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Mosesso travels to Africa to share agriculture education

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

West Virginia University has had a partnership with the United States Agency for International Development – USAID since 2011 – to expand international relations between universities and communities around the world.

One of those partnerships was between WVU and Egerton University in Njoro, Kenya. In an effort to reestablish this partnership, WVU Extension Associate Dean and Associate Director Jennifer Williams organized a trip for extension employees to visit Kenya to provide education and materials about agriculture development.

Pocahontas County’s WVU Extension Agent Luci Mosesso was one of those employees.

“Their goal is to get kids excited about agriculture at a young age to help the future,” Mosesso said.

“They’re really looking toward the next twenty, thirty, forty years of how do we get

more people interested in growing food and get educated about it.”

The area to which they traveled is very food insecure, but agriculture is not seen as a viable profession, so the hope is the project will help change that opinion, starting with educating the children.

“In Africa, agriculture is kind of looked on as a poor person’s level in society,” Mosesso said. “The opportunity isn’t really looked at as something that could build wealth. People want to get away from that, so they’re trying to find ways to help change that dynamic.”

The program works with 10 schools in Kenya to grow student gardens.

“They have school gardens, and they’re incredible,” Mosesso said.

“They’re using all that to get one meal for the kids per day. They have no government subsidies, so their school food is what they grow there.”

During her time in Kenya, Mosesso spent two days at the university, one day at the

primary schools and two days experiencing the country and its culture.

“I got to teach one day at the college at Egerton,” she said. “It was with their agriculture students, so they’re college students who are going to go on to be agriculture educators. It is growing. The part I got to teach was about ages and stages. It was just about different ways of interacting with kids at different age levels and how they learn.”

Mosesso and the five other WVU employees spent time with faculty and staff, helping them build the agriculture curriculum and program.

When it came time to visit the primary schools, Mosesso put on her 4-H leader hat and played games with the students.

“We visited three primary schools,” she said. “4-H is learn by doing, so we did some agricultural games with the kids that were there. They call their 4-H clubs 4-K clubs. It’s very similar to what 4-H is here.”

Like 4-H, the 4-Ks all



WVU EXTENSION AGENT Luci Mosesso – back row, center – was one of six WVU employees to travel to Kenya for a week-long visit to Egerton University and primary schools in the country. The trip was part of a partnership between the two universities to share agriculture education and help the children learn more about gardening. Photo courtesy of Luci Mosesso

stand for an aspect of the club. Kuungana – Unity of the youth and young farmers as members of the club to foster growth and empowerment in the society.; Kufanya – Engaging in doing work with one’s hands and mind in bid to meet the society’s present needs; Kusaidia – Aid of the country by ensuring its progress through offering innovative solutions to

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MES celebrates Computer Science Education Week with new robots

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Marlinton Elementary School had a lot to celebrate this year during Computer Science Education Week December 6-12. The school hosted three days of coding at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton and welcomed families to see their kids in action with the school’s new fleet of robots.

The 13 robots were purchased with a \$2,000 grant provided by County Roads Codes: Taking Computer Science to West Virginia Communities.

Fourth grade teacher Brian Smith applied for the grant and has been working with his students, and other grade levels, teaching them how to code and program the robots to perform.

“We used to have a different set of codeable devices, but we haven’t had those for a few years now,” he said. “This is our first year getting back into it. [The students] have done some coding on their devices online, but no interfacing with a robot for the last several years, so this was kind of a step back in that direction.”



MARLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students work together to solve the distance a robot will have to travel in order to follow the track drawn on a piece of cardboard. This activity was part of the school’s celebration of Computer Science Education Week – a three-day event where students demonstrated their coding skills to program robots for teachers and parents. Photo courtesy of Kristi Tankersley

The robots are called M-block and came unassembled, which led to the first lesson for the fourth-grade students.

“My students got to build them, as well, which was kind of neat,” Smith said. “We built them in class, and we’ve been using them some with my homeroom class and a few other classes.”

MES has a program called Grade Level Buddies in which the older grades are paired with a younger grade

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‘Wicked’ writer visited county schools in 1989

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Before they were Glinda the Good and The Wicked Witch of the West, Galinda and Elphaba were college roommates in the land of Oz. The Blockbuster movie “Wicked” which debuted in theaters November 22, 2024, follows the two young witches as they learn more about their powers and the all-powerful and all-knowing Wizard.

The movie is an adaptation of the Broadway musical of the same name which was in turn based on the novel “Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West,” written by Gregory Maguire.

Six years before the release of the novel, Maguire visited Marlinton Middle School and Pocahontas County High School to talk with English students.

Marlinton Middle School students were learning about mythology and the school librarian hosted a writing contest on the subject. She liked the book “The Dream Stealer” because it had a story set in Russia that incorporated Russian mythological characters.

The book was out of print at the time and so the librarian contacted Maguire and asked him if he could supply copies of the book for school.

Maguire was interested in the writing contest and agreed to loan 15 books to the school and offered to be a judge of the writing contest.

After reading the books and doing a little research, about 50 students wrote essays which were sent to Maguire to judge. The author picked the best nine essays from the fifth and sixth grades and the six best from the seventh and eighth grades.

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PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER waves as staff holds up sign proclaiming “We Love you Mr. President” in Washington, November 5, 1980, as the president walks to the helicopter for a trip to Camp David. AP photo

West Virginia leaders honor President Jimmy Carter

By Charles Young
Senior Staff Writer
The Exponent Telegram

West Virginia officials joined the nation in mourning President Jimmy Carter after his passing Sunday, December 29, at age 100.

The one-term president and Nobel laureate, who spent his post-presidency years engaged in charitable and altruistic efforts, was remembered by state leaders including Senator Joe Manchin, I-W.Va, Senator Shelley Moore Capito and Governor Jim Justice.

“President Jimmy Carter was our 39th President, but he will forever be best remembered for his gentle soul and his dedication to humanitarian efforts,” Manchin said in a social media post.

“He showed us how to care for one another and make the world a better

place. Through his volunteerism, President Carter showed a kindness to all humans that should serve as a model for all of us. He was a great husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and he was a distinguished humanitarian and American.”

Carter, a life-long resident of Plains, Georgia, was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalynn. Rosalynn died in November 2023 at the age of 96. The pair were married for 77 years.

“Charlie and I are thinking of the family and friends of former President Jimmy Carter during this time,” Capito said. “We respected his devotion to public service and love of his country. His lifetime of service is an example for all of us to follow. May he rest in peace with his beloved Rosalynn.”

Justice issued a proclamation ordering that all U.S. and West Virginia State flags

at all state-owned facilities be displayed at half-staff through sunset on January 28 in honor of Carter’s life and legacy.

“President Jimmy Carter faithfully served his country with kindness and compassion,” Justice said. “His life was well-lived, and he will be missed by all. Cathy and I send our prayers and condolences to the Carter family and ask all West Virginians to join with us.”

The former president was a “a great man of faith and a public servant who was devoted to the United States,” said Rep. Carol Miller, R-W.Va. “Matt and I send our condolences and prayers to the Carter family.”

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THE MARKS FAMILY, from left: Sal, Paolo, Asa, Fenna and Erica.

The Marks Family to appear at Carnegie

Carnegie Hall’s Second Stage Series will present The Marks Family “String Beings” Thursday, January 16, at 7 p.m. in the Old Stone Room. Guests are invited to come early for the Second Stage Lounge from 6 to 6:45 p.m. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

The Marks Family “String Beings” live and practice in Hillsboro. This family of five continues a family tradition of making music together that started a generation before. Paolo Marks grew up playing cello in ensembles with his father and brothers, all of whom made careers in

music.

In addition to playing, Paolo made the violins that he and his daughter, Sal, play.

Erica Lipps Marks grew up playing cello with her father and brother who also had careers in music. Erica plays a cello made in West Virginia by John Preston and Harold Hayslett.

Asa Marks plays trumpet at Greenbrier East High School as well as viola in the family quintet. In addition to learning from her family, she also studies with Russell Fallstad.

Sal Marks plays trombone at Eastern Greenbrier Middle School in addition to first violin in the family

quintet. Fenna Marks is a fourth-grade student at Hillsboro Elementary School and studies piano with Susanna Robinson. She is also learning cello.

The two families’ musical habits would not have been possible without the essential support of the grandmothers who, while not performing musicians themselves, worked hard to create environments where musicians could grow.

The Marks Family “String Beings” play classical, folk and original music. Their repertoire includes Mozart and Haydn

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2023-2024 Deaths

- October 2023**
- 21 – Wilma Clutter Palmer, 88, of South Carolina
 - 27 – Robert Carl Allder, 74, of Hillsboro
- November 2023**
- 2 – Bradford Scott Jackson, 54, of Florida
 - 8 – James Milton Sutton, 86, of Maryland
 - 26 – LTC Marie Goodwyn Cooper, 81, of Georgia
 - 29 – Edwin Ernest White, Jr., 96, of Minnehaha Springs
- December 2023**
- 9 – Ronald Lee Rose, 59, of Buckeye
 - 20 – Lorraine Grey Alderman, 90, of Michigan
 - 20 – Mary Lynn Brock, 102, of Pennsylvania
 - 22 – James T. Arbogast, 79, of Pennsylvania
 - 23 – Susan Slavin, 99, of Ohio
 - 25 – Linda Lee McMillion Rose, 83, of Hillsboro
 - 29 – Rosemary Suzanne Balister, 89, of South Carolina
- 2024 January**
- 1 – Robert Boyd Birchfield, 83, of Virginia
 - 1 – Sarah Lucy Mullenax, 81, of Virginia
 - 2 – Harry Buster Great-house, 80, of Maryland
 - 2 – George Lowe, Jr., 87, of Hillsboro
 - 8 – Maria Ann Reed, 61, of Dunmore
 - 8 – Gertrude Ione Pritt Lester, of Marlinton
 - 12 – JoAnn Rogers Fromhart, 91, of Dunmore
 - 12 – Freda M. Thompson, 87, of Ohio
 - 14 – Arnold W. Stewart, formerly of Dunmore
 - 16 – Martha Lou McCarty, 76, of Durbin
 - 18 – Edna May Webb, 98, of Marlinton
 - 19 – Leo Greg Woodhouse, Jr., 33, of Marlinton
 - 26 – Elizabeth Ann McDonough Rabel, 82, of Indiana
- February**
- 2 – Arch Bensol Buzzard, 86, of Frost
 - 4 – Donnie Milburn Ellis, 70, of Renick
 - 4 – Kenneth Myrl Ervine, 89, of Marlinton

- 4 – Joan Brownfield Daniels Moore, 90, of Marlinton
 - 5 – Steve Michael Phillips, 68, of Marlinton
 - 6 – Charles Linton Stanley, 74 of Marlinton
 - 7 – John Howard Gore, of Hillsboro
 - 12 – Camie Cheyenne Rider, 21, of Marlinton
 - 16 – Rev. Robert Cruikshank, 93, of Alabama
 - 18 – Harley Bayless, 88, of Richwood
 - 20 – Dorothy L. “Dotty” Kellison, 87, of Marlinton
 - 22 – Jimmy Preston Cloonan, 69, of Buckeye
 - 22 – Ruby Jayne Kerr Vance, 75, of Virginia
 - 28 – Douglas Sharp, 48, of Marlinton
 - 29 – Linda Dee Sharp, 62, Hillsboro
- March**
- 1 – Joseph Thomas Aquinas Sharp, 75, of Marlinton
 - 3 – Woodrow Lynn Cromer, 59, of Durbin
 - 3 – Robert John Nelson, 27, of Bartow
 - 4 – Dorothy Ann Carpenter, 69, of Dunmore
 - 4 – Madeline E. Hill Smith, 100, of Pennsylvania
 - 5 – Myra Waybright Lowry, 76, of Monterey
 - 6 – Betty Lee Pritt, 83, of North Carolina
 - 6 – Shenda Faye Smith, 46, of Marlinton
 - 7 – Mary Ruth Broce, 96, of Buckeye

- 9 – Roy Franklin Beverage, 74, of Maryland
 - 11 – Tina Marie Cummins Walther, 57, of Bartow
 - 15 – Homer Ray Hunter, 80, of Stony Bottom
 - 15 – Randall Alan Ross, 61, of Arizona
 - 15 – Lewis Elmer Sharp, 94, of Marlinton
 - 16 – Edwin C. Young, 80, of Neola
 - 17 – Fannie Bennett, 84, of Bartow
 - 18 – Rosalee Grogg, 78, of Sugar Grove
 - 19 – Phyllis Marie Purkey Estep, 85, of Dunmore
 - 19 – John Duane Byer, 88, of Staunton, Virginia
 - 20 – Gary Sartor, 80, of Lewisburg
 - 21 – Saura McNellan Mason, of Virginia
 - 22 – Patricia Ann Garcia, 68, of Beckley
 - 27 – Virginia Lee Shaw Mullens Morris, 93, of Marlinton
 - 27 – General Franklin Triplett, 91, of Hillsboro
 - 27 – Dennis Melvin Doss, 76, of Hillsboro
 - 30 – Billie Jean Sutton Beverage, 69, of Green Bank
 - 31 – Richard Grant Bird, 88, of Marlinton
- April**
- 10 – Charles Asbury Sheets, 82, of Green Bank
 - 10 – Eleanor Yvonne McGinnis Janes, 82, of North Carolina
 - 11 – Emogene Spencer Smith, 89, of Servia

- 13 – Ollie Mae Curry, 87, of Kentucky
 - 14 – Orvil Harless, 86, of Hillsboro
 - 15 – Leona M. Daniels, 95, formerly of Durbin
 - 16 – Mary Elizabeth Sours Dever, 100, of Elkins
 - 16 – Elsie Ann Isabell, 89, of Webster County
 - 16 – Patrick Scott Saffer, 40, of Ripley
 - 18 – Edith Emma Popplewell Dilley, 104, of Lewisburg
 - 19 – Debra Lou Roy, 68, of Marlinton
 - 24 – Donald James Circosta, 78, of Ronceverte
 - 26 – Marshall Ward Markley, 41, of Huttonsville
 - 30 – Marvin Roy Hamilton, 82, of Huntersville
 - 30 – Mike Kane, of Green Bank
- May**
- 2 – Beverly Kim Copelin, 64, of Marlinton
 - 3 – Nancy Ann Blankenship, 70, of Hillsboro
 - 4 – Ronald Gene McCarty, 83, of Frost
 - 5 – Genevieve Marie

- Rexrode, 78, of Durbin
 - 7 – Annette Evelyn Kelley Elza, 83, of Ohio
 - 7 – Henry Wolfe, 82, of Deer Creek
 - 8 – Alice Ruth Douglas Roth, 89, of Renick
 - 9 – Charles R. Kelley, 79, of Ohio
 - 13 – Jason Bernard Bauerman, 78, of Bartow
 - 13 – George Keith Wilmoth, 91, of Virginia
 - 16 – Charlotte Anne Fertig, 75, of Virginia
 - 17 – Betty L. Burgess Workman, 77, of Virginia
 - 17 – Jane Callison Ruckman Curry, 89, of South Carolina
 - 19 – Josey Wallace Armstrong, 21, of Buckeye
- June**
- 1 – Arthur P. Dameron, 79, of South Carolina
 - 4 – Johnny Bruce Dean, 72, of Marlinton
 - 7 – Connie Jeanne Mullenax Douglas, 75, of Frank
 - 7 – Brandon Scott Davis, 28, of Branchland and Pocahontas County
 - 8 – Ronald Eldridge Roy,

- Sr., 78, of Marlinton
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 - 25 – Janice Faye Gibson, 68, of Buckeye
- July**
- 3 – James Long, Sr., 84, of Green Bank
 - 8 – Patricia Ann Simmons Friel, 82, of Montana
 - 14 – Debra Lynn Colaw, 57, of Durbin
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Pocahontas students invited to MLK Celebration

Gibbs Kinderman
Contributing Writer

The annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration will be held Monday, January 20, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Greenbrier County Court House.

A free meal will be served at the Lewisburg Methodist Church followed by a program in the church sanctuary at 12:30 p.m.

The celebration of Martin Luther King Day in Greenbrier County began in 1982. The event is composed of a speech at the courthouse, followed by a march to the Methodist Church, a free meal, and then a service in the sanctuary.

A few years ago, Monroe County began to participate, and this year, for the first time, Pocahontas County will be part of the event.

A main feature of this celebration is a contest involving students, with the third graders drawing pictures on



the main theme, and the fourth to eighth graders writing essays on the MLK theme, with the length of the essay and the prize increasing grade by grade.

If your child or grandchild is interested in participating, they should contact their school principal or Stephanie

Burns at the board of education office. Burns is the county coordinator of the contest.

We hope to have quite a few Pocahontas children enter and it would be great if they could bring home some of the prizes.

The theme of the contest

this year is from Dr. King's speech he delivered at the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963:

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal."



Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

Happy New Year!

I'm feeling a bit nostalgic today. As I write this column, it's the week before Christmas and this is the last Library Lines I'll write in 2024. That seems like a good time to look back on the year in books.

Last January, I set myself a goal of reading a book each week—52 over the course of the year.

I should hit 74 by the end of the year. That's not quite a record—I read more than 100 during the pandemic lockdown year, when there was little else available to do. Normal years are closer to 45.

My jobs require reading a lot of nonfiction, so my pleasure reading is mostly novels. I read 64 of those, mostly on my Kindle. An e-reader is my preferred way of reading fiction. It's light, doesn't require a hand to hold open the pages—helpful, given that I read while eating breakfast and lunch most days—and it has adjustable text. (A curse of middle age is that print gets smaller every year.)

My book-length nonfiction reading was light this year—just seven books, one of which was a re-read. Almost all of my nonfiction reading was about West Virginia. JD Vance's selection as vice presidential candidate prompted me to re-read *Hillbilly Elegy*, which in turn led me to *Appalachian Reckoning*, a series of essays written in response to Vance's book.

I rounded out my reading with three plays—one of which I performed in (Tom Dulack's *Breaking Legs*), but I'm counting it because, hey, I did read the entire thing!

Most years, the majority of my reading is science fiction, and I certainly read some of it this year. *Exit Strategy* and *System Collapse*—the two most recent novels in Martha Wells' *Murderbot Diaries* series—were back-to-back January reads.

But once I got started working with the library, folks began asking me for book recommendations. So,

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The delights of the winter kitchen

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

A festive, welcoming kitchen will keep you and yours warm all winter long. After all, nothing warms you up like good friends and good food.

Yes, it's that time of year when the dark comes earlier and lasts longer, and our noses are always cold.

We've donned our long underwear, heavy coats, hats and gloves.

After a beautiful Appalachian summer of eating outside on porches and picnic tables, we've retreated to the indoors.

That's okay. We've got all the warmth and comfort we need waiting for us in the kitchen! The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially in winter.

It's the warmest place in the house. It's where the food is. And it's where your family and your guests always want to be.

So, give them a warm welcome.

It's time to snuggle up in a cozy chair and plan some hearty winter meals.

Time to dig out recipes for root vegetables, soups and hot drinks.

Bring down the slow cooker from the top shelf and get out the big stew pots in readiness for frequent use during the next several months.

But first, you'll want to set the stage.

Bring in some nature by hanging dried flowers or making arrangements of flowers you picked from the garden last summer.

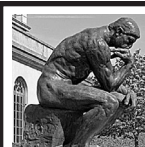
And clutches of dried herbs are always an aromatic addition to the kitchen, plus, they come in handy for use in cooking.

Put a few candles in the windows and on the table, and maybe an oil lamp on a shelf.

Don't underestimate the effect of these little pools of light — they somehow brighten and soften the room at the same time and always add a romantic touch.

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about

1. In which decade did the Wall Street crash lead to the Great Depression?

2. Who was the first woman to be entombed at

the Pantheon on her own merit?

3. What actor was one of the most decorated American combat soldiers of World War II?

4. What two US state capitals are named for people who were executed?



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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

This weeks Mayor's Corner is a continuation from last week. If you are already working with Josh, Sam K. and Sara, this is for you.

Final details are in progress. But, generally, before any distribution of match-money is made available for a project, both entities (meaning the applicable Town Council and the appropriate Mon-Forest Towns Partnership project representatives), will have to be in agreement. Meaning the project had been identified and fits the definition of advancing the community's goal.

A project having been identified is still only part-way. Does the project make sense and is it doable? If so, is there a Grant opportunity that fits such a project.

Here is where having "Match-Funding" in hand makes all the difference. More often than not, grant applications have a tight window for responding. The up-front funds will be used as match-funds for these Grant Opportunities, which is often an obstacle for completing grant applications.

Making a project doable includes developing small Action-Steps.

See it Big – Keep it Simple.

Sam



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

- ### "Szechuan" Noodles with Peanut Sauce

12 oz. spaghetti, linguine or similar pasta
1/3 cup hot water
1/3 cup smooth peanut butter
2 tsp. soy sauce
2 tsp. rice vinegar or white vinegar
2 scallions, finely chopped or 4-6 green onions
2 cloves garlic, finely minced
1 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes, or more, to taste

Cook the pasta in boiling water until it is al dente. Drain and set aside to keep warm. In a medium bowl, blend the water and peanut butter. Stir in all but 1 Tbsp. of the scallions or green onions. Combine the sauce with the hot spaghetti in a heated serving bowl. Garnish with remaining scallions or green onions. serves 4.
- ### Curried Lentils

1 cup lentils
3 cups broth or water
2 cups chopped onion, divided
1/2 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tsp. curry powder

In a medium saucepan, combine the lentils, broth or water, half the onions and salt. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, cover the pan and simmer until tender, 30-40 minutes.

While lentils are cooking, heat the oil in a skillet, add the remaining onions and garlic, and sauté until they begin to brown. Add them to the cooked lentils along with the curry, combining well. Cover the pan and heat 5 minutes longer. Serve over brown or white rice. May garnish with sliced lemon.

School Menus

- January 6 – 10**
- Monday, 6:** French toast sticks with syrup and fruit. Cheeseburger on whole grain bun with lettuce and tomato, seasoned sweet potato fries, baked beans, Birthday cake, fruit and milk.
- Tuesday, 7:** Breakfast smoothie, granola and fruit. Diced chicken nachos with corn, tortillas, salsa, sour cream, black bean salad, red pepper strips, fruit and milk.
- Wednesday, 8:** Homemade cinnamon roll, cheese stick and fruit. Pulled pork sandwich on whole grain bun, slaw, baked potato, green beans, jell-o with fruit and milk.
- Thursday, 9:** Chicken biscuit and fruit. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, whole grain roll, broccoli bites, cookie, fruit and milk.
- Friday, 10:** Ham and cheese croissant and fruit. Beef a Roni with whole grain noodles, California blend vegetables, whole grain breadstick, celery and carrot sticks, ranch cup, fruit and milk.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Green Bank experienced another long power outage Sunday, December 29.

How many this fall and winter now? Tired of keeping count.

Earlier in December, my

house and others had frozen pipes due to an outage.

I recall after the derecho in 2012, when I was a commissioner, Mon Power came to us to explain steps they were taking to improve the power grid in our county to prevent

the frequent outages we were experiencing around that time. Seems it worked well after that. But now every time there's rainy, windy weather, we have problems. I think it's time the Pocahontas County Commission

once again invites Mon Power to come and explain what's going on.

Sincerely,
David Fleming
Green Bank

Community Calendar

- PUBLIC NOTICE**
- All Green Box sites will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, January 2.
- The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority reminds all Pocahontas County residential property owners that the 2024 Green Box Fee must be paid by December 31, 2024 to avoid the 10% late fee.
- Green Boxes winter hours:** Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- MEETINGS**
- WVU Extension Educational Meeting Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Marlinton Municipal Auditorium. RSVP to 304-799-4852. Topic: Forest Carbon Credits.
- Open Sew with Library Quilters of Marlinton**, second Monday of each month 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McClintic Library. Everyone welcome.
- Upper Pocahontas Community Cooperative** second Monday of each month 6:30 p.m. at Durbin Community Library. Call 304-456-4994 for more info.
- LIBRARY EVENTS**
- Create a reading tracker bookmark** to help you meet your 2025 reading goals. Green Bank Public Library. Wednesday, January 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Call to sign-up, 304-456-4507.
- Linwood Little Librarians** Playgroup Fridays at Linwood Library, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Friday Fun** at Durbin Community Library Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages three to 10.
- Budding Bookworms** at Green Bank Library Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Story time and play group for children ages five and younger, accompanied by a grown up. Cancelled when schools are closed.
- PARKS AND REC**
- 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.
- 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**

- CHURCH NOTICES**
- Marlinton United Methodist Church** – Worship at 11 a.m. Parking lot service on 90.3 FM radio or join us on Facebook.
- Central Union United Methodist Church**, Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m.
- Marlinton Presbyterian Church** – Bible Study 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.
- Arbovale United Methodist** – Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Thursdays.
- New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs** – Worship 8:45 a.m.

- 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.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Marlinton, WV intends to file an application with the West Virginia Development Office for Community Development Block Grant funds for to construct a new trailhead facility in downtown Marlinton. **A public meeting will be held on January 17, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the Marlinton Town Office to discuss the application.** The grant application will be submitted to the West Virginia Development Office by January 31, 2025.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting or submit written comments to the Town of Marlinton located at 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV, 24954 by the above date. The Town of Marlinton is an equal opportunity employer and promotes fair housing. Provisions for individuals with disabilities can be arranged by contacting the Marlinton Town Office in advance of the meeting date.

For any questions, please contact Sam Felton at 304-799-4315 or via email at mayor@townofmarlintonwv.com

By Sam Felton, Mayor



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72 Vid shooters
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75 Eerie sign
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90 Not common
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93 Herb in pasta sauce
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97 Egg hunt holidays
99 End of the riddle
103 Oscar-winning Berry
104 Prefix with angle or color
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107 Riddle's answer
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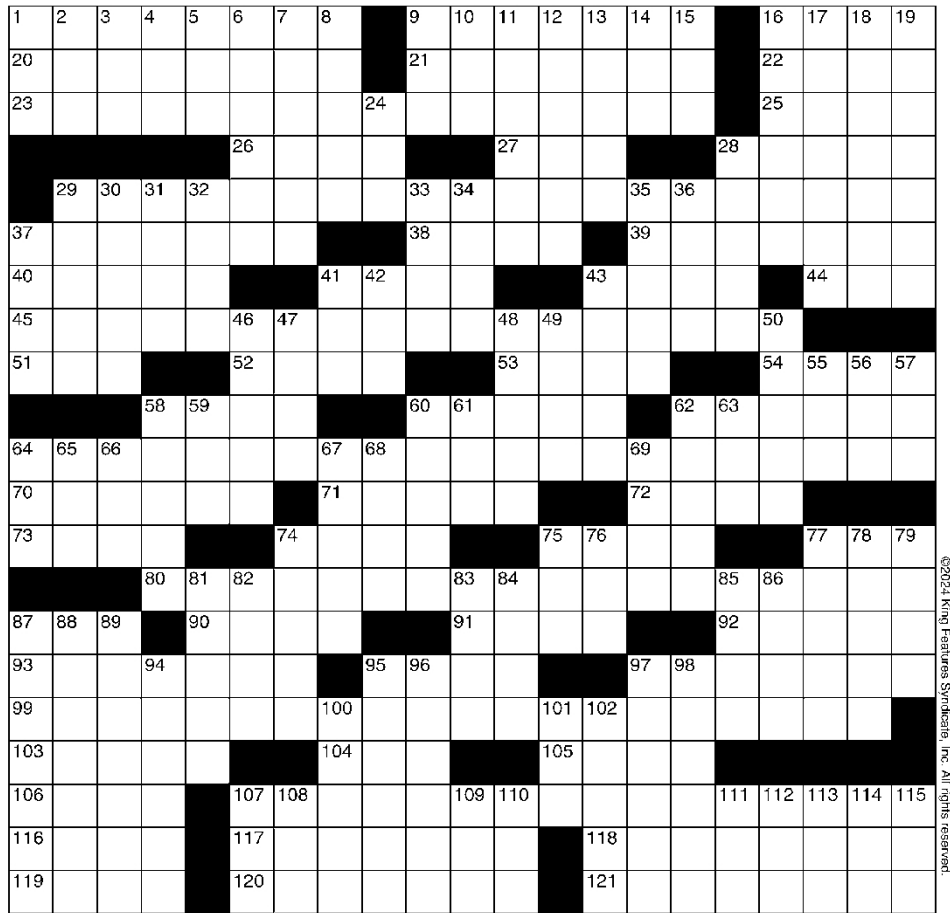
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1 Australian state whose capital is Sydney: Abbr.
2 Scottish interjection of surprise
3 "Eureka!"
4 Scorching
5 Lawn turf
6 Red Sox and Orioles' div.
7 Construction bolts
8 Actress Knightley
9 Tilling tool
10 "— longa, vita brevis"
11 Buzzy insect
12 Having rounded protrusions
13 Timid
14 Often-injured knee part, for short

15 Start to doze
16 Birds bringing bundles of joy
17 Russia locale
18 Easing off
19 Hedgepodge
24 Sanders' title: Abbr.
28 Sticks with pasty stuff
29 "— Subsequent Moviefilm" (2020 sequel)
30 Have life
31 Narrow land strip: Abbr.
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34 Eases off
35 Union Jack and Old Glory
36 Exude slowly
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41 "Disco" guy on "The Simpsons"
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46 Particular specialty
47 Maja painter Francisco

48 Quiet spells
49 Moistureless
50 Track tipsters
55 Crotchety cry
56 Dir. opposite WSW
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58 Wonder Woman player Carter
59 Brand of potato chips
60 Knightly fight
61 Word of joint ownership
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66 Whole bunch
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69 Cake froster
74 Goose eggs
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78 Some Afrikaners
79 Early P.M. times, in classifieds

81 Want badly
82 Pleading
83 First-class
84 Rent- — (temporary wheels)
85 "Frozen" queen
86 Reproving syllables
87 Partners of fathers
88 Tourist office handout
89 Long, twisty and slippery
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95 Main arteries
96 Tatletale
97 Lawn tools
98 Nailed the exam
100 Turn's land
101 Yes, to Fili
102 Shaw of jazz
107 Ready to go
108 Rock's Brian
109 Zodiac sign
110 Sci-fi gift
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Africa, from page 1

national challenges; and Kenya — an educated, healthy, self-reliant nation points to an assurance of prosperity.

In the game called “Get to the Harvest,” students rolled a large inflatable die and moved forward according to the number they rolled and drew a card to see if the harvest was doing well or not. Cards included items like, “you had a sunny day, move forward two spaces” or “zebras ate all of your crops, go back four spots.”

The children also made Circle of Life bracelets to learn about where people fit in the cycle of water, pollution, soil and nutrients and how to keep the Earth healthy.

“The one school we went to, they were singing, ‘If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands,’ when we got there because that’s the song they practiced in English,” Mosesso said. “I cried. It was adorable.”

Mosesso said it was hard not to notice the stark differences between home and Kenya, explaining that the primary schools weren’t as nice as 4-H camp, and the students were wearing patched school uniforms that were at least 60 years old.

But that did not dampen their spirit. They were joyful and happy to learn about gardening and to meet new people.

“People with what we consider so little were so joyful and just happy we were there,” Mosesso said. “They had so many questions. They wanted to take selfies. They love the idea of seeing themselves on the camera to take a picture. They wanted to touch my hair because I had hair. Most of the girls had shaved heads.”

Bookending the trip were two safaris where Mosesso was able to experience the game preserves and learn some of the history of Kenya.

“In Kenya, all safaris are owned by the government and they’re 30,000 or 40,000 acres,” she said. “They’re giant, giant parks, but to get where we needed to go, you have to drive through them to get there.”

On the safaris, they saw

lions, giraffes, zebras, warthogs and more.

“There are zebras everywhere,” she said. “They’re like our deer. Zebras are just alongside the road. The first safari we went on, we saw a zebra and we were like ‘oh my gosh, there’s a zebra! Look there’s a giraffe’ and then the last one, it’s just more zebras. They were everywhere and giraffes were everywhere.”

One experience on the safari was something Mosesso couldn’t keep to herself. Despite the time difference — eight hours — she called home to have her husband, Nate, and sons, Silas and Victor, Face Time a once in a lifetime moment.

At 6 a.m. in Buckeye, Nate received a call from Luci who said, “wake the kids, they have to see this.” She was witnessing a lioness dragging a warthog down the road after a hard-fought hunt.

“I was watching it with them, and they were completely disturbed,” Mosesso said. “They were like, ‘Mom, you should probably get out of there, are you sure this is safe?’”

To put it mildly, the trip was an adventure.

It was also a great success. Now that the WVU employees are back to work, they are focusing on ways to share what they learned with the 4-H clubs here, as well as looking at ways to continue the partnership with Egerton University.

“We, as WVU extension, submitted another grant through the USDA to continue the partnership with Egerton University which will allow for faculty exchange for the next four or five years,” Mosesso said. “They’ll send people, we’ll send people back and forth and get college students involved, as well.”

As for the younger students, Mosesso has some ideas of what she wants to do here in the county.

“We’re going to start a virtual — it’s called a Spin Club — which is a special interest 4-H club to do a pen pal back and forth and learn about Kenyan culture,” she said. “We’re going to eat Kenyan food. We’re going to do a postcard to the kids that are in the school gardens and just build up that communication.

“It’s really cool because

we can Face Time them,” she continued. “The timing is hard, but if we would do first thing in the morning of the school day, we could get them at a time that’s 4 p.m. for them. It wouldn’t be awful.”

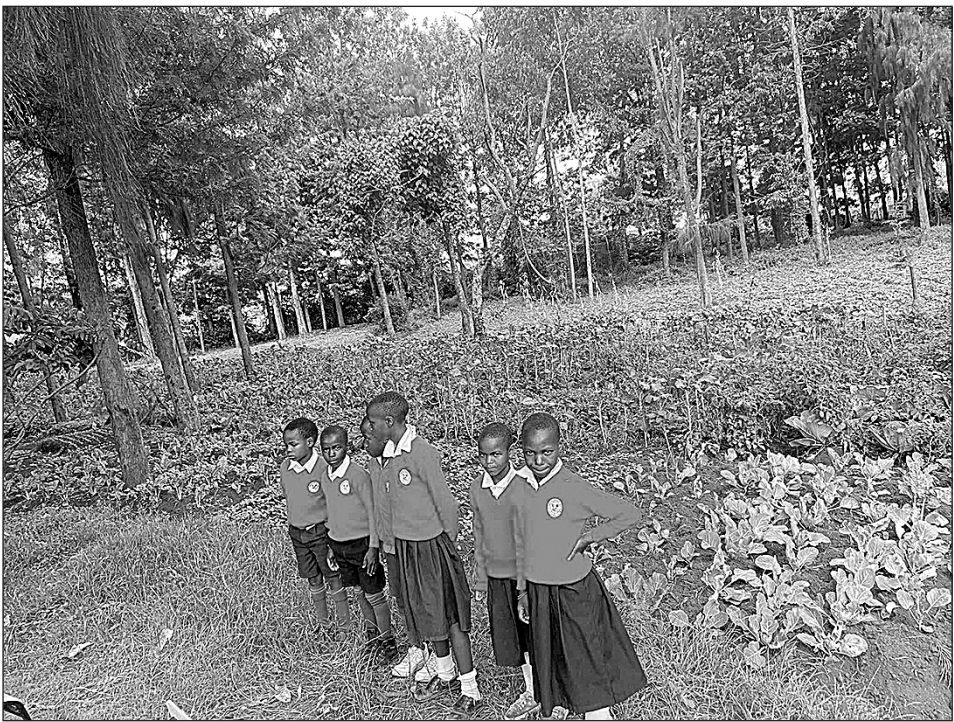
Mosesso also plans to incorporate African dance at the annual 4-H dance camp in March and thinks it would be interesting to try to grow a Kenyan green in the Marlinton Middle School high tunnel.

“I think we should grow sukuma wiki and try it out,” she said. “It’s a different version of greens, like collard greens or kale.”

When asked if she’d go back, Mosesso said probably and is happy she decided to



TOP PHOTO: LUCI Mosesso helps Kenyan students play the “Get to the Harvest” game during her visit.



AT LEFT: KENYAN students pose beside the garden they planted at their school. All of the produce they harvest will be used for school lunches.

BELOW: MOSESSO SPENT two days at Egerton University, one of which saw her teaching a lesson to agriculture education students and future 4-K club leaders. 4-K is the Kenyan version of 4-H. Photos courtesy of Luci Mosesso



many opportunities to participate in all those levels because of her tie to the

organization.

“4-H has given me an opportunity to participate in

service on all of those levels,” she said.

Deaths, from page 2

14 – Donald Lee Nelson, 80, of Circleville
16 – Harold Brown Griffin, 72, of Virginia
20 – Earl Maynard Kelly, 83, of Maryland
21 – John Bryan Ross, 71, of North Carolina
23 – Gail Darlene Morrison McFadden, 81, of North Carolina
26 – Sondra Bee Cochran, 78, of Marlinton
26 – Arlene Pearl Rexrode, 96, of Arbovale
29 – Alfred James McFadden, 86, of North Carolina

August

2 – Howard Malick, 58 and Frances Ann Malick, 57, of Charles Town
2 – Eva Warren, 99, of formerly of Marlinton
3 – Lance Eads, 37, of Hillsboro
4 – Lois Knight Beard, 97, of St. Marys
4 – Ronald Allen Madison, 67, of Hillsboro
7 – Allie McPaters, 87, of Huntersville
8 – Roger Lee Trusler, 75, of Marlinton
10 – Bessie Newman Ware, 89, of Virginia
12 – Janice Lee Phillips, 57, of Virginia

September

3 – Betty Marie Lea Hickman Blake Beck, 77, of Virginia
3 – Sharon Sue Mace Morgan, 71, of Durbin
5 – Darrel Ledford Workman, 80, of Virginia
7 – Patricia Lee Hillyard, 75, of Buckeye
8 – Violet Louise “Tommy” Ryder, 86, of Arbovale
17 – Lenore McCloud

13 – Lilly Gertrude Taylor, 101, of Green Bank
15 – Mary G. “Trudy” Workman Friel, 82, of Marlinton
16 – Virginia Moore Fuller, 65, of Valley Head
16 – James Madison Workman III, 85, of North Carolina
17 – Franklin Lee Varner, Sr., 83, of Durbin
18 – Brandon Lee Kelley, 39, of Marlinton
18 – Mamie Mattie Oscar, 84, of Kearneysville
24 – Daniel Vernon Pederson, of Edray
26 – William Lee “Bill” McMann, 72, of Marlinton
28 – Glade Raymond Fertig, Jr., 77, of Virginia, formerly of Marlinton
28 – Sue Ann Peck, 70, of Durbin
29 – Beverly Susanna “Susie” Cross McMann, 66, of Marlinton

October

3 – William Lawrence Gilbert, 78, of Mabscott
10 – Patricia Kerns, 77, of Hillsboro
15 – Wayne C. Brown, 88,

of Arbovale
17 – Charles Kermit McNellan, 90, of Marlinton
21 – Dorothy Jewel McNeill Johnson, 97, of Dunmore
21 – Susan E. Lukacek, 54, of Green Bank
22 – Phyllis “Pam” A. Friel, 63, of Bartow
25 – Ricky Eugene Miller, 64, of Marlinton
26 – Mary Ella Snyder, 77, of Cass
26 – Eileen Francis Ash, 87, of Virginia
28 – John William Cochran, 92, of Illinois
28 – Richard Lee “Rick” Thompson, 62, of Elkins
29 – Steward Junior Galford, 88, of Hillsboro
30 – Arnold Lee “Bob” Bond, 75, of Cass

November

1 – Lawrence Wren “Laurie” Cameron, 85, of Hillsboro

December

6 – Latricia Ann Underwood, 86, of Buckeye
7 – Wanda Sue Halterman, 76, of Ronceverte, formerly of Green Bank
8 – Agnes K. Simmons, 100, of Lewisburg
11 – Karen Eileen McKenney, 82, of Slaty Fork
20 – Larry Joseph Chestnut, 88, of Neola

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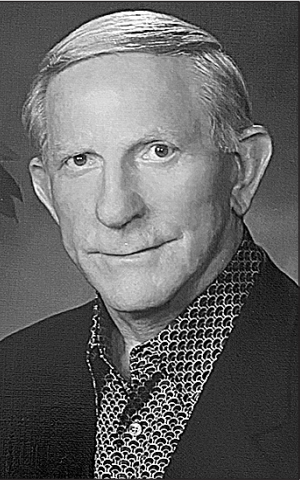
Obituaries

Larry Chestnut
Larry Joseph Chestnut, 88, of Neola, died Friday, December 20, 2024 at Genesis Nursing Home in White Sulphur Springs.
Funeral service held at Saturday, December 28, 2024, at VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton.
Burial was in the Chestnut Family Cemetery on Little Back Creek, County Rt. 601, in Bath County, Virginia.
Following the service, a meal was served at Mountain Grove Community Church.

Linda Riffe
Linda Gayle Riffe, 73, of Marlinton, formerly of Durbin, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Friday, December 27, 2024, at her home with her family by her side.
Born January 12, 1951, in War, she was a daughter of the late Roy and Mary Lambert Cook.
Linda was a member of the New Life in Christ Fellowship Church in Durbin and was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, John Riffe Jr.; Everett, Ruthie, Carol and Edith.
Those left to cherish her memory are a daughter, Melanie Cosner, and husband, William, of Marlinton; grandchildren, Danny Kimble Jr., and wife, Savanna, Christopher Riffe, and partner, Sami Scarlett, and Emma Riffe; great-grandchildren, Andi, Dawn King and Lilly Riffe; brother, Donald Cook, of War, and Betty Jean Folden, of Lindside; and the family of her heart, Lynn and Linda Grimes and Marsha Beverage, all of Dunmore, and Chuck and Doris Nottingham, of Arbovale.

A celebration of life will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2025, at the New Life in Christ Fellowship Church in Durbin with Pastors Donnie Curry and Harry Sipes officiating.
The family will receive friends from noon until time of service.
Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye is honored to serve the family.
Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Sterl Shinaberry
Sterl F. Shinaberry, 87, of Vero Beach, Florida, formerly of Charleston, died Thursday, December 12, 2024, following a battle with cancer; he was surrounded by family and friends.
Born in Clover Lick, he was a son of the late Drusilla Grimes and Bedford Lee Shinaberry, he was the 10th of 12 children; two of whom

died in infancy.
Sterl spent his first two years of schooling in a one room schoolhouse ultimately graduating in 1955 from Marlinton High School. During his high school years, he played football and baseball and was inducted into the National Honor Society. While in high school, he lived with Georgia Poage, an aunt who was a major influence in his life and he assisted her in running her 600-acre farm. As a junior in high school, he joined the Army Reserves and served until he was honorably discharged in 1962.
Sterl was the only one of his siblings who attended college, enrolling at West Virginia Tech and working summers and throughout the school years to pay for his education. He was an active leader in college life as President of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, President of Pan Hellenic Counsel, VP of the Student Council, and was "Senior of the Year" when he graduated with a B.S. in Accounting in 1960. He continued his studies in Morgantown, receiving his M.B.A. in 1961 and, in 1964, he graduated from the West Virginia University College of Law.
After graduation, he began work at United States District Court in West Virginia, then served as a clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, VA.
In 1978, he was admitted to United States Supreme Court Bar.
Sterl entered private practice in Bluefield, but shortly thereafter joined a firm in Welch to form Ballard and Shinaberry.
In 1964, he moved to Charleston, and established Hostler and Shinaberry with the name evolving over time ultimately to Shinaberry, Meade and Venezia. After 33 years of practicing law, Sterl retired in 1997.
During his lifetime, Sterl was involved in many charities such as the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Hibiscus Children's Foundation, VNA Hospice and Planned Parenthood of Indian River County
Sterl was a formidable trial attorney who was well known for his successful defense of clients, many of whom could not defend themselves. He practiced civil litigation, specializing in personal injury, construction law, workman's com-

pensation, wrongful death and product liability.
He presented cases before the Supreme Court of the United States in addition to cases at the state level.
He was known to be one of the leading asbestos attorneys in West Virginia, associated with Motley-Rice national counsel, and influential in the development of asbestos law across the nation.
He successfully represented cases against large corporations such as Union Carbide, Dupont and FMC that resulted in improving workers compensation and consumer protection law in multiple states.
On April 27, 1978, a cooling tower under construction at the Pleasants Power Station at Willow Island, collapsed resulting in 51 deaths and was considered to be one of the worst construction accidents in U.S. history. Sterl presented evidence proving that failure of the scaffolding was the cause of the accident.
In 1984, a chemical accident at a pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, owned by Union Carbide, a subsidiary of the Dow Chemical Co., killed 2,259 people and injured more than half a million. Experts estimated that 8,000 died within two weeks and thousands more have since died, and more still suffer health complications, making it one of the worst industrial accidents in history. He represented many of the victims and sought justice for their families who suffered from the tragedy.
Sterl is survived by his daughter, Ann Darwish, and husband, David, of Naples, Florida; and many beloved nieces and nephews.
The family expresses heartfelt gratitude to his cherished family of friends who shared in Sterl's life. His joy for life and generous caring spirit will be profoundly missed.
A celebration of life is planned for Friday, March 7, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Cox-Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home in Vero Beach, Florida.
A celebration of life will be held in Charleston at a later date.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hibiscus Children's Foundation, Planned Parenthood, and the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation of Charleston, in support of scholarships for higher education.

My resolutions for you

by Dawn Reed

January 1st is one of my favorite days of the year. Like a kid on Christmas Eve, I am giddy with expectation – a new year, a clean slate.
New adventures and experiences lie in wait as we step into 2025!
I'm nothing if not reflective at this time of year, pondering the last 12 months, making plans – big and small – for the next 12. I grab paper and pen to make notes. You may not be a resolution maker, but I am. I have daily and weekly to-do lists. Why not have a written one for the new year? I write them down, putting a copy in my Bible and daily devotional. That allows me to review them often to make sure I'm staying on task. I

tell my family that I will make some for them, too. (They don't laugh.)
While I am making my own resolutions for the new year, I have made some for you:
1. Make Jesus your Number One. Seek Him in all things (Matthew 6:33).
2. Stand firm in your faith. If Jesus is your Rock, you are on a good foundation (Psalm 62:6). I'm not talking about a prissy stand for photos, but two feet firmly planted.
3. Stay in God's Word. It's good for you (2 Timothy 3:16). Don't talk about it. Don't say you will. Just read it. Every day. You're too busy not to. Memorize it. Apply it. Carry it. Share it.
4. Tell people about Jesus (Mark 16:15). If He has made a difference in your



Dawn Reed

life, don't keep it to yourself.
5. Be a light in a dark world (Matthew 5:16). In 2025, you will encounter those who need hope, encouragement, a good word (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

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Your strength for this New Year

by R.A. Mathews

The New Year is upon us! Many look forward to it weeks in advance, plotting and planning – heads full of ideas.
"What will I accomplish this year?" they say.
Yet others are completely focused on dealing with the disasters 2024 has brought. In fact, facing the destruction may go on for years.
The *Palm Beach Post* reported in June 2023, nearly four years after Dorian hit the Bahamas, that people were still living in tents or going between friends and family looking for a place to live. The *Post* said even insured business owners remained displaced: "...the increased cost of building materials has meant that their payout has not been enough to repair both their home and their business."
You may remember that Dorian hit the Bahamas as a Cat 5 and then the slow-moving hurricane sat there. It was unbelievable. Such a phenomenon seemed unprecedented.
However, the Bible tells us of what may have been the steadiest hurricane of all

time – two weeks long. Do you recall which prophet predicted that storm?
1.) Noah
2.) Elijah
3.) Jonah
4.) Paul
Look over your choices and take a guess if you aren't sure.
We can narrow the answers.
First, Noah endured a flood, not a hurricane. Second, Elijah was in a cave when terrible winds struck. Third, Jonah boarded a ship to flee God, and he would never have chosen one he knew was heading into a hurricane.
It's No. 4, "Paul."
In the closing chapters of Acts, roughly 60 A.D., the centurion Julius took Paul



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and other Roman prisoners on a voyage of nearly 2,000 miles to Rome.

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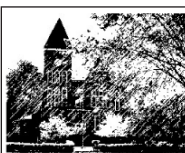


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B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

James Gragg – circa 1925



PORTRAIT OF JAMES Rudolph Gragg seated in front of the Gragg homeplace in Frost, W.Va. Born April 17, 1868, he was the son of David B. Gragg and Mary A. Sims. He married Martha Bell Zula Grimes who preceded in death July 21, 1911. James R. Gragg died on January 4, 1955. He and his wife are buried in the James Gragg Cemetery in Frost. (Oliver and Lucille Sprouse Collection, Courtesy of Karen Sprouse Walton, ID: PHP004457)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
January 5, 1950

I saw in the daily newspapers that ten thousand scientists were told in their recent meeting in New York that the old folk knew at least as much about the weather as science does – and perhaps just a mite more. This was a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A part of the proceedings included a scientist’s report that popular weather proverbs are usually more often right than wrong.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Marolyn and Carolyn Barlow celebrated their 12th birthday last Friday night with a party at their home. The following guests were present: Jane Ruckman, Mary Jarvis Currence, Doris Ella Cooper, Joan Wimer, Nancy Ward Currence, Patty Curtis, Margaret Ann Eubanks, Vera Ann Vallandigham, Peggy Moore, Ann Golding Richardson, Jenny Richardson, Nancy Yeager, Franny Bankhead, Sara Smith, Sybil Lea Davis, Kenneth Hamrick, David Mason, Teddy McClure, Dan Harper, Kenneth Er-

vine, Don Ervine, Freddy Burns, Johnny Young, Bubbles Moore, Basil Price Sharp, Roger Pryor, Jimmy Davis, Steve Smith and Jimmy Curry.

Along the Way Dr. Susan A. Price, M. D.

Years and years ago, I went to spend a few days with Cousin Emma Warwick at “The Cabin” on Stony Creek. It was Christmas and the country was snow bound in the old-time winter.

The two boys, John and George, were home from military school. They had killed a wild turkey up along the cliffs. By the time I came, the turkey had reached the breakfast hash stage. From my pleasant memory of the taste of Cook Carrie’s

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
January 4, 1900

WEATHER NOTES

We can generally count on winter weather for Christmas in West Virginia. This year, it set in on the 23rd of December and since then we have had cold, dry, enjoyable winter weather. Up to that time, the fall weather was almost perfect. It was a season of frosts and clear blue skies, with little rainfall. A gentleman who has lived in the west said that it was typical Montana weather. That every year that section experiences weeks of such sunshiny days and cold nights. It has been a long time since West Virginia had such a fall season.

There is more ice in the county than ever we remem-

ber seeing. Forty or fifty years since, there came a winter when the Greenbrier froze so solidly that it was used as a highway. Owing to the lowness of its tide, the river is frozen so that it would be good sleighing on the ice...

We have not had a flood since last spring. When the railroad men came to Marlinton in August, they hauled some logs in the bed of Knapps creek, arranging them transversely for footmen to cross upon. Since then, there has not been a flood to move them. On many farms of this county, water for stock was been very scarce, especially since the freezes came, drying up many of the smaller streams.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

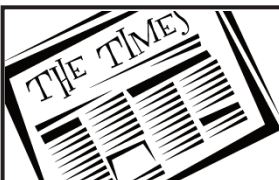
Last Thursday evening, Sherman Curry, of Frost, was accidentally shot by C. C. Sharp with a breech-loader shotgun and No. 6 shot. They were out rabbit hunting about a quarter of a mile from Curry’s home. Curry was walking about twenty feet in front when the gun went off, shooting him through the left side not entering the abdominal cavity. Medical aid was rendered at once by Dr. Lockridge, and he is improving rapidly.

LOCAL MENTION

Died – William Lee Rodgers, infant son of George W. and Susan F. Rodgers, December 9, 1899, near Buckeye.

Ben Truss and Lulu Tibbs, daughter of Howard Tibbs, of Brownsburg, were united in matrimony last Wednesday.

Lee Simms’ house on Beaver Creek, near Huntersville, was burned one night



Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
January 2, 1975

THE YEAR THAT WAS IN POCAHONTAS 1974

Flood on Knapps Creek and Greenbrier December 26 closed out the news for 1973.

Jean Claude Killy, top professional skier, visited Snowshoe for the first time in January.

Federal grant to Watoga for improvements.

Sarita Lantz, Green Bank, Merit Scholar finalist.

Mrs. Allie Burgess celebrated 95th birthday. She died in October.

Times office was filmed for educational TV.

County property valuation \$37,82,370.

Bank of Marlinton celebrated its 75th Anniversary March 21.

First shipment of paper to be recycled first week in April.

Pearl S. Buck Birthplace formally dedicated May 4.

Charles Hausser received Eagle Scout award.

Hanover Shoe operation to stitch shoe uppers opens in Shrader Building.

Courthouse renovation continues.

Dave Rittenhouse named Conservation Minister of the

Year.

Susie Workman selected “Miss Pocahontas.”

Thomas C. Edgar Bridge at Seebert dedicated July 8.

Cass Scenic Railroad named to National Register of Historic Places.

Construction of Foodland store started by Worledge Construction Company.

PCHS Band invited to Mardi Gras.

Flood warning installed on Greenbrier.

Ralph Hefner, of Cass, chosen “Rehabilitation Man of the Year.”

Two women, Julia Pitsenberger and Jae Spears, elected to House of Delegates.

Snowshoe officially opened December 20.

DEATHS

Mrs. David (Dolly Burgess) Grimes, 57, of Dunmore, a daughter of the late George and Delphia Haught Burgess. Funeral service was held from the Dunmore Presbyterian Church with burial in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Mrs. Lucy Lowe, 84, died at the home of her son in Huntersville. Born at Clover Lick, a daughter of the late Ab and Mildred Buzzard Shinaberry. Funeral service

was held on her birthday, Christmas Day, in the Van-Reenen Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Clover Lick near where she was born.

Verline Adam Irvine, 55, of Stony Bottom, a son of the late Levi A. and Lula Bell Miller Irvine. Funeral service was held at the Poage Lane Church with burial in the Wilfong Cemetery.

Mrs. Goldie Jackson McCoy, 70, of Williamsburg; born in Buckeye, a daughter of the late George H. and Delilah Kellison Jackson. Funeral service from the Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Dennis James Hill, 57, of Frankford; born at Lobelia a son of Mrs. Plummie Hill, of Maxwelton, and the late L. T. Hill. Funeral service was held from the Hills Chapel with burial in the church cemetery.

A BIT OF HUMOR

Income Tax has made liars out of more people than golf. Babysitter to returning parents: “Don’t apologize – I wouldn’t be in any hurry to come home either.”

The one book that can tell you where to spend your vacation is your checkbook.

By the time you’ve said, “To make a long story short,” it’s already too late.

100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
January 2, 1925

Dr. U. H. Hannah was in Marlinton on Wednesday closing up the business of his term as commissioner and president of the County Court. Six years ago, when he went into office, the business of the court was pretty small potatoes compared to be. The roads are mostly the cause of the increase.

When the Doctor first started in on the court, they began on the first Class A road project between Marlinton and Buckeye. Today, there is a State Road from the Greenbrier county line on Droop Mountain thru county to the Randolph line on Cheat Mountain, a distance of about eighty miles. The grading is practically all done, some of it is hard surfaced, and the money appropriated for hard surfacing the rest. This is considerable of a record for our court, as the reader who investigates will find if he compares what has been done in other counties in the way of state roads, where the courts have not kept everlastingly at the job of looking after our interests with the road authorities.

SEEBERT NEWS

At 12 o’clock December 31, Old Father Time closed the door of the old year. He closed it on our past mistakes, short comings, longings, quarrels, pleasures, failures and successes. With

another sweep of his hand, he opened the door of the New Year. As we peep through this door, we can see three hundred and sixty-five new days, and if we listen closely, we may hear them calling, “Walk in and use us. We are yours to use as you think best. So far, we are clean and pure. We are in your hands; be careful. We may be used for study, for service, for love or duty, or we may be used for idleness, for sloth, for hatred or neglect. Make up your mind as you enter the open door which it shall be – for some day, the door will close and “Too Late” be written on the portals.”

Around the State

Wheeling – Six boys were found in a serious condition from having had a “spre” on a gallon of moonshine they claimed they found. They are under physician’s care.

Morgantown – A signed pledge never to drink again opened the iron doors of the county jail and A. J. Hatfield emerged as a trusty. Shortly afterwards, he was arrested for being drunk and was fined \$12.

Clarksburg – Daniel Wolfe, glass worker, was found guilty of second-degree murder in the killing of Claude Wilson, a neighbor who undertook the role of peacemaker when Wolfe and his wife were having domestic troubles.

BEEES AND THINGS

Our friend, David L. Beverage, of Stony Bottom, is getting into the bee business pretty strong. The season of 1924, he started in with 12 hives, had 62 swarms and went into this winter with 35 stands of bees. ...

For two months in the spring and two months in the fall, Mr. Beverage patrols a fire route on Cheat mountain. This forest patrol begins on Leatherbark near Cass, then to the head of Elk Lick Run, to the Yew Glade, around the Bear Pen Ridge above Amos Woddell’s, over to and down Cheat River and back to the point of beginning. The distance is about 20 miles, and a day is required to walk over it. There was not a single fire this season as the region was protected by this patrol.

ALCOHOL

Dr. J. W. Price addressed the Kiwanis Club at a recent luncheon.

Among other things, he made the following observations:

I will give you an argument against the use of alcoholic stimulants from a physiological and practical point of view. The stomach is not an absorbing body for the substances that were intended to go there. It is an organ for the reception of foods to be prepared for absorption by the small intestines. One may even drink a large or small quantity of water and unless it passes on to the intestines or is returned through the mouth, it will stay in the stomach for days. Yet, if one drop, more

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years old, but that it is 1899 years and one day old...

In writing the new date, a singular sensation is experienced. It seems strange to cease 18 and substitute 19 for the next hundred years. Before the time comes to displace 19 and write 20, it is strange to think that few or none of the living will be here. These lines so aptly come to mind that we repeat them as fitly spoken and appropriate:

“We all within our graves shall sleep

A hundred years to come. No living soul for us will weep

A hundred years to come. But other men our land will till

And other men, our streets will fill,

And other birds will sing as gay,

As bright the sunshine as today,

A hundred years to come.

THE END OF THE CENTURY

Next to the Sampson-Schley controversy in point of merit, comes the discussion over the true end of the century. It would be a sad thing if we were compelled to cut the 19th century out of the only year in which the figure 19 figures. The century begins with the first day of the first year, 1801 and ends with the last day of the hundredth year, 1900. But what doth it profit a man to gain the argument if he lose his own temper. If the century ended last Sunday, there must have been a year 0.

Suppose that French Scientist had discovered his elixir of life earlier and had squirted it into the veins of a child who was born on the first day of the first month of the year 1. On January 1, 1900, he would have been 1899-years-old being in his 1900 year.

When we write January 1, 1900, we do not mean that the Christian era is 1900

Resolutions, from page 6

6. Follow God fearlessly. Let Him lead and trust Him on the way (Proverbs 3:5-6). Even if you're nervous, keep on steppin.' I will probably have more to add later. I sit here excited with blank paper in hand

Strength, from page 6

When the ship stopped at Fair Havens on the south side of Crete, Paul said, "Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also." (Acts 27:10, NIV)

Julius respected Paul, but the Fair Havens' harbor was n't suitable for winter. So, the ship sailed on, hoping to reach a better port.

Scripture says, "Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the North-easter, swept down from the island." (Acts 27:14, NIV)

On that first terrible day, the sailors passed ropes under the ship to try to hold it together. On the second day, the ship took such a beating that the sailors threw their cargo overboard. On the third day, they tossed away their equipment.

By the fourth day, the storm was still raging.

I live close to the coast and know how hurricanes usually go: A hit, a calm, another hit and then they're

for plans, goals and dreams. Who knows where the Lord will lead us and how He will use us in 2025?

Philippians 3:13-14 were written by the Apostle Paul: "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Those sound like New Year's verses to me.

MES, from page 1

and the older students work with the younger kids on different projects.

The robots were one of the projects in class and for computer science week. Fifth and second grade; fourth and first grade; and third grade and kindergarten are paired up to work in bigger projects and learn together.

"They coded with a big buddy, so there was always a pair working on the puzzle together," Smith said. "Every kid had their own device, and every kid was on their device with a buddy, running the code that we would need to control the robots."

While it may seem like the students are simply playing with a toy, the robotics and coding implementing requires a lot of math in the fourth grade curriculum.

"Whenever we write the code, we're writing code based on measurements of distance and turns by degrees of angle, which are important fourth grade skills," Smith said. "The kids will have to measure in centimeters distances traveled and then figure out degrees of turn for their angles – whether it was right turns or different angles."

The students also use a lot of problem solving, especially when the angle degree is off when the robot is trav-

eling a certain route. Smith has several "tracks" of masking tape on the floor of his classroom and the students must figure out the correct angle to enter in the code to have the robot follow the track.

"The kids have taken to it pretty well," he said. "They enjoy it and it's been nice to watch them. It is play, but it's productive play. We're definitely trying to keep it fun as much as possible, but they're having a good time solving these puzzles."

It was also fun for the students to show off what they have learned during the three-day computer science education week celebration.

"We invited families to come to our event last week and several families stopped by to watch their kids," Smith said. "It was nice to have families come in and see what their kids are learning and tinker and play with their buddies. It was nice to have that engagement with families. We hope to have more of that in the future as we continue to build the program."

The students use a coding language that involves lining up blocks on the screen to create a command for the robots. There are preset blocks like "move forward blank centimeters" and the students must input the numbers once they have made their calculations.

The code is a simplified version of Python which is another coding language

used by the Pocahontas County High School robotics team.

Smith said he hopes to have the high school students work with his class in the future, once the students have had more time working with the robots.

"I've reached out to [teachers] Jennifer Nail and Laurel Dilley and told them we have these robots," he said. "I've offered for them to borrow these if they want for the second semester to use with some of their kids. We've also talked about potentially finding a way to get the big kids down here for a day to do some things with our kids."

"I'm looking for opportunities to possibly engage with them and let my kids show off what they can do and see the cooler stuff the big kids can do," he added. "We're looking forward to that."

This is just the beginning of robotics and coding at MES. Smith said he hopes to expand the program in the future.

"We were certainly very excited to receive the grant and get the full funding we asked for," he said. "We hope to expand because thirteen is a nice number to start with, but it would be nice to have an entire class set."

"We'll look to hopefully expand the program as opportunities arise."

Suzanne Stewart may be contacted at sastewart@pocahontastimes.com

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, MICHAEL C. DOSS, Trustee, by virtue of that certain Deed of Trust executed by New AA & R, LLC dba Lucy's Grocery, for the benefit of John D. Moore, said Deed of Trust bearing date the 3rd day of August, 2022, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 409, at page 573, the makers, having defaulted in payment of the note secured by said Deed of Trust as provided by the terms thereof, and the beneficial holder of the said note, John D. Moore, 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 Deed of Trust, the undersigned **Trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest responsible bidder on the 6th day of January, 2025, at 1:30 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 tracts or parcels of real estate, including the improvements, appurtenances and easements thereunto belonging, situate in the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, known as Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 44.

And being the same lots, tracts or parcels of real estate that were acquired by New AA & R, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Company, by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from John D. Moore, said Deed bearing date the 3rd day of August, 2022, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 403, at page 95.

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 John D. Moore, 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 the 9th day of December, 2024.

Michael C. Doss, Trustee
12/19/3c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

BYRON GEIGER, PLAINTIFF,
v.
DONNA K. MULLENAX,
DUSTIN MICHAEL MCCRAY,
WILLIAM ("WAYNE") GILLEY,
JACKIE L. GILLEY,
TAMMIE L. GILLEY,
DIANE MARKET,
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Civil Action No.: 23-C-2

JOHN GARDNER,
WILLIAM GARDNER,
SUSAN RAY,
HUBERT ("HUGH") D. GEIGER II,
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MARIE POWERS, fka MARIE GEIGER,
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JOHN HAMMOND aka RUSTY HAMMOND,
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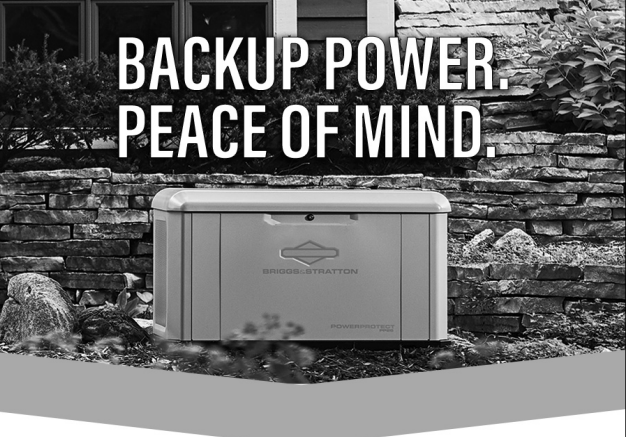
This action seeks the partition or sale of real estate, which involves the above-named Defendants, the unknown estate of the Defendants, the unknown heirs at law, beneficiaries or devisees of the Defendants. It appears from the Complaint and affidavit filed in the above matter that there are Defendants who are unknown to the

Plaintiff and that Plaintiff is unaware of the whereabouts of Defendants, their estates, heirs at law, beneficiaries or devisees, if any and whom may be non-residents of the State of West Virginia.

Therefore, the above-named Defendants, their estates, heirs at law, beneficiaries, devisees or other interested parties shall serve their Answer to the Complaint within Thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice, upon the Plaintiff's attorney, Michael C. Doss, at his address of 921 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954. Otherwise, judgment may be granted against you.

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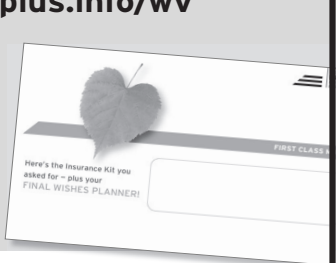
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Marlinton, West Virginia intends to file an application with the West Virginia Development Office for Community Development Block Grant funds to construct a new trailhead facility in downtown Marlinton.

A public meeting will be held Friday, January 17, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the Marlinton Town Office to discuss the application.

The grant application will be submitted to the West Virginia Development Office by January 31, 2025.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting or submit written comments to the Town of Marlinton, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV, 24954, by the above date.

The Town of Marlinton is an equal opportunity employer and promotes fair housing.

Provisions for individuals with disabilities can be arranged by contacting the Marlinton Town Office in advance of the meeting date.

For any questions, please contact Sam Felton at 304-799-4315 or via email at mayor@townofmarlintonwv.com

By Sam Felton, Mayor
1/2/1c

Pocahontas County Board of Education Sale of Surplus Items

The Pocahontas County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for the sale of several items as listed below.

For additional information on the buses, contact Justin Taylor at the Pocahontas County Bus Garage at 304-799-6505.

Call Patrick Gibson or Sherry Radcliff at 304-799-4505 to see other items.

You may view the items by appointment from January 2 to January 10, 2025, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Items located at Pocahontas County High School:
** Minimum bid for buses set at \$1,000, sold as is

2001 International, diesel, 77 passenger (no seats)
2011 Bluebird, diesel, 77 passenger
Large office desk

Item located Marlinton Elementary School:
Announcer's booth (buyer to remove from premises with minimal damage to grounds).

Items located Hillsboro Elementary School:
4 small tables – red tops
Wrangler Auto Scrubber floor machine
20 preschool cots
Wooden desk
Salad bar
Commercial electric range griddle oven
Stainless steel prep table with overhead pot rack
Stainless steel prep table with sink - L-shaped
GE upright freezer
Commercial dishwasher
Commercial steamer
3 computer carts, charging stations - 2 locks
Serving tray line 8-10 ft. with warming tray bins
Popcorn machine

Items located Green Bank Elementary/Middle School:
1 long blue rectangle table
36 preschool chairs
50 student desks with wire basket bottom
Yard sweeper mower attachment
2 older filing cabinets - not lockable
4 used art tables
1 large wooden teacher's desk
3 large drums
11 small drums
4 big drum cases
3 little drum cases

Bids are to be sent to
Pocahontas County Board of Education,
Attn: Sherry Radcliff
404 Old Buckeye Rd.
Buckeye, WV 24924
by 2 p.m. Monday, January 13, 2025.
Bids may be mailed, delivered via courier or hand delivered.

Faxed and emailed bids will not be accepted. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that bids arrive in the Board office prior to the scheduled quote opening.

Mark envelope "Surplus Bid."

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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

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hot turkey hash on those cold winter mornings, her recipe would indeed be a popular one could it be recalled.

The great wave of Christmas high tide is subsiding – back to the deep and unknown sea of the future one might say. It was a busy outpouring of peace on earth, goodwill to man. With it all was the most marvelous weather for the Christmas season hardly ever remembered hereabouts. Springlike it was indeed, earning much comment. However, there is always something each Christmas season to cause mankind to rise above and beyond earthly things and everyday conditions, although many hold to the belief it is still too much of an earthly affair, if there be such a condition to us earth borne creatures. We are reminded of these lines from Preston’s First Christmas: “Peter was a fisher boy,

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or less, of alcohol touches the stomach wall it is absorbed at once. Somewhat like ink in blotting paper to use a familiar observation. This is the reason the effects of alcohol are felt so quickly. But for this rapid absorption by the stomach – this surprise and insult to a membrane that was not formed to resist the attack of such a poisonous substance – the effects would be felt very much more slowly. We would not then be so greatly deceived and injured thereby so quickly...
Practical politicians for years have been afraid of the liquor problem. This was one great reason why I favored women suffrage; for women, for the most part, have always been against liquor...

DIED
Jesse D. Wilfong died at his home at Linwood De-

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

Helping with the haul; Pilate was a shave tail, Leading troops in Gaul; Judas was as innocent As a little child could be; The wood that made the Crucifix Was still a growing tree; Unminted was the silver, That made the traitor’s pay; And none had yet commercialized The spirit of the day.”

WEDDING
Mr. and Mrs. Shifflett, of Marlinton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Dollie Shifflett to Herbert Glen McClure, all of Marlinton, at the Methodist parsonage at Edray, December 31, 1949.

BIRTHS
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Broce, of Ronceverte, a son.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Remus Warren Williams, of Hillsboro, a son, Warren Nelson.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cyrus Starks, of Beard, a daughter.

cember 3, 1924, from typhoid fever after an illness of seven weeks. His age was 24 years, four months and 15 days.
Jesse is dead but not forgotten, Never will his memory fade. Saddest thoughts will ever linger Around the grave where he was laid.

James L. Bright was born in Bath county, Virginia, April 16, 1849, and died December 14, 1924, aged 75 years, 7 months and 28 days. Mr. Bright was twice married. To his first union was born one child. Both preceded him to the grave.
In the year 1883, he was married to Margaret E. Dorman, of Buckeye. To this union three children were born: Mrs. G. J. Wheeler, Mrs. Resa Wilfong and Noah W. Bright, all of near Marlinton...
Farewell dear father, sweet they rest; Weary with years and worn with pain.

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 Revelation.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Alaga Galford, of Marlinton, a daughter.

DEATHS
Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, aged 72 years, died at the home of his son, Rev. Don Taylor, in Marlinton. The funeral was held from the Marlinton Methodist Church with burial in the family plot in Vandalia Cemetery in Lewis County.
Thus is noted the passing of a truly good man...

Mrs. Nealie Ann Lambert aged 71 years, wife of William Lambert, died at her home in Durbin December 31, 1949. The funeral was held from the Durbin Methodist Church with burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Wesley Moses Underwood died December 26, 1949, at his home on Beaver Creek, at the age of 70 years and five months. The funeral was held from the Beaver Creek Methodist Church with burial in Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Farewell, till in some happy place We shall behold they face again.

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Those students were selected to have a writing workshop with him when he came to visit.
On May 10, 1989, Maguire visited with the ESSH class at PCHS where he talked to the students about tragedy, mythology and writing. From there, he traveled to MMS where he held a school-wide assembly.
Maguire told the story of Vasilisa and Baba-Yaga and

talked about how one of his dreams was the basis for writing the book featuring those characters.
The students who had a private writing workshop with Maguire were Leanna Alderman, Sara Peacock, Oak Hall, Chris Gibson, Joanna Burt-Kinderman, Shenda Smith, Mike Gibson, Jason Shinaberry, Randy Wilfong, Kevin Hickman, Donna Watson, Sarah Burt-Kinderman, Hollie McDaniel, Christina Jackson and Laura Hefner.
After the workshop, all the students returned to the gym where Maguire announced

the two students who won the grand prize in the writing contest. Leanna Alderman and Donna Watson each received \$100 cash for their essays. The cash prize was donated by a local physician.
In the report shared and printed in *The Pocahontas Times*, it said Maguire “was excited about doing a workshop where everyone had read his book ahead of time and said it was one of the best times he ever had at a school (he’s been to hundreds).”
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5175 – Beaver Creek. 2,03 level to rolling acres of woodland. Lot 4. Nice building sites. Near Watoga State Park, Greenbrier River and Trail and Knapps Creek. Seller wants offers. – \$24,000

6578 – Hillsboro/Mill Point. Lot B8. Lovely 3.3 wooded acres close to national forest, Highland Scenic Highway, Summit Lake, Cranberry Glades, Williams and Cherry rivers. – \$17,000

6674 – Hillsboro. Luxury 3BR/2BA, 2,500 sq. ft. timber frame mountain home with efficient soapstone stove and million-dollar views. Access to the best of West Virginia nature and leisure. 3+/- acres. – \$475,000

6664 – Dunmore. Beautiful 3BR/2BA West Virginia mountain home with large covered porch, patio and convenient parking area on 2 acres. Just a short drive to all area attractions. – \$279,000

6677 – Green Bank. Beautiful 2BR/1BA log cabin on 6.6 acres bordering national forest. Home sits on a knoll, with views of mountains and valley from its wrap-around porch. – \$260,000

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

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