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## Brock selected for North/South game

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Ten days before the West Virginia North/South soccer game – a game where the best high school soccer players from around the state are selected to play – Pocahontas County High School senior Trenton Brock received notice that he was among those selected for the South team.

“The selection is based on your overall athletic performance throughout the year and the competition level you bring to the game,” Brock said.

Prior to this honor, Brock was named to the All-Conference first team, All Region first team and All State second team. He was one of three Single A players to be selected for the prestigious North/South game.

An athlete for all seasons – participating in soccer, basketball and track – Brock was ready to finish his soccer career in high school – until he played in the North/South game November 24 at Glenville State University.

“It was an amazing opportunity,” he said. “It opened my eyes a lot because now I want to play soccer in college. I’m going to try out for a couple college soccer teams.

“It’s completely different than playing high school soccer,” he added about the North/South game. “It was crazy. It was like watching a college game.”



**POCAHONTAS COUNTY HIGH School senior Trenton Brock, shown above with his parents, Sarah and Jason, at the soccer team’s senior night, was selected to play in the annual West Virginia North/South soccer game. Brock joined players from around the state at Glenville State University November 24 for the game. Photo courtesy of PCHS**

The players don’t get a chance to practice together before the game, so it could have been difficult to find a groove as a team, but Brock said the team worked well together.

“We might not have known each other beforehand, but as soon as we got up there and started playing, we just clicked,” he said.

The South team was winning during the first two quarters, and the game was tied in the third, but the North team pulled out ahead in the fourth, ending the game with a loss for the South.

But winning wasn’t important. It was getting to play a game on that level.

“It was a high scoring game for high school soccer,” Brock said.

Now that soccer is over, Brock is hitting the hardwood on the basketball team, which had a scrimmage Monday night against Tygarts Valley.

Looking to the future, Brock is touring college campuses and has received several offers to join track teams, but now he is reconsidering and plans to try out for a couple soccer teams and see what happens.

“I think I’m up to fifteen track offers,” he said. “I was leaning toward a track offer, but after that game, it completely switched. I have an assessment with a college re-

cruiter and he’s going to set me up with different colleges.”

Brock is also a regional director for HOBY – Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership.

This past summer, he attended the World Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois, and met HOBY members from all over the world.

“I represented West Virginia in the congress,” he said. “There were six different countries in my group – the U.S., Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Taiwan and Malaysia.

There are a lot of opportunities in the world, and Brock is not afraid to go after them.



**CASS SCENIC RAILROAD State Park maintenance crew member Bucky Foe uses a piece of equipment to level the 24-foot tree that will serve as the Christmas tree at the park this year. A lighting ceremony will be held Saturday, December 7, at 5:15 p.m.**

## Countdown to Christmas at Cass

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

The three weekends before Christmas at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park are packed like Santa’s gift bag. The celebration kicks off Saturday, December 7, at 5:15 p.m. with the annual lighting of the community Christmas tree at the community center.

This year, the towering 24-foot tree was graciously donated by Green Bank resident Bob Vance and is the tallest tree to ever grace the town’s Christmas season.

“It was a very kind offering, and we gratefully accepted it,” activity co-coordinator Kim Dilts said.

After the lighting, visitors can make their way to the Cass Company Store where they can visit with Santa Claus and give him their wish lists.

By 7 p.m., it will be time to return to the community center for the annual square dance with music provided by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters. Calling the dance will be Eugene and Ellen Ratcliffe, who make it easy for first timers to join the old pros on the dance floor.

“They make it really understandable for people who have never really done it before,” Dilts said. “They do all of our dances, and it’s always such a good time.”

The second weekend of celebration will feature the Holiday Craft Market Saturday, December 14, at the community center, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Artisans, crafters and chefs will have gifts for everyone on your list – as well as one or two for yourself.

The third and final weekend before Christmas will start with the second annual Christmas Cookie Bake-off, Saturday, December 21, followed by Bingo at the community center.

Bakers of all ages are encouraged to enter the bake-off and show off their sweet concoctions. The deadline to enter is Sunday, December 9.

In addition to the Saturday events, you are invited to a special brunch with Santa at 11 a.m. Sundays, December 8, 15 and 22.

For more information on the Christmas at Cass schedule, visit facebook.com/cassscenicrr or call 304-456-4300.

## A Community Christmas in Dunmore

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

With Christmas just around the corner, the Seneca Woodlands Women’s Club wanted to do something special for the communities it serves, so the club has organized a Community Christmas at the Dunmore Community Center.

The event will take place Saturday, December 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. and feature fun activities, games, food and a special program with the Amazing Ellie – a certified service dog.

“We’re going to have musical chairs and we’re going to play a few Christmas songs with the kids,” Tammy Hively said. “We’ve got little books that we’re going to give them when they win.”

Across from the musical chairs arena will be an area set up for the Amazing Ellie to perform and read Christmas books to the kids with her handler Donna Dombek.

Dombek and Ellie will share Ellie’s amazing journey to become a service dog and the many tricks and services she can perform.

There will also be stations for cookie decorating and crafts.

“Ellie made paw prints on Christmas trees and the hats of the snowmen, so they can decorate those,” Hively said.

While the children are playing and crafting, the adults can enter the Ugly Sweater Contest in the hope of winning gift cards from local businesses.

As Dombek and Ellie gather everyone together to read a Christmas book, a special guest will catch Ellie’s attention, and she will escort him to a chair next to a Christmas tree so he can meet with the children.

“Santa has gifts he will be handing out,” Hively said. “Parents can get pictures with Santa and Ellie, but we won’t have a photographer. They can bring their own cameras.”

It will be an evening chock full of Christmas cheer and fun for families, and it’s free.

“Hopefully it’s the beginning of something we can continue for years,”



Hively said.

In addition to the Seneca Woodlands Women’s Club, the event was made possible with the help of Mountain State Cakes, The Mountain Shop, Pocahontas IGA and Dollar General.

**THE AMAZING ELLIE – a certified service dog – will be at the Dunmore Community Center Saturday, December 21, for A Community Christmas celebration.**

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# Capitol Christmas tree harvested at Watoga

This year's Joyful Night celebration was held Wednesday on the South Steps of the West Virginia State Capitol in Charleston.

The focal point of this year's festivities was the lighting of the State Christmas Tree, a 54-foot Norway Spruce specially harvested from Watoga State Park in Pocahontas County. The West Virginia Division of Forestry, the General Services Division, and the West Virginia Division of Highways all participated in the cutting, transporting, and positioning of the tree.

## Magistrate Court

According to Magistrate Court records, the following individuals had activity in their cases:

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

Draegan N. Springer, 22, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty November 4 to charges of shooting/hunting from a motor vehicle and failure to attach a field tag to wildlife. Springer was assessed \$402.96 in court costs and fines.

Thomas Walton, 41, of Marlinton, entered a guilty plea agreement November 15 on charges of simple assault and battery. Walton was sentenced to 48 hours jail and assessed \$402.96 in court costs and fines.

In Magistrate Jennifer Dunz's court:

Richard Lee Hefner, II, 44, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty November 20 to charges of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate and possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription. Hefner was assessed \$422.96 in court costs and fines.

Derek Lee McLaughlin, 45, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest November 7 to charges of operation of vehicle without evidence of registration, operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate, defective equipment and failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance. McLaughlin was assessed \$955.92 in court costs and fines.

Alexander Ryan Smith, 22, of Monterey, Virginia, pleaded guilty November 20 to a charge of no seatbelt.

Smith was assessed \$25.56 in court costs and fines.

Avery McKendria Smith, 25, of Monterey, Virginia, pleaded guilty November 25 to a charge of no seatbelt. Smith was assessed \$25.56 in court costs and fines.

Rickey Ivan Stalnaker, 52, of Bowden, pleaded guilty November 19 to charges of bait or feed wildlife on public land and damage trees on wildlife management area. Stalnaker was assessed \$575.62 in court costs and fines.

Carlos A. Kanafany, 21, of Lewisburg, pleaded guilty November 25 to a charge of obstructing driver's view. Kanafany was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

Jason Paul Taylor, 50, of Valley Head, pleaded no contest November 25 to a charge of failure to attach a field tag to wildlife. Taylor was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

In the case of Joseph Allen Teter, 23, of Marlinton, proceedings were deferred November 22 on a charge of battery. Teter was assessed \$181.48 in court costs and fines.

Jamie Kerr, 44, of Green Bank, pleaded no contest November 21 to a charge of

# MTC sets special meeting to discuss issue at Diane Apartments

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

At Monday night's Marlinton Town Council meeting, a concerned citizen addressed council during the hear callers' portion of the meeting.

Diane Apartment resident Jerry Wallace said he had several questions he thought Mayor Sam Felton could answer.

Wallace asked the mayor about an incident that occurred at Diane Apartments in mid-November and about the legality of how the town responded to the situation.

Felton explained that the issue was not on the agenda, but it did need to be discussed further by council, so a special meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 9, at 4:15 p.m.

Wallace also shared his concern about the apartment building and its certification of inspection. Felton answered that the

town went without a building inspector for a time, but now there is one who is trying to rectify the situation and inspect all the buildings in town.

After he asked his questions, Wallace moved around the room, taking photos and video of council and was told by an audience member he did not have permission to take her photo. He said he did because it was a public space and a public meeting.

This led to a brief argument and Felton asked Wallace to leave the meeting.

In business:

- Felton reported that the town had leftover Dramas, Fairs and Festivals funding which it used to buy a large, lighted picture frame as a Christmas decoration. The frame will be installed near the Peacock building where people can have their pictures taken.
- The frame will be moved to Discovery Junction for the Christmas celebration that will take place Friday,

December 6.

Those who use the frame are asked to post the photos with the hashtag Christmas InMarlinton.

- Council discussed cemetery fees and was asked to consider a rate increase for opening and closing plots. Council will return to the discussion at the next meeting.
- In other matters, council approved:
  - the third and final reading of changes to the garbage fee ordinance.
  - the second reading of an ordinance to establish minimum setback requirements.
  - the first reading of revisions to the ordinance to implement a municipal sales and service tax and a municipal use tax.

Marlinton Town Council meets the first Monday of each month, excluding holidays, at 7 p.m. in the town office auditorium. The public is welcome to attend in person or online through a Zoom link.

# West Virginia Makes Leadership Change in Football Program

Michael Fragale  
WVU Today

West Virginia University Vice President and Director of Athletics Wren Baker announced Sunday that he has made a change in the leadership of the Mountaineer Football program, with Neal Brown's tenure concluding after six seasons.

"Coach Brown is a great person, and he has served as a tremendous ambassador for West Virginia University," Baker said. "He led our storied program with class and integrity and always put in the hard work necessary to allow for success. We are grateful to Neal, his wife, Brooke, and their children for their contributions to our University, community and state, and we wish them the very best in their next endeavor."

Brown concludes his West Virginia tenure with a 37-35 overall record. With WVU earning a bowl berth this season, Brown's Mountaineer teams will have competed in four bowl games in his six years, including victories in the Liberty and

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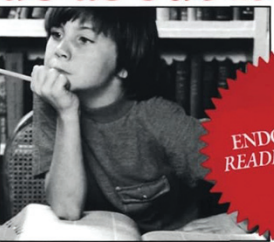
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## Library Lines

by Joe Miller,  
Director of Development

It seems like I've been hearing "kids these days can't read anymore" pretty much all of my life. But it turns out that the trend is even older than that. Rudolf Fleisch's bestselling book, *Why Johnny Can't Read*, turns 70 next month. In practice, kids read at about the same level they have for a couple of generations. Reading proficiency is normally measured by a test called the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which was first introduced in 1969. Back then, the average reading score was 208. It was 215 in 2022. Catherine Snow, a professor of cognition and education at Harvard, told Vox that scores "haven't plummeted. They didn't even plummet during COVID." They dropped a little bit." To be sure, those scores aren't fantastic. NAEP reading scores are measured on a scale of 0-500. Snow describes reading scores as "a very stable level of mediocrity." But while today's kids can read just about as well as ever, they don't read as much as they used to. NAEP says that in 1984, around 35% of eighth graders reported reading for fun almost every day. By last year, that figure had dropped

to just 13%. Reading longer texts—books, in other words—helps kids develop crucial skills like critical thinking and information literacy, that is, their ability to recognize legitimate sources of information. We're seeing that play out now—eighth grade scores on information literacy declined from 2018 to 2023. Kids in Pocahontas County aren't immune to these trends. Across the five branches of the Pocahontas County libraries, our programs for children (readers under 12 years old) drew more than 6,500 participants. By contrast, only around 220 people attended one of our young adult programs — aimed at readers between ages 12 and 18. While eighth graders in Pocahontas County score about as well as their peers across the state, NAEP's Nation's Report Card shows that West Virginia's eighth graders, as a whole, lag around 10 points below the national average. We're looking to reverse both of these trends. In December, we're piloting a new book club for middle school students. We'll be reading *Hello, Universe*—the 2018 winner of the Newberry Award, then getting together at the McClintic and Hillsboro libraries to discuss

the book. But it's more than just your typical sit-around-and-talk-books book club. "It's kind of a performing arts and literary club," says librarian Margaret Worth, who is heading up the new program. "The group will read a section of the book aloud, then focus on creating art pieces to reflect the day's reading," Margaret explained. On Tuesdays, Margaret will meet students at Hillsboro Elementary after the buses from Marlinton drop them off. They'll then walk over to the library together. On Thursdays, kids can meet Margaret at the Wellness Center in Marlinton after dismissal for a short walk to the library. If you are a middle school reader, then, first — good for you for reading the newspaper! Keep that up! And, also, join us at book club. If you know a middle school reader who could use some practice reading long texts—and the evidence suggests that most middle school readers fall into that category — then send them our way.

## 'Brain rot' – word of the year

Oxford University Press's word of the year is "brain rot," a phrase commonly used on social media to describe the deterioration of a person's mental state brought on by overconsumption of trivial online content... brain rot. – (n.) Supposed deterioration of a person's mental or intellectual state, especially viewed as a result of overconsumption of material (now particularly online content) considered to be trivial or unchallenging. Also: something characterized as likely to lead to such deterioration. Why "brain rot?" "Brain rot" gained new prominence this year as a term used to capture concerns about the impact of consuming excessive amounts of low-quality online content, especially on social media. The term increased in usage frequency by 230% between 2023 and 2024. The first recorded use of

"brain rot" was found in 1854 in Henry David Thoreau's book *Walden*, but has taken on new significance as an expression in the digital age. Courtesy of the Oxford University Press website

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**Tuesday, 10:** Oatmeal, cheese stick and fruit. Pepperoni roll with marinara sauce, Italian vegetable blend, cucumbers and red pepper strips, fruit and milk.  
**Wednesday, 11:** Breakfast smoothie with granola and fruit. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, whole grain roll, California blend vegetables, fruit cup and milk.  
**Thursday, 12:** Sausage, egg and cheese wrap and fruit. Chicken strips with dipping sauce, whole grain biscuit, baked beans, sweet

potato tots, Jumpin' Johnny's Birthday popcorn, fruit and milk.  
**Friday, 13:** Whole grain bagel with cream cheese and fruit. Vegetable beef soup, cornbread muffin, carrot and celery sticks, Wow butter cup, frozen fruit cup and milk.



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- The federal laureate position is technically called "Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry" by this library.
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## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

In spite of unforeseen situations (that I would love to share), problems (I hope to forget), set-backs (that are routine), plus election day, Veterans Day, and two and a half days off for the Thanksgiving Holiday, (compliments of Governor Justice), November was an active and productive month.

Certain letters of support went out on behalf of other businesses and organizations within the county. The Letters of Support will play into an upcoming grant opportunity. I hope to be able to share more at a later date.

The first weekend of the

month the Pocahontas County Saddle Club hosted its last rodeo of the season at the arena on Second Avenue in Marlinton. The two-day event had a great turn-out. It looks like the events are drawing more participants and spectators each time. Economic Development comes in many shapes and forms.

Josh Sharp spent a couple of hours with Lauren Bennett and Tim Henry at the Overlook Trail Observation Deck, clearing out a second viewshed. The goal is to not cut any more trees than we

see Mayor's pg 12

## Letters to the Editor

Madam Editor,

The lead article on page one of the Thanksgiving week issue of the TIMES is titled "Grow Your Own taking root at PCHS"

"Grow Your Own is a program in which high school students, who want to become teachers, start their college courses in high school which, in turn, leads to them graduating college with a Bachelor's Degree in two to two-and-a-half years".

The first question that occurs is "Does compressing an educational program into a shorter period of time guarantee quality results? Teaching young people is not the same as processing vegetables; speed does not necessarily result in quality results.

And a more important question is: Does producing new teachers on a speeded-up timetable directly lead to those youngsters becoming part of a long term answer to our state's chronic teacher shortage?

I would submit that it will not. Until we raise teachers' salaries up to the level of surrounding states and provide a competitive benefit package (Hello, PEIA rate hikes!), young teachers will stay home for a year or two and then jump ship for a state where teachers are more respected and more fairly compensated.

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Editor:

Report on County Commission Meeting Viewed as a Humor Column ~

I was away for Thanksgiving but, upon my return, I began perusing *The Pocahontas Times* which arrived in my absence. I was reading what I thought was perhaps a story about Bill Lepp telling a shaggy dog story at a liar's contest. Then I real-

ized I was reading Tim Walker's report on the County Commission's recent meeting which described a burlesque show of three comedy acts – all presented spontaneously and without rehearsal. In the first skit, Walt Helmick, playing the straight man, insisted on purchasing a piece of property next to the courthouse, not for the purpose of building an annex building but so that a future county commission would have the option of doing so – because he has run out of time – or possibly building a parking lot. Regardless, after spending \$85,000 for no specific purpose, the county commission would assume responsibility for demolishing an unusable house on the newly acquired property. Walt had a second vote to carry the motion while Jamie Walker bit his tongue waiting for things to change in January.

Hilarious. Next up was a quick joke about asking the acting prosecuting attorney – with only a month to go in her tenure – to prepare lease agreements for haymaking rights at the East Fork property owned by the county that will satisfy the issues among several competing parties, despite the fact that the commission

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## Community Calendar

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**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.

**Free Day at Pocahontas County Landfill** for disposal of up to one pickup truck load of residential garbage will be Monday, December 30. Landfill hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both dates.

**Green Boxes winter hours:** Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**MEETINGS**  
**Allegheny Post 117** Tuesday, December 17, 6 p.m. at Arbovale Community Center.

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**Upper Pocahontas Community Cooperative** second

Monday of each month 6:30 p.m. at Durbin Community Library. Call 304-456-4994 for more info.

**EVENTS**  
**Yew Mountain Center Maker's Workshops and Activities** Saturday, December 7, 2 to 9 p.m. Highlights include STEAM projects in the Elves Workshop, Create Your Own Wreath Workshop, and Bread and Puppet Cantastoria Workshop: Lubberland. A Grain Bowl Bar dinner will also be available. Get tickets and learn more at yewmountain.org/makers-workshops

**Wreaths Across America** Saturday, December 14, noon at Arbovale Main Cemetery with a salute to Services by the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps.

**FREE Community Dinner** Thursday, December 19, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by area churches and community volunteers.

**LIBRARY EVENTS**  
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**New! Budding Bookworms Playgroups** at McClintic Library, Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and at

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**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. beginning September 11. Story time and play group for children ages five and younger, accompanied by a grown up. Cancelled when schools are closed.

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS**  
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**Christmas at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park** Saturdays, December 7, Annual Town Lighting and square dance, music by Juanita see Calendar pg 10

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Obituaries



Robert Crist

Robert Allen “Bob” Crist, of Henrico, Virginia, formerly of Arbovale, peacefully passed away Saturday, November 23, 2024, at home after a long, courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was surrounded by his loved ones.

Bob was a graduate of Marshall University. He worked for William Byrd Press/Cadmus/Cenvo for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Betty Ruth Crist.

He is survived by the love of his life of 54 years, Cathy; his children, Matt (Christina), Brad (Jill) and Staci (Mark); seven grandchildren, Sydney (Ian), Cooper, Ryan, Heidi, Nolan, Andrew and Rylee (Mitchell), three great-grandchildren, Milo, Lottie and Sterling, and one on the way; siblings, Michael Crist, Renae Wood-dell (Rick), Betty Ann Doyle, Anita Watson and Melinda Wallace (Dillard); and a host of nieces and nephews.

Bob was a devoted husband, father, “BobBob,” brother and friend. He will be greatly missed by so many.

Visitation will be held Sunday, December 8, 2024, from noon to 4 p.m. at Bliley’s Funeral Home, Staples Mill location, 8510 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, VA

Another visitation in Arbovale will be planned in the Spring; details to be provided at a later date.



Helen Loman

Helen Tracy Loman, 94, of Fredericksburg, Texas, went home to be with her Lord Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

Born July 27, 1930, at the home of her maternal grandparents, Samuel and Ida Smith Moore, in Hosterman, she was a daughter of the late Glenn Parker Tracy and Vera “Bly” Moore Tracy.

Helen and her sister, Marian, grew up on the Tracy farm and attended Kerr Memorial Methodist Church in Boyer. She was active in youth activities and 4-H and attended Green Bank School High School where she was an excellent student and played trumpet in the band.

Helen met her first husband, John Jones, while both were attending West Virginia University. They had two

children, John Stephen and Jina Ramona.

The couple lived in Baltimore, Maryland, and Shrewsbury, New Jersey, where Helen mastered her cooking skills and perfected her family’s favorite – Aunt Helen’s peanut butter fudge – and her Pillsbury Bake-Off award winning Banana Bread recipe.

When Helen and Marian’s families were young, they spent many summer vacations at Ocean City renting a house or camping.

After Helen and John divorced, she met and married George Loman. Following George’s retirement from Bell Labs, they returned to Pocahontas County and built a beautiful passive solar home on part of the Tracy farm in Boyer.

From there they traveled throughout Europe and Asia, but all roads returned them to West Virginia where they remained neighbors with Helen’s parents until they passed.

After George died, Helen remained in their home for several years enjoying the sunsets until it became too difficult to live alone. She then moved to Heartlands, an assisted living community in Annapolis, Maryland, to be near her daughter, Jina. When her daughter and husband retired and moved to Comfort, Texas, Helen transferred to Heritage Place, a nearby assisted living facility, where she remained until her passing.

She is survived by her son, John Stephen Jones, and partner, Donna Wendel, of Key West, Florida; daughter, Jina Ramona Eckhardt, and husband, John, of Comfort, Texas; granddaughter, Jessica Jones, of Auburn, Alabama; sister, Marian Tracy Bittle, of LaVale, Maryland; niece, Lisa Tancredi; and nephews, David and Mark Bittle.

The family would like to thank Phyliss Mick, of Durbin, for her friendship and help during Helen’s later years in Boyer.

Arrangements are by Schaeffer Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent at [www.schaeffer.com](http://www.schaeffer.com)

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Redeeming the Time

by Dawn Reed

I often think of things I wish I had done with my mom. (Trying not to cry as I write.) We had lots of plans – to do together. There wasn’t a plan for her not to be here.

In 2019, we were on a movie jag. My 79-year-old mother hadn’t been to the movies in decades, but *Downtown Abbey* came to the big screen. We bought our tickets in advance and saw it four times. We took selfies and giggled as we ate popcorn. Then *Harriet* came out. I’ve been a huge Harriet

Tubman fan for years. We saw it twice. *Little Women* was next. Before all that, we went to the ARK Encounter with my sisters. Thanksgiving was delicious and Christmas was great. The year 2019 was the best!

Early in 2020, COVID was just beginning to sweep through the land. My mom had what she thought was a respiratory infection. To our dismay, she passed unexpectedly one Saturday morning. Knowing she went straight to heaven, we were still shocked, absolutely stunned. We realize now it was COVID.

While I have so many good memories, there are times when my heart aches at what I *wish* we had done.

I thought we had so much more time.

Reading Kyle Idleman’s “When Your Way Isn’t Working,” he mentions Martha in Luke 10:38-42. Martha was hustling and bustling around the kitchen while her sister, Mary, sat at Jesus’ feet, listening and soaking up His presence and every word. She became so frustrated at her sister’s lack of help that she marched right up to Jesus and demanded that He straighten



Dawn Reed

Mary out. Not sure if you’re ever had your apron in a wad like Martha, but the frustration is real. Been there myself.

Kyle Idleman wrote that

see Time pg 8

The World’s Greatest Gift

by R.A. Mathews

It was a bitterly cold winter night. I didn’t care. I’d had a really discouraging day and wanted to go for a long drive.

This was December of 2020, the first year of the coronavirus in the United States.

When I stopped at a street-light, I saw a young man sitting on the corner. He didn’t have a sign seeking help. He just sat there.

“Are you hungry?” I asked, rolling down my window. “If I get you something, will you eat it?”

I had stopped on what was usually a busy thoroughfare, but it was late and there was no traffic. I waited and finally, he nodded.

Minutes later, I returned with hot chili and a sandwich, but he was gone. That’s when I noticed an old man with a homeless sign on a different corner.

Had he been there before?

I turned into a gas station across from him, opened my car door, and set the bags on the street corner. Customers pumping fuel eyed me – confused. They hadn’t seen him on the other side of that three-lane boulevard.

But the old man knew what was what. He started across the street, and I quickly closed my door. In truth, it was probably midnight, and I was afraid he might hurt me.

I drove out the other side of the gas station and went on my way.

I hadn’t planned on doing anything for anyone that night. I was so filled with my



R.A. Mathews

own pain. But that awful freezing weather moved me. I knew a person had to be hungry to stand out there.

As I drove away, the darkness inside me lifted – replaced with Light and happiness. I have great memories of being with my mom and feeding people like him.

Don’t misunderstand me. That year, 2020, was terribly hard, and people had nothing to give. Even wealthy people didn’t escape the rampage of the coronavirus. We all knew someone who had been hospitalized or had died.

The struggle in this country continues with a rough economy. So, I’m not suggesting that you add to the burden that you carry. Don’t offer a random act of kind-

ness just to get it done.

Instead, I’m saying this – expect the Holy Spirit.

If you’re afraid, sad or overwhelmed, know this: God is with you. Expect the Spirit to lead you down a road to a moment in time that you need.

I wasn’t at the street corner for the old man. I was there for me.

I went for that long drive because I needed to be with God. Scripture says, “The

Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26, ESV)

Christmas also comes this year to a divided nation. It’s become an angry age.

What you may not realize is that Jesus was born into an angrier time. The political

see Gift pg 8

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We would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate Claude’s birthday with us. We are truly blessed with so many friends!

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# Home for the Holidays: A time for celebration and reflection on the well-being of aging loved ones

**B**ridging Resources West Virginia can help you get the answers you need to find support for your loved ones during the upcoming holiday season. As the holiday season approaches, many of us eagerly anticipate the joy of reuniting with family and friends. Traveling home can be exciting, especially if you don't spend much time together throughout the year. However, for those visiting aging parents or grandparents, the holidays may look a bit different this year.

It's not uncommon to notice changes in your loved ones' living conditions or health that may have occurred over the past year, or even a few months. As you spend time with them, consider these signs that may indicate they need additional support:

- 1. Financial Management: Are there piles of unopened mail or "past due" notices?
- 2. Home Maintenance: Look around the house, both inside and out. Is the home well-maintained? Are dishes piling up in the sink? Are there broken items that haven't been fixed?
- 3. Medication Manage-



ment: Check for unused or missing medications. Are they taking their prescriptions as directed? Do they have the financial means to afford their medications?

4. Mobility Concerns: Observe their movement. Are they shuffling when they walk? Are they able to navigate stairs safely?

5. Cognitive concerns: Are they having difficulty following or maintaining a conversation? Are they forgetting directions or wandering? These concerns are more than normal aging and forgetfulness that naturally can happen over time.

6. Social Interaction: As we age, our social circles often shrink. Notice any signs of isolation or depression. Are they bathing daily, wearing clean clothes, and maintaining personal hygiene? How much social interaction do they have with others?

7. Nutrition: What's in the refrigerator or pantry? Are they eating well? Aging adults may cut back on groceries when faced with the choice between food and medication.

8. Driving Safety: If your parents drive, take a walk around the vehicle. Do you

see any new dents or dings? Take a drive with them to assess their driving abilities.

9. Home Safety: Do they need any additional equipment, such as grab bars in the shower, a shower chair, or a wheelchair ramp, to re-

main safe at home?

If you notice any of these signs, it's important to start a conversation this holiday season. Addressing these concerns early can help ensure your loved ones receive the care and support they

need to maintain their health, safety, and independence.

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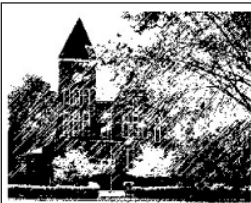
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## Winterburn Presbyterian Church – circa 1909



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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
December 8, 1949

### BIG FIRE

On Thursday afternoon, the big sawmill of W. W. Harper and Son on Stamping Creek was destroyed by fire. Sparks from the engine or sawdust burner set the planing mill shavings on fire. A heavy wind was blowing, and the mill was completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. There was no insurance.

Prompt and effective response for help on the part of farmers and men from the Federal Prison under Superintendent Thieman kept the fire out of the yards where a half million feet of lumber was on sticks.

### PROFITABLE EWE

Eday – Clarence L. Barlow is one farmer who keeps books on his sheep, and the report of one ewe is a bit surprising. This year the income from this ewe amounted to \$84.29. To begin with, this sheep clipped six pounds of wool. Selling through the

pool, it brought 53 cents per pound, for a total of \$3.18. Then this fall, the three lambs this ewe raised averaged better than 100 pounds each to sell at 24 cents for a total of \$81.11 This is a western range ewe. Three other ewes in Mr. Barlow’s flock of nearly forty sheep raised triplets this season.

### SEEBERT NEWS

There will be a Guess Social given at the home of Mrs. Eddie Washington at Seebert December 16. There will be three prizes given. Benefit for the Pleasant Green Choir. Sponsored by Eddie Washington and Lucille Smith.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones and son, Macon, of Clifton Forge, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose and Sallie, of Webster Springs, were here last week to see M. B. Jones, who is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earle Slaven.

### FIELD NOTES

Ellis Grimes, of Waynes-

boro, sends in the picture and newspaper story of the killing of a timber wolf in Augusta county near Staunton November 27. The varmint was killed by Clarence Eddy, a farmer, almost within the city limits. He saw his sheep running in the early morning. He took his gun and went out to see what the trouble might be and saw a wolf attacking his sheep. Well placed bullets put it out of commission. It had killed nine sheep for Mr. Eddy and two for a neighbor, Houston I. Todd. The animal was identified as a timber wolf, a male of about 30 pounds in weight. The hair was the color of broom sage; its head was flat, and its molars were so broad they appeared like two sets of teeth.

It is anybody’s guess from whence came this wolf. About ten years ago, a timber wolf was killed in Bath county, and some years later a coyote was killed in Pocahontas county.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fountain Hill, of Dunmore, a daughter, Brenda Joyce.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Denton Sharp, a son, Thomas Dale.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Judy, a daughter, San-

dra Kay.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Julian Virgil Shrader, of Huntersville, a daughter, Donna Marie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Earl McNeil, of Renick, a daughter, Brenda Kay.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bruffey, of Hillsboro, a son, John Gerald.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Randolph Bostic, of Marlinton, a daughter, Ann Randolph.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Bruffey, a son, Patrick Rupert.

Born To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kelley, of Minnehaha Springs, a daughter, Eileen Kay.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Everette McLaughlin, a daughter, Alice Jane.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wimer, of Hillsboro, a daughter Mildred Dianne.

### DIED

Okey Lewis Kennison, aged 70 years, of Hillsboro died December 4, 1949. Funeral service was held from the Hillsboro Methodist church with burial in the family plot in Oak Grove Cemetery. The deceased was a son of the late D. C. and Rebecca Lewis Kennison. He never married.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
New Hope Brethren Church  
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Sunday, December 8 • 7 p.m.  
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## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,  
December 8, 1974

The number of deer killed in Pocahontas last week was about 1,069, which is about the same as the first week’s count of last year.

Mrs. Nowlin Sheets reported the biggest deer they checked was a 14-point buck, killed by Mrs. Lyle Campbell, of Marlinton.

Beverage’s Store said the extra big one they checked was a deer killed by Earl Beverage, of Clover Lick. It had an extra big rack, 10 points, and weighed 165 pounds hog dressed. Matheny’s checked another 14-point buck and Marion’s Country Market did also, but they didn’t have the people’s names.

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Kermit Friel kept a Saw-Whet Owl alive for several days after it flew into the side of his car. He hopes to have it mounted. This small, eight-inch owl has a little round head and nests in hollow trees or deserted squirrel or woodpecker holes. It sleeps so soundly; the book says it can hardly be aroused

in the daytime. This is a little south of its breeding area but it goes southward in bad weather.

### FIRE

A big fire in Summersville Wednesday destroyed several buildings housing Harold’s Hardware Store, Elizabeth’s Shop and others. Damage was estimated at \$1,500,000. Fred Burns, Jr., Johnnie Nelson, Doug Dunbrack, Ronnie Peacock and DeWayne Rhea, Marlinton firemen, joined the fire departments from all over Nicholas County in fighting the blaze.

### WEATHER

J. P. Schaffner  
November 1974  
Minimum Temperature: 4 degrees on the 27th  
Maximum Temperature: 76 degrees on the 3rd  
Average low: 24.4. degrees  
Rainfall: 4.95 inches  
Total precipitation January 1, 1974 to December 1, 1974: 43.54 inches

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,  
December 14, 1899

### REWARD

One hundred dollars reward offered for one hundred and eleven head of sheep amiss, and the capture and conviction of the person or persons who have taken said property, described below: Mark of sheep, notch on top of right ear, left ear underside marked same; brand HD on left side.

Respect,  
Wm. H. Dilley,  
Dilley’s Mill, W. Va.

### CHARLES APPERSON ARRESTED

Charles Apperson, who was indicted jointly with Jerome Kellison for the murder of Mrs. Julia Simmons, of Buckeye, was arrested last week in Springfield, Illinois, having disappeared immediately after the occurrence. Sheriff Hill received a telegram last Wednesday from the chief of police of that city and serving a requisition started for Illinois to bring him to West Virginia.

### DRY KILN BURNED

Considerable excitement was caused in this town last Thursday after dark by the burning of a big dry kiln at King’s planing mill filled with lumber for G. F. Crummett’s new house. Charley Iwings was firing the kiln when it burned. If made a big blaze and the citizens in the lower part of the town thought it was somebody’s house burning, and they hit the plank walk for uptown for all they were worth. A hotel bell was rung and some of the women tried to render assistance by screaming, while an owl on the point of the hill hooted for rain. No assistance was possible, and the lumber was entirely destroyed. This is the second fire this town has had in its history; the first being in 1892 when a big dry kiln was burned on the exact site of the one destroyed last week.

### WILLIS CARR KILLED

Willis Carr, aged 19 years, third son of Peter Carr, was killed by a blast while at work on the Greenbrier Railway last Friday. He was working as a shoveler at Camp No. 2 about four miles above Marlinton, situated near the deceased boy’s home.

About 15 men were at work in a gang and a stump was bored under to be blown out. A rock was struck in the boring and the hole was drilled through it. Three sticks of dynamite were put down and the men retired to what they thought was a safe distance, and young Carr was the farthest away. When the blast was exploded a piece of rock weighing about 4 pounds came hurtling over the heads of the other men and struck the unfortunate youth on the head and crushed his skull. The blow was glancing and made such a wound as a cannonball might have caused.

He was about 200 feet away and was looking toward the blast which was between him and the sun. He was holding his cap to shade his eyes from the sun in order to see, and the stone came over and struck him behind the cap. He never regained consciousness though when he was being carried away, he muttered: “Lord, have mercy.” He was buried at the Friel burying ground last Sunday.

### LOCAL MENTION

Elmer Jackson (colored) who was serving a sentence in the State penitentiary from this county, died there recently aged about 18 years.

Married November 21, 1899, in the Clerk’s office at Marlinton, Mr. Franklin Kincaid and Miss Mary White, daughter of Henry White near Driscoll.

Sheriff R. W. Hill experimented with two hogs to see what they would lose in the butchering recently. A hog which weighed 420 lbs.,

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
December 4, 1924

Quoad hoc taurum jacio! As this account is to be about the University, I thought that a little homemade Latin might make it look a little more classy.

I have just returned from the place where the ideas sprout umbrageous on the Monongahela River. Every now and then I visit the lower levels. So, I dropped the half-dressed hide and let my business slide, and went down stream like a sucker to join in the football madness of the Thanksgiving season.

And those who have not seen Morgantown during Thanksgiving week do not realize the possibilities of West Virginians in the whirl. They swarm to the city for the annual contest between the fighting Presbyterians from Washington and Jefferson college north of the Mason and Dixon Line and the Mountaineers playing for the university. Within the last year, a great stadium has been built. A place to play games in. The kind of a place that the ancient Romans built to satisfy the popular clamor

for free bread and free shows. A valley was taken for the purpose. The stream was covered over. The sides of the valley were built out of concrete. Fifty thousand persons can watch from these high serial lookouts. Mountain, valley and stream have been covered with the works.

In ancient times, when Falling Run was out of town, there were two homes on the run. On the bank of the little stream was a shoemaker and, on the height above, a minister. They were both aged men and there sprung up between them a deadly hate and they exchanged defiant words such as: “I can look down on you in your ignorance with contempt!”

And the reply: “And I can look up and see your dirt encrusted hide.”

### ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Alfred McNeel, aged 18 years, accidentally shot himself last Friday morning. He was out with a party of other boys at the Harper place east of Hillsboro and was standing on a stump with his hand on the muzzle of his gun. The gun slipped and the

hammer striking something, was discharged. The thumb on one hand was blown off, a deep wound in one leg and eighteen shot in the breast were the more serious results.

The young man was given first aid by his companions and his father, Dr. H. W. McNeel, was called. He was brought to the Marlinton Hospital, and he is making a good recovery.

### ABOUT THE COUNTRY

Talbott Waugh is a farmer after my own heart.

Eleven years ago, he bought some wood and brush land on the Drinnen Ridge from the Campbell Lumber Company. This land lies in a short grass section. There were a lot of folk who thought here was an industrious, well-meaning man who in this enthusiasm to own land was committing himself to a life sentence at hard labor and short rations. Just

another case of working for nothing and boarding himself. The best they could see for Mr. Waugh was a modest home from where he could go out to public works. About ten years ago, Mr. Waugh cleared away enough of the trees and brush for a house seat. His friend and neighbor hauled the lumber and had difficulty finding enough space to put the material and turn his team to get the wagon out again. Today, there are more than thirty acres of fields and meadows without a stump, and, in addition, cutover pastureland to keep four cows...

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### Old-Fashioned Christmas Program

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## Gift, from page 5

climate was far worse than what we’ve seen – Herod had lost power and, upon his return, murdered countless people. He was bent on revenge.

That’s why no one in Jerusalem rejoiced at the birth of the Messiah. True. Here’s the passage.

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?...’ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.” (Matthew 2:1-3, NASB, emphasis added)

Many do not realize that civil war gripped Rome in the first century B.C. Herod

allied himself with the losing side, Marc Antony and Cleopatra. In the midst of the turmoil, another nation seized Jerusalem and executed Herod’s brother.

The Jews in Jerusalem, in their fear, did not realize that God had decided to hand out the best gift a person can have. Jesus.

It was Christmas! Returning home that cold night, I spotted the first man. Remember? The one sitting on the corner with no sign?

He had deliberately moved to a place almost completely hidden from traffic. Clearly, he hadn’t wanted my food. What he wanted was to be left alone.

Perhaps he needed what I needed that night—to be with God.

“Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

Whatever we do, let’s not miss the opportunities to focus on those we love and hold dear this holiday season.

Let’s also learn from Martha, making sure we focus on Jesus, the Guest of Honor.

Editor’s Note: Dawn Reed just published her first book, “Weiner Stew: Inspiring Stories from Appalachia.” It is available on Amazon.

“Weiner stew was the most practical meal to share in the coal fields a hundred years ago. Potatoes, tomatoes and onions all came from the garden and then the cheapest meat to add was weiners/hot dogs. My great-grandparents compiled the simple ingredients and shared them with neighbors and friends in their coal mining community – often with lots of Rook playing.”

Weiner stew, the book, is also a delicious concoction shared with love. It is a compilation of short stories written about ordinary life in the mountains. Though based in eastern Kentucky, they relate to people everywhere. Gathered together, they can warm the heart like a hearty, albeit simple, stew.”

(Matthew 11:28, KJV)

However you celebrate Christmas this year, remember God’s gift to you: Jesus.

You do not face the future alone. Jesus is your comfort and strength.

This is an abridged chapter from “Reaching to God—The Christmas Edition,” soon to be released. The chapter is reprinted with permission.

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## Football, from page 2

Duke’s Mayo bowls. His overall head coaching record stands at 72-51 after 10 seasons at West Virginia and Troy.

“We will keep our focus on the incredible young men in our program and preparing for our bowl game,” Baker added. “Our national search for WVU’s 36th head

football coach is already underway. I am confident that with the strong alignment among the University leadership, our passionate sup-

porters, our proud history and our willingness to invest, we will have an outstanding pool of candidates.”

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## Time, from page 5

Kyle Idleman wrote that Martha just didn’t realize how short her time was with Jesus. Martha was a wonderful person, I’m sure. Full of welcome and hospitality. She was just so busy trying to make everything perfect she put her perfect Guest on the back burner. She had no idea that, too soon, her Friend and Savior, Jesus, would be crucified. Gone from this earth.

“Martha just didn’t realize how short her time was with Jesus.” Those words hurt.

As the holidays march boldly into our lives over the next few weeks, let’s redeem the time. Treasure those at our tables. Cherish the ones in our circles. That may mean asking for help, simplifying menus, combining events, cutting back on gift-giving, and/or un-plugging. Make memories while we can! We are not promised a day (James 4:14).

Eat banana pudding, Mississippi Mud or Appalachian Mud (that’s what we call it.) Wear our stretchy pants and have a second helping.



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### Tis the Season For cold injuries

*"If the thermometer had been an inch longer, we'd all have frozen to death."*

~ Mark Twain

**HYPOTHERMIA:** The following are actual incidents:

#### Incident #1

The young secretary listened to radio reports throughout the day about the blizzard conditions and frigid temperatures outside. She knew that she would have to drive in the early evening gloom along a county road for 15 miles of reasonably isolated country to reach the comfort of her home and family. But, with a new SUV equipped with snow tires, there was little to worry about.

Her greatest discomfort, or so she thought, would be the bone-chilling walk from the office to her car in the parking lot. Dressed in a skirt, driving gloves, and lightweight coat, her body was found several hours later in a cornfield some 300 feet from her car that had slid off the road and into a ditch.

Apparently, she had seen the light from a farmhouse and was attempting to reach it. Tragically, her vehicle had a full tank of gas, which she could have started intermittently to warm up the car.

Her death was easily preventable with just a little education and having some cold-weather gear and supplies in her car. She left behind a husband and two children.

#### Incident #2

The hospital report read "dead on arrival" for the motorcyclist, citing the cause of death as massive injuries sustained when his motorcycle left the road for no apparent reason, striking a tree. This tragedy was so unusual because the rider was on a straight stretch of dry highway on a clear fall day with temperatures in the upper 50s.

#### Incident #3

An 82-year-old widower was found dead in his apartment by neighbors when they became concerned after

noticing an accumulation of mail and newspapers on the porch and the absence of any activity for several days.

His reaction to a February cold front bringing frigid temperatures to the area was to lower his thermostat to 60 degrees to save money, as many aging people on a limited income do.

#### Incident #4

The couple's canoe overturned on a rain-swollen creek, pinning one paddler's legs to a large rock midstream. The unfortunate victim could sit against the rock and direct his partner on shore to seek help in a fairly remote area. He assured her that he was not in any immediate danger, considering that the canoe was only impinging on his lower legs.

In the hours that ensued on that 60-degree March day, he probably realized the terrible error of his statement. When rescuers arrived some three hours later, it was too late to save him.

What do these incidents all have in common? The common culprit in each case was a cold-induced condition called hypothermia.

Hypothermia means loss of body heat or low body heat, and it is often induced by doctors performing certain surgeries requiring decreased blood flow and reduced physiological demands. But when this state of reduced core temperature happens unintentionally, and the symptoms are ignored, hypothermia can be deadly.

Cold injuries such as hypothermia and frostbite are hazardous to everyone exposed to a cold environment. Outdoor workers and those participating in outdoor activities are not immune and may be at greater risk than the general population.

In addition to the risk of cold injuries, exposure to cold weather may cause a decline in work capacity and physical output. Cold exposure adversely affects physical and cognitive abilities, which often translate to increased accidents and injuries.

To prevent hypothermia, we must first be aware of the dangers that cold presents and be familiar with the symptoms. In addition, em-

ployers should instruct their employees in proper hypothermia and frostbite treatment and dress appropriately for cold exposure indoors and outdoors when subnormal temperatures are a factor.

The complex functions and processes within the body of a warm-blooded animal are optimally efficient at a relatively constant body temperature. In humans, the core temperature is approximately 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. When our core temperature drops even a few degrees, our body's thermoregulatory system begins taking steps to maintain or increase our optimal temperature.

The body has at its disposal a series of mechanisms that function to maintain a near-constant temperature. When exposed to environmental conditions of heat or cold, which threaten the stability of the core temperature, these involuntary defenses come into play.

This fascinating physiological complexity is best understood if we consider the body as having two distinct parts: the shell and the core. The shell comprises the skin and the millions of ultrafine blood vessels, called capillaries, that permeate it. Also included in the shell are nerves, muscles and fat. The core comprises the vital organs, the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, brain and other internal organs.

Receptors in the shell alert a portion of the brain called the hypothalamus, which acts as the body's thermostat. If a drop in the body's core temperature is detected, a neural signal is directed to constrict the capillaries, reducing heat loss from the skin's surface. The shell now becomes an insulator rather than a radiator of body heat.

If this response is not enough to reduce further heat loss from the core, other mechanisms are called into play, such as involuntary shivering and inhibition of sweat glands. This reduction in sweating prevents heat

loss through evaporation while shivering is a source of heat production analogous to the heat generated by physical activity. Through a series of involuntary reactions, the body's shell protects the core from life-threatening heat loss.

So, what symptoms can we expect if the core temperature drops unabated? The initial symptoms of hypothermia are a sensation of being cold followed by shivering, sometimes intense enough to damage teeth. These symptoms continue until the core temperature drops to approximately 93 degrees F.

At this point, shivering ceases, and the muscles become rigid. There is a dramatic decrease in manual dexterity accompanied by slurred speech and a marked decrease in cognitive functioning. This stage of hypothermia could have devastating effects on those involved in operating machinery, such as vehicles, or activities requiring unwavering concentration, such as mountain climbing, for example.

The victim becomes unconscious at approximately 86 degrees F, and death may occur at 79 degrees.

Outdoor workers and people involved in cold manufacturing processes should be aware of hypothermia symptoms. In the initial stages of hypothermia, removing a victim to a warm location may be adequate to restore normal temperature, but as the victim progresses into deeper stages of hypothermia, more drastic first-aid measures are called for.

The main objective is to rewarm the victim correctly. This can be accomplished by immersing the body in warm water, no greater than 105 degrees. Alternatively, the rescuer can use heat packs or warm towels if available.

Do not rewarm the extremities and the core simultaneously, as this may precipitate something called

see Your pg 12



## Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys return to Opera House stage

The Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, West Virginia's longest-running bluegrass band, will return to the Opera House Saturday, December 14, at 7 p.m.

Led by Mill Point local Richard Hefner for more than half a century, the band is renowned for its traditional bluegrass sound, tight vocal harmonies, and deep roots in the local music scene. This year's lineup features a mix of familiar faces and new talent.

Joining Hefner is Mill Point neighbor Joanna Burt-Kinderman on bass, adding her local influence and musical expertise. Renowned for his skillful fiddle playing and significant contributions to West Virginia's musical heritage, Dave Bing will also be on stage. Completing the ensemble is Danny Arthur on guitar, bringing his personal touch to the group's rich and dynamic sound.

Tickets for this highly anticipated performance are \$10 for adults, while young music lovers 17 and younger can attend for free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton and online at pocahontasoperahouse.org or at the door the night of the show, subject to availability.

The Opera House Performance Series is supported by grants from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Additional support comes from Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, reflecting the community's dedication to preserving and promoting its cultural heritage.

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## Calendar, from page 4

Fireball and the Continental Drifters; December 14, Holiday Craft Market; December 21, Christmas Cookie Bake-off and Bingo. Brunch with Santa every Sunday at 11 a.m.

**Santa arrives at Arbovale Community Center** Saturday, December 7, at 5 p.m. Tree lighting, free coffee, hot chocolate and cookies, Carols by The Hilltoppers, and door prizes.

**West Virginia Symphony Orchestra** Friday, December 6, 7 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. Tickets start at \$45/adults and \$20/student. Enjoy Club Carnegie in the Board Room before the concert from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Free admission. Cash bar and snacks available.

**Marlinton United Methodist Church Christmas Concert** Sunday, December 8, at 11 a.m. Everyone welcome.

**Christmas Open House at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital** Thursday, December 19, 6 to 8 p.m. Tour the newly renovated departments and review future ex-

pansion plans. Refreshments.

**Santa Run** Saturday, December 21: Par Mar at Green Bank 1 p.m.; Trent's in Arbovale 1:15; Bears Den at Boyer 1:40; Thornwood Loop 2 p.m.; BFD Parking Lot in Durbin 2:20. Sponsored by the Durbin Lions Club.

**Community Christmas in Dunmore**, Saturday, December 21, 4 to 6 p.m. at Dunmore Community Center. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

**Christmas Caroling at Discovery Junction** Sunday, December 22, 6 to 7 p.m. Hosted by Marlinton United Methodist Church. Everyone welcome.

**PARKS AND REC Old-Time Square Dance**, with music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters, Saturday, December 7, at 7 p.m. at Cass Community Center. No experience necessary.

**Candy House Workshops** Tuesday, December 10, at Linwood Center at 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, December 12, in Hillsboro, after school until 5:30 p.m.; Friday, December 13, at Green Bank Elementary,

after school until 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, December 18, at Durbin Library at 6:30 p.m.; and Friday, December 20, at the Wellness Center after school until 4 p.m. Cost, \$3. Children ages 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, call 304-799-7386.

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**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.

**ADVENT SERVICES Mid-week Advent Services** at Marlinton Presbyterian Church Wednesdays at noon.

December 4, guest speaker, Rev. Joan Stewart of Summersville Presbyterian; December 11, guest speaker, Rev. Angela Lambert of New Hope Lutheran Church; and December 18, guest speaker, Dr. Sue Hollandsworth.

## Letters, from page 4

promised those parties that the matter would be settled last summer. Shirk responsibility for a problem of your own making. Classic irony.

The next act was another chapter in the endless saga, "The County Commission Tries to Purchase the Landfill Property After Decades of Leasing It" – which asks the question: How many lawyers does it take to prepare a deed of purchase? And, whether side agreements should be included in the deed. After years of discussion, there is still no agreement about whether the landfill road is a state road or a private road. And, what about fencing along what may or may not be a state road? Meanwhile, the Solid Waste Authority is insisting that it will not accept the landfill property even though funds for the purchase are coming from the county commission and the SWA does not have a lawyer involved in the negotiations. Talk about looking a gift

horse in the mouth. We'll have to wait for another episode before learning the answers to these questions because Walt Helmick cut off discussion out of his heightened sense of disgust. (Never mind the disgusting things he's doing on his way out.) The ensemble cast of this running gag will reassemble at a future meeting.

The final comedy sketch featured the main plotline of the often-promised expansion of John Rebinski's ambulance service with a subplot featuring a challenge to his authority to manage the project. When asked who the other members of the Board of Directors for the Rebinski ambulance service, John added a twist

by volunteering the other members of the county commission as heretofore undisclosed Board members. That was news to everyone. John then said he had previously asked the EMS Authority to run the ambulance service, but they had declined. He was then dared to ask to question again at the next meeting of the EMS Authority in January – and he might get a different answer. The plot thickens.

It should not be the case that county residents have to continually worry about what the county commission is up to – or not up to – every day and every week. Stay tuned.

Jay Miller  
Hillsboro

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## History, from page 7

gross, netted 352 lbs.; and another weighing 328, netted 308.

A four year old boy of Edray was asked the stereotyped question: "What do you want Santa Claus to bring you for Christmas?" "I want him to bring me a sled, but I expect he will bring me a lot of trash."

Mrs. Nancy Galford, relict of the late Allen Galford on Back Alleghany, though 81 years of age, is in vigorous health and by way of pastime spun over forty dozen woolen yarns during the late summer and early fall, not to speak of many other ways she makes herself useful and helpful.

Died, at her home at the head of Stony Creek, December 1, 1899, Mrs. Rachel Curry, wife of Amos Curry, aged about 53 years. She was a member of the Terry family in Highland county, a much respected person and a great sufferer for several years, a devoted adherent of the M. E. Church, and death was a welcome relief.

A barn belonging to Wm. Gibson, on Elk, situated on the farm he purchased a few years ago was burned last Thursday about 5 p.m. with all its contents. With it was burned three stacks of hay, 100 dozen of oats, a load of meal just brought from the depot, a horse, a wagon and a lot of farming utensils.

### Young Couple's Predicament

Some time ago, a young bridal couple stopped at a metropolitan hotel on their honeymoon and accompanying them was an Irish valet who had been for years in the employ of the bridegroom.

The latter had instructed his valet not to tell any of the servants at the hotel that they were newly married and on their honeymoon, as the young bride was very sensitive and did not care to encounter the notice and stares which would be sure to be

forthcoming.

Notwithstanding these instructions, the young couple found that they seemed to be the entire attraction, and the waiters, porters and bellboys ogled the young woman until she felt positively uncomfortable.

The bridegroom therefore blamed the valet and supposed that he had disobeyed his instructions.

Calling him before him he said severely, "Tim, I thought I told you not to tell anybody that we were newly married."

"Sure, sorr, an' I told thim all you wuzzent married."

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## Pocahontas Producers REGULAR SALE

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December 14,  
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## Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Lagoons  
6 Jaunty greeting  
10 Basics  
14 Aid in crime  
18 Full of vitality  
19 Purim's month  
20 Patio cooker  
22 Sage guide  
23 Pope after Sergius II  
24 Acting Ward  
25 "Same here"  
26 Arab country  
27 Player hitting to prepare for a spike  
30 Energetic journalist  
32 Chicago-to-Tampa dir.  
33 Suffix with leopard  
34 Caroling song  
35 Journalist covering a particular sector  
38 To be, to Bardot  
39 Lock of hair  
40 Dubai's country, for short  
41 "Kung Fu Hustle" director and star

45 Canonized Mile.  
46 Campers under canvas  
50 Field unit  
51 Jarred  
55 Having no commercials  
56 High-scoring hoops shot  
59 Met or La Scala frequenter  
61 "That didn't escape my notice"  
62 Prior to, to bards  
63 Pooch's cry  
65 Country singer Blake  
67 Andrea — (ill-fated ship)  
69 Swimming sensation at the 1972 Olympics  
71 Nine-sided shape  
75 Comic buffoon  
78 Entertainer Zadora  
81 Deli salad  
84 Injury rehab professional  
86 Scattering in the field  
88 Baja blanket  
90 Vandals, e.g.

92 Gillette brand  
93 Genghis Khan followers  
95 Silvery gray  
96 Deliverer of a fine spray  
99 Text-scanning device, briefly  
100 Revises text  
103 First letter of the Arabic alphabet  
104 130-to-135-pound bout competitor  
108 "— Well That Ends Well"  
109 Cavity fillers' org.  
112 According to  
113 Sheriff's star  
114 Popular yoga pose ... or something found seven times in this puzzle  
117 Color shade  
119 Research facility  
121 TV "Warrior Princess"  
122 Duck with soft feathers  
123 Tortilla treat  
124 One of the singing Braxton sisters

125 Eternally  
126 Love, to Lucia  
127 Place of bliss  
128 Stuck-up type  
129 Relaxation  
130 Crowded

**DOWN**

1 Give birth, as a whale  
2 Margarines  
3 Forerunners of cello  
4 Pernicious  
5 Like July, order-wise  
6 Dinosaurs, so to speak  
7 Exemplar  
8 Passageway  
9 Brand of toothbrushes  
10 DOJ heads  
11 She wrote "Jane Eyre"  
12 Apple quaffs  
13 Most sluggish  
14 Past time  
15 Lousy pieces of advice  
16 Rubs out  
17 Plano fixer  
21 Talk like  
22 Daffy Duck  
28 Past time  
29 See  
27 Across  
31 See  
30 Across

36 Sports sites  
37 Snitching sort  
38 Sort of sword  
41 Fill totally  
42 Sch. worker  
43 Went wrong  
44 See  
41-Across  
45 Give a bias to  
47 Wildlife-tracking aids  
48 Lulu Hogg player Peggy  
49 Stitch up  
52 GI address  
53 "Bleech!"  
54 "The Raven" poet  
57 Spanish river  
58 See  
56-Across  
60 Red Muppet  
64 Infant's cry  
66 Nabisco treat  
68 Doing sentry duty  
70 See  
69-Across  
72 H.S.-level exam  
73 "... bug — feature?"  
74 Quarterback great Joe  
75 Relief sound  
76 Mao — -lung  
77 Other, to Gabriela  
79 About

80 Petri dish gel  
81 Old JFK jet  
82 Meadow  
83 Haughtiness  
85 Gridiron score after a throw, in brief  
87 Street urchin  
89 Alternative to "Section 2"  
91 Steadfast  
94 Spring farm machines  
97 Earthen pot  
98 Interpret wrongly  
101 Starts eating, informally  
102 "— kick from champagne" (Cole Porter lyric)  
104 Milk, in Italy  
105 Homer epic  
106 Bulb unit  
107 See  
104-Across  
108 Two of Henry VIII's wives  
109 Append  
110 Active sorts  
111 Match up  
115 "— Only Just Begun"  
116 Very thin coin  
118 2,000 pounds  
120 See  
119-Across



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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 commissione.

**First Publication Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024**  
**Claim Deadline: Monday, February 3, 2025**

**ESTATE NUMBER: 14710**  
**ESTATE OF: WALTER PAUL WARDER**  
**ADMINISTRATRIX: Ramona I. Warder**  
**P. O. Box 173**  
**Slaty Fork, WV 26291-0173**

Subscribed and sworn to before me on November 27, 2024.  
Melissa L. Bennett  
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission  
12/5/2c

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 Tena L. Bennett and bearing date the 24th day of June, 2002, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 201, at page 534, the maker, 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, Pendleton County Bank now known as Pendleton Community Bank, Inc., having declared the whole of the indebtedness there under 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 16th day of December, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at the front steps of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, the premises, being and consisting of the following:

All of those two certain tracts or parcels of real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Edray District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and on the west side of Secondary Route 219/3, and being Lot 12 and a part of a right of way of the Neal Kellison Subdivision (Map Book 1, Page 72) and being more particularly described as follows:

**TRACT NO. 1**

Beginning at a ½ inch iron rebar set on the northwest right of way line of a 40 foot wide access road, and on the common corner of James E. Cutlip of Tract No. 1 of (Deed Book 217, at page 433), and Larry Price (Deed Book 189, at page 47); thence leaving the property of Larry Price, and with the northwest right of way of said 40 foot wide access road, S 71-51-00 W 291.60 feet to a ¾ inch iron pipe found on the north right of way line of aforesaid 40 foot wide access road; thence crossing the branch and with the northeast right of way line of said access road, N 47-27-00 W 43.55 feet to a point on a concrete drive, and on the northeast right of way line of aforesaid access road, and being the southeast corner of Tract No.2 of James E. Cutlip (Deed Book 217, at page 433); thence with a line crossing to the opposite side of, and end of said access road, and running along the south edge of said Tract No. 2, N 66-24-33 W 57.28 feet to a ¾ inch iron pipe found on the west edge of, and the end of said access road, and on the northwest corner of Tract No. 2 of James E. Cutlip (Deed Book 217, at page 433), and on the corner of Karen S. Lane (Deed Book 183, at page 272); thence leav-

NOTICE OF PART-TIME POSITION  
POCAHONTAS COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Pocahontas County Commission is accepting résumés for an individual to work part-time at the Pocahontas County Animal Shelter. Duties will include daily routine care of animals, maintenance of the shelter, and assisting with other duties as needed. Applicant must be comfortable working with and/or handling animals. The position will be for a total of 1,039 hours per year. Hours may be adjusted as necessary to meet the needs of the shelter and will include weekend hours. This position does not include benefits. Interested persons may submit résumés to the Pocahontas County Clerk, P.O. Box 209, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954, no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, December 13, 2024. For further information please contact the County Clerk's Office at 304-799-4549.

The Pocahontas County Commission  
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ing said access road, and leaving Tract No. 2, and with the line of Tract No. 1 of James E. Cutlip, and with the line of Karen S. Lane, N 47-28-00 W 179.72 feet to a ½ inch rebar set on the corner of Cutlip and Lane; thence with the line of Cutlip and Lane, S 70-00-00 W 794.39 feet to a ¾ inch iron pipe found on the corner of Cutlip and Lane, and on the line of residue of Neal Kellison; thence leaving the property of Lane, and with the residue of Neal Kellison, and with the line of James E. Cutlip, N 20-40-21 E 986.07 feet to a ½ inch rebar set on the line of Ivan Burgess (Deed Book 246, at page 306), and on the corner of James E. Cutlip and Lawrence Price (Deed Book 189, at page 47); thence leaving the property of Ivan Burgess, and with the line of James E. Cutlip and Lawrence Price, S 26-35-50 E 385.53 feet to a ¾ inch iron pipe found on the corner of James E. Cutlip and Lawrence Price; thence with the line of James E. Cutlip and Lawrence Price, S 34-37-11 E 134.09 feet to a ¾ inch iron pipe found on the corner of James E. Cutlip and Lawrence Price; thence with the line of James E. Cutlip and in part with the line of Lawrence Price, and in part with the line of Larry Price (Deed Book 189, at page 47), S 67-04-26 E passing a ¾ inch iron pipe found on line at 217.2 feet, and passing a ¾ inch iron pipe found on line at 356.0 feet, in all a total of 546.84 feet to the beginning and containing 7.594 acres, more or less, as surveyed by Greenbrier Surveying in October, 1998, and as shown on a plat of survey of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 257, at page 293.

**TRACT NO. 2**

Beginning at a ¾ inch pipe at the end of the right of way and corner to Lot 16 and running N 67-53 E 40 feet to a ¾ inch pipe on the North East edge of the right of way, corner to Lot 12; thence with Lot 12 S 22-07 E 44 feet to a ¾ inch pipe; thence crossing the proposed right of way N 64-24 W 59.5 feet to the place of beginning and containing 880 square feet, more or less.

And being the same tracts or parcels of real estate as acquired by Tena L. Beale by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from James E. Cutlip and Delores A. Cutlip, said Deed bearing date the 16th day of November, 1998, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 257, at page 290.

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 and all taxes hereafter due and assessed against the said property.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Cash in hand on day of sale or prior approved credit.

**CONDITION OF SALE:** Said property shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder, with the right reserved to the said Pendleton Community Bank, 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 the 20th day of November, 2024.

Michael C. Doss, Trustee  
11/28/3c

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION  
2023-C-000026-POCAHONTAS COUNTY-  
ELEMENTAL RESOURCES

**To: OCCUPANT, BARRY SCOTT MILLICAN, POCAHONTAS COUNTY P. S. D., RE: JUDGEMENT 17/66 (CASE #19-M38C-00329), POCAHONTAS COUNTY P. S. D., RE: JUDGMENT 17/227 (CASE # CC-38-2019-C-11), POCAHONTAS COUNTY P. S. D., RE: JUDGMENT 17/646 (CASE #CC-38-2021-C-40), BANK OF MARLINTON NKA FIRST CITIZENS BANK & TRUST CO., RE: TRUST DEED 138/225 (AMELIA MILLICAN), DAVIS TRUST COMPANY, RE: TRUST DEED 191/425 (BARRY S. MILLICAN), B. SCOTT MILLICAN, BARRY SCOTT MILLICAN LISA ANN BROWN, LISA A. MILLICAN, DAVIS TRUST COMPANY, BANK OF MARLINTON, FIRST CITIZENS TRUST COMPANY, POCAHONTAS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, 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: EDRAV MAP: 23 PARCEL 0015 0001 0000**

You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2023-C-000026, lo-

NOTICE TO BID

**The Pocahontas County Commission will receive bids for No. 87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline**, for the following offices: Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office (including Law Enforcement, Process Server, Jail/Correctional Officers, Animal Shelter and Home Detention Offices); 911/Emergency Management Office; Assessor's Office; and Community Corrections Office; for the period covering January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Please offer bids in writing, noting increases and/or reductions in prices, in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid – Gasoline" and submit to the Pocahontas County Commission at 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954, on or before the 13th day of December 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Bids will be opened in the Office of the Pocahontas County Commission on Tuesday, the 17th day of December 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

For further information, please inquire at the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office (304) 799-4549, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Pocahontas County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Walt Helmick, President  
Pocahontas County Commission  
11/28/2c

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cated in EDRAV District, LT 2 BIG SPRINGS FORK 1.93 AC FEE, which was returned delinquent or non-entered in the name of Millican Barry Scott and was sold was by the Deputy Commission of DELINQUENT AND NON-ENTERED LANDS OF POCAHONTAS ELEMENTAL RESOURCES requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2025 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 2022-3675.

|                                                                                                                        |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.                       | \$ 447.48         |
| Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2023-3703.                                        | \$ 325.67         |
| Additional taxes with interest.                                                                                        | \$ 0.00           |
| Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.                                                | \$ 210.95         |
| Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. | \$ 857.70         |
| Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.                                                                               | \$ 0.00           |
| <b>Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.</b>     | <b>\$1,841.80</b> |

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Please return this letter and payment to the  
West Virginia State Auditor's Office  
County Collections Division  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Building 1 Room W-114  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305  
Question, please call 1-888-509-6568  
Given under my hand January 29, 2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.  
Deputy Commissioner  
Delinquent and Non-entered Lands of  
Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia  
11/21/3c

2025 Free Days

Pocahontas County Landfill

Pocahontas County Landfill will accept up to **one pickup truck load (516 pounds) of residential garbage at no charge** on the monthly Free Day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The 2025 scheduled Free Days will be:

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| January 28  | July 29      |
| February 25 | August 26    |
| March 25    | September 30 |
| April 29    | October 28   |
| May 27      | November 25  |
| June 24     | December 30  |

Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority  
12/5/1c

Public Notice – Invitation to Bid

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

This is a Department of Environmental Protection Grant paid project.

Bids for the Project will be received at Marlinton Town Hall, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia, 24954, until Monday, December 16, 2024, at 2 p.m. local time.

At that time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following work:

**Demolition and removal of structures located at:**

**805 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954**  
**518 Second Ave, Marlinton, WV 24954**  
**1019 First Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954**  
**708 Third Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954**

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

Copies of the bid documents, including asbestos certifications, are available for review between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at Marlinton Town Hall located at 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia.

Site visits may be scheduled by contacting Bruce Van Meter, Town of Marlinton Building Inspector, at 304-799-4315 or Bruce buildinginspector@gmail.com

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

Sealed bids are due by 2 p.m. local time Monday, December 16, 2024.

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

Submittals received after 2 p.m. on December 16, 2024, will receive no consideration.

The Town requires that bids be guaranteed for a minimum of 60 days.

No verbal, facsimile or emailed bids will be accepted.

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

Upon review of the bids, the Town may award the project to the Lowest Qualified Responsible Bidder.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive any informality in the bidding.

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INSURANCE/FINANCIAL

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**Buckeye Home, Farm and Garden Center**, Rt. 219, Buckeye. Authorized Stihl Dealer. 304-799-0860. Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 2 p.m.

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**Sunflower Fabrics, LLC.** New kits available! Fabric, patterns, notions, batting and backing. 805 Second Avenue, Marlinton. 681-318-0767. Monday - Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 9/26/fwmp

SENIOR CARE

**Valentine Assisted Living**. Affordable, personalized senior care in Elkins. Private and semi-private rooms, providing quality service and care for our residents. New owner/administrator, Denise Campbell, RN. Call 304-636-3900 for more information. 1/4/fwmc

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**A-1 Pumping**. Septic tank installation, inspection, repair and pumping. Prices start as low as \$375. Durbin. 304-456-4505 or www.varners.net 12/7/fwmp

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**The Outhouse, LLC.** Septic pumping, portable toilets and sinks available. 304-456-5466. 8/5/fwmp

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**Almost Local Business Hub**, 204 Eighth Street, Marlinton. Offering

office rental, color/BW copies, fax service and Notary services. 304-799-7355. 7/11/fwmp

**Handy Bradley**. Property management and odd jobs. Reasonable, dependable, timely. Free consultation. 304-799-2524 or 304-409-8568. Email: bradherkto@gmail.com Bradley Jason Herkto, Proprietor. 12/5/fwmp

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VETERINARIANS

**Frankford Veterinary Hospital**. Marlinton Office. 410 Second Avenue, in Humane Society Building. Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 304-799-6181. Julie Gibson, DVM, Megan Fansler, DVM. Small/Large animals and farm calls. 12/7/fwmp

**Pocahontas Veterinary Services**. Stacy Tawney, DVM. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. 150 Carl McCarty Road, 4.2 miles north on Rt. 28 from Huntersville intersection, on right. Small/large animals. We do farm calls. 304-799-6803. 3/7/fwmp

WATER WELL/ SERVICE

**Happy Jack** animal healthcare products. For dogs, horses and cats. At TRACTOR SUPPLY AND SOUTHERN STATES (www.happyjackinc.com)

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Selling/installing water systems and well parts. **Rowan Well Supplies**, 304-591-0272 or 304-704-3764. WV004493. 7/25/fwmp

FOR SALE

**FOR SALE** - Cut your own Balsam Fir Christmas tree. For location call 304-456-5010. 12/5/2p

**FOR SALE** - 2010 Lincoln MKZ, V-6, AWD, leather, all power, heated/cooled seats, sunroof. Good tires, new brakes, very good condition. 156K miles. \$5,500. 304-799-3986. 11/21/tnfc

HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED** - Looking for a Correctional Officer job? Testing

will be offered at the Denmar Correctional Center, Hillsboro, WV, on a daily basis. Interested parties should contact Human Resources at the facility at 304-653-4201 to schedule an appointment. 1/19/tnfc

NOTICE

**NOTICE** - 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. 12/5/2c

YARD SALE

**INDOOR YARD/ESTATE SALE** - Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 900 Second Avenue, Marlinton. Furniture, Christmas decorations, household items and clothing. Cash or credit card. 12/5/lp

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Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., non-negotiable. Must have dependable vehicle. We are a new, small husband-and-wife company managing properties and doing full condo remodels at Snowshoe. Attention to detail is a must. Must be willing to shovel snow. Starting pay is \$18/hour. Pay raises will be given based on experience, competency and reliability. Performance evaluations at 30 and 60 days. *Please do not apply if you don't have all-weather year-round transportation or are not interested in a five-day work week.*

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



**GUFFEY CONSTRUCTION, INC.**



Sara Cottingham has left her former employment and is now working full-time on grant and grant opportunities

On November 15, I had the pleasure of hosting Aaron Pugh's social studies class at the Marlinton Municipal Building. Forty-one students from Pocahontas County High School assembled in the auditorium for a Q&A session before visiting individual offices. Afterward, students moved from the Town side of the building to the Firehouse, where they were greeted by Nichole Brock and Steve Tritapoe.

The Town crew is ready to plow snow but has not had to - yet - and for us, that is okay.

Some foods generate heat relatively quickly, carbohydrates being a great example. On the other hand, fats have longer-lasting effects; think of the Arctic Inuit people's

When outdoors in colder weather, one should keep one's clothing as dry as possible because wet clothing will cause body heat to flow away from the skin. This is particularly true of cotton garments; think of how long

Winter is upon us, so stay warm and stay safe.  
Ken Springer  
ken1949bongo@gmail.com

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ger and Mrs. Bertie Beard Yeager, and in line of descent from two of the pioneer families of the Greenbrier Valley. In 1907, he married Miss Wawa Rucker, daughter of the late H. S. Rucker, who survives

Asa Eli Puffenbarger, 77, of Bartow, a retired employee of Howes Leather Company. Funeral service from the Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Inflation has one good result – nobody marries for money anymore.

For about eighteen years, he was a trusted employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, the Chief of the Divisional Special Service with headquarters at Clifton Forge. A large delegation of his fellow officials and employees attended the funeral rites, which were held from the home of Mrs. H. S.

Rucker in Marlinton. Interment was made in Mt. View Cemetery. Not too far distant are the graves of his father, mother and other relatives.

**TRIVIA ANSWERS:** (1). Ishmael (2). The Good Earth (3). The Library of Congress (4). The Lincoln Tunnel

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## LISTINGS

**6704 – Cowen.** 1.75 level acres bordering creek and within walking distance of Williams River and national forest. Fantastic fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, biking and more. – **\$24,900**

**6708 – Marlinton.** 3BR/1BA home on 0.17 acres. Borders Marlin Run. Home needs attention. Short walk to town, Greenbrier River and Trail and Pocahontas County Opera House. – **\$62,000**

**6709 – Marlinton.** Tract 14. The Pines Estates. Four-acre property with open meadows, woodland and homestead views. Property is close to town, rivers, hike/bike trails, state parks and more. – **\$100,000**

**6700 – Marlinton.** Tract 10. 8.5-acre property with level homesites. Awesome open meadow views. Just a few minutes from town and close to rivers, hike-bike trails, national forest and Snowshoe Resort. – **\$212,500**

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