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Art vending machines get second series of prints

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Last year, printmaker Caroline Hanson miniaturized her artwork down to the size of a business card and created a series of Appalachian prints to sell in her art vending machines.

Hanson received a grant from the West Virginia Department of Culture, Arts and History to purchase three vending machines which she filled with a limited edition of 1,800 prints in 18 designs. One machine was installed at the Rivertown building in Marlinton, one at the Wild Bean in Lewisburg and the third one, Hanson uses when she travels to craft festivals and fairs.

The first series of prints did so well – in fact, they sold out – that Hanson decided to create a second series featuring 12 new designs and a new color scheme.

“This was my effort at expanding upon the opportunities that I had with West Virginia Department of Culture, Arts and History, and just continuing the project,” she said.

The new series features prints of the Mill Point mill, salt rising bread, a cider press, a fiddle, butter beans, Paw Paws, trillium, Ameri-

can chestnut, a steam engine, a quilt, a woolly bugger fly and a rattlesnake.

“I’m making another 1,800 prints,” she said. “Hopefully they’ll sell out, too.”

In addition to expanding to a second series of prints, Hanson is also adding a fourth vending machine, which will be at the visitors center in Bath County, Virginia.

“I just got a grant from Bath County Arts Association to make a Bath County specific vending machine, so they’re going to have a series of eight to ten images,” she said.

Since the machines provide an affordable way to share her art – one print is just four quarters – Hanson is expanding her business in other ways to share the art of printmaking.

She has been commissioned to create logos and artwork for several regional bands, and she is starting a class series in Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties this month.

“My first one is February 4 at the White Sulphur Springs public library,” she said. “Then one on February 6 at the Wellness Center in Marlinton and February 12 at Green Bank Library.”

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PRINTMAKER CAROLINE HANSON poses with her art vending machine at the Rivertown building in Marlinton. Last week, Hanson filled the machine with prints from her second series which includes salt rising bread, a cider press, butter beans and more. S. Stewart photo

NYSC leaving Pocahontas County

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Since its inception in 1963, the National Youth Science Camp has taken place at Camp Thornwood, the 4-H camp in the northern part of the county.

The camp has hosted delegates from all over the U.S. and from several countries in the western hemisphere for nearly 60 years, but the science camp has decided to move to a new location.

In 2009, the National Youth Science Academy purchased land in Tucker County with plans to build a facility there. Although the facility has not been built, the camp will be moving this summer to a yet to be determined location.

NYSA executive director Ryan Haupt said the board of directors, staff [what they call the staff] and alumni worked together to make the change.

“We made the decision that now is the time to move,” he said. “It wasn’t an easy decision. We’re going to miss Pocahontas a lot, but we absolutely plan on incorporating Pocahontas County’s amazing recreation opportunities into our outdoor program.”

Haupt said the Academy



recently announced that it was recommended by the West Virginia governor’s office for an AMLER – Abandoned Mine Lands Economic Revitalization – Grant, which will go toward building the new facility in Tucker County.

In the meantime, they are searching for a new location to house the three-and-a-half-week camp.

“We’re looking for what we’re calling a bridge facility,” Haupt said.

While the majority of the camp’s time is spent at a central location, the delegates take trips around the state and to Washington, D.C. They may not be staying in Pocahontas County, but they will continue to have opportunities to visit the area and experience nature and science related facilities here.

“I would take them to Devil’s Backbone, which I feel is an unsung gem,” Haupt said. “We take them to Cass. We use a lot of the

see NYSC pg 8

‘Where the wild things are’



FORGET THE GROUNDHOG. We may be hoping for an early spring, but who can’t appreciate the natural beauty and the wildlife found right here in Pocahontas County in the winter - and every season, for that matter.

Loanne Fatora shared her photo of a mother bobcat and one of her kittens. A second kitten was off to the right.

For the record, French Creek Freddie predicts an early spring. Punxsutawney Phil says six more weeks of winter. No one seems to agree these days!

Students explore science and engineering at annual county fair

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

More than 100 third through eighth grade Pocahontas County students converged on the Green Bank Observatory January 28 for the annual county Science and Engineering Fair.

While the main point of the event was for students to present their projects in one of more than a dozen categories, there was also time for the students to do experiments and learn additional science and engineering skills.

The students competed in an alien scavenger hunt, built their own scribble bots, learned about the supercool-

ing properties of liquid nitrogen and tested their engineering skills by building landers for a payload to Mars.

That payload was an egg or as some students called it – an eggstronaut.

Students whose projects placed first in their category are eligible to compete at the regional science fair in Greenbrier County March 15.

Elementary Animal Science – third place, Briley Reed and Talleighia Reynolds, “Cat vs. Maze.”

Behavioral and Social Science – first place, Rufus Morgan, “Soccer vs. Mood;” and second place, Emma

Pugh, “Will the Color of a Drink Affect How the Drink Tastes?”

Chemistry – first place, Fenna Marks, “Candy Chromatography;” and second place, Jerzie Jackson, “What Kind of Water will Take the Color off a Skittle?”

Earth and Environmental Science – first place, Kysor Calhoun, “Rocks and Acid.”

Energy – third place, Caleb Moore, “Wind Energy.”

Engineering – third place, Abigail Arbogast, “Water Filter.”

Medical Science – second place, Cora Baldwin and Aaliyah Lawson, “Which Nail Polish Remover is

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Garretson sentenced to maximum two years for negligent homicides

Jaynell Graham
Editor

Sentencing was held January 29 in the case the State vs Tony Garretson, 58, of Hillsboro, in the matter of the April 10, 2023 deaths of Darren Jackson, 59, and his son, Ryan Jackson, 32.

The following is the complete Sentencing Order as received from the court:

On the 29th day of January 2025, the above referenced criminal action came

on for Sentencing before the Honorable Robert E. Richardson, Circuit Judge. The State of West Virginia was present by its Special Prosecuting Attorney John G. Ours. The defendant appeared in person and by his counsel Michael Whitt and Kristopher Faerber.

Thereupon the court made inquiry of counsel as to whether all had received the Pre-Sentence Investigation report and whether or not there were any corrections or additions thereto necessary.

Thereupon defense counsel Michael Whitt advised the Court that the Pre-Sentence Investigation report was in all respects proper and there were no additions or corrections other than within the area on possible sentences it was indicated that a 60-day evaluation would be possible which is not the case with a misdemeanor, otherwise the Pre-Sentence was correct.

see Sentenced pg 10

Poultry Exhibition and Sale events suspended

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is suspending all poultry exhibitions, shows, swaps, meets and sales at flea markets or auction markets in response to the ongoing threat of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). This decision follows recent HPAI confirmations in commercial poultry operations in multiple surrounding states, as well as a confirmed case in a backyard flock in Pocahontas County earlier this month.

Additionally, federal and state wildlife agencies have detected the virus in wild bird populations through ongoing surveillance efforts.

“This is a serious threat to West Virginia’s poultry industry which is the largest overall contributor to our state’s animal industry economy - this action provides added safeguard,” said West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

“This nationwide outbreak has been ongoing since 2022, and we have worked closely with poultry industry stakeholders and our interagency partners to prepare for and respond when needed to a West Virginia outbreak.”

HPAI has been detected regionally in both commercial and backyard poultry flocks, with cases rising nationwide ahead of the spring migratory waterfowl season.

see Poultry pg 10

WVCAN release 2024 child abuse statistics

The West Virginia Child Advocacy Network (WVCAN) released its Statewide Data Report Monday for the 2024 fiscal year (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024). The data in the report reflects service from West Virginia’s 21 Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) which provided official service to 47 of 55 counties in the state. A CAC provides a safe, child-friendly facility where child protection, criminal justice and child treatment professionals work together to investigate abuse, hold offenders accountable and help children

heal. During the year, CACs served 4,909 children – an 8% increase in new children served in the last five years. Highlights from the report include:

- 4,702 forensic interviews were conducted
- 16% of the children served were there because of allegations of drug endangerment, 4 times higher than the national average
- 29% of the children served were there because of allegations of sexual abuse
- 44% of the children served by CACs were between the ages of 7-12 years
- 94% of alleged offenders

were someone the child knew

- 30% of children are reported to have one or more disabilities
- 846 cases had charges filed
- 336 individuals were convicted for crimes against children
- 330,147 children (93% of the state’s population) live in a county officially served by a CAC
- 22,217 children (7% of the state’s population) live in a county without official CAC coverage

see WVCAN pg 12

Circuit Court

The following hearings were recently held in Pocahontas County Circuit Court before the Honorable Judges Robert E. Richardson and Patrick I. Via:

A pre-trial hearing was held in the case the State vs Philip Curtis Leone, 40, of Elkins, wherein the State related that the matter is ready for a change of plea hearing. That hearing was set for February 5. Leone was indicted on one count, burglary; and one count, grand larceny.

Plea negotiations are ongoing in the case the State vs

Justin Adam Cutlip, 44, of Marlinton. Cutlip was indicted on four counts, sexual abuse in the first degree; and four counts, sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, custodian or person in position of trust of a child.

A hearing on motion for reconsideration was held in the case the State vs Christina Giese, 42, of Arbovale, wherein the defendant asked to be reconsidered for release to probation. The court suspended the pending balance of her sentence and Giese was placed on super-

vised probation with GPS monitoring for three years. She was required to do an assessment through Pocahontas County Day Report Center and is to have no contact with the victim or trespass on property. Court costs are to be paid within 18 months of release.

Roy Lynn Walker, 58, of Hillsboro, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for a hearing on motion to modify bond. Defense counsel asked that the

see Court pg 10

SWA accepts revised landfill deed and agreement

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At its January 29 meeting, the Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) voted to accept the revised landfill purchase deed and the mutual agreement between the SWA and the sellers – Fertig Family Farm. As the Pocahontas County Commission did when they approved it, the SWA members added that this approval is contingent upon the seller’s willingness to forego any lease payment owed after January 1. The contingency has yet to be

presented to the Fertig Family Farm representatives, but the members said this would be done before the February 4 county commission meeting so that if the contingency is also agreed to by the sellers before that meeting, details such as a settlement date and procedures can be set at that meeting. Member Jamie Walker reminded the other members that if the seller requires the lease payment that was due on January 1, 2025, the sale will not happen, and the SWA will need to make the payment.

The SWA members also held elections for Chairman

and Vice-Chairman for the upcoming year. Since the current Chairman, Ed Riley, declined to run for reelection, the members nominated Dave Henderson to be their new Chairman and David McLaughlin to be Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations and they were elected.

The SWA’s CPA, Mark Joseph, delivered a review of his detailed financial statement. He described employee expenses, assets, liabilities, income from green boxes and tipping fees, and other very detailed

see SWA pg 10

MTC prepares for big celebration

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

There were three items on the agenda for Monday night’s Marlinton Town Council meeting and council swiftly worked its way through them.

Under New Business, Mayor Sam Felton led a brief discussion about celebrating the 275th birthday of the town of Marlinton. Felton explained that the town

was settled by English colonists Jacob Marlin and Stephen Sewell in 1749.

Felton said he spoke to First Friday organizers Lauren Bennett and Luci Moresso and they agreed that the celebration could be part of a First Friday celebration.

Council approved to move forward with plans to organize a celebration of the anniversary later this year.

Council also approved the third and final reading of corrections to the ordinance

to amend the refuse and garbage ordinance and increase collection rates, and second reading of changes to the general penalty ordinance.

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

West Virginia foster kids have waited more than five years for their day in court

By Mountain State
Spotlight staff

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Foster kids who are trying to reform West Virginia’s troubled child welfare system will have to wait longer for their day in court.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin postponed the trial for the more than 5-year-old case until May 6. The trial had been scheduled for early March.

The delay came as Mountain State Spotlight published the results of a six-month investigation into longstanding problems in West Virginia’s foster care system.

The reporting found that, despite years of reform efforts, West Virginia’s most

vulnerable kids are still left behind by a system that doesn’t provide them the mental health help that they need.

Despite touting new programs to send fewer kids to

group homes and treatment centers, as of 2022, West Virginia was still putting half of the kids with any sort of disability into these types of

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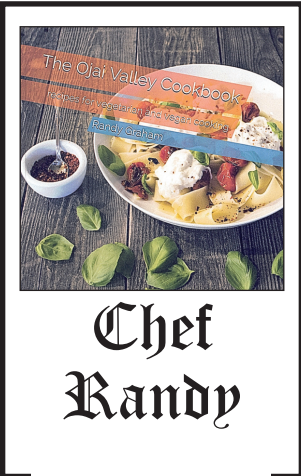
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Hearty Breakfast Casserole

You have company coming to stay for a couple of days, and they are asking you to make something special for breakfast. Being a good cook and an even better friend, you tell them you have just the recipe. It is made with spinach, onions, mascarpone, Parmesan, eggs, Half-and-Half, and English Muffins. As my friend Lol said when he tasted it, “Chef, you’ve hit it out of the park with this one.”

Makes 6 hearty servings.
Ingredients:
 10-ounce package of frozen chopped spinach (thawed and drained)
 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
 1 cup yellow onion (chopped)
 3 cloves garlic (minced)
 8-ounces mascarpone cheese
 1 cup Parmesan cheese (grated and divided)
 2 teaspoons salt (divided)
 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper (divided)



Chef Randy Graham

10 large eggs
 1 2/3 cups Half-and-Half
 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
 6 English Muffins (split)
Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Place the spinach on a clean kitchen towel and squeeze firmly over the sink to remove as much liquid as possible. Set aside.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent, about four minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in the spinach; cook, stirring often and breaking up with a wooden spoon, until it looks dried out, about two minutes. Set aside to cool.

Reserve 1/4 cup of the spinach mixture. Transfer the remaining mixture to a



Hearty Breakfast Casserole

medium bowl. Add mascarpone cheese, 1/2 cup of Parmesan, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, and 1/2 teaspoon of black pepper. Stir until well combined, then set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, Half-and-Half, crushed red pepper, the reserved 1/4 cups of spinach mixture, 1/4 cup of Parmesan, the remaining 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt, and 1/2 teaspoon of black pepper until well combined.

Arrange the bottom halves of the English Muffins in the baking dish in three rows of two. Evenly spread the spinach-mascarpone mixture over the muffins. Cover with the English Muffin tops. Pour the egg mixture over

the casserole, then press down on the English Muffins to submerge them. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cups of Parmesan. Cover the dish with foil and refrigerate for at least one hour before baking.

Uncover and bake the casserole in the preheated oven until just set and the tops of the English Muffins are golden brown—about 45 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool for at least 10 minutes before serving so that it sets properly.

Chef Randy Graham, the healthy chef. Providing consistently good vegetarian comfort food recipes. Cookbooks are available at Amazon.

‘Story Sessions Live’ at the Opera House

The Pocahontas County Opera House will present “Opry Night: Story Sessions Live” Saturday, February 15, at 7 p.m.

This eagerly anticipated evening will feature some of the region’s most cherished old-time and bluegrass musicians and storytellers, offering a captivating blend of personal stories and dynamic performances.

The “Opera House Story Sessions” originated during the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, transforming from a series of video performances into a notable “Best of Story Sessions” album and an acclaimed podcast. These stories have resonated with audiences through Allegheny Mountain Radio and have been documented in *The Pocahontas Times*. Now, these narratives and melodies will be celebrated live, providing an immersive ex-

perience for attendees.

An exciting lineup of musicians and storytellers will grace the stage, featuring both new and returning performers. Hazel Riley, a rising singer and musician from the county, has been studying with Robbin Kessinger and Alice Gerrard. Kirk Judd, a lifelong West Virginian, member of the Appalachian Literary League, founding member, and former president of West Virginia Writers, Inc., and a founding member and creative writing instructor for Allegheny Echoes, Inc., will also perform.

Returning performers include Mike Bing, a mandolin player and founder of Allegheny Echoes, who is also a member of the Bing Brothers. Richard Hefner, a founding member of the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys known for his traditional bluegrass banjo playing and

tenor vocals, has also recorded a live album at the Opera House. Husband and wife duo, Mike and Mary Sue originally met during a music session at “Breaking Up Christmas” in Lexington, Virginia. Their journey led to their debut performance as “Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters” at the Pocahontas County Opera House in 2008.

Tickets are available for a \$10 donation, with free admission for those aged 17 and younger, ensuring accessibility for families and encouraging youth engagement with the arts. Tickets can be secured at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton online at pocahontasoperahouse.org or at the venue the night of the performance – subject to availability.

The Opera House Performance Series receives significant support from

grants provided by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Additional support from the Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs, and Festivals, as well as the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, plays a crucial role in sustaining this vibrant cultural institution. As the Opera House celebrates this milestone season, the 250-seat theater stands as an enduring symbol of community dedication to both local talent and international artistry.

This event promises to be a memorable highlight, showcasing the region’s rich cultural heritage through stories and music.

For more information and to purchase tickets for “Opry Night: Story Sessions Live,” please visit pocahontasoperahouse.org

Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
 Director of Development

This week’s post comes from Emily Castilleja, librarian for Pocahontas County Library and Visitor Information Centers’ Hillsboro branch. Emily reviews one of the best-selling books of the 20th century.

Last week, while putting away books, I stumbled across a well-loved classic. You’ve seen it everywhere – on coffee tables, in classrooms, and even on T-shirts. It’s one of those books that people of all ages seem to adore. Naturally, I opened it, thinking, it’s been ages since I read this.

This isn’t just a story. It’s a gripping tale of chaos, control and one charismatic wanderer who redefines what it means to upend a rainy day.

The plot begins on a gloomy afternoon, where two siblings are trapped in their home, staring out the window and contemplating boredom. Enter *The Visitor*, a man of mystery and

mischief who strides uninvited into their lives. This isn’t just some aimless drifter; he’s a philosopher of anarchy, armed with a sharp wit, a disregard for social norms, and an alarming ability to juggle things that shouldn’t be juggled.

What follows is equal parts fever dream and cautionary tale. The Visitor’s presence is transformative – he awakens something in the children, challenging their ideas of freedom, rules and just how much destruction one house can endure in a single afternoon.

The supporting characters add even more tension. The family’s one voice of reason – a rigid, rule-loving authority figure – tries in vain to rein in the chaos, only to be consistently ignored. Then there are the accomplices: two unnamed forces of nature whose antics escalate the destruction to almost mythical proportions. **see Library pg 12**

TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Which U.S. president owned a pet hyena?
2. What were the first words Edison spoke into the phonograph he had just invented?
3. What was the first message Samuel Morse sent over the first long-distance telegraph line in the United States.
4. Approximately how long did the gunfight last at the O.K Corral in Tombstone, Arizona?

A Blast from the Past

Courtesy of the Ruth Friel Estate

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Is it just me? New Year's Day was yesterday and now January is gone. Snowplowing was the main order of business early in the month. Frozen water pipes and sewer issues were made even more difficult during the zero-weather. But the good news is Marlinton was spared from a flood over the weekend and Punxsutawney-Phil says six weeks until spring. Life keeps moving, ready or not.

Sara Cottingham, Mon Forest Town Grant Writer has completed and submitted the CDBG Grant for the Downtown Trailhead Project. Thanks to Betsy at Region-4, and Marcus with The Thrasher Group for provid-

ing the information needed to complete a 276-page grant application. Residents should know The Conservation Fund (TFC) in corporation with the Rockefeller Philanthropy provided the funding for Sara's support. To date, the town has contributed zero funding.

If the \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is awarded, \$25,000 of the County Commission funding will be used as the local share.

Remaining ARPA funds have been "obligated" to the sewer portion of the upcoming Town project. The idea being that this would be

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Educational Dinner Meeting

WVU Extension will host an Education Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Marlinton Municipal Building auditorium.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Paul Kinder. Dr. Kinder has experience in GIS and Remote Sensing, UAVs (drones), environmental and ecological restoration, natural resources planning and management, and social network analysis. He will address FAA requirements to be a licensed drone pilot, introduce these innovative technologies, and provide examples of using drones in animal monitoring, planning/conservation, invasive species identification/mapping, and eradication.

To attend the meeting, you must RSVP by calling the Extension office at 304-799-4852 by Friday February 7. For those who'd like dinner, there will be a \$5 charge to help cover the cost.

*No pesticide credits for this meeting.



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Crescent Roll King Cake

- 1 can crescent rolls
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 tsp. almond extract, optional
- 1 1/2 -2 Tbsp. water or milk

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Put parchment paper on baking sheet. Open can of crescent rolls and place on parchment paper to form a rectangle. Place softened cream cheese, powdered sugar and vanilla extract in small bowl and use hand mixer to blend well. Spread cream cheese mixture down center of crescent rolls. Mix nuts with brown sugar and spread over cream cheese mixture. Using a sharp knife, slice from edge of cream cheese to outer edge - about 6 slices on each side. Place cut pieces over cream cheese and nut filling. Form

log into a circle. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes.

Let cool slightly then mix 1/2 cup powdered sugar with almond extract and water or milk. Mix well. Pour over center of roll. Top with purple, green and gold sugar or sprinkles. Place a plastic baby or bean in the bottom of the cake. Whoever gets the baby or bean in their piece is King or Queen for the day and must make the next King Cake to share.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It's not right.

Those guys, many of whom thought they were being patriotic and thought they were doing the right thing, assaulted police officers, smashed windows, broke into the Capitol and vandalized it. When the riot was over 174 police officers were injured, and \$2 million worth of damage was done.

In spite of the best intentions of some, they broke numerous basic laws. Are they not to be held accountable for their actions? Do we want to condone assaulting police officers?

And now Donald Trump is persecuting the FBI personnel who were just doing their jobs investigating these crimes.

Most of those FBI workers are just regular folks like us who want to pay the rent, feed their families and do the

right thing.

Persecuting them is not right!

Bob Must Hillsboro

Dear Editor;

As we enter a new year and the County Commission considers funding priorities, I would recommend that the top one should be a fully funded 24/7 EMS service county wide. Having a timely response to medical emergencies can make a difference between life and death. Our current system cannot meet this standard consistently as has been proven by past events.

This is in no way a critique of the brave and dedicated volunteers who provide this service, but you can only expect so much from volunteers who must balance their private lives and jobs with community

service.

So, before any money is spent on feel good programs, please make this end goal a priority and do it without significant delay.

Respectfully,

Joseph Kaffl Hillsboro

Dear Editor,

Here is the essential part of a letter I sent almost a month ago to both our County Commission and to our new sheriff. None of them has given me the courtesy of a reply, let alone a useful response. Perhaps some of my friends and neighbors will want answers, also.

"I have a question about the relatively new Courthouse security policy.

One day last Fall, I, having business to conduct in the Courthouse, encountered this policy in the form of the

sole entrance being obstructed by a metal detector and two ladies staffing it. They told me that I was not allowed to enter with the knife that I wear every day, that I have carried in and out of our Courthouse (and other courthouses) hundreds of times over the last thirty years.

To make a long story short, they got Sheriff Jeff Barlow on the phone. He re-explained the policy. I said that we must abide by the law, not some policy. The law as I understand it prohibits "deadly weapons" in a building containing a courtroom, and included in the definition of "deadly weapons" are knives with blades six inches long or longer. My knife's blade is five and three-quarters inches long, and I have been

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Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE

"Opry Night: Story Sessions Live" Saturday, February 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$10, are available in advance at 4th Avenue Gallery and online at pocahontasopera house.org or at the door the night of the performance. Ages 17 and younger are admitted free of charge.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Testing for Amateur Radio licenses including upgrades will be held Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Cass Firehouse. Contact Rudy Marrujo at 304-456-3057 with questions and to reserve your space.

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

MEETINGS

West Virginia Prayer Alliance Thursday, February 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. Gather to pray for our community and our country. For more information, call Kim at 304-439-0593.

Open Sew with Library Quilters of Marlinton, first Monday of each month 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at McClintic Library. Everyone welcome.

Upper Pocahontas Community Cooperative second Monday of each month 6:30 p.m. at Durbin Community

Library. Call 304-456-4994 for more info.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Linwood Little Librarians Playgroup Fridays at Linwood Library, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Friday Fun at the Durbin Community Library Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages three to 10.

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

Budding Bookworms Playgroup at McClintic Public Library Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Story time and play for children five and younger.

PARKS AND REC

Yoga at Durbin Library, Tuesdays through March 11, 5 p.m. \$7/class or \$35/6-week series. Call 304-799-7386 to register

Relief Printing Valentine Workshops, taught by Caroline Hanson, for ages 13 to adult, Thursday, February 6,

at the Wellness Center in 799-7386

Marlinton and Wednesday, February 12, at Green Bank Library, 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. \$15. Pre-registration required by calling 304-

After school club Kids

Valentine Making, Thursday, February 13, 3:30 to 5

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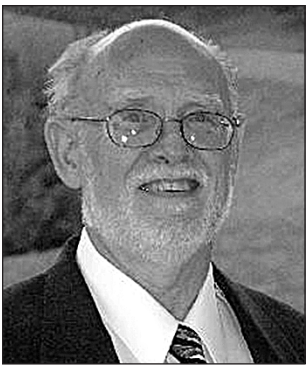
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Obituaries



Dr. David Bennet, Jr.

At 7:52 p.m. Thursday, January 30, 2025, David Hughes Bennet took his last breath at home, with his wife and caregivers at his side.

David Bennet's experience as a nuclear physicist, mathematician, engineer, educator, businessman and neuroscientist spans many years of service in the Military, Civil Service and Private Industry. This life well-lived includes fundamental research in underwater acoustics and nuclear physics, frequent design and facilitation of organizational interventions, serving as technical director and chief engineer of two major DoD Acquisition programs, and international recognition as a leader in the field of Knowledge Management. For 20 years, Dr. Bennet was CEO, then Chairman of the Board and Chief Knowledge Officer of a professional services firm located in Alexandria, Virginia. Prior to that he served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years, moving from Seaman Recruit to Lieutenant Commander. A Viet Nam veteran, David had struggled as an Agent Orange victim, surviving with a heart condition into his 91st year of life.

He is predeceased by his parents, David H. Bennet, Sr. and Frances Frazier Bennet; his first two wives, Betty Moore and Judy Galloway; his sister, Barbara (who served as Innkeeper at the Mountain Quest Inn for seven years); brother, John (Dana); and his daughter, Melanie.

He is survived by his wife, Alex; his children, Jackson, Steve (Colleen), Rick (Angela), Bill and Cindy; as well as stepchildren, Ginny, Bill, Andy and John; several grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

David and Alex were married for 30 years, traveling, speaking and teaching around the world. Early in their marriage, David shared his dream of building a research and retreat center, which then became their dream. The Mountain Quest Institute emerged in 2001-2003, built in a beautiful valley at the edge of Frost. In the pursuing years the facility has served individuals, organizations and the community in many ways, striving to bring learning, relaxation and joy to those it touches.

Dr. David Bennet is a Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Pi Sigma, and Suma Cum Laude graduate of the University of Texas, and holds degrees in Mathematics, Physics, Nuclear Physics, Liberal Arts, Human and Organizational Development, Human Development, and Neuroscience. A life-long learner himself, at the turn of the century Dr. Bennet dedicated 10 years of his life exploring new developments in neuroscience and their impact on adult learning, culminating in an expanded model of adult experiential learning, which more recently is the foundation of

the book *Unleashing the Human Mind: A Consilience Approach to Managing Self*.

Overall, through the Institute David and Alex Bennet co-authored more than 40 books. A foundational work was *Organizational Survival in the New World: The Intelligent Complex Adaptive System*, a new model of the firm based on research in complexity and neuroscience and incorporating networking theory and knowledge management, turning the living system metaphor into a reality for organizations. In addition to developing a new theory of knowledge, the Institute published significant research focused on leadership, decision-making, the intelligent social change journey, knowledge management, knowledge capacities, creativity and innovation.

In his later years, David fervently researched the nexus of Science, the Humanities and Spirituality. In the early Summer of 2024 he wrote the foreword for the book *Whole Thought: The Rise of Human Intelligence*. Following is a direct quote from that book:

"There are winds blowing through the mind. Sometimes you can capture it, a realization of reality and how you can use it. They are fairly light, and they do touch your thoughts directly ... what's being built, what's broken, not used. I know that I am going to—need to—think. About what I (me) the individual, one individual, one of a lot of other people, want to do and can do to stay in this world and learn and act and help others who cannot act but want to learn. What makes sense in this world?"

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the completion of David's dream, moving the Mountain Quest Institute into the future as a trust, with a next-generation board of directors, to continue its dedicated quests for knowledge, consciousness and meaning.

Donations can be sent to Mountain Quest Institute, 303 Mountain Quest Lane, Marlinton, WV, 24954, USA. Please indicate "David's memorial."



Barbara Dilley

Barbara Ann "Barb" Beverage Dilley was born November 15, 1958 and raised on her family farm, Sunrise Farm, in Clover Lick, passed away on January 28, 2025, in Buckhannon. She passed, surrounded by family and under the care of WVU Hospice, after a short battle with an aggressive form of metastatic melanoma cancer.

Barb was a homemaker who spent her time caring for her family and working on the family farm with her father. She had spent the last several years babysitting and helping to raise her grandchildren. She loved to sew, read, play cards (Clean Hands, Dirty Feet) and do cross stitch. She loved going

to the beach to sit in the sand to read and walk in the water. She enjoyed making maple syrup on her family farm every winter and making hay in the summer. Barb was active in her daughters' activities and frequently chaperoned school and club trips, made baked goods for fundraisers and volunteered her time at school and 4-H functions. She also supported her grandchildren by attending their sporting events and school functions. She enjoyed traveling with her husband to see friends, and their day trip car rides and vacations with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Jim; daughters, Rebecca and Abby; sons-in-law, Chad Marsh and Levi Bender; and her beloved grandchildren, Makenna, Bael and Kai, all of Buckhannon; parents, Richard and Jane Beverage; brother, Danny, and sister-in-law, Cheryl; and nieces and nephew, Kelsey, Cole (Whitney, Charlie and Harper) and Katelynn Beverage, all of Clover Lick.

Per her request, the body will be cremated.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, February 16, 2025, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton.

Barb became involved in 4-H through her daughters. She helped with meetings and activities, chaperoned at State Dance Camp and helped with meals at county camp and was part of the Big Foot Tribe.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Barb's honor to Pocahontas County 4-H. Donations, in check form, should be made to and mailed to: Pocahontas 4-H Leaders Association, 900 E 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954

Kenneth Nottingham

Kenneth Karl "Ken" Nottingham, of Hoschton, Georgia, passed away Sunday, December 15, 2024, just days before his 75th birthday.

Born December 23, 1949, he was the only child of the late Ralph and Mary Nottingham.

He spent much of his early life living in a two-story white house on Third Avenue in Marlinton.

He was affectionately called "Tadpole" by his family, as a nod to his father, who was nicknamed "Toad."

After graduating from Marlinton High School, Ken went on to study at Concord College where he earned a bachelor's degree in education with a teaching field in mathematics and a master's degree in educational administration. That kicked off a long career in education. His first job was teaching math in Petersburg. He also worked part-time as a telescope operator for the world's largest telescope at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank.

He went on to be principal at Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School before moving to Surfside Beach, South Carolina, where he taught AP Calculus at Mrytle Beach High School.

He was awarded teacher of the year before retiring.

While Ken was considered a brilliant mathematician, his greatest "job" in life was lov-

ing and caring for his wife, Sally. They were devoted to one another for 55 years but have known each other their entire lives. The two, along with their only child, Shawn, were the "Three Amigos" for many years, until Shawn married Mandy, and they gave Ken two grandsons.

Ken asked to be called "Pop" but after many failed attempts, he had to settle for the only name his grandsons could properly pronounce.

From that time forward, Ken's name became "Bob."

Bob loved do-it-yourself projects and odd jobs around the house. He found joy in fixing and tinkering with small electronics and even built his own TV. He also enjoyed golfing, but his favorite hobby was spending time with his family. The love he had for each of them was deeply felt and reciprocated.

He is survived by his much-loved wife, Sally; son, Shawn, and wife, Mandy; grandsons, McChord and Campbell; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, where he was a member for many years, or to Hillsboro elementary School.



Charlotte Ratliff

Charlotte Louise Ratliff, 83, of Buckeye, passed away Monday, February 3, 2025, at the Seneca Trail Health Center in Fairlea.

Born August 20, 1941, in Valley Head, she was a daughter of the late Earl Phillips and Bonnie Ilene Davis Sharp.

Charlotte attended the Campbelltown Church and was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Ratliff; brother, Roger Sharp; and a good friend, John Hannah.

She is survived by her children, Sheila Touchstone, of Buckeye, Gina Curry, and significant other, Mike Henry, of Rocky River, Ohio, and Lonnie Ratliff II, and wife, Charlee, of York, South Carolina; sister, Wanda Hamilton, and husband, Ralph, of Marlinton; six grandchildren, Jamie

Curry, Matthew Curry, Tasha Knicely, Elizabeth Shirey, Colby Ratliff and Caleb Ratliff; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor Sam Felton officiating. Burial will follow in the Kee Cemetery on Bucks Run Road in Buckeye.

The family will receive friends from noon until time of service

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Christopher Woods

Christopher Earl Woods, 37, of Marlinton, died Thursday, January 30, 2025, at Carillon Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia.

Born August 31, 1987, at Ronceverte, he was the son of Regina Ann Jordan Woods McPaters and the late Larry Kenton Woods.

Christopher was a carpenter and a member of the First Baptist Church Huntersville.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a son, Christopher Michael Woods.

He is survived by his wife, Cheyenne Renee McClung-Woods; daughter, Raven Winter Woods; mother, Regina Jordan McPaters, and husband, Randy; and sister, Joni Barlow.

A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, February 5, at VanReenen Funeral Home with Pastor Donnie Brown officiating.

Per his wishes, the body was cremated.

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Taylor recognition on BOE agenda

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At the January 28 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting, superintendent Lynne Bostic recognized Marlinton Middle School social studies teacher Sherman Taylor, who was recently selected to represent West Virginia on a panel which will set the standards for the Praxis exam.

The Praxis is a test educators are required to pass to become teachers. The test is administered by the Educational Testing Service, for whom Taylor will be working with other state representatives.

“He will be working to establish a cut score for the required teacher licensure exam with the ETS program,” Bostic said. “Mr. Taylor will be working with others throughout the nation to recommend and appropriate passing scores for West Virginia and other states.”

Taylor was nominated by the West Virginia Department of Education to represent the state.

“We’re very proud of Mr. Taylor,” Bostic said. “He’s a teacher, leader and this is a wonderful opportunity to share all his knowledge and

leadership.”

Taylor explained to the board that he will have to take the new version of the Praxis and make notes and comments for NTS to analyze.

“We have to take the newest and comment on questions, and make suggestions for changes,” he said. “Then our input for West Virginia will be used to establish the cut off score to get certified in West Virginia.”

“It’s been twenty years since I took the Praxis – I hope I pass it again,” he added, laughing.

The board congratulated Taylor for the achievement.

Bostic also reported that she learned about a program Jackson County Schools is implementing called Shield. The program sees the school system working with its local sheriff’s department to get deputies in the schools two hours a week.

Unlike the PRO officer program, this will see all deputies doing a rotation of two hours a week in the schools. Bostic said she has reached out to Pocahontas County Sheriff Troy McCoy to discuss the possibility of implementing Shield in the future.

At the end of the meeting, board president Emery

Grimes called for a special meeting to be held Thursday, February 13, to discuss the state education department findings concerning Pocahontas County High School.

This past semester, state education department officials have been working at PCHS to help solve several issues at the school. The officials will attend the meeting, as well as board attorney Jason Long.

Grimes said that after the meeting, the board will have an executive session on personnel. He asked that all board office directors also attend the meeting.

In financial management, the board approved payment of vendor listing, payment of local government purchasing card, employee payroll, extra duty pay, bank reconciliation, grant awards, summary of schedule of revenues and expenditures on a cash basis and budget adjustments.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved:

- Alexandyr Hummel to take four students from Marlinton Middle School to Region VIII Middle School Honor Band at Philip Barbour High School, on February 21-22. Transportation will be provided by private vehicle.
- M3T grant between Poc-



MARLINTON MIDDLE SCHOOL social studies teacher Sherman Taylor, standing, was recognized at the Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting January 28 for being selected to represent West Virginia on a panel that will set standards for the Praxis exam. Taylor is shown here with the BOE members, from left: Sam Gibson, Frosty McNabb, Emery Grimes, Sue Hollandsworth and Morgan McComb. Photo courtesy of Lynne Bostic

ahontas County Schools and the Educational Consulting Team on behalf of Leading Teaching Improvement Network, Inc., effective May 2025-May 2026.

- Additional services between Pocahontas County Board of Education and the Education System Solutions,

Inc. for more professional development services.

- Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement between Pocahontas County Board of Education and the Davis & Elkins College/Upward Bound Program.
- Terminate the Energy

I, Assured Performance Contract between Pocahontas County Schools and Wendl Energy Services, LLC.

- The following policies based on technical changes and revisions: Orientation

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Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

Pupil in Pleasant Green School - 1921



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY Month: This photograph of a student reading at her desk in the Pleasant Green School is one of three that were taken on October 6, 1921 by photographer Lewis Wickes Hine. The one-room schoolhouse for black students was built around 1898 on Seebert Lane near Hillsboro. Mr. Hine's photo documented the students as part of his work for the National Child Labor Committee, when he turned his attention to rural agriculture and education. The building still stands at the junction of Seebert Road and U.S. Rt. 219. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places under its original name Seebert Lane Colored School. (Courtesy of National Child Labor Committee Collection, Library of Congress; Pres. Poca. ID: PHP003961)

Black History Month was first celebrated in 1970 at Kent State University. In 1976, President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month during the United States Bicentennial celebration. He urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Photographs in the "Preserving Pocahontas" Digital Library may be found at www.pocahontaspreservation.org or www.preservingpocahontas.org

If you have photographs or documents to be scanned for the county Historical Archive contact Preservation Officer B. J. Gudmundsson at 304-799-3989 or email info@pocahontaspreservation.org Prints of photographs from the archives are available.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 9, 1950

The good news is that, as of February 1, the big new sawmill of W. W. Harper resumed operation. It was burned out some weeks since.

For the sake of the record, it is printed that Ground Hog Day was cloudy, wet and warm. Temperature around 55 degrees. A change for the better.

January, with its 10 inches of rain, is reported to be the record month for rain in 13 years.

BROWNSBURG

On February 12th, Race Relation Day will be observed at Wilson's Chapel in Brownsburg. An all-day service is planned to begin at 11 o'clock with a special musical program featuring the Chapel's Sons and others. The main address will be given in the morning by E. S. Clutter, Superintendent of

Pocahontas County Schools.

In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Holliday and his choir will be in charge of the service. We plan to also have a special musical feature in the afternoon.

Do not fail to attend these services for if you do you will miss a real treat. The public is cordially invited.

FIELD NOTES

This open winter season has been especially favorable for good fox chasing. The foxes are in these parts in numbers, and a lot of them have been killed, too.

Fox chasing this year is for recreation, sport and conservation of small game. There is no business incentive, as the pelts are listed so low in price.

Speaking about foxes and grouse, I hear about an experiment in predator control, in a State up north. A large boundary was laid off and an intensive varmint killing took place over a year's pe-

riod. About 200 foxes, owls and other killers were taken. An equally large boundary was let go as was. Of course, there were more grouse where predator control was practiced. However, more grouse died from disease and parasites on this area than in the one open to varmints. Then for a season the boundaries were changed over. The results were the same. The experiment proved that the fox was the worst grouse killer of all the predators, with the horned owl next.

Note should also be made that snakes were out and killed the whole month of January this year.

Last Thursday, January 26, bees of A. P. Crowder, of Laurel Branch, came out of the hive and swarmed. Mr. Crowder placed them in another hive, and they settled in the new one just as they do in the spring. Mr. Crowder plans to feed them until flowers are in bloom. It was the earliest date that bees have been known to swarm in that community insofar as its residents can recall - Monroe Watchman

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walton, of Renick, a daughter, Dorothy Lorraine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cassell, of Cass, a daughter, Patricia Ellen,

DEATHS

Austin Duncan, aged 57, died February 6, 1950 at his farm home on Greenbrier River near Buckeye. As usual, he left home in the early morning to come to his work at the State Road garage, expecting to feed his livestock as he passed the barn. Late in the afternoon his body was found at the barn. He was a son of the late William and Clarissa McNeil Duncan. He is survived by his wife and their sons, Glenn, Paul and George. Service will be Thursday with burial in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery... He was a good and useful citizen.

D. M. Hale, aged about 54 years, died February 5, 1959, at a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Glenna Barnes. Service will be Thursday with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

the lady who worked for them, carefully reddeed up the room every morning and drove all the tobacco smoke and thoughts away, for the work of a new day.

Professor Smith was an even tempered person, but he found that too much care was being taken of him and in order to have some slight degree of independence he bought an expensive lock for one of the drawers of his desk and locked it carefully and hid the key about his person, and for a time all went well. Then Mrs. Smith asked him right out one day what was in that locked drawer and his answer was: "Something that I am going to burn."

And as the days went by, Mrs. Smith suffered from curiosity, and her life was despaired of. Doctors were called and gave high sounding opinions and named some names but did not diagnose the disease properly. The Smiths did not know what ailed her or anyone else. The nearest anyone came was to speak of it as a

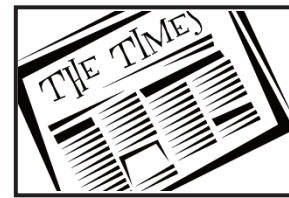
complex, but that was not very plain.

Then came the fatal night. Robberies had been frequent in the community. Householders and potwollers were keyed to a high tension. Professor Smith heard a burglar in his study working on the locked drawer. He took a double-barreled shotgun down from the wall and let the burglar have it.

Hastily switching on the electrical lights, he saw lying on the carpet his beautiful wife with her pigtail shot away. In her delirium, the poor lady had roused from a deep sub-consciousness and assembled an axe, a crowbar, a wrecking tool, a monkey wrench and a hairpin, and had been engaged in breaking open the locked compartment. Her golden hair was hanging down her back, and the shot had cut it off at the nape of her neck and she lay in a swoon.

Tenderly, her distracted husband poured a bucket of water upon her, and she

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
February 6, 1975

MURDER

Mrs. Elsie McLaughlin was shot and killed early Saturday morning where she was living on lower Price Hill. According to reports, her son, Lee, about 27, came and got the police. He is now in jail awaiting a hearing in connection with the death.

BASKETBALL

The Warriors upped their record to 7 wins in 12 outings by defeating rival Tygarts Valley at Mill Creek Friday, 71 -62.

Jim Ryder grabbed 14 rebounds while teammate Gary Cassell followed with 11.

Senior Gary Sharp paced the Warriors with 19 points. Jim Cutlip and Gary Cassell had 17 and 16 points respectively.

MORE ABOUT CHEAT

Cheat Run and Cheat Mountain are named from Jacques Cheathe, a roving French Huguenot who settled in 1724, where the river flows into the Monongahela in Pennsylvania, and gave the river his name.

My source is Life Magazine, special double issue, "The Wild World," December 22 1967.

Life picked Shavers Fork and the Cheat from all the rivers in the world to cover in this special issue. The section was titled - The Cheat.

"There is wilderness close to home on an unspoiled river in West Virginia.

"Enjoy it while you can. If something is not done soon to protect this great river from mining and timbering,

it will die."

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Eugene Tracy, of Marlinton, a son, Allen Eugene Tracy, Jr.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Peacock, of Marlinton a daughter, Amy Gail.

DEATHS

Mrs. Elsie McLaughlin, 58, of Marlinton; born at Woodrow, a daughter of the late Divis Wellington and Mary Belle Snyder Sharp. She is survived by her husband, Dewey McLaughlin, and 12 children. Funeral was held from VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in the Cochran Cemetery.

Albert Loran O'Brien, 48, of Richmond, Virginia; born at Cass, a son of Albert R. and Lola O'Brien. Service was held from VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

Forest Workman, 79, of Buckeye; born at Seebert, a son of the late Andrew and Sarah Pack Workman. Service was held from VanReenen Funeral Home with burial at Watoga.

Joseph Franklin Sheets, 70, of Lewisburg; born at Buckeye, a son of the late John and Magnolia Sutton Sheets. The funeral was held from the Jack K. Wallace Funeral Home with burial in Rosewood Cemetery.

John King, 99, died in Denmar State Hospital. He has no known survivors.

Graveside service at Mountain View Cemetery.

Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 8, 1900

Last Friday seemed to be such a cold day that the proverbial groundhog thought it best, at the risk of a cold nose, to leave his winter "laager" and found the weather so gloomy that it is likely to mend soon, and so he keeps awake and is in waiting for spring.

George W. Kessler's horse stumbled and threw him near Driftwood last week, breaking three of his ribs and otherwise injuring him. Mr. Kessler was a member of the famous Bryan's Battery.

A rival to Klondike is now in much evidence owing to information given by Colonel Smith, of Victoria, B. C. It is Cape Nome, Alaska, found to be rich in gold, the sands along the coast being exceedingly productive.

Five thousand gold seekers are in the district already and sixty-five thousand and more are trying to arrange for transportation to the Cape during the coming spring. The distance to Cape Nome is 2,500 miles and all the way by water, hence so much more accessible than Klondike and other points in the interior. The Nome digging cannot be monopolized by grabbers, monopolies and syndicates and hence they are the poor man's diggings. The gold is obtained between tides and gold digging is as free as fishing.

Roberts, the Utah member, was refused his seat in Congress, not being pure enough to enter those hallowed walls. If he had been a rake, a drunkard, a gambler, he would have had chance. But, having followed a custom of the ancients which still prevails in Utah, he is cast out by an overwhelming vote. He had the law on his side, but it availed him not.

A CHEMICAL EXPERIMENT

Gentlemen, I will now illustrate to you the combustibility of chemical com-

pounds. This experiment, you perhaps know, is delightfully dangerous; it has undoubtedly caused more deaths in various schools and colleges than any other experiment known to science. Only yesterday, three laboratories were totally wrecked and five hundred and fifty-seven students were instantly killed during the performance of the experiment. When exposed to view, gentlemen, it explodes with terrific violence.

A slight jar will set it off, therefore, no one is allowed to wink or breathe while the substance is in the room.

Those men under the chairs may save themselves some inconvenience by climbing up in the gallery. That pale individual who is pushing vigorously against the door might better save his strength for future emergencies. The door, gentlemen, is doubly locked and barred. Do not be alarmed at that distant rumbling, my assistants are only bringing the compound up the stairs and the bomb proof cases are heavy.

Before the experiment begins, I feel obliged to inform that fleshy person in the further corner that he had better get up from his knees and open his eyes as he may get the full benefit of the lecture.

Everything is now ready. I will hasten below to the basement and call for the Cambridge fire encouragers while my assistant performs the experiment. - Harvard Lampoon

AT CAMP Academy, W.Va.

Editor,
Within the past few days, we have been asked, by several different people, whether or not it is a fact that Mr. Isaac B. Smith sold to us a poisoned sheep, from which it is to be presumed that such information has been afforded to the public, and in justice to Mr. Smith we have the following statement to make, which we hope you will kindly print in

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 5, 1925

THE BIG MEETING

Larger and larger are the congregations which gather each night to hear Evangelist Trigg A. M. Thomas. The crowds outgrew the capacity of the Presbyterian church to hold them and, on Sunday night, the meeting was moved to the larger Methodist church. Even here, the thousand or more people who gathered to worship pretty well filled the seating capacity of this large church.

A feature of these revival meetings are the fellowship meetings held each day at 11:45 o'clock in some place of business. The first of these meetings was held in Wise Herold's Grocery store. The experienced church workers would have been gratified to expect fifty of the faithful to

be present. There were 108. By Monday, the number attending had increased at each meeting until there were 181 present in East's pool hall. On Tuesday there were 210 men at Kee & McNeill's Drugstore. Wednesday's meeting will be held at Thomas & Thomas Grocery and Thursday's meeting at the Royal Drugstore...

PROFESSOR SMITH

Professor John Smith, of Needmore Hundred, was a very deep and profound thinker and depended for his flow of thought largely upon tobacco. He was happily married to a wife who let him do his thinking in one room in the house called a study which was sacred to him alone except when there were others in it. Then he could wait until they left. They, the beautiful wife and

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Mon Forest campgrounds in the area.”

The delegates have also been to Monroe County to see the cave where the state’s official fossil – the Jefferson ground sloth – was discovered.

Haupt said the Academy tries to take advantage of all the state has to offer, not just science and technology wise, but in recreation and natural wonder, as well.

“The program was started back in 1963, and the guys who started it discussed hosting the camp at WVU or Marshall, or one of the other colleges or universities around the state,” he said. “They made the decision – and I think they made the correct one – to say ‘if we’re going to have a science camp in West Virginia, let’s actually have it in West Virginia.’”

“I think Pocahontas and Tucker are two great exemplars of what that means – to be truly up in the mountains and enjoying wild, wonder-

ful West Virginia.”

The camp has seen many changes in the past 60-odd years, including expanding the camp to international students who may be experiencing the states for the first time – let alone the state of West Virginia.

It’s interesting to think that back in the 1960s and 1970s, the big draw for the delegates was to experience new and possibly never seen technology and now, with endless amounts of technology available to them, the big draw is the outdoors and all they can experience in the wilderness and night sky.

“I was talking to one of our older alumni recently and he said, ‘the power of the program in the sixties and seventies is you would fly these kids to West Virginia – it might be their first time on a plane and then IBM would bring down a computer that took up the entire room and it was probably their first time seeing a computer,’” Haupt said.

“He added, ‘it’s hard to recreate that today,’” he continued. “That’s a good point, but flip it on its head. Most of these kids have probably

been on planes, but they’ve probably never been to West Virginia. Instead of focusing on the room with a couple laptops in it, the experience I’ve seen the kids having in rural West Virginia is when the sky clears at night and they look up and they say, ‘oh my gosh, what’s that?’ and I say ‘that’s the Milky Way.’”

Seeing the delegates in awe of their surroundings – whether it’s the outdoors and nature, or the technology at places like the Green Bank Observatory – is what makes Haupt eager to continue to science camp each year.

“I’m super positive about all of this and I’m just trying to look into the future,” he said. “I’m trying to make this what we’re moving to. We’re not trying to move away from anything. We’re trying to move to something in the future.”

The application portal is now open for the 2025 National Youth Science Camp and will be open until February 29. Students who are juniors or seniors are eligible for the camp and can apply online at www.nysacademy.org/programs/nyscamp

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The classes are open to ages 13 to adult and will be relief printing Valentine workshops. Pre-registration is required by calling 304-799-7386 and each class costs \$15.

“I’m hoping to expand that a little bit, too, with different libraries and event centers that have classes,” she said.

Hanson has also added a high-quality archival scanner to her collection which allows her to make high quality digital images of her prints. She plans to provide access to area artists who

wish to make digital images of their own work.

As her art business continues to grow and expand into new territory, one thing is certain – she will always be known for the vending machine art.

“I’ve become known as the quarter lady at the bank,” she said, laughing.

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Best?;” and third place, Madalynn Brock, Natalie Sisler and Gaven Starks, “Lotion Potion.”

Physics and Astronomy – second place, Isaac Brown, “Static Electricity;” and Braxton Pugh and Brayden Ray, “Radio Astronomy.”

Material Science – first place, Diamond Owens, “How Does Borax Affect Slime?;” second place, Lydia Taylor and Simon Scotchie, “Snap It;” and third place, Adalyn Beverage, “What Makes the Stickiest Slime?;”

Middle School Plant Science – second place, Aiden Wimer and Bayla Plaughter, “How Does Antibacterial Cleaners Affect Cells?;”

Technology – first place, Lane Wilfong, “How Satellites Help Farmers.”

Physics and Astronomy – first place, Moriah Thompson, Alivia Morgan and Colton Propst, “Sun vs. Ice;” second place, Zara Fanning, “Falling Down;” and third place, Madelyn Rittenhouse and Lucas Sutton, “Mass and Speed.”

Medical Science – third place, Ivy Moore, Gemma Brewer and Skylar McLean, “Do Clowns or Spiders Scare People More?;”

Behavioral and Social Science – first place, Sydney Slifer and Eli Beezley, “Mind Over Matter;” second place, Karli Boyd, Palmer Simmons and Ava Edwards, “Lie Detecting;” and third place, Emilie Shipman and Halayna Blechl, “Do You Like Your Veggies?;”

Chemistry – first place, Eva Tanner and Ava Fields, “Brain Rot? Nawww, Teeth Rot;” second place, Hailey Goldsberry and Lilly Barr, “Flame and Torch;” and

third place, Kylie Underwood, “Let it Glow.”

Animal Science – second place, Jolene Workman, “Horse Treats Anyone?;” and second place, Autumn Hively and Sienna Hamons, “Bit vs. No Bit.”

Engineering – second place, Ailec Lindbloom, “What Does a Hover Craft Ride on Best?;” and second place, Daltin White, “Ball Launcher.”

Material Science – first place, Sterling Tomlin, “Does Rebar Make Concrete Stronger?;” second place, Amaisty Sharp and Dorothy Murray, “Dying Fabric with Kool-Aid;” and third place, Arianna Cassell, “Skittles Color Science.”

Earth and Environmental Science – first place, Laelah Clendenen, “Hard Water;” and third place, Ryan Kloecker and Jase Mick, “How Does Air Temp Affect Tornados?;”



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The Accidental Ghostbuster

“Critical thinking requires us to use our imagination, seeing things from perspectives other than our own and envisioning the likely consequences of our position.”

~ Bell Hooks

In the fall of 1985, I traveled down the Stewart-Cassiar Highway from Alaska to the Lower 48 with my friend Mark Reed.

We had recently hiked the Chilkoot Trail, aka the Klondike Gold Rush Trail, from Skagway, Alaska, into the Yukon. Mark and I were going to visit a friend in Seattle, and the Stewart-Cassiar Highway passes through British Columbia before entering the state of Washington.

On the late afternoon of our third day of travel, we pulled into Sasquatch Provincial Park, a park with a thought-provoking name. We both chuckled as we set about preparing a camp for the evening.

Having been sitting in the small Toyota truck all day, I decided to get the blood flowing by running a loop trail around Hicks Lake. As I began my run, of which I grossly underestimated the distance, I was still smugly chuckling about the park’s name. Do Canadians really believe in these creatures?

I staunchly denied the existence of cryptids like Bigfoot, Chupacabra, and the Loch Ness Monster. So, with little daylight left, I slipped into my running shoes and

set out on what promised to be a spectacular run along a crystal clear lake that mirrored the snow-capped mountains looming above the dense forest of massive red cedars.

As daylight gave way to the gloom that presages absolute darkness, I realized that even though I profess to require solid evidence as a requirement to belief, I started to feel the hairs on my neck stand up with each unidentified sound issuing from the darkening forest, calls, screeches, and snapping branches.

My ordinarily calm demeanor quickly replaced rationality with a sense of foreboding that increased proportionally to the waning light in the forest.

I began conversing with myself in the way we humans do when grappling with cognitive dissonance: “Hey, who am I to say Bigfoot doesn’t exist? They named an entire provincial park after a legendary creature with enormous feet, right? Why would they name it Sasquatch if there were none in the immediate area?”

I imagined Mark informing my wife that a sasquatch had snatched me. I even imagined a newspaper headline in Vancouver stating, “Another Yank Missing in Sasquatch Provincial Park: Has Bigfoot Claimed Another Clueless Tourist from the Lower 48?”

To some degree, my avowed cynicism about the existence of creatures like bigfoot was shaken; my out-of-hand disbelief had fal-

tered momentarily. The brain’s fear center had overtaken my cherished critical thinking, a product of the prefrontal cortex.

Given the right circumstances, our amygdala, the brain’s fear center, stimulates the fight-or-flight response. Since I would stand no chance whatsoever against a sasquatch in a fight, I chose flight and stepped up my pace.

When I finally arrived back at our camp unmolested but spooked, I stood before the campfire sipping a steaming black coffee spiked with Yukon Jack. Before long, my skepticism was returning, but not as rock-solid as before starting the run.

My avowed cynicism about the existence of creatures like bigfoot was shaken to some degree; my out-of-hand disbelief had faltered. I ran faster because I wasn’t sure there was nothing to fear in that dense forest of red cedar.

Many of us have had the faith in our firmly held beliefs tested occasionally.

“We heard ghosts in one of the rooms in the hospital’s basement; we could hear the moanful sobbing of women.” Temporary worker, October, 2002.

If you were, like me, a fan of the TV series X Files, you might recognize the series tagline: “The Truth is Out There.” As quirky as the show was, it was tremendously popular for 11 seasons.

Gillian Anderson’s Scully and David Duchovny’s Mulder had what some call “chemistry.” Scully, a physician, played the quintessential skeptic to Mulder’s mantra, “I want to believe.” The two FBI agents were assigned cases that ventured into the supernatural, extraterrestrials, and even monsters. They continuously operated in a deep-state government conspiracy atmosphere where things weren’t always what they seemed. Now, what does this TV

“ We heard ghosts in one of the rooms in the hospital’s basement; we could hear the moanful sobbing of women. ”

Temporary worker, October, 2002

series have to do with me, you ask? When I retired from government work in 1999, I went to work for a large staffing company based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Most of my job involved investigating workplace deaths and injuries and inspecting job sites before placing temporary workers. My bread and butter was ensuring that workers performed their jobs in a safe environment with proper training and personal protective equipment.

I enjoyed the work, but it was somewhat repetitious – that is, until a bright October day in 2002. My boss, the company’s corporate attorney, called asking if I could do a job that, as she said, was “a bit unusual.” She even called it an “X-Files” case involving ghosts moaning and sobbing. She now had my full and undivided attention.

Most people with even a modicum of curiosity love a mystery. I am one of those fortunate people who loves mysteries, particularly those that cross the boundary into the ineffable.

However, seeking the truth requires accepting that the source of any apparent disembodied voices may be mundane. Something that appears as a phenomenon defying immediate explanation sometimes goes into the supernatural bucket without thoroughly investigating with an open mind. That path may lead to false beliefs, and we don’t want to be hoodwinked, do we?

When my boss called to request an investigation of unexplained voices in the lower levels of one of Columbus, Ohio’s, oldest

hospitals, I had just returned home for the day and was nursing a glass of wine.

She explained that six of our temporary workers were assigned to remove old hospital beds and equipment from the subterranean level of one of the original hospital wings that was destined for demolition.

Their shift started at 11 p.m. when there was less foot and vehicle traffic in the area. The temps’ job was simple and straightforward: They were to carry all the hospital items from the basement to a truck parked on Grant Avenue, a one-way street that is very busy during daylight hours.

The temps’ first shift in the hospital was the previous evening. By morning, the six workers had left before the shift ended. According to our human resource director, the six claimed that the hospital’s basement was haunted and that they were too scared to return. The hospital was a good client, and we didn’t want to lose their business.

My next step was to call the hospital’s facilities manager, a young man named Dan. We arranged to meet at his office at 11 p.m. that evening. Usually, I would have been reluctant to take on a job in the middle of the night, but I remember being so excited about the prospects of this case that I showed up 30 minutes early and raring to go.

Before descending to the lower level of the old hospital wing, Dan and I discussed the reluctant temporary workers of the previous evening. He explained that the six temp workers, consisting of four men and two women, all reported hearing

quite clearly wailing and moaning of what can only be described as disembodied voices; there was no one else in the room.

Dan made a point of the fact that his full-time employees, who were showing the temp workers what was expected of them, were also filling the temps’ heads with tales about primitive abortions carried out in the basement back in the early years of the 20th century.

Following our brief discussion, we headed to the subterranean level in an old creaky service elevator. We saw a long, unadorned concrete hallway with rooms on both sides when the doors opened.

We began checking all the rooms, which were carbon copies of each other. Paint on the walls and ceiling was peeling off in raggedy scrolls. The rooms contained old beds, mattresses, carts and rusty medical equipment.

The smell of decades-old urine permeated the old mattresses, and water dripped from the ceiling onto the concrete floor, creating soda-straw stalactites hanging precariously from the ceiling. The place was spooky, even if ghosts weren’t in the equation.

We finally came to a room on the right that looked much like the others. But as Dan and I examined outdated medical equipment stacked in a corner, we heard faint voices seemingly coming from nowhere. It was impossible to understand what the voices were saying, as they sounded garbled and raised and fell in volume.

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MAPLE DAYS • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Dining Specials: *These eateries will feature special menus Saturday, February 15.*

DARI-LAND, Marlinton: Maple bourbon pulled pork sandwich, maple glazed donuts and donut holes and maple cold foam for any coffee of your choice.

DIRTBEAN OHANA, Marlinton: Maple lattés, maple dirty chai tea, French toast with maple syrup.

GREENBRIER GRILLE & LODGE, Marlinton: Maple donuts, maple-inspired breakfast and dinner.

HANDMADE WV, Marlinton: All-you-can-eat regular or buckwheat pancakes using Arbaugh Farm Flour and Hillsboro Maple Works Syrup.

HILLSBORO PUBLIC HOUSE, Hillsboro: Maple syrup and bourbon steak tips with asparagus and creamed mashed potatoes. Maple glazed salmon salad with ginger vinaigrette. Maple candied nuts.

LOCUST HILL INN, CABIN & RESTAURANT, Marlinton: Smoked chicken and turkey with maple barbecue sauce.

MOUNTAIN STATE CAKES BAKERY, Dunmore: Maple donuts, maple cinnamon rolls, maple cookies and cookie sandwiches.

RIVERTOWN CAFÉ, Marlinton: Maple-brined pork belly burger with maple mdsauce, maple pecan cookies and sweet potato soup with maple creme topping.

SIMPLY SWEET CAFÉ, Durbin: Maple chili and slaw hot dogs, maple cinnamon rolls, maple chai or latte and a maple cookie frappe.

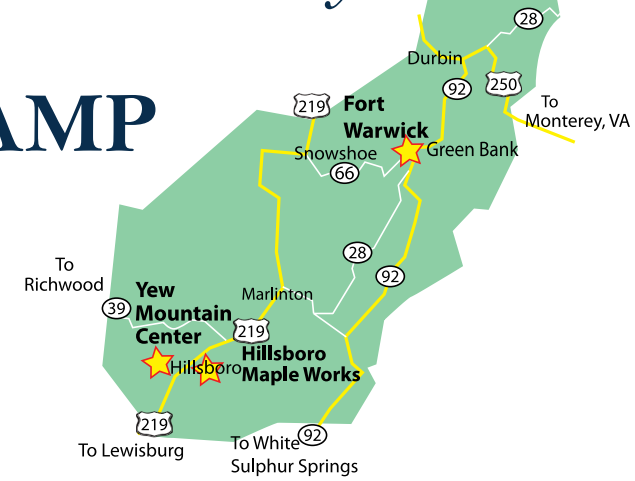
SNOWSHOE HARE, Base of Snowshoe Mountain: Offering their signature maple latte, “The Snowshoe Hare.”

STATION 2 RESTAURANT, Durbin: All-you-can-eat buckwheat or regular pancakes with one side of meat. Maple syrup from Cassell’s Sugar Shack.

YEW MOUNTAIN CENTER, Hillsboro: Made-to-order fluffy pancakes drenched in golden maple syrup.



Pocahontas County



SUGAR CAMP TOURS

February 15
10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

FORT WARWICK FARM

Just off of Rt. 92 near Green Bank, 1/2 mile south of the Dollar General Store. Turn at the Deer Creek Bridge beside the Church of God and follow the dirt road 1/2 mile. Free tours and maple product samples. Visit www.fortwarwick.com

HILLSBORO MAPLE WORKS

Two locations just north of Hillsboro, off Rt. 219. Demonstrations starting with sap collection and ending with finished products for sampling and for sale. Open House at the sugar house February 15. Open House at the sugar bush March 15. Call 304-288-6604 for directions to either location or visit www.hillsboromaple.com

YEW MOUNTAIN CENTER

9494 Lobelia Rd, off US Rt. 219 south of Hillsboro. Visit www.yewmountain.org Lobelia Road is just south of Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park (a right turn if you’re headed south). Stay right on Lobelia Road at the intersection with Jacox Road (about 2 miles). Continue for 1.3 miles and the center is on the left. Sugar bush tours, savory and sweet maple delights and kids’ educational activities.

Lodging Specials:

Enjoy lodging specials and discounts at these establishments during Maple Days weekends.

LOCUST HILL INN, CABIN & RESTAURANT

Marlinton • 304-799-5471 www.locusthillwv.com
20% off lodging. Includes complimentary hot American breakfast.

MOORE HOUSE • Marlinton • 304-250-9009

www.moorehouseinn.com
Offering 15% off your visit. Use code MAPLEDAYS2025. Self-serve breakfast featuring fruit, cereal, yogurt, coffee and more.

MORNING GLORY INN • Slaty Fork 304-572-5000

www.morninggloryinn.com
Offering 10% off the entire stay. 24-hour dining room, living room space and 24/7 snack and beverage bar.

THE OLD CLARK INN • Marlinton • 1.800.849.4184

www.oldclarkinn.com
Offering 10% off the entire stay. Use code MAPLEDAYS2025. Includes snacks, coffee, tea, water and small bags of ice available 24/7; as well as refrigerators, microwaves, gas grill and toaster for guests’ use.

Special Events:

Pocahontas County Farmers Market Maple Days Fundraiser

Saturday, February 15, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. or sold out at the Green Bank Fire Department, 4676 Potomac Highlands Trail. All-you-can-eat buckwheat pancakes with complimentary beverages. \$15/adult; \$10 for ages 5 - 16; younger than 5 years eat free. Contact through PCFM Facebook page or email laura@numnumfarms.com for tickets. Advanced tickets are highly encouraged.

High Rocks Maple Magic Workshop

February 15 from 9 a.m. - noon. A FREE community workshop to learn how to make maple syrup—then enjoy it on some homemade buckwheat pancakes! Call 304-653-4891 to RSVP or for questions about this workshop. Space is limited. This Folk Arts and Culture Workshop Series is presented in partnership with Berea College with grant support from the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.



For more information on Maple Day Weekend lodging packages, dining options or tours, visit

pocahontascountywv.com/2025-maple-days/
or call 304-799-4636

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For detailed information on HPAI detections in the United States, please refer to the Commercial, Backyard, & Wildlife cases in the United States (USDA APHIS). In early April, the overall HPAI status in the region will be reassessed with the possibility of resuming sales of poultry at markets.

As a reminder, to prevent the spread of the disease, WVDA urges poultry owners to:

- Limit, monitor, and record any movement of people, vehicles, or animals on or off the farm.
- Permit only essential workers and vehicles to

enter the farm.

- Avoid visiting other poultry farms or unnecessary travel off the farm.
- Disinfect equipment, vehicles, footwear, and other items in contact with flocks.
- Change clothes before entering poultry areas and before exiting the property.
- Keep flocks away from wild or migratory birds, especially waterfowl.
- Isolate any ill animals and contact your veterinarian immediately.

For additional precautions against the virus, visit the CDC's Avian Influenza Guidance.

Poultry owners should report unusual death loss, a drop in egg production, or any sick domestic birds to WVDA's Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.

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reports in a multi-page document which was provided to the members. Some highlights included that operating revenue increased in 2024 to \$971,749, compared to about \$865,000 in 2023 and \$761,000 in 2022. Joseph explained this was mostly due to increased loads subject to the tipping fee and the raising of both the tipping fee and the green box fees last year. He mentioned that the SWA could continue to operate for 96 days even if all additional income stopped.

Landfill Manager Chris McComb mentioned that they had problems with water freezing at the landfill during the recent cold spell, but as of the meeting

date, everything had been fixed, and they have installed additional wiring and outlet boxes in the building to enable additional electric heaters to prevent this in the future. He also mentioned that since the last meeting, the green box problems – disposing of inappropriate materials and overflowing the boxes – have improved significantly at all the sites.

Henderson also reported that there were no major problems with their groundwater monitoring or their water flow rate and directional inspections.

He also said the WV Auditor's Office has given their second audit delay until March 31 for their 2024 financial audit of the SWA, due to backlogs at the Auditor's Office.

The members also voted to approve their 2024 Annual Operational Report.

grade at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective February 3, for 83 days for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

- Resignation of Nicole Rose-Taylor as principal at Pocahontas County High School, effective February 14.
- Employment of Teresa Barb as substitute special education/classroom/bus aide for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum service personnel salary for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Employment of Allen Johnson as substitute teacher for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum professional salary for the 2024-2025 school year.

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defendant to be released to his brother's residence and be placed on monitored home confinement. The par-

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The State agreed with the representations of defense counsel.

Thereupon the Court requested of defense counsel their position with regard to sentencing.

Defense Counsel Michael Whitt requested of the Court: that the court suspend any sentence since the defendant had already served approximately 3 months of his sentence; that the defendant had learned his lesson; that the jail has turned out to be a violent place for the defendant, the defendant appearing with a black eye; that the defendant was desirous of receiving drug treatment and therapy; that the Tygart Valley Regional Jail was not a good place to receive the needed therapy; that the defendant was remorseful; that as many as 20 plus individuals from the area had written letters in support of the defendant, urging the court to consider the least restrictive alternative sentencing; and that jail serves no purpose at this time. Defense counsel's entire response is more particularly set forth in the record of the proceeding this day.

The court then heard from the Defendant personally, who expressed his remorse for his actions and the consequences of those actions and requested that he be afforded an alternative sentence.

Thereupon the Court requested of the Special Prosecutor the State's position with regard to sentencing.

The Special Prosecutor advised the Court: that the defendant had an extensive criminal history of arrests for approximately 18 misdemeanors and what the State believed was 17 felonies in the last thirty years; that the defendant's criminal history was incomplete, in many instances, with regard to the defendant's convictions; that the criminal history does show multiple convictions; that the defendant has a continuous history of problems with alcohol, and continuous

ties continue to negotiate a plea offer. The court denied the motion to modify bond. A status hearing is set for March 5. Walker was indicted on one count, harassment; one count, intimidation of and against public officers and employees; and

three counts, indecent exposure.

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Christopher Gibson, 47, of Buckeye, wherein the state related that it did not wish to revoke alternative sentencing. The court did not find

Gibson in violation of his home incarceration and he will continue to serve his original sentence reporting on weekends to jail. The defense was directed to calculate the time the defendant has already served.

problems with criminal activity that show a complete disregard for the consequences to others; that the defendant has shown a lack of accepting responsibility for what happened when he killed the two Jacksons; that in his statement to Probation Officer McCoy in the PSI with regard to his version as to what happened, he blamed the brakes being out of adjustment on his truck on an employee by the name of Ryan Moore; that there were many instances, from the time the defendant killed the Jacksons, ending with his statements in the PSI, when the defendant had been untruthful to Law Enforcement, his Home Incarceration Officer, Probation Officer McCoy, and by his representations in the PSI, unto the Court, that the defendant was truthful with Trooper Phillips when he gave his statement on the date the Jacksons were killed, by saying that he turned around before getting to the gravel pile and made no mention of the theft of the gravel when he had 8 or 10 tons on his truck; that he represented to Probation Officer McCoy that he wasn't using methamphetamine in April of 2023 when he wrecked and killed the Jacksons, when Nurse Shepherd advised he admitted to using meth, and Jensen Dean did the drug test that showed him positive for meth on that day; that he represented unto the Trooper involved with his arrest for possession of methamphetamine in January of 2024 that the meth wasn't his when we now know he admitted in the PSI to using meth 3 or 4 times a week during the months of December 2023, and January and February of 2024; that Defendant's admitted violations of his bond supervision for possessing methamphetamine, now, according to his statement in the P S I, were in the neighborhood of 50 violations of his bond; that he violated his Home Incarceration by possessing and using meth and possessing a rifle; that the biggest falsehood being exercised upon the Court system was when the defendant advised Probation Officer McCoy that if he was

given the opportunity to serve his sentence on Probation or Home Incarceration he would be willing to follow any rules and regulations set forth by the Court; that the defendant was in all probability expecting the Court to grant him probation or an alternative sentence since he had advised Probation Officer McCoy that in his extensive criminal history over the last 30 years he never served any time in jail and had been able to just pay a fine or receive alternative sentences; and that as a result of the aforesaid, it was the State's belief that the defendant had given the Court no alternative other than to sentence the defendant to the maximum jail sentences provided by law and the maximum fines provided by law. The State also suggested to the Court that as a result of the additional 50 or so bond violations admitted and disclosed, that the Court order that the defendant's bond be forfeited.

Thereupon the Court made inquiry of defense counsel with regard to their position on bond.

Defense Counsel Whitt advised the Court that the Law with regard to forfeiture advises that bond is for the purpose of the defendant's appearance and not for his actions while on bond and that the defendant had appeared on every occasion when directed by the Court and that his bond violations hurt no one other than the defendant.

After hearing from counsel for the parties and from the defendant, the court advised the defendant: that the Court had reviewed the PSI, focusing upon defendant's prior convictions, not his arrests without disposition; that in reviewing the defendant's convictions, his record suggests that he has [a] 30 year history of doing what he wants, when he wants, with little or no consideration or regard to how it might affect others with him or around him; that the Court has also considered the many violations of the Defendant's supervised bond, and the violations of his Home Incarceration; that Defendant's

actions, while on bond supervision and Home Incarceration, are indicative of his propensity to disregard rules he doesn't like; and that as a result of the defendant's actions, the Court concludes that he is not a suitable candidate for community-based sentence such as probation or home incarceration.

Based upon these findings, and such further findings as may appear upon the record of this proceeding, the Court, with regard to Defendant's conviction for Count III, the Negligent Homicide of Ryan Jackson, in violation of WV Code §17C-5-1(a), sentenced the defendant to one year in jail, the maximum sentence, and fined the defendant \$1,000.00, the maximum fine. The Court, with regard to Defendant's conviction for Count IV, the Negligent Homicide of Darren Jackson, in violation of WV Code §17C-5-1(a), sentenced the defendant to one year in jail, the maximum sentence, and fined the defendant \$1,000.00, the maximum fine. The Court ordered that the Defendant pay all costs of this action as determined by the Circuit Clerk.

The Court then addressed the State's previously filed motion to forfeit the defendant's bond and after considering the record of this proceeding and the applicable legal authorities, and for reasons set forth upon the record, the Court DENIED the State's motion and ORDERED the Defendant's bond be returned to the surety that posted the bond.

For the purpose of this Sentencing Order, the defendant was convicted on the 19th day of November 2024, upon his Guilty pleas to both Counts 3 and 4. The defendant was sentenced on January 29, 2025. The sentences are ordered to be served consecutively. The defendant is entitled to 96 days of jail credit on Count III. The Defendant shall first serve the sentence for Count III. The defendant will begin serving Count IV after having served and discharged Count III. The defendant is entitled to no other credit.

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and Training; Election; Resignation or Removal; Compensation; Notice of Meetings; Meetings; WV School Board Association and The National School Board Association; Establishment/Assessment of County Goals; Evaluation of the Superintendent; Student Supervision and Welfare; Group Health Plans; County and School Improvement-Revised/Renamed; Local School Improvement Council; Adoption of Programs of Study; Program of Study Middle School; Program of Study High School; Controversial Issues; Parent and Family Member Participation in Title I Programs; Dual Credit; Class Size; Hope Scholarship Program; Guidance and Counseling; Homebound/Hospital Instruction Program; Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities; Special Education; Educational Program; Student Assessment; Employment of Substitutes; Suspension; Student Supervision and Welfare by Professional Staff; Teacher Workload/ Supplemental Duties; Grievance Procedure; Employment of Service Personnel; Food Service; Areas of Critical Need and Shortage for Substitute Bus Operators; Competency Testing for Service Personnel; Eligibility of Resident/Non-resident Students for Enrollment; Open Enrollment for Resident Students; School Choice Options; School Attendance; Student Accidents/Cardiac Arrest; Graduation Requirements; Self Harm and Eating Disorder Signs; Schools and Community Agencies; Discipline – Student Due Process Rights; Use of Restraints and Seclusion with Students; Funding Accounting; Purchases; and School Calendar

• Placing the following policies on 30-day public comment by request of the superintendent – Meetings; Attendance; and Grading.


In personnel management, the board approved the following:

- Employment of Brittany D. Place as teacher of third


Pocahontas County Churches

Faith. Family. Fellowship.

This church directory publishes the first Thursday of each month. To have your congregation listed, call 304-799-4973.







Pocahontas County CATHOLIC CHURCHES

SCHEDULE

ST. JOHN NEUMANN
Rt. 39 • Marlinton
Sunday Mass 9 a.m.

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
Rt. 250 • Bartow
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

ST. BERNARD CHAPEL
Snowshoe
Saturday Mass 5:30 p.m.

Rectory:
304-799-6778

WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday 8:45 a.m.

Offering the Light of New Hope, by serving God and our neighbors.

new hope Lutheran Church

"God's work, our hands."
Mimnehaha Springs

Marlinton
First Church of the Nazarene
Rt. 219 North, in Edray
REV. DONNIE BROWN
304-799-2525
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren

WORSHIP 11 A.M.

THURS. BIBLE STUDY • 7 P.M.

304-456-5126
Pine Grove Road, Arbovale

Trinity Baptist Church

Rt. 219 Cook Town (Buckeye Hill)

Worship 11 a.m.

Adult Sunday School 10 a.m.

Pastor John Paul Burks

new hope brethren church

Rt. 92 South, Dunmore

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.

Cochran Creek Baptist Church
Rt. 92 - Rimel
Pastor Roger Frame

Psalms 25:4 Shew me thy ways

Marlinton Presbyterian Church

Sundays – Bible Study, 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

Via teleconference, 1-978-990-5269
Enter access code 4835028#

Soup-er Bowl Feb. 9 following worship

Sweetheart Dinner Feb. 16 following worship

Session Meeting Feb. 23 at 11:15 a.m.

Free Community Dinner, Feb. 27
(planning meeting Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m.)

Rev. David Lee, Pastor
Eighth Street, Marlinton • 304-799-6145

Cochran Creek Baptist Church
Rt. 92 - Rimel
Pastor Roger Frame

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.

Psalms 25:4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

Marlinton United Methodist Church

WORSHIP 11 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY or in the parking lot on Radio 90.3 FM

Children's Sunday School 11 a.m.

Everyone Welcome

Charge Fellowship Gathering Feb. 16 • 5 - 7 p.m.
Food, fellowship and games.

Office hours
Wed. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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304-799-4055



If veterinary care is unavailable or unaffordable, ask for **Happy Jack** animal healthcare to treat mane dandruff, yeast infections and allergy scratching.

SOUTHERN STATES 304-799-6523

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTIBLES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at P. O. Box 209, 900 Tenth Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209. 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 commissioner.

First Publication Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025.
Claim Deadline: Monday, March 31, 2025

ESTATE NUMBER: 14705
ESTATE OF: **CHARLES KERMIT MCNELLAN**
EXECUTRIX: Linda Sharp
29 Drennen Ridge Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-6532

ESTATE NUMBER: 14719
ESTATE OF: **LILLY GERTRUDE TAYLOR**
EXCUTOR: Bedford Russell Taylor II
1573 Back Draft Road
Green Bank, WV 24944-9054

ESTATE NUMBER: 14721
ESTATE OF: **ROBERT DARRELL FORTNER II**
EXECUTOR: David Harper
741 Cotton Tree Road
Walton, WV 25286-9097

ESTATE NUMBER: 14722
ESTATE OF: **JOHN HOWARD GORE**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Patricia T. Gore
208 Puffenbarger Road
Hillsboro, WV 24946-8732

Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 24, 2025.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas county Commission
1/30/2c

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME FROM: Cetara Marie Stutler TO: Cetara Marie Hefner

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of March 2025 at 1 o'clock p.m. at Family Court, 818 C 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV, on said day or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Joyce H. Carpenter, the Petitioner, Cetara Stutler, will apply by petition to the Family Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her name from Cetara Marie Stutler to Cetara Marie Hefner, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard if they so desire.

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

A copy of said petition can be obtained from Clerk of the Circuit/Family Court Connie M. Carr at her office at 900 D 10th Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia, 24954.
Dated this 31st day of January 2025.

Cetara Stutler
Pro se Petitioner
2/6/1p

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vesting in it by that certain Deed of Trust recorded on March 15, 2019, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Book 380 at Page 451, Douglas M. Ellis did convey unto Seneca Trustees Inc. as Original Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Elk River Trustees Inc., as Substitute Trustee by virtue of a Substitution of Trustee recorded on January 8, 2025 in Book 424 at Page 22 in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; the undersigned Substitute Trustee has been requested, in writing, by the beneficiary of said Deed of Trust to sell the real estate described below, as there has been a default under the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust. Therefore, the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC to foreclose thereunder will offer for sale, at a public auction at the front door of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in Marlinton, West Virginia, on February 19, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. the following described real estate, together with its easements, improvements, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the City of Snowshoe, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SNOWSHOE, COUNTY OF POCAHONTAS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
ALL OF UNIT 201 OF SOARING EAGLE LODGE AS SHOWN AND ILLUSTRATED ON THAT PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, ON NOVEMBER 30, 2006, IN DEED BOOK NO. 306, AT PAGE 62.
PARCEL ID: 03-08SE/02010000
THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DOUGLAS M. ELLIS AND KELLY S. ELLIS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS

NOTICE

The Pocahontas County Commission is seeking an individual interested in serving on the **Pocahontas County Building Commission**.

This is for the remainder of a five-year term expiring on June 30, 2029.

Any individual who is a member of the Democrat or No Party Affiliation political party – noting that no more than two thirds of the total number of members of the board of each commission shall be from the same political party and no member of any such board shall hold any office (other than the office of notary public) or employment under the United States of America, the State of West Virginia, any county or political subdivision thereof, or any political party.

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

The Pocahontas County Commission
1/30/2c

ACCEPTING BIDS

The Pocahontas County Assessor will accept bids for a new **Mid-Size SUV** for use by the Pocahontas County Assessor's Office.

All bids should be submitted in writing and placed in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid – Pocahontas County Assessor's Office Vehicle" and delivered by mail or in person to the Pocahontas County Assessor, 900 Tenth Ave., Marlinton, WV 24954 no later than Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Bid Specifications for the vehicle:
2025 Mid-Size SUV, White, Automatic Transmission, Remote Start, Forward Collision Alert, Pedestrian and Bicycle Braking, Following Distance Indicator, Intersection Alert Braking, Rear Cross Traffic Braking, LED Headlamps, Deep Tinted Rear Glass, Compact Spare Tire and Jack, 17-inch Wheels.

Bids will be opened in the Office of the County Assessor located in the Pocahontas County Courthouse, Friday, February 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

For further information, please inquire at the Pocahontas County Assessor's Office at 304-799-4750, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Pocahontas County Assessor reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to continue this matter from time to time as may be necessary.

Johnny A. Pritt
Pocahontas County Assessor
2/6/2c

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

JOINT TENANTS WITH THE RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP FROM SOARING EAGLE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC., A WEST VIRGINIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, IN A DEED DATED DECEMBER 1, 2006, AND RECORDED DECEMBER 13, 2006, IN DEED BOOK 306, PAGE 293.

At the time of the execution of the subject Deed of Trust, the property was reported to have an address of: **201 Soaring Eagle Lodge, Snowshoe, West Virginia 26209.**

The above referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty and subject to any and all easements, rights of way, conditions, covenants, restrictions, exceptions, reservations, leases and other servitudes, which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground. The sale of the referenced real estate will also be subject to all prior liens and including any and all other deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and all other encumbrances of any nature whatsoever, if any, having priority over the subject Deed of Trust.

The subject property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee makes no representations and warranties of any kind or character including, but not limited to, the condition of the real estate or the title to the real estate to be conveyed. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

In the event that there are federal tax liens against the property, the United States has the right to redeem the property within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the sale. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to adjourn the sale for a time, or from time to time, without further notice, by announcement at the time and place of the foreclosure sale described herein.

TERMS OF SALE

1. \$8,000.00 (Eight Thousand Dollars) in cash and/or certified funds made payable to "Elk River Trustees, Inc." due as a deposit at the time of sale, with the balance due and payable within thirty (30) days of sale. Personal checks will not be accepted.

2. The purchaser at the sale shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

3. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the recording cost of the deed and also for payment of the tax on the privilege of transferring the real property (transfer tax) imposed by West Virginia Code § 11-22-2.

4. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at the foreclosure sale.

ELK RIVER TRUSTEES, INC.
714 Venture Drive, #132
Morgantown, WV 26508
Telephone: 304-241-6962
Fax: 330-436-0301
Reference file # 24-02761
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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2023-C-000002- Pocahontas County – WVTK LLC
To: SHOWSHOE MOUNTAIN, INC, SHANE GAGNE, SHERRY GAGNE, SHANE GAGNE, SHERRY GAGNE, SHANE GAGNE, SHANE GAGNE, SHERRY GAGNE, SHERRY GAGNE, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: EDRAV MAP 8E PARCEL 0022 0000 0000
You will take notice that **WVTK LLC**, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Certificate No.: 2023-C-000002, located in EDRAV DISTRICT, LT 14 WEST RIDGE SD .97 AC 150X290X136X302.59, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ATWOOD ENTITES LLC,** and was sold by the Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on July 3, 2024. WVTK LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after July 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before June 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 - 414. \$ 514.90
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2023-2046. \$ 431.93
Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 166.59
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 939.77
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$2,053.19
You may redeem at any time before June 30, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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Charleston, West Virginia 25305

TOWN OF MARLINTON ACCEPTING BIDS

The Town of Marlinton is seeking bids to purchase a **2500 Series Regular Cab Chevrolet Pickup.**

Specifications:
Year: 2025; Color: White; 8-foot Cargo Box, Four-Wheel Drive; Exterior Power Heated Trailing Mirrors with Turn Signals, and Backup LED Lights, 3.73 Axle Ratio, 10-Speed Automatic Transmission, 10,250 Lb. GVWR, Easy Lift and Lock Tailgate, Deep Tinted Glass, Rear Window Defogger, 17-inch Steel Wheels, LED Roof Marker Lamps, 220 Amp Alternator, Skid Plates, Roof Emergency Light Provisions, Snowplow Prep Package, 6.6 Liter Gas V-8 Engine, Trailer Package, Trailer Brake Control, 8-foot, 6-inch V Plow, Power Locks, Power Windows, Lane Keep Assist.

Bid should be mailed or delivered to:
Town of Marlinton,
709 Second Avenue,
Marlinton, WV 24954.

Deadline for submitting bids is 4 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2025.
The Town reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until **FEBRUARY 25, 2025 10:00 A.M.** (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):

CALL: 002; CONTRACT: 2022880005; STATE PROJECT: S388-REC/AL-25 00; FEDERAL PROJECT:STBG-2025(010)D; DESCRIPTION: PAVEMENT MARKINGS, D-8 RECALL STRIPING 2025, DISTRICT WIDE; COUNTY: PENDLETON, POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH, TUCKER

DBE GOAL: 5% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

West Virginia Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
1/30/2c

Question, please call 1-888-509-6568
Given under my hand January 27, 2024.

Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner
Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of
Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia
2/6/3c

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2023-C-000009- Pocahontas County – WVTK LLC
To: 3553 PROPERTIES LLC, 3553 PROPERTIES LLC, 3553 PROPERTIES LLC, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: EDRAV MAP 8AA PARCEL 0318 0000 0000
You will take notice that **WVTK LLC**, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Certificate No.: 2023-C-000009, located in EDRAV DISTRICT, HIGHLAND HOUSE UNIT 318 .00548699 INT .655 AC, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of FCBR PROPERTIES LLC,** and was sold by the Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on July 3, 2024. WVTK LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after July 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before June 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 -1855. \$ 886.49

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2023-291. \$ 784.81
Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 212.05

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 917.54
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$2,800.89
You may redeem at any time before June 30, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2023-C-000015- Pocahontas County – WVTK LLC
To: STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, MAGISTRATE COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, GEORGE JORDAN, DONALD JORDAN, POCAHONTAS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, GEORGE JORDAN, DONALD JORDAN, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
In accordance with West Virginia State Law, the Pocahontas County Board of Education is required to hold two public meetings **with the purpose of discussing the school calendar for the 2025-2026 year.**
The first public meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, 4:30 p.m. at Pocahontas County High School Media Center, 271 Warrior Way, Dunmore.
The second meeting will be Tuesday, April 1, 5:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Board of Education Office, 404 Old Buckeye Road, Buckeye
Pocahontas County Board of Education
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State of West Virginia
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management

PUBLIC NOTICE
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA
25304-2345 TELEPHONE: 304-926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE GENERAL WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NO. WV0115924

Public Notice No.: BS-014-2025
Public Notice Date: February 04, 2025
Paper: The Pocahontas Times

The following has applied for coverage under the General WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0115924 for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WVR112354

Applicant: POCAHONTAS COUNTY PSD
PO BOX 250
DURBIN, WV 26264

Location: THORNWOOD, POCAHONTAS COUNTY

Latitude: 38:32:23 **Longitude:** 79:46:29

Receiving Stream:
East Fk/Greenbrier Rv/Kanawha Rv
Activity:
Pocahontas County PSD plans a construction stormwater project estimated to last over 1 year.
Business conducted:
A waterline extension providing service to 59 new customers on route 250, the Limit of Disturbance (LOD) is 9.32ac
Implementation: N/A
On the basis of review of the application the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.
Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such **comments or requests should be emailed to billy.t.shirley@wv.gov or addressed to:**
Director, Division of Water and Management, DEP
ATTN: Billy Shirley, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345
The public comment period begins February 04, 2025 and ends March 06, 2025.
Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the site registration permit application and this facility's coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.
The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Copies of the application and the General Permit and Fact Sheet may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost.
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

DISTRICT: EDRAY MAP 45A PARCEL 0009 0000 0000
 You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Certificate No.: 2023-C-000015, located in EDRAY DISTRICT, LT 5 ONOTO HILLS SD STONEY CREEK 1.04 AC FEE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of JORDAN DONALD PAUL & GEORGE ALBERT,** and was sold by the Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on July 3, 2024. WVTK LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after July 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before June 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 -2919.
 \$ 890.16
 Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2023-2944. \$ 716.80
 Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 212.05
 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 960.77
 Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00
 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$2,779.78
You may redeem at any time before June 30, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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Christal G. Perry
 Deputy Commissioner
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 2/6/3c

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2023-C-000027- Pocahontas County – WVTK LLC
To: BARRY MILLICAN AKA SCOTT MILLICAN, SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN INC, BARRY MILLICAN AKA SCOTT MILLICAN, POCAHONTAS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, POCAHONTAS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, BARRY MILLICAN AKA SCOTT MILLICAN, BARRY MILLICAN AKA SCOTT MILLICAN, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: EDRAY MAP 8U PARCEL 0080 0002 0000
 You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Certificate No.: 2023-C-000027, located in EDRAY DISTRICT, TWIN GREEN TOWNHOUSE UNIT 2 HAWTHORNE CALLEY SD P, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MILLICAN BARRY SCOTT,** and was sold by the Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on July 3, 2024. WVTK LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after July 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before June 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 -3676.
 \$ 823.97
 Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2023-3704. \$1,084.39
 Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 212.05
 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$1,020.08
 Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00
 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$3,140.49
You may redeem at any time before June 30, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2023-C-000070- Pocahontas County – WVTK LLC
To: DUSTIN AMBROSE, SHIRLEY AMBROSE, DUSTIN AMBROSE, SHIRLEY AMBROSE, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: HUNTERSVILLE MAP 74 PARCEL 0003 0000 0000
 You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Certificate No.: 2023-C-000070, located in HUNTERSVILLE DISTRICT, LT 1 COCHRANS CREEK 1.6 AC (C), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of AMBROSE DUSTIN L & SHIRLEY D,** and was sold by the Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on July 3, 2024. WVTK LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after July 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before June 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 -11397.
 \$ 489.74
 Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2023-11467. \$ 981.47
 Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 212.05
 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 862.78
 Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00
 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$2,546.04
You may redeem at any time before June 30, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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deem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2023-C-000081- Pocahontas County – WVTK LLC
To: JOHN RIDER, JONATHAN RIDER, JOHN RIDER, JONATHAN RIDER, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: HUNTERSVILLE MAP 69 PARCEL 0007 0000 0000
 You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Certificate No.: 2023-C-000081, located in Huntersville District, Cochrans Creek 6.25 AC, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of RIDER JOHN JR & JONATHAN,** and was sold by the Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on July 3, 2024. WVTK LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after July 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before June 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 -12811.
 \$ 505.63
 Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2023-12887. \$ 380.48
 Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 212.05
 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 862.78
 Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00
 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,960.94
You may redeem at any time before June 30, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2023-C-000075- Pocahontas County – WVTK LLC
To: TROY FITZGERALD, AMANDA FITZGERALD, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: HUNTERSVILLE MAP 70 PARCEL 0001 0012 0000
 You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Certificate No.: 2023-C-000075, located in HUNTERSVILLE DISTRICT TRACT 12 ALLEY MTN 3.343 AC, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of FITZGERALD TROY D & AMANDA,** and was sold by the Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on July 3, 2024. WVTK LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after July 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before June 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 -11967.
 \$ 462.38
 Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2023-12050. \$ 338.19
 Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 212.05
 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 837.24
 Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00
 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,849.86
You may redeem at any time before June 30, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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CHIEF RANGER POSITION

The Snowshoe Resort Community District (SRCD) Ranger Department is currently accepting applications for Chief Ranger. All certified, experienced law enforcement officers are encouraged to apply. The SRCD is an equal opportunity employer. This position offers competitive salary, vacation and paid medical benefits. Interested, qualified candidates should submit their résumé to the SRCD District Manager, Lisa Cutlip, at lisa.cutlip@snowshoedistrict.com



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county without official CAC coverage
 In the 2024 fiscal year, 66% of children who received a forensic interview at a CAC disclosed abuse. Thirty-four percent of children interviewed made no disclosure of abuse during the forensic interview. Even when a child does not disclose, the multidisciplinary team may still have good cause to investigate the reports that prompted the child's services at the CAC.

Caregivers visiting CACs are asked to take a survey about their experience. Ninety-seven percent of caregivers surveyed said if they knew anyone else who was dealing with a situation like the one their family faced, they would tell that person about the child advocacy center.

The report includes data on victim demographics, alleged offender demographics, reported vs. disclosed abuse, services performed, criminal justice response and CAC income budget breakdown. Highlights from the statewide data report can be found at <https://wvcn.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2024-Stats-One-Pager.pdf>

"In the past year, the number of children referred to West Virginia CACs due to suspected drug endangerment was four times the national average," said Shiloh Woodard, Interim Chief Executive Officer of the West Virginia Child Advocacy Network. "We must do all that we can to ensure the stability and continuity of our 21 Child Advocacy Centers in the Mountain State so that critical services to child survivors of abuse and children and youth who have been exposed to the opioid epidemic can continue to be provided."

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Foster, from page 2

facilities, a rate three times the national average, a first-of-its-kind data analysis discovered. After the federal government began investigating West Virginia's treatment of foster kids with disabilities, the state started screening a much smaller percentage of kids for these conditions.

Mountain State Spotlight also found that, while West Virginia's foster care system leans on grandparents and other family members to raise foster kids, it doesn't provide the resources those families need. And the investigation found that the state continues to struggle to provide the system with adequate child welfare workers.

Since September 2019, a group of foster kids has been suing the state over conditions in the system. That case has been repeatedly delayed, as the state has sought

to have it thrown out, and has been back and forth to a federal appeals court and moved to a different judge.

Goodwin delayed the trial after a private lawyer representing state officials said he couldn't attend a pre-trial meeting scheduled for February because he needed to be out of the country for his mother's 70th birthday celebration. Lawyers for the foster kids said they could not agree to various alternative dates for that meeting. "Though Plaintiffs wish to be flexible and accommodating, Defendants' lack of diligence in addressing this scheduling conflict has made it logistically impossible to do so," they wrote in their opposition to the change.

The judge said the "failure to find an amicable solution is discouraging."

Late last year, the U.S. Department of Justice extended its scrutiny of West Virginia's foster care system because the state failed to show required improvements.

Library, from page 3

tions. You'll laugh, you'll cringe, and you'll wonder whether anyone involved will ever emotionally recover.

Beneath its deceptively simple prose lies a deeply layered narrative. Is The Visitor a liberator or a trickster? A mentor or a menace? His methods are unconventional (to put it mildly), but his ultimate philosophy is clear: life is meant to be messy, and you grow when you figure out how to clean up after

yourself – preferably with a very large machine.

As the story crescendos, it becomes clear that this is more than a tale of mayhem. It's a profound meditation on human nature: order versus chaos, rules versus rebellion, and the delicate balance between living freely and taking responsibility.

This book may be shelved in the children's section, but don't let that fool you. "The Cat in the Hat" is a surreal, unhinged masterpiece that leaves you questioning everything, from the limits of spontaneity to whether you'd actually answer the door for someone like this.

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Your, from page 9

After staring at each other in amazement for a long second, Dan asked, "I take it you're hearing the voices, too?"

"Indeed, I guess those sounds could be mistaken for ghostly moaning," I replied. "They are certainly female voices."

At that moment, I reached up and touched one of the soda-straw stalactites hanging from the ceiling. It instantly crumbled into a small pile of calcium carbonate shards. Dan said, "Hey, there is a small hole where the fractured stalactite was. I wonder how far into the ceiling it goes?"

I remembered seeing a coat rack with metal hangers in one of the rooms we explored earlier. Returning to the room where we heard the voices, I cut the hook off the hanger with my multitool and used the pliers to straighten the wire.

Dan was taller than me, so I handed it to him, and he pushed the wire into the hole. We were both surprised that it went a good foot or more before breaking free of the concrete.

Dan pushed it up another foot with no resistance and asked me to hold it in place while he went back to his office to get some duct tape, saying, "I've got an idea; I'll be right back."

While waiting for Dan's return, I could hear the

voices. I realized they were intermittent and seemed to vary in volume. I imagined the workers, already fueled by the tales from the hospital employees, getting freaked out hearing these mournful sounds with no one else in the room.

Dan soon burst through the door with duct tape and a roll of architectural drawings for this hospital wing. After securing the hanger wire to the ceiling, he spread out the basement floor plan on a metal table.

Dan studied the architectural drawing for the basement for a while. When he looked up at me and patted the far wall, he exclaimed, "That's strange; according to the original blueprint, this section of the room does not align with the exterior wall, extending at least a couple of feet toward Grant Avenue."

I suggested we go outside the building and look for the hanger. "I'll grab a couple of flashlights and meet you just outside the first-floor entrance, Dan replied."

We paced the distance from the entrance to the approximate location of the "haunted" room. A row of hedges separated the building from the sidewalk bordering Grant Avenue. We got down on our hands and knees, peering into the thick bushes, searching for the coat hanger.

After a few minutes of looking, Dan shouted, "Eureka! He had found the hanger just a few inches from the sidewalk, meaning

our room was right under our feet.

We were discussing our next step in the investigation when a group of student nurses having a lively conversation passed by. Dan and I looked at each other, thinking the same thing: could nurses walking from their dormitory to the hospital be the voices heard by the temps?

Dan asked the women if they would stand there and continue their conversation for a few minutes if it wouldn't make them late for their shift. They eagerly agreed but asked why. I told them that as soon as we got back, we would let them know why we made the request.

As soon as we entered the room, we knew without a doubt that the voices of purported ghosts were the direct effect of young nurses gabbling while enroute to their night shift and the way that the porous concrete muffled and distorted their voices. It would also be easy to see how the vocalizations sound spooky enough to conjure up the dead as the culprits.

Dan and I went topside to explain our request to the nurses. They all started laughing and making jokes about working in a haunted hospital. As they walked away from us, the women suddenly turned around and in unison sang the theme from *Ghostbusters*.

"Oh well, who you gonna call?"

Ken Springer
ken1949bongo@gmail.com

Calendar, from page 4

p.m. at the Wellness Center, \$3. Pre-registration required by calling 304-799-7386.

Jiggle, Wiggle and Giggle, creative movement for preschoolers, in two locations, Wednesdays, through February 26 at Linwood Center; and Fridays, through February 28 at the Wellness Center in Marlinton. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at both locations. Call 799-7386 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Campbelltown Church, Marlinton – Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m. Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219 – Sunday Service 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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Letters, from page 4

accustomed to carrying it in and out of the Courthouse, causing inconvenience to no one, for over thirty years. WV Code §61-7-2 also excludes my knife from similar restrictions. Sheriff Barlow stood on his policy, until I asked if he was denying me access to my courthouse to transact my lawful business. At that point, he offered to let me enter, if the security lady accompanied me. I said that I thought this was a

waste of her time, but that she was welcome to follow me around. She did, I successfully paid my dog tax, and I left.

I have been a law-abiding, tax-paying citizen of Pocahontas County for over thirty years. I frequently have lawful necessary business to conduct in my courthouse, including paying taxes, consulting my public records, taking oaths of office, and participating in public meetings.

I believe the so-called security policy I encountered violates my rights as guaranteed by the first, second,

fourth and ninth amendments to our federal Constitution, and also Article I, Section 3; and Article III, Sections 6, 10, and 22 of the Constitution of West Virginia.

I ask our County Commissioners and our new Sheriff to explain, by what lawful authority, if any, they believe the current policy is supported, and if they intend to continue to burden our access to our Courthouse and our participation in our government with it.

John Leyzorek
Marlinton

Cookin', from page 4

Easy Meatloaf

1 pound ground beef
3 eggs, beaten
2 - 4 1/2 oz. cans diced green chilies

1 cup seasoned bread-crumbs
1/3 cup ketchup
1 Tbsp. chili powder
1 tsp. dried oregano
2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup diced onion
2 garlic cloves, minced
Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In medium mixing bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Place mixture in a lightly greased loaf pan. Bake 40-50 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 165 degrees. May top with ketchup during last 10 minutes of baking. Serves 5.

Mayor's, from page 4

\$171,604 dollars the town customers will not have to fi-

nance. Four more properties within the Town of Marlinton were demolished during the month of January. The Hillside Apartment building being one of the four has

changed the looks of Tenth Avenue as you turn off Rt. 39. There are plans being made for more to come in the spring or early summer.

Until next time...
Sam

History, from page 7

your next issue.

Mr. Isaac B. Smith has been furnishing butter, eggs, milk and sheep to us since November 10th, 1899, and we hope he will continue to accommodate us. We never received from him a poisoned sheep and we can offer no intelligent cause for the purpose or falsity of the rumor, which perhaps is based upon the imagination of some friend of Mr. Smith.

Yours truly,
J. J. Strand & Co.

DUNMORE

Then it rained and snowed again.

Several years ago, George Hoover was bitten by a rattlesnake. The snake died and George is still alive, but his leg is in such a shape that he cannot walk.

The time will soon come again to vote for War and

Prosperity.

E. N. Moore is out for sheriff, and he will make a good one.

Joe Buzzard was in town Monday. He left his mule at home.

J. W. Warren finished his lumber job Thursday. About six million feet of lumber is lying in Knapps Creek ready for the drive.

Holmes Sharp started to preaching Sunday but got lost and found himself at Joseph Moore's

DIED

William H. Callison, of Locust Creek, January 31st, aged 50 years. He was a true man in all the relations of life. Kind and affectionate in his family, a true friend to his neighbors and faithful to his church. He married Miss Laura Whiting, and five children survive him...

He worked hard for the erection of the church on Locust Creek and gave \$400. He was a good steward and

was always alive to the interests of the church.

A good man is gone. His place will be hard to fill. He was needed here, but God's will be done. He rests from his labors.

Mr. H. L. Casebolt, of Lobelia. His age was 81 years. He had lived in this county all his life and worked very hard and laid up a nice fortune for old days and was a stockholder in the Pocahontas Bank. A wife, son and daughter survive him. He had been a member of the Baptist church about four years. His best work here was the building of a new church near Lobelia, where we trust many souls will be gathered ready to enter in at the strait gate which leads to life eternal.

DO YOU KNOW?

If a hen and a half lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs will six hens lay in seven days?

100, from page 7

came to and began to weep. "Why, of why," said the loving husband, "did not you ask me for the key?"

"Oh," replied the wife, "I was so unhappy. I imagined so many terrible things. I felt that I must see those papers that you were going to burn without your knowing that I shared your knowledge, so that I could know what to do."

"But, honey, look, see." And he opened the drawer and showed her that it contained - a dollar's worth of lucifer matches...

DIED

Frank Raymond Kincaid at his home in Huntersville

Friday night, January 30, 1925. His age was 46 years. On Sunday afternoon, his body was buried in the Huntersville cemetery the service being conducted from the Methodist church... Mr. Kincaid was a good citizen, greatly respected by his neighbors and acquaintances. He is survived by his wife, and their son, Doyle.

Mrs. Susan Russell, widow of the late Harry C. Russell, died at a hospital in Cumberland January 28, where she had undergone an operation for gallstones. Her age was 65 years. She was always an active and energetic Christian and enthusiastic church worker. Her membership was in the Marlinton Presbyterian church.

Senator John W. Arbuckle,

the oldest practicing attorney at the Greenbrier bar, died at his home in Lewisburg last week. His age was 76 years.

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