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Class of 2025 ready for the future

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

As they entered the Pocahontas County High School gymnasium, in their maroon caps and gowns, the Class of 2025 was greeted by proud teachers, family and friends, who packed into the gym to see them cross the stage and get their degrees.

Opening the commencement ceremony was Trenton Brock, who gave an address of welcome to all those who have waited for years for this day.

“It’s a day that marks both an ending and a beginning,” he said. “We’ve walked these halls, sat in these classrooms, played in this very gymnasium and built memories that will stay with us forever. Along the way, we’ve grown not just in knowledge, but in strength, leadership, courage and character.”

Addressing his fellow graduates, Brock reminded them to carry all the lessons



THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY High School Class of 2025 celebrated their graduation with confetti poppers, laughs and hugs. S. Stewart photo

they’ve learned with them all ways.

“We faced moments of doubt, stress and even loss, but we kept going,” he said. “We learned how to lean on each other, how to overcome setbacks and how to keep striving when the finish line seemed so far away. That perseverance has shaped us into people ready to take on the world.”

“This class is full of future

leaders, creators, healers and change makers,” he continued. “Never forget that your story has value and your voice matters. You have the power to make a difference. Don’t be afraid to use it. As we step forward into new chapters – college, careers, service or whatever paths we choose – let’s remember that success isn’t just measured by awards or titles, but by the impact we make and the peo-

ple we lift along the way.”

Co-Valedictorian Eden Smith spoke about how high school didn’t turn out quite like movies and TV portray it, but despite that, the class was able to make it to graduation day.

“If there is one thing that we have learned over the last four years, it’s that High School Musical lied,” she

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First Friday at Discovery Junction

Join WV Rivers and friends for a fun-filled evening at Discovery Junction for the “Freshwater” First Friday celebration June 6, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Enjoy live music by Ryan Brandenburg and the Carlisle Trash Pile, featuring country and folk guitar and clawhammer banjo.

Shop local at the farmers market.

Let the kids play at the splash pad.

Explore family-friendly conservation activities, win prizes, and learn how you can help protect the rivers and streams we all love.

Enjoy themed activities and connect with local businesses, organizations

and local conservation leaders. Explore the work happening across our region with our incredible partners: U.S. Forest Service, Mon Forest Towns, Greenbrier River Watershed Association, Knapp’s Creek Trout Lodge, Christians for the Mountains, WV Department of Environmental Protection, and more!

This event is made possible in part by the Town of Marlinton, West Virginia Rivers Coalition, and the Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals Committee.

Come for the music, stay for the mission — because clean water is worth celebrating!

A celebration of sound at the Steam and Strings Music Festival

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The shrill and insistent whistles of steam engines won’t be the only sounds echoing through the mountains for Cass Days this year. The Friends of Cass have started a new tradition with the addition of the Steam and Strings Music Festival.

June 13 through 15 will be chock full of entertainment provided by some of the regions favorite musicians, as well as a few new singer/songwriters who celebrate the traditional music of yore.

Three years ago, J.T. Arbogast and the Friends of Cass worked together to add entertainment to the Cass Days celebration. There has always been the cakewalk on Friday night and square dance on Saturday night, but now there is so much more to enjoy during the day Saturday.

“We discussed that there’s an opportunity here to do something music related,” Arbogast said. “There was a window to do something.”

When it comes to booking traditional and bluegrass bands, there’s only one person who comes to mind – Joanna Burt-Kinderman. Ever since she revived the Hammons Family Banjo and Fiddle Contest during Pioneer Days, Burt-Kinderman has made it her goal to connect band and musicians to local celebrations of all sizes.

“I knew if anybody was going to be tied in, assisting with the music side of things, it was going to be her,” Arbogast said. “If there is a person who epitomizes the carrying forward of the torch and tradition of music in Pocahontas County, she’s that person. She is so dedicated.”

Working together, Arbogast and Burt-Kinderman came up with a music-filled roster for the weekend that is sure to have visitors swaying and dancing all day.

“That’s how the Steam and Strings festival was born,” Arbogast said. “We’re tying into the Parade of Steam and the historical element of Cass, but also giving it its own spin

that can be elevated and promoted.”

“I love that J.T. is creating a festival that both uplifts amazing local musicians and also brings in some of those bands’ favorite musicians,” Burt-Kinderman said.

The festival will kick off Friday with Nathan Bess playing from 5 to 6 p.m. before the cakewalk. Then Saturday has a full slate with eight musicians and bands performing.

The lineup includes local favorites The Bing Brothers featuring Jake Krack, and The State Birds as well as newcomers to the county Leon Majcen, Nathan Bess, Darrin Haquard featuring Jesse Miles, The Fly Birds and Joe Thompson.

The Bing Brothers will take what is known as the legacy slot – a portion of the day that honors and celebrates the life of musician and friend Homer Hunter.

“The music of all the artists is full of story which I think also really fits the space that we’re in,” Arbogast said. “With Leon and

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GREEN BANK RESIDENT and Fort Warwick owner Bob Sheets received the 2025 Archaeology Award at the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia annual award ceremony. From left: Dr. Kim Arbogast McBride, Preservation Alliance Executive Director Danielle Parker, Sheets and Cade Vogelsong, President of the Preservation Alliance Board of Directors. Photo courtesy of Elaine Sheets

Sheets receives Archaeology Award

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

For the past two decades, Bob Sheets – along with Drs. Stephen McBride and Kim Arbogast McBride – has been discovering the remains of a pre-Revolutionary War fort known as Fort Warwick.

The fort is located on Sheets’ farm in Green Bank and played a pivotal role in the colonial history of Pocahontas County. The settlers who initially lived there were loyalist to King George III until the colonies chose to fight for freedom.

Then the fort, as Sheets says, “switched Georges” and joined in the fight to become a country free of the monarchy.

Joining Sheets and the McBrides in the past two decades have been more than 1,400 students – from third grade to college age – who have helped dig in the dirt to find artifacts from the past.

This educational outreach was the basis for the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia’s recognition of Sheets, who received the 2025 Archaeology Award.

“One of our first grants for our first excavations – we

had students coming here,” Sheets said. “We had volunteers coming here and over the years, that just became an integral part of what we were doing.”

“We wanted to do that for the education component because having kids on-site – having them deal with digging in the dirt, finding things and then having somebody stand there and immediately tell them what it was and how it connected to the nation’s history, the state history, the colonial history or

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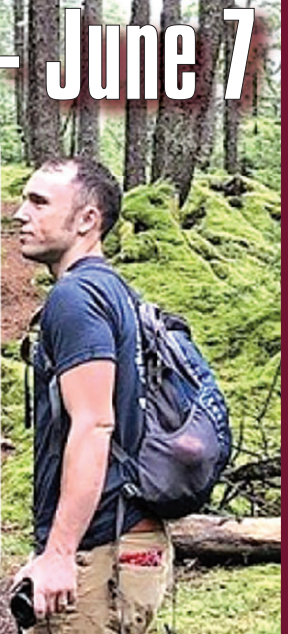
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- Overlook Trail, 4th Avenue, Marlinton
- The Lake Trail, Snowshoe Mountain Resort
- The Nature Trail, Green Bank Observatory
- West Fork Trail, Durbin
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SWA continues debate on future of solid waste disposal

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the May 28 Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority Board meeting, member David McLaughlin told the board that he had been talking with Jacob Meck of Allegheny Disposal about using the transfer station that company is planning to open when the county landfill closes in about 22 months. McLaughlin said he didn't think having two transfer stations in a county as small as ours would work, nor would hauling our green box trash ourselves to the Greenbrier County Landfill. Chairman Dave Henderson chastised McLaughlin for talking to Meck without approval to do so and said the SWA is considering directly hauling trash to Greenbrier County and not building a transfer station. McLaughlin replied that hauling trash with our truck would not work. Henderson then said "we don't know that," since he had asked Landfill Manager Chris McComb to try running the green box trash to the Greenbrier landfill, but McComb didn't do it the way Henderson wanted.

"We took a load down there....," McComb responded.

"Yeah, but you didn't do it the way I asked you to do it," replied Henderson. "But we needed an actual...just a day for you to do that...just a day...just—just one day is all I wanted, just one day."

This prompted an angry

exchange between McComb and Henderson.

"I do what I have to do to make my job work," McComb said. "If I leave at 7:30 in the morning, I am not gonna get back until quitting time. All right, next Monday I'll send Kevin Waugh there and we will see what happens."

"What's the big deal about?" replied Henderson.

"What's the big deal?" answered McComb. "It ain't gonna work! It cannot! (voice raised) Saturday(s) we got to go to the green boxes and empty trash. What are we gonna do then...can't go to Greenbrier County. Green boxes are open Saturday and Sunday..."

"We know that, Chris!" answered Henderson also in a raised voice. "And you, you know, loud – and I'm not gonna have that so sit back there and be quiet." (Member Ed Riley stepped in to try and calm things down,) but McComb said "Me too!"

Things did get calmer after that, as McComb explained that the Greenbrier Landfill has very specific times that they are open, and they close early on Saturdays. He said when he made the test run to the Greenbrier Landfill, he spent five hours just hauling the trash from the green boxes at Huntersville, Caesar Mountain and half a load from Marlinton – which was all the truck would hold. When he got back, he picked up the rest of the trash from Marlinton and all the trash from the Green Bank boxes, which he had to take to our

landfill because of time constraints.

Jacob Meck once again offered to allow them to bring the green box trash to the transfer station he is building in Green Bank, and he will haul it from there, but it will probably cost \$135 or \$145 a ton tipping fee for him to do that. He said that if he is hauling county trash, he will need about a year to get all the state permits so he will have to have a decision in July or August in order to be ready when the landfill closes.

Although the SWA Board members agreed that they will have to make a decision soon on how they will handle trash after the landfill closes, they did not make any decision at this meeting.

In other business, the board

- approved the 2025-2026 budget, which does not include any employee pay raises.
- agreed to pay \$30 per mowing of grass at the green box sites.
- reported they did not receive any bids for the greenhouse repairs at the landfill
- is still waiting to remove the old sand and replace it at the landfill sand filter.
- agreed to sell surplus trailers, broken trash trucks, old dumpsters and the old portable loading dock.
- agreed to request that the Public Service Commission allow them to use money from their construction escrow account for the engineering costs and repairs at the landfill.

MTC moves quickly through agenda items

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Marlinton Town Council held a short, but productive meeting Monday evening with council approving several items regarding the waterworks and sewerage system design.

Council also discussed upcoming celebrations and approved to allocate no more than \$2,500 for the Fourth of July celebration that will coincide with First Friday at the Discovery Junction.

In business, council approved:

- the proposed Supplemental Resolution setting forth the final terms of the Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Design Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 A (West Virginia CWSRF Program).
- the proposed Sweep Resolution relating to the monthly debt service payments on the Series 2025 A Bonds to be made by electronic funds transfer.
- the Bond Purchase Agreement related to the Series 2025 A Bonds.
- a resolution authorizing

the payment of invoices at closing from the Project Fund established in connection with the Series 2025 A Bonds.

- the approval and execution of all other documents, agreements, certificates and any other measures or instruments necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series 2025 A Bond.
- Budget Revisions for the 2025 fiscal year.
- second reading of changes to Cemetery Ordinance and Fees.

Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers now available

Vouchers for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) are now available to eligible seniors across the state through their county senior services. The SFMNP is a federally funded initiative that provides low-income seniors with access to fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey from authorized farmers' markets and roadside stands.

Vouchers are valid from June 2 through October 31, 2025, and support both senior nutrition and local agriculture. Seniors must receive vouchers in the county where they reside, but they may redeem them at any participating market statewide.

"The SFMNP supports two vital needs—improving senior nutrition and strengthening our local farming economy," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "We encourage all eligible seniors to take advantage of this opportunity to access fresh, West Virginia-grown products."

Each eligible senior will receive a booklet of vouchers worth \$30, containing three \$10 vouchers. Vouchers can be redeemed at participating farmers markets

and farm stands across the state. A list of authorized locations is available on the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) website and through local senior centers.

Participants must be 60 years of age or older and meet income eligibility

guidelines. To apply, seniors should contact their local senior center or county aging office.

For more information, please visit agriculture.wv.gov or call the WVDA Business Development Division at 304-558-2210.

Commission approves 'step pay' for 911 Dispatchers

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the May 20 Pocahontas County Commission meeting, EMS/911 Director Michael O'Brien asked the commission to adopt a step-based pay system that recognizes dispatchers' years of service, certifications and training.

At its June 3 meeting, the commission took action with regard to that request.

The step-based pay system uses three telecom levels – depending on certifications – with merit steps within each of those levels. This system is designed to reward merit and longevity and recognizes the shift work and holidays dispatchers have to work, as well as the critical importance of their jobs.

The commission voted to increase dispatcher's pay by an additional \$2,000 a year, which is in addition to the annual increases given to all county employees. This will then convert to the recommended step-based pay system, and will move toward keeping 911 dispatchers pay somewhat competitive with other counties. They also voted to raise the salary of the Deputy Director of 911/EMS by \$3,000 per year and the Director's salary by \$4,000 per year, which are also in addition to the annual increases given to all county employees.

Commission president Rebinski said he likes the idea of rewarding employees for effort and taking extra training, so would not be opposed to setting up a merit/step-based pay scale for other county agencies, and suggested those agencies start to develop such a pay plan, although those would probably not go into effect until the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

It should be noted that in the May 20 commission article about this issue, it was in-

correctly stated that new dispatchers and those who have been on the job for many years, currently receive the same \$13.50 per-hour pay. While the \$13.50 per-hour pay rate is the approximate starting hourly rate for new dispatchers, the pay does increase with longevity.

The commission and Sheriff Troy McCoy approved the purchase of a replacement police pursuit cruiser for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$56,990. The bid was from Brannen Motor Company of Unadilla, Georgia.

Sheriff McCoy has \$60,000 in his department's budget to pay for the vehicle but asked the commission to consider providing a minimum \$25,000 for the purchase and installation of the additional equipment that is needed in the new cruiser. That equipment includes the light bar, radio, etc.

The commission will consider approving either an in-house budget revision or will pay for the equipment out of the general fund.

The commission wants to see specific items and prices before making a final decision.

They also discussed creating a formal hiring policy for the county. County Clerk Melissa Bennett said the Auditor's Office suggested this. Bennett said she is working on this for her office, but suggested the commission work with the county prosecutor to ensure any county policy would not infringe on elected officials' hiring prerogatives.

They discussed, in general terms, issues such as placing a time clock and the handling of cash receipts at the Day Report Center. They are considering moving an unused time clock from the County Clerk's office to Day Report and requiring all payments to Day Report to be

paid at the county tax office.

During the Hear Callers, Jan McNeel expressed concern that last fall, the then county prosecutor demanded she submit estate paperwork within 30 days of her husband's death. She called this – "tortious interference" (which is also known as intentional interference.)

County Clerk Melissa Bennett said she would look into that, but they always give at least 90 days with possible extensions before referring an estate to the county prosecutor.

McNeel also said she is concerned that medics providing free Narcan to drug addicts only encourages them to not worry about overdosing, and that jail sentencing is too light for drug offenders.

In other business, the commission approved:

- payment of Resolution #9 for the EPA Tannery Project of \$8,692.88 to pay invoices.
- payment of Resolution #10 for the PMH HVAC Project of \$539,781.45 for equipment. Donna Ward of Region 4, said the units are now on the roof and the project is 75% complete.
- certified the personal property records and land books from the assessor's office.
- approved year-end budget revisions and resolutions.

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**Anatomy of Solitude ~
A Brief History of
hermits, recluses,
misanthropes and petty
thieves on the lam**

“Meditation means the capacity to be joyously alone, the capacity to be happy with yourself, the capacity to keep company with yourself.”

If not for an unexpected detour and a dash of luck, I would have never met shepherd Ander Arrieta, and I would be all the poorer for it.

In June 1985, I was traveling through Moffat County, Colorado, on my way to Alaska when I spotted a gaily painted wagon similar to the ones depicted in films about Gypsies.

It was mid-afternoon, and I was on a rugged detour through mountains and deep canyons. Entranced by the colorful domicile, I pulled off the road and got out my binoculars. I noticed a large herd of sheep on a mountain terrace just above the wagon. Several dogs were running hither and yon, keeping the sheep together, while a single horse was picketed a short distance from the wagon.

Just as I was about to get out my telephoto camera

lens to snap a photo, a man stepped out of the wagon and set about starting a campfire. Despite my plans to arrive in Montpelier, Idaho, before dark, I acted impulsively and started walking up the grassy hillside, drawn to the charming scene.

As I approached the man, he stood up and raised his hand as a greeting. I followed suit and walked forward to explain my curiosity about his home and surroundings. He extended his hand and shook mine quite heartily, introducing himself as Ander Arrieta.

I planned to get a picture and not bother Ander more than necessary. Instead, it was as if he hadn’t talked to a human in quite some time, and that turned out to be the case.

Over coffee, Ander explained that he was a shepherd from the Basque region of Spain, as was his father and generations of his family before him. He had been at it for more than 40 years, spending the winter months herding in the Basque and doing the same each summer in the United States.

Mr. Arrieta and I talked for at least two hours, switching from coffee to a flavorful

fermented apple drink called sagardoa. He spoke eloquently of his many experiences with bears, mountain lions and wolves, all of which were out to get his sheep.

I finally got around to asking Ander if he ever got lonely. He had mentioned earlier that he rarely saw anybody and conversed with even fewer.

“Occasionally, I feel pangs of loneliness, particularly during Basque holidays and on family events like marriages and births. But the feeling is fleeting as I have much to do, and I love working in such beautiful country.”

Ander added that he is an avid reader, which keeps any feelings of loneliness at bay. When asked what his favorite books are, he said “Walden” by Thoreau and “One Hundred Years of Solitude” by Gabriel Garcia Marquez—go figure!

I returned to my truck with a whole new perspective. Here was a man who cherished and relished his life of near solitude in constantly changing but always beautiful surroundings.

Ander Arrieta proudly and happily followed his family’s tradition. To be happy and fulfilled, he only needed a herd of sheep, three Basque Shepherd Dogs, a sturdy Basque Mountain Horse, and his books. Ironically, I was on a six-month unpaid sabbatical trying to find myself. His lifestyle was a source of food for thought about living a simple

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A Blast from the Past

Courtesy of the Ruth Friel Estate

A beard that’s rough...
And overgrown...
Is better than...
A chaperone.

The hobo let his...
Whiskers sprout...
It’s trains – not girls...
That he takes out.

Library Lines

by Joe Miller,
Director of Development

Earlier this month, an essay with the provocative title “College English Majors Can’t Read” began making its way around the Internet.

The essay’s starting point is a 2024 study of literacy skills in English majors at two public universities in Kansas. The study’s authors asked students to analyze the first seven chapters of Charles Dickens’ *Bleak House* – a novel assumed to be challenging but not atypical for a university-level course for English majors.

The results were depressing.

Only four of the 85 students understood the passage entirely. A majority (58%) understood very little. Around four in 10 understood half of the sentences they read.

These weren’t atypical students, either. All the participants took a standardized reading test prior to the study. All but six had scores that marked them as competent high school students.

One of the more striking findings is that participants struggled with metaphor. Here’s a passage from *Bleak House*:

“On such an afternoon, if ever, the Lord High Chancellor ought to be sitting

here—as here he is—with a foggy glory round his head, softly fenced in with crimson cloth and curtains, addressed by a large advocate with great whiskers, a little voice, and an interminable brief, and outwardly directing his contemplation to the lantern in the roof, where he can see nothing but fog.”

One student’s analysis:
Describing him in a room

with an animal I think? Great whiskers?...A cat?

Admittedly, I’ve cherry-picked the funniest example. But the inability to understand figurative language was widespread. The authors found that:

Most of the problematic readers were not concerned if their literal translations of *Bleak House* were not coherent, so obvious logical errors never seemed to affect them. In fact, none of the readers in this category ever questioned their own interpretations of

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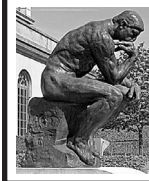
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2. What U. S. city was known as the “richest city in the world” during the Gilded Age (1870 – 1910)?
3. Which country was the first to legalize same-sex marriage?
4. What event in 1920’s changed the Mafia into a corporate-like criminal enterprise, and what was their product?



FRESHWATER FIRST FRIDAY

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2:00 Savage Axis XP 6.5CM Rifle
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2:30 Glock G23 Gen5 40cal Pistol
2:45 Ruger MK IV stainless 22LR Pistol
3:00 Henry H001 22LR Rifle
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9AM - 5PM: ARTS & EATS STREET FAIR

10:30AM: PARADE OF STEAM

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11:30AM - 5PM: STEAM & STRINGS MUSIC FESTIVAL

FEATURING: The Bing Brothers feat. Jake Krack, Leon Majcen, The State Birds Nathan Bess, Darrin Haquard feat. Jesse Milnes, The Fly Birds, Joe Thompson, Dan Freeman

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

It is that time again and you are invited. Join WV Rivers and friends for a fun-filled evening at Discovery Junction in Marlinton as part of the town's First Friday celebration!

This Friday, June 6, starting at 5 p.m. enjoy live music by Ryan Brandenburg and the Carlisle Trash Pile. Come in time to shop or stop by your favorite restaurant, while in Town. Let the kids play at the

splash pad. Explore family-friendly conservation activities, win prizes and learn how you can help protect the rivers and streams we all love. You will also have a chance to connect with local conservation leaders and explore the work happening across our region with our incredible partners: U.S. Forest Service, Mon Forest Towns, Greenbrier River Watershed Association,

Knapp's Creek Trout Lodge, Christians for the Mountains, WV Department of Environmental Protection and more. This event is made possible in part by the Town of Marlinton, West Virginia Rivers Coalition and the Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals Committee. Clean water is worth celebrating!

Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE 2025/2026 Season Preview Party, Saturday, June 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Guests will be treated to an evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, door prizes, a raffle, and a silent auction, providing the perfect opportunity for arts and culture enthusiasts to connect, celebrate and support the new season.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Properly dispose of old flags at the Pocahontas County Honor Corps box at Glades Building Supply or ParMar in Green Bank.

Due to operational changes within the USPS, there is now only one outgoing mail truck each day. The evening run has been eliminated. The mail truck will leave the Marlinton Post Office at approximately 10:55 a.m. each day. Mail received after that time will be sent out the following day. Times will vary for other post offices in the county. Check with your local postal clerk.
Pocahontas County Farmers Market Wednesdays at the Fire Department in Green Bank 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at Discovery Junction in Marlinton 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pocahontas County Green Box sites summer hours: Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 6 p.m.

EVENTS
New Hope Lutheran Church – barbecue sandwiches and hot dogs at the community yard sale Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit their scholarship program.
West Virginia Brass Quintet Thursday, June 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the lawn at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. The event is free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.
Dunmore Community

BINGO!
SATURDAY,
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Center, serving breakfast, Saturday June 21, 8 to 10 a.m. \$10 per person; age 5 and younger free.
“Little Known Facts about Mill Point” with speaker Terry Robbins, Saturday, June 21, 1 p.m. at Hillsboro Library. Sponsored by Hillsboro Library Friends.

REUNIONS
Sheets Family – Saturday, June 21, noon, at Arbovale Community Center. All are welcome. If you were a Sheets, are a Sheets, want to be a Sheets, or want to see a Sheets. Come! Bring a covered dish and a family recipe with a memory or photo for a future cookbook.

MEETINGS
Community Interest Meeting for Spring Youth Soccer Saturday, June 8, at 3 p.m. at Dunmore United Methodist Church. All those interested in the future of youth soccer in Pocahontas County are encouraged to attend.
Open Sew with Library Quilters of Marlinton, first Monday of each month 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McClintic Library. Note time change. Everyone welcome.
WV Prayer Alliance third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. We meet to pray for revival, the community and the country.

LIBRARY EVENTS
Big Book Sale at Green Bank Public Library, Thursday – Saturday, June 5, 6 and 7, during library hours.
Linwood Little Librarians Playgroup Fridays at Linwood Library, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Friday Fun at the Durbin Community Li-

brary Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages three to 10.
Budding Bookworms Playgroup at McClintic Public Library Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Story time and play for children five and younger.

PARKS AND REC
Play Patch – Tuesdays in June, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wellness Center
Yoga at Cass Community Center Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
Yoga at Durbin Library – six-week series, Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Taekwondo, for ages 13 and older, Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center
Pickleball Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center.
Jiggle, Wiggle and Giggle, Creative Movement in two locations: Linwood Center Wednesdays and the Community Wellness Center on Fridays. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. both locations. Call 304-799-7386.
Zumba Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m.

CHURCH NOTICES
Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church near Beartown – Worship Sunday 9 a.m.
Grace and Truth Home Fellowship – Sunday, Worship 11 a.m. Tuesday, Prayer 7 p.m. Located in Arbovale. Call Jim at 304-456-3255 for directions.
Marlinton United Methodist Church – Worship at 11 a.m. Parking lot service on 90.3 FM radio or join us on Facebook. Office hours, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Central Union United Methodist Church, Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m.
Marlinton Presbyterian

Church – Bible Study 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.
Arbovale United Methodist – Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Thursdays.
New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs – Worship 8:45 a.m.
First Baptist Church – Huntersville – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.

Marlinton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 16741 Seneca Trail, Marlinton. Bible Study Saturday 9:30 a.m. Church service, 11 a.m.
Seebert United Methodist Church – Sunday School every Sunday 9:20 a.m.; Worship second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m.

Catholic Mass: St. John, Marlinton – Sunday 9 a.m.; St. Mark, Bartow – Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank – Worship at 11 a.m.
Dunmore United Methodist Church – Worship 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom 8 a.m.

Marlinton First Church of the Nazarene – Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m.
New Hope Church of the Brethren, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale – Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

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What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Sweet and Spicy Carrots
1 pound baby carrots, scraped
2 Tbsp. butter
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 Tbsp. honey
1/4 tsp. ground allspice
1/4 tsp. ground mustard
Place carrots in a medium saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil and cook until crisp tender. About 12 minutes. Drain and keep warm. Combine rest of ingredients and stir well. Pour over carrots and toss gently to coat.
Serves 4.

1 cup blueberries, strawberries or blackberries
2 large eggs
1/4 cup honey or maple syrup
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup walnuts or pecans (optional).
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 baking dish or a 9x9 baking dish for a softer bake. In a large bowl, beat 2 eggs. Add all other ingredients and mix well. Pour into desired pan. Bake 30-35 minutes or until top is browned and center is set. Let cool 5 minutes before serving. Note: If using strawberries, you may want to cut or slice before adding.

Berry Breakfast Bake
1 cup cottage cheese
1 cup rolled oats

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Marlinton & Green Bank Centers
June 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 and 26
July 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31
8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Hillsboro Center
June 16, 23 and 30; July 7, 14, 21 and 28
10 - 11:30 a.m.

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We're pulling out all the goods!

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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Super Crossword

SAME SOUNDING SIX

ACROSS
1 Woos
5 Doubtful's title
8 Italian wine region
12 Blaster's stuff
15 Young wolf
18 Italian "Bye!"
19 "Well now!"
20 Demonstrate
21 "Yuk" relative
22 Enzyme name suffix
23 Black gem
24 Absolutely won't
26 Player of Lou Grant
28 Jill Biden, — Jacobs
29 Definition of homophone #1
31 Name on a thesaurus
33 Merkel of "Twin Beds"
34 How goods are sold in most stores
35 Wearing a disguise, in brief
37 Gallery works
38 "Ben- —"
40 Halts
41 Definition of homophone #2
48 Bloomie's or Barney's rival
49 Hi-tech address
50 Tint
51 Nobles, collectively
56 Had a bite
57 "Insecure" network
58 Personal manner
60 Ore
61 Definition of homophone #3
64 Sponge gently
67 Suffix with Ecuador
68 Give the title
69 600 minutes after noon
70 Definition of homophone #4
76 Find an owner for, as a cat
77 Veers suddenly
78 Suffix with rocket
79 GPs, e.g.
82 Car washers, at times
83 Drink daintily
84 ETA part: Abbr.
85 Hoops tourney org.
86 Definition of homophone #5
91 Aspiring atty.'s exam
95 Label
96 Garden tool
97 Writer Nin
98 Will certifier, e.g.
102 Bro or sis
103 Trail mix muncher, maybe
105 Definition of homophone #6
109 However, for short
112 Sounding off
113 Pesky annoyance
114 Little setback
115 Petting zoo female
116 "Annabel Lee" writer
117 Great joy
118 Petting zoo female
119 Homophone #1
120 Homophone #2
121 Homophone #3
122 Homophone #4
123 Homophone #5
124 Homophone #6
DOWN
1 PC symbol
2 Script part
3 Sweet treat that's tiered
4 Chicago White —
5 Telegraphic code creator
6 Scarlett's Butler
7 Large couch
8 Accedes
9 Brand of cat food
10 Lug around
11 Victorious cry
12 Robbery
13 Lowest point
14 Mere hint
15 Biblical name of Palestine
16 Log-on name
17 Green gem minerals
25 Road 180
27 Location
29 Big name in waffles (lawn product)
30 Noble Brit
32 "My mistake!"
35 "Insecure" co-star Rae
36 Clutter-free
37 Feel poorly
38 Elvis Presley hit
39 Road, for short
42 — Goldberg machine
43 Horse's gail
44 "Mask" star
45 On — with
46 Novice, in slang
47 Goddess of agriculture
52 Allude
53 Oodles
54 "The World According to —"
55 Like a K-6 school: Abbr.
57 Top seller
58 Feigned kissing sound
59 Producing charged particles in
60 Film prefix with "Cop"
61 Insect feelers
62 Aug. follower
63 Hubbub
64 Sweetheart ("Indeeely!")
65 "The King —"
66 Weed — (lawn product)
71 Short-billed rail
72 Corn coverer
73 Fat-removal job, for short
74 Inca's home
75 Basil, for one
79 "Band on the Run" singer
80 Surrealist Salvador
81 Speaks
83 Kin of reggae
84 Mimic
85 Three trios
87 To be, to Henriette
88 More apt to complain
89 "Check," at a poker table
90 Dam creation
91 — Tar Pits
92 Like some huts or hats
93 Penitent sort
94 Safari shelter
99 Michael of R.E.M.
100 Singer such as Pavarotti
101 "Stucks!"
102 "Yes, —!" ("Indeeely!")
103 Vietnam's capital
104 Bury
106 Latvia's capital
107 Paris hub
108 Actress — Pinkett Smith
110 Barbers cut it
111 Ugly beast
114 Sow or cow

Obituaries



Marian Bittle

Marian Ramona Tracy Bittle (August 9, 1928 – May 14, 2025) entered her remarkable life in the home of her maternal grandparents’ in Hosterman, where they had a general store and ran a post office.

Marian resided in Hosterman with her mother and sister, Helen, until she was six years old. When she was about six years old, the trio moved to her paternal grandparents’ farm in Boyer, where she remained until college. As a child she admired Shirley Temple and loved to sing and dance. She convinced her father to buy her a piano and pay for piano lessons, which she continued through high school. She enjoyed all aspects of music in her community, and was an active member of 4-H, hand-raising sheep and completing various projects for the state and county fairs. After high school, where she played the flute in the band, she attended WVU, where she led various choral groups and represented her dorm in the “Miss West Virginia University” pageant. She graduated with a degree in music, after which she applied for a music teaching position with the Garrett County, Maryland, Superintendent of Public Schools, Foster David Bittle. She was invited to join the superintendent and his wife, Goldie, at their home for lunch, where the Bittle’s son, Bob, happened to be mowing the lawn.

Marian and Bob both considered Marian’s interview with Foster as the luckiest day of their lives. She and Bob, then a WVU graduate student in Chemical Engineering, began dating (and she also got the job as a teacher in Grantsville). On September 15, 1950, the couple eloped and were wed by Marian’s Uncle Lanty, in Ellerslie, Maryland. They took up residence in a second-floor apartment in Frostburg, using cardboard boxes for furniture, and then they bought a house on “A” Street in LaVale, furnishing it with the proceeds of war bonds that Bob had bought during World War II while he served in the Navy in the Pacific. After their son, David, was born, they outgrew the A street house and built a house on Warfield Place where they welcomed son, Mark, and much to his mother’s exasperation, David promptly showed his little brother how to escape from the crib. Daughter Lisa came along later, giving Marian a reprieve from being the only female in the house.

As a young homemaker and Suburbanite, Marian channeled her love of music and her Savior into singing and directing choirs, first at Saint Mark’s Reformed Church, and then at Saint John’s Lutheran Church, both in Cumberland, Maryland. She was selected to be the Director of Music of Christ Lutheran Church in LaVale, where she, Bob, Mark and David were charter members. For more than 35 years, she directed vocal choirs (adult, youth and children’s) and together with Rita Burton, Alice Firey and Gail Dawson, formed and directed three handbell choirs. She had a keen ear for potential talent and was a relentless recruiter, keeping the ranks of the choirs fully populated with members (in addition to the family conscripts). She was an excellent teacher and molded many raw enlistees into musicians. Her welcoming spirit and genuine interest in other people also led to many new members joining the church over several

decades. Her leadership skills were reflected in her roles as President of the Music and Arts Club and Chairwoman of its Scholarship Committee, Membership Chairwoman of the Community Concert Association, Historian of the Maryland Federation of Music Clubs, Director of the Memorial Hospital Nursing Home Chorus, Chairwoman of the annual Junior Choir Festival, and many church activities including the Joy Group. She was recognized for her accomplishments and named Citizen of the Month by the Suburbanite. For many years she gave private piano lessons in her home to children living in the area.

Like many of her generation, Marian was skilled in the domestic arts. She and Bob were prodigious gardeners, and Marian processed the resulting fruits and vegetables each season, canning and freezing almost every consumable fruit and vegetable imaginable, all in a steaming kitchen without air conditioning. In her later years, Marian was drawn to growing flowers, particularly dahlias, some of which were descended from her late mother’s garden in Boyer, and others given to her by neighbor and friend, Ivan Hall. In addition to gardening, Marian was a talented seamstress, sewing curtains, clothing and quilts, and teaching her children to sew and mend (including darning socks, a skill which Mark displayed to her dismay one Sunday while she was directing the choir). Always eager for a challenge, when the winter road salt caused the family cars to rust, she enrolled in an auto body course, and rebuilt the damaged parts of the quarter panels.

Marian’s hobbies over the years included bowling, tennis and golf. She enjoyed cooking and experimenting with recipes, old and new. She was a beautiful dancer, and she and Bob cut quite a figure on the dance floor during their 50th wedding anniversary party. She took up watercolors in her 80s, and one of her paintings, “Lillium,” won Best in Show in the Western Maryland Watercolor Society’s annual Spring Show in 2012.

Marian loved to travel, beginning with a family road trip cross country in 1939 in the family Chevy, and then a few years later as a teenager, traveling to Canada for an international 4-H convention. When the children were younger, the whole family would head out to beaches and lakes with a pop-up camper. After retirement, she and Bob were free to roam, and their adventures included Germany and Hawaii. Later, Mark took her to the island of Mustique, and she and Lisa went on a mother-daughter trip to Paris, where Lisa very nearly lost her in the airport.

Marian believed that a knowledge of family history was vital. In order to ensure that the next generation knew the family lore, every Memorial Day involved back-roads’ travel to remote cemeteries, to tend to graves and honor the ancestors. She and Bob were avid genealogists before records were available on the internet, and their painstaking research brought their families’ histories to life.

Above all, more than anything, Marian was devoted to the Lord. She actively chose, every day, to do what she believed the Lord wanted her to do. She lived her life with purpose and love. No one ever said better prayers. She cherished her family, friends and neighbors. Many dear friends, neighbors and assistants helped her with groceries, doctor visits, errands, mail and other household tasks, from filling the birdfeeders to taking out the trash, all of which allowed her to stay in her home of more than 70 years, where she was happiest.

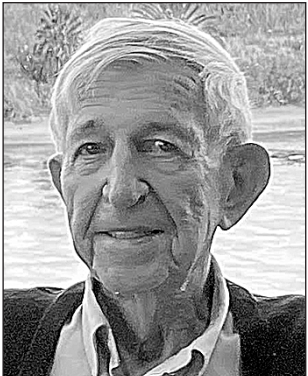
Marian was predeceased by her husband, Robert David Bittle; parents, Glenn and Alma Vera Bly Tracy;

sister, Helen Tracy Loman; niece, Jina Ramona Eckhardt; and grandson, Travis Benjamin Bittle.

She is survived by her son, Robert David Bittle, of Roanoke, Virginia, Mark Tracy Bittle (Holly), of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Lisa Bittle Tancredi (Michael Aronoff), of Baltimore Maryland. She is also survived by David’s children, Logan (fiancé Selena) and Tyler Bittle; great-granddaughters, Rhya and Luna Bittle; Mark’s children, Emma and Rose Bittle; and Lisa’s children, Chris and Matt Tancredi; nephew, John Jones (Donna); and great-niece, Jessica; as well as her nephews James (Jan), Thomas, Terrence and Brian (Julianne) Sparks; and great-nieces-and-nephews, Abby, Trish, Charlotte, Mac, Ellie, Ryan, Jamie, Esther and Nora.

Funeral service and burial were at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Myersville, Maryland.

Memorial donations may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, 1222 Vocke Road, LaVale, MD 21502 to support its monthly Reach Meal.



Charles Bryant, Jr.

Charles “Charlie” Edward Bryant, Jr., of Surprise, Arizona, passed away Sunday, May 25, 2025, while vacationing with family in Hawaii.

Born in Thornwood, November 29, 1934, Thanksgiving Day and his father’s 21st birthday, Charlie was a son of the late Charles Edward Bryant and Sherron Virginia Calhoun Bryant.

Sherron’s family lived in Pocahontas County.

Charles Sr., from McDowell County, was the son of William Bryant and Nora McQuire Bryant.

Charles Edward Bryant, Jr. attended schools in Pocahontas County, including Durbin Grade School and Green Bank High School, where he played football and learned Latin from Mr. Blackhurst. Four months before graduation from high school, he transferred to Harvey High School, Painesville, Ohio, and graduated from there June 1953. While attending high school, Charlie worked the night shift at “The Rayon.” That fall he attended Potomac State College for one year. He graduated in 1957 from West Virginia University with a B.S. in Forestry.

After graduation from WVU, Charlie attended Officer’s Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and – following Engineering School – was assigned to the 7th Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California.

On August 22, 1959, he married Patricia Augusta Browne, daughter of Edward Raymond Browne, of Gardner, Massachusetts, and Marie Germaine deLesseps, of New Orleans, Louisiana. Patricia’s father was in the United States Marine Corps and assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California.

Patricia was born October 27, 1937, in San Diego, California. She attended Saint Joseph’s Grammer School and Cathedral Girls’ High School and graduated with a BA in Social Work from San Diego State College in June 1960. While in college she worked for US Plywood and The Page Insurance Company. She was the recipient of the Rancho Santa Fe Country Friends Scholarship.

On August 24, 1960, a daughter, Colleen Marie, was born.

In June 1961, Captain Charles Bryant left active duty with the U.S. Marines and took his young family to

Arbovale, where he built a home for them. Patricia worked at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory.

In December 1961, Charles became a Forester for the Mower Lumber Company. He later served as Vice President and retired in 1991.

On August 24, 1962, a second daughter, Karen Elizabeth, was born and on December 19, 1965, a son, Thomas Edward, was born. On November 19, 1967, their fourth child, Margaret Sherron was born.

Charles Bryant had three younger brothers, Harold McQuain Bryant, Richard Gale Bryant, and Ralph David Waybright.

In 1965 Charles and Harold purchased an automobile dealership in Bartow, featuring Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge and Jeep. Harold was the manager of the dealership and number one salesperson. They sold the dealership in 1975, and Harold moved to Texas and continued in the car dealership industry.

Charles “Charlie” and Patricia “Patty” moved their family to Beverly in October 1967. Charlie served as the first director of the newly formed “Beverly Community Week,” a wonderful community experience which continues to this day as “Beverly Days.”

While skiing with his family at Wisp in Maryland, a friend approached Charlie and shared that Dr. Thomas Brigham from North Carolina was looking for land with a north-facing bowl to develop a ski area. Charlie was familiar with a tract of land he was managing for Mower Lumber Company with a north-facing bowl. He reviewed maps and aerial photographs with Dr. Brigham who became excited about the possibilities. Charlie flew the interested parties over the property, presented Mower with the plan, and the deal was consummated. This was the beginning of Snowshoe Mountain Resort, West Virginia’s largest ski resort.

In 1977, Charlie was appointed as a Bank Director for Tygart Valley National Bank, subsequently serving as Chairman of the Board.

In 1981, Charlie was asked to serve on the Visting Committee of West Virginia University School of Agriculture and Forestry which advised the dean on goals and objectives for the University.

In 1981, Charlie served as Assistant Director for the Mountain State Forest Festival. In this capacity he met with President Jimmy Carter in the White House Oval Office, one of the highlights of his life.

Charlie’s outgoing personality and zest for life kept him going strong until the end. He cherished time spent with his many friends. Whether it was a morning cup of coffee at the Beverly Restaurant, time together in his wood shop, an evening with friends in Arizona or time preparing tasty food with his many friends in the Tygart Valley Lions Club, he strived to turn each experience into something worth remembering. He will be remembered by family members for his warm and caring demeanor and as someone who was energetic and determined to succeed in their endeavors no matter how big or small. He will be sorely missed.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Gabrielle Bryant-Gainer.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia “Patty” Augusta Browne Bryant; daughters, Colleen Bryant, Karen Bryant (Genevieve DiFilippo), and Margaret Bryant-Gainer (Dan Bryant-Gainer); son, Thomas Bryant; brother, David Waybright (Melinda); sister-in-law, Irene Bryant; nephews and nieces, Harold and Hope Bryant’s children, Dana and Mike, Richard and Irene Bryant’s children, Ricky and Steven, and David and Marie Waybright’s children, Jeremiah and Andrew; grandchildren, Danielle Cade (child Laila), Jason Cade (Judy and children,

Abigail and Tyler), Aaron Cade (Ashley and children, Will and Lainey), Joshua Bryant-Gainer (Debbie Mauser), Jenna Bryant, Maja Bryant and Lilli Bryant.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 92 Catholic Church Road in Bartow with Father Arthur Bufogle as the Celebrant.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until time of service.

Interment will be in Arbovale Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 714 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 in memory of Charlie.

Tomblyn Funeral Home of Elkins is in charge of the arrangements for Charles “Charlie” Edward Bryant, Jr.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.tomblynfuneralhome.com



Gary Cochran

Gary W. Cochran, 79, of Troutville, Virginia, passed away Friday, May 30, 2025.

Gary died from living.

He was a son of the late John G. and Mary R. Cochran.

Gary was a United States Army veteran having served in combat in Vietnam. He was a proud Union member of the local 843.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 28 years, Barbara Pritt Cochran, who passed February 16, 2000; brothers, Johnny (Sonny), Raymond and Walter (Blue); special nephew, JR Kellison; and sisters, Patricia A. and Betty J.

Survivors include a son, Jared W.; daughter, Alicia, and husband, Mark; grandson, Tate Bell; nieces, Nancy, Sammy, Katie, Cindy, Amy, Viola, Patty and Penny; nephews, Larry, Gary, Kenny, Ray, Eli, Jim, Jeff, David and Harley; sisters, Shirley (Alfred) and Pam; and brother Curtis Brown. Gary’s West Virginia family, Hill Pritt, Randy Pritt, Frank Withrow, Joe Hanna and Pete Tawney; brother, Theo Morgan; and special ones, the Dorothy Hickman family.

A private graveside service with military honors will be held at Morningside Cemetery in Renick.



Ward Eister, III

Ward C. Eister III, 62, passed away Monday, May 26, 2025, in Roseville, Minnesota.

He was born in Ironton, Ohio, October 8, 1962.

In his youth, Ward was an active member of the Boy Scouts and spent a summer at Philmont Scout Ranch in the rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northeastern New Mexico. The transformative experience of hiking Philmont’s 140,177 acres left a lasting impact on him, shaping his adventurous spirit into adulthood.

Ward proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1982 to 1986, followed by service in the Army Reserves until 1988. His military tenure included a year stationed in Germany and earning several commendations: Army Service Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Badge with

M-16 Rifle Bar, and Overseas Service Ribbon.

Following his military service, Ward embarked on a career as a truck driver, traveling across the United States. He found great joy in life on the road, taking in the vast landscapes and connecting with people from all walks of life. Eventually, he made his home in Minnesota.

Ward is survived by his father, Ward C. Eister Jr. (Rebecca); brother, Robert Eister (Rachel); sister, Janelle VanReenen (Dennis); stepfather, Thomas Simkins; and niece and nephew, Chloe and Grayden Eister.

The body was cremated and the ashes will be placed in Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery.

James Lane

James David Lane, 73, of Marlinton, passed away at his home Friday May 30, 2025.

Born December 13, 1951, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Ralph Russell and Glenna Pearl Cook Lane.

David was a member of the Mountain View Assembly of God and worked in housekeeping at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

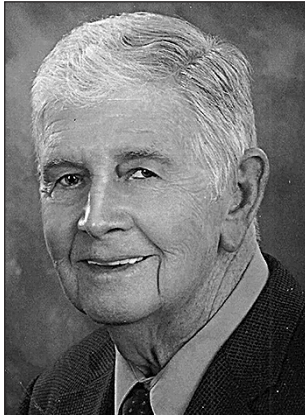
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Pauline, Dorothy and Dotty Lou Lane; and brothers, Burley Lane and Ralph Eugene Lane.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Lane; daughters, Donna Alderman and Rebecca Sharp; sons, Paul David Lane and James Lee Lane; brother, Melvin Carr Lane; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Mountain View Assembly of God in Edray with Pastors Andy Landis and Sam Felton officiating.

Burial was in Gibson Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Rev. Robert Shields

Reverend Robert Carl Shields, 88, of Princeton, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2025, at his home with his family by his side.

Bob, or Preacher Bob, as he was often called, was born July 24, 1936, in Clover Lick.

He lived there, in the same house, until graduating from Marlinton High School and leaving for college. He was the eldest son of the late Carl Griffin Shields and Mary Catherine Grimes Shields.

Bob knew early what he would do in life. He was still in his teens when he felt the call from God to ministry. Because of that clear call, he planned his further education to meet his needs. After he finished high school, he enrolled in Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, then moved two years later to Wilmore, Kentucky, where he enrolled in Asbury College, and later, in Asbury Seminary to get his Master of Divinity Degree.

His first appointment as a pastor in the United Methodist Conference came as soon as he graduated from Asbury College in 1959. That first appointment was with the Talcott Charge in Talcott, Summers County. He served during all his years of ministry in 14 appointments with a total of 42 congregations. On April 26, 1960, Bob married Betty Jean Honaker, a resident of Talcott. Five children filled their home with love, kindness and excitement in the years that followed.

PCHS Track – new school record and state championship results

Karen O’Neil
Track Coach

The Pocahontas County High School track team had a great season this year. Sophomore Allyson Taylor broke the school discus record during the regional track meet, throwing an outstanding 117’ 02” – more than 12 feet farther than the previous school record. The girls’ team took second place in the regional track meet, with 90 points total, and the boys’ team took third, with 99 points. In all, 17 members of the team qualified for the WVSSAC state championship, and all did extremely well.

The state championship was incredibly challenging this year, as many state meet records were broken during the two-day event. At the state tournament, Allyson Taylor again threw incredibly well, taking second place in the state championship. The boys’ shuttle team (C. Vandevender, C. Cover, T. Brock, W. O’Ganian) missed out on a medal by an incredible 0.01s. An unfortunate hamstring injury to Douvaughn Morris in the 100m preliminary race ended his hopes for a medal. Teammates C. Cover and N. Wimer stepped in for him in the 4x100m and 4x200m relay teams, respectively.

The team would like to thank the William Dilley Fund and Green Bank Observatory for their financial support of the team.

The state track meet championship results for PCHS are:

- Florian Baudler (14th place: 4x800m)
- Abbey Bauserman: (11th place: 100m; 12th place: 4x100m)
- Trenton Brock (9th



PCHS STUDENTS WHO qualified for the state track meet. Back row, from left: Allyson Taylor, Sabrina Hammons, Riley Cassell, Willa Hardy, Abbey Bauserman, Ramona Hardy. Kneeling, from left: Douvaughn Morris, Will O’Ganian, Trenton Brock, Luke Taylor, Dawson Deputy, Caleb Ritter, Colton Cover, Carter Vandevender, Florian Baudler. Not pictured: Dallas Sharp and Nate Wimer.

- place: Shuttles; 15th place: 110m hurdles)
- Colton Cover (9th place: Shuttles; 12th place: 4x200m; 14th place: 4x100m)
- Dawson Deputy (14th place: 4x800m)
- Riley Cassel (11th place: High Jump; 12th place: 4x100m; 13th place: 4x800m; 16th place: 4x400m)
- Sabrina Hammons (12th place: 4x100m; 13th place: 4x800m)
- Ramona Hardy (13th place: 4x800m; 16th place: 4x400m)
- Willa Hardy (12th place: 4x100m; 13th place: 4x800m; 16th place: 4x400m)
- Douvaughn Morris (100m: 15th place; 200m, 4x100m, 4x200m: DNS, injury)
- Will O’Ganian (9th place: Shuttles; 12th place: 4x200m; 14th place: 4x100m)
- Dallas Sharp (14th place: 4x800m)
- Allyson Taylor (2nd place: discus; 11th place: High Jump; 16th place: 4x400m)
- Luke Taylor (14th place: 4x800m)
- Nate Wimer (10th place: Shuttles & High Long Jump; 12th place: Jump; 12th place: 4x200m; 4x200m; 14th place: 14th place: 4x100m)
- Carter Vandevender (9th



ALLYSON TAYLOR AND Coach Aaron Pugh after the school record sign was changed to show Allyson’s new school discus record of 117’ 02”

- Nate Wimer (10th place: Shuttles & High Long Jump; 12th place: Jump; 12th place: 4x200m; 4x200m; 14th place: 14th place: 4x100m)
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He was preceded by a brother, Jackie Clay Shields; and sister Carolyn Ann Shields.

Bob is survived by his wife, Betty Jean Honaker Shields; sons, Robert Todd Shields (Lori), Russell Carl Shields (Kammy), Seth Douglas Shields (Beverly), and Scott Daniel Shields; daughter, Sandra Jean Grimes (Donald)); eight grandchildren are also left to cherish many happy memories, Samantha, Elijah, Emily (Adam), Jonathan, Sarah (Andrew), Austin, Dustin and Erika; brother,

Thomas Randall Shields (Judy); as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service for Preacher Bob will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2025, in the Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor Marva Smearman officiating.

Burial will follow in Restwood Memorial Park in Hinton.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until time of service.

The family will serve as pallbearers.

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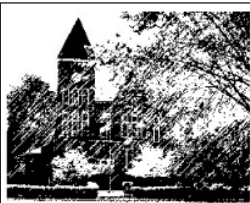
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Green Bank Academy Graduation – circa 1910



FEMALE STUDENTS, DRESSED in white, graduating from Eighth Grade at Green Bank Academy in Green Bank, W.Va. The nine young women pictured left to right: Mabel Gillispie, Fronie Flynn, Wilma Beard, Mabel Wood, Ama Connode, Amy Burns, Stell Brown, Faye Woodell and Cora White Cotton. The two men standing on the left: Burley Simmons, Teacher; and Burley Williams, County School Superintendent. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection; ID: PHS004559)

On the Hunt! We have a request for photographs of the Beauty Contest at the Pocahontas County Fair in the 1950s. Please get in touch if you have photographs that we can scan. Thanks in advance.

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 7, 1950

Hambletonian’s Family Tree

Hambletonian, famous trotter, was the son of Abdallah and a crippled cast-off known as the Charles Kent Mare, of Messenger, famous English stallion brought to America in 1801. Hambletonian’s dam was so no-account that Jonas Seely, Jr., was glad to unload both the mare and her gangling foal on Ryadyk who had to scrape up the needed \$125 from friends to get his dubious horseflesh. Before the Orange County Dutchman died in 1870, six years before Hambletonian, he was a wealthy man from the variously estimated stud fees (between \$185,000 and \$300,000) earned by the great stallion.

LAWYERS

Lawyers have a profound respect for and constant awareness of the rule that every accused person is enti-

tled to defense counsel whether he can pay for it or not. Doing something for nothing seems to impress them deeply, or maybe the strange fact that the ugliest cases more frequently involve people who are unable to hire a lawyer has something to do with it.

When sentencing a confessed child rapist at Hinton Monday, Judge Nickell Kramer noted that some feeling had arisen against the two attorneys assigned by the court to defend the man and felt impelled to explain to the crowded courtroom that Attorneys Harold B. Eagle and Walter Elswick had no choice in the matter when they were ordered to conduct the defense. Judge Kramer said: “I’d like it to be made known that they defended Harrah without compensation at this court’s order. They could not refuse to accept such an assignment.”

FIELD NOTES

In proof of the well-known fact that panthers do cover their kills, there is a story of the little girl on Bucks Mountain back in pioneer days who went to sleep in a sugar orchard on a warm spring day during sugar making. She awoke all smothered up, deep in a pile of leaves. A panther had raked leaves over her for a future meal. It was dark when she awoke to the calls of her parents, who were searching for the child. In this particular neighborhood this story was told of a little McCollum girl.

Another such experience was that of a pioneer hunter watching a deer lick on Elk. No game came in and the man went to sleep. He awoke smothering under a pile of leaves. He knew exactly what had done it. He climbed a walnut tree. Just at gray dawn he heard a stick break. Here came creeping, creeping, a big panther, followed by a pair of good-sized kits. A full 20 feet from the leaf bed, the panther launched herself in a mighty leap to land smack dab where she had covered up the man. Leaves flew in all directions, but it was merely

a water haul. In drawing a deadly bead on the panther’s head, the hunter noticed her look of disappointment.

WEDDINGS

The wedding of Mrs. Gertrude Ralston and Allen Blackhurst, both of Cass, took place Thursday, June 1, 1950, at 9 p.m. in the Harry Miller home at Dunmore with Rev. H. Graham Keys officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rexrode, of Bartow, announce the marriage of their son, Dale Joseph, to Miss Pearl Droszahninski, of New York City. The marriage was performed April 22, 1950, at 6 p.m. in the Lady Queen of Angels Church in New York.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Friel, of Marlinton, a daughter, Christine Sharon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Foe, of Cass, a son, Lewis Marshall.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dharl Hansford, of Marlinton, a daughter Donna Sue.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lewis McMillion, of Droop, a daughter, Margaret Jean.

Without warning, the big tree turned out of root and crashed across the automobile. Both young ladies were in the front seat, and the tree struck in the back of the seat and mashed into the floor of the car. The tree broke into a number of pieces, and one of these pieces, ten feet long and fifteen inches or more through, lay across the girls. This was an aged tree, far past its prime, but there was no apparent reason for its going down at that time as there was no wind.

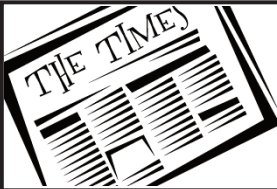
HOW MANY BIRDS HAVE YOU SEEN

Dr. Hunter Kee very kindly let us look over the list of birds he has seen and noted so far this year of 1925.

The list includes 60 varieties. All of us see birds, but many of us really do not see them. The average man will be surprised to find how few birds he knows by name. Happily, this does not apply to the schoolboy, as the schools are teaching our children to know and appreciate the beauty and economic importance of birds. Dr. Kee’s list follows:

English sparrow, crow, junco, titmouse, nuthatch, song sparrow, siskin, cardi-

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, June 5, 1975

RESIGNS

Sheriff C. E. Matheny submitted his resignation to the County Court Tuesday. Clyde Cochran was appointed to fill his unexpired term, effective July 1.

WEATHER

May 1975

Minimum temperature: 29 degrees on the 8th.

Maximum temperature: 90 degrees on the 21st.

Rainfall 5.62 inches.

STUDENTS

James Smith, son of Mrs. Rubye Smith and the late Albert Smith, of Marlinton, made an all “A” record at Davis and Elkins this past semester, receiving an A in all five of his subjects.

IN MEMORY

Kyle J. “Catty” Neighbors, 64, the well-known owner of the Cass Historical Museum, collector of Cass Railroadiana, employee of Cass Scenic Railroad, and possessor of one of the kindest hearts and most cooperative attitudes among rail buffs and historians anywhere, died suddenly May 29.

“Catty,” whose nickname went back to his childhood in Cass and who let a yen for collecting lumber and railroad history grow into a collection that defies description, spent a large part of his adult life in Baltimore where he worked as a welder in a shipyard. About 10 years ago, he resigned there to come back to Cass and take a job as brakeman and welder with the Cass Scenic Railroad. In recent years, he

was the familiar and amiable conductor of the Whittaker Station trains. Neighbors retired May 1, a year ahead of schedule to, as he told this writer just a few weeks ago, “devote full time to collecting the history and organizing it for future generations to enjoy.”

Along with a small and dedicated group of devoted Cass fans, he maintained an old company house on Cass’ main street calling it the Johnny Pulp Club. Almost every weekend, year round, a group of fans would gather there, unroll their sleeping bags, and spend their time working on historical project connected to the railroad.

This past May 16 – 18, well over a dozen fans gathered in what was to be the last such event, at least under the watchful eye of their host...

TRUCK DRIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Burns Motor Freight, Inc., of Marlinton, has two drivers in the final judging round for the West Virginia Motor Truck Association Driver of the Year honors...

George A. Broce and Dwight L. Nelson have a combined safe driving record of 4,400,000 miles, much of it over mountain terrain and their service record spans 52 years...

WEDDING

The Community United Methodist Church in Arlington, Virginia, was the setting for the wedding of Carleton Richard Parish and Sharon Woods, on March 22, 1975 at 2 p.m.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, June 7, 1900

The Danger of Euphuism

“Can I tell you the meaning of euphuism,” asked an older man of the younger men on the staff.

“It is the pleasant art of calling a bootblack a gentleman of polish, and it’s very valuable in newspaper work provided you do not carry the joke too far.

“I remember when I was a ‘cub’ myself and was working out in Denver, a fellow came in one day and asked me to write a nice little notice about the marriage of his brother to a girl over in Centre City.

“Who is the bride? I asked, so as to get some material for a paragraph; ‘what is her father’s occupation?’

‘Why, he’s a teller,’ said my caller, with some hesitation.

“All right,” said I, and thinking it would sound a shade finer, if I referred to the lady as “the beautiful and accomplished daughter of the well-known banker of Centre City.”

Next day, the boss came in foaming at the mouth.

‘What in the blazes do you mean by speaking of that old — — as a banker?’ he bel-lowed. ‘He’s a professional clairvoyant and the biggest old fraud out of jail! He’s got an old ad in the paper right now, offering to reveal the past and future for 35 cents and a lock of your hair!’

“I was overwhelmed with chagrin and hunted up my informant. “Why did you tell me that the girl’s father was a banker? I asked reproachfully.

‘I didn’t,’ he answered; ‘I said he was a teller.’

“It’s one and the same thing, I retorted.

‘No, it isn’t, said he; ‘you jumped at the conclusions. I didn’t mean a paying teller, I meant a fortune teller.’ — New Orleans Times-Democrat

A WARNING TO BORROWERS

A man, who was too economical to take this paper,

sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In his haste, the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees and in 10 minutes, looked like warty summer squash.

His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, and, failing to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into that, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy and ruining a \$5 pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the cornfield and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket, the wife ran, upset a four-gallon churn of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning the whole flock. In her hurry, she dropped a \$7 set of false teeth. The baby, left alone, crawled through the spilled milk and into the parlor, ruining a \$20 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up 11 setting hens, and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four fine shirts.

A CARD

Editor.

In the issue of the Times of the 17th, you call attention to lawlessness in this county, and correctly attribute it to the unlawful sale of whiskey.

You say that “many persons have the illegal traffic here” but that we lack men who are willing to take the initiative to aid the officers to close the places, presumably here in Marlinton.

This, I consider an unjust reflection on the law-abiding citizens of Marlinton and is an intimation to outsiders that this class is small in Marlinton. On the contrary, we have as many law abiding citizens here as in any other place in the county, and these citizens have shown in every possible way their willingness to aid the officials to eradicate this evil, and stand ready now to take the initiative to bring about his result if they can have the assurance of the

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100-Years-Ago

in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 4, 1925

The champion fish taken so far was caught by Gene Kinnison at Kinnison Station, a blue cat 34 inches long, weighing 40 pounds. Jim Workman and Gene Kinnison cut a bee tree and took nine gallons of honey, and they used the wax for bait and got this big fish.

Rev. John C. Brown McLaughlin arrived last Thursday to serve the Swago Presbyterian Church for the summer season. He is a son of Rev. Henry W. McLaughlin, of Raphine, Virginia, who was born and raised on the farm that it now Marlinton. On his mother’s side, Mr. McLaughlin is from a line of distinguished ministers, his grandfather being Rev. John C. Brown, who is remembered by many Pocahontas people. He is a graduate of Davison College, and of his class of about 80 members, nearly 30 are preparing for the ministry.

Squire A. E. Smith is making preparations to take a trip

next month to his old home at St. John, New Brunswick. Fifty-eight years ago, he left home to seek his fortune in the United States, and he has been back home only once and that was 38 years ago. Forty-three years ago, Captain Smith came to Pocahontas County. For the 12 years he has been in public office, he has been out of his office less than that number of days and he deserves a month’s vacation.

Our friend Alex Stuart was here from his home at Julia, last Friday. Forty years ago, he came to Pocahontas County to help cut the white pine. There was timber and men in those days. Mr. Stuart says the record days’ cutting so far as he knows was 122 feet of logs for two cutting crews of three men each, two sawyers and one axe man. The winning crew scaled up 63,000 and the other 59,000. Ten to 12,000 is considered not a bad day’s cutting at this time. The above record was made on Anthony’s Creek.

Attendance at Marlinton Methodist Sunday school was 295; at the Presbyterian 219.

100th BIRTHDAY PICNIC

On Wednesday, June 24, at the home of W. C. Buzzard, near Frost, the family of Mrs. Ellen Buzzard will celebrate the 100th anniversary of her birth by a picnic in the beautiful sugar grove...

Mrs. Ellen Buzzard was born June 24, 1825, on Greenbrier River near Clover Lick. She was a daughter of Caleb Knapp. She married Sampson Buzzard, who has been dead about 25 years. They were the parents of 11 children ... There are 82 grandchildren...

Mrs. Buzzard is hale and hearty and retains her mental faculty to a remarkable extent.

NARROW ESCAPE

On last Sunday afternoon, a big sugar tree fell upon an automobile driven by Misses Edith and Edna May, the daughters of R. C. May, on the Seneca Trail where the road turns off to the County Fairgrounds. Both were painfully bruised and scratched, and Miss Edith suffered a broken shoulder and a fractured rib. The machine was badly wrecked.

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said. “There were no dazzling entrances with perfectly timed wind, no flash mobs and definitely no magic pause button for a monologue.

“What we had were FBI level protected tables with enough blocks to build a castle and schedules that seemed to change with the weather,” she continued. “Despite all the chaos, here we are. We made it. It might not have been cinematic, but it was real – and it was ours.”

It may not have been perfect, and mistakes were definitely made through the four years, but Smith said it was that not so picture perfect time that made them who they are today.

“We learned to thrive under changing circumstances, improve when nothing went as expected and support each other when it mattered most,” she said. “We found our own way without special effects or plot armor. It may not have been the most straight forward journey, but it was one full of lessons and laughter.”

Reflecting on the past four years were Taylor Arnold, Caleb Ritter, Riley Pollack and Ellena Bauserman, who each spoke about one of their four years in high school.

Freshman year is always a stressful and uncertain time when students try to navigate a new school and get to know new class members.

“Going through the year, our headstrong class climbed each mountain and paved the pathway for our futures,” Arnold said. “Our common interests developed into friendships and relationships that we hope to keep throughout the years. Even with the odds stacked against us, we powered through all the struggles throughout our first year as students at PCHS.”

Sophomore year wasn’t as scary, as they are no longer little fish in a big pond. Instead, they are finding their paths and as Ritter said, “getting behind the wheel for the first time, legally of course.”

“More important, we were finding the people who we could truly call our friends,” he said. “I find it extremely

hard to believe that those kids, who didn’t really have a clue on how to navigate high school, now sit in front of me waiting to receive their diploma and start the next chapter in their lives. I’m glad that I had the opportunity to spend this time with each and every one of you. I am thrilled to see what we all will accomplish.”

By Junior year, the students were learning who they are and who they want to be in the future. There were tests – lots of tests – and they managed to carve out a path toward their future endeavors.

“I remember our junior year as if it were yesterday – a whirlwind of SAT prep, college visits and the dawning realization that the future was hurtling toward us at a crazy speed,” Pollack said. “It was a year of growth, of challenges and of discovering the strength we never knew we possessed.

“Here we stand, stronger and wiser for having navigated those troubled waters,” she continued. “We’ve learned the power of unity and the resilience to face uncertainty head-on. As we step forward into this new chapter, let us carry these lessons with us, knowing that the challenges we’ve overcome have prepared us for the journey ahead.”

Senior year flew by and was filled with a lot of lasts, as Bauserman reflected – last first day of school, last pep rally, last football game, last dance, last sports season.

“While those ‘lasts’ hit us hard, they also made this year unforgettable,” she said. “We learned to appreciate every moment. This year was full of so many good memories, the kind that will stay with us forever.

“We’ve grown so much

this year, not just in what we’ve learned in class, but in how we’ve shown up for each other,” she continued. “We’ve laughed, cried, stressed over deadlines and celebrated every little win together. Today is the end of one chapter, but it’s the beginning of everything else. While we may be saying goodbye to some things, we’re also stepping into our next ‘firsts’ – first jobs, first college classes, first time being on our own and the first time that our dreams are turning into a reality.”

Next, co-Valedictorian Kirsten Friel shared her appreciation for family, friends and staff in her address. She reflected on the past four years and gave words of advice to her fellow graduates.

“I know not everyone is taking the same path,” she said. “Some of us are going to college, others into the workforce or the military. Whatever your next step is, I hope you remember to look for the good in life and not let the negative moments define you.

“Take risks when you can because you won’t always have the chance,” she continued. “Most all, stay true to who you are and don’t let anyone stop you from becoming the person you want to be. Lastly, I want to say congratulations to everyone. Good luck on your next chapter.”

Co-Salutatorian Ella Markl also shared gratitude in her speech, as well as encouragement for the future.

“Some of us have known each other since elementary school and others just for a few years,” she said. “Regardless, we completed this journey together. Thank you for the memories, the laughs and the small moments we

will one day look back on with a smile.

“We have faced a lot together – a lot of change and a lot of uncertainty,” she continued. “But our class has continually stuck together when times got tough. We have spoken up for what is right. We have shown other classes what leadership looks like. But most importantly, we have set the tone for what our futures will be. For that, we need to thank ourselves and each other. We have come a long way.”

Co-Salutatorian Dillon Dunz presented the Class of 2025 and senior class sponsors William Brown, Staci Dunn, Wanda Hrabina, Diana Nelson and Aaron Pugh joined superintendent Lynne Bostic, principal Christine Campbell and dean of students Casey Griffith in presenting diplomas to the graduates.

As they crossed the stage, several graduates gave Campbell dog toys because – as she later explained – they called her big dog. As she shook each graduate’s hand, Campbell gave them a two

dollar bill and a small dog charm.

Before dismissing the class to embark on their journey, Campbell shared her thoughts about their high school career, as well as her enthusiasm to see them succeed in the future.

“Oh, the places you’ll go,” she said, quoting Dr. Seuss. “This class is unlike any other. Your tenacity is what makes your class unique. From the words of Dr. Seuss – ‘you’ll soar to high heights, except when you don’t, because sometimes you won’t. I’m sorry to say so, but sadly it’s true, that bang ups and hang ups can come to you.’”

The students have been through a lot, to say the least. There was the COVID-19 pandemic, then countless changes in teachers, coaches and administration at the high school. Not to even mention all the inner struggles all students face.

“You’ve handled the change and uncertainty of this school year as well, or better, than many of us,” Campbell said. “These challenges tested your limits and

ours, but you never gave up on yourselves, or us. You leaned in, stood tall and pushed forward. You remind us all that strength isn’t just getting by, it’s striving for more.”

The graduates have grown into leaders and have shown their creativity and determination in the past four years.

“You are active,” Campbell said. “Whether in classes, on the field, in clubs or in our communities, you show up. You’ve led with energy, with purpose and with a spirit that brought life to our school. From standing up for what matters, to taking a lead role in organizing school events, you haven’t just participated, you’ve been actively engaged.

“As you leave these halls and head out into the world, remember you’re not just graduates – you are leaders, dreamers and doers. Every community needs people like you. Just do your best every day and please bring back your experiences to make our community strong – whether just to visit or to raise your own families.”

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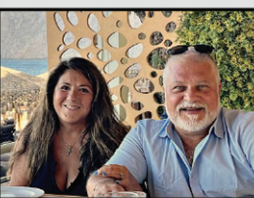
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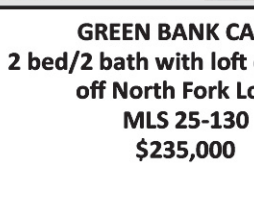
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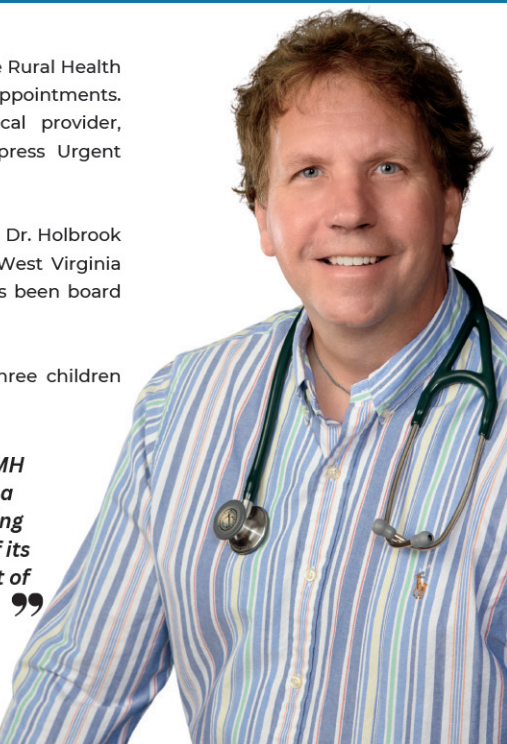
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Dr. Holbrook and his wife Amy have three children and seven grandchildren.

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Class of 2025 honored at Senior Awards Night

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

More than \$700,000 in awards and scholarships were presented to members of the Pocahontas County High School Class of 2025 at the senior awards event May 27 in the school's gymnasium.

The event was hosted by the junior members of National Honor Society who served as emcees.

Senior members of National Honor Society are – Eden Smith, Ella Markl, Taylor Arnold, Kirsten Friel, Will O’Ganian, Florian Baudler, Ellena Bauserman, Hannah Beverage, Trenton Brock, Brianna Cochran, Devon George, Miranda Gum, Shaylee Landis, Mallori McCoy, Garrett Nelson, Ryleigh Parker, Kaylee Pritt, Caleb Ritter, Celis Tanner, Mackenzie Taylor, Addisyn Waddell and Courtney Waugh.

Junior members are – Berkley Buzzard, Allison Friel, Ramona Hardy, Whitney Robertson, Joseph Van Meter and Cammi Warner.

The Valedictorian Award was presented to Eden Smith and Kirsten Friel, both class valedictorians. Both will be continuing their education at West Liberty University.

The Salutatorians of the class are Ella Markl and Dillon Dunz. Both were presented the W.E. “Tweard” Blackhurst Award. Markl plans to attend Fairmont State University and Dunz will attend David & Elkins College.

Honor graduates received certificates for their academic achievement of maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher at the end of the third nine weeks of school. They are Jade Arbogast, Florian Baudler, Ellena Bauserman, Hannah Beverage, Trenton Brock, Brianna Cochran, Dillon Dunz, Kirsten Friel, Shaylee Landis, Ella Markl, Garrett Nelson, Will O’Ganian, Ryleigh Parker, Riley Pollack, Kaylee Pritt, Gracie Sisler, Eden Smith, Celis Tanner, Addisyn Waddell, Courtney Waugh and Kaydence Waybright.

Florian Baudler was recognized for having faithful attendance with four or fewer days missed in the 2024-2025 school year.

The Pocahontas County Arts Council recognized the following students for their artistic growth, motivation and skill. Art Level 2 – Curtis Arbogast and Courtney Waugh. Art Level 3 – Taylor Arnold and Harley Brown. Art Level 4 – Eden Smith and Emily Dotson.

The following students received cords from Marshall University for completing dual credit courses – Florian Baudler, Dillon Dunz, Kirsten Friel, Ella Markl, Noah Nutter, Will O’Ganian, Eden Smith and Courtney Waugh.

The PCHS drama club



THE WEST VIRGINIA Invests Grant was presented to, from left: Rachel Felton, Shaylee Landis and Riley O’Doherty.

presented medallions to senior members to wear at graduation. They are Emily Dotson, Hailey Fitzgerald, Miles Fitzgerald, Miya Johnson, Daniel Malcom, Kaida Tanner and Max Thomas.

Grow Your Own Pathway gives students a fast track into the education field through dual enrollment courses and an accelerated pathway. Students who have joined the Grow Your Own Pathway are Miranda Gum, Taylor Arnold, Alex Harrah and Bailey Zickefoose.

Students receiving the Promise Scholarship are Taylor Arnold, Trenton Brock, Dillon Dunz, Kirsten Friel, Miranda Gum, Ella Markl, Ryleigh Parker, Riley Pollack, Austin Rider, Caleb Ritter, Gracie Sisler, Eden Smith and Celis Tanner.

The West Virginia Invests Grant is a state-funded grant program that pays toward the full cost of basic tuition, mandatory fees and aca-

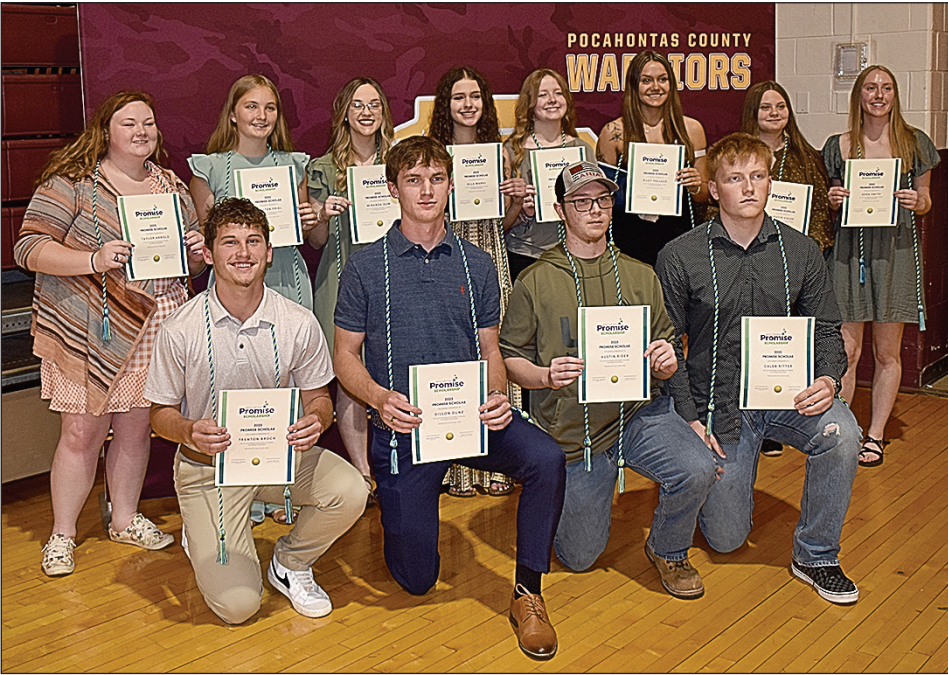
ademic program fees for select certificate and associate degree programs at a West Virginia public two-or four-year institution.

Those receiving the WVIG are Rachel Felton, Shaylee Landis, Riley O’Doherty and Nevaeh Southern.

Miranda Gum was recognized as an Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholar. The Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars Program is West Virginia’s most prestigious state-funded financial aid program and provides up to \$10,000 a year to cover the cost of tuition and fees, room and board, and other eligible expenses.

Pocahontas County 4-H Extension Agent Luci Mosesso recognized the following seniors for being stellar 4-Hers – Trenton Brock, Rachel Felton, Eden Smith, Kirsten Friel, Caleb Ritter and Riley Pollack.

Mosesso also presented scholarships to the following



RECIPIENTS OF THE West Virginia Promise Scholarship were, front row, from left: Trenton Brock, Dillon Dunz, Austin Rider and Caleb Ritter. Back row, from left: Taylor Arnold, Kirsten Friel, Miranda Gum, Ella Markl, Ryleigh Parker, Riley Pollack, Gracie Sisler and Eden Smith. S. Stewart photos

seniors on behalf of West Virginia University – Kenzie Doss, Matthew McQuain, Caleb Ritter, Riley Pollack and Gracie Sisler.

Receiving scholarships from Glenville State University are: Kohl McClanahan, Devon Burgess, Kenzie Doss, Landon Hebb, Matthew McQuain, Brooklyn Moyers, Mackenzie Taylor, Alex Harrah, Ella Markl, Ryleigh Parker, Riley Pollack, Gracie Sisler, Kaylee Pritt, Miranda Gum and Caleb Ritter.

Fairmont State University presented scholarships to the following students – Jade Arbogast, Hannah Beverage, Alex Harrah, Mallori McCoy, Matthew McQuain, Brooklyn Moyers, Noah Nutter, Riley Pollack, Caleb Ritter and Ella Markl.

Marshall University awarded scholarships to Ellena

Bauserman, Miranda Gum, Davis & Elkins College Matthew McQuain, Ella Markl, Brooklyn Moyers, ships to Dilon Dunz who will attend college there. Ryleigh Parker, Riley Pollack, Eden Smith, Mackenzie Taylor and Kaydence Waybright.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

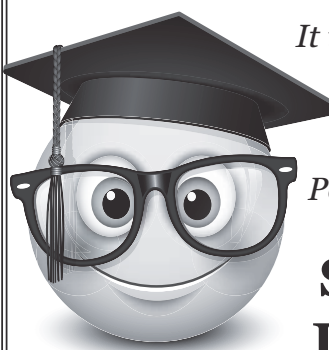
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and Dillon Dunz, who will attend Davis & Elkins, to join the golf team and major in Finance and Accounting; and Kenzie Doss who will attend WVU to major in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling.

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The Sons of the American Revolution, represented by member Rick Wooddell, presented the Bronze ROTC medal to Dennis Wilfong and the Bronze good citizenship medal to Hailey Fitzgerald.

The Greenbrier Valley Sportsman Association Scholarship was presented to Haley Pritt and Mallori McCoy by Pam Callison.

The Marlinton Woman's Club and Seneca Woodlands Women's Club Scholarship was awarded to Miranda Gum. The clubs also recognized scholarship finalists Kirsten Friel and Eden Smith.

Allie Sharp, representing Pendleton Community Bank, announced that Mya Workman was the recipient of the bank's scholarship.

Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Chelsea Faulkner presented the tourism scholarship to Kirsten Friel.

Snowshoe Foundation Executive Director David Black awarded the foundation's scholarship to Trenton Brock, Dillon Dunz, Kirsten Friel, Ella Markl and Eden Smith.

Bill Jordan, representing Citizen's Bank of West Virginia, announced Riley Pollack as the recipient of the bank's scholarship.

The Braelunn Peteete Scholarship was presented to Addisyn Waddell by family representative Cammi Warner.

Jacob Taylor and his mom,



THE EMPOWER APPALACHIA STEM Scholarship was presented to Eden Smith, center, by Wesley Felton and 2024 recipient Hannah Burks. S. Stewart photos

Linda, presented the JRH Transport Scholarship to Riley O'Doherty.

Wesley Felton, of Empower Appalachian, presented the organization's STEM Scholarship to Eden Smith.

PCHS FFA advisor Andy Friel awarded the Ham, Bacon and Egg Scholarship to Mallori McCoy, Mya Workman, Trenton Brock, Brianna Cochran, Kirsten Friel, Rachel Felton and Gracie Sisler.

The Dorothy "Dotsy" S. Fraker Memorial FFA Scholarship was presented by Tom Fraker to Gracie Sisler and Kirsten Friel.

PCHS forestry teacher

Scott Garber presented the Lyndsee Gay Lambert Memorial Scholarship to Kaylee Pritt.

Nature's Mountain Classroom Director Tracey Valach recognized the following seniors for their volunteer work with the education program – Noah Nutter, Trenton Brock, Mya Workman and Mallori McCoy.

The Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation presented the following scholarships:

Alice Rowan Waugh Memorial Scholarship to Taylor Arnold.

Candance J. Huffman Memorial Scholarship to Eden Smith and Kirsten Friel.



MYA WORKMAN, CENTER, received the Pendleton Community Bank Scholarship. The award was presented by Allie Sharp, left, and Kerry Watkins, right.

Clark and Helen Brumagin Memorial Scholarship to Noah Nutter and Riley Pollack.

Gay and Becky Shinaberry Scholarship to Ella Markl.

Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation to Dillon Dunz, Ellena Bauserman, Mackenzie Taylor and Trenton Brock.

Michael J. Porter STEM Scholarship to William O'Ganian.

Norval E. Waugh Memorial Scholarship to Taylor Arnold.

Pocahontas County FFA Memorial Scholarship to Gracie Sisler.

Dr. Roland P. Sharp Family Memorial Scholarship to Miranda Gum.

Virgil and Macel Harris Scholarship to Ella Markl.

Receiving the Dr. Charles Glen Shinaberry Scholarship and Dr. Mary Tibitha Moore

Lee McMann Award.

Noah Nutter received the H. A. Yeager Scholarship.

The Albert Yanni Scholarship was presented to Kaylee Pritt.

Shaylee Landis, Caleb Ritter and Florian Baudler received the Raymond and Eva Shrader Scholarship.

The Dr. Roland Sharp Scholarship was awarded to Trenton Brock.

Receiving the Tucker Community Foundation Scholarship were Kirsten Friel, Dillon Dunz and Riley Pollack.

Kaylee Pritt was the recipient of the Ora Belle Thompson Sharp Scholarship.

William O'Ganian was announced to be a National Honor Society Scholarship National Semifinalist, making him one of 600 students in the United States to receive the award.

At the end of the event, the National Honor Society installed officers for the 2025-2026 school year – President Ramona Hardy, Vice President Joseph Van Meter, Secretary Berkley Buzzard, Treasurer Allison Friel, Public Relations Coordinator Whitney Robertson and Service Hour Coordinator Cammi Warner.

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The Cass Days Steam and Strings Music Festival is set for Saturday, June 14, in conjunction with Cass Days and the iconic Parade of Steam. The festival features an incredible line-up of artists bringing together the perfect blend of Americana, Folk, Bluegrass and Country music. Music begins at 11:30 a.m., after the Parade of Steam, and runs all afternoon. This year's festival will feature The Bing Brothers and Jake Krack; Leon Majcen, The State Birds, Nathan Bess, Darrin Hacquard, Jesse Milnes, The Fly Birds, Joe Thompson and Dan Freeman. Admission is FREE. Donations are welcome and support Friends of Cass. For more info on the festival and the entire weekend's events, please visit friendsofcass.org



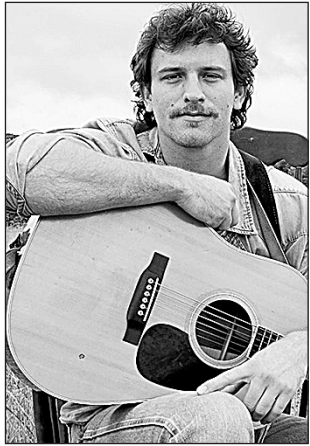
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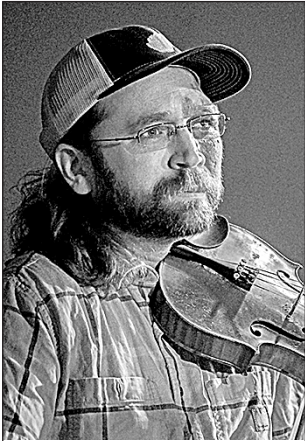
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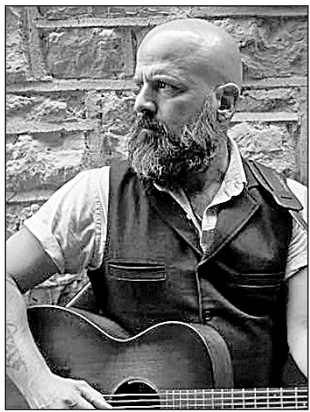
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10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Tours
7 p.m. Firemen's Parade
Sponsored by Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Activities at Hillsboro Elementary School unless noted
8 - 11:30 a.m. Breakfast with Friends
Hillsboro Library. Coffee and take-out breakfast. *Friends of the Library*
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Tours
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Arts & Crafts Vendors, Grounds
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Live Music (see insert)
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Book Sale, Hillsboro Public Library
Friends of the Library
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Kids Arts & Crafts
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Car Show, Hillsboro Car Club
Sponsored by Town of Hillsboro
11 a.m. - Noon Homemade Heritage Pie Contest
Registration/Drop Off, Hillsboro Senior Center
11 a.m. Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches
Community Club
Hot Dogs
Little Levels 4-H Club
Philly Cheesesteaks
PC Senior Citizens
Lemonade Stand
Hillsboro Girl Scouts
Noon - Field Games
Noon - 2 p.m. Heritage Parade Registration
Heritage Fair Tent

Saturday, continued

2:30 p.m. Winners of Parade, Pie and Car Show Judging Announced
Under the Tent
3 p.m. Heritage Parade
Rt. 219, Lobelia Rd. and Payne St. Parade Marshall: Richard Hefner
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Square Dance with Juanita Fireball & the Continental Drifters, Eugene and Ellen Ratliff, Callers
Under the Tent

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Noon - 4 p.m. Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Tours
7 p.m. Oak Grove Cemetery Tour
Meet at Oak Grove Church, Weather Permitting
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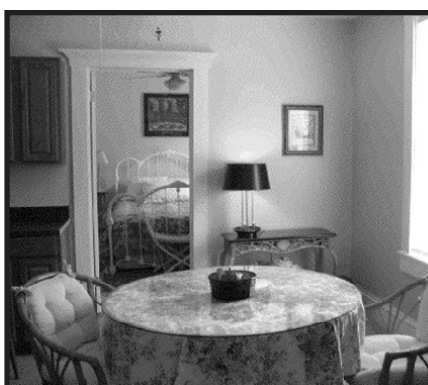
Contest Rules:

Crust and pie filling must be made from scratch. (Pastry, crumb or any other homemade crust containing flour & shortening). No canned fillings, mixes, pre-made or graham cracker crusts, commercial whipped toppings, cheese cakes or frozen desserts. List ingredients on one side of a index card and name, address and phone number on the back. Pies will be judged based on Presentation, Texture and Taste. Judge's decisions are final. Pies will be listed by number only. You should have your name on any plate you wish to pick up. Pies must be brought to the Hillsboro Senior Citizen's room at the south end of HES between 11 a.m. and noon. Judging will begin at 12:30 p.m. and winners announced at 2:30 p.m. Winners in each of the two categories will be: First place \$75, Second Place \$50 and Third Place \$25. The Best of Show will be selected by a separate team of judges from the first place winners of each of the two categories. The winner will receive a ceramic pie plate. For additional information call Ruth Taylor at 304-653-8563 or email bobandruthytaylor@yahoo.com or Sarah VanReenen at 540-815- 9401. Bake a pie and come on down!

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County’s newest bike optimized trails, primarily Monday Lick Run and Lens Ridge Trail, two iconic Monongahela National Forest descents. The Monday Lick Enduro is the fourth stop in the West Virginia Enduro Series and will have six timed stages. Registration closed June 17.

Sheets, from page 1

pre-historic civilizations – that was a great learning experience for all those kids,” he added. Through the years, Sheets realized students are the perfect archaeologists for a dig like Fort Warwick because they have keen eyes, small hands and an eagerness to discover something in the dirt. “To be able to recognize something that’s different from the surround soil type, they got a hold of that concept pretty quickly,” he said. “They wouldn’t necessarily know what they found, but they would hold up a lot of things, asking, ‘what’s this?’” Sometimes it would turn out just to be a rock, but there have been many times where the item they held up for a closer look was, in fact, an artifact. As a retired teacher, Sheets knew the educational element of the digs was important for all age groups and is happy to say students from not just Pocahontas County, but surrounding areas have experienced the hands-on ed-

ucation at the fort. “This was the Augusta County militia, so we reached out to Staunton High School and they brought students here,” he said. “Charleston Catholic got in touch with us. They brought students here and dug with us. We’ve had students from the governor’s science camp at GBO come and excavate with us.” The most distant group was from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky. “Their professor brought them here and they camped in the field because he wanted them to have a real field archaeology experience,” Sheets said. “They were here for about four days and helped us extensively on one of our excavations.” The educational element of the fort doesn’t end with students. Sheets has hosted several events at the fort, including a 250th anniversary celebration last summer, which attracted hundreds of people of all ages who wanted to learn more about the history of the area. “The colonial knowledge is sometimes quite way back in the mindset of individuals,” he explained. “They hear about the American

Revolution, but looking at our forests around here, they don’t really think about this being a hot bed of that particular type of activity.” While none of the fort’s residents were present for the signing of the Declaration of Independence, they were prepared to defend it and several of them walked from Pocahontas County to join in the fight. There is still a lot to learn from the fort and Sheets said he and the McBrides are trying to determine the shape and positioning of the fort – a discovery they plan to present to the public in July. “It’s not your classic four sided with bastions on each corner or even bastions on two corners,” he said. “We’ve got a very unique animal. Drs. McBride are both working on that, trying to put together all the data points we’ve got to establish the footprint of this thing.” Although the date is not set yet, Sheets said the public event will be in July at the Green Bank Observatory. The presentation will include the shape of the fort, as well as results from various excavations that have happened through the years.

Library, from page 3

figures of speech, no matter how irrational the results. It’s probably not surprising that these problematic readers believed that they would have no difficulty reading the rest of the book. The study also found a wide array – let’s call it intellectual laziness. Students were provided with dictionaries and access to the internet during their test. Few bothered looking up unfamiliar terms. That resulted in students reading the book’s opening sentence: LONDON. Michaelmas Term lately over, and the Lord Chancellor sitting in Lincoln’s Inn Hall. ...and concluding that “O.K. Two characters it’s pointed out this Michaelmas and Lord Chancellor described as sitting in Lincoln’s Inn Hall.” Now admittedly, the opening sentence of *Bleak House* packs in a lot of things that are unfamiliar to modern American readers. Until 1882, the United Kingdom had two different court systems—common law courts, which (roughly) heard criminal law cases, and the Court of Chancery, which (again,

roughly) heard civil law cases. Lincoln’s Inn Hall was the home of the Court of Chancery. The Lord Chancellor was the chief judge of the Court of Chancery. And Michaelmas Term is the court’s fall term, running from October through December. You wouldn’t expect a college undergraduate to know all of this ahead of reading *Bleak House*. But you would expect that they could use the internet to figure out that Michaelmas Term is a time period, not a person. Concerns about reading proficiency are nothing new. After all, *Why Johnny Can’t Read* topped bestseller lists for 37 consecutive weeks, in 1955-6! But it’s also undeniably true that reading proficiency has declined in recent years, with a noticeable drop right after Covid. Evidence is also mounting that the ubiquitous presence of smartphones is eroding our ability to concentrate on long, dense texts. I’ve watched this happen to my own reading skills. Our son, Matt, graduated from NC State earlier this month, with a major in philosophy and a minor in English. I was incredibly flat-

tered when he asked me to read and comment on all of his final papers for his philosophy classes. I was also shocked at how hard it was. I wasn’t always familiar with—or in some cases, had just forgotten lots of—the primary texts Matt was using. So, I had to read those before I could even start on Matt’s papers. The result was I spent 12 hours reading and commenting on a 15-page paper. I used to grade 20 similarly sized papers in a week. Unfortunately, there are no shortcuts to getting these skills back (or to developing them in the first place). You learn to read challenging texts by reading challenging texts. And you’ll read challenging texts only if you already love to read. That’s why we’re currently hard at work putting together our annual Summer Reading Program. Our goal is to get kids excited about reading. Because kids who are excited about reading turn into the kinds of young adults who know that the Lord Chancellor being addressed by “a large advocate with great whiskers” is about a lawyer with a huge beard, not a cat.

Your, from page 3

life in which you never stop learning. He sent me away with something to consider on my way to Alaska.

“Hell is Other People” ~ Jean Paul Sartre This commonly misused phrase doesn’t mean what you may think. Sartre is not referring to misanthropes, people who dislike others; instead, he is discussing how we are affected by how others perceive us. Sartre presents a compelling argument against giving too much credence to others’ thoughts on how to pursue happiness and satisfaction.

Before delving more deeply into the many reasons and categories that attract people who seek lives with little to no interaction with others, we must explore our own propensity for solitude: do we have what it takes? How about you, reader? Are you uncomfortable when isolated? Is the silence, as they say, deafening and disturbing? I have used the term “isolated” to distinguish between being alone and being lonely; they are not the same thing. Have you ever intentionally isolated yourself for an extended period? If so, were you comfortable with it? Did you benefit from spending time without human contact? Perhaps you enjoy and find serenity in solitude, or the very thought of being alone is unbearable. I have a friend or two who cannot tolerate an empty house, let alone living alone in a Himalayan cave for decades. At the same time, other friends think nothing of hiking the Appalachian Trail alone. Are the lone adventurers hermits? Not necessarily, solitude seekers come in various forms, including, but not limited to, hermits, recluses, misanthropes, fugitives, lone wolves, cloistered nuns and anchorites. We should begin by examining the definitions of the two words most often used to describe individuals who voluntarily isolate themselves from most, if not all, social interaction. If you equate

being a hermit with being a recluse, be aware that there are significant differences between the two terms, and they are not interchangeable. According to the much-trusted *Cambridge Dictionary*, a hermit (noun) is “A person who lives alone and apart from the rest of society, especially for religious reasons.” A synonym of hermit is anchorite, which carries the same meaning with only slight differences. Note that the definition of both terms includes the phrase “religious” reasons. As for the derivation of the word “hermit,” it is first mentioned as a noun in the Middle English period, from 1150 to 1500 AD. The poet Layamon employed the word in his writings in 1275 AD. That brings us to the word “recluse,” which has a different connotation than the term “hermit.” According to the *Cambridge Dictionary*, a recluse is a person who lives alone and avoids social interaction, typically by staying indoors and refraining from contact with others. (That definition hits close to home.) When thinking of famous recluses, a sterling example is Howard Hughes in the latter half of his life. We find J.D. Salinger in the same category; he withdrew from public life after writing *The Catcher in the Rye*, refusing interviews, and even his writing came to a near halt. Among the well-known recluses are Bobby Fischer, Greta Garbo, Marlon Brando, John Lennon, Emily Dickinson, Brian Wilson, Gene Hackman, and many more. These personalities demand and value privacy and are often described as recluses. So, reader, if you feel the label recluse describes you, you’re in great company. The media often describe Ted Kaczynski as a recluse; perhaps a misanthrope better describes the Unabomber. As we shall soon see, there are many variations on the theme of being reclusive; criminality is one of those. Yes, Ted was a recluse, but his way of reaching out was by killing others who promoted modern technology. He feared modern technology threatened humanity and could only be mitigated

through violent revolution. Clearly, Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys and poet Emily Dickinson are not in the same recluse category as Mr. Kaczynski. Pocahontas County is endowed with endless mountains, hollows and deep forests, and it has attracted writers, poets, artists and talented people of all stripes who have literally “headed for the hills.” Our rugged topography attracts those seeking a socially off-grid lifestyle. Many of these people would fit the description of recluses and possibly even hermits. Author’s Note: While writing this article, I planned to meet with some local introverts in a group to discuss their motivations for living a life of solitude. Of course, being disinclined toward social gatherings and true to their creed, nobody showed up. Ah, you saw that coming, didn’t you? In part two of this series on hermits, recluses, and their various iterations, we will spotlight three extraordinary American hermits, all with different motivations for living in solitude. We will tell the story of a man who drove his truck into the woods of northern Maine until it could go no further. He abandoned the vehicle with the keys still in the ignition and set off to the most remote and rocky area he could find, where he stayed, unnoticed, for 27 years. He would have stayed longer, but his petty theft of food from nearby summer cottages landed him in the hoosegow for seven months. Then we will visit a real West Virginia hermit, a former nun who cloistered at a hermitage for nearly 30 years. Apparently, that didn’t answer all of her questions about life and her faith, so she bought a secluded cabin and lived in solitude for another six years here in the Mountain State. Last, but certainly not least, we will meet an immensely talented and erudite man who, in 1967, headed off into the wilds of Alaska, built a cabin, and stayed for 30 years. Until next time, Ken Springer ken1949bongo@gmail.com



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DEVON BURGESS WITH his family, colleagues and head coach, Doug Burns, signs to play for Bethany College. A. Pugh photo



D.J. WILFONG, ALONGSIDE his family and head coach Doug Burns, signs to play for Bethany College. A. Pugh photo

Wilfong and Burgess sign with Bethany

Mitchell B. Koerber
Student Sports Journalist

Two Pocahontas County High School seniors, D.J. Wilfong and Devon Burgess, have signed letters of intent to play football for Bethany College. They will retire from the Warrior tribe and join the Bison. After years of making highlights on Warrior Field, the two graduates will make the tough decision to leave their home turf and take a brand-new step toward a fortunate future and their overall satisfying adulthood.

Warriors head football coach Doug Burns issued the following statement regarding the two seniors: “It was a pleasure to Coach Devon

and DJ. Both athletes were leaders – on and off the field. The Warriors are going to miss DJ on the line and Devon’s speed and hands on Friday nights. I know they are going to do great things at Bethany College, and I look forward to watching them play.”

“I’m very proud of all the hard work DJ has put in to play at the college level,” said DJ’s father who is also the assistant coach of the Warriors. “I’m even more excited to see what he will do this coming fall on the field.”

D.J. plans to major in psychology.

Devon’s parents, Frankie and Tiffany Burgess, said, “we’re really proud of Devon and all his accom-

plishments. He has always poured his heart and soul into the game of football and we’re sure that he will continue to do so as he moves on to Bethany College.

“It’s going to be weird to see him in a color other than maroon and gold, but we’ll always be his biggest fans wherever life takes him.”

Devon plans to major in criminal justice.

Dilley Scholarship presented



POCAHONTAS COUNTY HIGH School senior William O’Ganian received the William Dilley Memorial Scholarship. From left: Toney and Mali Minter, O’Ganian and William Dilley’s son, Justin Dilley. The Minters founded the scholarship in memory of PCHS alum and friend William Dilley.

CTE students recognized for achievements

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Pocahontas County High School seniors were recognized at the Awards Ceremony May 27 for their achievements in the CTE – Career and Technical Education.

Of the 77 seniors graduating this year, 33 of them completed in at least one CTE program.

The following awards were presented:

NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential – This award recognizes students who exceeded National Standards on their respective content area test.

NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate – This award recognizes students who successfully met the workforce entry-level score for their content area.

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fields.

Drug Free Credential – The drug free credential is presented to CTE completers who are able to pass two random drug tests during a school year. Employers smile favorably on those who can bring this to the workforce.

National Technical Honor Society – The National Technical Honor Society recognizes CTE completers who have a 3.3 GPA or higher, exhibit strong character, leadership and community service.

SkillsUSA – Students in the carpentry and welding programs can participate in SkillsUSA. In this student organization, students can compete in various skill sets based on the classes in which they participate.

Emergency Medical Training – New River Community and Technical College offers an EMT training program, that is not part of CTE, to students 16 and older at PCHS. Students that

complete the course will earn five credit hours through New River. The students complete several lessons, quizzes, tests and skills throughout the course and must complete a minimum of 10 field patient contacts.

Students also take a state psychomotor examination where they will be evaluated on their skill proficiency and knowledge prior to being eligible to set for the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician-Basic certification.

After passing the national test, the students will have a national registry certification and also be eligible to obtain a state EMT-B certification.

New River also provides the students with BLS certifications, hazardous materials awareness, mass casualty incident 1 and 2, and a state protocol review, making the students field ready after passing their examination.

EDGE – It stands for Earn

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Taylor	Arnold*	Isaac	Cozort	Preston	Hedrick	Jonathan	Painter	Abigail	Thomas
Rhett	Baker	Aiden	Crane	Parker	Hill	Jiya	Patel	Caleb	Tolley
Gavin	Bare	Caroline	Dotson	Rozalynn	Humphreys	Donavin	Penn	Jakob	Tomlinson
Jayla	Barnhouse	Layton	Dowdy	Karma	Jacobs	Jayleigh	Persinger	Aniston	Treadway
Isaiah	Bartenslager	Dillon	Dunz*	Hannah	Jewell	Riley	Pollack*	Landon	Trent
Ellena	Bauserman*	Carissa	Ellis	Mary	Johnson	Brandon	Poticher	Julia	Troyer
Irie	Beaver	Gavin	Erskine	Kaitlyn	Jones	Angel	Pritt	Trevor	Twohig
Laken	Bennett	Hailey	Ervin	Cristian	Kanafany	McKinley	Reese	Brandon	Upton
John	Bicksler	Isaiah	Feamster	Sofia	Kelso	Cole	Renick	Gunner	Ward
Ashlyn	Blevins	Madalyn	Fields	Natalee	LaGrand	Hannah	Rhodes	Haylee	Ward
Grace	Boettner	Aiden	Fleshman	Cera	Lim	Stephanie	Rice	Olivia	Warfield
Hunter	Boothe	Peyton	Ford	Kaelyn	Long	Valerie	Rice	Ryan	White
Richard	Bowyer IV	Kirsten	Friel*	Luella	Mansheim	Zoe	Robinson	Larissa	Wickline
Fallon	Bragg	Isabella	Gabbert	Ella	Markl*	Emma	Rodes	Shailyn	Wickline
Trenton	Brock*	Peyton	Gardinier	Allyson	Martin	Kierston	Rozell	Sophie	Wiley
Emily	Carothers	Mackenzie	Gray	Morgan	Massie	Emmaline	Ryder	Claire	Wills
Alyssa	Carpenter	Megan	Griffith	Ashley	Meadows	Tabitha	Samsel	Brenna	Witt
Jackson	Carter	Jenna	Groves	Ashley	Mendez	Jordan	Saul	Haley	Workman
Gavin	Cherry	Miranda	Gum*	Cassidy	Merriman	Thomas	Sibold	Mya	Workman*
Raina	Childers	Parker	Hale	Alison	Miller	Aundraya	Simmons	Ryde	Wykle
Carolyn	Clarkson	Abigail	Hanna	Avery	Milley	Gracie	Sisler*	Leah	Wylie
Fox	Cline	Sorinea	Harris	Mya	Monroy	Eden	Smith*		
Kaitlin	Cooper	Niesha	Harris-Nutter	Noah	Nutter*	Jara	Stone		
Courtney	Copenhaver	Evey	Hart	William	O’Ganian*	Jasmine	Stone		

*PCHS Graduates

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a Degree – Graduate Early. Students take approved career and technical courses in high school that convert to a variety of college credits offered through community and technical colleges of West Virginia, including New River CTC.

Shaylee Landis is a completer in Information Management and member of National Technical Honor Society.

Caleb Ritter is a completer in carpentry and has earned the drug free certification. He is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential and competed in SkillsUSA.

Gracie Sisler is a completer in agriculture, forestry and natural resources management. She has earned NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential, NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate, drug free credential, NOCTI college credit for natural resources management and is a member of National Technical Honor Society.

Mackenzie Taylor is a completer in Information Management. She has earned the drug free credential and EDGE credit and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Kaylee Pritt is a completer in forestry. She has earned NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential and NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate and is also a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Garrett Nelson is a completer in welding and forestry. He has earned the NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential, EDGE credit, drug free credential, NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Curtis Arbogast is a completer in culinary. He has earned three hours of college credit from NOCTI, EDGE credit, NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential, NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Ellena Bauserman is a completer in information management. She earned the NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential and is a member of the National

Technical Honor Society. Kirsten Friel is a completer in agriculture. She earned the NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate, three hours of college credit from NOCTI, EDGE credit and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Brianna Cochran is a completer in agriculture. She has earned the NOCTI Workforce Competency Credit for agribusiness systems and animal systems, three hours of college credit from NOCTI and is a member of National Technical Honor Society.

Jade Arbogast is a completer in culinary. She has earned the NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential, NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Trenton Brock is a completer in agriculture and information management. He has earned the NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate, NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Mallori McCoy is a completer in agriculture. She has earned three hours of college credit from NOCTI, NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Devon George is a completer in carpentry. He has earned the drug free credential, NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential, three hours of college credit from NOCTI, competed in SkillsUSA and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Robert Mayle is a completer in agriculture.

Devin Armstrong is a completer in agriculture and forestry. He has earned NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential and NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate.

Kendra Moyers is a completer in agriculture in both animal systems and agribusiness systems.

Jachobi Teter is a completer in agriculture. He has earned three hours of college credit from NOCTI, NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate for both agribusiness systems and animal systems and EDGE credit.

Jax Peck is a completer in agriculture. He has earned

the NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate.

Jesse Defibaugh is a completer in welding. He has earned the NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate, NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential and three hours college credit from NOCTI.

Trevor Tuskan is a completer in agriculture. He has earned the NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate.

Devon Burgess is a completer in carpentry. He has earned the drug free credential, NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential and competed in SkillsUSA.

Mya Workman is a completer in agriculture. She has earned the NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate.

Kane Miller is a completer in forestry. He has earned the drug free credential, NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential and NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate.

Nicholas Lambert is a completer in culinary. He has earned EDGE credit, NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential and NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate.

Rachel Felton is a completer in agriculture. She also participated in the EMT program. She has earned the NOCTI West Virginia Workforce Certificate and EMT certification.

Joseph Lizotte is a completer in carpentry. He has earned the drug free credential, NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential and competed in SkillsUSA.

Jayden Hershman is a completer in carpentry. He has earned the drug free credential.

Summer Hansford is a completer in culinary. She has earned the drug free credential.

Austin Rider is a completer in carpentry. He has earned the drug free credential and NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential.

Dennis Wilfong, Jr., is a completer in forestry. He has earned the NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential.

Luke Hansford is a completer in forestry. He has earned the NOCTI Workforce Competency Credential.

Kregg Thomas is a completer in information management.

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ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at P. O. Box 209, 900 Tenth Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with

the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication

see Legal Advertisements pg 17

POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

POCAHONTAS' COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as amended, the Pocahontas County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2025 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND

Estimated revenues:

Local Sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 6,136,860
Other local sources	167,000
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	6,644,810
Other unrestricted	4,209,530
Federal sources:	
Unrestricted	50,000
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues	17,208,200
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	882,150
Estimated beginning balance	4,189,910
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$ 22,280,260

Estimated expenditures:

Instruction	\$ 8,326,040
Supporting services:	
Students	983,500
Instructional staff	374,880
Central administration	531,500
School administration	928,670
Central services	263,600
Operation and maintenance of facilities	2,363,010
Student transportation	2,153,980
Food services	
Community services	
Capital outlay	
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	
Interest and fiscal charges	
Total estimated expenditures	15,925,180
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	1,650,050
Estimated budgetary reserves	4,705,030
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses, and reserves	\$ 22,280,260

POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Estimated revenues:

Local sources:	
Property Taxes (Net of allowances)	\$
Other local sources	
Miscellaneous sources	1,210,000
Total estimated revenues	1,210,000
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	
Estimated beginning balance	
Total estimated revenues, transfers, and beginning balance	\$ 1,210,000

Estimated expenditures:

Capital projects	\$ 1,210,000
Total estimated expenditures	1,210,000
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 1,210,000

POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Estimated revenues:

Local Sources	\$ 12,600
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	584,250
Other	1,582,990
Federal sources	-
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues	2,179,840
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	581,700
Estimated beginning balance	
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$ 2,761,540

Estimated expenditures:

Instruction	\$ 858,582
Supporting services:	
Students	12,540
Instructional staff	89,720
Central administration	
School administration	87,580
Business	
Operation and maintenance of facilities	
Student transportation	
Food services	1,184,270
Community services	
Capital outlay	
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	
Interest and fiscal charges	
Total estimated expenditures	2,232,692
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	528,848
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 2,761,540

POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

Pocahontas County, to wit:

I, Lynne R. Bostic, Secretary of the Pocahontas County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the board of education on the 20th day of May, 2025.


Secretary of the Board of Education

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or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later.

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025
Claim Deadline: Monday, August 4, 2025

ESTATE NUMBER: **14749**
ESTATE OF: **MARY ELLA SNYDER**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Kyleen Shelton
94 Hidden Valley Road
Morgantown, WV 26501-7722

ESTATE NUMBER: **14772**
ESTATE OF: **WILLIAM AUSTIN MORGAN**
EXECUTRIX: Barbara Lee Morgan
11 Hallmark Lane
Hillsboro, WV 24946-8758

ESTATE NUMBER: **14773**
ESTATE OF: **BRENDA JOYCE WILLIAMS**
EXECUTOR: Barry Charles Williams
537 Hidden Valley Drive
Roncoveverte, WV 24970-9551

ESTATE NUMBER: **14780**
ESTATE OF: **MARY FRANCES KALISZEWSKI**
EXECUTRIX: Julia D. Grimes
4274 Gordon Dilley Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-7071
EXECUTOR: Jackie D. Cain
3808 Browns Creek Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-7045

ESTATE NUMBER: **14781**
ESTATE OF: **FLORENCE LOUISE KESLER**
EXECUTRIX: Bonnie Louise Ferguson
371 Myers Avenue
Harrisonburg, VA 22801-4210

ESTATE NUMBER: **14782**
ESTATE OF: **DAVID WILLIAM BETHANY**
AMINISTRATRIX: Regina Benedict Bethany
717 Circle Drive
Marlinton, WV. 24954-1487

Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 30, 2025.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
6/5/2c

ACCEPTING BIDS – 2009 Ford Ranger
Pocahontas County Senior Citizens, Inc., is now accepting bids on a **2009 Ford Ranger Extended Cab with 145,466 miles**. The truck will need a new catalytic converter and battery. Bids should be dropped off at PCSC Marlinton office located at 20626 Seneca Trail, Marlinton WV 24954 no later than 3 p.m. June 23, 2025.

Bids will be opened at the June 27 PCSC Board Meeting and the highest bidder will be contacted to schedule truck pick up.

Pocahontas County Senior Citizens, Inc.
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**POCAHONTAS COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Pocahontas County Assessor's Office is now accepting applications for a part-time position. This position will run from **July through October**. The successful candidate will assist another Deputy Assessor conducting residential visits.

The majority of the work will be performed in the field. Work will be performed as required and directed by the Assessor.

Requirements include but are not limited to the following:

- Must be a resident of Pocahontas County
- Have a valid WV driver's license
- Applications subject to the approval by the Pocahontas County Commission.

Salary: \$14.00 per hour. No benefits.

Applications may be obtained at the Assessor's Office, 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applications may be faxed to 304 799-6132 or hand delivered to this office. Applications must be completed and returned no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2025.

Johnny Pritt
Pocahontas County Assessor
5/29/2c

**TOWN OF MARLINTON
POSITION AVAILABLE
CHIEF OF POLICE**

The Town of Marlinton is now accepting applications for its Police Department. One candidate will be assigned to the position of Chief of Police.

Minimum Requirements:

- Must be a US Citizen and at least 21 years of age
- Certified in law enforcement
- Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent
- Able to work various shifts including weekends and holidays
- Good physical condition
- Pass a background investigation, drug screening, and psychological examination

Job Details:

- Responsible for managing daily operations of the police department, ensuring public safety, building positive relationships within the community, and ensuring compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including certain town ordinances.

Paid Benefits:

- Paid holidays, personal days, accumulative sickness and vacation leave, state retirement, and health insurance available.

Starting Pay Range:

- \$47,500. – \$57,500. depending on experience

For more information, please contact the Town of Marlinton at 304-799-4315.

**Applications and/or résumés may be mailed to
Town of Marlinton, 709 2nd Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954
or email townofmarlinton@frontiernet.net
no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2025.**

Town of Marlinton is an equal opportunity employer.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated August 15, 2013, executed by Borrower, Carol Griffis JR, to William D. Goodwin, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Book 348, at Page 569. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of **594 NEWMAN RD, BUCKEYE, WV 24924**. Pill & Pill, PLLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated April 4, 2025, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 425, Page 251. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. **Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pocahontas County, in Marlinton, West Virginia, on the following date: 10th day of June 2025 at 10:30 a.m.**

All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, and the easements, rights-of-way and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate near Mill Point, in Little Levels District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin, set in the corner of lands between Joseph W. Tawny and Virgil Vandeavander; thence with Tawny line S 25 E 200 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving this line N 74 E 217.80 feet to an iron pin; thence N 25 W 200 feet to an iron pin in the Virgil Vandeavander line; thence with this line S 74 W 217.80 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.0 acres, more or less. And being the same real property conveyed unto Carol Griffis, Jr. by deed dated August 6, 2013, from Kenneth C. Weaver and Mary F. Weaver, husband and wife, said deed not yet of record. There is also granted and conveyed by this conveyance, a right-of-way, for access to the parcel herein conveyed by way of the existing "farm road" as shown on a plat of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 153 at Page 354. The Grantees are to provide open access to the Virgil Vandeavander lands by this "farm road" across their 1.0 acre tract. Reference is hereby made to all prior instruments in the chain of title for all reservations, restrictions, limitations and easements and right of way affecting the property herein conveyed. For Purposes of West Virginia Code §38-1-4, any notice of Trustee's sale shall be mailed to the Granter at the following address (or such address subsequently given to Lender in writing by the Grantor): 594 Newman Road Buckeye, WV 24924

TERMS OF SALE:

SILENT AUCTION OF SURPLUS ITEMS
Items for a silent auction will be on display at Hillsboro Elementary School Saturday, June 7, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Hillsboro Community Yard Sale. Bid sheets will be displayed on the items for bidding. Sheets will be pulled at 11:30 a.m. to determine the winner.

Items will be displayed on the Hillsboro Elementary School Facebook page.

2 large round tables	Can organizer
3 rectangle tables	3 4" TV carts with electric cords
2-shelf metal bookcase	Large red C table
2 burner stove 220	2 plastic carts with electric cords
5-five drawer filing cabinets	4 plastic wheeled walls
2-two drawer filing cabinets	Single steamer
Rolling metal cart	Tilt skillet
Salad bar	Flat screen TV
2 computer charging stations	Preschool table and 5 chairs
2 ceiling projector screens	Drafting table
Booster heater	Wall mounted screen
Bag small coolers	2 Metal doors
Wall heater	Misc. small chairs
6 small red chairs	

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**POCAHONTAS COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION**

The Pocahontas County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission will be conducting competitive examination testing for **entry level Deputy Sheriff position(s)**.

The Entry Level On-Line Examination will be held in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office **Monday, June 16, 2025, starting at 4:30 p.m.**

Applicants must be citizens of the United States and be between ages 18 and 45. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. Successful applicants shall become a resident of Pocahontas County within (6) months of their hire date.

Deputy Sheriffs are full-time benefited positions, including retirement, medical insurance, vacation, and sick leave.

Initial annual uncertified officer salary is \$45,000, increased to \$48,000 upon completion of Academy and increased to \$51,000 after twelve (12) months of Academy Certification.

WV Certified Officers in good standing will start at \$51,000 with a twelve (12)-month probationary period.

Applications may be obtained from the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office or the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office.

Applications must be received by the County Clerk's Office no later than the close of business on June 10, 2025.

The applications may be dropped off or mailed to 900C Tenth Avenue Marlinton WV 24954.

Pocahontas County is an Equal Opportunity Employer
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Pocahontas County ARC Broadband Expansion for the Pocahontas County Commission will be received by the Pocahontas County Commission, at 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954, until 3 p.m., local prevailing time, Tuesday, July 8, 2025, and then at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 10 a.m. All interested parties are requested to meet the Engineer at Marlinton Town Hall, at 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954 at that time.

The project consists of the installation of approximately 49 miles of new aerial fiber in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. The project will consist of the installation of aerial fiber along existing utility right-of-way on existing utility poles. The primary purpose of the project is to deploy a fiber solution that will provide businesses and residents of the project area with broadband services of at least 25/3 Mbps.

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

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order 11246, HUD Section 109, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin, and have non-segregated facilities.

Bidders must comply with the requirements for Affirmative Action and Minority Business Enterprises participation as described in the Federal Specifications insert to the Contract Documents.

Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Copeland Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act, and the West Virginia Division of Labor Wages for Construction of Public Improvements pursuant to West Virginia Code §21-5A-3.

Plans and specifications are on file for inspection at the following offices during normal working hours:

F.W. Dodge Plan Room, Charleston, West Virginia
Online at TRASCO (<http://www.trascopeplanroom.com>)

Copies of the Contract Documents (electronic and/or hard copy) are available for purchase through TRASCO at <http://www.trascopeplanroom.com>.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the Pocahontas County Commission, County of Pocahontas, West Virginia, or a Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and a grantee bidder and a bidder surety company approved by the Pocahontas County Commission, County of Pocahontas, West Virginia in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the Bid, shall be submitted with each Bid, to guarantee the Bidder's entrance into a Contract, if given the award.

No Bid shall be waived or returned because the Bidder failed to or cannot comply with any requirements as set forth in the Plans and Specifications, or any applicable statutes of the United States, the State of West Virginia, and/or local ordinances.

No Bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the time of the opening of the Bids.

Any Contractor submitting a Bid on this project hereby certified, indicates and acknowledges that he/she has a license and meets all the qualifications required by the statutes of the State and subdivision in which the work is to be performed.

Pocahontas County Commission
John Rebinski, President
6/5/1c

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1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1

3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.

5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
Pill & Pill PLLC
85 Aikens Center
Edwin Miller Boulevard
P.O. Box 440
Martinsburg, WV 25402
304-263-4971
foreclosures@pillwvllaw.com
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Attention Town of Marlinton Water Customers
The Town of Marlinton Water Department will be conducting routine fire hydrant testing throughout the community beginning May 17 and continuing through July 17, 2025.

The purpose of this testing is to ensure that all hydrants are functioning properly and to maintain the safety and reliability of our water system.

During this period, you may notice temporary discoloration or cloudiness in your tap water. This is a normal result of harmless sediment being stirred up in the water lines.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town of Marlinton Water Plant at 304-799-7442.

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The successful applicant must be a Pocahontas County resident or must relocate to Pocahontas County within sixty (60) days of hire.

Résumés may be submitted to...
Pocahontas County Commission
c/o Melissa L. Bennett, County Clerk,
P.O. Box 209, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954
between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, no later than June 11, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

For further information or questions please contact Commissioner John Rebinski at 304-456-3244 or Brandon Jones at 304-661-8101.

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Town of Durbin, West Virginia
June 10, 2025**

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(Vote For ONE)**

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☐ MICHAEL VANCE

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☐ MELISSA "MUZ" NELSON

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LOCAL BANDS, INCLUDING Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters, above, always draw a crowd when they perform at Little Levels Heritage Fair. Join them for the square dance Saturday evening, June 27. S. Stewart photos

Little Levels Heritage Fair ~ June 26-28

Believe it or not, this year will be the 27th annual Little Levels Heritage Fair – always held in Hillsboro, and always a roaring good time. Pocahontas County is known for its fairs and festivals, and this is one of the best. It features everything from arts and crafts to a Pie Contest. There will be plenty of food, a car show, two parades, heritage tours, a square dance and more music that we deserve. Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters will drift south to play for the Square Dance on Saturday night, beginning at 6 p.m. No need to cook or pack a lunch on Saturday – you can have breakfast with friends at the Hillsboro Li-



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Sound, from page 1

Nathan and Darrin and The Fly Birds. Their music is traditional and is story driven. I've known Joe Thompson for thirty years. He's a great singer/songwriter."

After a long day of music and fun, Saturday evening ends with a square dance, with music provided by local favorite Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters.

Arbogast said he hopes the music festival attracts new

people who have never attended the Parade of Steam or Cass Days, as well as encourages those who usually attend those events to stick around longer than they normally would.

"We already know there's a rich history of music in the county anyway and providing an opportunity for Cass to be part of that – the sharing of that legacy is a way for us to continue the traditions that have been set forth through all that music," he said. "Music was the universal language for all those people who were early set-

tlers and workers and loggers – all those people in Cass. So, it makes the perfect backdrop for something like this."

Admission is free for the entire weekend, except for the entry fee for the Marshall Markley Memorial Stump Run 5K. As always, donations are welcomed to ensure that the festival can continue to provide years of entertainment.

"Most people associate us with the train, but we have a lot to offer in the history and the entertainment we can do," Arbogast said.

Calendar, from page 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

Study 7 p.m.

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

Frank Church of the Nazarene – Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening service 6 p.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible Study; Thursday 7 p.m. Visitation.

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nal, southern downy woodpecker, robin, pileated woodpecker, blackbird, king fisher, house wren, Bewick wren, Carolina wren, winter wren, red headed woodpecker, ruby crown kinglet, golden crown kinglet, blue jay, merganser duck, buzzard, brown grackle, meadow lark, killdeer, pied grebe, flicker, American bittern, field sparrow, chipping sparrows, wood pewee, phoebe, purple grackle, rusty blackbird, little green heron,

pheasant, sandhill crane bufflehead duck, gold finch, yellow warbler, clay colored sparrow, rough wing sparrow, white throated sparrow, Maryland yellow throat, barn swallow, catbird, bank swallow, parula warbler, vesper sparrow, least fly catcher, scarlet tanager, red start, black and white warbler, myrtle warbler, dove, blue bird and Che wink.

DIED

Mrs. Nora May, wife of Oscar May, of near Dunmore, June 2, 1925, aged 28 years. She is survived by her husband and their three chil-

dren. Burial at Mt. View Cemetery, service being conducted from the Marlinton Methodist Church.

Mrs. Cinda A. Shinaberry, wife of E. P. Shinaberry, was born in Buzzard Valley near Dunmore, March 14, 1870, and died at her old birthplace June 6, 1925. She and her family lived at Clover Lick from 1887 until about three years ago when they went to live at her old homeplace. ... She was buried on the homeplace Monday afternoon, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. Gray, of Cass.

History, from page 7

support of the proper officers of the county and of the court.

If complaints are made, will you sustain with your paper all efforts to punish the offenders and to abate the nuisance?

Let us all understand each other.

Resp't. H. A. Yeager,
Marlinton, W. Va.
May 18, 1900

ARBOVALE

And, by the way, it rained again.

Misses Virgie Gillespie

and Lexie Sutton were in town one day last week.

John Coff's little girl, aged four years, was very badly scalded the other day. She is not expected to live.

Fount and Glen Arbogast were up to Travelers Collapse last Saturday and Sunday on a fishing scout.

The graveyard at Arbovale will be cleaned up next Thursday. Let everyone come out and fix up the graves of the ones they love.

This town is on a boom. There are eight dwelling houses, one church, harness shop, post office, store, carpenter shop and milliner shop: all inside the corporation.

We are sorry to learn that

Amos Gillespie had a fine horse stolen.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sharp, Jr., a son, Douglas Emanuel.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. and Patricia Sue Gray, a son, James Edward

DEATHS

Mrs. Mamie Blanche Bruffey, 78, of Hillsboro, a daughter of the late Wesley and Alice Kennison. Funeral service from Wesley Chapel Methodist Church with burial in Emmanuel Cemetery.

Sterling Lester Wolford, 68, of Durbin; funeral from the Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home with burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Kyle J. Neighbors, 64, a native of Cass, owner of Cass Historical Museum and a retired conductor of the Cass Scenic train. Funeral service from Wallace and Wallace Chapel with burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

Sonter Kershner, 60, of Renick; born at Spice a son of the late Henry and Lucy

Scott Kershner. Funeral service from the Jack K. Wallace Funeral Home with burial in Morningside Cemetery at Renick.

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