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60 years of SETI – the search continues

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

For more than 60 years, astronomers, scientists and physicists have tried to answer the question – is their intelligent life outside of Earth?

At the Durbin Lions Club meeting last Tuesday, Green Bank Observatory Scientist Emeritus Jay Lockman presented a program on the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence – SETI – and the discoveries that have been made in the process.

Lockman, who previously worked for the NRAO in Charlottesville, Virginia, began his career at the Green Bank facility in 1993 with

the intention of staying for just one year. Now, 31 years later, he reflects on all the work and accomplishments made during his time there.

“Lately, I’ve been talking about this particular topic because it really interests me,” he said. “That is the Scientific Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.”

In doing research through SETI, many questions are asked – is Earth special? Is there intelligent life on other planets? Did there used to be intelligent life on other planets? Where have they gone? Why don’t they communicate?

Those questions drove astrophysicist and astrobiologist Frank Drake to begin the

search in 1960. He came to Green Bank and used the Tatel telescope to see if he could pick up radio signals from two nearby stars.

“No one had ever done that with enough sensitivity to have a chance of success,” Lockman said.

“Frank looked, saw nothing, and that got the ball rolling. A year later, at Green Bank, was the first conference on communications with extraterrestrials. There were about a dozen to fifteen people in the lounge there in the residence hall. They spent three or four days talking about the possibilities.”

“Green Bank has been the center for SETI studies ever since.”

It was in that same lounge that Drake created the Drake equation which is used to estimate the number of intelligent civilizations in the cosmos. This equation is integral in the search.

So, the question has been asked over and over again – is there anyone out there?

“We know from life on Earth, you need a star to provide the energy,” Lockman said. “You need a planet to live on. You want the planet to be not too hot and not too cold. This is often called the Goldilocks criteria. You want it to have life and to have intelligent life.”

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Carrying on the legacy

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

When she was a little girl, Autumn Warder worked for her Pap and Gran at Meck’s Bakery. The granddaughter of James and Karen Meck, her most vivid memories are of helping at the bakery and learning how to bake.

“Pap was the person I learned from because he was more hands on,” she said. “Gran would do what was behind the scenes. He did the studies and the creativity of the recipe tweaking.”

Warder kept up her baking hobby after the bakery closed in 2008 and was encouraged by the need for baked goods to start her own business this year called Meck’s Legacy Bakery.

“I’ve always liked baking,” she said. “People were

always saying, ‘hey, you should make me this, you should make me that.’ It’s just progressed from there.”

Warder moved to Green Bank after marrying Drake Warder. Between Green Bank and her job at Snowshoe, she grew a fan base to the point where she now supplies baked goods for The Snowshoe Hare, in Slaty Fork; Cass Trading Post and Homegrown Harvest in Green Bank.

Carrying on the work of her Pap, Warder uses a lot of the family recipes to bake breads, cinnamon rolls, sticky buns, pepperoni rolls and more. She has also done some tweaking of her own for customers who have food allergies.

“Long fermented sourdough is gluten free friendly,” she said. “You can

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FOLLOWING IN THE footsteps of her grandparents who owned and operated Meck’s Bakery in Cass, Autumn Warder has started her own bakery named Meck’s Legacy Bakery. Photo courtesy of Autumn Warder

A dusting of what’s to come



FARMERS LOOK FOR grass in the spring, and Snowshoe Resort anxiously awaits the first snow of the winter season. It was a short wait this year, with snow falling October 14-15. Photo courtesy of Snowshoe Resort

Royal Warriors



THE STUDENT BODY of Pocahontas County High School elected Ellena Bauserman and Trenton Brock as this year’s Homecoming Queen and King. The two were crowned at halftime of the PCHS vs Wirt County Football game Friday night. PCHS photo

Memorial donation



THE TOWN OF Marlinton received a \$25,000 donation last week to be used for the Roger L. Trusler Memorial Park. The donation was from Roger’s brother, Arthur G. Trusler, Jr. and Roger’s nephew, Arthur G. Trusler, III.

A memorial fund has been established for donations which will be used for construction of park facilities in spring/summer 2025.

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All aboard



THIS PHOTO SHOWS the Marlinton Depot in 1945 and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's Brill railcar #9055 on its daily passenger run on the railroad's Greenbrier Division. It traveled from Ronceverte to Bartow and back.

Passenger service ended in 1958. All rail service ended with the line's abandonment in 1978. Photo courtesy of Dave Watson from Abandoned Railroads in WV



PICTURED FROM LEFT: JJ Potts, Susan Wilkins and Lori Riggsby.

PMH receives award

JJ Potts, on behalf of the Center for Organ Recovery and Education and Donate Life West Virginia, presented a Platinum Award to Lori Riggsby, RN, and PMH Public Relations and Special Projects Coordinator Susan Wilkins in recognition of Pocahontas Memorial Hospital's participation in the "Donate Life WV Hospital Challenge."

The Platinum Award is the second highest level of recognition in the competition. This is the fifth Platinum award (and seventh

award total) PMH has received since 2017 when it first began participating in the challenge to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation.

Some of the awareness activities at PMH for the 2024 challenge included a flag raising ceremony, educational rounding and presentations for staff and board, PSAs on the local radio station, articles and ads in the newspaper, posters or displays in the hospital and community, and an extensive social media campaign.

911 Center Report

Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Michael O'Brien provided the following report of the 660 calls received by the 911 center during the month of September:

- Nature of Call/
Total Calls Received**
- 911 ABD, open, hang-up – 44
 - Abandoned vehicle – 3
 - Accidental dial – 4
 - Agency assistance – 3
 - Law, animal control – 9
 - Assault/battery – 2
 - Accident with injuries – 6
 - Auto accident – 18
 - Law, breaking and entering – 5
 - Fire, brush – 1
 - CAD2CAD – 2

Law, citizen assist/non-emergency – 20
Controlled burn – 5
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General Election Dates and Details

Deadline for Application to vote Absentee by mail is Wednesday, October 30. Don't wait until the last minute. Applications are available now.

Early voting at the courthouse will begin Wednesday,

October 23, and continue through Saturday, November 2, in the commission room. Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must use the handicapped entrance.

Sample ballots will be published in *The Pocahontas Times* October 17 and October 31.

For more information, contact the Office of the Pocahontas County Clerk at 304-799-4549.

Circuit Court

The following hearings were recently held in Pocahontas County Circuit Court before the Honorable Judge Robert E. Richardson:

Bond was modified in the case the State vs Jeremy D. Moore, 39, of Marlinton, to allow the defendant to have drug screenings through Saint Joseph Recovery, rather than the Day Report Center, and to allow him to leave the state for employment purposes.

Joseph Lynn Thompson, 33, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jails for a status hearing. Defense counsel asked that bond be reinstated. The state asked that Thompson remain incarcerated since he failed to appear for a hearing in this case and in magistrate cases. Thompson remains incarcerated.

Andrew Baybutt, 50, of Mechanicsville, Virginia, waived his right to a speedy trial during this term of court. Trial is set for January 29, 2025. Baybutt was indicted by the December 2022 Grand Jury on two counts, sexual abuse by a parent of a child, and two counts, sexual abuse in the first degree.

Trial is set for December 10 in the case the State vs Ayden Carroll, 21, of Cass. Carroll was indicted on four counts, sexual assault in the third degree; and two counts, sexual abuse, third degree.

At a sentencing hearing July 31, Skylar Tincher, 25,

of Buckeye, was sentenced to the state penitentiary for a determinate sentence of five years, with 135 days' credit for time served. A hearing regarding credit for time served was held September 25, wherein defense counsel filed a written motion to disqualify prosecuting attorney Joni Nichols as she was Judge Richardson's law clerk. The matter was continued. Tincher had pleaded guilty to the felony offense of wanton endangerment involving the use of a firearm and a lesser included offense of malicious assault.

Jacob McClure, 34, of Marlinton waived his right to a speedy trial in this term of court. The matter is moved to the December term. McClure was indicted on one count, sexual assault in the second degree; one count, sexual abuse, first degree.

Courtney Fay Wilfong, 38, of Marlinton, has been ac-

cepted into drug court, and a change of plea, as Courtney Kincaid, is set for October 23. Wilfong/Kincaid was indicted on one count, burglary; one count, conspiracy; one count, petit larceny; two counts, conspiracy; one count, receiving or transferring stolen goods.

Plea negotiations are in the works in the case the State vs Joshua Kincaid, 38, of Marlinton. Kincaid waived his right to a speedy trial during this term of court. The matter is continued to December 18. Kincaid was indicted on one count, conspiracy; two counts, conspiracy; one count, receiving or transferring stolen goods.

A remote status hearing was scheduled in the case the State vs Philip Curtis Leone, 40, of Monterville. Leone has recently been incarcerated.

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Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

Last week, the Washington Post's Department of Data project ran an article looking at library use in the United States. The Post uncovered a survey from April of this year that asked more than 50 library-related questions.

The results are fascinating.

It turns out that Pocahontas County Libraries defy pretty much every nationwide trend.

Across the country, the people who are most likely to use public libraries are adults under age 30, people living in urban areas, people who attend religious services at least once a month and Democrats.

And, nationwide, library patrons are more likely to be financially well-off. About 30 percent of respondents making more than \$100,000 per year visit a library at least monthly. The figure falls to 20 percent for those making under \$50,000 annually.

While attending religious services at least once per month is a good indicator of library use, the results vary widely among different religions. About 41 percent of people who identify with a major non-Christian religion (Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Buddhist) use libraries at least once per month. Just 19 percent of Protestants do so. Catholics and atheist/agnostics come in at 31 and 28 percent, respectively.

The survey also uncovered stark differences across different age groups—adults under the age of 44 were twice as likely to use the library regularly as those aged 45 and older.

But the thing I found really interesting is that all those demographic differences disappear when you control for a single variable: people who live in rural areas are far less likely to use libraries than those in urban areas.

That's a significant finding.

After all, our entire county is officially classified as rural. Indeed, West Virginia has the third-highest percentage of population living in rural areas—about 55 percent of us. Only Vermont (65%) and Maine (61%) have higher percentages of rural residents.

Demographically, we resemble groups that the Post found don't use the library regularly. The median county resident is 49 years old, earns under \$50,000 annually and identifies as Protestant and conservative.

And yet, last year, we had more than 33,000 visits—the equivalent of just under five visits per resident. Library patrons here access library materials at a far higher rate than those in surrounding rural counties, as well.

So why do we defy so many nationwide trends?

Access. The Post found that proximity is the big factor in the gap in library use between urban and rural residents. People in urban areas live much closer to libraries than those in rural areas.

Other demographic splits are downstream of location. That is, we see higher library use among those who are young, liberal, non-Protestant because those are the people who live in cities and thus close to a library. But older, more conservative Protestants who live in a city are about as likely to use the library as their demographic counterparts.

Pocahontas County Libraries has branches near where people live.

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The Bird Nest

A Pocahontas County
Halloween Story

Ken Springer
Contributing Writer

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." ~ Shakespeare

The young girl knew every inch of the hills and hollers surrounding her grandparent's Pocahontas County farm. At ten years of age, the precocious child could show you the best locations for gathering ramps, morels and ginseng.

Mary Margaret Bigham knew the location of ice caves, a necessity for making ice cream throughout the summer months. She knew where every natural spring was for several miles in each direction, much to the local bootleggers' delight.

Mary Margaret's grandfather taught her to identify birds by their song and to recognize the tracks of every varmint and feathered friend living in the verdant valleys and mountains surrounding the farm.

Yet, her favorite place to play was a pawpaw patch, and she didn't tell anyone about her secret spot. It was where she tried to remember as much as she could about her mother.

It was 1933, the height of the Great Depression, and young Mary Margaret resided with her loving, but aging grandparents, Jonah and Gracie Aiken.

Her broken-hearted father, Richard, served in the Oregon Civilian Conservation Corps. A famous quip during the Depression was, "You couldn't buy a job."

At least the CCC offered

young men a job and a regular paycheck.

When Mary Margaret was only eight, her comely raven-haired mother, Helen, went off into the woods one spring day to forage for wild mustard greens and was never seen or heard from again.

Well over a hundred neighbors and friends—men and women—searched every nook and cranny of Pocahontas and surrounding counties for over a month looking for Helen, but to no avail.

Shortly after Helen's sudden disappearance, rumors began circulating throughout the county. Some speculated that she ran off with a wealthy coal baron, while others surmised that she had taken her own life; neither was even remotely true. Helen loved her family with all her heart.

The family's grief was only heightened by not knowing what had happened to Helen. Mary Margaret missed her mother terribly and often cried herself to sleep at night. Her grandparents tried their best to console her, but life with a broken and distant father and no mother was a challenge for the young lass.

Both of her sets of grandparents were of Scots Irish descent, and they brought their traditions and values of hard work to West Virginia. They also carried their superstitious beliefs from the old country.

On her mother's side, Mary Margaret's great-grandmother was said to have had abilities that they called the "gift," also known as An Da Shealladh or "sec-



ond sight."

Granny Aiken suspected that little Mary Margaret also possessed the gift of

anomalous cognition. She seemed to know where lost
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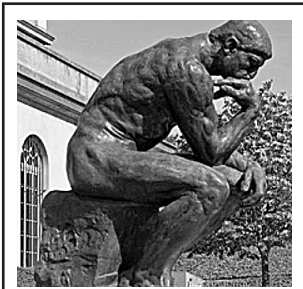
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4 P.M. - TRICK OR TREAT, BUS TRAIN, HALLOWEEN THEMED PETTING ZOO, KIDS' GAMES, CONCESSIONS

6 P.M. - KIDS' TRAIL

7 - 9 P.M. - HAUNTED TRAIL



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2. In the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird," what was Atticus Finch's occupation?
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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Tree trimmings and tree removal are not the only things that were removed this past week. The Demo bid, that was accepted on September 9, resulted in six more vacant or abandoned structures being removed, as well. The seventh structure and a small shed-type building should be removed by the time you read this. Another round of demolition activity is planned for spring/summer 2025.

What began as a tentative plan for a First Avenue Park in Memory of Roger L. Trusler, is turning into a plan for spring/summer 2025. Contributions have begun to come in to the Town's special account for that purpose. Now, we need your contribution to make the park what we would like for it to be.

On September 26, I served my last meeting as Board Chairman of The Regional

Optical Communications (ROC). ROC began as an 11-county effort of Region 1 and Region 4 Planning and Development Councils. The sole purpose and mission of ROC was the promotion and implementation of Broadband throughout the region. By applying for and receiving an ARC Power Grant, ROC pooled the resources that made possible the hiring of The Thrasher Group to create a statewide study. The completed study became a model for the state and is now being used by the development office. This work enabled West Virginia to be the third state in the nation to gain eligibility for The Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

BEAD is to provide \$42.45 billion dollars to expand high-speed internet ac-

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What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Cabbage Roll Soup

1 medium yellow onion, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

1-pound green cabbage, thinly sliced and chopped into 1-inch pieces

2 medium carrots, diced

1 Tbsp. olive oil

1-pound lean ground beef

1 1/2 tsp. paprika

1 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

32 oz. beef broth

14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes

8 oz. can tomato sauce

1 cup water

2 Tbsp. packed light brown sugar

1 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce

1 tsp. apple cider vinegar

1 bay leaf

1/2 cup uncooked long grain white rice

2 Tbsp. fresh parsley coarsely chopped

Place diced onion and garlic in a bowl. Place chopped cabbage and diced carrots in another bowl. Heat olive oil in large pot or Dutch oven over medium high heat until shimmering. Add onion and garlic, ground beef, paprika, salt and pepper and cook, breaking up meat into small pieces with a wooden spoon until beef is cooked through and onions softened, 10-12 minutes.

and cabbage are tender, 30-40 minutes. Discard bay leaf, taste for seasonings. Garnish with parsley. Serves 6-8.

Cheddar Chive Biscuits

1 3/4 cups flour

2 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

5 Tbsp. cold unsalted butter

1/2 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

2 Tbsp. minced fresh chives

3/4 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheet. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and pepper into a large bowl. Using a pastry blender or 2 knives cut butter into dry ingredients until mixture resembles coarse meal. Or grate the butter into the dry ingredients and mix well. Add cheese and chives and stir to blend.

Make a well in the center of the mixture, add buttermilk and stir vigorously until batter comes away from side of bowl, about 1 minute.

Drop in 2 Tbsp. amounts spaced 2-3 inches apart on lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake until golden brown, 12-15 minutes.

Makes about 20 biscuits.

Letters to the Editor

Open Letter to Pocahontas County Residents

Subject: County Residents Hazard Mitigation/Flood Buyout Public Meeting

I would like to begin by thanking Cory Clay and Tammy Sneed of the West Virginia Emergency Management Division for traveling from Charleston to brief county residents on Floodplain Mitigation procedures and available funding. Although they were scheduled here by the town of Marlinton, the mitigation procedures/rules and available funding applies to all of Pocahontas County as well as Marlinton residents.

Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. It begins with state, tribal and local

governments identifying natural disaster risks and vulnerabilities that are common in their area. There are thousands of dollars in grant money available that can be used to purchase and tear down houses in the floodplain areas or raise the foundations and other financial support for people with property in the floodplain areas. Floodplain mitigation projects are very important to the town of Marlinton, town of Durbin, and Pocahontas County residents that live in the floodplains. Any grants used to support the county, Durbin or Marlinton residents must be approved by those entities before being distributed.

I find it interesting that neither the Mayor of Marlinton, no one from the Marlinton Town Council, and/or no

one from the Pocahontas County Commission found it necessary to attend the important briefing to learn about the Floodplain Hazard Mitigation benefits of the residents they serve, especially since it was planned ahead of time, and everyone was notified.

Any mitigation funds distributed must be approved by them prior to requesting outside funds.

David J. Cain
Marlinton

Editor,

I find the decision outlined in *The Pocahontas Times* that the buildings at some of the Green Box Sites which are used by the community to make available free items that still have some life left for adoption are going to be sold or destroyed and placed

in the landfill, foolish and uncaring.

The current system allows items that still have useful life to find a new home and be recycled and not end up in a landfill, rapidly approaching capacity. A lot of folks at all income levels have benefited from this approach for many years. I think it is time that any significant decision like this to include the obligation of funds for special projects should be voted on by the entire community rather than decided by some politicians playing King. Now the response by the politicians will probably be that if we did this, we will never be able to do these special projects. Well, guess what, it's our money and not yours.

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Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE

The Onlies will bring its unique blend of fiddles, guitars and banjos to the historic stage Friday, October 25, at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$10, are available in advance from the 4th Avenue Gallery and online at pocahontasoperahouse.org or at the door the evening of the event. Ages 17 and younger are admitted free.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Dunmore Community Association Volunteer Workday Saturday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dunmore Community Center.

Steve Williams, Democratic candidate for Governor of West Virginia, and Patrick Morrissey, Republican candidate, will participate in a debate, hosted by Hoppy Kercheval, Tuesday, October 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. on WV MetroNews.

MEETINGS

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tee Monday, October 21, 6 p.m. at McClintic Library. Open to the public. Contact Jay Miller at jvmiller2008@gmail.com for the Zoom connection.

Pocahontas County Vietnam Veterans of America Wednesday, October 23, 7 p.m. at McClintic Library.

The Pocahontas County Chapter of the West Virginia Farm Bureau and Pocahontas Producers Livestock Cooperative will hold their Annual Dinner

and Meeting Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Opera House. To attend, please RSVP by calling the WVU Extension Office at 304-799-4852 before 3 p.m. Friday October 18.

Allegheny Post 117 meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, has been canceled. Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19.

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1 17-year locusts, e.g.

8 Intercede

14 Errant

20 Lovingly, on music scores

21 Daintily small

22 Planet shape

23 Big baboon

25 Jewel units

26 Nov. lead-in

27 "Gloria in Excelsis" —

28 Lapel inserts

29 Begin a losing streak

30 Serengeti grazer

31 Founder of long-billed bird, sticky-tongued predator

36 Houston coll.

38 Singer Sumac

39 Singer Irene

40 Part of NYSE

41 "Love Me or Leave Me" singer

43 Great anger

46 — loss

48 Kanga's son

49 Mountain cat, platted burrower, marine crustacean

56 Comic Daniel

57 "La Cage — Folles"

58 Grizzlies, e.g.

59 Overjoys

63 "Funny Girl" director

65 Contend (for)

66 Aggressive shorebirds

67 Arctic cetacean, swamp snapper, arboreal ape

73 Not alfresco

74 Tea holder

75 Like dunes

76 City of south India

77 Founder of Bolshevism

79 Suffix with hotel

80 Writers Tan and Lowell

84 Pink wader, forest anthropoid, aquatic sucker

88 Hasty escape

91 Riser at dawn

92 Pester

93 Singer Willie

94 Tuba material

97 Lunch, e.g.

100 Tree of Iowa

103 Milk, in Mexico

104 Scavenging dog, woolly Peruvian, leaf-munching crawler

109 Onion relatives

110 Low cards

111 "Bolch- —" (old hit song)

112 High card

115 "Monster" star

116 Prairie canine, destructive insect, colorful fish

120 Successively

121 Fought

122 "Agreed"

123 Wee

124 Accent

125 Made of clay

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1 Hunter's garb, in brief

2 Apple desktop

3 Website notice to get customer service

4 Ending for dull

5 Palme — (Cannes film award)

6 Digression

7 Exclusively

8 Health facility

9 Arizona city

10 Online sales

11 Lunch on the grass, e.g.

12 Lake feeding the Mississippi

13 Part of NYSE

14 Chichi scarf

15 Interstices

16 Larynx locale

17 One showing houses

18 Erté's genre

19 "Agreed"

24 Weaver's frame

29 Biting pests

31 Equine sound

32 Yellowfin, say

33 Remunerated

34 Kuwaitis, e.g.

35 "Notorious" film studio

36 Four-sided geom. shape

37 Langston Hughes poem

42 Ill-defined situations

44 BBQ meat bit

45 Altitude

47 Exited right after chowing

50 Ruminates

51 Skating leap

52 Milk, in France

53 Treats often dipped in milk

54 Somber song

55 Sauce brand

60 Hanoi holiday

61 Noted time

62 IRS datum

63 Ridge on a fingerprint

64 Grow mature

66 Actress

67 Pick-up-sticks logic game

68 One or more

69 Aves.

70 Kin of "Arf!"

71 Hammered musical disk

72 Stair support

77 First form fill-in, often

78 Gp. backing arms

80 Cop — (haggle in court)

81 Nickname for the Devil

82 Michelle of "Tomorrow Never Dies"

83 Auld lang —

85 Ailment causing swelling

86 Horror film assistant

87 Pell- — (chaotic)

88 JFK follower

89 Weaver of Greek myth

90 Heavy knife

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Crouching Tigers, hidden Warriors

Mitchell B. Koerber
Student Sports Journalist

The Pocahontas County High School Homecoming game did not go as expected.

“I think we could have played better, but we had fun.” Warrior Harley Bennett said about the 67 – 12 loss to the Wirt County Tigers.

Everyone was excited to see a fist-pumping match up for PCHS but were left quite disappointed by the harsh outcome. Despite the score, there were still some great plays from our courageous Warriors.

This year’s Homecoming started off with a bang. An “exciting time” was an understatement, as the week featured all the normal Homecoming activities – parades, bon-fires, etc. The game, on Friday night, even included the delivery of the game ball via helicopter. The fans didn’t disappoint either, as a large crowd gathered at Warrior Field.

As for the action on the field, the game saw some fireworks, as well. Sophomore, #3 Morgan Beverage leapt to catch an outstanding touchdown pass 9-yards away from Sophomore, #9 Gavin Delair, during the first quarter. Continuing our sophomore highlights, #34 Austin Price, runs the ball with animalistic speed and makes a tremendous and titanic 44-yard touchdown. But the Warriors would suffer an excruciating blow, when

early in the game, Sophomore, #1 Logan Keatley and Junior, #5 Haydon Moore would both go down with injuries. Keatley with an Injury to his knee and Moore with the same ankle injury he suffered in the Greenbrier West game in week 4.

“We started off good but got down in the second half,” said Junior Jacob Bennett. “Some of our best players, Haydon and Logan, got hurt. We’ve just got to keep working as a team.” Bennett also commented on the consequences of last year missing the off-season workouts.

“Last year, we didn’t really hit weights much. We [have] started off with a bang. An “exciting time” was an understatement, as the week featured all the normal Homecoming activities – parades, bon-fires, etc. The game, on Friday night, even included the delivery of the game ball via helicopter. The fans didn’t disappoint either, as a large crowd gathered at Warrior Field.

The lack of off season training last year is producing what seems to be a recurring theme. The Warriors fight hard and can hang with the other schools for the first half, but their bench isn’t deep, and they are not in the best condition due the lack of workouts from last year.

The fans, however, were able to witness some new talent.

Freshman, #73 Harley Bennett, late in the game played excellent on the defensive line. He made multiple tackles and really impressed the coaches. His future looks very bright as a lineman for the Warriors.

The team will travel to Pendleton County this week to face the 4-2 Wildcats. Game time is at 7 p.m.

Perhaps you know a Walter

by R.A. Mathews

Walter Geoffrey, a French bulldog, became an internet sensation years ago when his mom began placing videos of Walter online. I remember one that had more than 16 million views. Walter and his mom were out for a drive, and she had passed the park. Walter saw this. Even though she tried to explain that the park was closed, Walter had a meltdown.

If you haven’t laughed today, Google “Walter Geoffrey.” You won’t be disappointed. His barking outbursts are hilarious.

Often in relationships, the party with the most power tends to be the least diplomatic. I’ll let you figure out who’s who in Walter Geoffrey’s world.

In the Bible, a military captain knew he had the upper hand when the king of Israel dispatched him to bring in a holy man named Elijah.

It seems King Ahaziah feared for his life after suffering a bad fall and had sent messengers to ask the god, Baal-zebub, if he would recover. But the messengers had been turned back by Elijah who said, “Is it because there’s no God in Israel, that you’re going to inquire of Baal-zebub?”

Elijah then said the faithless king was going to die.

When Ahaziah heard those dire words, he asked

for a description of the prophet and knew it was Elijah.

That’s when the king sent the captain with fifty men to get the holy man. The troops found the prophet sitting on a hill, and the captain then ordered him to come down.

I guarantee that this captain used a tone that meant business. I say this not just because the party with the most power tends to be the least diplomatic but also because Elijah didn’t come down. Instead, the prophet summoned fire from heaven.

Not the first time.

In fact, you could call Elijah the pyro-prophet. Years earlier, in a big display before the people of Northern Israel, Elijah had called down fire from heaven to burn a sacrifice on an altar and prove the power of God. (1 Kings 18:38)

But since there was no altar, why did Elijah want fire? Here it is—

The fire descended and burned up the captain and his fifty men, protecting Elijah from the evil king’s troops.

Ahaziah immediately dispatched another captain with fifty men. Apparently, this second captain hadn’t put two and two together, because he also thought he was more powerful than the holy man. The captain proceeded to demand that Elijah come down from the hill.

Same thing happened—Elijah called for fire from heaven and the captain and his men were destroyed.

Ahaziah then dispatched a third captain with fifty men, but this commander fell to his knees before Elijah. The military man knew what was what. The captain said, “Please let my life and the lives of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight.”

An angel immediately told Elijah, “Go, do not be afraid.”

So, Elijah went with them. The prophet appeared before the king and said, “Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, you shall surely die.” And Ahaziah died. (2 Kings 1:2-17 ESV) Did it have to go that way?

Ahaziah wasn’t nearly as evil as his father, King Ahab. Scripture says, “There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord like Ahab...” (1 Kings 21:25 ESV) In fact, years earlier, the prophet Elijah had gone to King Ahab with a similar prophecy. “Because you’ve sold yourself to do what’s evil, I will utterly burn you up...”

King Ahab didn’t want to be burned up by the pyro-prophet. The king tore his clothes, fasted, and laid down dejected in sackcloth.

God saw this and said to Elijah, “Have you seen how Ahab has humbled



R.A. Mathews

himself before me? Because (of this) I will not bring the disaster in his days...” (1 Kings 21:29 ESV)

So, Ahab’s son knew to repent and turn to God, but he died in his pride...

If you know a person barking their way through life, much like Walter Geoffrey, you might want to share this column with them. If that person is you, stop and consider whether you’re treating the person with lesser status than you would want to be treated.

God sees.

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“Finally, life that can communicate because it does us no good to have a water world filled with hyper intelligent dolphins,” he continued. “They’re not going to build radio transmitters. We won’t be able to communicate with them.”

Before 1990, humans were only aware of nine planets – now eight (sorry, Pluto) – in the solar system in the Milky Way. But is it possible there are other stars out there like our sun that could be orbited by planets?

There are. “They started in 1990,” Lockman said. “There was a program – a series of telescopes dedicated to seeing if there were other planets around stars. Somebody likened this to trying to see the light of a firefly against a lighthouse beacon. It’s really tough. But it’s happened.”

Lockman shared an animated video from NASA that shows the progress of planet discoveries between 1990 and 2022. The planets are represented by circles that appear on the screen as they are discovered, and they are accompanied by a musical note.

The notes indicate the length of a year on the planets – high notes are short years; low notes are long years.

As the video starts, there is silence, then a blip and then another. Before long, as the counter raises, the musical notes hit a crescendo and create almost a symphony of sound. By the end of the clip, in 2022, 5,005 exoplanets were on the screen.

From that point, Lockman said it’s time to go back to that checklist to see if any of those planets could have supported life.

It’s easier to study planets that are nearby, so the focus was on Mars and Venus, the two planets closest to Earth. They both revolve around the sun and are within a distance that is “just right” according to the Goldilocks

criteria.

So, is there or has there ever been life on Mars or Venus? At this point, that’s still an unanswered question.

It took a billion years or more after Earth was first formed for complex life to appear. That complex life went through many cycles to get us to where we are today.

“I was reading an article the other day about finding rocks that are two million years old that still have living bacteria in them,” Lockman said. “So, life is very stubborn, and it appears as soon as it can.”

Could Mars support life? “Maybe at one time, but not now,” Lockman said.

“Here’s the thing, we now know Mars doesn’t really have an atmosphere,” he said. “The markings that people thought were canals were, in fact, just surface features seen through a blurry telescope. In fact, Mars is pretty inhospitable, and the reason it doesn’t have an atmosphere is interesting. It’s because it doesn’t have a magnetic field.”

The Earth has a magnetic field that protects the atmosphere from sun flares and other things the sun throws its way.

“When the sun’s wind hits the magnetic fields, you get aurora and we’re in the midst of solar activity,” Lockman said. “If we didn’t have a magnetic field, that wind would strip off the atmosphere, so that’s what happened to Mars.

“It may have had an atmosphere in the past,” he continued. “It may have developed life in the past of which there might still be remnants, but now it’s barren and lost its atmosphere because it didn’t have a magnetic field.”

What about Venus? It was less likely to support life than Mars.

“Venus is completely enshrouded in clouds and although it’s closer to the sun than the Earth. By the way, the clouds reflect sunlight – that’s why Venus is so bright,” he said. “So, the

amount of sunlight that reaches the surface on Venus is the same that reaches the surface on Earth.

Past those clouds, though, the surface of Venus is even more inhospitable than Mars.

“We discovered only in the 1960s – a lot of this happened here in Green Bank – we discovered the surface of Venus is really hellish,” Lockman said. “It is so hot that you could melt lead on the surface. There are no oceans. It’s just incredibly hot.”

With those two planets pretty much eliminated, there’s still plenty of exoplanets out there that could possibly meet the criteria. The most important aspect of that is the intelligent life with the ability to communicate.

But because of the distance of these planets from Earth and the length of time it takes for signals to go from Point A to Point B, it’s a bit more complicated.

“It has to live long enough,” Lockman said. “If you have a civilization out there that gets to the point where it can communicate, but then a hundred years later stops, we’re not going to have contact.”

There are many reasons why a civilization loses its ability to communicate, the main being extinction. Much like the dinosaurs, all it takes is a meteor with the right trajectory to wipe out an entire species.

Lockman shared a photo of a meteor flying past Siberia 10 years ago. The meteor was the size of a

school bus, and it merely grazes the Earth, still managing to injure a few thousand people.

“Had it come in straight down, a lot of people would have died,” he said. “I think about a million people would have died.”

In an effort to avoid meteor hits that could cause massive damage, NASA, under the direction of Congress, is cataloging all the rocks around Earth that could be a threat.

“We’ve even done experiments trying to move one out of the way,” Lockman said. “It doesn’t take much to move one of these rocks. All you’ve got to do is slow it up by a couple seconds and it moves past. So again, Green Bank, the GBT has been involved in some experiments with NASA trying to move them.

“Maybe a civilization has to get to the point where they can do a little space engineering in order to make it further,” he added.

The life span and health of the sun is also a factor. Planets rely heavily on the sun and sun flares or the sun losing power are things that can vastly affect a planet.

“If the sun did a major burp, we could be fried,” Lockman said. “But again, we’re not that far from being able to put up a shield. We may be a hundred years away. If we decide to, we can take control of some of these local threats.”

There are also internal threats that have to be considered. We as a species are very competitive and it has led to a lot of accomplish-

ments, but it has also led to the demise of millions. War and climate change are two internal threats that could lead to the demise of the planet.

Going back to Venus, Lockman explained that he studied the planet when he was in graduate school to try to understand what happened to the planet and that was when he came across the phase “runaway greenhouse.”

“The atmosphere lets through light that heats the ground, but then the ground sends off infrared that’s trapped in the atmosphere by carbon dioxide,” he said. “That’s the blanket that keeps Earth warm. So, we have to study Venus and understand what happened there; understand the greenhouse on Venus and what went wrong.

“I’m still not sure we understand it, but we had to work through all of the math of that.”

Lockman’s instructor said to run the greenhouse equations on Earth next to see what it looked like. The class realized that humans were coming close to the point where we are heating up the planet.

Now we know that we have, and the planet is in fact heating up.

So, we return to the question – Is Earth special? Is it possible to find intelligent life on another planet?

There’s still some debate on the answers, but the fact remains, if we don’t search for answers, we’ll never have them.

“Frank Drake, who started

this whole business, believed that if we could even find a signal from one other civilization out there, it would mean somebody got over their sustainability crisis,” Lockman said. “That it was possible to do it.”

The search has continued at Green Bank since Drake began it and, while a lot of interesting discoveries have been made, intelligent life isn’t one of them.

As part of Breakthrough Listen, which was founded 10 years ago, the GBT is still looking and is able to look because of the National Radio Quiet Zone, which lessens the amount of man-made interference to the data.

“We are so lucky as scientists to have the Quiet Zone,” Lockman said. “It’s unique world-wide. The data is totally public. You can go to their website and download what they’ve found.”

So, in the end, there is still only one planet with intelligent life and that is why, at the end of the day, Lockman said it is important we all work together to keep the Earth going because who knows? Someone out there may want to reach out to us, too.

“My personal moral for thinking about this stuff is, take care of the home place,” he said. “It may be the only place there is.”

To view the NASA video, visit <https://science.nasa.gov/resource/5000-exoplanets-listen-to-the-sounds-of-discovery-360-video/>

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Be angry and do not sin

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Be angry and do not sin. This bit of wisdom can save your family and your life. The first part is easy; you were probably angry at somebody today. Did your anger make things better, or did it just make things worse? Anger can be a good Christian emotion, but you need to master your response and show your family how to turn anger into progress without causing harm. Anger is closely linked to the devil within us and can lead to destructive behavior. It's a fine line between righteous and sinful anger. You must work at controlling your response to anger every day. This has always been true. King David etched his guidance onto scrolls about 3,000 years ago.

How do you respond to anger? Build up the people you are angry with instead of tearing them down. How can you control your anger and reduce the suffering you cause your family and community? The answers are straightforward: practice, seek good examples, and be

a better example. Anger often stems from wanting something you're not getting. This can happen with parents, children, work or community. You know you don't want to be angry. Anger is not your goal; being a good parent, child, grandparent or community worker is your goal.

Apostle Paul gave the Ephesians this timeless advice (4:25-29, 31-32):

25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold.

29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Our world is filled with moments and places where this wisdom is relevant. We

have much to be thankful for in West Virginia, but also much to be angry about. If you're not angry, you're not paying attention. Remember, your goal is to make your family stronger! Reflect on yourself, too. Speak honestly and modestly as soon as possible, before the end of your day.

This letter comes from a deep concern that we all should share. Nearly half of our children are being raised by grandparents. This is hard on the children, parents and grandparents. What should we do? We should glorify having a family and being good parents. This is our primary and most honorable goal! All of us, me included, often forget to share this simple message. Instead, we let the media (or the devil) tell us we need more stuff, more distractions, more drinking or drugs. The evidence is clear: we in West Virginia are overwhelmed. The only answer is to join a community where people honor good behavior, acknowledge their faults, and strive to be better examples.

My wife, a teacher, tells me a major issue with teaching is the children's behavior. If children have never seen their parents sitting and

listening, they won't know how to do it. We know that education is crucial for a good life. If children haven't seen or heard their parents make plans to help others, they won't know how to plan. Grandparents of broken families – don't make the same mistake twice – take your grandchildren to church.

There's a saying, "The more I grow up, the less I blow up."

Grow up!

Only you can grow yourself up, and you do this by joining others who are also trying to grow better. Churches can help you grow up. Remember, almost half the families in our community have been destroyed. Be angry about this. It's natural, and sometimes good, to be angry, but it's crucial to build others up when working for change. Together, with Christ, we can overcome this.

Join a church this Sunday and save your family.

If you're looking for a church, join us at Liberty Presbyterian Church.

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We meet Sundays at 11 a.m. and on Zoom at <http://bit.ly/LibertyService>

Obituary



Patricia Kerns

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Patricia Kerns on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at age 77.

Born December 4, 1946, she was a daughter of the late Georgene Cutlip and Osborn Alderman.

Pat was of the Presbyterian Faith and sang in church choir. She was active in the Pocahontas Community Club and spent much of her time volunteering at the Little Levels Clothing Center. She worked at the Sewing Factory and Hanover Factory until they closed, the deli at Foodland, Pocahontas Pharmacy, and later retired from the Denmar Correctional Center as an accounting tech. She was a member of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

Pat was a caring friend and woman of faith who loved and supported family her entire life.

Although Pat will be dearly missed by many, we navigate our healing journeys with comfort, knowing

that she is at Home with the Lord.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Marcelle Ryder; and brother, Dwain Wilcox; and her daughter, Angela Hefner.

She is survived by granddaughters, Jessica Camacho (Alex Camacho) and Stevie Loftis (Cole Wiggins); great-granddaughters, Kaden Wickle and AnnaMarie Camacho; great-grandson, Cole Wickle; niece, Shelia Cutlip; nephew, Mike Ryder; great-nieces, Ashli Diller (Caleb Diller), Megan Ryder, Kate-lynn Ryder, Melissa Ryder and Nicole Ryder; great-nephews, Jacob Cutlip (Becca Cutlip), Justin Ryder and Cody Wilcox; great-great-nephews include Brayden Diller, Koda Diller, Slaytee Cutlip and Keegan Ryder; special cousin, Jack Webb (Saundra Webb), and best friend of a lifetime, Nora Workman, and husband, Lawrence Skeeter Workman.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye.

Interment was in McNeel Cemetery at Hillsboro.

It was Pat's wish that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, 44 Denmar Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946.

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On the struggle bus

by Dawn Reed

The struggle was real on Sunday morning.

It was my turn to teach at the jail. We have been going to a prison or jail every week since 2006. It was not a new place or crowd. Teaching is one of my favorite things, yet, butterflies skittered in my stomach. I had read the Bible verses again and again. In truth I was ready, still I was uneasy.

Working on a new-to-me Mac, everything was hard. Every button was different, each task required extra steps. This old dog doesn't want to learn new tricks but learn I must. The Lord helped me prepare the Bible verse sheet and some points to print out.

At 6:30 a.m., I headed to the church to print the verses.

Technology is not my enemy. But it feels like it sometimes. I could do everything but make coffee on my 1992 version of Print Shop Deluxe. That was a long time ago. Times and programs changed. The in-

ternet arrived on the scene. My sister told me recently that we (Baby Boomers) are "immigrants" to technology while those younger than us are "natives." Makes total sense.

I was trying to print Bible verses on my new-to-me Mac so I could jet to the jail for Bible study with the female inmates at 7 a.m. Nothing worked. I pushed the print button again and again to no avail. I clicked and prayed, clicked and prayed.

Working up some tears, "I'm so over this!" I wailed to no one and searched to find a Bible to copy the verses straight from the page.

In my search, I remembered I wasn't connected to the internet. That could make a difference. Hopeful, I hurried back to the Mac to connect. I found the password in my jail ministry drawer. Praying again, I clicked PRINT. And. It. Worked.

Now I was late for jail.

Exiting the church parking lot, my phone rang. "Are you on your way?" my beloved asked. "Yes!" I exclaimed.

"I am teaching and could throw up! Please pray for me."

"You will do fine," he assured me, "I will pray."

Pulling into the jail parking lot on two wheels, we jumped out of our cars and headed to the door. Every minute is precious. A minute late is a minute wasted.

The guards let us in. The girls came over from their cells. Bible verse papers were passed out.

That's when I realized I had left my notes somewhere else. Were they at the church? Or in my car? It was too late to turn back so we forged ahead. After all, the Lord had kindly provided the printed Bible verses.

We unpacked the story of Ruth, discussing the seasons of her life. All of it pointing to trusting in God even when you can't see how He is working.

At the end of the study, we went through the plan of salvation. Four girls prayed to accept Christ. Praise the Name of the Lord!

God is faithful. He is kind. He is good. Even when puzzle pieces are not falling easily together. When chaos and frustration swirl all around. When technology works or doesn't or when it's hard to understand.

On days when you're on the struggle bus.



Dawn Reed

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On days when you're on the struggle bus.

THANK YOU!

Pocahontas County Prevention Coalition wishes to thank local businesses that participated in the recent SYNAR Youth Inspections. The SYNAR regulation enforces underage access laws to reduce the illegal sale of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 21.

We sent underage youths to several locations to try to purchase tobacco products, and their ID and ages were checked and sales refused. We commend Levels Depot, Slaty Fork Dollar General and all other county businesses for their vigilance to prevent underage sales of tobacco products.

Pocahontas County Prevention Coalition would like to thank the Youth Prevention Coalition for their help with these on-going inspections.

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Destruction of property – 2
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Law, drug complaint – 3
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Law, general complaint – 76
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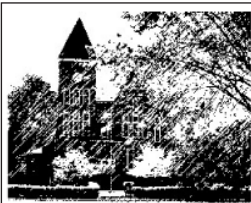
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Harter Brothers Mill – circa 1906



THE HARTER BROTHERS Mill and Lumber Yard was located on the Greenbrier River, 5.0 miles northeast of Marlinton, W.Va. Brothers William J. and A. M. Harter came to Pocahontas County in 1903 from Coburn, Pennsylvania. They began operating a small band mill to cut timber on 1,400 acres located on Laurel Run and Clover Lick Mountain. The operation finished about 1911. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection; ID: PHS000611)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
October 22, 1949

STARTING UP

The Marlinton Tannery began laying hides last Friday after two weeks slacking off. The daily chore is 800 hides.

OUR ARMY AND NAVY BOYS

Erding, Germany – One of the three fullbacks of the 33-man Arrowhead football squad is FEC Forrest H. Wooddell, of Greenbank, Pocahontas County. There were over 60 aspirants for places on the squad. The squad has been weakened by many men returning to the States. However, many outstanding newcomers brighten the future by keeping the team up to the high standard of efficiency.

Fullback Wooddell is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wooddell, and is a graduate of Greenbank High School. He entered the Air Force in May 1928, and has spent the last five months in the U. S. Zone of Germany.

FIELD NOTES

Most everybody got squirrels almost everywhere on opening day. Harry Lynn Sheets got a black squirrel on Elk and Kermit Akers, a black squirrel on Beaver Dam of Williams River. The old belief was that black squirrels migrated here from the Ohio Valley.

Among those who got turkeys are Frank B Hannah, L. E. Montgomery, Rev. Don Taylor, Ben Waugh, William Akers and Edward Boggs.

I see in the papers where a couple of short sports were found with sixty odd squirrels down Rainelle way.

Their portion was fines aggregating \$1,200 and eight months in jail.

Fred Trainor and Andy Gum cleaned up on the copperheads on Laurel Run in the Rimel game area. They found and killed 22 around some rocks on Lockridge Mountain. This makes a season kill of 15 rattlers and 35 copperheads.

DEATHS

Mrs. Myrtle Herold Moore, aged 73 years, widow of the late Price Moore, died at her home on Knapps Creek October 16, 1949. The body was laid to rest in the family cemetery, the service being held from the home. The deceased is survived by one son, Price P.; and three daughters, Genevieve, Mrs. Hollis Guthrie, and Mrs. Carl L. White. She was a daughter of the late Andrew and Amaria Seybert Herold, and the last of a family of eleven.

Mrs. Susie Walker, aged about 80 years, died at her

home on Lower Third Avenue, October 15, 1949. The body was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery, the service being conducted by her pastor, Rev. Roger P. Melton. The deceased was the widow of the late John Walker. She was a daughter of the late John W. and Sarah Carroll Robbins, of Bath County.

Mrs. Mary Beaty Marshall of Mingo, aged 80 years, died in Louisville, Kentucky. Her body was laid to rest in the Mingo Cemetery. She was a widow of the late Platt Marshall. She was a daughter of the late George and Anna Eliza Simpson Beaty.

William Franklin Simmons, aged 53 years, of Durbin; funeral was held from the home with interment in the Durbin cemetery. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jessie Varner Simmons, and their six children.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
October 16, 1924

We had our first frost of the season last night to do any damage. A lot of corn is not matured, and it will catch a lot of the farmers in their shirt sleeves.

A pretty wedding recently was that of Mr. Clyde McLaughlin and Miss Stella Snedegar. Both popular young people of Pocahontas County. The young couple, with a few relatives and friends motored over to Greenbank and were quietly married by Rev. L. S. Shires.

A very distressing accident occurred at Renick last Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock. Mrs. Ida Byrd had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. B. Taylor, who lives across the river from Renick, and on her return home, she met an automobile about half way from the bridge to the top of the hill; her horse be-

came frightened and ran, dragging her under the buggy to the bridge where she was picked up unconscious. She lived about 30 minutes but never regained consciousness. Mrs. Byrd was a good Christian woman of sterling character, aged 68 years. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, she leaves one son, John, who is a student at Richmond Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA.; one daughter, Ida Rivers, died some time ago. On Monday afternoon her body was laid to rest in Falling Spring Cemetery. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Nickell, of Frankford, assisted by Rev. Monroe, of Greenbank.

\$25 OFFERED FOR NAME

The State Game and Fish Commission, using funds supplied by the hunters and fishermen of West Virginia, has purchased an 11,000-acre tract of forest land in

Pocahontas County. This first state forest, lying just above Marlinton, extends eastward from the Greenbrier River and includes two prominent mountain ridges – Thorny Creek Mountain and Michaels Mountain.

The commission offers \$25 to any resident of West Virginia for the best name suggested for this forest.

Governor E. P. Morgan; Hon. George W. McClintic, U. S. District Judge; and Dr. H. H. Haynes, President of the State Wild Life League; have been appointed as a committee to select the best names sent in.

SCHOOL NEWS

Last Saturday saw for the first time the Marlinton High School team on its home field. Mill Creek went down to defeat to the one-sided score of 88-0. It was not difficult to tell, after the first few minutes of play, who would be victorious. Four touchdowns were made in the first five minutes of the game. Coach Saunders then began to run in the second-

string men, so that when the game finished, the team was made up almost entirely of substitutes...

The Mill Creek boys were good losers, and the game they played was exceptionally clean...

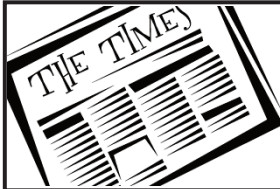
SUNRISE SCHOOL

Little Levels District – Carrie Brown, teacher. First month – Merle McCoy, Hal-lie Kershner, Leta Kershner, Ileta Pritt, Anna Shue, Nora Brown, Dora Brown, Lottie Barrett, Olive Hendrics, Beula McClung, Carl Gladwell, Virgil Gladwell, Clyde Anderon, Melvin Anderson, Delbert Kershner, Deril Kershner, Everett McCoy, Edgar Hendrics, Carl Hendrics, Herbert McClung, Roy Kershner.

The supper which was held at the Sunrise school-house Saturday night was a great success. Mr. Lightner, from Buckeye, was the auctioneer. The proceeds amounted to \$70.10 and this amount will be used for the benefit of the school.

The office of
John Eilers, D.O.
is closed.

Patient records will be picked up October 17 by Morgan Records Management. To contact them, email Medical@MorganRM.com or phone 833-888-0061



Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
October 17, 1974

Lewisburg – The Greenbrier College of Osteopathic Medicine, Inc., a non-profit and non-stock corporation, formerly Greenbrier Military School, located on a spacious 61-acre site in Lewisburg, the third oldest town in the state and county seat of Greenbrier County, opened its doors to 36 students Wednesday as they registered and became acquainted with their instructors and surroundings. They officially began their classes October 14.

A most engaging picture of a Snowshoe rabbit eating red clover heads a first-person rabbit account of the development at Snowshoe in a page advertisement in Time, U. S. News and World Report and a couple of other national magazines. Next month, we understand, there will be ads in eight national magazines...

Last week, they had helicopters hauling and pouring cement for the lifts on the steep inaccessible places and spreading straw to cover seeded areas.

One out of every six

Americans was a former 4-H member. Over 33 million 4-H alumni are continuing to live the 4-H motto – to Make the Best Better.

PUNT, PASS AND KICK WINNERS

Age Group 8: 1st Matt Dunz, Marlinton; 2nd Michael Welder, Marlinton; 3rd Charles Mullin, Marlinton.

Age Group 9: 1st Chuck Workman, Hillsboro; 2nd Charles Brown, Jr., Marlinton; 3rd William R. Hamons, Marlinton.

Age Group 10: 1st Robbie McNabb, Marlinton; 2nd Paul Hill, Hillsboro; 3rd Brett Withers, Marlinton.

Age Group 11: 1st Mike Doss, Marlinton; 2nd Douglas Cutlip, Marlinton; 3rd Charles H. Beverage, Marlinton.

Age Group 12: 1st Randy Gay, Marlinton; 2nd Kevin Workman, Hillsboro; 3rd Sam Pondexter, Marlinton.

Age Group 13: 1st Marion Phillip Hill, Hillsboro; 2nd Ronnie Sharp, Stony Bottom; 3rd Craig Doss, Marlinton.

All first-place winners will go to Clarksburg to participate Saturday, October 12.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
October 19, 1899

MARLINTON

Marlinton is to be the largest town on the Greenbrier Railway, if one can judge from its natural advantages. The 98 miles of railroad will be built along the banks of the river, and Marlinton is the only place on the river that a natural crossing is afforded. It was an important point in strategic movements in the Civil War. It has always been regarded as the centre of Pocahontas County.

Three state roads centre at this point, and it will be the depot for the country on the headwaters of Elk and Williams rivers, and the Knapps creek valley, and even a part of Bath County. Stony creek comes in from the west and Knapps creek from the east. The place where the waters meet is where the people will be gathered. Marlinton is the point at which the Camden system will eventually connect with the C & O system...

The town site is in the hands of men whose sole object is to afford every facility in those who will bring industries to the town. With railroad facilities, many men will come to Pocahontas to engage in business. Marlinton will bid high and offer every inducement to make this town the home or the headquarters of all new enterprises. We expect to see the courts, the banks, the high schools, best stores and shops, and the wealth generally of the county, centered in the town of Marlinton.

MARRIED PATTERSON – BARLOW

A very quiet wedding was celebrated in Huntersville at precisely five o'clock Wednesday morning, October 11th, 1899, when Mr. Henry Pruyn Patterson and Miss Mary Susan Barlow were united in marriage by Rev. William T. Price.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Barlow, and was married in traveling costume. The groom is a well-known young businessman of Huntersville.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, accompanied by the parents of the bride, set out for Virginia, where a reception awaits them at the home of Mr. Rick Moore in Staunton.

McCARTY – SHRADER

Wednesday afternoon, October 11, 1899, at four o'clock, a pleasant social event came off at the home of Robert C. Shrader, a few miles north of Huntersville, when their daughter, Minnie Rebecca, and James William McCarty were joined in holy matrimony by Rev. W. T. Price...

On Friday, a reception was given at the home of Mr. Peter McCarty. Numerous friends sincerely wish these young people all the happiness and prosperity that a propitious marriage implies.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Irvine, a son and a daughter. These are the first

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GREENBRIER COUNTY GRASSLAND Farm 2024. From left: Gary Sawyers, Robert Mothes, Kurt Mothes and Gary Truex.



POCAHONTAS COUNTY GRASSLAND Farm 2024. From left: Donald McNeel, Kellie Cook, Thomas Cook, Adam Cook and Timothy VanReenen

GVCD holds Awards Banquet

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District (GVCD) held its annual Legislative and Awards Banquet at the West Virginia University Building on the West Virginia State Fairgrounds on September 26. The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District is the gatekeeper for all state and federal conservation efforts in Greenbrier, Monroe and Pocahontas counties.

The purpose of the GVCD banquet is to recognize district farmers who have done an exceptional job advocating and implementing conservation to boost farm earnings, as well as updating local legislators on the previous year's work and requesting their ongoing support.

Among those receiving awards were:

Grassland Farms
Each county in the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District is represented by an outstanding Grassland Farm. This recognition is given to farmers who focus on conservation best management practices as they balance conservation with increased production efforts.

Greenbrier County Grassland Farm 2024 Mothes Farms

The Mothes Farm, established in 1974, began as a 75-acre parcel with a few cows and sheep on 25 acres of usable pasture. In 1981, the farm acquired its first large tract, 320 acres known as the Snedegar Farm, located in Jacox. The Friars Hole Cave System connected these pieces of land,

leading to the establishment of the Friars Hole Cave Preserve. Gordon's son, Robert, brought farming experience into the picture, starting his own operation on the southwestern side of Droop Mountain. In 1987, the Glen Gilkerson Farm was added, and Robert and Gordon worked diligently clearing ground, constructing fences, and building a herd of beef cattle. The family added 75 more acres on Brushy Mountain, adjoining the original Hollandsworth tract and the Gilkerson tract. The Mothes family has a relatively long history of utilizing conservation programs, such as multiple springs developed with NRCS, lime spread, ponds and waterways fenced off with GVCD, and watering systems installed with both NRCS and GVCD. GVCD has also helped exclude hundreds of acres of woodland and build division fences. The AgEP project for the year 2024 consists of 750 feet of division fence, 4,120 feet of exclusion fence, 460 feet of water line, and one trough. Spring development and maintenance have always been and will be crucial to the operations longevity. Kurt, the owner of the farm, has always wanted to farm and be a corporate farmer. He sees a diversified operation in the future with contributions from different members in different areas of interest. Kurt's long-term plans include new handling facilities, improving livestock records, constructing a shop, barn repairs, upgraded hay equipment, excluding all forest and waterways, soil

amenity program for each farm, and adding a well. Instilling values and concepts in children at a young age is critical to the survival of the family farm. Cooperation is critical, and the business must be set up where all involved can win. Kurt believes that without the family, the family farm is just a farm, and without conservation, the farm slowly dies. The only way to see this play out correctly is to invest time and effort into both aspects, and most importantly, give it all to God. "With God, all things are possible."

Pocahontas County Grassland Farm 2024 Greystone Ranch
Thomas and Kellie Cook jointly own and operate Greystone Ranch LLC on Back Mountain Road near Durbin. Greystone Ranch LLC is a dedicated agricultural business registered in West Virginia in 2022. Thomas and Kellie, married for 26 years, have two adult sons who work part-time on the farm. They have started multiple businesses providing consulting and laboratory services in the US and Canada, and Thomas is associated with a West Virginia-based insurance company that provides performance bonds to guarantee environmental reclamation of mining projects. The Cooks bought the farm in 2022 and recognized its tremendous potential. The farm is approximately 330 acres with



PICTURED LEFT TO right: Gary Sawyers, Avery Atkins, Donald McNeel, Jerry Clifton, Linda Clifton, Gary Truex, Timothy VanReenen and Carolyn Miller. Clifton was named the 2024 Supervisor of the Year.

100 grazable acres owned and 75 acres with 50 grazable acres leased. They produce cattle and hay/pasture. Greystone Ranch is currently participating in the Agricultural Enhancement Program with lime and a watering system consisting of four troughs and 2,850 feet of waterline. The Cooks' vision for the farm includes a five-year plan for production, conservation, upgrades, replacing 20,000 feet of fencing, adding a new fence to keep animals out of the woods, improving grass and hay quality and production, producing F1 black baldie calves, ensuring all cows are on one calving schedule, exploring micro-hydro generation of power from springs on site, developing fruit orchards, and finishing beef for retail sale. The name "Grey-

stone Ranch" was chosen due to the abundance of gray limestone boulders and a five-acre abandoned limestone quarry. The TV show "Yellowstone" was popular when the Cooks bought the property and set up the business. Visitors are taken around the abandoned quarry, telling them they are now at "The Train Station." If you don't know the show "Yellowstone," "The Train Station" is where people get

dropped off but never return!

Bicentennial Farm Arrowhead Farms
Arrowhead Farms in Greenbank, 546 acres, was purchased by Joseph Wooddell in 1801. The family has been farming the land for seven generations, with James F. "Rick" Wooddell running the farm primarily

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make anything with sour-dough starter. You can long ferment it where it breaks down [the gluten]. Some people don't like that or want it just because they're still scared of it, but I have all

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items could be found without physically looking for them.

Mrs. McClafferty, a neighboring farmer, once lost a treasured broach, a gift from her grandmother. Mary Margaret overheard a conversation between her grandmother and Mrs. McClafferty regarding the missing piece of jewelry.

Mary Margaret was sitting on the floor sketching at the time. She looked up at the two women sitting at the kitchen table and said confidently, "Your broach is at the bottom of the watering trough, the one behind the red corn crib."

The neighbor laughed at the child, saying, "Oh, young Mary, you have an active imagination, my dear."

Much to the woman's surprise, her husband fished her broach out of the trough later that same day.

On another occasion, Emil Neeson, up on Laurel Run, mentioned to Mary Margaret's grandfather that someone had broken into his cabin while he was out of town and stole his double-barrel Parker Damascus shotgun, a prized possession his father had brought over from Northern Ireland.

Mary Margaret heard her grandfather speak of the theft over dinner. She asked him what the gun looked like, and he described it to Mary Margaret. Mary Margaret immediately ran upstairs to her bedroom to fetch her sketch pad.

The young girl sat on the floor and began sketching furiously as was her custom. When she finally held the picture up to her grandfather, his eyes widened at what he saw. Her depiction of the firearm was spot on, even down to the scrolling and etchings of bird dogs and pheasants.

How could she possibly know these details from the scant information he provided?

She had also sketched a small chestnut log cabin at the mouth of a deep ravine in one corner of the page. Only one home fit the picture; it belonged to Virgil

sorts of friends who have allergies and they're fine with it.

"I just make sure that once it's fermented, I don't reintroduce gluten," she added. "It's kind of a cool science."

Warder said she gets requests a lot to find ways around allergy causing ingredients and is happy to

Skinner, a violent and brutal man.

Mary Margaret's grandparents could see that she was visibly shaking, and her eyes rolled back in her head. Her grandmother fetched her a cup of tea while her grandfather held her tenderly in his arms, wiping her forehead with a cool rag.

Mary Margaret came about shortly, but she had a look of pure anguish on her face. She had never responded in such a way to one of her drawings before. When asked why she was so upset about this particular drawing, Mary Margaret replied, "I don't know. I felt as though I would stop breathing."

A little later, Jonah saddled up his old mare and paid Emil Neeson a visit. After showing Mary Margaret's sketch to Emil, the two set off on horseback to drop in on Skinner. When the despicable burglar opened the door, they pushed right past him and into the cabin. Sure enough, Emil's prized shotgun stood in a corner of the room.

Still, when others heard of Mary Margaret's unusual abilities, they did not look upon her too kindly. Vicious rumors and innuendo spread rapidly throughout the area, even by some of the people she had helped recover lost items.

Mary Margaret was daily harassed by the students at school; the children called her "freaky Mary." Her grandparents overheard adults in town saying hurtful things like, "That Bigham girl is really creepy." Many parents forbade their children from associating with Mary Margaret outside of school, and some thought she was, as they said, "In league with Satan."

One warm May afternoon, Mary Margaret set out to her copse of pawpaw trees, situated on a sunlit ridge a mile or so as the crow flies from her grandparents' farmhouse. For some odd reason, Mary felt closer to her mother there than anywhere else.

As Mary Margaret approached her special place, she was greeted by the persistent and complex song of the Red-Eyed Vireo, which

oblige.

In addition to providing goodies for businesses to sell, Warder also collaborates with local businesses to make holiday bundles – the most popular of which is Valentine's Day.

"Simply Sweet in Durbin – we partner to do Valentine's packages," she said.

sounded much like a melodic "Here I am. Where are you, over here, in the tree"

She sat on the sun-dappled ground and brought out her sketchbook. Just as she put pencil to paper, the vireo landed on a branch a few feet away. Normally quite skittish, this delightful little bird stayed put and seemed to be staring at Mary Margaret. She felt as though the vireo was trying to get her attention.

Mary Margaret sat perfectly still as she caught the tiny bird's unflinching gaze. Its black eyes stared at her intently as if imploring her to follow it, which she did. To her utter amazement, the bird led her down the slope and perched on a nest in the crotch of a dogwood branch. Mary Margaret felt the bird's gaze draw her nearer to the nest.

When she peeked into the nest, she found something that would change her life in a way she never thought possible. The interior of the small nest was lined with long black hair, human hair. Could it be her mother's hair? Soon, her puzzlement turned to curiosity.

The vireo perched on a branch several yards away, continuing its gaze directly at Mary Margaret. She decided to follow the bird and maybe find the source of the jet-black hair. This game of following the bird continued for several hours, taking her farther and farther from the farm.

By late afternoon, she thought about turning back as her Granny would soon be ringing the dinner bell. But her drive to find out where the vireo would lead her won out, and she continued following the bird.

She trudged up a steep knoll in the dimming light, still pursuing the bird. Upon

"[Marka Kane] will do the coffee, and somebody will do flowers, and I'll do the sweets."

Currently, Warder is operating from home and baking when she's not at her job at Citizens Bank of West Virginia in Slaty Fork, but she hopes to one day have her own store front and make

arriving at the top, she looked around, but the vireo could not be seen or heard.

She walked to the edge of the precipice, and to her surprise, she was looking down on the cabin she had sketched for her grandfather. Mary Margaret felt a mixture of fear and loathing. Her mind was racing; should she try to walk back into the darkness or solve the mystery of her unusual experience?

Then, a disheveled and unkempt man walked out onto the porch of the log house and loudly spit tobacco juice. Suddenly, as if sensing her presence, he looked straight up at her. When their eyes met, she felt a rush of horror—she knew instantly that this wicked and dreadful man was responsible for her mother's disappearance.

Suddenly, Mary Margaret's footing gave way, and she began sliding out of control down the steep slope, heading straight into the monster's hands. She careened down the hill, stopping when she slammed into his boots. Skinner grabbed her roughly by her left hand and pulled her to her feet.

Mary Margaret had grabbed a jagged rock and swung it as hard as she could into the side of his head. She heard the jaw break as he spat out a string of obscenities.

Mary Margaret looked up at the sheer rock wall that loomed above Skinner's cabin and ran as hard as she could for it. Upon reaching the wall, she saw cracks and handholds and thought that if she could get to the first hold, she might be able to climb to the summit.

Glancing back over her shoulder, she saw that her pursuer had the same thing in mind and was quickly closing the distance between them. She lunged for the

baking a full-time job.

"You've got to be able to find a happy medium – if you're just in Green Bank, you're not getting Marlinton," she said. "If you're just in Marlinton, you're not getting Green Bank. It's trying to find that marketing middle where you get to serve both. I've seen a couple opportu-

nities that I'm looking into."

For now, Warder is happy filling orders for local businesses and friends.

"Right now, I'm playing the juggle game," she said.

It helps that she has the support of her family and the community.

"It's been a nice little thing to carry on," she said.

their horses to the cabin, Emil said, "Jonah, you have a tough little granddaughter there. She reminds me of her mother."

Jonah's chest swelled with pride, and his smile couldn't be washed off with a scrub brush. Despite her young age, Mary Margaret Bigham was a force to be reckoned with.

The men searched the cabin and found several items belonging to Helen, including a gold monogram pin with an "H" on it, her wedding ring, and her St. Christopher medallion. That was confirmation enough that Virgil Skinner had killed Helen.

After unsuccessfully searching the area for any sign of Helen's remains, the two men dragged Skinner's body into his gloomy cabin. Finding some kerosene in his shed, a single strike of a match erased all that was Virgil Skinner.

Although Helen's remains have never been found, Mary was sure her mother was always there and looking out for her.

It would be years before Mary would tell anyone about another mysterious thing that happened on that unforgettable day.

As she began her descent to Skinner's cabin, she saw the Red-Eyed Vireo on a branch, singing, "Here I am. Where are you, over here, in the tree."

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Open Letter to Pocahontas County Voters - Part 4

I am running for county commissioner because I like to solve problems – and I'm pretty good at it. In 2009, after retiring from the FBI in Washington, D.C., I volunteered to be County Coordinator – staff to the county commission – for two years without pay.

I was asked by commissioners to help bring community college to Pocahontas County so adult residents can attend classes without having to leave the county. For several years, City National Bank had offered use of the second floor of its building in Marlinton if someone could develop a credible plan for how the space would be used. Working with New River Community and Technical College and City National, over the course of eighteen months, I developed a detailed plan and budget – and helped build the facility - and wrote the 3-way contract combining the interests of New River, the Bank, and the county commission so that classes could start in the fall of 2011 – and the One Room University was born which still operates today.

After that, I volunteered for the Read Aloud program and read to students at Marlinton Elementary and Marlinton Middle Schools for several years, often reading to several classes each week at both schools. One spring day, a 4th grade teacher at MES asked if I would help a few students who were having trouble with the multiplication tables. I soon realized that many students would be going to middle school not knowing the times tables, but also not being able to add and subtract in their head.

That fall, I offered to help tutor students who could not perform “mental math”, students who were still counting on their fingers because they had never learned to “see the numbers” in their head. Over several years, I built relationships with teachers at MES who saw the benefit of having someone work with students in small groups during the school day to develop confidence in their grasp of basic math facts so they could become competent math students – and go to middle school knowing the multiplication tables – and other basic skills.

This school year, I am working as a volunteer, three days a week, with all twelve teachers in K-5 at MES – and tutor more than 100 students every week. The teachers like my help, students are excited when I take them for tutoring sessions, and the results can be seen in test scores. I am not the only person working to improve math scores, but I'd like to think that my consistent devotion to this calling made a difference in students' lives – which they tell me years later it did.

I was not born in Pocahontas County but I live here now – and I try to be useful where I can. No one told me to perform either of the roles described above. I just looked around and saw opportunities to be helpful. I want to bring the same “can do” spirit to help address the many budget and spending issues before the county commission that call for a different approach which serves the public need and makes sense to most people: for example, how Hotel/Motel taxes should be spent to improve the quality of life of county residents; whether we need a courthouse annex – or just need to better utilize existing space; whether to borrow \$5 million to build a grand 911/EMS center or adopt a more modest plan using existing funds; and, how to keep the State from taking over the Solid Waste Authority after the landfill closes.

To be able to do any of these things, I must first be elected on November 5th. I need the help of Democrats, Republicans and unaffiliated voters of all types – people who are not bound by party labels who just want their county government to function effectively without having to worry about what the county commission is up to on any given day.

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I am a lifelong resident of Pocahontas County and have been involved in community service for many years. From 1983 through 1989 I was an Emergency Medical Technician with the Hillsboro Rescue Squad and a Volunteer Firefighter with the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department. During that time, I worked at an automotive supply company in Lewisburg, starting out as a delivery truck driver and working my way up to a management position. Also, during that time I attended the local community college at night, working toward a criminal justice degree.

In 1989 I began my career with the Pocahontas County Sheriff Department and I am a 1990 graduate of the WV State Police Academy. After my academy training I continued to attend advanced training courses and in 1995 became certified as a WV Law Enforcement Instructor by the WV Division of Justice and Community Services, Law Enforcement Professional Standards. I have provided numerous training courses to law enforcement agencies since 1995. In 2009 I started my own firearms training company, WV Firearms Tactics LLC and have provided firearms training and concealed weapons training classes to many citizens since that time.

I didn't start at the top in the Sheriff Department, I started at the bottom and worked my way up through the ranks, being promoted over the years to Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain and then receiving an appointment to a Chief Deputy position. I have been in a supervisory position within the department since 1999. I am familiar with what “works” and what “doesn't work” for the Sheriff Department. I believe that my 35 years of Sheriff Department experience will help me to effectively take over the Sheriff Department and lead it forward for the next four years if given the opportunity to do so.

My opponent has no experience in the Sheriff Department, he has no law enforcement experience, training or certification.

There is no substitute for experience and education. The citizens of Pocahontas County deserve to have a trained and experienced leader in your Sheriff Department.

I ask for your vote November 5 to make me the next Sheriff of Pocahontas County.

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The Onlies

The Onlies take the stage at the Opera House

The Pocahontas County Opera House is thrilled to announce a special performance by The Onlies set for Friday, October 25, at 7 p.m. as part of the 25th anniversary season.

The Onlies, a dynamic group of musicians from Seattle, Washington, and Lexington, Virginia, will bring their unique blend of fiddles, guitars and banjos to the historic stage. The ensemble is known for its spirited and modern take on traditional American old-time music.

“The Onlies take a classic old-time tune like ‘Billy in the Lowground,’ traditionally played in the key of C, and reimagine it in the key of A using calico tuning, performed at an exhilarating pace,” said Mary Sue Burns, a dedicated board member and chair of the programming committee at the Pocahontas County Opera House. “This modern twist on a traditional tune truly sets them apart. They are exceptionally talented, not only excelling in old-time music but also in crafting their own original songs.”

With an extensive touring history across the United States, The Onlies have shared the stage with musical luminaries such as Bruce Molsky, Elvis Costello and Darol Anger. The band’s dedication to their craft earned them first place at the Clifftop Appalachian Stringband Festival in 2017. This upcoming concert promises an evening filled with spirited music and entertainment, suitable for the entire family.

Tickets, \$10, are available in advance from the 4th Avenue Gallery and online at pocahontasopera-house.org or at the door the evening of the event. Ages 17 and younger are admitted free.

This concert is made possible by the support of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the continued support of our community.

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Cheat Mountain Salamanders shredding the competition

Scott Triplett
Contributing Writer

Pocahontas County's Youth Mountain Bike Team, The Cheat Mountain Salamanders, continues its successful race season in West Virginia's NICA League.

The second race of the season took the team to Big Bear Lake Trail Center in Preston County for The Battle at Big Bear Lake. Big Bear is the most technical course on the schedule, but it proved no match for the Salamander Team with seven out of eight riders earning Top 10 finishes. A light rain prior to practice helped the course become just damp enough for fast race times. The Middle School races led off the weekend and the Salamanders began their dominating weekend with Tyler Faulknier winning the Sixth Grade Boys race and being the only sixth grader with a fast enough lap to qualify for a bonus lap. In Seventh Grade Boys, Blake Alderman fought his way up to a 10th place finish. In Eighth Grade Boys, Silas Dean rode

his way into the Top Ten with an eighth place finish. Not to be outdone, the Middle School Girls showed they could find the front, as well. Mia Valach finished first in Sixth Grade Girls and Brynn Clutter took home second in Eighth Grade Girls.

The High School Riders also fought hard to earn some good finishes. Ahna Valach broke into the Top 10 with an eighth place finish in JV3 Girls. After being relegated to a back row start, Dawson Deputy passed nearly half the field to earn him a 24th place finish. In JV1 Boys, Carter Faulknier brought home another Top 10, finishing ninth.

Next up for the Salamanders was a trip to the Eastern Panhandle's Cacapon State Park for the Rock and Roll at Cacapon. Once again, the Middle School Boys got off to a winning start. Tyler Faulknier dominated the Sixth Grade Boys race, easily taking the top spot on the podium and Jaxon Cassell finished just out of the Top 10 at 13th. In Seventh Grade Boys, Blake Alderman raced his way toward the front

to earn his first spot on the podium finishing in fifth place. In Eighth Grade Boys, Silas Dean continued his streak of Top 10 finishes coming in ninth. Mia Valach once again earned the top spot on the podium in the Sixth Grade Girls race. A mechanical issue prior to the race forced a back row start for Brynn Clutter. This, however, did not deter her as she raced her way through the field to a second place finish. Dawson Deputy finished 29th in JV3 Boys. Once again, Carter Faulknier earned a Top 10 and barely missed the podium with a sixth place finish.

For the fourth race of the season the team traveled to the impressive facility at the Summit Bechtel Reserve Scout Camp for Shred the Summit. The Middle School Boys came out strong. Once again, Tyler Faulknier took first place in Sixth Grade Boys keeping his perfect season alive. The Seventh Grade Boys race was an exciting one, after being caught up in an accident, Blake Alderman jumped back in the race losing only one position and held on for a fifth place



HEAD COACH CHAD Baldwin with Tyler Faulknier, Brynn Clutter and Mia Valach show off their Leaders Jerseys and First Place Medals after winning at Shred the Summit at Summit Bechtel Reserve Scout Camp.

podium finish, and James Monico made his first start of the season and managed to hold off challenges to finish 28th. In Eighth Grade Boys, Silas Dean reached his goal for the season by finishing in fifth place and earning a spot on the podium.

The Middle School Girls continued their success. Mia Valach finished first in Sixth Grade Girls after a two-lap wheel to wheel battle edging out second place by three seconds at the finish. In

Eighth Grade Girls, Brynn Clutter rode away from the field taking first place by more than a minute.

The High School Boys dealt with increasing temperatures in the afternoon. Dawson Deputy battled the heat coming home 29th in JV3

Boys, and Carter Faulknier survived the heat to finish 10th and kept his Top 10 Streak alive.

Next up for the Salamanders is a trip to Southern West Virginia's Twin Falls State Park and The Brawl at Twin Falls.

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MES Students of the Month



MARLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL congratulates its Students of the Month for September: Front row: Jackson Tawney, Pre-K. Second row: Mallori Albaugh, kindergarten; Lexi Kelley, kindergarten; Jameson Warner, second grade; Aramis Brown, second grade. Third row: Garrett Broce, fourth grade; Micheal Friel, fourth grade; Cadence Carr, third grade; and Carmen Fetty, third grade. Not pictured: Jackson Smith, second grade; and Aiden Harrell, fifth grade.

School Menus

October 21-25

Monday, 21: Chicken biscuit and fruit. Beef burrito with whole grain wrap, shredded lettuce, tomato, salsa and sour cream, vegetarian beans, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, 22: Egg and cheese wrap and fruit. Fish

sticks with tartar sauce, whole grain breadstick, macaroni and cheese, broccoli salad, popcorn, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, 23: Parent/Teacher Conferences – No school for students

Thursday, 24: Whole

grain apple stick and fruit. Chicken stir fry and vegetables, seasoned brown rice, whole grain breadstick, fresh carrots, mandarin oranges and milk.

Friday, 25: Breakfast pizza and fruit. Cheeseburger on whole grain bun with lettuce and tomato, sweet potato fries, green beans, fruit and milk.

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ated and video conference has not been set up. Due to recently filed motions and technological problems, the matter is continued to November 4. Leone was indicted on one count, burglary; and one count, grand

larceny. A hearing on petition to revoke probation was held in the case the State vs Steven Good, 32, of Durbin, wherein prosecuting attorney Joni Nichols informed the court that she was Judge Richardson's law clerk and asked if there might be a conflict. Defense counsel said his client waived any conflict and also waived his

right to a preliminary hearing. The court found probable cause that the defendant did violate the terms and conditions of his probation. An evidentiary hearing is set for October 23-24. Good was sentenced in August 2023 to two years supervised probation. Due to a previous violation of his probation, the court extended Goode's probation for an additional

six months. Jesse Blake, 40, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge of petit larceny and was placed on a one-year deferred adjudication per plea agreement with the State. Blake will be under the supervision of the probation department during the one-year period.

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handcrafted bowl made by local artists. Tickets \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Sponsored by Family Resource Network and Pocahontas County Arts Council.

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.

Spaghetti Dinner with homemade rolls Tuesday, October 22, 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Hillsboro Elementary School to benefit the PTO. Cost: \$10. \$5 for ages five and younger.

Mulligan Stew Friday, October 25, 4 to 6 p.m. at Arbovale Community Center. Carry-out only. Bring quart jars if you have them.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Durbin's Halloween Night Party, Thursday, October 31, Trick or Treat 5 to 7 p.m. Food and drink and fun and games at the BFD Firehall at 7 p.m.

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.

Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat in the Town of Marlinton Thursday, October 31, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Trick or Treat in the town of Hillsboro and Trunk or Treat at Oak

Grove Presbyterian Church Thursday, October 31, 6 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH NOTICES

Central Union United Methodist Church, Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Bible Study Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Led by Pastor Tim Scott.

Marlinton United Methodist Church – Worship at 11 a.m. Parking lot service on 90.3 FM radio or join us on Facebook. Bible Study Thursdays 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 5 p.m. Book of Daniel.

Library, from page 3

And when libraries are nearby, residents use them more. This does make us unusual. Not many rural counties with our population have five library branches. Not many rural counties have as many library visits as we do, either.

I've not lived in the county long, but already I've heard inspiring stories about how hard residents of our local communities worked to build and maintain local library branches. Many people donated materials, labor and funds to construct buildings and purchase books. Many more continue to do so every year.

All of you have known intuitively that when you put a library close to where people live, people are more likely to use it.

It's kind of nice to have the statisticians at the *Washington Post* come along and verify that you were right.

Mayor's, from page 4

cess by funding planning, infrastructure deployment and adoption programs in all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and other.

On August 23, 2024, the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, West Virginia Office of Broadband, (WVDED) announced its allocation of \$1.2 billion in (BEAD) funding.

Until next time... Sam

Letters, from page 4

I know there have been many problems with the Green Boxes, and I understand the frustrations of those that have to deal with them on the ground since many items not for acceptance at these locations are being disposed of there but the more difficult our political leaders make it to properly dispose of trash of all kinds, the greater the likelihood that it ends up thrown

in a sink hole or over the hill. Improperly disposed of material in our limestone terrain can contaminate groundwater and our wells. This county also depends on tourism for a lot of jobs and income, no one will want to visit a place with trash all over the place.

If you want to keep these buildings and the benefits they provide, let those that have made this decision know your feelings before it is too late.

Joe Kaffl Hillsboro

Super Crossword

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ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS,
DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

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

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024
Claim Deadline: Monday, December 9, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: **14650**
ESTATE OF: **LARRY DAVID FASSETTE**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Susan Charles
4411 Woodrow Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-6787

ESTATE NUMBER: **14678**
ESTATE OF: **WILLIAM LEE MCMANN**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Brittany Sue McMann
368 Windship CV
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-1852

ESTATE NUMBER: **14679**
ESTATE OF: **BEVERLY SUSANNA MCMANN**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Brittany McMann
368 Windship CV
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-1852

ESTATE NUMBER: **14687**
ESTATE OF: **PATRICIA LEE HILLYARD**
EXECUTOR: Lance Shroades
P. O. Box 408
Ester, AK 99725-0408

ESTATE NUMBER: **14691**
ESTATE OF: **CAROL GRIFFIS JR.**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Krystal Griffis
594 Newman Road
Buckeye, WV 24924-9108

ESTATE NUMBER: **14695**
ESTATE OF: **CONNIE JEWEL WILT**
ADMINISTRATOR CTA: Rick Lambert
Box 8
War, WV 24892-0008

Subscribed and sworn to before me on October 4, 2024
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
10/10/2c

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2021, executed by the Borrower, Joshua A. Hoffmann, to Pill & Pill, PLLC, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Book 400, at Page 413. **At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 10612 Frost Rd., Marlinton, WV 24954.** The Borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pocahontas County, in Marlinton, West Virginia, on the following date: **November 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF Pocahontas, STATE OF WV, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

All of those three (3) certain tracts or parcels of real estate, including the improvements, appurtenances and easements thereunto belonging, on the east side of West Virginia State Route 28 one (1) mile north of the Village of Frost, Huntersville District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. I: "Beginning at a stake on the east side of State Route 28 and running in an easterly direction and approximately perpendicular to the said State Route 286 feet to a stake; thence running

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perpendicular to the former line and in a northerly direction 139 feet to a stake; thence running perpendicular to the former line and in a westerly direction 286 feet to the right-of-way line of the said State Route; thence running with the right-of-way line in a southerly direction 100 feet to the point of beginning, and containing one-half (1/2) acre, more or less."

Tract No. II: Being a strip land approximately 345 feet long and 12 to 16 feet wide and bounded on the north by the lands of John G. Sharp; on the east by the lands of the United States of America; and on the south by the lands of Lester Tennant; and on the west by State Route No. 28; and being a part of what was formerly known as the Preston-Dreppard Farm.

Tract No. III: All of that certain parcel of land designated by the United States Forest Service as Tract 377a-I, containing 0.14 acre, more or less, located in the Huntersville District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, being a portion of U.S. Tract No 377a, conveyed by deed from Warn Lumber Company to the United States of America dated February 21, 1937, and of record in the Deed Book 71, at Page 335, and further acquired by Berlin N. Galford, by the United States of America, by Deed dated March 20, 1998, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, In Deed Book 302, at Page 522.

AND BEING the same real estate conveyed unto Joshua A. Hoffmann by the Deed dated the 1st day of March, 2019, from Douglas Grimes and Connie Grimes, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 377, at Page 275.

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Trustee
BY: Jonathan L. Wertman, Esq.
Pill & Pill, PLLC
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Martinsburg, WV 25404
(304) 263-4971
foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com
10/17/4c

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 Of-

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fice 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
10/3/3c

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2022-C-000044-POCAHONTAS COUNTY-WVTA LLC

To: **ULRIC ALDERMAN, WAYNE NEIL ALDERMAN, WAYNE NEIL ALDERMAN, WILMA UNDERWOOD, JANET BECK, SHELBY JEAN RYDER, ALONZO GEORGE DEAN JR, HAROLD SAWYERS, MELVIN HILL, BESSIE HILL, NORMAN ALDERMAN, CHARLOTTE ALDERMAN, PAULINE NEVADA HANSFORD, LEONARD GEORGE UNDERWOOD, ANNA MARY ROBSON, JANET LEE BECK, MILDRED LOUISE SYMES, SHELBY JEAN RYDER, LAWRENCE ALDERMAN, JOEL HILL, PAUL HILL, RUTH WRIGHT, RUTH WRIGHT, WOOD HILL, MURL HILL, MURL HILL, MADELINE HILL, MADELINE HILL, DOROTHY TEELIZZI, BETTY SILVA, BETTY SILVA, BETTY SILVA, MARY INESEU, MARY INESEU, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.**

DISTRICT: HUNTERSVILLE MAP: 9999
PARCEL 0600 0030 0000

You will take notice that **WVTA LLC**, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000044, located in HUNTERSVILLE District, **BEAVER CREEK MINERALS 100 AC, which was returned delinquent or non-entered in the name of ALDERMAN ULRIC**, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and non-entered lands of POCAHONTAS County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 11, 2023, WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-11374.
\$ 93.90

see Legal Advertisements pg 14

NOTICE OF ELECTION

To: **All owners of residential improved property located within the South Precinct of the Snowshoe Resort Community District**

You will take notice that, pursuant to West Virginia Code, 7-25-1, et seq. and Articles III and IV of the Bylaws of Snowshoe Resort Community District, **an election will be held on the 15th day of November 2024.** This election shall be for the purpose of electing a person to serve as the South Precinct Residential Representative of the Snowshoe Resort Community District.

Voting is by the official ballot ONLY and incomplete ballots will not be accepted.

Ballots may be hand-delivered to the Snowshoe Resort Community District Election Committee in person between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, November 15, 2024 at the District Office located at 502 Cass Road, Slatyfork, WV 26291 or if by regular U.S. mail or electronically (facsimile or email) and must be received prior to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, November 15, 2024, delivered as follows:

Via Mail: Snowshoe Resort Community District
Election Committee
PO Box 377
Snowshoe, WV 26209

Via Facsimile: 304-572-5616
Via Email: ruth.bachman@snowshoedistrict.com

The Southern Precinct includes The Seneca, Snowcrest, Summit, Top of the World, Westridge (north and south), Soaring Eagle, Leatherbark, Treetop, Sanctuary, Loggers Run, Wabasso, Lands End, Timbers, 5858 Snowshoe Dr (single home), Hawthorne Valley (including Twin Greens and Fairway points) and 370 Cupp Run Road, Snowshoe, WV (single home).

Further information regarding the election including replacement ballots, bios and candidate information is available on the District's website at: www.snowshoedistrict.com

Snowshoe Resort Community District
By: David W. Dragan, Secretary
10/10/2c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Marlinton, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 8-12-18, on the 28th day of October, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at 517 4th Avenue, will sell at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, the following tracts or parcels of real property, together, in one lot:

1. That certain tract or parcel of real property situate in the Marlinton District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, designated on the tax maps of said County as **Tax Map Parcel No. 8-3-2, consisting of 0.0397 acres, more or less**, and being the same property conveyed to the Town of Marlinton by Kenneth Kay via deed dated the 26th day of August, 2022, all as more particularly described and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 404 at Page 306.

2. That certain tract or parcel of real property situate in the Marlinton District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, designated on the tax maps of said County as **Tax Map Parcel No. 8-3-3, consisting of 0.0879 acres, more or less**, and being the same property conveyed to the Town of Marlinton by Gertrude I. Lester via deed dated the 3rd day of October, 2022, all as more particularly described and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 404 at Page 603.

TERMS OF SALE:

THERE IS A RESERVE MINIMUM BID OF \$30,000.00. Sale of the foregoing real property will be made by public auction to the highest qualified bidder. At the conclusion of the sale, and no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of sale, the successful bidder will be required to tender the full purchase price by cash, certified check, or cashier's check, by delivering the same to Marlinton Town Hall, 709 Second Ave., Marlinton, WV 24953. The successful bidder assumes the risk of loss or damage from and after the sale. The successful bidder shall be responsible for all costs and fees associated with transfer of title. If the successful bidder fails to deliver the total purchase price within the prescribed time, the Town may return to the successful bidder any portion of the purchase price paid and proceed to resell the property or, at the sole discretion of the Town, convey the property to the next highest qualified bidder if such bidder will honor their bid. The Town reserves the right to reject any bid that in its sole opinion is inadequate. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject such other terms as to payment or delivery of payment as may be made or be agreed to by the Town and the bidder in advance of the sale.

The aforesaid real property is being sold in its "AS IS" condition and the Town does not make any representations or warranties as to the physical condition of the property or its fitness for a particular purpose. Arrangements may be made to preview or inspect the vehicles in advance of the sale by calling Marlinton Town Hall at 304-799-4315.

The Town reserves the right to continue the sale of the aforesaid real property from time to time, at its sole discretion, by oral proclamation. Any sale may be adjourned or conducted by the designated agent of the Town. Additional terms and conditions may be announced at the sale.

Should the Town not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance, please contact the Town to make further inquiry. Please direct any inquiries or objections to the sale to the Town in writing at the following address: Marlinton Town Hall, 709 Second Ave., Marlinton, WV 24954.

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Charleston, West Virginia 25305
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This is only a portion of the personal property of the estate of Thomas B. and Drema Lucas, Jim Lewis, Executor. Food available.

Terms: Cash settlement day of sale

Auctioneers: Kermit (#479), Billy (#605) and Ben Morgan (#2196)

Phone 304-667-6849 or 304-647-5970

COUNTY TICKET

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE)
Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected.

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○ JAY MILLER	DEM	Hillsboro
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NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	MTN	
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FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for ONE)		
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	REP	
○ LAURA M. KERSHNER	DEM	Hillsboro
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	LBN	
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○ Write-in, if Any		
FOR SHERIFF (Vote for ONE)		
○ KENNETH "BUSTER" VARNER	REP	Durbin
○ TROY McCOY	DEM	Hillsboro
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	LBN	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	MTN	
○ Write-in, if Any		
FOR ASSESSOR (Vote for ONE)		
○ JOHNNY PRITT	REP	Marlinton
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OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

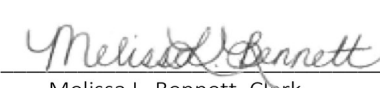
NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote For No More Than One)

○ DONNA DILLEY	Northern District
○ ANDREW "FROSTY" McNABB	Central District
○ DAWN BALDWIN BARRETT	Northern District
○ JARYD M. WILFONG	Central District
○ Write-in, if Any	
BALLOT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	
Amendment No. 1: Protection of Persons Against Medically Assisted Suicide	
Summary of Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to protect West Virginians against medically assisted suicide.	
Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".	
○ FOR	
○ AGAINST	

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COUNTY OF POCAHONTAS, to-wit:

I, Melissa L. Bennett, Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and as such Ex-Officio Chairman of the Board of Ballot Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct sample of the official Ballot to be voted in the General Election, said election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024, showing correctly all names of candidates certified by Mac Warner, Secretary of State, State of West Virginia, and the names of all candidates filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Given under my hand and Seal of said County this the 4th day of October 2024.


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Pocahontas County Commission

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Fundraising, Outreach and Evaluation Coordinator

High Rocks is a growing organization seeking a team member in our Development Office. Responsibilities include grant writing and reporting, private donor management, community outreach, evaluation and data collection. Strong candidates for this position will have a background in fundraising, grant writing, and/or community outreach and will enjoy work in a team setting. Applicants with excellent writing skills who are comfortable communicating with donors are preferred.

High Rocks Educational Corporation is an innovative team environment with a solid mission to educate, empower, and inspire young people in West Virginia. We are a leader in transforming the lives of young people and the impact they have on their communities. At High Rocks, we value an unwavering commitment to excellence and honesty and a deep understanding of our programs and operations. We believe that all of our team members are learning and growing at High Rocks and place a strong emphasis on continued training and professional development. We operate seven transformational programs for young people in West Virginia and beyond; our work touched more than 6,000 young West Virginians last year alone. We work to provide full scholarships to all our programs, partnering with more than 50 active private and public funding partners and grants at the local, state, and federal level to make these opportunities possible across the state.

Learn more about our programs and opportunities at www.highrocks.org.

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Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience recommended.
- Grant writing and fundraising experience
- Detail-oriented and organized
- Strong communication skills, including strong written communication
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- Experience with Salesforce, QuickBooks, and advanced Excel functions a plus
- Some travel required. A background check is required since we work with vulnerable populations and Workforce WV. Must be able to pass a drug screening.

Please consider applying even if you do not meet all of the qualifications but think you would be a strong fit. Training is available.

Reports to: Director of Development.

For a complete list of responsibilities, or to apply: Please send a letter of interest or cover letter, résumé, writing sample and references to High Rocks, ATTN: Summer Martin, summer@highrocks.org.



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A message to the people of West Virginia, from the people of West Virginia.

We’ve been taken
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We can stop it.

Forget party labels for a moment and look
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FOR
GOVERNOR

Two men with remarkably different
character and intention are running
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STEVE WILLIAMS

*Mayor of Huntington
since 2012, the grandson
of West Virginia coal
miners, Williams grew
up in the southern
coalfields.*

- On his watch, Huntington won the top \$3 million prize in the America’s Best Communities competition, besting 350 contenders.
- Huntington is now ranked by *U.S. News* among the 100 Best Places to Live in the U.S., and among the 50 best places to retire.
- He understands business.
- People who have known him his whole life agree he is a person of high integrity, he works well with other people, and brings out the best in them.



PATRICK MORRISEY

*Our current attorney
general was born in New
York City, raised and
educated in New Jersey,
came to WV in 2006 after
losing a NJ primary race
for Congress.*

- Lobbied for Big Pharma companies directly responsible for the opiate scourge that has bulldozed our people and economy.
- Repaid his backers by suing the EPA to limit protecting our land and water.
- Joined bogus out-of-state lawsuits trying to overturn the 2020 presidential election.
- Wastes taxpayers’ time and money pursuing politically motivated lawsuits that have no impact on ordinary West Virginians.

FOR
U.S. SENATE

We have a clear choice.
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The other is an actual leader.



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Mayor of the Year worked
alongside fellow citizens
to revive Wheeling,
his hometown.*

- As mayor from 2016-2024, Wheeling has become one of the fastest growing economies in West Virginia.
- Honed his devotion to service and the U.S. Constitution as legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd.
- Named winner of the 2023 James C. Hunt Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding, exceptional leadership.
- Honest, humble, and kind, he is determined to put people and action over politics.



JIM JUSTICE

*Our current governor has
shown, in ways large and
small, that he thinks he is
above the law.*

- Is consistently delinquent in paying creditors and the State, threatening the well-being of thousands of employees.
- Does not keep his word or honor his contracts, driving West Virginia small businesses into bankruptcy by slow paying or stiffing them entirely.
- Embarrasses our state’s people with cheap theatrics.
- Ignores state law requiring him to live in the capital city.

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Weatherwise
By Chester Carden
U. S. F. S.
The average rainfall on the Cranberry River Watershed for the month of September was 2.55 inches. Five-year average for the same period is 5 inches.
High temperature for the month was 80 degrees at Aldrich Branch on September 14. Low for the month was at Black Mountain September 23 with 32 degrees.
BIRTHS
Born to Mr. and Mrs.

James T. Martin, II, of Marlinton, a daughter, named Lori Anne.

DEATHS
Mrs. Walter Cottrell, of Marlinton; funeral service will be from the Marlinton Methodist Church with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Viola Moore, 69, of Durbin; funeral service from the Bethel United Methodist Church with burial in the Gum Cemetery.

Dorsey James Sharp, 64, of Marlinton, a son of the late Elmer E. and Janet Foster Sharp. Funeral service from VanReenen Funeral

Home with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Elsie Pauline Underwood Henderson, daughter of Mrs. Duffie Moore and the late Kennie Underwood. Funeral service from the Cummings Creek Church with burial in Beaver Creek Cemetery.
A BIT OF HUMOR
Genius isn't spontaneous combustion – it's a trail of sparks from a grindstone.
Thanks to computers, the old-fashioned clerical error can now be converted into a corporate disaster.
Amazing, isn't it? All these shortages and we still have a littler problem!

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More History
From a paper by H. A. Yeager
So far as history records, Henry Baker, of Richmond, Virginia, was the first teacher to cross the Alleghanies, and the school taught in the Drinnen cabin was the pioneer of pioneer schools.
A few schools were established by the State of Virginia for the people "beyond the mountains," but because of the distance and the danger from the Indians, the people of the community established what were known as subscription schools. Each family paid according to the number of children they had enrolled.
Following the Drinnen raid and death of Henry Baker, the school moved to a point near the Stony Creek bridge near Marlinton. The school term was three or four months, usually held during the summer. The teachers were local citizens, and the qualifications were that they could "read, write and be able to cipher," and "be respected citizens of good moral character." These teachers were paid the equivalent of five or ten dollars a month in furs or grains and were boarded by the patrons...
About 1880, a school was established in a one room building in Price Hollow, the land was given by Andrew McLaughlin, and it was called the Marlin Bottom school...

One of the most interesting teachers was Charles Cook, of Boston, who was a graduate of Brown University. He came south during the Civil War and after the war settled near Edray... The story is told of him that upon one occasion they were having a community meeting and a "question box" was being conducted. The idea was that certain questions should be asked, and someone called upon to answer the question with a speech. Mr. Cook drew the question, "What can be done to improve this community?"
He arose and said, "Eight or ten first class funerals," and sat down.
Needless to say, the meeting broke up...

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twins to be born in Marlinton.
DIED
SAMUEL HARPER, ESQ.
Pocahontas was bereaved of one of its worthy citizens when the venerable Samuel Harper died last Wednesday night, October 11, at the home of Dice Rimel, his son-in-law, at the Top of Alleghany, beyond Driscol,

aged about 87 years.
Mr. Harper was born and reared and spent his entire life, save a few months, at the noted Harper mill on Knapps creek. He was one of Henry Harper's sons, who in his day carried on successfully a number of industries as the Harper mill, forge and tannery. It would require an extended article to mention all that might be appropriately said of this departed friend and citizen. His reputation in all the relations of life ranks with the highest in our county, by common

consent on the part of his widely extended acquaintanceship.
His first wife was Melinda Moore, granddaughter of Moses Moore, the noted pioneer of this region. The late Mrs. Washington Herold and Mrs. Francis Dever and Mrs. James E. Moore, Preston, Frank and William Harper, well-known citizens, were children of the first marriage. His second wife was Miss M. J. Gum, a noted teacher of Highland County. Mrs. Rimel was a daughter of the second marriage.

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as a beef farm until 2005. Since then, Rick has been producing and selling hay. The original smokehouse on the farm was built in 1801, and the current house was built between 1910 and 1913. The family still owns 150 acres of the original Wooddell Farms, with the total acreage at 180. Rick is the Commander of the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps, Treasurer of the Durbin Lions Club, Adjutant for the Allegheny American Legion Post 117, Trustee of Arbovale United Methodist Church, and Vice President of the Arbovale United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Every year the District Supervisors select a District Supervisor of the Year.

FSA, NRCS and GVCD. These initiatives include the development of springs, wells and watering troughs, as well as the installation of exclusion and division fences for rotational grazing. Clifton has a distinguished background, including four years in the U.S. Navy and 41 years with Alleghany Power Company. He has served as a member of the Marlinton Lions Club, the Farm Bureau, and the board of directors for Southern States and Pocahontas Producers. For the past 14 years, he has served in various capacities, including secretary/treasurer, vice-chairman, and spearheaded committees. He has served as the primary liaison for Emergency Watershed Protection

in Pocahontas County and represented the GVCD on the Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Board. He has also organized educational events and successfully oversaw conservation projects. Clifton, who recently retired as a Greenbrier Valley Conservation Supervisor, is highly deserving of this honorable award and his presence will greatly be missed.

2024 Supervisor of the Year
Jerry L. Clifton
Jerry Clifton has been a member of the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District serving Pocahontas County since 2010. Alongside his wife, Linda, he oversees a 515-acre cattle farm and has been actively involved in conservation initiatives with

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MORE LISTINGS

6671 - Marlinton. 3BR/2BA home in close proximity to all Pocahontas County has to offer. Town living. Great starter, vacation or permanent home. - \$92,000

6618 - Huntersville. 3BR/2BA ranch home on 2.10 semi-private acres. Close to Greenbrier River and Trail, Knapps Creek, Watoga and Seneca State parks. - \$129,000

6672 - Huntersville. Beautiful 3BR/2BA home on 27+/- rolling acres. Majority is woodland with 1.5 acre pasture. Spacious home with additional family room/ sunroom. - \$269,000

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