> <p>81 Lug along</p> <p>82 — Taco (frozen treat)</p> <p>84 See</p> <p>80-Cross</p> <p>87 Edible fungus whose cap has not yet opened</p> <p>92 Sunday paper extra</p>	<p>96 That, to Lucia</p> <p>97 Forest, brush or desert</p> <p>98 Pothole filler</p> <p>99 Inclined (to)</p> <p>100 "The Thing" actress — Marie Johnson</p> <p>101 — diagram (logic image)</p> <p>102 Posting of off-topic replies on an internet forum</p> <p>105 Wearable gift shop item</p> <p>108 BLT spread</p> <p>110 — -mo replay</p> <p>111 Oklahoma tribe</p> <p>112 Women's shoe parts that are wide at the top and bottom and narrower in the middle</p> <p>114 Nine featured items in this puzzle may be found in these</p> <p>117 Eyelike openings</p> <p>118 Bill blocker</p> <p>119 Omani, e.g.</p> <p>120 Relative of largo</p> <p>121 Clear kitchen wrap</p>	<p>122 British school since 1440</p> <p>123 Skiflets, e.g.</p> <p>124 Lung or heart</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 "Ya get it?"</p> <p>2 Makes evident</p> <p>3 Went hogwild</p> <p>4 Eleanor of kiddie lit</p> <p>5 Erwin of early firms</p> <p>6 District outside a city</p> <p>7 Novelist Bret Easton —</p> <p>8 Boise-to-Fargo dir.</p> <p>9 Golf target</p> <p>10 Confronted</p> <p>11 Reverberate</p> <p>12 Larger — life</p> <p>13 Moray, e.g.</p> <p>14 Day play, say</p> <p>15 City near Orlando</p> <p>16 Hoagie shop</p> <p>17 Deer cousins</p> <p>18 Make pulp of these</p> <p>24 Boxer Michael Richards</p> <p>26 Rock guitarist</p> <p>29 Chubby</p> <p>32 Spain's Hernando de —</p> <p>33 "I knew it!"</p>	<p>34 Kimono sash</p> <p>35 London art gallery</p> <p>39 Like some strict Amish</p> <p>40 "Come" and "go," e.g.</p> <p>41 "Get the lead out!"</p> <p>42 Tooth</p> <p>43 Really hated</p> <p>45 Stridex target</p> <p>46 Sporty car roof option</p> <p>47 Tell everything</p> <p>48 Be next to</p> <p>50 Really, really</p> <p>53 "No way!"</p> <p>54 Wary</p> <p>55 Light musical work for the stage</p> <p>57 Baseballer with a record 4,256 hits</p> <p>58 Close enough to get</p> <p>60 Penny, e.g.</p> <p>61 Infl. oil group</p> <p>63 Medicine amount</p> <p>64 Pen fluids</p> <p>65 PBS'</p> <p>"Science Kid"</p> <p>70 Many groaners</p> <p>73 "Power" rapper</p> <p>74 Biblical book after Micah</p> <p>75 Work in verse</p> <p>76 Playthings</p> <p>82 "Get the lead out!"</p> <p>83 Big name in lawn products</p> <p>85 Draw off via a tube</p> <p>86 Oppositionist</p> <p>88 Ohio city or college</p> <p>89 Jazz chord</p> <p>90 Boating tool</p> <p>91 Mine metal</p> <p>93 Giving a thrill</p> <p>94 Manicotti cheese</p> <p>95 Confronts</p> <p>99 Does improv</p> <p>101 Cello cousin</p> <p>102 Boxer Mike</p> <p>103 Egypt's — High Dam</p> <p>104 Jesting sort to get</p> <p>105 General — chicken</p> <p>106 Stray-rescuing gp.</p> <p>107 Part of mph</p> <p>108 Confront</p> <p>109 Choir voice</p> <p>113 Actress</p> <p>Arden</p> <p>114 Devitalize</p> <p>115 Bit of history</p> <p>116 Day — paint</p>
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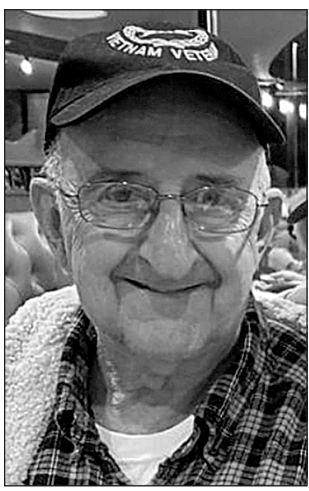
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Obituaries



Glade Fertig, Jr.

Glade Raymond Fertig, Jr., 77, of Bridgewater, Virginia, formerly of Marlinton, passed away Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at his home.

Born October 28, 1946, in Pocahontas County, he was the son of the late Glade Raymond Fertig and Leola Margaret Friel Fertig.

Junior was a graduate of Marlinton High School and a Veteran, having served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Marlinton Presbyterian Church and Bridgewater United Methodist Church. He had worked for Cerro Metals, Virginia Metal Crafters, Bridgewater Post Office as a mail carrier and a custodian at 7-Eleven.

On March 10, 1968, he married Charlotte Anne Beverage Fertig, who preceded him in death May 16, 2024.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by four children, Sandra Renee Morris, Karen Anne Fertig, Christopher Todd Fertig and Brian Raymond Fertig.

He is survived by a daughter, Melissa Trent, of Bridgewater, Virginia; five grandchildren, Cody Trent, Cory Trent, Matthew Morris, Josh Whalen and Alisha Dofflemeyer; and three great-grandchildren, Riley Trent, Kaleigh Trent and Xander Hinegardner.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton with Pastor Sam Felton officiating.

Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery with military rites by the U.S. Army Honor Guard and the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps.

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

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton, West Virginia.



Alfred McFadden

Alfred James McFadden, 86, of Wilmington, North Carolina, passed away Monday, July 29, 2024.

Born July 18, 1939, in Marlinton, he was the son of the late Harlen McFadden and Edith Galford McFadden.

He was a husband, father, grandfather, brother and

uncle and a friend to many. He was a barber, a dancer, a hunter, a fisherman, a true lover of life and all it has to offer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Doug McFadden; brothers, Frank, Johnny and Arthur McFadden; and sister, Corenia Jordan.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Gail McFadden; sons, Greg McFadden and Russell McFadden; grandchildren, Brian McFadden and Alex McFadden; brothers Rev. Thomas McFadden, and wife, Neva; and Everett McFadden, and wife, Sue; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Saturday, August 3, 2024, in the Coble Chapel at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Wilmington.



Gail McFadden

Gail Darlene Morrison McFadden, 81, of Wilmington, North Carolina, peacefully passed away Friday, August 23, 2024, at Cape Fear Life Center.

Born July 5, 1943, in Youngstown, Ohio, a daughter of the late Robert and Evelyn Schick Morrison.

Her husband of 64 years, Alfred James McFadden, preceded her in death by only three weeks.

Gail and Al were the proud and devoted parents of three sons, Gregory Alan McFadden, of Erie, Pennsylvania, Russell Guy McFadden, of Wilmington, North Carolina, and the late Douglas James McFadden.

In addition to her sons, she is survived by grandsons, Brian and Alex McFadden, of Wilmington, North Carolina; and many nieces and nephews.

Gail had a great love for music; on Saturday nights she could be found on the dance floor until the last note was played. She loved to travel and experience new cultures, food and adventures. On Saturday mornings, you could find Gail and Al hunting for treasure at garage sales. Gail especially loved fishing on her journeys

and passed that love to her beloved grandchildren.

John Ross

John Bryan Ross, 71, a resident of Thomasville, North Carolina, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Born February 1, 1953, in Forsyth County, North Carolina, he was a son of the late Charles William Ross and Betty Ruth Bryant Ross.

John has made the Thomasville area his home for the past 30 years, previously living in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He was an estimator and dispatcher for Thompson Arthur Apac Paving Company, attended Glenville College studying forestry, loved nature and camping. He was a member of Midnight Cry Church and loved his church and his Lord. He will be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved step-father, Edward "Papa Lee" Smyser; and his wife, Cathy Todd Ross.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sons, John Joseph Ross, of Yadkinville, North Carolina, and David Joshua Ross, and wife, Amy, of King, North Carolina; daughter, Alicia Bryant Stewart, of Greensboro, North Carolina; grandchildren, Isaac Ross, Malachi Ross and Adleigh Yvonne Oakley; brother, Charles Ross, and wife, Marcia, of Florida; step-sons, Wesley Ward, Nathaniel Ward and Shawn Ward, and wife, Faye; step-daughters, Melissa Crowe, and husband, William, and Catina Southern, and husband, Danny; the mother of his children, Cindy Elaine Ross; and two dear close cousins, Linda Lunsford, and husband, Sam, and Rob Rathbone, all of Lewisville, North Carolina.

A funeral service was held Monday, August 26, 2024, at J.C. Green and Sons Funeral Home Chapel in Winston-Salem with Pastor Randy Graham officiating. Interment was in Forsyth Memorial Park Cemetery. Online condolences may be shared at jgreenandsons.com

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Calm in the Chaos

by Dawn Reed

Never before has life been more chaotic. More stressful. More intense. More expensive. We need some calm in the chaos. Of course, the Bible speaks to that.

In Mark 4:35-41, Jesus told the disciples, "Let's go to the other side of the lake." They did. A storm came. They were terrified.

Just because the disciples were with Jesus didn't keep them from being in a storm. Obeying Jesus is the BEST THING. But that doesn't mean we will always have unicorns and rainbows.

Just because the disciples were with Jesus didn't keep them from being afraid. They were human. We, too, can become fretful and fearful. What can we do? Since storms will always be coming, we need an action plan.

The next time a storm comes, we can take the word STORM and use it for good.

S-Stand in His Strength. Not your own. I cannot stand in my own strength, but I can in HIS. Ephesians 6:10 tells us, "Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."

T-Take Him at His Word. All through the Bible, God tells us He will be with us. He will not leave us. He will deliver us. He will help us. He will rejoice over us. We can believe every single word. It is our defense against worry, anxiety, and over-thinking. If we take it up, it is a weapon. If we take it in, it is a balm for our soul.

O-Overcoming is possible with Christ. In John 16:33, Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace (or calm in the chaos). In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Overcoming is a mindset. I can't overcome on my own. But overcoming is possible with Christ.

R-Rest in His Presence. I'm not talking about laying on the couch rest, but leaning on Him rest. In the OT, Exodus 33:14 tells us, "The LORD replied, 'My Presence will go with you and I

will give you rest.'" In the NT, Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Rest, too, in knowing everything is not dependent on you, but on Him.

M-Move at His leading. (AKA: Don't burn down anything. Don't jump off anything. Don't post anything. And you may not want to get a tattoo about it.)

We can act when we are emotional, in fear, anger, jealousy, depression, frustration, from hormones...or because of the full moon. Before we over-react or do something crazy, let our first move be to call on our heavenly Father. Ask Him for guidance. Then move when and how He says.

That day on the lake, the disciples panicked. They forgot Who was with them. They yelled, "Don't you care?" Oh, yes, He did. And



Dawn Reed

He cares about us. As we face storms in life, we can count on Him. He will give us calm in the chaos.

A mini squall kicked up a few days ago. My heart was racing, mind spinning, emotions bubbling. I spoke my STORM plan. Out loud. S-Stand in His strength, T-Take Him at His Word, O-Overcoming is possible with Christ, R-Rest in His presence, M-Move at His leading. It helped!

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank Dr. Lee and the ED staff at PMH for their prompt and attentive care during my recent illness, and Raleigh General Hospital for the wonderful care I received during my stay there.

To my family and friends, thank you for checking on me during and after my hospital stay; the calls, messages and prayers were greatly appreciated. And a special thanks to Caleb Diller and Carolyn Dean for their generosity.

Debbie Burgess

THANK YOU

The family of Gertrude Taylor would like to thank their friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses shown them at the time of the passing of someone so special and dear to our family. We were so blessed to have her with us for so many years.

The prayers, cards, calls, food, flowers and donations were all greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home for assisting the family; Pastor Amy Barkley Paul for officiating at the service; and to the community for providing an outstanding meal for the family and others.

We extend our deepest thanks to you for all your support which has been such a comfort to us during our time of sorrow. We appreciate it more than words can express, and it will always be remembered.

May God richly bless each one of you.

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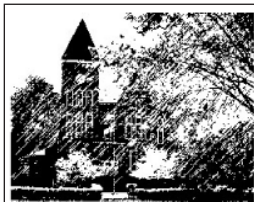
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First Dunmore School – circa 1898



STUDENTS OF ALL grades hold their books as their picture is taken in front of the first Dunmore School. The teacher is standing at the left. This one room school building was located on Siltington Creek on land given by Isaac Moore. Early teachers in this school were: Miss Emma Warwick, B. B. Williams, Cora Jones, Lillie Miligan, Maude Mason, Isabel Heatherly and Anna Lee Ervine. This school building was used until the early part of 1900s when the Dunmore Grade School was built on land given by Harry Moore. The two room school was closed in 1960. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection; ID: PHS000648)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
September 8, 1949

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

As this is written on a Friday morning, it is proper to put down that Monday will be Labor Day. An earnest young man was in this office to inquire the meaning of Labor Day. Without going into long, tedious and involved discussion of times when and places where sinful class distinctions prevented recognition of manual labor as honorable and dignified, I could only tell him that beginning away back in 1892 the first Monday was set aside as a day for labor organizations to celebrate. Since that time every State has made the day a legal holiday.

And speaking about holidays, a couple of generations back an American philoso-

pher is known to have remarked that the time was fast approaching when, with the rapid increase in population, it would be necessary for the United States to celebrate two Fourths of July each year. The second glorious Fourth would become necessary to weed out and keep the number of fools in right ratio and proportion to the rest of the population.

According to his figures, one national holiday Fourth had proven its value in keeping in check the weak minded part of our population by supplying a day in which to kill themselves off. However, the country was growing too fast for one Fourth to properly take care of the situation, and there is a distinct need for a second fourth.

LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

A good many weeks ago, a reader came in to inquire what I knew about Hugh McKeever, who had been killed by Indians on Stamping Creek away back about Revolutionary War times. I had to confess total ignorance, but did promise to inquire around to see what basis there was to the rumor of the tragedy.

A clue was the name of a field now owned by Joe Sharp on Blue Lick of Stamping Creek, the “Huey Field.” Yes, it was named for Hugh McKeever, who lived there. He was killed in the field which now bears his name. He was scalped and his body left in a sitting position against a stump.

Another citizen had recollection of having been told by his mother that Hugh McKeever was killed at the big spring just beyond the stockade of Days Fort. The time was the raid in which the Bridger brothers were killed. The fort was at Millpoint, at the site of the present home

of J. Lanty McNeel...

There is tradition to the effect that Mrs. Hugh McKeever and a young son made it to the fort, but a daughter in her teens was taken captive when and where her father was killed and scalped.

There is further tradition that this young girl was taken by the Indians to their towns beyond the Ohio; the Pickaway Plains are even named. From there, she escaped and made her way back to the Greenbrier Valley. One day, she appeared at the Warwick Fort at Cloverlick, just about half starved. Her appearance on Clover Creek, instead of Stamping Creek, 25 miles down the Greenbrier, could be accounted for by following the trail up Elk River instead of coming on up the Kanawha to the trail leading up Gauley River.

The McKeever name is still with us in the Greenbrier Valley. I have no way of knowing if some of them are the descendants of Hugh.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
September 4, 1924

Thomas Gray did some strong thinking along the line of country life. He was a teacher himself and owes his eminence to the writing of one poem, an elegy written in a country church yard. He wrote many other poems, none of which were very well received. For instance, his Ode on the Death of a Favourite Cat Drowned in a Tub of Gold Fishes, had no universal appeal. But the elegy will survive as long as the English language lives.

He does not glorify country life to the extent that it may be glorified today. He writes before America had become the light of the world and before such men as he came to the sun bright mountains to be monarchs of all they surveyed. He writes in a resigned and colorless way of the compensations of country life. That life that wise men now exalt above all other kinds of existence.

“Far from the madding crowd’s ignoble strife,

Their sober wishes never learned to stray;

Along the cool sequestered vale of life

They kept the noiseless tenor of their way.”

Not very enthusiastic is he? In this day and time, we

can be thankful that our lot has been cast in country places. Not merely resigned, but rejoicing therein. Every day and in every way, it becomes more apparent that the best that is in life is in the country, where “peace comes dropping slow, dropping from the wings of the morning, till when the cricket sings.”

All the most ambitious can plan is to be born in the country, go to the city to make enough money to move back and live in the country.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE

Teachers met at this place last week and held the annual institute. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the high school building. The audience numbered upwards of two hundred. It was a large and important assembly of professional, practicing

teachers who draw in salaries nearly two hundred thousand dollars a year and who have the instruction of upwards of five thousand children of school age. The great majority of these teachers are natives of the county. This is highly important for the immense expenditure of the tax revenues for schools goes to county people and is not wholly lost to the community.

JUDGE McCLINTIC’S WAY IMPRESSES NEW YORK

The New York Times has the following sketch of Judge Geo. W. McClintic, of Charleston, who recently held a session of federal court in that city.

“Judge McClintic has not found the New York courtroom entirely to his liking. In West Virginia, said his attendant, he preserved the dignity of the court to the fullest. The first-time offender of that dignity he fines; the second he sends to jail. The other day, when a burst of mirth was occasioned by a bit of repartee of opposing counsel, Judge McClintic in-

formed the crowd in the room:

“If that happens again, there will be no more exclusion from the courtroom. The persons offending will go to jail for 30 to 60 days. Exclusion is not my method...”

LOCAL MENTION

Greenbrier Presbytery is in session at Westminster Church on Knapps Creek. Marlinton church is represented by Elder S. L. Brown as principal and Elder T. S. McNeel as alternate.

Large congregations are attending the tent meeting being conducted on Court Street corner of Camden Avenue by Rev. C. C. Burton of the church of the Nazarene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Simmons and sons, Paul and Eugene, and Earl Bryant, left last Friday morning for an

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
September 5, 1974

SHAVERS FORK

“Shavers Fork must be declared off-limits to all strip mining,” congressman Ken Hechler declared in a telegram last Friday to Governor Arch Moore.

“The heart of this beautiful trout stream, 14 miles of river below Cheat Bridge, is gravely threatened by a huge 500 acre proposed strip mine to be opened by Energy Enterprises of Beckley. This operation would destroy historic Fort Milroy, White Top and much of Barton Knob which overlook the famed ‘fish for fun’ section of Shavers Fork. Two smaller striping operations are reportedly in the planning stage, as well. These strip mines will mean the death of this precious stream and the destruction of the Bowden National Fish Hatchery,” Hechler said.

“Shavers Fork is one of the finest trout streams in the eastern United States – one of West Virginia’s most prized assets...”

SNOWHOE

Sunday afternoon, we took a look at Snowshoe and it seems that they will be ready for skiers when the snow comes. Given a start with a snowstorm or two and some cold weather, they are prepared with miles of water pipe to make their own snow. When all of the slopes are completed there will be nine miles of water pipe laid.

This year there will be four ski slopes ready, ranging from a beginner slope to the Cup Run Slope, with a 1,500 ft. drop, for expert skiers. The names chosen for the slopes reflect the early logging days of the area – Gandy Dancer, Ballhooter and Narrow Gauge...

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
September 7, 1899

Our State has suffered from the illicit sale of liquor if ever a State did, but so far as we know the only plan taken to prosecute the sellers is by the time honored grand jury route, and the number of indictments vary with the personnel of the different grand juries. Some sets of men will not want to “spoil the lick.”

DIED

Dr. Robert W. Hazlett died at Wheeling last Saturday night in his seventy-second year. He is to be remembered as the discoverer of coal and oil in West Virginia. He had a fondness for geological study and while roaming the mountains in quest of health, he noticed that the Appalachian system was underlaid with coal to a marvelous degree, and this led to the development that now contributes so largely to the wealth of West Virginia...

MOTHER GOOSE

“I have just been reading the honorable works of one of your famous female English poets,” said the educated Japanese, “and I cannot understand her so exceeding popularity. I refer to the Mother Goose. There is one of her poems of celebrity in which she acquaints us of twenty-four blackbirds that sang after they had been beforehand baked into a pie. The Mother Goose, I regard and consider as one of the greatest liars of the English speaking antiquity.”

The oriental is not the first who has tried to find some consistency in the famous verse:

“Sing a song of sixpence,
A pocket full of rye.

Four and twenty blackbirds

Baked in a pie.

When the pie was opened

The birds began to sing,

Wasn’t that a dainty dish

To set before the king?”

We remember somebody pointing out the beauties of the above verse and calling it on allegory.

The interpretation of the most inconsistent part, and the passage the Japanese had

the most trouble, is all we can recall. The pie, with 24 blackbirds was our 24-hour day, and when the pie was opened was morning, and the birds that sing were not the birds that had been baked, but the birds generally, which sing in the morning.

The above has so taxed us that we cannot with any certainty give the hidden meaning of

“Hey, diddle diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon;

The little dog laughed to see such sport

And the dish ran away with the spoon.”

We will attempt, however, to unravel it. We believe it bears on the condition of things today. “Hey, diddle diddle” is the essence of political stump speeches; “The cat and the fiddle,” the only two classes, the crafty and those who seek enjoyment; “The cow jumped over the moon” – one man rich enough to own all the property in a State; “The little dog laughed to see such sport” – the attitude of the daily papers. “And the dish ran away with the spoon” – the public, the dish, allowing itself to be seduced by the manufacturer’s trust.

Mother Goose was a great philosopher. The wisdom is couched in such language that it is handed down from mother to child, and will never be lost.

BURDETTE TO HIS SON

“There are young men who do not work, my son, but the world is not proud of them. It does not know their names even. It simply speaks of them as Old So-and-So’s boys. Nobody likes them, nobody hates them; the great busy world doesn’t even know that they are there.

So find out what you want to be and do so, and take off your coat and make a dust in the world.

The busier you are, the less deviltry you will be apt to get into, the sweeter will be your sleep, the brighter and happier your holidays, and the better satisfied will the world be with you.”



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WARRIOR SPORTS

Warriors fall in season opener

Mitchell B. Koerber
Student Sports Journalist

Many would consider this first game to be an unfortunate start to kick off the Pocahontas County High School Football season. Despite losing 54-6, the Warriors see this as a strict learning opportunity to hopefully improve from their mistakes, work harder during their own practices, and bring home a welcome victory.

The game, in Parsons, started with a tremendous kick-off from the Warriors to the Mountain Lions by junior, #5, Hayden Moore. Then on Tucker County's fourth play from scrimmage #30, Jared Reel, pulled off a whopping 46-yard cut back run before finally being brought down by PCHS sophomore, #8, Anthony Bennett. As the next three plays went on, the Warrior defense held strong until, on a fourth and two, Lions' QB Samuel Marx found Lukas Barr leading to a two-yard touchdown pass and a Mountain Lions' lead.

After a three and out, the Mountain Lions were able to

block a Pocahontas County punt. An unfortunate call after an obvious turnover, gave the Mountain Lions the ball back at the Warriors' 20-yard line. On the next play, Marx completed a 20-yard touchdown pass to #13, Reid Kizamore.

The Mountain Lions never looked back. Now at 16-0, and with the Mountain Lions on defense, the Warriors attempted a long pass but it was intercepted by #26, Keelyn Echelberger. This would then lead to yet another 15-yard touchdown pass from Marx to #14, Garrett Wilfong, with the Mountain Lions jumping to a quick 24 - 0 lead.

As time ran out in the first quarter, Warrior QB Logan Keatley went down with an apparent rib injury. After a nervous delay in regulation play, Keatley was carted off the sideline bench by EMS and taken to the hospital. His prognosis was later diagnosed as positive, and he is expected to return within four to five days.

At the start of the second quarter, the Warriors turned to sophomore QB Gavin Delair. Making his debut for Pocahontas County, Delair,

on his first play of the game, connected on a colossal 65-yard touchdown pass to #4, senior, Devon Burgess. Burgess made an outstanding catch, stayed in bounds and found his way to the end zone. Afterward, Delair remarked, "seeing Logan get hurt was rough, but it motivated me to step up and make a big play for our team."

After the game, Coach Doug Burns traveled to the hospital to visit Keatley.

"It was an enormous relief to get the news from the doctor about Logan," Coach Burns said.

Coach Burns stated that Keatley was eager to get back to playing football but the coach will monitor him and not rush his return.

The Warriors are on the road again this week as they head to Fayette County to face the Meadow Bridge Wildcats. On August 30, Meadow Bridge won their first game of the season after Van High School forfeited due to lack of players.

Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. The stadium address is 762 Meadow Bridge Rd, Meadow Bridge, WV.



POCAHONTAS COUNTY HIGH School sophomore Warrior quarterback Gavin Delair drops back to pass to wide receiver Devin Burgess. The two connected on the most exciting play of the night for the Warriors." M. Koerber photo

BOE, from page 2

The second goal is to increase the leadership support to include, but not limited to, strategic planning, scheduling, evaluation process and instructional leadership.

"The reason I went with this is we've been talking with the instructional team about having strong instructional leaders, that would fall down to our teachers, to our staff, and hopefully, then we would be able to

make a difference that way," Bostic said. "We already have monthly meetings. We're trying to turn the monthly meetings away from talking about memos and have them do work sessions. They really do seem to appreciate that."

Next, the board reviewed its goals for the school year and chose the following five:

- Monitor the school's strategic plans
- Reinstate surveys
- Provide PRO [Professional Resource Officers] when possible
- Meet with the staff -

service and personnel - at least once a year and in each community

- Purchase a van for Pocahontas County High School sports and clubs

In other action, the board approved:

- Refund check for bus purchase.
- Accepting the Architectural and Engineering Design Services of William Shrive Architects, of Charleston, as the architect for the Major Improvement Project [MIP] for electrical upgrades and gym floor replacement at Pocahontas County High School.

School Menus

September 9 - 13

Monday, 9: Pretzel with cheese sauce and fruit. Chicken Chimichanga on whole grain wrap with lettuce, tomato, salsa, sour cream, black bean salad, carrots, applesauce and milk.

Tuesday, 10: Mini waffles with syrup. Hot ham and cheese on whole grain bun,

macaroni salad, whole grain chips, watermelon, red bell pepper slices, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, 11: Whole grain blueberry muffin and fruit. Pepperoni roll with marinara sauce, tossed salad with tomato and cucumber, dressing, corn, apple and milk.

Thursday, 12: Breakfast bowl with egg, hashbrown,

ham, and fruit. Fish patty on whole grain bun, tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, carrot, celery sticks, Birthday cake, strawberries and milk.

Friday, 13: Biscuit and gravy, and fruit. Philly steak sub on whole grain bun with onions and peppers, baked beans, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit cup and milk.

Lawsuit, from page 2

office for the Northern District of West Virginia's official website.

Under West Virginia state law, the government is seeking \$80,189.04 in monetary

damages from Fox and Fox Logging, LLC, as well as compensatory and punitive damages. This case was investigated as a part of the U.S. Attorney's Office Environmental Justice Initiative.

The trial is scheduled to begin on Oct. 20, 2025, and will take place at the United States Courthouse in Elkins.

The United States Attorney's Office encourages the public to report suspected environmental violations within the district. Reports may be submitted to USA WVN.EJ@usdoj.gov or by calling 304-234-0100.

Article provided by the West Virginia Press Association

SWA, from page 2

it takes to complete the purchase of the landfill, some of that money may be returned. She pointed out that tire recycling and white goods recycling both lost money in July. During that month, the first month of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the SWA had an income of \$187,667.01 and \$196,014.73 in total expenditures. You can find a link to this total financial report with this story at allegheny-mountainradio.org

It was reported that the SWA received its annual Solid Waste Management Board Grant award in the amount of \$15,000, which was about the average received by counties across the state.

It was also announced that the Public Service Commission has approved the landfill tipping fee rate increase and the tire recycling fee increase. Those will take effect on September 1.

McComb also reported that the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) Inspector came out to the landfill and found two violations of stone placement and a violation for wind blown trash. He said the inspector seemed satisfied with the remedies the SWA had implemented to fix prior violations.

There was a discussion about spending an estimated \$20,000 to repair the broken Mack garbage truck, which might be more of an expense than that old truck is worth. They decided to not repair it at this time. McComb said, however, this will only leave them with one aging Peter-Built front loading garbage truck, and if that breaks down, they will be in trouble. He said new front loading garbage trucks cost between \$350,000 to \$400,000 and used ones are about \$200,000.

They also reviewed the drafted deed for the proposed purchase of the landfill which had been prepared

by the county commission's attorney, Mike Doss. They found one item regarding the spraying of herbicide along the road into the property to be objectionable, and said they thought that there had been an agreement to drop that from the deed. Commissioner Jamie Walker said he should be able to get that item removed from the deed.

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

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

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**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

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR
FROM: K. M. A.
TO: K. M. S.**

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**CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING
24-D-24**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of September 2024 at 10:30 o'clock a.m. at Family Court, 818 C 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV, on said day or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Joyce H. Carpenter, the Petitioner, Brittney Shinaberry, will apply by petition to the Family Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her child's name from K. M. A. to K. M. S. at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard if they so desire.

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

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

Dated this 29th day of August, 2024.

Brittney Shinaberry
Pro se Petitioner
9/5/1c

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

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WANTED TO BUY - Buying ginseng 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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

POSITION AVAILABLE - Cass Scenic Railroad State Park is accepting applications for Store Clerks. \$12 per hour. Applications available at Park Headquarters, Cass. Call 304-456-4300 with any questions. 9/5/2c

POSITION AVAILABLE - The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for a part-time Substitute Green Box Attendant for the Marlinton, Huntersville and Caesar Mountain locations. Pay is \$10.75 per hour with no benefits. Applications may be obtained from the Solid Waste Office at Pocahontas County Courthouse, 900-H Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 or by calling

304-799-6262. Application deadline is 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 20, 2024. EOE. 9/5/1c

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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

FUNDRAISER

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Dr. Gregory Peters joins Community Care of Marlinton

Community Care of West Virginia (CCWV), a leading healthcare provider in Pocahontas County, proudly announces Dr. Gregory Peters as the newest member of its medical team at the Marlinton location. Dr. Peters brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to rural healthcare, having served as a dedicated physician at Community Care of Buckhannon since 2009.

"I am thrilled to join the dedicated team at Community Care of Marlinton," Dr. Peters said. "From the beginning of my career in family medicine, my focus has always been on delivering high-quality healthcare to rural communities. While I will miss my patients in Buckhannon, I am eager to build new relationships and bring my expertise to serve the people of Pocahontas County."



Dr. Gregory Peters

Dr. Peters offers 15 years of experience in primary care and chronic disease management. His expertise also includes administering in-office joint injections and treating hepatitis C, ensuring comprehensive care for his patients.

A native of the eastern shore of Maryland, Dr. Peters has deep roots in West Virginia, where he has spent most of his life. He earned his medical degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine and is a board-certified physician by the American Board of Family Medicine. As a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a member of the West Virginia Rural Health Association, Dr. Peters is dedi-

cated to advancing rural healthcare. He also serves as an associate clinical professor for the West Virginia University Department of Family Medicine.

Dr. Peters resides in Greenbrier County with his wife, three children, and their Labrador Retriever. In his free time, he enjoys gardening, planting fruit trees, raising honeybees, deer hunting and spending quality time with his family.

The addition of Dr. Peters as a full-time provider at Marlinton is the latest in a series of expansions by Community Care of West Virginia, which operates in multiple locations throughout the state. The growth will continue this fall with

the opening of the new Community Care of Marlinton Pharmacy in November 2024. Located inside the Marlinton clinic at 821 Third Avenue, the pharmacy will offer added convenience for patients.

Dr. Peters is now accepting new patients. Currently, appointments are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Starting September 3, the clinic extended its hours to Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call 304-799-4404 or visit www.communitycarewv.org/appointments

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WEDDINGS
Earl Skaggs and Miss Mary Ellen Jackson were united in marriage at the Marlinton Methodist Church Friday evening, September 2, 1949. The groom is the son of Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Skaggs and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson, of Renick.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette M. Thompson, of Abingdon, Virginia, and Chattaroy, West Virginia, are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Fay Louise, to

Charles E. Moore, son of Mrs. J. Elmer Moore, of Minnehaha Springs, and the late Mr. Moore. The marriage took place Friday, August 19, 1949, in the First Baptist Church of Abingdon.

BIRTHS
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Esco C. Johnson, of Parkersburg, a son, Richard Carl.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wiseman, of Buckeye, a daughter, Mary Susan.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sheets, of Greenbank, a daughter, Catherine Fay.

DEATHS
J. Forrester Hill, aged 75 years, of Orlando, Florida;

born at Hillsboro, a son of the late R. W. and Sarah M. Hill. Burial in the family plot in a Charleston cemetery.

James B. Phillips, aged 77 years, of Johnstown, PA. His body was laid in the family plot in Arbovale Cemetery. Born at Green Bank, he was a son of the late Amos and Phoebe Kerr Phillips.

Aunt Ellen Wilson Foster, aged 81 years, died at her home near Seebert. On Tuesday afternoon, her body was laid to rest in Pleasant Green Cemetery. The deceased was a daughter of the late William Wilson and George Foster.

TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1). Mexico (2). Carrie Fisher (3). Pet Detective (4). Three "SI-ence of the Lambs," "Hanni-bal" and "Red Dragon"

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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 – Sun-

day 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. Book of Daniel.

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BIRTHS
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Hannah, of Slaty Fork, a son.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Armstrong, of Buckeye, a daughter, Jennifer Dawn.

DEATHS
Mrs. Minnie Ervin, age 94 years; born at Green Bank, a daughter of the late Henry and Rachel Gillispie Sheets. Burial in Pennsylvania.

Ira M. Turner, of Marlinton; born at Lobelia, a son of the late Charles Turner and Ella Kinnison Turner. Funeral service from the Church of God on Beard Heights. Burial at Hillsboro.

Mrs. Susie Marie Hiner, 71, of Mountain Grove, Virginia; funeral service held in the Mountain Grove Methodist Church.

Frank R. Wilfong, 61, of Stony Bottom, a son of Robert and Tina Townsend Wilfong. Funeral service from the Linwood Presbyte-

rian Church. Burial at Mingo.

BIT OF HUMOR
It's interesting the way some folks aren't worth a dime a dozen. Then they get whiplash, and their price goes up to \$300,000.

Chatterbox – Someone who thinks conversation is one part you and nine parts him.

An optimist sees the donut. The pessimist sees the hole. The realist eats it.

The best gift for the girl who has everything is a police whistle.

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automobile trip to Piedmont, Washington, Baltimore, Richmond and other points.

J. M. Ward, of Elkins, has a force of masons laying brick on Paul Overholt's new storehouse on Main Street.

DIED
Jenny Lind Dilley, aged two years, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Early Dilley, died at her home in Marlinton August 30, 1924. For some weeks the little girl had been sick with whooping cough. Funeral service from the home, with burial at Mt.

View Cemetery.

Mrs. H. A. Copenhaver died at her home near the Tannery August 29, 1924. For some months she had been sick with tuberculosis. Her age was 20 years. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Scott and her husband. A little child died some months ago. Graveside service at the Cloonan graveyard.

The venerable William H. Cackley died at his home in Ronceverte September 2, 1924. He was in the 84th year of his age. Mr. Cackley was a native of Pocahontas county, where he spent about half of his life. He was a merchant and served as

Deputy Sheriff. He was a Confederate soldier in the 19th Virginia Cavalry.

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