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Vogelsong follows calling to Young Life

Suzanne Stewart Staff Writer

Sometimes the stars align, and things fall in place as if they were destined to happen. That is certainly the case for Owen Vogelsong, who came to Pocahontas County to serve as a teacher and leader.

Vogelsong had two goals – to be a P.E. and health teacher and to be a director of the Christian youth group Young Life.

The Young Life director for Pocahontas County was David Moore, but he was in the process of moving to Nicholas County to continue Young Life work there. There was also a P.E. and health position open at Pocahontas County High School.

“The opening came up this year, so I was able to move here,” Vogelsong said. “I was talking to Scott Berg, our regional director for Young Life, and we were like, ‘this is an awesome opportunity’ and it all just kind of fell in line.

“I took over Young Life from David and I got a job up at the high school,” he added. “It all just worked out. It was honestly amazing.”

The mission statement of Young Life is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their faith.

“My job as an area director for Young Life in Pocahontas County is to do and host events, and get to know and build relationships with kids,” Vogelsong said. “Get



POCAHONTAS COUNTY YOUNG Life director Owen Vogelsong, back row, right, with members of the Christian youth group. Kneeling, from left: Kegan Calhoun, Irelyn Withers, Dylan Keller, and Reagan Friel. Standing, from left: Noah Nutter, Bailey Zickefoose, Carter Vandevender and Cornell Morris. Photo courtesy of Owen Vogelsong

to know kids with that goal in mind to hopefully, one day, inevitably, introduce them to the character of Jesus Christ and help them grow their faith.”

The club is open to middle and high school aged kids. Vogelsong has a club at the high school and after school meetings in the basement of the Marlinton Presbyterian Church.

“Once a week we meet in the Young Life office right

there in the middle of downtown Marlinton and we have fun, play a couple games and at the end, there’s always some kind of scripture that we read and talk about,” he said.

The high school club meets once a month and is partnered with FCA – Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Vogelsong first became aware of Young Life as a student in Greenbrier County.

“I had been in church pretty much my whole life growing up and it wasn’t until I got involved with Young Life when I was a sophomore in high school that I truly understood what the gospel meant, what it meant for me, and who I was,” he said.

Vogelsong continued his participation in the organization as a college student at

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Grow This! team makes plan for funding

Suzanne Stewart Staff Writer

Back in November, the Pocahontas County Grow This! team won second place and \$7,500 in the first WVU Extension Service Grow This! Throwdown. The statewide competition pitted county against county in a series of challenges during the growing season.

Now with the \$7,500 in hand, the team leaders only have one question to answer – “What do we do with the money?”

Those team leaders – Tammy Hively, Mia Evans, Hallie Herold and Mary Sue Burns – worked together to create a plan and they decided to use the funds to make container planters for the libraries and members of the team.

“The seeds we’re getting from Grow This! this year are geared toward container gardening,” Hively explained. “We don’t have everything fine-tuned yet, but we’re going to build planters that will hold a container the size of about 18 by 18 inches.”

The seed packets provided by WVU Extension Service this year are chives, pickling cucumbers and mesclun lettuce.

“They’re making people aware that there are other options if you don’t have a plot of land or a greenhouse or high tunnel,” Hively said. “If you just have a little patio then container gardening still works.”

This spring, the team will have two work sessions at the Green Bank Library to assemble the planters. The first set will be herb gardens that will be placed at the county libraries that wish to participate.

The herbs grown at the libraries will be available to anyone who wants to snip a few to take home.

The second set of container planters will be made available to members of the Pocahontas County Grow This! team, which has members from all over the county.

“We’re not sure how many are going to be at each library with herbs,” Hively said. “Then the throwdown team can also have one to take home as a reward, if you will, for being part of the throwdown team. That’s how we’re spending the money. We’re giving it back to the community.”

The team will buy supplies locally for the planters, including lumber and

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Suspended in Time: The Story of Our Balcony

Pocahontas County Opera House Caroline Hanson

Hello, friends! As winter settled in and our performance schedule took a brief pause, we delved into the rich history of the Pocahontas County Opera House. Over the next few weeks, we’ll be sharing a special series of posts highlighting some fascinating stories and tidbits from our past. We hope you enjoy this journey down memory lane as much as we have.

Built in 1910, our Opera House features a unique suspended balcony showcasing state-of-the-art architectural techniques of the early 20th century. The tension rods supporting the balcony, combined with the innovative use of poured-in-place concrete reinforced with steel logging train rails, made the Opera House a cutting-edge example of modern engineering during its time. This innovative design, which eliminates the need for interior columns, offers our audience clear, unobstructed views – a remarkable feature for its time and an enduring symbol of early 20th-century theater ingenuity.

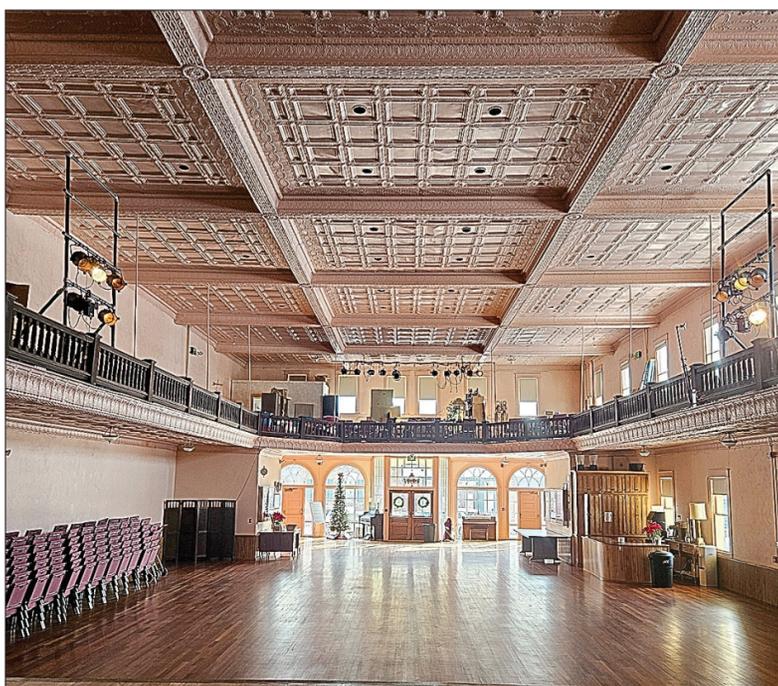
Unlike cantilevered balconies that project outward unsupported, our suspended balcony is held up by steel rods fastened to the trusses in the attic. This method distributes the weight of the balcony through the roof structure, allowing the performance hall to remain open and airy without sacrificing structural integrity. It’s a design that combines beauty and engineering in perfect harmony.

Our balcony wraps around three sides of the performance hall, showcasing the natural strength and warm beauty of black walnut.

However, for safety reasons – as the original railing is only about two feet high – the balcony is currently closed to the public.

Today, the Pocahontas County Opera House stands as a testament to the architectural ingenuity of its era. While preserving its historical charm, it continues to serve as a cultural hub for our community, connecting past and present through the arts.

Historical information was gathered from the National Parks Service’s historical survey and the History of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, 1981 by the Pocahontas County Historical Society, third printing, September 1997.



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Mic Checks and Balances: Morrisey presents first State of the State address

by Steven Allen Adams
WV Press Association

Governor Patrick Morrisey laid out his legislative agenda and presented lawmakers a balanced budget after previously raising alarms about a potential \$400 million budget hole in his first State of the State address as West Virginia's 37th Governor.

Morrisey gave his first State of the State address Wednesday night in the House of Delegates chamber to a joint session of the House and state Senate, as Morrisey's cabinet officials,

Board of Public Works members, justices, and guests looked on.

Morrisey was elected in November as governor, succeeding now-U.S. Sen. Jim Justice. A former three-term attorney general, Morrisey took office on January 13.

Starting off with a story about asking students attending West Virginia Boys State whether they plan to stay in West Virginia following graduation, Morrisey said his mission as governor is to work to make the state a place young people want to stay, work, and raise a family.

"The first question is: how many people here want to go to college? When I ask that question, nearly every hand goes up," Morrisey said. "Then I follow up and ask: how many people think there will be a good job available for you here in West Virginia once you graduate? Every year, about 20% of the hands go up. Think about that. It's heartbreaking: four out of five of these kids feel they need to leave the state to find a job.

"Tonight, I want to share my vision for how to make

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Pocahontas County Schools Under State of Emergency per WV BOE

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The special meeting of the Pocahontas County Board of Education scheduled for Thursday, February 13, was cancelled.

According to both Pocahontas County School Superintendent Lynne Bostic and BOE President Emery Grimes, the meeting was cancelled at the request of the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE).

The purpose of the meeting was to disclose the results of the state's investigation of the student transcript problems at Pocahontas County High School. This matter will now be discussed at the February 18 BOE meeting.

Bostic and Grimes said they have been told by the

WVDE to not discuss those investigative results until that February 18 meeting.

However, WV Metro News Reporter Morgan Pemberton reported that Pocahontas County Schools has been placed under a state of emergency by the WVDE after their investigation found serious issues at PCHS.

Pemberton's article said that on Wednesday, February 12, Alexandria Criner, Director of the WVDE's Office of Accountability, presented the results of their investigation to the state Board of Education, which, in addition to other troubling issues, found significant problems with PCHS's master schedule, grade transcription processes and counseling program. They visited the school in October of 2024 and found

additional problems involving the school's "leadership, positive and safe school environment and special education."

The article also said that some of these problems are already being worked on because to delay fixing them would negatively impact students.

After Criner presented the findings to the WV Board of Education, that board went into an executive session to discuss what to do about these issues. Following that session Deputy State Superintendent Michele Blatt recommended giving the Pocahontas County Schools six months to correct the problems uncovered at the school, and offered WVDE's support to assist them. The

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In the House of Delegates For the week ending February 14

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates Committee on Government Organization learned on just the second day of the 60-day regular legislative session how the body's new process for examining proposed legislation can help solve problems without passing a bill at all.

"I knew this was a possible effect of the new committee format, but I didn't expect to see it in action during our first meeting," said House Government Organization Committee Chairman Chris Phillips, R-Barbour. "I'm pleased we had designated time for the bill sponsor to explain what he was hoping to accomplish, then for committee members asked thoughtful questions and offered their own ideas but I'm especially happy State Fire Marshal Ken Tyree was able to speak openly with us and agree to a solution that will work without changing the law."

The House began the first session of the 87th Legislature with six standing com-

mittees, with four subcommittees under the House Finance Committee and three subcommittees under all the other standing committees. When a bill is introduced, the Speaker will refer it to a standing committee or a subcommittee, and a standing committee can refer it to a subcommittee. If it's placed on an agenda, it must go through a hearing where the bill sponsor explains the bill's purpose. The hearing stage is also when members of the public may provide testimony along with written comments to be included with the bill's materials. The process is the same for both the subcommittee and the standing committee, so each bill has the potential for multiple hearings.

The Committee heard House Bill 2074 Thursday, which sponsor Jim Butler, R-Mason, explained was spurred by a specific issue with food booths at his local county fair. Butler explained how a fire inspector visited and said the block buildings that had been in place for at least 50 years all needed au-

tomatic fire suppression systems or the nonprofit vendors operating for fundraisers would have to shut down. The short-term solution was for the vendors to each accept written violations with instructions to correct the problem within a window of time, which now is approaching.

"In this instance, the day one discussion resulted in an agreement between committee members, the bill sponsor and the Fire Marshal that the underlying and over-restrictive requirement in the fire code will be amended in the rules process," Butler said. "This means the problem is solved without the need to advance the bill, and I'll certainly follow up to be sure that change occurs as expected, but I'm very pleased with this outcome."

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Broadband Council website possibly hacked

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At a short February 13 meeting of the Pocahontas County Broadband Council, it was brought to the attention of the members that the council's website, pocahontascountybroadband.com, is not working, nor has it been for a while. Sarah Riley mentioned what she sees on the site is what appears to be a display of Chinese letters. However, when they tried to go onto the site right after the meeting, they got

this error message: "There has been a critical error on this website." It was pointed out that the importance of getting this fixed is that once construction begins on the various broadband projects in the county, this website will be a primary way for the public to follow the progress of the construction.

Cory Nipper, of Thompson and Litton (T&L), reported that as far as the ARC Power Grant Project goes, they are still waiting for the final approval from the State Broadband Council before they can advertise

for bids for a contractor to do the construction. He said everything has been submitted for a while to the state. Nipper said that once that approval comes through, the next steps involve holding a pre-bid meeting; placing a 30-day advertisement for bids from construction contractors; then doing a bid tabulation which usually means selecting the lowest bidder, after that there will be a pre-construction meeting with the selected contractor, followed

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Five takeaways from Governor Morrisey's State of the State address

Henry Culvyhouse
mountainstatespotlight.org

From coal to education to deregulation to drugs, Governor Patrick Morrisey covered a lot of ground as he laid out his legislative agenda to a packed House chamber during his State of the State address last Wednesday night.

Here are five things you need to know about what Morrisey hopes to see this year:

1. Use West Virginia's coal to fuel a "Mountain State comeback"

Selling a vision where children will grow up to live and work in West Virginia, Morrisey described a future

economy powered by supercomputers, data centers and cryptocurrency.

And like the heyday of steel in the 50s, Morrisey said this new economy will rely on electricity, and that electricity will come from West Virginia coal and natural gas.

In many ways, a large component of all his plans — whether it was education, cutting business regulations, speeding up permit processing and cutting taxes — is to continue the tradition of the same extractive industries that have left streams polluted, men dying in their 50s and towns with soot in their attics.

"West Virginia has power

and, by God, we are going to use it," Morrisey said, "We'll use every last ounce to fuel our Mountain State Comeback."

He vowed not only to continue with coal, but with natural gas, hydropower and nuclear energy — an idea that has, at times, been derided by pro-coal lawmakers.

To get there, he wants to cut taxes, regulations and make it easy for industries to set up shop.

2. Work closely with President Donald Trump

When Morrisey first mentioned President Donald J. Trump, the 123 Republican lawmakers in the room

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AG joins coalition urging passage of HALT Fentanyl Act

West Virginia Attorney General JB McCuskey has joined a coalition of 25 states led by Iowa and Virginia in urging the U.S. Senate to pass the HALT Fentanyl Act, which will close the copycat fentanyl loophole and save American lives.

Since 2018, fentanyl has killed nearly as many Americans as World War II. The problem has only been made worse by Mexican drug cartels smuggling deadly Chinese-made copycat fentanyl across the southern border.

Between October 2021 and June 2022 alone, U.S. Customs and Border Protection seized enough fentanyl to kill the entire American population five times over.

"How many more deaths should we endure for us to realize that the dangers of this substance are real?" Attorney General McCuskey

said. "Everyone should be aware of the serious danger posed by fentanyl, which is tainting the entire supply of illegal drugs and counterfeit pills. Fentanyl and its analogues have made their way onto our streets with alarming regularity, and overdose deaths related to fentanyl now surpass deaths related to heroin."

Copycat fentanyl, or fentanyl analogues, are lab-created drugs that are made to avoid certain harsher penalties under U.S. law. These fentanyl analogues are often more harmful than prescription fentanyl.

The legislation would permanently schedule all current and future fentanyl analogues as Schedule I drugs, giving law enforcement the appropriate tools they need to crack down on the epidemic by stopping the flow of the dangerous drugs developed to imitate fentanyl

(although not chemically identical). Congress temporarily classified fentanyl and fentanyl analogues as Schedule I drugs, but that status is set to expire March 31. The HALT Fentanyl Act will permanently fix the problem.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the HALT Fentanyl Act with an overwhelming bipartisan majority. The coalition is now calling on the Senate to do the same.

Attorney General McCuskey joined the Iowa- and Virginia-led letter with Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

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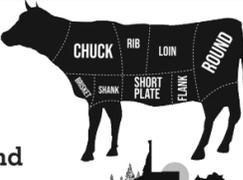
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Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

For self-styled students of American history, like me, Presidents Day provides an annual reminder of how Americans' lives were shaped by our founding fathers.

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But when we say, "a picture is worth a thousand words," we might be describing our modern literary invention – the coffee table book.

These delightful creations bring us beyond the words on a page to an actual vision of their subject and can certainly bring history to life.

This is why I am so enamored with coffee table books about the lives of our founding fathers and I recommend them to our readers.

Any of these books would interest someone who enjoys studying the lives of our founding fathers, and in particular, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson – two of America's most beloved political and cultural figures.

They shine a bright light on life as it was lived at Mount Vernon and Monticello, the homes of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, who were – each in their own way – "Renaissance men."

Washington and Jefferson's wide-ranging interests ran from military strategy to botany, gardening, cuisine and international diplomacy. Their lives reflected the convergence of history and culture, architecture and landscape design, horticulture and science and their homes are a testament to it.

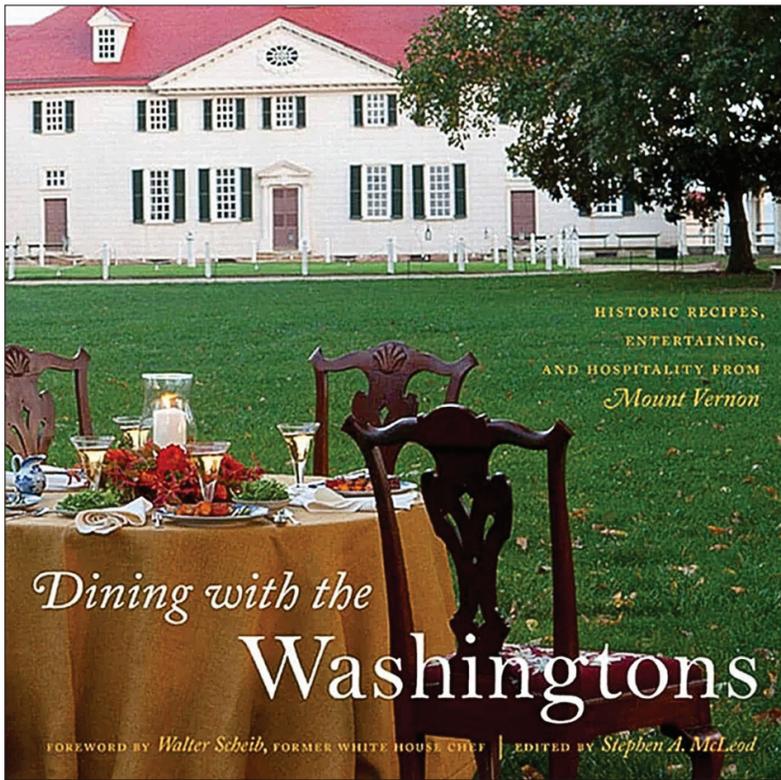
The informative narratives and captivating photography in each of these books take us on a compelling journey through Mount Vernon and Monticello, offering us an intimate tour of these magnificent living history museums.

We are blessed to live as close as we do to both. It would be a shame not to make at least one pilgrimage there.

Until you can visit in person, any of these beautiful books can take you there in spirit.

Dining with the Washingtons: Historic Recipes, Entertaining, and Hospitality from Mount Vernon

Edited by Stephen McLeod
This well-researched book offers essays and handsome illustrations which combine to give readers a glimpse into the homelife of and the meals enjoyed by George and Martha Washington and



their many distinguished guests.

It's part 18th century history lesson and part cookbook –filled, not only with the social and culinary culture of the day, but authentic recipes (thankfully updated for today's cooks) from Mount Vernon's kitchen.

Dining with the Washingtons will surely engage gourmards and history buffs alike and will find a place on both their coffee tables and their kitchen counters.

It features a foreword by former White House executive chef Walter Scheib and more than 90 historic recipes adapted for the modern kitchen by renowned culinary historian Nancy Carter Crump.

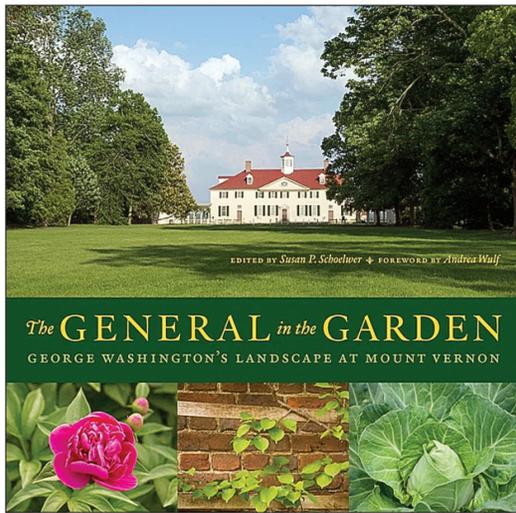
The General in the Garden: George Washington's Landscape at Mount Vernon

The General in the Garden is composed of three essays, by Adam T. Erby, J. Dean Norton, and Esther C. White, which chronicle Washington's extensive work to transform Mount Vernon in the years between the American Revolution and the Constitutional Convention.

These knowledgeable authors also explain how exhaustive research and archaeological discoveries led to the ground-breaking recreation of Mount Vernon's gardens, two centuries after Washington's death.

The book's lavish illustrations bring Mount Vernon's landscape features to life. These are arguably the best-documented and best-preserved complex of gardens and grounds to survive from 18th century America.

This book will appeal to



students of American history who are interested in President Washington's intense love and sophisticated knowledge of farming, gardening and landscaping and the enduring legacy in agrarian culture that Mount Vernon has given America.

The Worlds of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello

Written by Susan R. Stein, a curator of Monticello, this magnificent book contains photographs of more than 150 of the objects that President Jefferson acquired.

The book's photography documents the priceless historical treasures Jefferson brought to Monticello.

They range from the lap desk on which the Declaration of Independence was composed, to the Mandan buffalo robe which was part of Jefferson's collection of

Native American artifacts.

The book includes an exhaustive catalogue of Monticello's art and artifacts, with details about their history and their significance to Jefferson.

Significantly, it represents the first time these objects have been seen together since the contents of Monticello were dispersed at the president's death.

This astonishing collection reveals the range of Jefferson's curiosity and interests. It reveals him not only a great statesman but as an accomplished architect, amateur scientist, farmer and student of history.

Monticello reflects not only the mind of America's greatest statesman, but also and the styles of colonial America.

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Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

Books have always been my happy place.

In elementary school, I would race through my assignments so that I could get a book from the classroom library. In sixth grade, my teacher read a single chapter of a book aloud to us each day. By around the third day, I'd been to the library and finished the book. I mean, who could wait four whole weeks to see how things turned out?

In the fall of my seventh-grade year, my English teacher asked us to read *The Hobbit* for class. At Christmas a few months later, I eagerly unwrapped a boxed set of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. By the time Christmas vacation ended, I had nearly finished a second read-through. That now-battered and taped-together set of paperbacks has endured a dozen or more readings since and still occupies a place on my shelves.

As I grew older, I developed favorite places for reading.

I'd retreat to my bedroom where I'd set up shop on Dad's cast-off office chair, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a big glass of chocolate milk and a novel in hand. By the time I finished high school, I'd been through the entire science fiction section of the Ravenswood branch of the Jackson County Public Library. Tom Clancy thrillers and James A. Michener's place-based family sagas were other high school favorites.

Many of those books never made it to my house, though. The reference room at the library was a great spot for reading. That was the room at the back of the library, with the big table and all the encyclopedias and dictionaries and atlases—the books that have mostly been replaced by the internet.

That was also where we met up to complete school projects. It was a great solution—a space where the teenagers could be loud (as teenagers are wont to do) without bothering the other patrons.

The basement of Morton Hall was my favorite college reading spot. I worked as a tutor in Hampden-Sydney College's writing center, which was tucked away in the corner. I worked the Sunday afternoon shift every fall. I rarely saw anyone. The writing center is poor competition for the NFL's late game. Instead, I spent those three hours curled up on a sofa with a book.

The philosophy department at the University of Virginia allowed graduate students to propose and teach introductory courses. Mine was called *Metaphysics and Science Fiction* and it paired short stories with philosophy essays on topics like artificial intelligence, personal identity and the nature of time.

My carrel desk in Alderson Library was equal parts John Stuart Mill—the subject of my PhD work—and collections of science fiction short stories, because, hey, that's research for class and definitely not me goofing off!

Earlier this week, I saw a fellow Gen-Xer on social media reminiscing about the bookstores and coffee shops of our youth—independent places with comfortable seats where young people could gather to read, socialize and generally just be. There was much lamenting that young people today lack such places.

I can't say that I relate to that particular bit of nostalgia.

Late 1980s Ravenswood, West Virginia, had about 4,000 residents, but it was in some ways smaller than Marlinton. The town had a single traffic light and exactly zero bookstores, coffee shops or local restaurants.

But we did have a library, one that was within walking distance of both the middle and high school. That was our third space—a place that wasn't home or school, that welcomed us to gather in groups or as individuals, to read or just to talk.

And you know what? Those haven't gone anywhere.

They may not be within walking distance of the high school. But there is a branch relatively near everyone.

We have spaces for curling up with a good book. For listening to your favorite podcast. For gathering around a board game with friends. For working on a school project. Or for just getting together with friends.

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Let's go to the movies...

1. What popular detective did Robert Downey Jr. portray in a series of movies?
2. What was the only James Bond film to crack the top-ten list for highest grossing movies of the 1960s?
3. What French detective features in the "Pink Panther" movies?
4. Which Christmas film revolutionized fake snow in movies?

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Obituary



Norman Vance

Norman Blake Vance, age 78, passed away at his home in Durbin, Saturday, February 15, 2025.

Born November 24, 1946, in Whitmer, he was a son of the late Covey Brooks "Chippy" and Mary M. Nelson Vance.

Norman grew up in Cheat Bridge and Durbin. He graduated from Green Bank High School in 1965 and was drafted to the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. Norman was honorably discharged and returned to Durbin to live. He worked for the Hercules Corporation in Covington, Virginia, Howes Leather in Frank and was currently employed by Interstate Lumber in Bartow.

Norman enjoyed the company of friends and family. He would spend time locally with Robert and Connie Greulich and Bob Vance. Norman loved Erika and RJ Morgan and found joy in being a part of their lives. He also stayed connected with family in Whitmer. He was fond of Chinese food at the Super China Buffet in Elkins

and enjoyed local restaurants in Durbin, Bartow and Boyer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his longtime companion, Tammy Oxier.

Those left to cherish his memory are his extended family: Robert and Connie Greulich, Tommy Greulich; Rick, Shawnee, Erika and RJ Morgan; Lee Oxier and wife, Jessie; Anna Kane and husband Mark, Jr; Hallie Kane; Marka Taylor and husband, Travis; Addisyn Taylor; Ellie Greulich; and many other family members and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale, with Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating. Burial, with military honors conducted by the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps, will follow at the Arbovale Annex Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from noon until time of service.

Donations in memory of Norman may be made to: Laurel Hill Cemetery, Whitmer WV, ATTN: Pam White, PO Box 227, Whitmer, WV 26296, or

Pocahontas Humane Society, 410 2nd Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954, or

BFD Fire Rescue, PO Box 267, Durbin, WV 26264.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Starting with a question

by Dawn Reed

The story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8 may seem like an old story, but if we take a fresh look at it, we can see it is a reminder of how God draws us to Him. His goal is for everyone to come to know Him (2 Peter 3:9) and He is willing to go great distances to make that happen.

Philip had been doing good work in Samaria, but God called him from that to go to a desert road. A quick response was crucial. The person he needed to meet would only be there for a short time. There was not a minute to waste. God was putting perfectly timed puzzle pieces together.

With clear directions, Philip set out on his way. The

Ethiopian "just happened" to be there sitting in his chariot. And he "just happened" to be reading the book of Isaiah. The official had been to Jerusalem to worship. We see the Holy Spirit was already at work, drawing and stirring his heart.

The Spirit told Philip, "Go to the chariot and stay near it." Philip didn't drag his feet; he RAN to the chariot. (Extra points for that, Philip. It can be scary speaking to someone about Jesus.)

Philip hurried to the chariot, and asked a question: "What are you reading?" So many good gospel conversations can start with a question.

A few weeks ago, at an event in Louisville, I met a young lady named Emma. We chatted as she was setting up lunch.

When she was finished, I walked out with her. I didn't have a Bible verse card or tract to give her. There was no time for the Roman Road Scriptures or paper to draw out the Three Circles plan of salvation. So, I asked a question: "Do you go to church anywhere?"

She didn't and had NEVER, EVER been. Not once. As we talked, she told me she had been thinking about it, even talking about it to her husband. The Lord was already working!

I invited her to the church where we were standing, letting her know I had just met the pastor and liked him, but had already known and loved the pastor's wife. "This may be a great place for you to try."

"OK," she answered with a smile. "Thanks!" she called back as she went to her car. She thanked me for inviting her to church.

We encounter people every day who are burdened, struggling, in crisis, and are confused. We know what they need. We know WHO they need! In the moment we may struggle with the right words - fearful we will screw it all up. While we may not have time to lay out the entire plan of salvation and end with a prayer, but, like Philip, we can open the door with a question.

Of course, there will be times for full conversations. Until then, we can smile, know it's a spiritual connection and ask a question. Invite people to Jesus by inviting them to church.

"Do you go to church anywhere?" might be the beginning of a great conversation.

After their perfectly timed meeting, Philip and the Ethiopian never saw each other again. That day the Lord had put them together for eternal purposes.

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Worship 10 a.m. Stated Session Meeting 11:15 a.m.

Arbovale United Methodist Church - 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.

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ship 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Address, from page 2

those hands go up and help kids and grandkids make West Virginia home forever," Morrissy continued.

Morrissy said he wants to leverage West Virginia's rich history as an energy state and abundance of coal and natural gas. Morrissy also wants to grow the perception that West Virginia is an all-of-the-above energy state, willing to embrace micro-grids for manufacturing and small modular nuclear reactors in order for the nation to compete globally with countries, such as China.

"China already generates half of the world's coal fired power, which gives it a huge advantage in the arms race for computing power and intelligence," Morrissy said. "America can either find a way to dramatically increase its power production, or China will eclipse our nation in a technological battle that will determine our national security. West Virginia will play a critical role in this competition."

Morrissy said he will establish the West Virginia POWER (Powering Our Workforce through Energy and Revolutionary) Tech Center, a public-private partnership involving higher education to work on initiatives to promote West Virginia's energy sector and grow employment in the state.

"This new center will not only help drive state and national thinking on data and energy needs, but it will create new opportunities for the type of advanced manufacturing jobs that provide long-term economic security for our state," Morrissy said. "This Center will teach our students in these new fields and also play a crucial role in our state's vo-tech renaissance."

Morrissy presented lawmakers his bill for a balanced general revenue budget with a revenue estimate of \$5.323 billion for fiscal year 2026 beginning in July. This comes after Morrissy announced in January that his revenue officials estimated a \$400 million hole in the fiscal year 2026 budget.

"The most basic rule of budgeting, whether you're a family sitting at the kitchen table, or you're the state of West Virginia, is that you can't spend more money than you make," Morrissy said. "The budget that I inherited would have put us approximately \$400 million into the red for fiscal year 2026. And over \$500 million into the red for 2027, and over \$550 million to \$600 million annually after that."

Morrissy's budget represents a 1.1% increase from the general revenue estimate for the current fiscal year of \$5.264 billion, or an increase of \$58.6 million. State revenue officials who spoke on background Wednesday said the budget was balanced without using the \$1.3 billion in the state Rainy Day Fund or the more than \$460 million in the personal income tax reserve fund.

"Tonight, I'm submitting the Mountain State Comeback Budget, a balanced budget which represents a down payment on a multi-year plan to solve our state's financial challenges," Morrissy said. "Under my administration, our hallmark will be fiscal responsibility. Our budget will not propose new ongoing programs without new ongoing revenue."

Though targeted cuts were made - approximately 2% in general revenue reductions - available unappropriated surplus tax collections helped fill the nearly \$400 million hole. Morrissy has also proposed consolidation of several cabinet departments, as well as audits of state departments and agencies to discover waste, fraud, abuse, redundancies, and inefficiencies.

Programs within the Department of Human Services, the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the school aid formula that provides state funding to county school systems, and the Hope Scholarship educational voucher program remain fully funded.

However, no pay raises are contemplated for fiscal year 2026 for public employees paid through the general revenue budget, though future financial projections contemplate an average 3% raise for public employees in future fiscal years. Morrissy

also asked lawmakers to work with him this session to develop short-term and long-term solutions for the Public Employees Insurance Agency.

"Tonight, I ask the Legislature to work with me to develop short and long-term solutions to PEIA and to find ways to help retirees on fixed incomes - without pushing our problems into the future," Morrissy said.

During his campaign and during the first weeks in office, Morrissy has proposed a "Backyard Brawl" to be competitive with neighboring states when it comes to rules, regulations, and tax structure. Morrissy wants to empower state economic development officials to work on industrial site selection and workforce training. He wants to work with the administration of President Donald Trump on broadband expansion in the state.

Morrissy wants to allow for occupational licensing reciprocity so that people from other states who move to West Virginia can begin work without going through a new licensing process. He wants to eliminate the certificate of need program for health care facilities. And Morrissy also wants to remove red tape slowing down permitting projects for energy and infrastructure projects, including a dashboard where projects can be tracked.

"We must increase efficiency in the permitting processes, so that our transportation, manufacturing, and energy construction projects are not bogged down in a sea of red tape," Morrissy said. "We're drafting legislation that will create a 'one-stop shop' system for permitting ap-

provals. So, when you want to expand a business or build a manufacturing facility - you come to one office to help to coordinate and expedite all the various permits you need to start your project."

Citing recent national scores showing improvement by West Virginia students in returning to pre-COVID 19 pandemic reading and mathematics scores, Morrissy said much work remains to bring the state's test scores up. He supports continued funding and expansion of the Hope Scholarship, working to pay teachers at rates competitive with neighboring states, and making improvements to the school aid formula for the first time in more than 20 years.

"This year, I will be asking the Legislature to work with me to open up the antiquated school aid formula so that we can address all of our financial needs at once: those of our families, our taxpayers, and our teachers," Morrissy said. "This is another area where we should collaborate with the Trump Administration. West Virginia needs more flexibility from the federal government to administer its school aid monies and help our

kids excel in math, science, reading, and other subjects."

Morrissy also called for a ban on cell phones in classrooms, expanding vocational programs in schools, focusing on 21st-century skills in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), coding, and digital literacy.

In his first weeks in office, Morrissy signed executive orders banning diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs in state government and banning state funding for such programs, which Morrissy has said grants special privileges for special classes of people. Morrissy has also been vocal against transgender procedures for children and allowing transgender student athletes to participate in girl's and women's sports.

Morrissy said Wednesday he would call on the Legislature to pass the Riley Gaines Act, named for a former college swimmer at the University of Kentucky and the ambassador for Independent Women's Voice, a conservative advocacy group. Known last year as the Women's Bill of Rights Act, the Riley Gaines Act would define sex-based

terms in State Code for "woman," "girl" and "mother" to refer to cisgender females with narrow exceptions.

In closing, Morrissy referred to the Super Bowl last Sunday, where a commercial used the John Denver classic "Take Me Home, Country Roads," with the song highlighting West Virginia also being sung by attendees at the Superdome in New Orleans.

"To many around the country, and the world, 'Country Roads' is all that comes to mind when they think about our wild and wonderful state in the mountains - and that's a real shame," Morrissy said. "There is so much more to West Virginia than our beloved John Denver song."

"In a few years' time, when 'Country Roads' plays in Morgantown, thousands of students will be singing not only with pride in a Mountaineer victory - they will sing with pride knowing that their job, their family, and their future will be right here in West Virginia," Morrissy continued. "Ladies and gentlemen, the Mountain State Comeback is here - and it starts right now."



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Early, from page 3

Thomas Jefferson's Monticello

by William L. Beiswanger, Lucia C. Stanton, Peter J. Hatch and Susan R. Stein

The book includes five essays by the noted scholars with an introductory essay by Wendell Garrett.

Thomas Jefferson's Monticello is a thoroughly researched look at President Jefferson's beloved "little mountain."

Jefferson, the third president of the United States, designed his Virginia residence with innovations that were unprecedented in the New World.

The beauty of the house and innovation of its design stand as a testament to Jefferson's architectural prowess. A visitor in 1782 famously wrote: "Mr. Jefferson is the first American who has consulted the Fine Arts to know how he should shelter himself from the weather."

Jefferson's extraordinary designs and inventions found throughout the house are explored in great detail in the book.

Readers are also given a tour of Monticello's celebrated gardens and grounds – gardens and vineyards – a lovely landscape of flowers, fruits, herbs and vegetables gathered from both from the Old and New Worlds.

Monticello's historic value is reflected in the fact that the site is included in the United Nation's list of World Heritage Sites, which must be protected at all costs, designating the house and grounds as an international treasure.

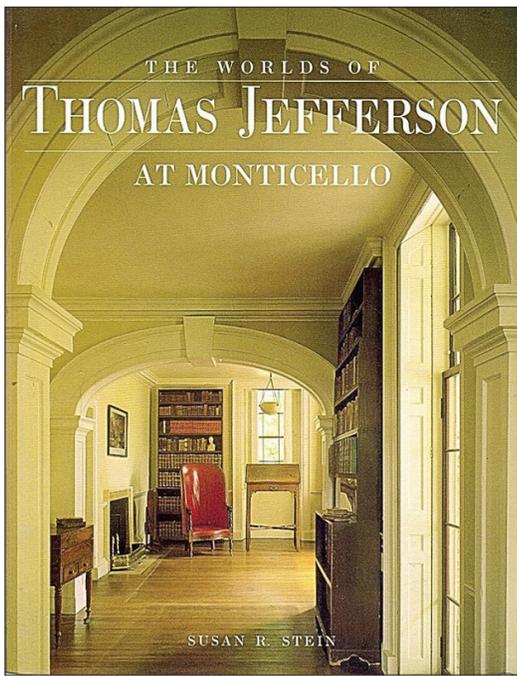
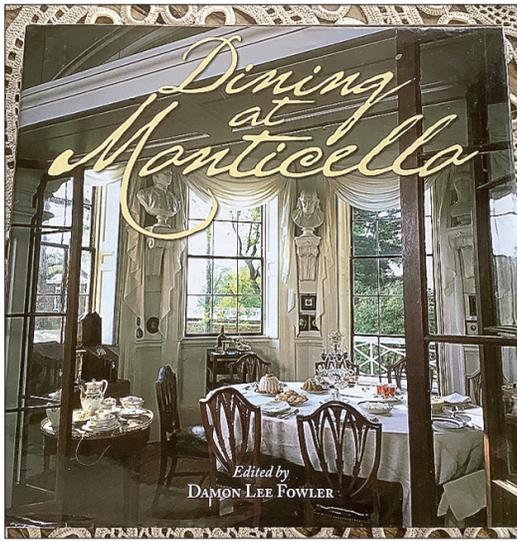
Thomas Jefferson's Monticello is a fitting tribute to one of America's greatest homes.

Dining at Monticello, In Good Taste and Abundance
Edited by Damon Lee Fowler, author of *Classical Southern Cooking*

This stunningly beautiful book takes readers on a wonderful "cook's tour" of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's beloved "little mountain" home.

It features essays on 18th and early 19th century culinary culture along with 75 recipes, authentic to the period, augmented by historical illustrations and sumptuous color photography.

It recounts details Monticello's extensive gardens and vineyards and the exquisite hospitality they afforded family and guests in Monticello's dining room.



cello's dining room.

I was given a copy for Christmas and since then, have pored over its pages many times, making promises to recreate some of these recipes in my own kitchen – one of these days!

Thomas Jefferson at Monticello
by Leslie Greene Bowman (president of Monticello and the Thomas Jefferson Foundation) and Charlotte Moss (designer and author)
Photography by renowned interiors photographer, Miguel Flores-Vianna

Narratives in *Thomas Jefferson at Monticello* include contributions by some of America's foremost experts in their fields and they do honor to President Jefferson's vision.

Contributors include: Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Annette Gordon-Reed; Carla Hayden – the 14th Librarian of Congress; Pulitzer Prize winning presidential historian Jon Meacham; wine columnist Jay McInerney; Xavier Salomon, deputy director/chef at New York's

Frick Collection; Gil Schaffer, award winning architect; Alice Waters, renowned chef and author and Thomas Woltz, an award-winning landscape architect.

Obviously, this is a scholarly text, but it is anything but a dry read.

Thomas Jefferson at Monticello is both an academic a tour de force combined with an irresistible collection of phenomenal photography.

The book examines Jefferson's passion for art, culture and science – his adaptation of Palladian architecture and visionary landscape design, his horticultural experimentation and passion for French wine and cuisine and his creation of America's seminal library.

It belongs on the bookshelf of everyone interested in the genius of Thomas Jefferson.

Calling, from page 1

Concord University and led Young Life during that time. After earning his degree, he knew he needed to continue his leadership role in one way or another.

"I felt like God was calling me to do it and pursue it; and who am I to tell God no," he said.

Vogelsong has a group of high school students who loyally attend the meetings once a week and said he is working on growing the middle school membership with the help of other county leaders, such as WVU Extension 4-H Agent Luci Mosesso.

"I don't know that many people at Green Bank just yet, but hopefully, Lord willing, I will," he said. "I know at Marlinton, Luci Mosesso is a great resource. She helps

me out a lot getting middle school things up and running."

At the end of February, Vogelsong and Mosesso are taking a group of middle school students to a Young Life camp for fun and learning about the gospel.

Plans are in motion to add more field trips, including a small group trip to Summersville and the larger summer camp at Rockbridge in Goshen, Virginia.

"It is a Young Life camp," Vogelsong said. "They literally have everything you could ever imagine and want to do. If you want to play volleyball, basketball, soccer, football, baseball, whatever, they've got it. Kids can run around and just go wild and have the time of their lives."

"At the end of the day, we have Young Life club, and we do those things that we try to do here – sing a song,

do skits, play games and at the very end, we sit down and talk about life and talk about Jesus," he added.

Vogelsong said the camp is a very fun experience and he still looks back fondly at his time attending.

"When I was in high school, I can honestly say it was the best week of my life and it's such an honor to try to get kids there and have them, hopefully, have the best week of their lives there," he said.

The Young Life program is 100 percent funded by generous donations from the community – through individuals, churches and organizations. The goal is to get kids involved without asking them to pay to attend events.

Individuals and organizations interested in supporting the program may contact Vogelsong by calling 304-667-3243 or emailing him at olvogel1@gmail.com

Grow, from page 1

seeds or plants to put in the herb gardens.

Once those two projects are complete, if there is any money left, it will go toward the community gardens in the county.

"We plan to do improvements to the existing com-

munity gardens in the neighborhoods," Hively said. "Maybe fence. Maybe landscape fabric. Whatever they need."

The Grow This! Throwdown competition for 2025 was kicked off in January with the seed giveaway and the Pocahontas County team is getting excited about the upcoming challenges.

Those interested in joining

the team may do so by joining the Facebook page "Pocahontas County WV, Grow This! Throwdown Team. Information about the challenges and gardening tips are shared daily on the site."

The team leaders have their sights set on first place this year and with new members joining every day, they are sure it will be quite the throwdown.

Hacked, from page 2

by the start of the construction.

Mike Holstine mentioned that he was told at the State Broadband Council Meeting the previous day, that the state has several questions about the project and would be contacting the council about those shortly.

Melissa O'Brien told the members that the two proj-

ects of Spruce Knob/Seneca Rocks (SKSRs) in the northern part of Pocahontas County are moving forward, with construction to begin in the spring on their West Virginia Line Extension and Development or LEAD Project, while the other one is still in a design and planning phase.

Regarding the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (or BEAD) broadband projects, O'Brien said they are still working with the state regarding the BEAD

applications in Pocahontas County. Holstine added that the deadline date for these is mid-April so he expects to see the BEAD projects moving forward after that. Anne Stroud said the NTIA is reducing the public comment period on these BEAD projects from 30 days down to 14 days, which might speed things up, and both Stroud and O'Brien said they expect the official BEAD project awards to be announced as early as mid-March.

House, from page 2

"Any time we can solve a problem for our constituents it's a win, and doing so without endlessly amending state law is a bonus."

As Marshal Tyree explained to the committee members, the state fire code was written in 1979 and updated about 15 times since

then, but he said he'd have no problem addressing Butler's narrow and limited exception under rule instead.

"If anyone has ever wondered how the West Virginia State Code could have become a patchwork of narrow nooks and crannies that may seem like they don't fit together, one simply has to live through a few legislative sessions," said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay. "This specific instance was

not necessarily the grand challenges of the state that we know we must address, but this was a meaningful proposal nonetheless and I'm pleased that its abbreviated journey through the legislative process is a good thing.

A total of 377 bills have been introduced in the House, and the 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight April 12.



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Baby Girl at North Fork Lumber – circa 1918



THIS UNKNOWN BABY girl is walking on the railroad tracks at the lumber mill operation of the North Fork Lumber Company. This was probably on Sutton Run near Green Bank, West Virginia. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection; ID: PHS002304)

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.

Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 22, 1900

A plague of measles is universal in this county. Happy is he who buried this sorrow with other ills of his childhood.

The Methodist church is being fitted up with furniture. A 500-pound bell is on the ground ready to be put in place.

A case of smallpox developed near Millboro Depot Monday and a strict quarantine has been established by the rest of Bath County against that point.

Several persons who traveled in Bath County last week with health certificates found no place in which they could eat and sleep in the county. A Millboro wagon was turned back at the top of the mountain. We feel sorry for Bath, for to be scared to death is worse than the plague.

NEW STAR ROUTE ORDER

The Postmaster General has long sought to obtain from Congress the right to refuse all bids for star route contracts except such as come from contractors living on or near the routes concerned. A large class of professional bidders has sprung up within the last thirty years. These men obtain contracts by the thousand and sublet them at about \$10 a year less than their own proposals, a practice which makes it needlessly difficult for the department to compel good service...

FROST

Fourteen below zero Tuesday morning. Snow 8 inches deep and windy.

James Gragg's wife, near this place, has been dangerously ill for the past 10 days.

John Tacy died at the camp Friday night last, of pneumonia.

Mrs. Jennie Williams is still growing worse. Her friends have given up all hope of her recovery.

Peyton Moore has changed his occupation from the measles to clerking and is now in the store of Hannah & Harper, where he is kept

busy.

James A. Reed, who was a frequent visitor to our town, has discontinued coming. He has an 8-pound boy and is now taking his time up singing, “Bye, oh, Baby!”

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Guinn, a fine girl. Harry is seen no more at the stores. Mother and child are doing well.

There are plenty of widows and bachelors in this section; but, Mr. Editor, they always remind us of – hotel soap!

A great many of our young gentlemen and ladies “tipped their light fantastic toes” at John Cleek's, eight miles below here, Wednesday night last.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM WESTON

Gentlemen – As a Valentine, I will send you a postal money order for two dollars, which pays my arrearages on subscription to date...

The Times is quite a source of pleasure each week to me, as it brings to my mind many persons that I am acquainted with and brings me the doings of the people in general.

We are now quarantined against smallpox here and it is lonesome and disagreeable to be penned up without any access to the outside. There is only one case of smallpox so far in Eston, but of course the family of the patient will be afflicted, and it may be some time before the quarantine is raised...

It seems to be scattered over nearly all of this part of the State, as there are pretty reliable reports of smallpox in all the following named counties: Monongalia, Harrison, Upshur, Lewis, Gilmer, Ritchie, Braxton and Webster, and reports, but not absolutely reliable, from Marion, Doddridge and Calhoun.

I have only heard of one fatality so far, that was a Mr. Bennet at Glenville. He was a lawyer.

The latest report gives Buckhannon 30 to 35 cases of smallpox, and the local authorities there have acknowledged that it is smallpox and that Camden-on-

Gauley has 12 to 15 cases.

Very respectfully,
O. Hunter Kee
(Mr. Kee is employed as a guard at the Weston Hospital)

THE LAUNCHING OF THE POCAHONTAS

Smith & Whiting sent a couple of their employees down the river to cut away some of the drift timber which would interfere with their driving logs. They came to Marlinton and made a very neat boat, pitching it within and without, and were preparing to sail away in an unostentatious way when some of the boarders at the Marlinton House decided that the boat must be launched in style.

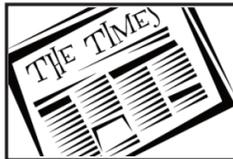
A crowd gathered at the bridge in spite of the storm. Senator McNeel made a speech and Miss Mary Yeager broke a large bottle of good red wine over the bow and said, “I christen thee The Pocahontas.” The hitch occurred when it was found that the bottle would not break against the soft wood of the boat. One of the lumbermen held his cant hook so that the bottle could be broken. When the bottle was broken a hail went up from some of the spectators, who cried that they were carrying the joke too far.

The local Society for the Support and Maintenance of Opulent Liquor Dealers handed in the following set of resolutions:

Whereas, on Saturday, February 17, 1900, a small boat was launched at the Greenbrier Bridge during very inclement weather and whereas, on that occasion a large bottle of wine was broken over the front end of the boat and the contents wasted, be it resolved:

That it is the sense of this society that such action was wasteful, extravagant and uncalled for; that all such practices be condemned and that hereafter we unite and change the practice of christening boats to the more sensible form of drinking the contents and breaking the bottle on the bow of the boat.

Given under our hands and sealed with the great seal of our order, Want, Wretchedness and Crime, this 18th day of February.
G. I. N. RICKEY, T. BOTTLERNOSE, A THURSTON, Committee



Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
February 20, 1975

Another big skiing weekend at Snowshoe with several thousand skiers. Good weather on Saturday, misting on Sunday.

The new Marlinton fire engine arrived in town Monday afternoon. Fred Burns, Jr., Reed Wilfong, Bob Barlow, Doug Dunbrack, Tom Dunbrack and Tony Ricottilli went to Vinton, Virginia, to pick up the \$64,000 truck which has been on order for over two years. The prices have risen so dramatically that the Fire Department feels their contract provided a real bargain. Hose and other equipment will raise the cost about \$5,000.

The engine has hydraulic powered extension ladders to reach 50 feet in the air in any desired direction or angle; a tube built into this extension will deliver 1,000 gallons of water a minute at

the top, and it can be set to automatically spray this water back and forth. Supports drop down at the side of the truck to stabilize it and the ladder will support a thousand pounds of people.

Strawberry Princess

Susan DeNora Viers, a freshman at Alderson Broaddus college has been chosen by House of Delegates members Julia Pittsenberger and Jae Spears as princess in the West Virginia Strawberry festival.

Miss Viers, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Viers, of Buckeye, and a graduate of Pocahontas County High School. She is majoring in nursing and is a member of Alpha Beta Nu.

In 1974, she was chosen “Miss Congeniality” in the Miss Pocahontas Pageant, and in 1973 was one of several exchange students from England to go to Bromley, England...

Hillsboro Honor Roll

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Fifth Grade: Robin Hilleary, Terri Dilley, Angie Hefner, Paula Burks, Christine Dulaney, Cindy Lansaw, Barbara McNeel, Wesley Lewis, Shelly Tyree, Carolyn Wilfong, Jane Wilfong. Sixth Grade: Cindy Clutter, Mike Meadows, Evelyn Pritt, Angie Pyles, Bruce Rose, Linda Walls, David Walton, Donna Walton, Kevin Workman, Randy Wiley, Tonja Wiley, Brenda Kennison.

Seventh Grade: Kimberly Alderman, Brenda Clutter, Meg Crickenberger, Rhonda Hammons, Troy McCoy, Jeff Pritt, Bobby Simmons, Rhonda Williams, Patricia Kellison.

Eighth Grade: Patsy Boggs, Katie Crickenberger, Nancy Hefner, Connie Madison, Sandy McMillion, Donna Sizemore, Lola PCHS to go to Bromley, England...

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
March 2, 1950

There are 317 old folks now living at the Andrew S. Rowan Memorial Home at Sweet Springs. Their average age is 77.2 years, 10 years higher than the average life span just announced. Rowan Home residents are divided into 181 men and 136 women, ranging in age from 65 to 95, with an average age of 77.1 for the men, 77.3 for the women, indicating only slightly that women live longer than men. – West Virginia News.

ville Lodge No. 65. He demitted to Marlinton in 1905 and became one of the charter members of the Marlinton Lodge No. 127. In 1918, he demitted to Pocahontas Lodge No. 121 at Hillsboro, where he is a member at the present time.

WEATHER

For the sake of the record, these parts enjoyed five inches of snowfall last Saturday, February 23. This is the first real snow of the year at Marlinton. Then each morning since Tuesday, the cold was from ten to twenty degrees above zero.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson Miller, of Marlinton, a son, Charles Wilson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sherman Gibson, of Marlinton, a son, Stephen Michael.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Okey Gilbert Hammons, of Marlinton a son, Thomas Lee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Clarence Kennedy, of Cloverlick, a son, Chester Wayne.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Merle D. Neighbors, of Cass, a daughter, Scarlett Sue.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 19, 1925

Lock McNeill brought this office a freak in the way of a big egg. The measurements are 8 3/4 inches over the ends and 7 inches around the middle. The egg weighs 5 ounces. The mother of this egg is a Rhode Island Red hen. This is the champion hen egg of the Greenbrier Valley and the world. The average hen egg weighs two ounces.

The death angel visited the home of John Griffin in the evening of February 3, 1925, and took Bessie, the youngest daughter. She was sick but a very few days and all was done that loving hands could do but her disease seemed to baffle the physicians' skill... Her body was laid to rest in the Wilmoth Cemetery.

CHEVROLET BREAKS RECORDS

The Chevrolet Motor company broke all its previous January records for retail sales and orders during the past month. In fact, the record was made in the last 28 days of the month or since January 3 when the new Chevrolet was announced.

The Chevrolet dealers throughout the country delivered and took orders for approximately 40 percent more cars during January then during either January 1924 or January 1923... During the recent Chicago

automobile show, 1,107 Chevrolets were sold – a record which has never before been equaled by any car exhibited.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The following is from the farewell speech of General Sherwood, of Ohio, in the House of Representatives on February 7, 1925. General Sherwood, age 90, has served as a congressman for a longer period than any other man...

“It is 52 years since I first drifted into this great body of citizens. ...

There were historical characters in that Congress, called to deal with both ethical and fundamental ques-

tions growing out of the great war; questions that stirred the blood and commanded the most potent mental endeavor...

General Grant was just starting on his second term. I remember the appropriation for the salary and clerk and upkeep of the White House that year – 1873-74. It was \$42,000. As evidence of our immense growth in material prosperity and official generosity we, this year, gave our President the tidy sum of \$500,000 as the items foot up. ...

General Grant had no bodyguard, no military staff, no White House police. I remember meeting General Grant several times walking down Pennsylvania Avenue alone. ...

Members of Congress were salaried at \$5,000 a year. We were allowed no

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erupted in applause, rising from their seats in a standing ovation.

He positioned West Virginia energy as a major power supplier for Trump's charge to take on China. Echoing a line from the president's inauguration last month, he said:

"I know our state and our nation are on our way to a resurgence and a golden era unlike anything we've seen before."

Throughout the night, Morrisey vowed to work closely with the Trump administration on a range of issues from energy to education to drug abuse.

West Virginia depends on federal dollars for nearly 50% of the state's overall budget. Morrisey didn't mention how potential moves to close the US Department of Education or cuts in federal programs could affect basic services people rely on, like school lunches or seeing a doctor.

At a hearing held earlier on Wednesday on federal block grants, government

employees gave five-minute speeches about the programs they administer with federal funds.

Anti-smoking and vaping campaigns, assistance for heating and utilities, help for sickly children and subsidies for childcare and many other programs are all funded by federal dollars.

But like Morrisey, not one Republican in the room stopped to ask how any freezes to grant funding could affect those services. Only one Democratic delegate piped up to ask the question.

3. Cut taxes while closing a \$400 million state budget gap

Like Governor Jim Justice before him, Morrisey said he's inherited an economic mess.

He said the state's got a \$400 million budget hole coming up that could get bigger over time. His answer is to cut.

He touted audits and reviews of spending decisions across state government. He said the state would not fund new programs without new revenue. And he said he would propose consolidating departments in state government and eliminating numer-

ous boards and commissions.

"We are going to uncover all of the waste and abuse that hides in the dark corners of state government, and we will root it out," Morrisey said. "If you like what President Trump is doing in DC, you're going to love what we're doing right here in West Virginia."

Now where those cuts will be made will be seen in the budget. Morrisey didn't mention it, except to say he wanted a "permanent fix" for the state government health insurance.

While lawmakers have talked about a permanent fix for almost a decade, what they've done from time to time is just throw money from the surplus at the insurance program when it came up short.

Even with all those money problems, he still called for more tax cuts.

"I'm renewing my call to ensure we have the lowest income tax of all the states that we touch."

4. Target trans rights and the "woke virus"

And while Morrisey wants to loosen up mandatory vaccination laws for actual viruses, he vowed to con-

tinue to eradicate West Virginia of the "woke virus."

"We stand for God, for life, for the second amendment, for religious liberty, our Constitution and our freedoms," Morrisey said. "And we will always fight for those values."

Morrisey took a victory lap on the closure of DEI offices in the state, following his executive order banning it from state government.

"That's a win for West Virginia, and we're not done yet," he said.

He bragged about attending a signing for Trump's ban on transgender children in sports. Morrisey asked the Legislature to pass a bill that would ban transgender people from using bathrooms and locker rooms for the gender they identify with.

5. Get rid of cell phones in schools and government permission slips for hospitals

But in a speech replete

with platitudes, catch phrases, personal stories and broad visions of policy, Morrisey did not give a laundry list of bills for lawmakers to pass.

He asked for a ban on cell phones in classrooms – garnering one of the few bipartisan applauses of the night. He said he'll be introducing legislation to start a "one-stop shop" to streamline permitting for industry.

But the biggest legislative request was to repeal "certificates of need." The governor characterized it as a

"government permission slip" to allow new hospitals and healthcare facilities to open.

The niche piece of policy is divisive in policy circles – some say it kills competition that could lower healthcare costs. Others say it ensures healthcare systems can keep profitable services and use those to subsidize needed care that operates at a loss.

He said he will be introducing a bill to eliminate it, calling it "a big step forward to improve care for our most vulnerable citizens."

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WVDE's Office of Special Education will monitor the progress to ensure the school's special ed programs come into compliance with state and federal regulations.

Blatt said they will expect a report on the progress being made in correcting the

problems at PCHS by August 2025. Based on that report, they will consider extending the state of emergency or even making immediate state intervention into the operation of the Pocahontas County School System.

Allegheny Mountain Radio thanks WV Metro News for the information contained in this article.

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ABOVE, FROM LEFT: Pocahontas County High School FFA advisor Andy Friel, Amber Defibaugh, Cammi Warner, Kirsten Friel, Mackenzie Taylor, Sierra Nelson, and chaperone Chasity Taylor at the West Virginia Envirothon Competition at Cedar Lakes.

PHOTOS AT LEFT: FFA members visiting the Indianapolis Zoo when they attended the National FFA Convention last fall in Indianapolis, Indiana. Taking in the sights were Kirsten Friel, Whitney Robertson, Gracie Sisler and Cammi Warner.

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TOP LEFT PHOTO: The Pocahontas County High School forestry program was visited by alum Logan Woodruff who shared experiences he has had in higher education and in the workforce. Woodruff now has a new wildlife position in the country of Guam.

TOP RIGHT PHOTO: The intro to forestry class practiced using fire shelters like those used during wildfires. They were timed to see how quickly they could get inside the shelters to be safe from harm. Photos courtesy of PCHS Forestry Program

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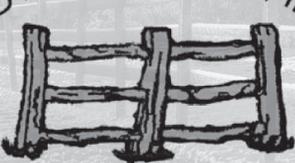
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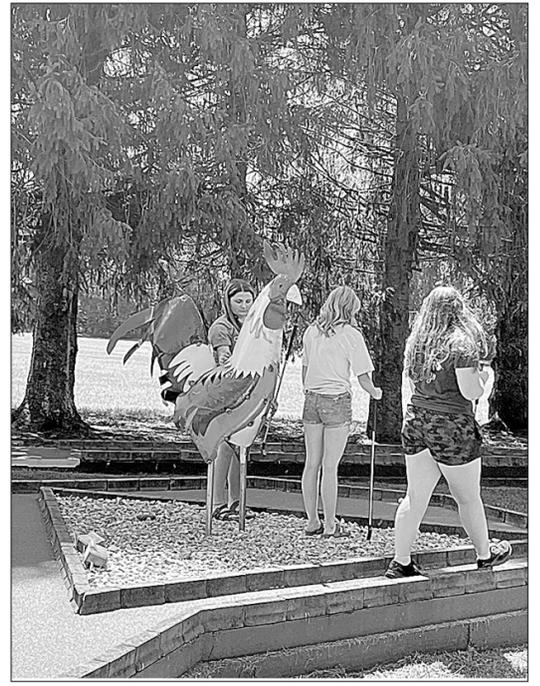
THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY High School FFA program chose to repaint the welcome signs at the entrance to the school and the football field as its community service project. Above, Whitney Robertson, Kirsten Friel and Caroline Bennett cleaned and repainted the letters.

At right, Kirsten Friel, Caroline Bennett and Griffin Taylor repaint the wooden sign at the football field. This sign was built by the carpentry students at PCHS in the 1980s.

FFA members are working on two new signs – one to replace the current football field sign and another to be placed near the entrance to Allegheny Mountain Radio. Funding for the signs was donated by the PCHS Class of 1986.



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ESTATE OF: **FRANKLIN LEE VARNER SR.**
EXECUTRIX: Peggy Sue Mick
P. O. Box 75
Durbin, WV 26264-0075

ESTATE NUMBER: **14726**
ESTATE OF: **DAVID C. WORKMAN**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Belinda Workman
231 Church Street
Hillsboro, WV 24946-8756

ESTATE NUMBER: **14727**
ESTATE OF: **MARTIN ALEXANDER SHARP SR.**
EECUTRIX: Caitlin Sharp
5300 Frost Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-7168

ESTATE NUMBER: **14728**
ESTATE OF: **NAOMI ZOE SULLIVAN**
EXECUTOR: Robert Mason Sullivan
539 Pine Drive
Evans, WV 25241-8113

ESTATE NUMBER: **14732**
ESTATE OF: **CHARLOTTE LOUISE RATLIFF**
EXECUTOR: Lonnie J. Ratliff
324 Sunset View Court
York, SC 29745-6610

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 7, 2025
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
2/13/2c

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, MICHAEL C. DOSS, Trustee, by virtue of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Craig A. Gilson and bearing date the 11th day of March, 2022, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 406, at page 164, the maker, having defaulted in payment of the note secured by said Deed of Trust as provided by the terms thereof, and the beneficial holder of the said note, Pendleton Community Bank, Inc., having declared the whole of the indebtedness thereunder to be due and payable; and having demanded the undersigned in writing to make sale of the real estate described in said Deed of Trust, the undersigned **Trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest responsible bidder on the 10th day of March, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., at the front steps of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, the premises, being and consisting of the following:**

All of that certain tract or parcel of real estate, including the improvements, appurtenances and easements thereunto belonging, situate in the Edray District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in the Erewhon Subdivision, situated on the waters of Clover Creek, and on Secondary Route 9, better known as the Linwood Road or Clover Creek Road and being more particularly described as follows:

PROUD FEATHER

BEGINNING at a ½ inch iron pipe set in a hollow, on the west side of a run, and a corner to Lots White Fox and Dream Weaver, thence leaving White Fox and with Dream Weaver for the next 2 lines

S 27-29-42 E 276.07 feet to a ½ inch iron pipe set, on the bank below the road by a Thorn tree, thence

S 19-17-35 W 54.13 feet to a point in the center of two 40 foot wide right of ways, thence leaving Dream Weaver and with the center of a 40 foot wide right of way and running with land still owned by Jonathan and Sandra Ridley

N 67-31-12 W 214.42 feet to a point in C/L, thence N 65-04-13 W 132.94 feet to a point in C/L, thence N 55-06-16 W 69.18 feet to a point in C/L, thence N 60-58-54 W 113.96 feet to a point in C/L, thence N 53-57-15 W 89.47 feet to a point in C/L, thence N 55-42-20 W 152.16 feet to a point in C/L, thence N 46-05-55 W 21.71 feet to a point in C/L, thence N 15-40-27 W 16.82 feet to a point in C/L, thence leaving the center line of said 40 foot right of way and cutting through the lands of Jonathan and Sandra Ridley

N 58-46-53 W 67.01 feet to a ½ inch iron pipe set in a hollow on the east side of a run, from which a 7 inch Locust bears N 41 E 1.20 feet, thence

N 45-58-03 W 685.03 feet to a ½ inch pipe found in a fence corner, on top of a ridge, a corner to Beckwith Lumber Co., Inc., thence leaving Ridley and with Beckwith Lumber Co., Inc., and running along a fence line for 1 line

N 28-11-09 E 347.22 feet crossing a deep hollow to a ½ inch iron pipe set on the east side of hollow of the hillside, a corner to Lot Stone Heart, thence leaving Beckwith Lumber Co., and with Lot Stone for 1 line

S 75-57-52 E 362.56 feet to a ½ inch iron pipe set on the east side of a run on a little point, a corner to Lot White Fox, from which a 7 inch Buckeye bears N 11 E 11.0 feet, thence leaving Stone Heart and with White Fox for the next 3 lines running down the hollow

S 40-13-37 E 452.83 feet to a ½ inch iron pipe set on the west side of the run, thence

N 34-19-15 E 255.42 feet to a ½ inch iron pipe set on the west side of the run, thence

S 33-02-29 E 332.63 feet to the point of beginning containing 13.59 acres, more or less, as surveyed by William E. Dilley, LLS of Dunmore, West Virginia, in December 2000.

And being the same tract or parcel of real estate as acquired by Craig A. Gilson, by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from Stephen K. Reed and Teresa S. Reed, husband and wife, said Deed bearing date the 20th day of October, 2021, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 397, at page 35.

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

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

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

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

Given unto my hand this the 5th day of February, 2025.
Michael C. Doss, Trustee
2/13/3c

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2023-C-000002- Pocahontas County – WVTK LLC
To: SHOWSHOE MOUNTAIN, INC, SHANE GAGNE, SHERRY GAGNE, SHANE GAGNE, SHERRY GAGNE, SHANE 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 ENTITIES 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
Question, please call 1-888-509-6568
Given under my hand January 27, 2024.

Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner
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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 .0054869% 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

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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.

DISTRICT: EDRAV 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 EDRAV 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. \$ 917.54

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00

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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

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terest. \$ 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

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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: EDRAV 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 EDRAV 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

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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

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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, Cochran's 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

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ages. The amount is tied to the grandparent's earnings from employment (not government benefits) and the number of dependents. More information is available at <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit>

On her West Virginia taxes, Jean (and other older or disabled homeowners) can benefit from income tax credits that are available based on home ownership and related property taxes.

As part of our state's property tax system, the Homestead Exemption is available through the county assessor's office for homeowners who are age 65 or older or are permanently disabled, regardless of income. The \$20,000 exemption, or non-taxable amount, reduces the assessed value and total property taxes owed on owner-occupied residential property each year.

At income tax time, homeowners who previously qualified for the Homestead Exemption may be eligible for the Senior Citizens Tax Credit. The State Tax Department's Form SCTC-1, sent out in January each year, will list the amount of

the tax credit which can be claimed.

There is a specific income requirement for Senior Citizens Tax Credit eligibility which is determined when calculating the amounts for the West Virginia tax return.

Under WV Code §11-21-23, the Homestead Excess Property Tax Credit has no age restriction but does have an income limitation. The credit, up to \$1,000, applies when a person's or couple's residential property taxes exceed 4% of their income.

Additional information on these West Virginia tax credits is available at <https://tax.wv.gov/Individuals/SeniorCitizensTaxCredit.aspx>

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 Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00
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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 -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

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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 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.

Please return this letter and payment to the
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 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

TOWN OF MARLINTON

NOTICE OF THIRD AND FINAL READING

The Marlinton Town Council will hold the third and final reading of changes to the General Penalty Ordinance on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marlinton Municipal Building Auditorium.

The proposed ordinance is available to the public at the Town Hall Office, Marlinton Municipal Building, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting to be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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School Menus

February 24 - 28

Monday, 24: Fruit strudel, yogurt and fruit. Meatball sub on whole grain bun, seasoned roasted potatoes, green beans, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, 25: Oatmeal, cheese stick and fruit. Walking taco with lettuce, tomato, cheese, seasoned black

beans, Mexi corn, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, 26: Bagel with cream cheese and fruit. Vegetable beef soup, cornbread muffin, carrot sticks with Ranch dip, brownie, fruit and milk.

Thursday, 27: Homemade cinnamon rolls, cheese stick and fruit. Chicken Al-

fredo with a twist, broccoli, whole grain breadstick, celery stick with WOW butter, fruit and milk.

Friday, 28: French toast sticks, syrup and fruit. Cheeseburger on whole grain bun with lettuce and tomato, seasoned sweet potato fries, California vegetables, fruit and milk.

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DEATHS

Mrs. Mertie Curry Clarkson, 90, of Cass, the last of the Charles and Ida Curry family. Funeral service from the Wallace and Wallace Chapel with burial in the Ar-

bovale Cemetery. Among her survivors are sons, Ivan, Russell and Roy.

Ruth D. Echols, 81, of Lewisburg, formerly of Green Bank. Funeral service from the Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home Chapel in Lewisburg with burial in Rosewood Cemetery.

Thomas J. "Jack" Wiseman, 80, of Cass, a son of the late Jefferson and Lucretia Wiseman. He was a director of the Pocahontas County Historical Society. Funeral service from the Lohr Funeral Home in Elkins with burial in Maplewood Cemetery.

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DEATHS

Russel McLaughlin, aged 67 years, died at his home near Dunmore, February 22, 1950. He was a son of the late Robert and Minta Rummel McLaughlin. The service was held from the Baxter church with burial in Dunmore cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hallie Moore McLaughlin and their six children.

Mrs. May Mann Robb, aged about 65 years, died at her home in Grafton. Born at Edray, she was a daughter of the late Clark and Phoebe Mann. Her body was laid to rest in the family plot in Grafton Cemetery.

Lonnie Gene, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Great-house, of Boyer. Burial in the Arbovale cemetery.

Joseph A. Sharp, aged 88 years, of near Durbin; born

Eugene Friel Hultz, aged 36 years, of Hillsboro; a son

of the late J. W. and Amanda Bishop Hultz. Funeral service was held from the Hillsboro Methodist Church with burial in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Rebecca Church Cashwell, aged 65 years, wife of Hiter Cashwell, died at her home in Marlinton February 24, 1950. On Sunday afternoon, her body was laid to rest in the Pleasant Green Cemetery near Seebert. The service was held from the Pleasant Green Church. The deceased was a daughter of the late G. J. and Union Church, of the Levels.

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secretary, and we had to rent our offices out of our salary and we had to take our pen in hand to answer kicking letters from constituents. There were no typewriting machines. The Speaker had no parliamentary experience. He decided every contention without explanation or parliamentary palaver. We had no Rules Committee. We had no steering committee invading the White House to find out what legislation the President favored. The first article of the Federal Constitution fixes that duty solely with Congress.

We had no tariff experts to confuse the rudimentary Congressman and no Calendar Wednesday. We had no

Secretary of Agriculture; hence the farmers were contented and reasonably prosperous...

The country had no automobiles, no wireless, no airplanes, no canned music. Prize fighting was not then our popular entertainment. We had no moving pictures. Tainted actresses were not then our popular stars of the stage. We had no jazz music. The glorious old war songs of heroic memory and patriotic inspiration had not been supplanted by "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines," or "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here" and similar jargons, and the grand plays of Shakespeare and plays of high moral import had not been supplanted by the vulgar and smutty vaudeville...

Viscount Bryce has written the greatest book on democracy in the English language. He says, in a democracy, power is lodged

exclusively in the people, and whenever any group or element sets up any authority antagonistic to the expressed will of the people, democracy is supplanted by autocracy. Neither executive will nor the edicts of courts can usurp the popular will as expressed by the people's Congress without violating both the spirit and letter of democracy. The Federal Constitution is explicit and plain on that vital subject...

Lincoln voiced this sentiment when he said, "This is a Government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Yet, I heard a leading member of this Congress last winter proclaim in this historic Chamber that this is a Government by party, because the party in power is responsible for legislation.

I challenge any member on this floor to find the word "party" in the Constitution...

TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1). Sherlock Holmes (2). Thunderball (3). Jacques Clouseau (4). It's a Wonderful Life

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Dale is WVCADV Advocate of the Month

The West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WVCADV), incorporated in 1981, is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic violence through advocacy, education, and support services. WVCADV is comprised of the Coalition's Statewide Office and 14 licensed domestic violence programs.

The coalition announced their first Advocate of the Month, Pamela Dale. Pam is the Director of Advocacy Services at Family Refuge Center, where she has worked for eight years. A resident of Pocahontas County, she lives with her husband and her dog, a Siberian Husky named Mingo. She has two sons,

three step-sons, a grandson, a granddaughter and a second granddaughter on the way. As a lover of summer (the hotter, the better), Pam's guilty pleasure is going to the coast several times a year. Her favorite quote is "Women don't need men to protect them, they need men to stop protecting other men."

Pam was nominated by her colleague, Kylie Puglin, Director of Shelter Services, who shared, "Pamela is not only the full-time advocate in Pocahontas County, but the Director of Advocacy for Family Refuge Center. She has spent years making our program great, countless hours making the people around her more confident and frequently has us all

doubled over in laughter. Her effortless leadership makes any employee a better advocate and her passion makes the survivors she works with realize their own strength."

Her unwavering commitment to empowering survivors and raising awareness about domestic violence has been instrumental in advancing our mission at the Family Refuge Center. Through her work, Pam has provided invaluable assistance to countless individuals, offering hope and support during their most challenging times. Her efforts have not only helped survivors rebuild their lives but have also contributed to creating a safer and more informed community.







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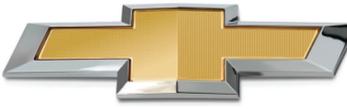


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6760 - Alderson. 0.17 +/- acre Lot 112 at Cedar Avenue. City water and sewer available. Nice street with very little traffic. Short walk to new elementary school. - \$18,000



6762 - Craigsville. Four acres near the Gauley River. - \$29,900



6769 - Marlinton. 3BR/2BA spacious home with open kitchen/dining. Large living room/den area. Three covered porches - relax and enjoy nature. Property is bordered by national forest. - \$317,600

MORE LISTINGS



6687 - Marlinton. Great lots in town with potential. - \$35,000



6530 - Slaty Fork. Four wooded acres in Eagles Nest Sub-division, within a mile of the eastern entrance to Snowshoe. Near Cass Scenic Railroad, Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$49,700



6640 - Cass. 3BR/2BA home with huge garage on two acres. - \$249,000



6713 - Marlinton. Great commercial property location with multiple buildings. Most recently operated as a country store. Includes workshop, one-bay and three-bay garages, two-room living area. Easy access off Rt. 219. - \$384,000

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