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RoadKill Cook-off attracts huge crowd

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

After a dreary week of wind and rain, the sun pushed aside the clouds Saturday just in time for the 33rd RoadKill Cook-off and Autumn Harvest Festival in Marlinton.

The gazebo park was transformed into a cooking arena for six teams to pit their roadkill recipes against one another, and the streets in town were filled with vendors selling crafts and delicious foods, as well as non-profits spreading awareness about their causes.

This was the third festival since the COVID-19 pandemic put everything on hold, and Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce President Bill Jordan said it's been good to get back into the swing of things with the one-of-a-kind festival.

"I think it was a good day – tons of vendors and six cooks," he said.

Indeed, it seemed the crowd was pleased as word had reached the far corners of the country that roadkill was back on the menu. Jordan said he met people from Massachusetts, Michigan, California and Georgia who heard about the festival and couldn't wait to see what all the fuss was about.

There were several out-of-staters who came to feature the cook-off on their podcasts and even a journalist with *The Washington Post*



TAKING FIRST PLACE in the 2024 RoadKill Cook-off in their first time competing, **The High Rocks Grow Getters** team wowed the judges with its presentation of **Front Fender Farm Stand Stir Fry**. The team was one of six that cooked up a meal in the unique contest last Saturday in Marlinton. Above, Joe Riley, left, and Bret Doolittle, members of the Grow Getters, portion out venison as they cook up the winning dish. S. Stewart photo

took in the events of the weekend.

Everything kicked off Friday evening with the Rockin' Redneck Square Dance at the opera house before the big day on Saturday.

The crowd was at a record capacity of nearly 7,000 people, with around 700 partaking of the RoadKill goodness.

"We usually project ten

percent of people taste the food, so we had almost seven thousand people there, according to our ticket sales," Jordan said.

Among those taste testers, of course, were the three judges who had a tough decision to make as they reviewed the entries from the six teams. Two of the original judges had to drop out at the last minute, but thank-

fully, judge Candace Nelson, director of marketing and communication for Capitol Market and food columnist for the *Charleston Gazette-Mail*, had a couple friends she was able to recruit.

Alex Burdette, of Milton, is a Charleston-based artist and glassblower. He has been named as an emerging

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History comes alive at Huntersville

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

For many years, residents and visitors alike have looked forward to the first weekend of October when a little old-fashioned festival – Huntersville Traditions Days – welcomes everyone to step back in time.

The little village of Huntersville will hearken back to its glory days when, even before we became West Virginia, it was the first county seat of Pocahontas County.

Huntersville Historical Traditions is a non-profit organization formed to preserve, restore, educate and promote the awareness of the history of Huntersville.

Huntersville Traditions Days is their way of offering the public a chance to see the results of the organization's work while enjoying a unique, old-fashioned fair.

Through the tireless efforts of HHT president Tim Wade and the Huntersville Historical Traditions team of volunteers, several historical sites in Huntersville have been restored and

opened to the public.

Twice a year, Pocahontas County students are hosted by HHT at the historical sites during field trips which give them the opportunity to learn about the rich history of the county.

And once a year, the team brings several hundred visitors to Huntersville to enjoy a taste of what life was like in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries on the frontier of Western Virginia.

This year, Huntersville Traditions Days will be held Friday, October 4, and Saturday, October 5.

On Friday night, 4 to 6 p.m., a pork loin supper with all the fixins – catered by Rayetta's Lunchbox – will be served at the old Huntersville schoolhouse on Schoolhouse Lane.

There is no charge for the meal, although donations will be gratefully accepted.

Following supper, the festivities continue with an old-fashioned cakewalk and pie auction (with cakes and pies donated by some of the county's best-known bakers), with music per-

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Recognizing good work



AT THE WVU Extension Service Annual Conference at Jackson's Mill, Pocahontas County Extension agents were recognized for their efforts in serving the community.

Greg Hamons, left, was recognized for 15 years of service and received the Extension Award of Excellence in Team Creativity for the at-home meat processing project.

Luci Mosesso was recognized for five years of service and her promotion to Assistant Professor. She received the Award of Excellence for Outstanding new Faculty in Service. Photo courtesy of the WVU Extension Office

Take shelter? Take a photo!



A TORNADO WAS spotted in Hillsboro last Wednesday evening when heavy rain moved into the area. This was the first ever reported tornado in Pocahontas County and the 20th in the state this year. There was no damage. Photo by Angie Brooks Gwinn

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Pocahontas County Emergency Management/911 supports county commission's Resolution for Modernizing NRQZ Regulations to Improve Public Safety

Pocahontas County Emergency Management / 911 stands firmly in support of the Pocahontas County Commission's resolution, which calls for modernized changes to the National Radio Quiet Zone (NRQZ) regulations. The resolution seeks exemptions for public safety communications on the radio frequency spectrum allocated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), highlighting the urgent need for updated regulations that align with modern technologies used by first responders.

Communication Challenges in the NRQZ
NRQZ restrictions, originally created in the late 1950s to protect scientific research at the Green Bank Observatory, have become a significant challenge for emergency services in the county.

First responders often face dangerous communication gaps when operating within the county, entering for mutual aid, or passing through the NRQZ, putting both responders and the public at risk.

While we deeply appreciate the Green Bank Observatory's contributions to as-

Resolution by the Pocahontas County Commission of West Virginia opposing continued NRQZ regulation on radio frequency spectrum allocated for public safety by the Federal Communications Commission

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Commission recognizes that, due to National Radio Quiet Zone (NRQZ) regulations, first responder entities operating within the county, entering the county to provide mutual aid, or passing through the county, face dangerous challenges with radio communications which are vital for ensuring the effective collaboration of those working to maintain public safety, and

WHEREAS, the County Commission acknowledges and appreciates Green Bank Observatory for their part in scientific and technologic advancements towards the field of astronomy, and the positive attention brought to the county as a result, and

WHEREAS, The County Commission appreciates Green Bank Observatory's efforts to support county public safety fixed transmitter communications within their allowed abilities, under NRQZ regulations, including the support of partnerships, technological developments, NRQZ power density waivers, and with financial resources at their disposal when available, and

see Resolution pg 5

tronomy and its role in bringing attention to our county, the NRQZ regulations have not kept pace with advancements in public safety communication technologies. The inability to reliably communicate in emergency situations due to outdated regulations threatens the safety of residents

and visitors alike. It has recently taken over 400 days to get an emergency communication site application through NRQZ coordination and engineering, which we view as a critical safety concern.

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Democrat candidates visit county

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

A driving rainstorm didn't dampen the spirits of those gathered at the Opera House last Tuesday evening to meet Democratic candidates running for statewide and local offices in West Virginia.

The Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee hosted the gathering, intended to give voters a chance to hear each candidate speak on issues of concern to West Virginians.

After they spoke, the candidates spent time talking with and answering questions from audience members.

Local historian and Fort

Warwick owner Bob Sheets, wearing 18th Century pioneer attire, opened the meeting with historical perspective.

He read from the Fort Gower Resolves, a letter of support to the "patriots meeting in Philadelphia" in response to England's Intolerable Acts, one of Colonial America's several grievances against English rule, which preceded the American Revolution.

Quoting the document, Sheets read a passage referring to the British Crown: "We respect your power, but we respect liberty and freedom even more."

After that colorful beginning, the candidates introduced themselves, describ-



STEVE WILLIAMS, CANDIDATE for West Virginia Governor, spoke to Pocahontas County residents last Tuesday at a Democratic Executive Committee event. L.D. Bennett photo

ing their experience, qualifications and reasons for their candidacies.

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BOE discusses safety concerns

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The week of September 9 was stressful for Pocahontas County parents, school staff and students.

Due to online threats made to several schools in the county, schools were closed September 11. Although school resumed the following day, several parents in the county chose to keep their children at home.

Several parents voiced their concerns on social media and two attended the

Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting September 24 to express their concern about school safety and the need for better communication.

Katie Workman, whose child is a second grader at Marlinton Elementary School, said she appreciated the board's swift action in keeping the students safe, but said she was deeply concerned and panicked with the vague information provided about the incident.

"I understand this was a fluid situation, but keeping parents in the dark does not

help," she said. "When this situation arose, it brought up concerns for me from the previous school year."

Workman explained to the board that there was a situation last year in which her child was threatened with bodily harm by another student, and she and her husband were not contacted immediately and she instead learned about the incident after school at soccer practice.

Workman asked the board to be more transparent with

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Rural Broadband Protection Act unanimously passes Senate

The Rural Broadband Protection Act ensures internet service providers using federal funds deploy promised broadband in West Virginia

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), a member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, applauded the unanimous Senate passage of her Rural Broadband Protection Act. The legislation now heads to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Rural Broadband Protection Act would require a more thorough vetting and verification process for in-

ternet service providers seeking to participate in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) high-cost programs. Additionally, this bill would provide essential safeguards to the Universal Service Fund's High-Cost program by ensuring that funding goes to companies with both a proven track record of success and those that have demonstrated sound judgment in deploying in hard-to-serve areas.

"West Virginians keep their word, and it's time internet service providers do the same," Capito said. "This legislation expands on my previous broadband efforts and is a product of many discussions I've had

with small rural service providers and local leaders in West Virginia. These discussions made it abundantly clear the FCC needs congressional direction to ensure taxpayer money is being used properly to fund broadband deployment in rural areas. By verifying that providers can actually deliver on the promises made to bring high-speed internet to specific areas, we can maximize the influx of broadband dollars coming to West Virginia and move toward our goal of closing the digital divide in communities of all sizes across our state. I encourage my House colleagues to pass this important legislation quickly."

Fall fire season began October 1

According to the West Virginia Division of Forestry, the fall fire season began Monday, October 1, and will continue through December 31.

"This past summer's drought has led to more trees losing their leaves fast this fall," said Jeremy Jones, Director/State Forester of the WVDOF. "We ask the public to help protect our beautiful forests and follow burning laws and to please be mindful of the weather and conditions we are facing this year."

During the fall, dry leaves and forest floor debris become more flammable. Burning is prohibited during the daytime hours because, even in fall, relative humidity typically increases in the evening.

Debris burning is West Virginia's most common cause of wildfires, averaging more than 35% of all wildfires over the past 10 years.

A summary of forest fire laws and safe fire practices can be found on the state Division of Forestry website.

WV DOF reminds residents to confine their outdoor burning to the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., according to the West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

The fall fire season state law restrictions include:

- No outdoor burning from

- 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Any fire set between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. must be extinguished before 7 a.m.
- Fires must be attended at all times.

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Voter Registration Deadline

The deadline to register to vote in the November 5, 2024 General Election is **Tuesday, October 15.**

You may register at the Pocahontas County Clerk's office Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., holidays excluded.

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ALASH returns to the opera house

The Pocahontas County Opera House is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated return of ALASH, the acclaimed masters of Tuvan throat singing, as part of its ongoing 25th-season celebration. The ensemble, a perennial favorite among opera house audiences, is set to take the stage Saturday, October 12, at 7 p.m.

Known for their extraordinary mastery of Tuvan throat singing, or xöömei, ALASH seamlessly blends traditional Tuvan music with contemporary influences, creating a captivating sound that is

both ancient and modern. Praised by *The Washington Post* as “utterly stunning,” ALASH has garnered international acclaim for their intricate harmonies and innovative fusion of Western instruments while preserving the deep-rooted traditions of throat singing.

Their groundbreaking approach to Tuvan music has captivated global audiences, making their return a highlight of the opera house season.

Tickets are available for a \$10 donation for adults, while those aged 17 and younger enjoy free admis-

sion. To purchase tickets, stop by the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, visit pocahontasoperahouse.org or buy them at the venue on the evening of the performance.

The continuation of this landmark season is made possible through the generous support of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, Mid-Atlantic Arts, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as the enduring support of the greater community.



POCAHONTAS COUNTY HIGH School Rodeo team members Warren Burns, left, and Mya Workman competed in the team roping event at the National High School Rodeo Association finals in Wyoming this past summer. Photo courtesy of Dawn Workman

Rodeo team hits the road

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

This summer, while most of her fellow classmates were gearing up for their senior year at Pocahontas County High School, Mya Workman, of Hillsboro, was in Wyoming, representing the West Virginia High School Rodeo Association.

On July 7, Workman, who is president of the WVHRSRA, traveled to Cody, Wyoming, and spent a week there competing in the Cody Nite Rodeo. From there, she went to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where she competed in the National High School Rodeo Association finals.

“I compete in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping and team roping,” she said. “I caught my first calf good in the breakaway roping, but then my second calf – technically you’re supposed to catch them by what’s called a bell collar catch, so it’s just around the neck – and I caught a front foot, so

it didn’t count.”

At the national competition, there were more than 1,500 high school students from 46 states, and Mexico, New Zealand and Australia, all vying for the fastest score in their event.

Workman was joined by fellow PCHS students Warren Burns and Lane Butcher, and recent PCHS grad Hannah Burks, who is now competing on the college level.

While they were focused on doing their best during the competition, they also had a chance to mingle with students from other states and countries.

“They have dances every night,” Workman said. “It’s like get-together dances to get to know the other kids.”

Workman also had a chance to meet college coaches while she was in Wyoming.

“I’m thinking of going to New Mexico or Alabama,” she said. “At this nationals, they had a college day, and I talked to the New Mexico coaches and they were really homey.”

Workman has been competing in rodeo events since she was in the sixth grade, but was no stranger to riding horses, which she began doing at a younger age. She started riding horses with Nicole Brock and was introduced to rodeo by family members – her uncle, Jarrett McLaughlin, and her older sister, Olivia.

“Jarrett is the one that got me into the roping side of things and then my sister used to barrel race in the high school rodeo,” Workman said.

Competing in rodeo events takes a lot of time and effort, but it was easy for Workman to decide if she would do rodeo or school sports.

“It was guaranteed rodeo for sure,” she said, laughing. “You’ve got such a deep friendship with your horse, and you grow friendships with the rodeo kids, too.”

This summer, with the help of her sponsor, the Pocahontas County Con-

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Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

Last week I got a little—okay, fine, a lot—nerdy about metadata.

Several people have reached out since then asking questions about where all that metadata comes from. Where are we getting all the metadata that goes into our catalog? Do we type it all in ourselves? Are we writing the book descriptions you see in our catalog or on Libby? Are they written by other librarians across the state?

When I was first learning to teach, an advisor warned that if a couple of people in a class had a question about something, the odds were that most everyone else did, too. So, I thought it might be worth saying a little more about how our library systems work.

I think it’s helpful to understand how computers use metadata. We’re going to do that by way of what philosophers call a thought experiment. Don’t worry. It’ll be fun.

Imagine that you’re inside a room whose only access to the outside is a mail slot. The walls are lined with instruction manuals.

Every once in a while, a piece of paper with a bunch of markings on it comes in through the mail slot. You look up those markings on the left-hand page of your in-

struction manuals. You then copy down the markings on the right-hand page and push the paper back through the mail slot.

Now as it turns out, the markings are actually Chinese characters and each paper coming through the mail slot asks a question. The markings you put back down form intelligible responses to those questions.

To a Chinese speaker outside the room, it would appear that there’s an ongoing conversation in Chinese. But you don’t actually speak Chinese!

In philosophy-speak, the conclusion of this thought experiment is that syntax is not semantics.

Syntax refers to the set of rules we use for constructing sentences. Semantics refers to the meaning of words inside the sentence.

The thought experiment shows that—given a sufficiently detailed set of rules—it’s possible to create meaningful sentences (syntax) without understanding the meaning of any of the words in the sentence (semantics).

Computers are stuck inside the Chinese room.

When you put a question into a search box or a ChatGPT query, the computer sees a bunch of markings. It can apply a set of rules (called algorithms) to manipulate markings into

meaningful sentences. But it doesn’t understand the meaning of the words any more than someone inside the Chinese room understands Chinese.

Metadata lets computer scientists write better rules for manipulating markings.

Underneath each webpage or mobile app screen is a set of instructions telling the computer what to do with all words and images that make up the content you read.

At a very basic level, the instructions describe how things appear on the page or screen—this thing is a paragraph, that thing is a heading, etc. But we can also add metadata to those instructions, specifying things like this page is about a book; the title of the book is “Moby Dick”; the author of the book is “Herman Melville”.

Once you’ve got metadata encoded on the web, there are all sorts of cool things you can do.

One of those is making search engines that answer questions rather than simply providing links. If you go to Google right now and type in who wrote Moby Dick, “Herman Melville” will appear in large type at the top of your search results page.

More relevantly for our initial question, we can also use metadata to help computers share information. For example, when we add a new book to our local library catalog, we don’t usually type in all the metadata. If it’s not already in our library

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about

1. In what decade was the Social Security Act signed into law?
2. What Civil War anthem about a radical abolitionist inspired the US military anthem “The Battle Hymn of the Republic?”
3. What movie helped popularize disco music worldwide?
4. What musical family’s two oldest brothers, Virl and Tom, were born deaf?

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Trails and outdoor recreation are drawing visitors to our region – visitors who spend money on lodging, food and other services. Last week, I said, "Trails are economic development." But do you know how much?

According to the US Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis, outdoor recreation generated an impressive \$563.7 billion in economic output nationally, accounting for 2.2% of the total gross GDP, in 2022. Last year, according to the Outdoor Industry Association, "the outdoor recreation participant base grew 4.1% to a record 175.8 million participants. That is 57.3% of all Americans aged six and older."

Outdoor recreation is not only among the nation's largest economic sectors, it

continues to grow in West Virginia, as well. West Virginia has long been a favorite destination for those seeking to experience its wild and wonderful natural beauty and world-class outdoor recreation assets. The Cheat Mountain Club's 1889 roster read like the Who's Who of American industrialist. In 1918, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford visited Cheat Mountain and Pocahontas County. Today, snow-skiing and mountain biking bring outdoor enthusiasts to the same areas. The roads are better. The vehicles more advanced. But, when visitors arrive here, they find much of the area remains as wild and free as it was then. Monday Lick Trail and the other 400-miles of trails will keep visitors coming for many more years.



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Apple Butter

10 pounds tart apples
5 cups apple cider
4 cups sugar
1 cup dark corn syrup
2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
Dash of nutmeg
Core and thickly slice apples. (About 30 cups sliced.) Place in 10-quart kettle (copper or brass), add cider. Bring to boiling, reduce heat. Cover and cook until apples are soft (about 30 minutes), stirring occasionally. Press through food mill or sieve, return to kettle. Boil gently, stirring frequently, until mixture is of desired consistency, about 2 hours.

Stir in spices, cook and stir 15 minutes more. Pour into sterilized jars, adjust

lids and process in boiling water bath for 10 minutes. Makes approximately 6 pints.

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Community Calendar

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Voter Registration deadline for the November 5 General Election is Tuesday, October 15.

Deadline for applications to vote by mail is Wednesday, October 30. Applications are available now.

MEETINGS

PCARSE Wednesday, October 9, noon, at GBO cafeteria. Plans will be made for the future of the organization. Teachers, bus drivers, office staff, aides, custodians and administrators welcome.

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 6:30 p.m. at Durbin Community Library.

EVENTS

Huntersville Traditions Days Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5. Return to the ways of our ancestors and enjoy the food, music and friendly atmosphere of a bygone era.

Community Homecoming Parade – Warriors "Got Game" Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m. Main Street, Marlinton. Bonfire at the Mini-Park immediately following the parade. All community

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Highland County's annual Hands and Harvest Festival returns with county-wide fall fun October 11 – 13 in Monterey, Virginia. Full schedule can be found at highlandcounty.org/hands-harvest-festival

Hillsboro Library Friends present "Robert E. Lee's Feuding Generals: Wise vs. Floyd." Civil War historian and author Hunter Lesser will discuss these hostile rivals in Lee's Confederate Army Saturday, October 12, at 1 p.m. in the Hillsboro Library Community Room. Light refreshments.

Mulligan Stew Thursday, October 24, 4 to 6 p.m. at Arbovale Community Center.

Fifth Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk Monday, October 21, 4 to 6 p.m. on the Greenbrier River Trail at the Community Wellness Center. Self-

paced. Free breast cancer awareness T-shirts for the first 40 people to complete the walk. Sponsored by Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and Pocahontas Parks and Rec.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Family-friendly Trunk or Treat in the parking lot at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital Wednesday, October 30, 5 to 7 p.m. The community is invited.

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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.

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

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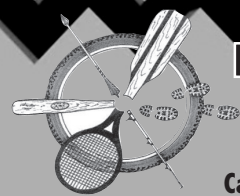
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Safety, from page 2

Satellite Technology as a Solution

Over the past year, Pocahontas County Emergency Management has successfully implemented satellite communication systems, including Starlink, to bypass NRQZ limitations and improve response times in areas with inadequate radio reception. However, the NRQZ's recent volunteer partnership announcement with Starlink caught us by surprise and has resulted in a decrease in our satellite coverage. Unfortunately, emergency services were not considered in this agreement, despite prior recommendations from NRQZ to explore satellite technology as an option. Our attempts to contact high-level Starlink representatives have been met with responses that this issue is dictated by local government mandates.

Additionally, we have concerns about the exclusion of emergency services from a \$2 million National Science Foundation study on satellite communications within the NRQZ. Why was this partnership with Starlink implemented before the study was completed? With next-generation 911 core services and satellite-based Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) rapidly advancing, the availability of satellite communications within the NRQZ must account for the future needs of emergency responders.

Protecting Public Safety in an Evolving Technological Landscape

The Pocahontas County Commission's resolution is not an attempt to eliminate the NRQZ, but to find a balanced solution that protects public safety without undermining the important work of the Green Bank Observatory. We propose that the FCC exempt emergency services from NRQZ coordination requirements, particularly in frequency bands that the Observatory no longer actively uses for research. Additionally, we call for federal agencies to fully fund the filtration of unwanted signals at the NRQZ's equipment head-end, instead of passing the financial burden onto local emergency services, making it increasingly difficult to build new communication sites.

The NRQZ office is now based in Charlottesville, VA, meaning that the people enforcing these regulations are no longer embedded in our community, nor are they directly affected by these restrictions. It is our hope that local, state, and federal legislators will recognize the unique and significant burden placed on our emergency services and act swiftly to implement these necessary changes.

A Recent Example of the Risks

Just last week, Pocahontas County experienced its first recorded tornado in Hillsboro.

Fortunately, during a local soccer game at the school, there was cellular and satellite service available to alert those in attendance to take shelter. However, if this

Resolution, from page 2

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Commission believes that Federal NRQZ regulations, developed and adopted in the late 1950s, no longer align with modern radio and wireless communications technology and tools currently used by first responders across the US, to provide safe and secure communities, and

WHEREAS, over the past 12 months, the Office of Emergency Management & 911 has successfully utilized satellite (non-fixed communications transmission and receiving technology, namely Starlink) to overcome communications challenges and improve public safety communications in areas where radio reception is inadequate due to NRQZ regulations, thereby, helping first responders save lives, reduce injuries, and prevent cascading impacts at emergency incident scenes, and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County has the unique distinction and challenge of being comprised of over 50% public land (National Forest, State Forests, and State Parks), used by the public for whom the county bears the responsibility of providing safety and security, and

WHEREAS, satellite communication accessed through the federal Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) will become the most viable mode of alerting backcountry travelers in areas beyond cell and internet service range as to developing weather hazards, wildfire hazards, hazardous materials exposures carried by wind and water, etc, and

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Commission believes that the Federal NRQZ regulating agencies should fully fund and support filtration of unwanted signals at the head-end of the NRQZ-Agency equipment, or in the design, construction, and maintenance of radio infrastructure, rather than passing the cost prohibitive expense associated with power reductions and nulls of signal onto local public safety providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocahontas County Commission formally affirms its continued commitment to enhancing public safety through all means necessary, including communications for the protection of both the residents of Pocahontas County and the 100,000s of thousands of

visitors who come to our county annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, to this end, the Pocahontas County Commission emphasizes the importance of preserving the ability to utilize current and evolving satellite communications technology - namely Starlink for public safety communications throughout the entire county in the present and future; AND the Pocahontas County Commission fully supports total waivers of any NRQZ restrictions imposed on the Public Safety Radio Spectrum by the NRQZ, including AT&T First Net emergency provider services.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Pocahontas County Commission calls upon the Legislature of West Virginia, the Governor's Office of West Virginia, the United States Congress and the Executive Branch, to support the preservation of satellite communication, alongside enhancements of radio frequency communications, across the entirety of Pocahontas County for redundant backup public safety systems (as would be provided for any other local jurisdiction in these United States). AND that as long as the NRQZ remains imposed upon any portion of the public safety radio spectrum within the jurisdiction of Pocahontas County, or any jurisdiction therein, that the Federal government, financially offset the development, construction and maintenance costs associated with public safety communications network given the unique burden of NRQZ regulations. AND that the Pocahontas County Commission shall convey these interests stated herein to the members of the WV Legislature and Executive Branch AND the United States Congress and Executive Branch.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and entry thereof.

This resolution is hereby adopted by the Pocahontas County Commission on this 17th day of September 2024.

Walt Helmick, President
 Jamie Walker, Commissioner

John Rebinski, Commissioner

Attest: Melissa L. Bennett, County Clerk

event had occurred at the Green Bank School, where NRQZ restrictions limit communication options, how would we have alerted them to the immediate danger? This example underscores the critical need for reliable, redundant communications infrastructure that can handle

emergencies in any part of the county.

Call to Action

We urge the West Virginia Legislature, the Governor's Office, the United States Congress, and the Executive Branch to support the County Commission's reso-

lution and ensure that public safety communications are fully protected and enhanced. As long as NRQZ restrictions remain in place, federal support for the construction, development, and maintenance of our communication networks must be provided to ensure that we

can meet the needs of our first responders and the community they serve.

For further information, please contact Pocahontas County Emergency Management / 911 at 304-799-3985

Crowd, from page 1

artist in the West Virginia Department of Culture and History.

Ironically, the other judge, Jim Adkins, of Barboursville, is also a glassblower. He joined a glassblowing apprenticeship and quickly gained the skills to make beautiful work. He is also a renowned chef with decades of experience in the restaurant industry in West Virginia.

Adkins gained his love of the culinary arts from his grandmother, JoJo, who taught him how to cook.

After tasting the six dishes, all with quirky road-kill related stories, the judges announced the winners.

First place went to the High Rocks Grow Getters for their venison stir fry.

"We had to scrape the deer out of the road, but all the other things came from the High Rocks gardens," team spokesperson Sarah Riley said.

It was High Rocks' first year competing and since, according to team member Steven Saffel, a deer hit the produce truck while they were loading it, they decided to compete and cook up the rascally deer with their fresh produce.

Second place and People's Choice went to the Pendleton Community Bank Buck Busters, for their Buck Bustin' Bumper Beans, which featured venison and three types of beans, a little kick of heat, cornbread and a hit of sour cream.

There is an official Road-

Kill Cook-off Queen. Hailey Pugh received the crown this year, but no king. If there was a RoadKill king, most would say it should be Kendall Beverage.

Beverage has led the Pendleton Community Bank Buck Busters team for several years, leading them to victory several times. But that's not why he should be RoadKill king. Beverage has become an unofficial spokesperson for the cook-off and has recruited competitors for the past three years to help the cook-off grow even bigger.

"I'm here to promote the festival," he said. "I think we really need to try to build this up to have at least twelve to fifteen teams every year."

The PCB Buck Busters started competing in 2017 and the team was happy to see the festival return after the pandemic.

"We're excited to have the festival back up and just keep going," Beverage said. "Everything looks great."

Third place went to Grant County's Ditch Divas, in their second year of competing.

Led by Kayla Kuh, the team came across quite the sight when they were out hunting bear for their dish.

"Our bear was hit in the road by an egg truck while we were hunting, and we didn't want to waste anything, so we decided to cook it up," she said.

Going with a breakfast theme, the team concocted a bear and scrambled egg dish.

Receiving the Showmanship Award was the River Rats team with their French

bistro theme. Led by Kathy Mosesso, the team was a family affair with Margaret Worth, Katie Workman and her daughter, Iris, and Mosesso's grandsons, Silas and Victor Dean, rounding out the group.

The team served road to table venison ratatouille served with fresh rat drop-pings.

Instead of using rat as the main ingredient, they were instead part of the team, helping cook, just like in the Disney movie *Ratatouille* in which Remy the rat helps French chef Linguini hone his cooking skills.

Mosesso credited Beverage with enticing her to form her team this year.

"Kendall Beverage is the best community person we have, and he called and asked," she said. "I've had an idea about this theme for a while, so I must have had a weak moment [and decided to enter]."

Also competing was the RoadKill Clean Up Crew from the Pocahontas County Day Report Center, led by day report director Jodi Gragg-Zickefoose. The team served Bumper Bambi wraps with brain sauce.

Gragg-Zickefoose said she wanted to get some of her clients together to participate in a community event. The team also included Day Report administrative assistant Stephanie Bennett and her husband, Ian, and Gragg-Zickefoose's son, Bailey.

Another first time team, Lisa Winebrimmer and Brandon Cline, were also recruited and they decided it sounded like something fun to do together.

"Somebody called me because I love to cook," Cline said.

"We thought we'd try it out," Winebrimmer added.

The team made a stew featuring venison and frog legs, a unique combination that Winebrimmer said goes together well.

Luckily the week-long rain showers filled up the ponds and made it easier to catch all those frogs for the stew.

Roadkill wasn't the only thing on the menu Saturday.

The Hudson Cream West Virginia Biscuit Bake Off took place at the opera house with entrants producing their best traditional, savory and sweet biscuit recipes for the judges. Local baker Autumn Warder was joined by RoadKill judges Nelson and Adkins who pulled double duty.

In the Youth Category, winners were: first place, Olivia Barkley; second place, Kaidence Cutlip; and third place, Allyson Alderman.

Premier Category winners were: first place, Kathy Irvine; second place, Homer Cobb; and third place, Joey Smith.

The People's Choice award went to Ollie Barkley for her cinnamon sweet biscuits.

This year's festival will go down in history as a beautiful sunny day that brought out the fun for everyone.

Suzanne Stewart may be contacted at sastewart@pocahontastimes.com

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 47 "Gung Ho" actress Rogers | 85 French cathedral city | DOWN | 39 Site: Abbr. | 74 Ship's spine |
| 1 U.K. equivalent to an Oscar | 51 Sondheim's "Everybody Ought to Have —" | 86 Burger meat | 1 Nanny's cry | 40 Brian of rock | 75 Tavern |
| 6 Trinidad and — | 52 Like a laundromat washer, for short | 87 Crispy-skinned fish dish | 2 Qty. | 41 Promiser's qualifier | 76 Before |
| 12 Baggage screeners' org. | 53 Closer to now | 91 "Oz" co-star Walker | 3 10-year-old student, often | 44 Guitarist | 77 Prez Lincoln |
| 15 Moose kin | 55 Swamp some pool lengths | 94 Having a saintly ring | 4 Court hearing | 45 Longren | 78 Fleur-de — |
| 19 American poet — Baraka | 58 Florida city near Miami | 95 "— minute!" | 5 Carrier with a Toronto hub | 46 Country of NW Afr. | 80 Results of compromises |
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| 23 Upon initial sight | 65 Person howling | 103 Singer DiFranco | 8 Hesitate like a mule | 50 1040 org. | 87 Fiero or GTO |
| 25 Twilight time, to poets | 66 — Lingus Kentucky dir. | 104 Squeal (on) | 9 Blue-green | 51 Showy debut, perhaps | 88 Raggedy — |
| 26 Diplomacy | 67 Ancient Palestine | 105 Papal crowns | 10 Main points | 54 Tram rocks | 89 Feb. 29, for leap day babies |
| 27 Performs an Axel, e.g. | 68 Bamboo eaters | 109 Job honcho | 11 Actor Milo | 56 "Memento" star Guy | 90 — Croatian |
| 29 Arizona-to-Kentucky dir. | 69 Jackson 5 #1 hit of 1970 | 110 Cubic — (fake gem) | 12 — Bo | 57 — Domingo | 92 Goodyear's home city |
| 30 Mauna — | 72 — and pestle | 113 What seven key words in this puzzle are | 13 Fourteen times five | 58 Narrow road | 93 Malicious sort |
| 31 Square-cut building stones | 73 Wage recipients | 117 Native of Fiji or Nauru | 14 Philosopher Hannah | 59 Agrees (with) | 96 Schick item |
| 34 Glossy fabric with an elaborate floral pattern | 74 Leg midpoint | 118 Well-reasoned | 22 Actor Ryan | 60 Destroying one | 97 In reserve |
| 37 Rule, in brief | 75 Alternative to apple pie | 119 Four-page sheet | 24 Walk cockily | 63 Broccoli — | 98 "I'll stop traffic" |
| 38 Atomic cores | 79 Jewish villages of old | 120 Lease topic | 28 Peel off | 64 Native American feathered headdress | 99 Frisbees, e.g. |
| 42 Playpen toy | 81 Debonair | 121 Green prefix | 31 Site of rural peace | 65 Singer Marc Scudis, say | 100 Big internet portal |
| 43 Baby's breath and cowherb are members of it | 82 Greasier | 122 Auditory stimuli | 32 Mariner's distance unit | 66 Destroying one | 102 In — (stuck) |
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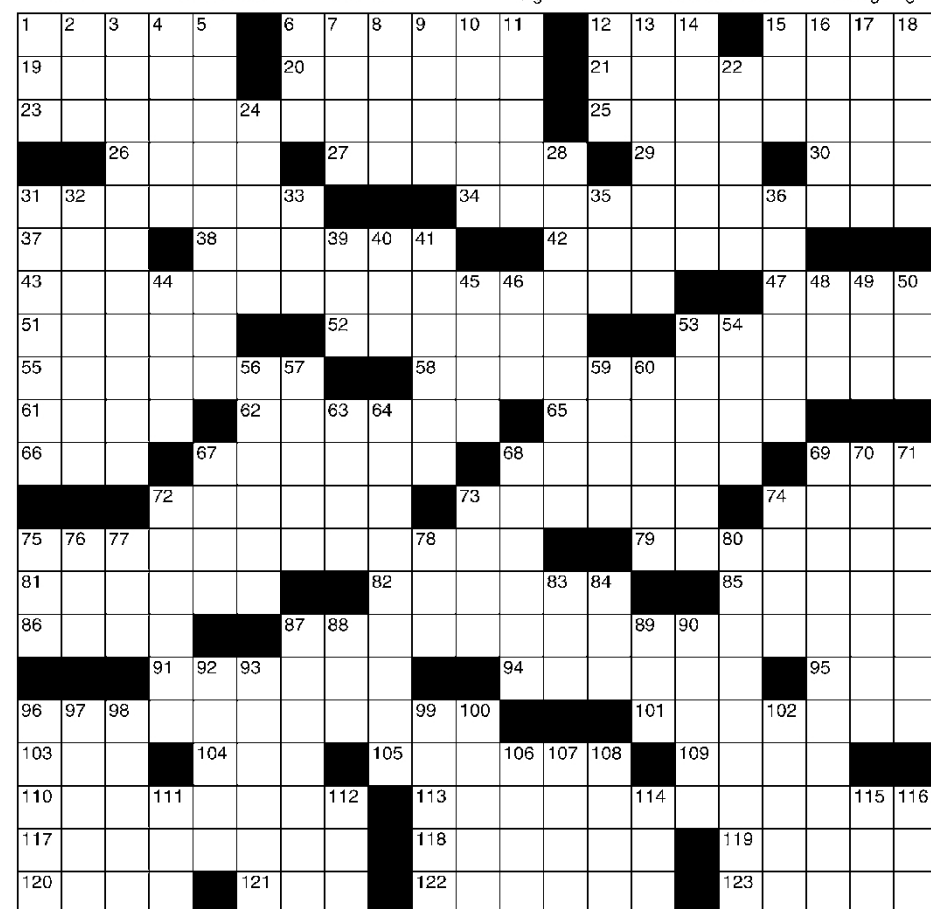
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Obituaries



Lenore Donovan

With great sadness, the family of Lenore McCloud Donovan announces her peaceful passing due to dementia on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, surrounded by family at her home in Roseville, California. She was 92.

Lenore was born in Marlinton and attended Marlinton High School. She served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Reserve and worked in Federal Civil Service for 20 years at the Pentagon, Veterans Administration and U.S. Geological Survey. She raised her children in the community of Ophir, California, where she lived for 43 years. She enjoyed baking for friends and family, fellowship in her church, and reading non-fiction. She also liked playing the guitar and following professional football.

She was preceded in death by her father, John McCloud; and mother; Agnes McCloud; sisters, Lucille Withers, Carol Tyree, Nancy Baldwin and Mildred McCloud; and brothers, James McCloud, Warren McCloud and Harry McCloud.

Lenore is survived by her husband of 62 years, Joseph Donovan, of Edgartown, Massachusetts; daughter, Carol Sanchez, and husband, Pantaleon Sanchez; son, John Donovan, and wife, Heather Donovan; grandchildren, Mariah Sanchez and Nicolas Sanchez, Seth Donovan and Brendan Donovan; and great-grandson, Brandon Sanchez, all of Sacramento, California; and sisters, June Cutright, of Ohio, and Sharon Mullens, of Marlinton.

Lenore's memory will remain forever in our hearts. She was laid to rest at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California.



Trudy Friel

Mary G. "Trudy" Workman Friel, 82, of Marlinton, passed away Thursday, August 15, 2024, at Pocahontas Center.

Born February 18, 1942, at Burnside in Pocahontas County, she was a daughter of the late Robert Workman and Sarah Perry Workman.

Family and friends are invited to honor Trudy during a Celebration of Life Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 11 a.m. to noon at Central Union United Methodist Church, 2535 Brush Country Road, Marlinton.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Humane Society of Pocahontas County or the Alzheimer's Association.

Deborah Maxwell

Deborah Puffenbarger Maxwell, 69, of Elkins, passed away Wednesday, September 24, 2024.

Born December 30, 1954, in Randolph County, she was a daughter of the late James Franklin and Betty Jo Rexrode Puffenbarger.

Deborah was a graduate of Pocahontas County High School and graduated from Davis & Elkins College as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Judy Puffenbarger; and son, James "Jim Bob" McLaughlin.

She is survived by her sister, Tammy, and Buster Bennett; daughter-in-law, Lisa McLaughlin; grandchildren, Ethan McLaughlin, Haylee Queen and Gracie Mae McLaughlin; and step-grandchildren, Jayden Bennett and Brodie Bennett.

Graveside service was held Sunday, September 29, 2024, at Boyer Cemetery.

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

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com



Rebecca McLaughlin

Our beloved mother, grandmother and friend, Rebecca Jackson McLaughlin, 99, of Marlinton, passed away Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

Born July 17, 1925, in Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Oley W. and Hester Wilfong Jackson.

Rebecca was the heart of our home and family and will be dearly missed. She reared two children, Patty and Douglas, in a happy, loving and Christian home, to be independent and thoughtful adults. Rebecca was married for 47 years to her soulmate, Chester, who preceded her in death.

Rebecca was of the Protestant Faith and lived her faith every day as an example to others. She spent many hours teaching Sunday School, leading prayer groups and Bible study, and overseeing Vacation Bible School.

She was a member of the Marlinton Order of the Eastern Star Lodge #97, Pasadena Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, and was a lifelong educator including teacher, administrator and mentor to new teachers.

Rebecca and her husband, Chester McLaughlin, founded a successful and fun square dance group. In addition to being a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star #97, she was also a delegate to the West Virginia Silver Haired Legislature.

Rebecca remains a member of the Pasadena Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she resided for 23 years.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin Gray Jackson and Raymond Jackson.

Rebecca is survived by a daughter, Patty M. Burrows, of Pinellas Park, Florida; son, Douglas W. McLaughlin, of Greer, South Carolina; grandchildren, Gavin McLaughlin, Trevor McLaughlin, Brook Morrill, Jason Cook and Jeffery Burrows; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Hazel McPeak, of Marlinton.

In keeping with her wishes, the body will be cremated with services held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Marlinton Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 30, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com.

James Riley

James "Jim" Allen Riley, age 86, of Arbovale, died Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at Charleston Area Medical Center.

Born June 13, 1938, in Arbovale, he was the youngest son of the late John William and Ada Varner Riley.

Jim was a veteran of the United States Air Force. As a young man, he was a construction worker and welder for various companies in Maryland and Pennsylvania. He worked for more than 20 years as a truck driver for the West Virginia Department of Highways. He cherished the time spent with his grandchildren, loved his dogs, and enjoyed sharing and listening to stories. His friendship touched the lives of many, and his absence will be deeply felt by both family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Alice "Louise" Riley (2022); and his eight siblings, Joseph, John, Clinton, Ernest, Harold, Please Pierce, Patricia Nuckles and Wilma McGuire.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Marie Tingle, and husband, Wendell, of Elkins; sons, Timothy William Riley, and Kathleen, of Springs, Pennsylvania, Robert Allen Riley, of Arbovale, and Stephen Lee Riley, and wife Terri, of Midlothian, Virginia; granddaughters, Jenna and Samantha Riley; grandsons, Zeshaan Bhatti, Taimoor Bhatti and Connor, Justin and Luke Riley.

Graveside service was held Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the Arbovale

Cemetery Annex with Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating. Military rites by the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial donations be made to the Arbovale United Methodist Church.

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

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Peggy Smailes

Peggy Marie Madison Smailes, 69, of Lewisburg, formerly of Marlinton, passed away Thursday, September 26, 2024, at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea.

Born July 18, 1955, in Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Russell and Bertha Tipton Madison.

Peggy was a beloved mother and grandmother. She attended and was baptized at Huntersville Baptist Church. She also attended Edgewood Presbyterian Church. She worked as a CNA for 16 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Travis Loudermilk; brothers, Preston and Edmond Madison; and sister, Brenda Cogar.

She is survived by her life partner, Charles M. Waugh; son, Chawn Loudermilk, and wife, Amanda; daughters, Charlie Marie Waugh and Cristy Keiser, and husband, Jack; grandchildren, Maxine Puffenbarger, Baily Peters, Ariel Murphy, Cecelia Loudermilk, Caden Loudermilk, Dawson Loudermilk, Baylen Loudermilk, Blayton Loudermilk and Cole Loudermilk; two great-grandchildren; a brother, James Madison; and several nieces and nephews.

In keeping with her wishes the body was cremated and there will be no service.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

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Fire, from page 2

• Before leaving any fire for any length of time, the fire must be completely extinguished.

Clear at least a 10-foot area (safety strip) around the fire and make sure all burnable material has been removed.

• Any equipment that can throw sparks, operating on

land subject to fire by any cause, must be provided with an adequate spark arrestor.

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Huntersville Masonic Lodge – circa 1898



MEMBERS OF HUNTERSVILLE Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M (Ancient Free & Accepted Masons) standing in front of Huntersville Presbyterian Church. The Masonic Lodge Hall is located on the second floor of the church and had been dedicated on June 26, 1896. This photograph was taken around 1898. The only member identified is Harry Patterson who is standing eighth (8th) from the left. (Photo courtesy of Guy “Butch” McElwee, Jr.; ID: PHP003317)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, October 6, 1949

Sunday Movie Agitated Again

At the Town Council on Monday night, all unbeknown to us all, the proposition was put up to the Council to allow the showing of Sunday moving pictures in this town.

The mayor and one councilman being absent, definite action was postponed until Monday night, October 11, at 7 o'clock.

Here is urging all church people and right-thinking people in general to appear before the council next Monday night in a demonstration in force to ask our council not to further commercialize the Sabbath day. Surely six

days a week ought to be sufficient for any business to get along. It is impossible for me to put theatres in the list of necessary things.

Hometown News

Lobeliam – Beginning this week, considerable work is being done and planned for Emanuel Cemetery on Bruffeys Creek. This consists of cleaning out the brush and briars, new fence and the like. All the neighbors who can should lend a hand. Those at a distance who have interest may send money. An important matter is the marking of graves. Many are already unknown; while there is time, please get a marker, if only a board. Address all inquiries to Mrs. D. R. Vaughan, Hillsboro, W. Va.

Greenbank – The all-day song service at Wesley Chapel on Sunday proved an outstanding success. The congregation numbered 600 or better; the singers were at their best; and a bountiful basket dinner was served. A generous offering was made to the building fund of the recently completed Methodist parsonage at Greenbank. The decision was made to make this song service an annual affair.

NEW INDUSTRY

A really big and worthwhile industry is being built in the Gauley Mountain country up from Slaty Fork around Sharp Knob, Laurel Run and the drainage are of Tea Creek.

I refer to the big coal development of the Maust Coal and Coke Company. It is a long-time operation – beginning with strip mining, to be followed by drift mines. The president of the Company is

Mr. Maust of New York. Shipment will be made over the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, but the main operation is in the parts of Pocahontas and Randolph counties, much nearer to Marlinton than to Richwood, Cowen or Webster Springs.

The company has built much road in its approach from the west to the development site.

Exit to the east will require a road of less than four miles. For almost the entire distance a well-graded, abandoned railroad bed is available.

The Pocahontas Telephone Company is building a metallic circuit line into the Sharp Knob office of the company. The Monongahela Power company will furnish the electricity. Already a good number of men from this side have found employment there.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, October 2, 1924

Did you ever think that the farmer's art lies exposed to the critic's eye? Either a public road or a railroad lay bare all of his work to discriminating observers. And his immediate neighbors watch him like a hawk and note his progress through the changing seasons. They keep him up to the mark. Never is a furrow plowed wet but what a shudder runs through the community.

Corn is up and cattle are down. That means that we have to winter a lot of stock this year. It sometimes happens that a year in profits is blotted out. Cattle are kept a year and then the vagaries of the market indicate that they are not worth any more per head than they were a year back. That is the case this year, generally speaking.

All over the country the corn has been under the average and that forces a lot of livestock on the market... It has been a queer year

anyway. It was marked with a March which for killing weather has seldom been equaled. There are fewer mice, fewer birds, fewer small squirrels, fewer hornets, fewer wasps, and fewer moles than there have been for years. In all my wanderings, I have seen but one large hornet's nest, and that was in a brush pile on Jerico. There are a few, far too few, bumblebees. I think that the unusual March caught all of these small friendly pests and that few survived.

TARIFF HURTS FARMERS

Republicans' partisans who point to the tariff as a boon to farmers and a blessing to labor are read a good lecture in an editorial in the Milwaukee Journal a few days ago.

“Under the system of price-fixing, fostered by the Fordney-McCumber tariff,” says the Journal, “the average farmer has no chance to save money long. For the tariff enters into nearly

everything he does not produce on his own land; and as farm prices go up, other prices keep a leap ahead.”

The editorial then declares that “labor, too, is told that the tariff has maintained good wages and upheld the standard of living.” And then points out that “all the time, large employers were bringing thousands of foreigners into this country.”

In “Mother Goose in Politics,” a number of rhymes are given, of which this is a sample:

“Little Tommie Tucker pines for his supper –

But what can he eat? He can't afford butter –

And how can he slice bread without any knife?

This Republican tariff has blasted his life!”

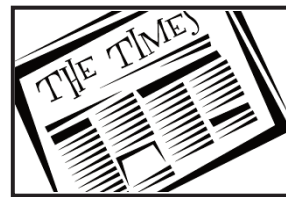
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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, October 3, 1974

Municipal Building

A cakewalk will be held this Friday night to raise money to help complete the auditorium and community rooms in the new Municipal Building. Lights, tile and chairs are needed for the auditorium, these hold top priority; then there are other things such as kitchen equipment that are also needed.

There will also be bread and candy walked off. The Marlinton Woman's Club is sponsoring this. Harley Carpenter will be there and have some other musicians with him to make some lively music.

Marlinton Elementary School

Cheerleaders for 1974-75: Debra Shearer, Cathy Sharp, Debbie Dean, Karen Buchanan, Penny Beck and Carol McNeill. Sponsor, Mrs. Bee Gladwell

FOOTBALL

The Marlinton Copperheads won their second game of the season as they downed Renick's 7th and 8th grade team 38 - 0.

Keith Pondexter put on an impressive show of running with T. D. jaunts of 59 and

19 yards. He had a total of 112 yards rushing for the game.

Ricky Irvine scored two touchdowns and two extra points as he rushed for 49 yards.

Mark Dilley intercepted a Renick pass and ran 35 yards for the T. D.

Kevin Shaw and Sam Pondexter scored one extra point each to round out the scoring.

On defense, Marlinton was led by Ronnie Sharp with 6 individual tackles and 3 assists. Ronnie also intercepted a pass and returned it 21 yards. Ricky Irvine, Craig Doss and Kevin Gay also turned in fine defensive performances.

Marlinton will face the powerful Green Bank Eagles Saturday night, October 5.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hille, of Green Bank, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin W. Ervin, of White Sulphur Springs, a daughter, Shelli Elizabeth. The mother is the former Linda Mullenax.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Northcutt, Jr., of Columbus, Georgia, a daughter, Patressa Raynett.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, October 7, 1899

At one of the camps along the Greenbrier, a man appeared hunting work the other day, and he had no difficulty in securing it. He was bare-footed and after the first day's work, his feet were bleeding. He appeared at the commissary and wanted to buy a pair of shoes. There was only \$1 to his credit, but owing to the necessities of his case, the clerk let him have a pair of shoes. The poor man immediately sold them for 75 cents to get into a crap game. The clerk got the shoes and put them back into the stock. It is not recorded how the man's luck ran.

Kansas Weeping for her Girls

Kansas towns are in the throes of a servant girl famine. Five hundred servant girls of Topeka and vicinity have gone during the past thirty days to Chicago, where they say they can get \$5 per week. They have been induced to flock to Chicago by circulars sent out offering the wages named. Lawrence, Leavenworth, Atchison and Fort Scott also complain that servant girls are going to Chicago.

If Solomon had occupied a more humble position in society, he would have included in the Proverbs: "A good cook is to be chosen rather than great riches." A family in Marlinton had a unique experience with a

cook the other day. After a season diligently searching, they found a cook and they thought they were very fortunate. They looked forward to her staying with them from year to year for an indefinite length of time, but on the third day, she said: "I forgot to tell you when I came, I can only stay three or four days," and so they lost her.

DURBIN

We are having some fine rains and fall pasture is looking better.

The other night the quiet people of Durbin were awakened from their beauty sleep by a party of young men going home at a late hour. The young men were suffering from a superabundance of spirits. They insisted on the Durbin people getting up, but the quiet burghers decided that it was too much trouble. Just outside the city limits, however, they passed a gypsy camp which did rouse up and they sailed forth on the boys, throwing stones and yelling like Indians. The boys fell back to the city and armed themselves with Winchesters and went through the camp and home. Next morning, the boys came back, but the gypsies had folded their tents and silently stolen away.

THE NAMES OF PERSONS

We have seen the man with the familiar face and the elusive name come smiling

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Apples ~ a gift that keeps giving

Melondy Phillips
Staff Writer

“Eat an apple on going to bed, and you’ll keep the doctor from earning his bread.”
Pembroshire - 1866

“Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only my God can count the apples in a seed.” *Author Unknown*

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver” *Proverbs*

Apples are a very basic food source around the world and can be used in many dishes.

Between fresh, canned, frozen, dried and the juice, the USDA reported that, in

2021, Americans consumed more than 26 pounds of apples per person. Nearly 15 pounds of that was in juice form.

With that being said, it’s harvest time –

We love apples – apple pie, apple bread, apple sauce, apple cider, sliced apples, apple fruit leathers, etc. But there are four main ways we use apples: pie filling, dried, cider and sauce. This is a brief description of what I do with apples, not a how-to for canning.

Each form of processed apple has specific harvest requirements. When making sliced apples for drying or

canning, I prefer handpicking the prettiest, most well-formed, non-blemished ones. Green and yellow varieties are preferred for pie filling while reds and yellows are best for dried snacks.

Pretty, well-formed fruit runs smoothly through the apple peeler. Since this is the pickiest batch, I set up everything I will need for processing this group first and then I harvest the apples. Being set up prior to harvesting means the apples are fresh and without bruising.

The apples are cleaned, placed into the strainer, and then put through the apple peeler. The peel and cores

can be saved and used for multiple applications, including jelly, making pectin, or feeding to the chickens. The prettiest apples are sliced into whole or half rings for dehydrating and freeze drying. They are placed into a diluted pineapple juice bath to prevent them from browning – citric acid, lemon juice, honey, vinegar or salt can also be used. The ones chosen for freeze drying are spread out on trays, which are then placed into the freezer. The following day, the frozen trays are processed through the freeze drier. Freeze dried apples absorb moisture from

the air very easily so as soon as they are completed, they are quickly moved into vacuum sealed containers. Apples for the dehydrator are added to the trays as they are cut and soaked. The dehydrator is turned on when the first tray that is filled; more trays are added throughout the day.

Any apples that need spots cut out are cut into quarters for pie filling. The pieces are immediately placed into the diluted pineapple juice bath while they wait for the filling base to be made. Once the filling base is made, the apple pieces are thoroughly mixed into the base and then

transferred into jars for canning.

Cold pressed cider is the next batch of apples I process. These apples do not need to be perfect and can be of any variety. The only requisite is that they are hand-picked from the tree and not off the ground. Even though the apples are washed prior to processing them, it’s an extra precaution I like to take to help prevent certain molds and bacteria from getting into the cider. The easiest time I have had with cold pressing apples was to first run them through the food

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school safety policies and asked that parents be given more specific information when threats take place.

“I would ask that these policies be reviewed and perhaps revised with input from parents, teachers, guidance counselors, law enforcement, etc., to allow parents to make the best decisions regarding the safety of their children when there is an extenuating circumstance,” she said.

Fellow parent Tiffany Rider attended the meeting online and addressed the board with similar concerns. Rider asked the board to include the parents more when situations like threats arise and suggested a committee be organized to allow parents and the school system to work out a plan to be put in place when and if threats like this happen again.

Since both parents spoke during the hear callers’ portion of the meeting, the board could not respond to what was said, but later, during the matters from the board portion of the agenda, board member Frosty McNabb said the board is working on organizing a meeting with parents, community members and law enforcement to create a committee like the one Rider suggested.

The board members said they understand the parents’ concern and want to work with them to make sure the schools are safe at all times.

Also speaking of safety during her report, superintendent Lynne Bostic said she and director Duane Gibson will be meeting with Pocahontas County Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Mike O’Brien and PCEM Deputy Director

Kevin Stitzinger to discuss communication and emergency protocols.

Bostic added that IT specialist Kristi Hamons attended a communication conference in Charleston and received a lot of information she will be sharing with the board office and board members.

“She said she got a lot of valuable information that she’s going to share with the administrators when we meet with the principals, as well as with you all about even making our websites accessible for people who may have hearing or vision trouble, as well,” Bostic said.

Bostic said Hamons asked to be the communications officer and plans to keep the school websites up to date with more information.

In updates:

- Bostic also shared that the Needs Project grant has been submitted to the West Virginia School Building Authority in which the board office has asked for \$6 million for upgrades to Pocahontas County High School. The request includes electrical work, window replacement, bathroom upgrades and connecting the main building to the CTE building.

The SBA will review all project grants and will have two days of presentations in November at the office in Charleston. Bostic said she has asked board member Morgan McComb to attend the presentation with her due to his vast knowledge of the PCHS facilities.

- Hillsboro Elementary School Principal Rebecca Spencer, joined by members of her staff, presented a request for a half-time physical education teacher. Spencer and staff explained that, at this time, each grade level teacher is leading physical education for their classes

and said it would better serve the students if the school returned to having an actual PE teacher.

Spencer said she did have someone who said they would take the position and that she is asking the board to create and post the position.

The board said the position could not be posted until after the next meeting because it was not on the current meeting’s agenda. Board member Sam Gibson made a motion to have the position added to the next meeting’s agenda and the board unanimously approved to motion.

In personnel management, the board approved the following:

- Request to transfer James D. Chestnut from custodian III at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School to ECCAT special education/classroom/bus aide at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective September 16, for 175 days for the 2024-2025 school year. Term of employment shall be 200 days each year thereafter.
- Employment of Darla Huddle as mentor for Karen

Lockhart at Hillsboro Elementary School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$25 per hour for 50 hours for a total of \$1,250.

- Employment of Amy Hefner as cafeteria manager for Hillsboro Elementary School, effective September 9, for 180 days for the 2024-2025 school year. Term of employment shall be 200 days each year thereafter.

- Employment of Darla Huddle as mentor for Melissa Walker at Marlinton Elementary School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$25 per hour for 50 hours for a total of \$1,250.

- Employment of Jillian Lacasse as Communities in Schools site coordinator for Marlinton Elementary School, effective September 16, for 175 days for the 2024-2025 school year. Term of employment shall be 200 days each year thereafter.

- Employment of Dawn Brewster as ECCAT special education/classroom/bus aide for Marlinton Elementary School, effective September 16, for 175 days for the remainder of the 2024-

2025 school year. Term of employment shall be 200 days each year thereafter.

- Employment of Paul W. Hill as volunteer coach for seventh and eighth grade football, effective for the 2024-2025 season.

- Resignation of Kimberly Ballance as head custodian at Marlinton Middle School, effective September 13.

- Employment of Krystal Lewis as mentor for Jeanette Wagner, at Marlinton Middle School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$25 per hour for 50 hours for a total of \$1,250.

- Employment of Cindy Solak as mentor for Brianna Morgan at Pocahontas County High School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$25 per hour for 50 hours for a total of \$1,250.

- Employment of Trestan Taylor as CTE business management and administration for Pocahontas County

High School, effective September 23, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Term of employment shall be 200 days each year thereafter.

- Retirement of Linda Beverage as school counselor at Pocahontas County High School, effective September 5.

- Employment of Rhonda Woodruff as limited sports trainer for the 2024-2025 athletic season, at a supplement of \$3,750.

- Requested transfer of Joseph Rose from custodian III at Pocahontas County High School to custodian III at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective September 20.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 14, at 3:30 p.m. at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, for an LSIC and strategic plan meeting, followed by the regular board meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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formed by the Bing Brothers and Jake Krack from 7 to 9 p.m.

The evening will conclude with a Ghost Walk tour of Huntersville's historic sites, leaving from the schoolhouse at 9:15 p.m.

On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be demonstrations of old-time crafts and skills such as blacksmithing, apple cider making, broom making, a quilt show, pumpkin carving and more.

Throughout the day there will be guided tours of the schoolhouse, the old jail, the restored clerk's office and the historical museum.

The Order of the Confederate Rose will conduct a memorial ceremony at the Civil War cemetery.

Renowned white oak basket weaver and heritage apple expert Clyde Jenkins will be happy to talk about the history of our heritage apples and identify any apples you bring to him.

In the schoolhouse, Joyce Mullens portrays the "school marm" and shares stories of the good ol' days.

In the old jail (Pocahontas County's first jailhouse) and the Huntersville Historical Traditions Museum, guests will be entertained with stories from history by knowledgeable volunteers.

There's no need to worry about how to get around to all the historical sites, or back and forth from the parking area.

Visitors will enjoy riding in old-fashioned style in both a horse drawn wagon and a wagon pulled by a tractor, which will carry them from the parking area to all the festival locations and back again throughout the day.

Guests may partake of homemade "vittles" including beans cooked over an open fire served with fresh cornbread, pork sandwiches, coffee and, of course, lots of homemade apple cider.

Old-time mountain music

will be performed all day by local bands including Mud Hole Control, The Viney Mountain Boys, the Hefner family and the Stony Mountain Bluegrass band.

The Appalachia Cloggers and their famous caller, Lou Maiuri, will be joined by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters, who will provide music for the dancers.

Pocahontas County has long been known for its salt risen bread and some of the best cornbread to be found this side, or maybe, any side of the Allegheny Mountains.

Here's a chance for local bakers to prove themselves.

The public is invited to take part in the Huntersville Traditions Days bread contests.

There's a salt risen bread contest and a cornbread contest, each offering a \$100 first prize and a \$75 second prize. For further information about bread contest rules and how to enter, contact Jean McClure at 304-799-4486.

There is no charge to attend events on Friday evening or Saturday.

"We just want everyone to come and enjoy themselves here among the historic sites of Huntersville," Tim Wade explained.

"It's a lot of work, but we look forward to doing it. It's a real labor of love."

"We really appreciate the friendship of the people of Pocahontas County and the visitors who come to Huntersville Traditions Days every year.

"We couldn't do this without their support," he added.

The festival is held on the grounds of the old Huntersville School on Schoolhouse Lane in Huntersville and on several sites in the surrounding area.

Look for this writer. I'll be there on Friday evening and all-day Saturday.

As a proud member of Huntersville Historical Traditions, I'll be wearing period dress, enjoying time with old friends and making new friends, too.

Apples, from page 8

processor with the smallest shredding plate. This creates more surface area for the juices to start flowing. Chopping them in a mixer will also work, the finer the better. I even saw one video where a guy bought a brand-new garbage disposal for this very purpose and it worked great.

I press all the apples for cider before I start to can them, even if there will be multiple batches to process. This mixes all the apple varieties and flavors into a single

batch and allows me to know how much sugar to add, if any, to the batch. This year's apples were juicy and sweet, so I only needed to add about a half cup of sugar to four gallons of cider. Prior to canning, I pulled off some for us to drink fresh. The rest was heated for canning.

The last group of apples, the ones for sauce, can be picked from the tree or picked up off the ground. Since the sauce is cooked, the probability of containments surviving the process is very low. Even so, all the apples are thoroughly washed and any bad spots removed. This process is

great for gleaned apples.

Depending on the size of the apples, they are cut into quarters. The peels and cores are used when making sauce; yes, I even leave in the seeds. All the cut apples are placed into a very large pot, or slow cooker, with about one to two quarts of water added. I use as little water as possible since it is only needed to keep the apples from sticking or burning when they first start to cook. As the apples heat up, they begin to release their own natural juices. Adding too much water could result in a very thin apple sauce. The apples are slowly cooked until they

are all very soft and mushy. The apple mush is run through a sieve or mill of some sort. This removes the peels, stems and seeds. I add sugar, if needed, to the whole batch after it is milled. From there, the sauce is ready to can.

There is usually a large pile of peelings and cores left over once all of this is finished. These can be simmered and strained for making jelly or pectin. Lastly, all the apple remnants make their way to the chickens, that give us an abundance of eggs in exchange, or to the compost pile, which feeds the garden the following year.

Open Letter to Pocahontas County Voters

On Tuesday, September 24, the Democratic Party of Pocahontas County held a Meet the Candidates event at the Opera House in Marlinton. Below are my remarks, revised to make sense as an open letter.

My name is Jay Miller and I'm running for County Commissioner because I want to restore sanity to the county commission's budget and spending process. We should not be spending money we don't have on things we don't need. On the other hand, we should spend wisely on services that county government provides so that voters can go about their daily business without worrying about what the county commission is up to.

I don't think we need a new courthouse annex building although I agree that the magistrate courts need improved security, the county clerk needs additional capacity for records storage, and the historic jail building's interior should be refurbished for use as office space for deputy sheriffs.

I don't think the county commission should borrow \$5 million to build a 911/EMS center when a smaller facility can be built with existing funds (primarily left over from federal Covid relief).

Collecting and disposing of garbage is an essential service of county government that should be managed as a local issue but the county's current landfill will close within two years - and there is no credible plan or budget to change the current business model to one that involves hauling garbage to another county's landfill.

I think the county commission should take an active role in helping the Solid Waste Authority to manage its affairs in anticipation of the landfill closing - so the State does not take over the SWA as it has in Nicholas and Tucker counties. Pocahontas County should be the master of its own fate but the SWA is currently on a path that will lead to its demise next year - unless action is taken soon.

I need your vote on November 5. I need the support of Democrats, Republicans and unaffiliated voters who want a county commissioner who knows how to solve problems.

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Glenn Elliott is a 7th generation West Virginian, a proud father and husband, and a former two-term mayor of his hometown of Wheeling, WV. He began his career as a legislative assistant to longtime Senator Robert C. Byrd. As seen during his two terms as mayor, Glenn has a proven record of forging compromise to achieve results.

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Young Warriors clawed by Wildcats

Mitchell B. Koerber
Student Sports Journalist

For most people, football is all about cheering for your team, making some noise, and, most importantly, winning, but the Young Warriors care about the fun of the sport.

Although they lost, 42 – 6 against the Pendleton Wildcats, all the Young Warriors said it was a very fun game. “I’d take that score over

any other, because I know the other team had to work their butts off for it,” head coach Kyle Graae said.

Though the score may not reflect it, this game for the Pocahontas County Middle School Football Team is considered, by the team itself, to be the best one by far.

Pendleton would rush to an early and big lead – most of their points were gained in the first half. However, after half-time the defense would

step up. Exploding off the defensive line, eighth grader, #50 Mitchell “Nightmare” Koerber was a force to be reckoned with – an earthquake in his enemies’ way. Koerber achieved a total of five tackles, including a sack, limiting the number of touchdowns Pendleton would achieve in the second half. He led the defense, delivering unbridled blows to the opponents.

The Young Warriors’ lone



SIXTH GRADER, #3 Brayden “Mighty Mouse” Matheny rounds the corner for a good gain against the Pendleton County Wildcats Wednesday night. K. Moyers photo

score came from RB, eighth grade running back, #45 Noah Foe, after running more than half the field, around the left side for a long

touchdown. He would break many tackles, proving himself as a star on the offense. The Young Warriors have a bye week this week, but

will square off against Webster County Wednesday October 9, at 6 p.m. The address is 1 Highlander Drive in Upperglade.

School Menus

October 7 – 11

Monday, 7: French toast sticks with syrup and fruit. Pizza, garden salad with romaine lettuce and dressing, corn, applesauce and milk.

Tuesday, 8: Sausage and cheese biscuit and fruit. Diced chicken nachos with corn, tortillas, salsa and sour

cream, marinated black beans, red bell pepper strips, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, 9: Homemade cinnamon rolls, cheese stick and fruit. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, whole grain roll, California blend vegetables, frozen fruit cup and milk.

Thursday, 10: Fruit

strudel with fruit cup. Chicken patty on whole grain bun with lettuce and tomato, sweet potato fries, roasted broccoli, fruit and milk.

Friday, 11: Breakfast smoothie and fruit. Ham, cornbread, macaroni salad, pinto beans, whole grain cookie, fruit and milk.

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Asked what he would do with the buildings, McComb said he would crush them and dispose of them in the landfill. Member David McLaughlin suggested that they first place advertisements to attempt to sell the buildings. McLaughlin made a motion to that effect which passed. The motion also says if the buildings don’t sell, they will be demolished.

There was also a discussion about placing a gate by the cattleguard at the actual entrance to the landfill. Locking that gate when the landfill is closed would not only serve as an extra security measure to keep vehicles out of the landfill after closing but would also reduce or eliminate the need for landfill workers to clean out the cattleguard. No action was taken on this because the purchase of the landfill is still not a definite deal.

They also took no action

on the potential purchase of the landfill by the county commission for the same reason.

SWA Chairman Ed Riley said the recent landfill inspection turned up four violations, which have all been addressed and fixed.

Riley also said that the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority solved their financial difficulties, caused by a shortage of trash disposal at their landfill which created a shortage of tipping fees. He said they did so by striking a deal with the Region 8 Solid Waste Authority. Under this deal, the Tucker County Solid Waste will pay the cost of transporting Region 8’s

trash to the Tucker County Landfill, but Region 8 will pay the landfill’s tipping fee.

Riley suggested, and the other members voted to support, a motion to write a letter to the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority, which has been taken over by the State Solid Waste Authority Board and asking them for the same deal as they gave to the Region 8 Solid Waste Authority. Realistically, the members seemed to agree this is a long shot, but nothing ventured is nothing gained.

The meeting closed with an Executive Session to discuss surveillance systems at the green box sites.

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In attendance:

Steve Williams is the Democratic nominee for Governor of West Virginia. Proud of his service as Huntington’s mayor, Williams has deep West Virginia roots – both of his grandfathers were coal miners.

Thornton Cooper, running for the office of West Virginia Secretary of State, a South Charleston attorney with nearly three decades of experience in several state agencies.

Teresa Toriseva, having served nine terms as Special Assistant Attorney General for West Virginia is running to be West Virginia’s first female Attorney General. She had a last-minute conflict and could not make the meeting. Campaign manager, Steve McElroy spoke on her behalf.

Deborah Stiles, family farmer with a passion for

West Virginia farming and experience as an agricultural researcher, is the Democratic candidate for West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture.

Glenn Elliott, candidate for Sen. Joe Manchin’s U. S. Senate seat – and endorsed by Manchin – two term Mayor of Wheeling, began his political career as legislative assistant to Sen. Robert C. Byrd.

Mary Ann Clayton, running for West Virginia Auditor, has 22 years’ experience auditing in the state auditor’s office.

Mandy Smith Weirich, candidate for West Virginia State Senate, District 11, whose first career as a police officer was followed by 15 years as a West Virginia social worker.

Paul Detch, running for West Virginia’s House of Delegates in the 46th District, (which includes southern Pocahontas and eastern Greenbrier counties) has practiced law for 50 years and taught medical law at

WV School of Osteopathic Medicine for 18 years.

This fall, Pocahontas countians will elect a new sheriff, a new county commissioner and a new prosecuting attorney and all three Democratic candidates for those offices were present and spoke at the meeting:

Troy McCoy, candidate for Sheriff of Pocahontas County, is a lifelong Pocahontas County resident and has 35 years of law enforcement experience in the Sheriff’s Department.

Laura Finch Kershner, local Pocahontas County attorney running for Prosecuting Attorney of Pocahontas County.

Jay Miller, Hillsboro resident and candidate for Pocahontas County Commissioner.

Dawn Baldwin Barrett, resident of Bartow and candidate for the northern district seat on Pocahontas County’s Board of Education was also present at the meeting.

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WARRIOR SPORTS



Pocahontas County High School sophomore, #34 Austin Price, makes mincemeat of the Richwood Lumberjacks Saturday. The Warriors would rout the Lumberjacks 47-6. Photo courtesy of David J. Cooney, Nicholas Chronicle

Warriors win big

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“Battle of the Axe.” The final score of the game was 47-6.

Pocahontas County scored early and never looked back. More importantly, the Warriors would score often in its complete one-sided victory as the team dominated both sides of the ball.

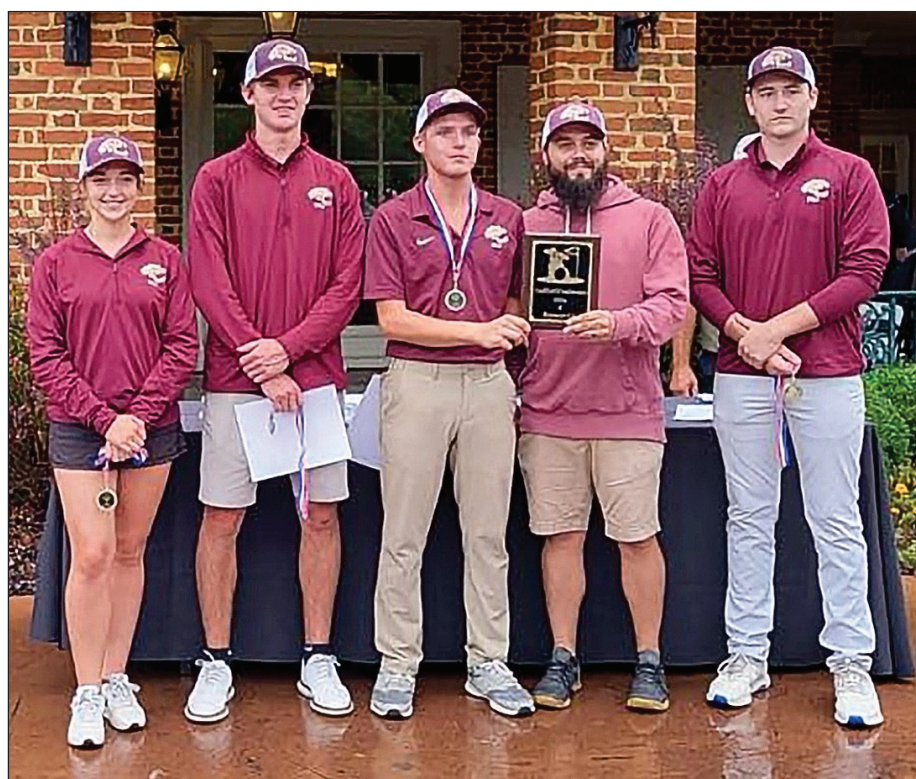
Keatley once again put on a stunning performance. Keatley would find the end zone a whopping four times during the game. The Lumberjacks had no answer for him when he ran the ball up the middle. On a crucial fourth down with two yards to go,

Sophomore, #1 Logan **see Win pg 17**



HEAD COACH DOUG Burns, instructs the PCHS Warrior Varsity Football Team to enjoy the win but to focus on getting better and get ready for next week. M. Koerber photo

Golf Team first runner-up in Coalfield Conference



THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY High School golf team traveled to the Resort at Glade Springs for the Coalfield Conference Golf Tournament Tuesday, September 19.

The team was named the Single A First runner-up. Shown above, from left – Reagan Friel, Dillon Dunz, Bailey Zickefoose, coach David Moore and Warren Burns.

Reagan Friel, at right, was named Low Medalist in the Girls Coalfield Conference. Photos courtesy of PCHS



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Table with 4 columns: Vendor Name, Services, Supplies, and Amount. Lists various vendors and their billed amounts as of June 30, 2023.

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SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	39,063.55	
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SPANGLER JR JOHN D.	7,610.75	
ST.JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC		1,145.50
STAR WELD		1,369.60
STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY		5,697.96
STOLES.COM		367.05
STONEWALL RESORT	3,847.60	
STOVER AND COMPANY		263.72
SUMMIT FIRE AND SECURITY	21,766.52	
SUNSET BERRY FARM/PRODUCE LLC		597.00
SUPERIOR INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRIES	1,314.10	
SUPPLY HOUSE		6,874.78
TALBOTT GLASS, LLC		895.60
THE CLEVER TEACHER, LLC.		409.50
THE HOTEL MORGAN	274.00	
THE LEARNING INTERNET, INC		4,110.00
THE outhouse	1,640.65	
THE THRASHER GROUP INC	31,148.00	
THRIFT BOOKS GLOBAL, LLC		644.69
TOWN OF HILLSBORO	9,148.79	
TOWN OF MARLINTON	24,500.94	
TRAFERA, LLC.		19,359.00
TRANS-ACT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC		3,385.00
TRAVELERS	29,390.00	
TREE CARE INDUSTRY ASSOC, INC.		809.90
TRENTS GENERAL STORE		1,459.35
TRI-COUNTY WHOLESALE PRODUCE		71,524.70
TURNER HELAN D.		900.00
UNITED DAIRY, INC.		73,767.59
UNITED LABORATORIES	738.70	
UNITED REFRIGERATION		5,962.10
UNITED RENTALS		700.89
UNIVERSAL ENG & CONT LLC	1,738.76	
VARNER CONSTRUCTION LLC		2,749.63
VENTRIS LEARNING LLC		927.25
VERTICAL TRANSPORT CONSULTING	453.20	
VITAL RECORDS CONTROL	716.80	
VRC COMPANIES, LLC.		920.00
VSC FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	2,820.00	
WAL-MART		7,434.38
WATERFRONT PLACE HOTEL	1,188.90	
WAYNE, JEFFREY EUGENE	5,610.80	
WEBSTAIRANT STORE		8,436.40
WENDEL ENERGY SERVICES	1,667,793.25	
WENDLING'S FOOD SERVICE		4,045.89
WESTERN BRANCH DIESEL, INC.		2,464.45
WHOLESALE GADGET PARTS		3,640.25
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WOODFORD OIL COMPANY		293,841.88
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TOTAL 2024 EXPENSES	3,248,212.83	2,852,378.14

POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION	
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION	
FYE JUNE 30, 2024	
	Governmental Activities
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	8,260,899
Investments	-
Inventory	-
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes	204,626
Deposit with Retirement Board	173,842
Food service receivable	2,375
Lease receivable	-
Other receivables	14,786
Prepaid Workers' Compensation	9,443
Other prepaid expenses	46,020
Due from other governments:	
State aid receivable	67,212
PEIA allocation receivable	112,634
Reimbursements receivable	962,376
Capital Assets:	
Land	240,001
Land improvements	-
Buildings and improvements	15,019,128
Furniture and equipment	3,691,244
Vehicles	2,774,339
Construction in process	3,381,974
Less accumulated depreciation	(6,767,071)
Total capital assets, net of depreciation	18,339,616
Right-of-Use Assets:	
Land	-
Buildings	-
Equipment	76,322
Vehicles	-
Subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs)	358,119
Less accumulated amortization	(224,055)
Total ROU assets, net of amortization	210,386
Total assets	28,404,214
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension	353,158
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	59,895
Other	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	413,053
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	28,817,267
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION	
Liabilities:	
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	1,428,044
PEIA premiums payable	-
Compensated absences	35,796
Accounts payable	307,164
Other post employment benefit payable	-
Due to Other Fiscal Agents	-
Long-term obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds and contracts	-
Accrued interest	-
Accrued sick leave payable	-
Finance lease liability	599
Financed purchases and other	115,080
SBITA liability	-
Due beyond one year:	
Bonds and contracts	-
Accrued sick leave payable	-
Finance lease liability	49,318
Financed purchases and other	1,369,326
SBITA liability	-
Asset retirement obligation (ARO) liability	-
Net pension liability - Proportionate Share	311,657
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate Share	45,127
Total liabilities	3,662,111
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Pension	213,930
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	87,370
Other	169,261
Total deferred inflows of resources	470,561
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	4,132,672
Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	18,339,616
Restricted for:	
Debt service	-
Special projects	737,439
Capital projects	-
Unrestricted	5,607,540
Total net position	24,684,595

POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FYE JUNE 30, 2024

Functions	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense), Revenue & Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
Instruction	\$ 8,594,768	\$ 71,516	\$ 3,478,050	\$ 134,049	\$ (4,911,153)
Supporting services:					
Students	953,064	13,107	411,218	-	(528,740)
Instructional staff	516,904	-	163,349	-	(353,554)
General administration	370,635	-	-	-	(370,635)
School administration	951,005	-	-	-	(951,005)
Central services	190,257	-	-	-	(190,257)
Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,654,070	1,865	-	1,376,984	(275,221)
Student transportation	1,591,565	95	-	-	(1,591,470)
Other support services	408,480	-	-	-	(408,480)
Food services	1,155,969	1,382	782,893	-	(371,694)
Community services	37,233	-	-	-	(37,233)
Interest on long-term debt/finance leases	47,306	-	-	-	(47,306)
Total governmental activities	16,471,256	87,965	4,835,510	1,511,033	(10,036,748)
General revenues:					
Property taxes					5,046,148
Unrestricted state aid					7,959,466
Unrestricted investment earnings					137,268
Unrestricted grants and contributions					-
Extraordinary item - other post employment benefits					-
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets					-
Gain (loss) on termination of ROU assets					-
Transfers in					1,465,072
Transfers (out)					(1,465,072)
Total general revenues, extraordinary items and transfers					13,142,882
Change in net position					3,106,134
Net position - beginning					21,578,461
Prior period adjustments - (See Note ___)					-
Net position - beginning, as restated					21,578,461
Net position - ending					\$ 24,684,595

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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position differ due to:
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore,
are not reported in the funds
Right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore,
are not reported in the funds
Other deferred charges are not reported in the funds

Property taxes receivable and food service billings receivable will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and are therefore deferred in the funds

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions 353,158
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions (213,930)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB 59,895
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB (87,370)

Some liabilities, including net pension and OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds
Bonds payable, due within one year -
Bonds payable, due beyond one year -
Unamortized bond premium -
Accrued interest on bonds -
Accrued sick leave payable -
Compensated absences (35,796)
Net pension liability - proportionate share (311,657)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share (45,127)
Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) Liability -
Finance lease liability, due within one year (599)
Finance lease liability, due beyond one year (49,318)
Financed purchases and other, due within one year (115,080)
Financed purchases and other, due beyond one year (1,369,326)
SBITA liability, due within one year -
SBITA liability, due beyond one year -
Net position of governmental activities \$ 24,684,595

POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FYE JUNE 30, 2024

Table with columns: 11 General Current Expense, 61 Special Revenue, 65 Special Revenue School Activity Fund, 71 Special Revenue ESSERF, 21 Debt Service Fund, 31 Bond Construction Fund, 41 Permanent Improvement Fund, 51 Capital Projects Fund, Total Governmental. Rows include Revenues (Property taxes, Other Local sources, State sources, Federal sources, Miscellaneous sources), Expenditures (Instruction, Supporting services, Food services, Community services, Capital outlay, Debt service, Finance Leases, SBITAs), Other financing sources (uses), Extraordinary item, and Fund balances.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FYE JUNE 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 531,923

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different due to:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the current period.
 Depreciation expense (643,924)
 Capital outlays 3,105,132

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of lease assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period.
 Amortization expense (15,746)
 Capital outlays 1,056

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of SBITA assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period.
 Amortization expense (61,122)
 Capital outlays 5,332

Certain receivables will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures. This is the amount by which such receivables increased (decreased).
 Property taxes receivable (95,949)
 Operating Grants and Contributions -

Other miscellaneous conversion adjustments -

A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from the general obligation bonds issued during FYE JUNE 30, 2024. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.

A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from the premium on the general obligation bonds issued during FYE JUNE 30, 2024. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.

A portion of the change in fund balances is the current year amortization of the premium on general obligation bonds. The current year amortization of the premium is a reduction of interest expense rather than revenue for the purpose of this statement.

A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from finance leases. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement. (1,056)

A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from financed purchases. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.

A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from SBITAs. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement. (5,332)

The repayment of the principal of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. However, such repayment has no effect on net position.

Differences in the cost and accumulated depreciation on disposed capital assets are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.

Accumulated depreciation of assets disposed -

Right-of-Use assets terminated (1,832)
 Accumulated amortization of assets terminated 1,832

Compensated absences are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which compensated absences (increased)/decreased.
 Accrued vacation payable 16,956

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. -

Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense
 District pension contributions 63,586

Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions (59,040)

Governmental funds report district OPEB contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of OPEB benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as OPEB expense
 District OPEB contributions 13,197

Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions 111,725

Asset Retirement Obligations (AROs) are reported in the statement of net position, but are not reported in governmental funds. This is the amount by which the ARO has increased. -

Finance Lease payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which finance lease payables decreased. 14,451

Financed purchases are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which financed purchases decreased. 119,612

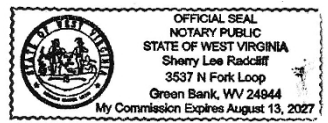
SBITA payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which SBITA payables decreased. 5,332
 Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 3,106,134

We, the undersigned, President, and Secretary of the Board of Education of the County of Pocahontas, hereby state under oath that the preceding attached financial statements of the funds of the Pocahontas Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, are true and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief. However, these statements are unaudited and thereby subject to change.

Emy G. Hill *Sherry Lee Radcliff*
 President Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me in my said County, the 24th day of September 2024.
 State of WV
 County of Pocahontas

Sherry Lee Radcliff
 Notary Public
 My commission expires on the 13th day of August 2027.



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ORIGINAL MEDICARE	Doctor & Hospital Choice	MEDICARE ADVANTAGE
You can go to any doctor or hospital that takes Medicare, anywhere in the U.S.	Specialists	In many cases, you can only use doctors and other providers who are in the plan's network.
In most cases you don't need a referral to see a specialist.	What you pay for services	In most cases, you may need to get a referral to see a specialist.
For Part B-covered services, you usually pay 20% of the Medicare approved amount after you meet your deductible.	What you pay monthly	Out-of-pocket costs vary – plans may have lower or higher out-of-pocket costs for certain services. You may also have an additional premium.
You pay a premium (monthly payment) for Part B.	Medigap	You pay the monthly Part B premium and may also have to pay the plan's premium.
You can choose to buy Medigap to help pay your remaining out-of-pocket costs (like your 20% coinsurance). Or, you can use coverage from a former employer or union, or Medicaid.	Services or Supplies	You can't buy Medigap.
In most cases, you don't need approval for Original Medicare to cover your services or supplies.		In many cases, you may need to get approval from your plan before it covers certain services or supplies.

****Most wording is taken exactly from medicare.gov website in comparison of Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans. Visit medicare.gov yourself for more comparisons in plans. Do your own research.**

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LEGAL NOTICE OF TAX LIENS SOLD
List of tax liens sold in the County of POCAHONTAS on the 3rd day of July, 2024 for the nonpayment of taxes thereon for the year 2022, and purchased by individuals or certified to the Auditor of the State of West Virginia:

Table with 5 columns: Ticket, Taxpayer, Legal Description, Sold To, Amount. Lists various tax liens with details on property addresses, owners, and purchase amounts.

The owner of any real estate listed above, or any other person entitled to pay the taxes thereon, may, however, redeem such real estate as provided by law.

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Given under my hand this 15th day of September, 2024.

Signature of Jeffrey P. Barlow, Pocahontas County Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTIBLES & 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.

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.

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.

First Publication Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024
Claim Deadline: Monday, November 25, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: 14662
ESTATE OF: GAYLE ELIZABETH CARR
CO-EXECUTOR: Keith Allen Branch

ESTATE NUMBER: 14674
ESTATE OF: ARLENE P. REXRODE
EXECUTRIX: Rebecca A. McCarty

ESTATE NUMBER: 14685
ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA HOPE YOUNG
EXECUTOR: Billy Paul Young

ESTATE NUMBER: 14686
ESTATE OF: SUE ANN PECK
ADMINISTRATOR: Donald E. Peck

Subscribed and sworn to before me on September 20, 2024.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
9/26/2c

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTIBLES AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 900 Tenth Avenue Suite C; P. O. Box 209, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Pocahontas County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

First Publication Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024.

ESTATE NAME: MICHAELA MARIE FACEMIRE
2911 Firefly Lane
Albany, Ga 31721
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATRIX: Shiela K. Facemire

ESTATE NAME: JAMES FACEMIRE
23 Dyer Avenue
Richwood, WV 26261-1344
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATRIX: Sheila K. Facemire

Subscribed and sworn to before me on September 27, 2024.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, MICHAEL C. DOSS, Trustee, by virtue of that certain Credit Line Deed of Trust executed by Kristina C. Tobasco, for the benefit of Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Inc., said Credit Line Deed of Trust bearing date the 16th day of March, 2022, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 406, at page 192, the makers, having defaulted in payment of the note secured by said Credit Line Deed of Trust as provided by the terms thereof, and the beneficial holder of the said note, Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Inc., having declared the whole of the indebtedness thereunder to be due and payable; and having demanded the undersigned in writing to make sale of the real estate described in said Credit Line Deed of Trust, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest responsible bidder on the 18th day of October, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at the front steps of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in the City of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, the

premises, being and consisting of the following:

All of those certain lots or parcels of real estate, including the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, all being situate in the Town of Durbin, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and described as follows: Part of Lot 14 and 28 of Block 7, identified as Parcel 39 of Tax Map 4, and part of Lot 14 of Block 7, identified as Parcel 38 of Tax Map 4.

And being the same lots, tracts or parcels of real estate as acquired by Kristina C. Tobasco, by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from Laura Dent Sheets, et. als. said Deed bearing date the 6th day of January, 2020, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 383, at page 529, and further by the provisions of a Quit Claim Deed of Conveyance from Christopher M. Denison, said Deed bearing date the 16th day of March, 2022, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 399, at page 565.

The above-described real estate shall be sold subject to any claims, liens, assessments, taxes, restrictions, covenants, conditions, and encumbrances against the same.

The Trustee shall convey title with covenants of Special Warranty. The purchaser shall pay all taxes due and payable against the said property, the cost of the preparation of the Deed of Conveyance from the Trustee, the cost of any transfer tax and recording fees due upon the recordation of the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: 10% of bid payable to the Trustee on the day of sale and the balance within thirty (30) days.

CONDITION OF SALE: Said property shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder, with the right reserved to the said Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Inc., to bid at said sale and to continue the said sale by declaration from time to time, as they may choose.

Given unto my hand this 27th day of September, 2024.
MICHAEL C. DOSS, TRUSTEE
10/3/2c

PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LAW LICENSE

Jarrell L. Clifton, II, whose West Virginia law license was annulled on November 18, 2015, has petitioned the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals for reinstatement of his law license.

The Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel is soliciting written public comments on the reinstatement petition, with a deadline of November 1, 2024.

Please submit your comments to:

Clifton Public Comments
Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel
4700 MacCorkle Avenue SE, Suite 1200
Charleston, WV 25304

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SEEKING EQUIPMENT QUOTES

The Town of Marlinton is accepting quotes for the purchase of a John Deere 35G Compact Excavator 2021 or newer.

- Must have:
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- 24" bucket
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The Town of Marlinton is also accepting quotes for the purchase of a Bushmaster mx401-42sl with windshield screen. Quotes will be accepted until Friday, October 5, 2024, and may be submitted to:

Town of Marlinton
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The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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NCWVCAA SEEKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

North Central WV Community Action Association (NCWVCAA) Head Start/Early Head Start is seeking agency representatives, community individuals, and past Head Start/Early Head Start parents to serve on its Policy Council, Health Advisory, Educations Advisory, and Family and Community Engagement Advisory.

Persons desiring to serve in this capacity should submit a letter of interest to Courtney Cummins, Program Specialist Supervisor, at 146 Terrace Manor, Fairmont, WV 26554. Letters must be received no later than October 11, 2024.

North Central Head Start operates in Barbour, Marion, Monongalia, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, and Webster Counties. Early Head Start operates in Barbour, Marion, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, and Webster Counties. Both are programs of NCWVCAA.
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POCAHONTAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The Pocahontas County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission will be conducting competitive examination testing for entry level Deputy Sheriff position(s).

The written test will be given at the Pocahontas County Courthouse Friday, October 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States and be between age 18 and 45. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. Successful applicants shall become a resident of Pocahontas County within (6) months of their hire date.

Deputy Sheriffs are full-time benefited positions, including retirement, medical insurance, vacation, and sick leave. Initial annual uncertified officer salary is \$40,000, increased to \$42,500 upon completion of Academy and increased to \$45,000 after twelve months of Academy Certification. WV Certified Officers in good standing start at \$42,500 and increased to \$45,000 upon completion of a twelve-month probationary period.

Applications may be obtained from the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office or the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office.

Applications must be received by the County Clerk's Office no later than the close of business Monday, October 21, 2024.

The applications may be dropped off or mailed to 900C Tenth Avenue Marlinton WV 24954.

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FIELD NOTES

Ward Kelly, of Knapps Creek, brings in the unusual in the way of a big seng root with 50 or more sprangling tops. These tops were of various sizes, mostly one and two prongs. He naturally supposed here was a case of where a big burl of seed had fallen in the ground and

grown up around a good sized seng stock. Digging in, it was found the stalks all had sprung from the bud and a big root. I have known of a big seng root putting up two and sometimes three stalks in good growing years, but 50 or more is a freak which does best all.

My young friend Leslie J. Akers left some chestnut burrs at this office last week. He gathered them on Clover Creek, from green limbs on

And that's how it all happens.

Thanks to those who wrote in with questions this week. I always love getting feedback—and especially love follow-up questions! (Providing information is, after all, one of the main functions of a library!)

If there's a topic you'd like to see covered or if you have follow-up questions about a column, drop me a line at joe@pocahontaslibrary.org

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DEATHS

Mrs. Florence Sampson, 89, of Huntersville, and Covington, Virginia; born at McDowell, Virginia, the widow of Clifford Sampson. Funeral service from the VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Vada Wilmoth, 81, of Durbin, a lifelong resident of Durbin; funeral service from the Durbin Church of the Brethren with burial in the Wilmoth Cemetery.

Mrs. Mattie Hively Deputy, 78, of Dunmore, a

daughter of the late David and Louise Hively. Funeral service from the Baxter Presbyterian Church with burial in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Mrs. Bessie McCarty, 82, of Huntersville, a daughter of the late Wallace and Nancy McLaughlin. Funeral service was held from Huntersville Methodist Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Edmond T. Jackson, 69, of Marlinton, a son of the late Claude and Alice Mayse Jackson. Service held from VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Allie F. Burgess, 95,

of Marlinton, widow of James A. Burgess. Born at Woodrow, a daughter of the late John W. and Margaret Barlow.

BIT OF HUMOR

Adolescence is a period of rapid changes. Between 12 and 17, for example, a parent ages as much as 20 years.

Maybe grandma had more time to cook because she didn't have to spend so much time reading the ingredients on the label.

The doctor told my friend he needed more leafy greens in his diet, so he switched from martinis to mint juleps.

Poverty is a condition we try to conceal at the time, and then brag about it later in our memoir.

History, from page 7

ing toward us with an outstretched hand and we have grasped it with a fervor acquired by us from our office-hunting relatives. We ask him how all the folks are, and he says all are well except mother, who is only middling. First clue to his name which we have forgotten – he has a mother in delicate health. He then says he wants to pay us a year's subscription. Horrors! He is an "old subscriber," and we cannot place him.

We take the tendered dollar, of course, and get ready to write a receipt.

"How shall I write your name?" we inquire feelingly. "G. S.," he says.

"Oh! I know, but how shall I spell your surname?"

"J-O-N-E-S, Jones," he replies freezingly, and he looks as if he wanted his dollar back, and we murmur something about this face being familiar and his name having slipped our memory, and between us two is a great gulf fixed that cannot be

bridged over...

WEDDINGS

An unostentatious and pleasant society event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McNeill, on Dry Branch of Swago, on September 28, at 4 p.m. when their daughter, Miss Nebraska Joanna and Othello Hunter Kee were joined in the holy estate of matrimony by Rev. W. T. Price, an elegant ring being used in the ceremony.

The bride is a well-known teacher in public school. The groom, eldest son of Aaron Kee, has been for some years, attached as a guard at the Weston Hospital. An inviting repast enjoyed by twenty or more guests, was served at the home of the bride, and a reception was tendered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Kee on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kee departed for Weston Monday, which will be their home for the time being.

A society event was solemnized at the home of the bride near Glade Hill

Wednesday, September 27, 1899, at 9 a.m. when F. H. Warwick and Miss Bertie Nottingham were united in holy wedlock. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Harvey Nottingham, and the groom is a son of P. J. Warwick. At 10 a.m., Mr. and Mrs. Warwick left on a bridal tour to Washington.

Miss Nora Boblett and Mr. Seymour Gladwell were married at Marvin Chapel September 27, 1899. This church was decorated with autumn flowers. A large number of friends witnessed the ceremony. Miss Nora is an excellent young lady and Mr. Gladwell is a young man of promise. We wish them both great prosperity.

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6636 - Rupert. 1.91 acre nicely wooded fishing lot on the Meadow River. Public sewer and water. Owner Financing. No restrictions. Great for camper. - \$24,000



6685 - Seebert. 2BR/1BA home on a 1.59 acre lot within a half-mile of the Greenbrier River and Trail and Watoga State Park. Out of floodplain. - \$240,000



6670 - Marlinton. 3BR/2BA home with covered front and back porches; detached garage; one-room bunkhouse; outbuildings. - \$149,000



6624 - Boyer. 4BR/1BA unfinished cabin with wraparound deck on 11.4 mostly private acres. Views of mountain range. Near Greenbrier River Trail. - \$122,000



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