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## Greenbrier Bikes expands into new location

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

When Greenbrier Bikes opened in Marlinton in May 2021, it was sharing a storefront with Alison Pottery, owned and operated by Alison Safrit. In 2023, the pottery and art studio moved to its current location in River-town and Greenbrier Bikes took advantage of the extra space.

But it just wasn't enough space for what owner Scott Guyette had in mind. The business was getting too big for its building on Ninth Street. Fortunately, Lucy's Grocery and Moore was up for auction.

Guyette was able to purchase the building and Greenbrier Bikes has taken up residence in the former grocery store.

"There was less than fifteen hundred square feet in the other building and, this is over six thousand," Guyette said of the move.

As he puts it, the stars aligned and Guyette couldn't pass up the opportunity. The fact that he needed more space and the building is parallel to the future site of a trailhead seemed like the



**GREENBRIER BIKES WAS established in 2021 when it shared a building with Alison Pottery in Marlinton. Just four years later, the business has moved to its new – and much larger – location in the former Lucy's Grocery and Moore on Third Avenue. S. Stewart photo**

perfect match.

"The fact that this building was available; the fact that we could move quickly enough to obtain it; and the influence of having more infrastructure across the road – it just happened," he said.

The shop is well-stocked with mountain and trail bikes, electric bikes, accessories and a bike repair shop.

"A third of what you see is rental bikes and then the rest are retail," Guyette said. "That whole wing over there is just repairs waiting to get picked up or worked on."

With an emphasis on

mountain biking and trail systems coming to the forefront in Pocahontas County tourism, Greenbrier Bikes has flourished and gained a large clientele of both local and out-of-state enthusiasts – especially those in need of repairs to their bikes.

"We've gotten pretty proficient at being quick," Guyette said. "We hear from out-of-towners all the time that if you're in Richmond and you needed a full tune up, it might be two or three weeks before you get your bike back. We're usually two or three days.

"We've actually had people come from Richmond to get a tune up and go back," he added.

Most rental bikes at the shop are for the Greenbrier River Trail and not off-road use. That is until the Monday Lick Trail System opened in May. Guyette said he has had an influx of calls from people who have heard of the trail system and want to give it a go.

"People have been calling us and asking, 'when can we ride,' 'how do we get there'"

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## A look at the lesser-known Mill Point

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, Terry Robbins – a descendant of the Gum and Ruckman families of Mill Point – gave a talk about some of the lesser known historical facts about the town of Mill Point. The event was hosted by Hillsboro Library Friends

Robbins has archived thousands of documents and photographs from his family's past and found a lot of interesting information he did not realize was directly and indirectly connected to his ancestors.

Of course, when you are talking about a place known as Mill Point, you have to talk about mills. As Robbins began, everyone knows about the McNeel Mill, but he explained there were, in fact, a total of six mills in the town – five along Stamping Creek and one on Steven Hole Run.

Two of these mills were built by Valentine Cackley, the first a sawmill and the second, a grist mill, above where the McNeel Mill is

located. Cackley sold one of his mills several times, first to a McClintic in 1854, then Isaac McNeel in 1865.

"That's how the McNeel family came into ownership of the mill," Robbins said. "That mill that we're referring to was damaged in 1935 in a flood and it was abandoned a year later. The McNeels bought the Cackley Mill upstream from the current one and then McNeel built a new mill, a grist mill in 1868. That's the one that's there now."

The McNeel Mill that is still standing was also damaged in the 1935 flood, but not to the extent as the other one.

"I've read about how some of the processing changed as a result of that flood," Robbins said. "The water flow was changed. The flow of Stamping Creek was altered by that flood, and they had to build new water shoots."

Robbins added that the McNeel Mill is now in operation as a museum in

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**MEMBERS OF THE SHARC team are, from left: Zen Clements, Justin Dibble, C.J. Peterson, Evan Smith, Catherine Tamlyn and Charles Evans. Not pictured: Kyle Wayne. Photo courtesy of Charles Evans**

## Two SHARCs, one cause

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

When Pocahontas County earned its Bronze International Mountain Bicycling Association [IMBA] Ride Center designation in 2019, a shark was born. Well, SHARC, that is.

Snowshoe Highland Area Ride Center was founded, and it wasn't long before a second SHARC came along

– the Snowshoe Highland Area Recreation Collaborative.

The collaborative was formed in 2023 – after the county received its Silver IMBA designation – in order to maintain, regulate and create all the trails in Pocahontas County.

SHARC was a collaborative formed by organizations such as Snowshoe Mountain Resort, Pocahontas County Convention and

Visitors Bureau, Pocahontas Trails and the U.S. Forest Service with the help of funding through state and federal programs.

Heading the SHARC team is Charles Evans, who, along with two full-time fellow staff members and several seasonal staffers, is focused on the health of the county's trails.

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## Walther joins Snowshoe Clinic Team

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is excited to announce that Chance Walther, Family Nurse Practitioner, will be joining the Snowshoe Clinic team Monday, July 7, and is now accepting appointments for new patients. Chance's addition to the team brings much needed expanded access to care in the Slaty Fork area.

Chance grew up in the county, graduated from Pocahontas County High School, and served in the United States Army Reserves as a Combat Medic EMT-B/ Licensed Practical Nurse from 2008-2016. In 2011, while still serving in the Reserves, Chance joined the PMH team as an LPN. In 2014, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Alderson Broaddus College and moved into an Emergency Department Registered Nurse position at PMH. In 2020, Chance took on the role of Emergency Department Coordinator, a position he held until this year. Chance graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College with his Master's of Science in nursing, with a specialization as Family Nurse Practitioner in December of 2024.

You may make an appointment with Chance Walther, FNP, by calling 304-799-1072. The clinic is located

Chance resides with his wife and their children on a homestead in the Green Bank area. He enjoys being outdoors with his family, hiking, and tending to their animals and gardens.

With Chance's new move to the Snowshoe Clinic, he will be providing primary care for all ages and acute/chronic conditions. Chance welcomes those seeking a regular, established provider, as well as visitors and employees in the area.

"It has always been an honor to serve the people of Pocahontas County in their time of need as an ER nurse.," Chance said. "I am excited to continue serving the community as an advanced practice nurse and meet the unique needs of our patients."

"PMH is honored to support Chance in his healthcare career," PMH CEO Michelle Deeds said. "We are fortunate that he will continue his practice at our Snowshoe Clinic, addressing an essential need in the Slaty Fork area."

The clinic is located



Chance Walther

inside the Inn at Snowshoe, at the base of the mountain, on Cass Road in Slaty Fork and will be open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Primary care, including minor urgent care, is available at the clinic with our team of providers. Chronic care is also provided for chronic conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, etc. In addition, Sports/School Physicals, Family and Internal Medicine, and Women's Health Services are available. Same day visits/walk-ins are available. Appointments must be made for any vaccinations. Lab work available with results processed through Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

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# 911/Emergency Management Director O’Brien is moving on

**Tim Walker**  
**AMR Reporter**

I sat down with Michael O’Brien, the Pocahontas County 911/Emergency Management Director, who wanted to deliver some stunning news.

Mike, what do you have for us today?

“It has been a pleasure to work with you these past 10 years,” O’Brien said, “and I wanted to break the news to you first that I have officially resigned my position as 911, Emergency Management, Mapping and Addressing Director for the county, with the last official working day being July 25.

I have accepted the position as Emergency Management, 911 Director for Highland County, Virginia. Did not ever figure that I would see the day that I would be leaving Pocahontas County, but that is the way it seems to have worked out. A little bit scared, a little bit nervous, but I am excited about the future and the new challenges and the new environment, new state and all the new stuff - as you can imagine. It’s been an honor to work with you for 10 years.

“I was an ex-officio member of the 911 Advisory Board,” O’Brien continued. “I was a voting member of the EMS Authority; a member of the Broadband Council; co-chair of the local Emergency Planning Committee; a representative of the State 911 Council; and a representative of the West Virginia Emergency Management Council. (Had) a lot of involvement, a lot of moving parts here with my position, and am not sure which direction the county will go

from here with that. Hopefully, they’re successful. (I) think you are aware of the previous resignation of the Deputy Director Kevin Stitzinger, who served with me for several years here. (He) has already resigned and left his position. Left a pretty big hole here for the county to fill, but I have confidence they will find somebody to put in his position who will do things the way they want to see them done – that’s not me.”

Who is going to be running the show with you both gone?

“On the Emergency Management side of the house, I am not sure what they will do,” O’Brien answered. “We still have Charles Evans, who we recently hired, who works with us as an Emergency Management Specialist. I have named Bridgett Shaw as Interim 911 Director. She can handle the day-to-day operation and the critical needs here at the 911 Center until they figure out which direction they want to go with that. As you know, 911 can’t just be shut down while we figure out a solution. It has to run no matter what. There has to be someone here 24/7 365, and hopefully they move a little more quickly with 911 than they are moving with the EMS side of things. They sure seem to be dragging their feet a lot when it comes to getting the EMS organization up and running, not sure what’s going on there with that, but hopefully they don’t take that long to get the 911 seats filled. This isn’t an organization that can be shut down until it is figured out. It has to run, no matter what.”

Mike, recently the Com-

mission agreed to give sorely needed pay raises to the county’s eleven 911 dispatchers. How is that working out for them?

“I think it was close,” O’Brien responded. “I think a lot of what the community doesn’t see and doesn’t understand, is that we have been working for five years at budget time trying to find a fair and equitable way to take care (of) and promote longevity here at the 911 Center. As my complaint (was) at the May 20th County Commission meeting, the newly hired janitor makes more money, or if not, right at the same amount of money that twenty-year veterans at the 911 Center make - that’s just not right! [I] brought that to their attention, and things, as you know, didn’t go very well at that meeting. They seemed to be very disastrous for us. They [the commission] left the Facebook live feed running for 29 minutes while they bashed me and bashed the 911 staff. After I got a copy of that, that told me there is no loyalty with [the] commissioners. They really don’t care about us over here at 911 or Emergency Management. That made the decision for me to apply for this position and move on. It’s sad, I gave ten years of my life to this position, but to not have the support of the commission, it is tough to do this job. Hopefully, the voters of Pocahontas County are paying attention and get some people put in there that actually care about the county and want to do their jobs as commissioners. We did give the dispatchers a decent

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# Commission approves purchase, hirings and payments

**Tim Walker**  
**AMR Reporter**

At its June 17 meeting, Pocahontas County Commission voted to purchase a Striker Power-Pro XT Cot for the ambulance donated to the county by Hillsboro Rescue. The purchase included the Striker Power-Load system mounted in the ambulance.

Commission President John Rebinski said the purchase will be made using the Savvik Buying Group, a company approved by the State of West Virginia that bids for the lowest equipment prices for public safety organizations. That eliminates the need for the county to advertise for bids. Rebinski is waiting to get the exact cost from Savvik. The purchase will be made using a combination of COVID lawsuit money and set aside funds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

In other matters, the commission

- hired Alea Carr as a part-time 911 dispatcher with a start date of July 1.
- took no action on hiring a Director for the Pocahontas County Ambulance Service, until the county EMS Board meets to make their recommendations in early July.
- hired Katie Broce and Adrian Salem as part-time employees for the county Animal Shelter. They will share working up to 20 hours per week.
- approved a request from Lesley Taylor of Region 4 to approve Grant Amendment

#1 from the PSD Thornwood Water Extension Project. Taylor explained this amendment is for a 12-month extension of the grant until June 30, 2026. She said the project has been delayed by the discovery of a rare bumblebee habitat at the site. That particular species is on the endangered species list.

- approved a request from Casandra Lawson of Region 4 request to approve Resolution #5 for the Board of Education Demolition Project. Lawson explained this \$33,950 will be used to pay the last invoice of the project contractor - Reclaim. The project is now complete except for paying one more invoice for the administrative expenses of Region 4.

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# BOE winds down with a look at enrollment numbers

**Suzanne Stewart**  
**Staff Writer**

Pocahontas County Schools Superintendent Lynne Bostic gave a brief report to the Pocahontas County Board of Education at its June 17 meeting. Items covered in the report were student enrollment and course offerings at Pocahontas County High School.

Bostic, who is retiring at the end of the month, reported that, as of June, total student enrollment in the five schools is 864. This is based on the school year 2024-2025. The number is down from 916 students in June 2024.

PCHS principal Christine Campbell and dean of students Casey Griffith about virtual school options through Glenville State University.

“There are two math courses they are working on with Glenville,” she said. “I believe it’s statistics and college algebra. They have looked at all the angles for those courses, as well as others.”

The students who enroll in the virtual courses will receive dual credit.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved:

- Contract between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Leslie Goodall, occupational therapy, effective August 28, through June 30, 2026, per the terms of the contract.
- Contract between Pocahontas County Schools and Diana Smith, certified school psychologist, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, per the terms of the contract.
- Contract between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Carrie Bowers, Impact Learning Services, to provide services for deaf and hard of hearing students for the 2025-2026 school year,

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# Governor announces FEMA Cost Share Adjustment

Governor Patrick Morrisey announced Friday that his request for a cost share adjustment with FEMA was approved by the Trump administration. As a result, counties that received Public Assistance after the February floods in

southern West Virginia will now be reimbursed at 90% instead of 75%.

“I’m grateful to President Trump and his administration for continuing to step up and help West Virginians affected by February’s flooding,” Morrisey said. “Reco-

very is a long process, but we are going to keep working until the job is done.”

FEMA Public Assistance was approved in Greenbrier, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Summers, Wayne, and Wyoming counties.

# Attention business owners: Annual Report is due June 30

According to West Virginia Secretary of State Kris Warner, more than 60,000 businesses registered with the Secretary of State’s Office have still not filed their Annual Report.

The good news – those businesses have until 11:59 p.m. on June 30 to file.

Warner noted that more than 155,000 registered businesses are required by state law to file an Annual Report with the Secretary of State’s Office. As part of that filing, businesses must update their principal office address; the names and mailing addresses of their owners or management (depending on the type of entity); and the name and address of the person designated to receive service of process.

The fee to file an Annual Report is just \$25, and business owners have from January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025, to complete the filing.

“Many business owners wait until the last minute to file their Annual Report – and that’s OK, as long as it’s on or before June 30th,” Warner said.

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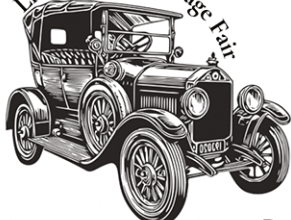
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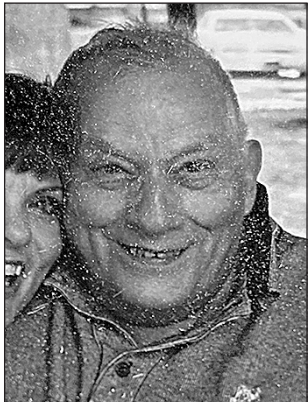








## Obituaries



### Dale Dilley

Dale Lee “Sonny” Dilley, age 93, of Lakewood, Washington, formerly of Marlinton, passed away February 15, 2025, with his daughter, Donna Sharabi, and her husband by his side.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis R. Kincaid Dilley; daughter, Melinda Kay Dilley Gabe; and son, Douglas Lee Dilley.

In addition to his daughter and son-in-law, he is survived by seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Beverly Dickens Dilley.

A funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Mays Chapel, 8159 Pocahontas Trail in White Sulphur Springs.

### Lucille Mallow

Lucille Geraldine Mallow, 79, of Bartow, passed away Thursday, June 19, 2025, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

Born April 11, 1946, at Cherry Grove, she was a daughter of the late Oakland and Virginia Delcie Vandevender Lambert.

Lucille was a member of Calvary Gospel Church of Durbin and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Durbin Firehouse. She was a logger, worked for Alice Moyers as a waitress and cook and cooked and ran the register at OMT Mart. She enjoyed camping, cooking, baking, family gatherings, vacation trips, planting flowers and loved all her puppies.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sons, Jonathan Lee Mallow and Jason Lee Mallow; grandson, Will James Pennington; father-and-mother-in-law, Charles H. and Viola Mallow; sister, Sandie Greathouse (Tommy); brothers, Danny Lambert, William Lambert and Dewayne Lambert; a brother-in-law, Terry Ober; a nephew, Tommy Oakland Greathouse; and four sisters-in-law.

She is survived by her husband, Delmar Mallow, whom she married December 12, 1963; children, Delmar O. Mallow, Jr. (Sandy), and Loretta A. Rexrode (Ronnie), all of Durbin, Lucille V. Pennington (James), Angela L. Fisher (Herbert), and Rodney D. Mallow, Sr. (Ada), all of Bartow, Lisa J. Grimes (Hunter), of Green Bank, and Carl White (Leighann Kelly), of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; grandchildren, Wyatt Montana Mallow, of Durbin, Felicia Smith (Josh), of Marlinton, Rodney D. Mallow, Jr., of Bartow, Jason Mallow and Shawn Schooner, of Savannah, Georgia, Timothy Mallow, Carly Tenny and Luke Mallow, all of Huttonsville, Robbie Haslacker (Rhett), of Clarksburg, Alex Rexrode, and girlfriend, Brianna Oscar, of Durbin, Priscilla Grimes and Joey Badgett, of Green Bank, Paige Flanagan (Jon), of Clarksburg, and Caitlin Mallow, of Green Bank; great-grandchildren, Jensen Mallow, Raylynn Mallow, Tanner Smith, Easten Smith, Gunner Stull, Braxton Stull and Everett Haslacker; brothers and sisters, Pamela Ober and Dale Lambert (Nita), all of Bartow, Patricia DeHaven (David), of Frank, Roger Lambert (Teresa), of Florida, Terry Lambert (Crissy), of Beverly, Wanda Greathouse (Donald), of Durbin; and many nieces, nephews and foster children.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Chapel in Arbovale with Pastor Julian Rittenhouse officiating. Burial was in the Arbovale Cemetery Annex.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com



### Vicky Shears

Vicky Lynn Shears, 65, of Morgantown, passed away at her residence Thursday, June 19, 2025.

A person’s obituary is, for most people, the only time their life’s story is told. I thought I’d write my own story.

I was born June 14, 1960, at a small country hospital in Bartow, the seventh child of Bernard Shears b. 17 August 1914; d. 11 April 1998; and Hazel Gillispie b. 1 Nov 1917; d. 13 March 2008. The doctor’s wife presented my mother with a wall plaque with three babies on it and a note of congratulations. I thought that was pretty neat.

After a long battle with cancer, I died June 19, 2025.

My siblings were always there for me. There are different relationships with each because of age differences. My siblings are Warren Shears b. 1941, wife Elizabeth; Wallace Shears b. 1942 d. 2014; Willard Shears b. 1944; George Shears b. 1946; Randall Shears b. 1950; and Charlotte Ervine b. 1952, husband Dewey Ervine.

I have enjoyed time spent with my nieces and nephews: Ron Shears, Lynette Shears Lang; Chelsea Shears Kirby; Cressie Shears, Sarah Shears, Joni Ervine, Clinton Ervine and Hazel Ann Ervine Helton. They are all such great people.

I don’t know what I would have done without my husband, Dan Doyle. I would have probably given up this cancer fight long ago. His mom and dad were also such good people and so accepting. I love Dan so much. We had so many wonderful times together, especially our adventures travelling throughout West Virginia, the U.S. and many other countries. If you know Dan, please support him during this tough time.

I loved growing up in Pocahontas County surrounded by my family and cousins. We worked hard but we made time to have fun as well. I loved going fishing with my dad, but we probably ate more chocolate covered peanuts than we caught fish. My dad and I had a sweet tooth but my mom did, too. My mother came across as a practical and plain-spoken woman but when asking her about growing up in poverty her later actions made sense. She could have taught a lot of mothers about parenting. She let me make my mistakes and learn from them and kept any criticism to a minimum. I loved spending time with my grandmother, Rosa McQuain Gillispie. She was a character. She also worked hard but loved to play.

When I was a teenager, I discovered I was decent at sports and so began summer softball, time at the tennis courts and playing volleyball on the Gillespie farm. What fun.

I had great teachers at Green Bank and Pocahontas High School. There wasn’t a teacher that I didn’t learn something from. I also don’t remember a lot of bullying or picking on each other. I’m sure it was there but I don’t remember it being excessive. In high school Title IX was just starting to change sports for women. I started playing basketball and Mom and Dad would be there in the stands watching.

I decided when I was

going to college that I’d get a Physical Education degree. What I didn’t understand was I loved playing sports, but I didn’t want to teach sports or coach. I wanted to play. I don’t regret any class I took, and I always learned something. I took some additional business classes and they, in the long run, took me on a different career path. I graduated from Fairmont State College with a Bachelor of Arts in Education (Magna Cum Laude). While I was there, I joined the basketball team and played for one year but then switched to volleyball for three years. During the summer I hooked up with a local softball team in Fairmont. Two of the best coaches I ever had, and I played for many summers with a great group of ladies who were just good people and lots of fun.

After college, I worked at the US Department of Energy for 15 years. I didn’t like the work because it was too specialized and discovered I liked doing a lot of tasks. I had enough classes to sit for the CPA exam and so I started interviewing for jobs, but it became obvious firms didn’t want older workers. I also didn’t have an accounting degree, so I earned a Master’s Degree in Professional Accounting at WVU. The classes were so interesting and opened my eyes to how difficult it is to run businesses and furthered my knowledge in personal financial independence. I still had no success in job interviews except there was an office manager position with The Mountain Institute in Elkins. I had been involved with the non-profit WV Scenic Trails Association for many years doing trail work and serving in various officer positions. I love the work of non-profits and their public missions. I got the position and loved TMI.

The headquarters was in Washington DC, and they had not had a CFO for months and were behind in getting their accounting data into the accounting software. I convinced them to let me come to DC to get them caught up which they agreed to. It wasn’t very long before I got a call from the new CFO that she was leaving, and I was asked if I could come to DC and fill in. I agreed. TMI was close to bankruptcy. I stayed in the job for a while but the stress of finding enough cash to make payroll was too much.

I went out on my own for a couple of years. I had worked at the West Virginia legislature on my bucket list and I did that for two sessions.

Friends of Cheat after that was looking for an accountant. They had spent enough federal funds that they needed a specialized audit. Other non-profits I’ve enjoyed working with as a volunteer or board member were Friends of Deckers Creek, Literacy Volunteers of Mon and Preston County, and Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS). I also enjoyed working for Allstar Ecology before I retired.

I got interested in family history in the ‘90s. A friend was lobbying hard for me to join DAR. Everyone should do their family history, not just names but whatever they can find that talks about their ancestors.

What you would discover is that my story is the story of American and world history. It is fascinating. The lineage organizations I joined and served as an officer were the Hagans-Evans Chapter DAR; the Monongalia Valley Chapter Daughters of American Colonists; The Daughters of 1812, Colonial Wars, and Colonial Indian Wars.

When I look back on what I’ve written here what strikes

me again and again are all the good people that have touched my life, including my friends and neighbors in Morgantown. I love you.

To all the medical personnel at Mon General, thank you for your care for these past 10 years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to be made to WV Scenic Trails Association, P O Box 4042, Charleston, WV 25364 or wvscenic-trails.org

In accordance with Vicky’s wishes, Hastings Funeral Home/Omega Crematory will provide cremation service.

Burial will follow at the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Cemetery in Chalk Hill, Pennsylvania, with her husband’s family and relatives.

The family thanks Hastings Funeral Home of Morgantown for their assistance in this difficult time. Please visit their website to share condolences and to obtain information on future celebrations of Vicky’s life at [www.hastingsfuneralhome.com](http://www.hastingsfuneralhome.com)



### Glenda Snyder

Glenda Jean Snyder, 89, was called home Monday, June 16, 2025, to be with Jesus and her departed family and friends.

Born August 2, 1935, in Valley Head, she was a daughter of the late Earl Edward Snyder and Elva Mae Ware Snyder. Glenda had resided at The Brian Center in Low Moor, Virginia, for nearly a year.

She worked in the garment industry for many years at Jane Colby, then Clearwater in Goshen.

Over the years she enjoyed many hobbies, such as ceramics, playing guitar, fishing, painting, making pillows, playing cards, playing the lottery and she loved playing BINGO.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Andra “Andy” Lowell Sharp; grandson, Jason Andrew Sharp; brother, Boyd Snyder; sisters, Pauline Snyder Rogers and Judy Snyder Townsend; and her beloved dog, Fluffy.

She is survived by her daughter, Lois Jean Sharp Workman (David); son, Earl Edgar Sharp (Sandy); sister, Betty Snyder Barb; grandchildren, Richard Lee Hefner II, Andrea Jean Hefner Larason (Doug), Brian Earl Sharp and Robert Lowell Sharp; and many great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Glenda was a first cousin, once removed, of the famous Grand Ole Opry star, Wilma Lee (Leary) Cooper.

Many years ago, Glenda decided to be a donor to the WVSOM Human Gift Registry to help future doctors in their studies in the hopes they could learn something from her, to help someone else.

In honoring Glenda’s wishes, there will be a group memorial service through the WVSOM registry, which will be announced at a later date.

Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

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Evans said the collaborative received \$365,000 of funding for the first 18 months of work and has recently received \$567,000 that will last through 2028.

“We feel we’re in a good position,” he said. “We have three full-time staff. We do a lot. We look up to the forest service as the model. That’s who we use to look at the trails and figure out what needs done.

So, what needs done?

“Essentially, we’ve addressed the deferred maintenance in the forest,” Evans said. “Our first project was the Gauley Mountain Trail up in the Tea Creek area. We went through it and did an assessment to see what needs to be done. Then we planned that work, we got the crews in and actually did the work. Everything from dry stone masonry, digging trenches, just getting water off the trail to rebuilding the trail or rerouting the trail.”

Maintenance is just one aspect. There are also new trails being built and events happening on the trail system in the county.

“That’s our main focus – trail work,” Evans said. “Actual boots on the ground, getting the job done. Behind the scenes, which is a lot of what I do, is focusing on building out that recreation economy, so what does it look like for us to enhance our volunteer trail maintenance program; what does it look like for us to have an education aspect to our organization.”

One big educational aspect is chainsaw operation. Evans said a lot of volunteers want to learn how to properly use a chainsaw, which is very important on the trails around here. Plus, it’s a skill those volunteers can use in other aspects of life.

As for building new trails, the Monday Lick Trail System, which opened in May, was built from the ground up with 30 miles of trail winding through rough terrain near Stillwell Park in Marlinton.

“With the new Monday Lick trails, we’re seeing a lot of buy in with that,” Evans said. “Before they were even open, I was seeing people from Ohio, from Charleston, Morgantown. The word was getting out.”

Last weekend was the first event at Monday Lick, with the Enduro race. At last year’s Slaty Fork Enduro, racers from across the country and several other countries came to compete.

“One of the division winners was from Israel and we had someone else racing from another country,” Evans said. “People are hearing about this. It really is international.”

On top of the trail maintenance, new trail systems and racing events, there is also the safety aspect of the recreation cooperative. An aspect Evans takes very seriously.

“We have an MOU [Memorandum of Understanding] with the county to do emergency response,” he said. “We [the county] have all our volunteer fire departments and EMS and paid staff that do residential structural. Our focus would be on the back country, kind of like Snowshoe’s bike patrol. If anything was to happen in the back country, we would be called out to respond to that in tandem with search and rescue.”

Evans was a whitewater guide in college and was part of the swift rescue team at the outfitter he worked for, so he has background with emergency situations in a recreational setting.

That’s just some of his history with emergency serv-

ices.

“I’m very passionate about it,” he said. “I’m a former police officer as well as I was a wild land firefighter for many years until I got into this position. Incident command, emergency response is in my wheelhouse and I’m passionate about it because I’m passionate about people.”

Evans said he has worked with local fire and rescue departments and will continue to work with them to offer educational support, as well as search and rescue support when needed.

Although there is now a staff that specifically focuses on the trails, Evans said he still relies on the help of volunteers who have a passion for trails and recreation in the area. There’s a lot of mileage to cover and the volunteers always come out when needed.

“We’ve been watching the trail club grow pretty significantly,” he said. “It makes the trails better. We get a lot of trail work done through that.”

There are plenty of trails to experience, but there’s always room for more. In fact, there was a groundbreaking two weeks ago on a new mile and a half trail at the Green Bank Observatory and plans for 30 more miles of trail to be added in the future.

More trails have also been built to connect existing trails.

“We’ve been building up in Mower Tract,” Evans said. “They call it Mine-tana for a reason. It’s an old mine but the views are expansive as if you’re out west, so hence, Mine-tana. It’s really neat.

“Also, we’re doing work here,” he continued. “Pocahontas Trails connected Snowshoe to Mower Tract. They’re now building a trail off Rocky Run which connects those two, to come out to 235 which is just a hop and a skip to Hosterman, where you can get into Green Bank Observatory.”

A lot of these trail projects were suggestions from IMBA in its gap analysis of what the county needed to do to receive a gold designation for the Ride Center.

“We’re working with IMBA very closely and they kind of told us not to expect anything until late summer, early fall,” Evans said. “As soon as that application is open, we’re ready to put it in.”

If – but really when – the Ride Center receives the gold designation, it will be the seventh Gold-Level Ride Center in the world.

Evans is joined by full-time employees Zen Clements and C.J. Peterson, as well as seasonal staff members Catherine Tamlyn, Justin Dibble, Evan Smith and Kyle Wayne.

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memory of Lanty McNeel.

The McNeel family built another mill toward the Greenbrier River that included a tilt hammer. The mill also included a wool carding and tannery operation.

The largest mill in operation was the Warn Lumber Company sawmill which had a large lumber yard and railroad.

“They built a railroad all the way to Cranberry,” Robbins said. “There was a single-track railroad that ran all the way up there.”

Another mill, operated by John Hartman Ruckman, was built at the mouth of Stamping Creek. Although he didn’t have photos of this mill, Robbins did have a photograph of a log float that went to the mill.

“We do have a photograph of when they were floating the logs,” Robbins said. “Reportedly, his mill was the first one to float logs down the Greenbrier. It sounds convenient, but on the other hand, maybe it’s true that he was the first one.”

The lone mill to be located on Steven Hole Run was the Smith Mill, built in 1856. It had a vertical saw, and a tannery was also operated there. In his research, Robbins found that the sawmill was dismantled in 1860, and a grist mill was built in its place using the lumber of the sawmill.

One of the workers at Ruckman Mill, James Gibbs, became noted for his patent of the revolving looper, a single thread chain stitch for a sewing machine. In 1865, while working at the mill, he carved a wooden model of the revolving looper.

Gibbs took the prototype to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he met James Wilcox, who provided funding for him to manufacture a sewing machine with the revolving looper.

“That patent was issued in 1857,” Robbins said. “I do have a copy of that patent, which is pretty fascinating. Then, they began fabrication in New York in 1857. In 1858, they started fabricating in London and other European countries.”

The Wilcox and Gibbs sewing machine was built from 1858 to 1970 with minimal changes to the design through the years. Two of those machines are in Pocahontas County – one at the Pocahontas County Historical Museum in Marlinton and the other at Pearl S. Buck Birthplace in Hillsboro.

As a pillar of the community John Hartman Ruckman not only employed locals at his mills, but he also provided space for school and church to take place.

Ruckman built a log schoolhouse on his property and the first school session was in 1832. The school was also used for church services.

The log schoolhouse served the community for 30 years until the Civil War Battle of Mill Point on November 5, 1863, just a day before the Battle of Droop Mountain.

“There’s still Civil War relics that are being uncovered on that property,” Robbins said. “After the confederate troops retreated to Droop Mountain, federal troops burned the Ruckman log [schoolhouse] before they moved on to Droop Mountain. The reason was that the Ruckman family was widely known as primarily supporting the confederacy. The federal troops believed the confederates had or would use the school to store weapons and ammunition, so they burned that school.”

There were six Ruckmans who served in the confederate army. Three were killed in action in Virginia, one was killed in action in Tennessee, and one died a prisoner of war. Only one survived.

After the war, in 1869, John Wade Ruckman donated one acre of land to the newly established Pocahontas County Board of Education where a new school, named Ruckman #1, was

built.

This school served the community until 1943. Cornelius Stulting, who was the first teacher, only taught at the school for one year. He was an uncle of Pearl S. Buck. Another noted teacher was Anna Wallace, who taught from 1899 to 1904.

After the school closed, the students were bused to Hillsboro.

With the school issue fixed, attention then focused on a place for church services.

In 1878, Mary Ruckman and her husband, Jacob Cackley, donated property to the Methodist Episcopal South Church which then established Marvin Chapel, which still stands today.

The South distinction in the name is important because there was a faction of the ME Church that split off and formed its own church due to a difference in beliefs. “Methodist Episcopal Church, primarily, historically, had been a fairly liberal church,” Robbins explained. “They accepted women in church matters,

and they opposed slavery. In 1845, a pro-slavery faction of the Methodist Episcopal Church split and created the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which went by the initials, MEC, S.”

Since the Ruckmans were confederates, except one brother who was an abolitionist and moved to Ohio, the Marvin Church was founded with the MEC, S denomination.

There were two entrances – the left for women, right for men. The women sat in pews on the left, with men on the right and between them was a divider.

By the 1900s, they no longer emphasized the separation and in 1910, Marvin Chapel was remodeled, adding a single entry and bell tower.

Robbins also spoke about prehistoric Indian mounds – there are two on his property in an undisclosed location, the Steven Sewell Cave, the Bridger Boys who were the last two European settlers killed by Indians, the lime kiln which is still located near the Gum and Auldridge

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**This incredible benefit would not have been possible without the dedication, hard work and compassion of Jerry and Julie Nelson, Tonya Jones, Carola Waybright, Edwina Garber, Rosie and Larry Gidley, and everyone else who helped with the auction and food.** Their tireless efforts made the event a true success, and we are so thankful for all they have done.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to everyone who has supported Nick — your kindness continues to lift and sustain us.

**We're also grateful to share a very positive update: Nick's sister, Chelsey, is a kidney donor match!** The transplant surgery is scheduled for late August at UVA, and we are filled with hope and gratitude as we prepare for this next step.

However, during the final testing for the transplant, doctors discovered a very large and extremely rare hernia near Nick's lungs and stomach. He will undergo surgery to repair it June 28. While unexpected, we are thankful it was caught and confident in his medical team moving forward.

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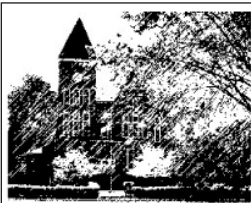
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## Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

### Clive Alderman in Hillsboro – circa 1919



CLIVE ALDERMAN PASSES through Hillsboro, West Virginia, with his team of horses while delivering goods from Seebert to Lobelia for G. H. Dean. The photograph is taken beside of Howard Clark's Photo Studio. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection, Photo Courtesy of Norman Alderman; ID: PHS001655)

Preserving Pocahontas will have an exhibit in the Sydenstricker Cabin at the Pearl Buck Birthplace during the Little Levels Heritage Fair June 27 and 28. World War II Enlistee Photographs and Military Uniforms will be on display. The photo exhibit “My Mother’s House – A Dream Shared” will be on display at The Stulting House in memory of Pearl S. Buck and Marie Leist.

“Out of the Storm” and “Cal Price and The Pocahontas Times” DVDs are available at The Pocahontas Times Office.

Access the “Preserving Pocahontas” Digital Library at [pocahontaspreservation.org/omeka](http://pocahontaspreservation.org/omeka) or [preservingpocahontas.org](http://preservingpocahontas.org)

If you have historical records or photographs to be scanned for the county Historical Archive contact Preservation Officer B. J. Gudmundsson at 304-799-3989 or email [info@pocahontaspreservation.org](mailto:info@pocahontaspreservation.org) Prints of photographs are available.

## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
June 30, 1950

Sunday, just before dark, the Greenbrier River, at Marlinton, came down several feet deep in a flash raise. This was a result of heavy rains on the headwaters on Saturday - the lower reach of the terrible rains which devastated north central West Virginia, deaths number thirty or more; property loss is in the millions. The city of Weston and the town of Smithburg were especially affected.

#### OUR HOSPITAL

The matter of providing more room at our Pocahontas Memorial Hospital by erecting another wing to the present building is pressing for serious and immediate consideration by the Hospital Board, the County Court and the people in general.

For instance, I went to the Hospital the other week to make news notes of the patients registered there. In the waiting or reception room, two beds had been put up. These beds were occupied

by emergency cases. These patients could not be put off nor turned away; quarters must be provided then and there...

In reporting on the arrival of a baby, I could have written his birthplace was a bed, hurriedly arranged in an upstairs hallway. There was no more room in the maternity ward.

In a roundabout way, it has come to my attention too, that the State Board of Health is none too well satisfied with the overcrowded conditions as now exist in our hospital...

Some years since, through generous giving, all necessary additional land was acquired for the day when more land would be needed. For years the Hospital had to rent a home for the nurses.

At present and for several years, the Hospital has about paid its way in running expenses and general overhead. As a result, much of the money raised by taxation has brought much needed equipment of the better sort...

Our Pocahontas Memorial

Hospital has proven its worth many times over as a life-saving station. So, I urge the Hospital Board, the County Court and the people in general to go their limit to bring it up to a point of efficiency where it can properly do the work required of it; and please do not delay the matter unduly.

#### FIELD NOTES

Mrs. Lanty Hefner, of Stamping Creek, brought in a freak egg. It is the shape of a bowling pin, small at the top, thin in the waist and broad at the bottom. It is two and a half inches long.

Little Miss Creola Jackson, of Marlinton, also brought in a freak egg. This one had a small egg inside of it.

H. E. Matheny killed a big rattlesnake near his residence on Lower Second Avenue one day last week. It was a black one.

Rodney Buzzard, of Huntersville, has seen deer literally by the hundreds in his time, but it is only this year that he checked in a black deer which was actually black, and white deer which was actually white. The black deer was seen in his fields and was so black, at first sight, Rodney took it for a bear.

One day last week, a con-

siderable commotion was heard at the residence of Dille Mill Ranch. It proved to be the big, brindle bulldog giving battle to a large black rattlesnake. The dog had bitten the rattles off the snake and the snake had struck the dog in the face near an eye. Alex McNeel, Jr. came running to put an end to the battle by killing the snake. Then, to see what could be done for the faithful, still fighting dog. With its head swelled to more than double its natural size, it was an emergency case for a veterinary surgeon. The dog lived through the miles speeded to the doctor. He was bled and given the anti-venom treatment. He has made a good recovery.

Addison Pennell spends a good part of his time in a hunting camp in Buckley Mountain. Recently he has had two most unwelcome visitors. Along about the first of June, the cook room door was left open, and a big yellow rattlesnake started to come in. Mr. Pennell saw it and promptly killed it. A couple of weeks later the same door was left open, and an equally large black rattler came in. The snakes were 42 and 43 inches long.

Broude Beverage reports

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## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,  
June 26, 1975

Richard Barlow and Doug Dunbrack went to Charleston Tuesday to accept the new ambulance from Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr. Twenty-six ambulances were purchased through the Highway Safety Administration and were available to any county which made application and had a county plan which demonstrated how the vehicle will be utilized. Each ambulance cost \$11,825.

#### MURDER CASE

No further developments in the Smith-Hauer case and Prosecuting Attorney Eugene Simmons said most of the rumors we have been hearing were without any foundation. After the Splunkers Convention in California is over this week, many cavers plan to return to the search in the Lobelia area.

#### ON TO MARLINTON

ADJI Sam M. Arbogast, of Mill Point, and Lynn Murray, of North Carolina, both of the Navy and attached to HSL34-NAS, are going to ride horses from Norfolk, Virginia, to ride in the Pioneer Days Parade on July 12. This 300-mile volunteer effort is approved by the Navy and culminates in a recruitment drive. They will be checked each day by a Navy helicopter and the helicopter will possibly land on the ball field during Pioneer Days for visits by the public. They will leave Norfolk June 30 and plan to make the trip on a back road trail in 11 days, hoping to make 30 miles a day. Sam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arbogast.

#### NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. James D. Lannan has assumed his new position as Superintendent of Schools of Pocahontas County and is at work in his office.

Dr. Lannan comes to Pocahontas after being principal of Elkins High School...

#### HOSPITAL

There are no plans to close the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital as have been rumored so widely.

#### FATAL ACCIDENT

Mrs. Loretta Jo Miracle, 29, of Norfolk, Virginia, was killed and her three children, aged 11, four and two, were injured in a one car accident on US 219 north of Marlinton at about 3 Friday afternoon. Mrs. Miracle was traveling south and lost control of her car on a curve below Dale Armstrong's and it went off the road and into a tree. The family was pinned in the car, and it took nearly an hour for them to be removed.

#### WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Woods wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sandra Katrina, to Bobby Gene Beverage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beverage, of Marlinton. The were married in the First Baptist Church at Huntersville June 14, 1975.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Allen wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Gail, to Ronald Dean Peacock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merriel T. Peacock. Wedding plans are set for the 10th day of August 1975 at Swago Methodist Church in Buckeye.

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,  
June 28, 1900

#### MARRIED

Frank Tolbert Sharp, of Slaty Fork, and Miss Emma S. Doyle, of Clover Creek, were married June 27, 1900, at the residence of W. P. Dille, Rev. M. W. Atkinson officiating.

#### VIEWS OF LIFE

A great contrast is usually presented between the view of life entertained by a young man and that presented to an old man. The one is filled with the bright colors of hope; the other is tinged with the dark shades of sorrow and disappointment. Age in years does not regulate the character of the view, for some men remain young for a long time and others grow prematurely old. Much depends upon temperament, but more upon experience. The young and innocent have no cares of any kind; their books are balanced each day, and they have nothing to look to except the future, and that future appears bright to their imagination because they have had no experience that would suggest to them anything sad or sorrowful. As the years pass, however, each has his share of sorrows, and then the view of life alters. The future may still appear promising but not quite so bright as formerly. The shadows of the past creep into it, and as age increases, the future loses interest. It has become altogether dull and commonplace. Happy the man who can preserve to the end a view of past life illuminated by good deeds, something that will take the place of the visions of future happiness which regaled his early

years. To the young, life is a great holiday, seemingly without end; to the old, it is an experience sweet or bitter, as the case may be, from which the holiday element has disappeared...

#### ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

On last Thursday morning, D. A. Tharp was accidentally shot with a pistol by J. E. McMillion, who picked up an empty pistol and after looking at it laid it down while looking at another one, and not knowing that the first had been loaded by a third party in the meantime, picked it up and it was accidentally discharged, striking Mr. Tharp who was standing nearby. The ball passed through one finger and thumb and entered the left leg. The Doctor dressed his wounds but failed to locate the ball. He is doing very well, being pretty badly hurt, but not dangerously so.

Contrary reports to this have been circulated but are false.

#### LIQUOR LICENSE

The county is infested with speakeasies all along the line of the Greenbrier Railroad from the top of Cheat to Droop Mountain. The liquor is hauled into the county with no attempt to hide the nature of the wagon load.

These resorts sell very mean whiskey at about \$6 a gallon. They are the cause of a good deal of wretchedness. Young boys frequent the places, often spending Sunday there. They shelter behind a depraved condition of society...

We have considered the question seriously and

see History pg 12

## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
June 25, 1925

#### FOURTH OF JULY

Arrangements are being perfected for a big day at the Fairgrounds on the glorious Fourth.

There are enough horses now being trained on the Fair track to ensure fast and interesting trotting and pacing races.

One of the novelty races will be a potato race, open to all.

Every horse owner is invited to enter. Bring a sharpened stick six feet long.

A riding tournament is always popular. A feature will be the trap shooting event. Limber up your old shotgun and try your skill on clay pigeons.

At night there will be a gorgeous display of fireworks and a big moving pic-

ture show. A reasonable fee to the grounds will be charged. But parking space for automobiles and the grandstand will be free.

Fourth of July has been designated as National Defense or Muster Day.

The meeting place in Pocahontas County is the Fairground at Marlinton. Major Norman R. Price, of Marlinton, and Lieut. C. I. Hipps, of Durbin, have been designated as enrollment officers for the day. The unit assigned to this county is the 329th Wagon Company attached to the 397th Infantry. All men between the ages of 18 and 45 years who will be a volunteer for one day's muster service will report to these officers. All ex-military men are eligible.

Such a system existed in the early days of the Nation under the following act of

Congress, approved May 8, 1792:

“Section 1625: Every able-bodied male citizen of the United States resident therein, who is of the age of 18 years and under the age of 45 years, shall be enrolled in the militia.

“Every citizen shall, after notice of his enrollment, be constantly provided with a good musket or fire lock, of a bore sufficient for balls of the 18th part of a pound, a sufficient bayonet and belt, two spare flints and a knapsack, a pouch with a box therein to contain not less than 24 cartridges suited to the bore of his musket or fire lock, each cartridge to contain a proper quantity of powder and ball; or with a good rifle, knapsack, shot pouch and powder horn, 20 balls suited to the caliber of his rifle and a quarter of a pound of powder and shall appear so armed, accoutered and provided when called out on company days to exercise only, he may appear without a knapsack. Each

commissioned officer shall be armed with a sword or dagger and spontoon.”

Under this act, the 37th Virginia Infantry was organized in Pocahontas County, which organization continued in active service with annual muster days, until the time of the Civil War. ...

Pocahontas County's quota of 150 volunteers is being rapidly filled, and a creditable showing for the county is assured, in the matter of proper observance of Defense Day.

Soldiers of the World War, and other wars, are requested to appear in the old uniform, if possible, and line up at the Assembly

Vigilances is the price of liberty.

The ancestors of many of our citizens have fought in every war the country has had since the Revolution. The matter of a proper National defense cannot safely be ignored, in a world where war and revolution continue to agitate a good part of the inhabitants...



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# The Pocahontas Times will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

## Bikes, from page 1

and with the opening of it in May, it's even more," he said. "We're getting two to three phone calls a day of 'how do we get there,' 'do you have maps,' 'can you show us around,' 'are shuttles available.'"

"It's good to see," he continued. "It's a whole new line of business. We have Snowshoe and the river trail and now Monday Lick is the third. It kind of fills the gap between the river trail rider and the true downhill guy. Monday Lick is pretty accessible to anybody who has off-road experience."

In addition to mountain

bikes and trail bikes, Greenbrier Bikes has electric bikes that give riders a little extra punch when they ride. When the business first started renting e-bikes, Guyette said the ratio was 60/40 regular to electric, with it skewing to 40/60 the next year.

Now there seems to be a nice 50/50 split between regular and electric bike rentals.

"A lot of people don't need or want electric, and a lot of people wouldn't get on the trail without electric, so it's kind of a mixed bag," he said. "We see a lot of people who go on the twenty-mile round trip ride up to the Sharp's tunnel and back that would have never been able to do that on a regular bike, so it opens up the trail.

"It opens up the ability to see more of the trail," he continued. "And they're just super fun. That's one of the most fun ways to ride a bike."

All the e-bikes at Greenbrier Bikes are considered Class 1, which means there is no throttle. The bike is propelled by peddling, but it can go further with less effort.

There are also specialty bikes for challenged athletes who don't have their own.

"The hand cycle is owned by the Challenged Athletes of West Virginia at Snowshoe," Guyette said. "We keep it and maintain it, and have it ready."

Greenbrier Bikes also has access to a rickshaw bike for

special needs individuals who can't propel themselves on their own bike or a tandem bike. Instead, with the rickshaw, they can relax in the seat as someone else peddles the bike.

"We have a pretty good focus of getting people of all walks of life to be able to be on the trail," Guyette said.

This year, Greenbrier Bikes has added a shuttle service that will be familiar to some. Guyette purchased Greenbrier River Shuttles from business founders Amelia Rose and Erin Poliziani.

Now that space is not an

issue, Guyette said he is focused on continuing to offer great service to both local and visiting bikers who have a love for the trail systems in Pocahontas County.

He said work on the building will continue as the business settles in and he has plans for a mural to spruce up the exterior of the facility.

Summer hours for Green-

brier Bikes Mondays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rest of the year, the shop is open Tuesday through Saturday.

Greenbrier Bikes is now located 916 Third Avenue. The phone number is 304-591-7021.

For more information, visit [greenbrierbikes.com](http://greenbrierbikes.com)

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## Your, from page 3

Over the next two years, Evelyn conducted research on quantum physics at the University of Oxford in the UK and the Vienna Center for Quantum Science in Austria, focusing on the isolation of the Higgs boson particle, thought to be responsible for mass in fundamental particles.

Her work ultimately led her to CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) in Geneva, Switzerland. Evelyn was there in 2012 when the Large Hadron Collider, at last, discovered the Higgs boson, a landmark in understanding how the particle confers mass to other subatomic particles.

Evelyn had not concentrated on any single aspect of particle physics until 2023, when a peculiar phenomenon, quantum entanglement, was observed for the first time, elevating it from theory to fact. It was this bit of reality that Einstein called "spooky action at a distance," and it would be the focus of her attention throughout the rest of her life.

Her groundbreaking work with quantum entanglement earned her the title of Chief Research Scientist at CERN. As such, Evelyn would have access to all the results from the numerous and varied experiments conducted by sci-

entists worldwide.

In layperson's terms, quantum entanglement is a phenomenon where two or more particles become linked together in a special way. If you measure a property of one particle, such as its spin, you instantly know the corresponding property of the other.

It's like having two coins flipped at the same time, but instead of being independent, they're linked. If one lands on heads, the other is guaranteed to be tails, even if they're on opposite sides of the universe. Even more surprising is that the reaction is nearly instantaneous; that is, the correlation between the entangled particles is faster than the universal speed limit, the speed of light in a vacuum. (186,000 miles per second.)

The future looked rosy for the benefits of scientific research in the years ahead, but that was not to be. In the next few decades, our world would be thrown into chaos and degradation. In the face of climate change and overpopulation, resources became scarce, sometimes non-existent. In such mayhem, wars raged on every continent.

Rising ocean levels have consumed major cities, creating diasporas with nowhere to go or being unwelcome wherever they do go. Most of the fragile democratic countries fell first, creating a vacuum that autocrats and dictators gladly

filled. In some countries, gangs took over and ruled every aspect of daily life; violence was epidemic. Our world devolved from a paradise to a living hell in a matter of a few decades.

By 2037, America had abandoned scientific research altogether, opting instead for pseudo-science, superstition and conspiracy theories. Worldwide, all legitimate scientific research was now centered in the UK, Germany, France and Austria. These countries were the only bastions against a world of ignorance. Evelyn recalled the Kurdish proverb, "Fear an ignorant man more than a lion."

Then, in 2039, at the age of 50, Evelyn, now renowned for her work on the potential applications of Quantum Entanglement, stumbled upon some top-secret data from a Chinese researcher that shocked her. She never mentioned it to any of her colleagues, but what she saw in the Chinese data demonstrated a potential that could either destroy or improve our world.

What had the Chinese discovered and what would Evelyn do with it?

To be continued,  
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## Independence Day

Discovery Junction ~ July 4

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Organizations are welcome to set up to add to and be a part of the celebration.

Snowshoe Mountain Resort ~ July 4-6

Happy Birthday America! What better way to celebrate our founding and remember the documents that established this great nation than by soaking up some mountain air. Snowshoe Mountain Resort will have family-friendly activities at the Bike Park, Raven Golf Course, Adventure and, of course, there will be mountaintop fireworks.

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## 58th Annual Pioneer Days ~ July 10 - 12

Make plans now to attend this popular event.

Denmar Hospital is on the commemorative badge for 2025. Badges are just \$3, as usual. Once necessary for admission to events, they are just a collector item now – as all events are free.

One location change this year is for the County History Contest and Spelling Bee, formerly held on the lawn at the Pocahontas County Historical Museum. They will be held at McClintic Library this year. Study up – and sign up for this fun and informative part of the festivities.

There will be crafters, an Antique Car Show, Children's, Fireman's and Grand parades. Food and flower and quilt and needlework

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# Pocahontas County Arts Council

## Pioneer Days Activities

Adult Art Contest and Display at McClintic Library Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12.

Saturday, July 12, decorate slip cast ceramics and make them your own. The PCAC tent will be

located on the Greenbrier River Trail near 503 Third Avenue.

## Durbin Days Heritage Festival

Paint your own ceramics, make your own magnets, dot rocks and jars as we celebrate Durbin Days.

# Durbin Days Heritage Festival ~ July 16 - 19

Country Roads, Take Me Home to Durbin where music and laughter ring out across the beautiful mountains of northern Pocahontas County.

This popular event features a carnival, parade, live

music, entertainment, country craft fair and much more.

Special appearances by Ernie Brown – The Turtle Man; Shannon Penn – The Swamp Man; and from Mountain Men: Jeff Bordwine, the Salt Maker!

## BOE, from page 2

per the terms of the contract.

- Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Board of Education and the North Central West Virginia Community Action Association for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Contract between Pocahontas County Board of Education and the Education Consulting Team, LLC to provide mentoring services for the new director of finance, from July 1 through June 30, 2026.

- To continue with Traveler's Insurance as the worker's comp provider for the 2025-2026 school year at a fee of \$41,198.
- Policy 5410 Promotion, Acceleration, Placement and Retention and Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements.
- 2025-2026 sports gender classifications, per West Vir-

ginia Department of Education: Boys – baseball, basketball, soccer and track and field; girls – softball, basketball, soccer, track and field; and co-ed – band, cheerleading, football and golf.

- Payment of 10 unused vacation days to Kristy Tritapoe, resignation effective June 30.

Personnel management will be published next week.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 1, at 6 p.m., at the board of education conference room in Buckeye.

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Ruby Daniels



Susan Leopold

## Payments, from page 2

- designated all the banks with branches in Pocahontas County as the county depositories for the upcoming fiscal year, and scheduled a special meeting for Friday, June 27, at 5 p.m. to pay fiscal year-end invoices.
- approved the WVCORP 2025-2026 insurance proposal for the county.
- certified the list of delinquent real estate and personal property taxes for the 2024 tax year.
- approved budget revisions and resolutions.
- discussed the county hiring policy, and concluded it does not need any changes at

this time.

- approved a quote for fixing the lighting and electrical issues at the Day Report Center provided that the county prosecutor feels there is no conflict of interest, since the contractor making the quote is a county employee who also owns a certified electrical contracting business. The quote was for \$3,136.47 to replace the current 84 florescent lights with 28 LED lights.
- hired Donald Sharp as a part-time driver for the County Ambulance Service.
- approved the following Pocahontas County board appointments:

- Jaclyn Hollandsworth to a four-year term on the Civil Service Commission.
- Freda Jackson and Timothy McClung to six-year terms on the PMH Board of Trustees.
- Tim Wade to a five-year term on the Historic Landmarks Commission.
- Bridgit Shaw to a three-year term on the 911 Advisory Board
- Helen Clark, Brandon Jones, Joel Feltner and Kendell Ober to three-year terms on the EMS Authority.
- Kendall Beverage to a

three-year term on the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation.

- Sarah Brock to a five-year term on the Board of Health.
- Carol Woody to a five-year term on the Libraries and Visitor Information Centers and amending Josh Hardy's expiration of term on that board from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2028.
- Kendall Beverage to a

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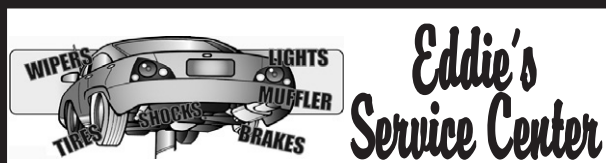
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### Pioneer Days in Marlinton

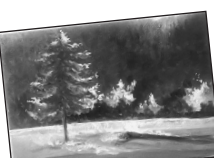
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### Durbin Days - July 17 - 19

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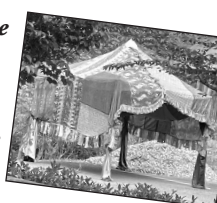


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amenities that the resort has to offer. Enjoy multiple days of crowd performers, craft beer, delicious food, lake activities and scenic lift rides. For more information visit <https://4848festival.com/>

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6:30 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. We meet to pray for revival, the community and the country.

**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.

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

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

**Budding Bookworms 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**  
**Adult Pickup Basketball** Thursdays 5:30 p.m.

**Jiggle Wiggle Giggle** – Fridays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Wellness Center

**Taekwondo**, for ages 13 and older, Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center.

**Zumba** Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m.

**CHURCH NOTICES**  
**Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church near Bear-town** – Worship Sunday 9 a.m.

**Grace and Truth Home Fellowship** – Sunday, Wor-

ship 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.

**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.

# Mushroom Foray – July 18 – 20

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raise – I think. I am not sure where we left off with the pay scale. I am still very confused on what they voted to do. I think we got the pay up to where it is at least competitive. We can now start dispatchers at what courthouse security or other similar courthouse offices are able to start their folks at. This is just not a job that you can just put anyone in, as you know; it takes a special person to work at 911.”

Mike, you will be very much missed here, people, including myself, always felt safer knowing your guiding hand was here during emergencies.

“I appreciate that,” O’Brien said. “I took it very seriously. I took an oath to serve the people of Pocahontas County. I would like to think that overall, I did a good job with that. I worked really hard, I really cared – and I will continue to care about the people of Pocahontas County. There are some differences with the County Commission and no support. It is probably best that I move on to a different position, and a new challenge. I’ve been doing this job for 10 years (and) it’s challenging every step of the way. A lot of thought went into this, and a lot of things that happened here recently that I am not really happy about. Hopefully it brings at-

tention to the matter.”

Mike, I appreciate the job you did here and wish you great success in your new position in Highland County.

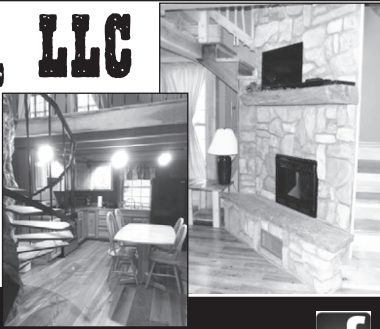
“I appreciate that, I love Pocahontas County, and I love the people of Pocahontas County,” O’Brien said. “I feel like I know almost everyone here on a first name basis. I am walking away from that – or jokingly say ‘I am rolling away from that,’ but time for a change. The writing is on the wall, it is time for me to look for a new home, and that’s exactly what I’ve done, and I wish Pocahontas County the best. I am still gonna live in Pocahontas County. I am still a resident here. I just chose to work in a different county.”

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8 a.m. - Dark Flea Market –Third Avenue

## Thursday, July 11

10 a.m. -6 p.m. Pocahontas Co. Arts Council Adult Art Show – McClintic Library

Noon - 5 p.m. Drop off entries for Photography and Children's Art Show – Wellness Center

1 -5 p.m. Drop off entries for Food, Flowers and Vegetables Contest – Wellness Center

2:30 -5 p.m. Drop off Quilts for display –Opera House

5 - 7 p.m. Craft Vendors set up – Opera House

6:30 p.m. Bike Decorating and Yard Games – Gazebo

7:15 p.m. Children & Pet Parade Registration – Mini Park

7:30 p.m. Children & Pet Parade – Main Street

7:45 p.m. Bubbles, Balloons & Street Fun – Discovery Junction

7:30-9:30 p.m. Ben Hersman & The Sons of The Mountain – Discovery Junction

## Friday, July 11

All Day: Wood Carving – L&A Creations– Third Avenue and Main Street (corner lot)

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pocahontas Co. Art Guild Adult Art Show – McClintic Library

9 a.m. -7 p.m. Arts & Craft Show – Opera House

9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Quilt Show – Opera House

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Food, Flowers, Veggie exhibits open to the public – Wellness Center

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Photography and Children's Art Show – Wellness Center

7:00 p.m. Fireman's Parade – Main Street

8 -10 p.m. Mud Hole Control & Square Dance – Southern States

8 -10 p.m. Back In The Day – Discovery Junction

## Saturday, July 12

All Day: Wood Carving – L&A Creations – Third Avenue and Main Street (corner lot)

8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Competition registration begins – Mini Park

9 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Competition –

Mini Park

9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Arts and Craft Show – Opera House

9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Quilt Show – Opera House

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Pioneer Days Antique Car Show – Marlinton Elementary School

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Photography and Children's Art Show – Wellness Center

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Food, Flowers, Veggie exhibits – Wellness Center

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Grand Parade registration and line- up – Second Avenue in front of Frankford Vet Office (*Horses must show Coggins papers*)

2 p.m. Antique Car Parade and Grand Parade – Second Avenue to Main Street

4:00 p.m. Old Time Spelling Bee & WV History Contest – McClintic Library

5 - 5:45 p.m. The Magic Parlor – Discovery Junction

7:30-10 p.m. Bing Brothers w/Jake Krack and Mud Hole Control – Discovery Junction

7:30-10 p.m. Jilt - Southern States

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Food & Flower Contest: Patty Felton

Photography, 4-H & Youth Art: Luci Mosesso

History & Spelling Contest: McClintic Library

Horseshoe Pitching Contest: Patty Felton

Flea Market: Tim Schoolcraft

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## On The Badge:

Denmar Hospital's history spans 59 years and is divided into three main periods. Initially established in 1917 as the West Virginia State Tuberculosis Sanitarium for Colored, it was created through advocacy by the Anti-Tuberculosis League of West Virginia.

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In 1937, the facility was deemed a fire hazard, prompting the Legislature to allocate funds for a new building, which was completed in 1939.

By 1957, advances in tuberculosis treatment reduced the need for such sanitoriums, and the facility was repurposed as a State Hospital for the chronically ill. It was officially renamed Denmar Hospital in 1977.

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BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Taylor, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, a son, Stephen Ray.

DEATHS

Melvin Dale (Jack) Hollandsworth, Sr., 49, of Marlinton; born at Hillsboro, a son of Charles Marvin and Frances Jamina. A member of the Presbyterian Church, he was retired from the U. S. Air Force. He had served in

World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. Funeral from VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in the Emmanuel Cemetery.

Mrs. Anna Mae Tallman, 52, of Stony Bottom; a member of Alexander Presbyterian Church. Funeral from the church with burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

Mrs. Clara Huffman Jordan Schofield, 90, formerly of Marlinton, a daughter of the late Dr. George M. and Lucy Horn Jordan, of Frost. Funeral from VanReenen

Funeral Home with burial in Mountain Cemetery.

Fred D. Sharp, 81, of Marlinton, a son of the late David and Amanda Beverage Sharp. Funeral from VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Sharp Cemetery.

Jimmy Buzzard, 24, of Waldorf, Maryland; born in Lexington, Virginia, a son of Henry Hunter Buzzard. He grew up near Dunmore at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Mrytle Buzzard. Service and burial in Waldorf.

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reached the conclusion that this county is rotten ripe for licensed places. Until men are built like angels they will sell liquor, and it has reached that stage here that we cannot consider the state of society healthful. It is diseased in regard to his one thing, and we must take bold measure to meet the evil.

Our idea is to grant liquor licenses for a while to responsible men, place them under bond of \$3 – 500 outside the incorporated towns, and twice that in such towns. Attack this bond if they ever sell to a minor, a drunken man or keep open on Sunday...

TO THE READERS

The business known as The Pocahontas Times has been reorganized and a new partnership formed of Andrew, Norman and Calvin W. Price, to be known as Price Brothers. The writer has been editor, printer, devil and general scapegoat in the running of this paper for nearly eight years. He had been cast on these hospitable shores a learned law student, and the people showed an alarming tendency to search out lawyers of age and experience for consolation and

advice. The paper was then bought and the same week we got a case in the justice's court. Since then, we have posed before the public both as a lawyer and a newspaper man. But it is hard to serve two masters, and we knew sometime or other we would come to the parting of the ways. For the last year, other work has prevented us from giving the paper much attention and it has been principally under the control of the

editor's younger brothers, both of whom are first class printers and all-round newspaper men.

From now on, the writer will give his undivided time, if necessary, to the practice of law, and only do such work in giving the county a paper as will not interfere with his duties as a lawyer, which, in fact, he has been doing all along...

Yours very Truly,  
ANDREW PRICE

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the big brown trout of the season – 23 inches long, 7 inches wide and about 7 pounds in weight. This champion trout was taken in Williams River.

WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Winters Dunbrack, of Marlinton, announce the marriage of their oldest daughter, Phyllis, to Oris Jackson, son of Mrs. Louella Jackson, and the late Walter Jackson, at the bride's home. Rev. R. H. Crawford officiating.

Miss Betty Jane Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Hubert Lewis, of Hillsboro became the bride of Jack L. Miller, son of Mrs. Retta Miller, of Hillsboro, and the late W. A. Miller. The Rev. A. B. Clark, officiating.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Loren Kelley, of Clover Lick, a daughter, Margaret Anna.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. John M. Mallow, of Marlinton, a son, John Monroe, Jr.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Shinaberry, Jr., of Campbelltown, a daughter, Brenda Louise.

A BIT OF HUMOR

A woman approached the ticket booth of a movie house.

"Did my little boy come in here at nine o'clock this morning?" she asked. "He had on a little green sweater, with a little green cap – and he's got kind of reddish hair."

"Yes, he's in the second row," said the ticket seller. "Do you mind giving him this package? It's his supper."

Most of the Jones' Sunday motor trip had been marred by a violent quarrel. On their homeward journey, they passed a pasture field just as a donkey brayed, long and loud.

"Is that a relative of yours?" he asked spitefully. "Only by marriage, dear," she replied sweetly.

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025  
Claim Deadline: Monday, August 18, 2025

ESTATE NUMBER: 14767  
ESTATE OF: **FORREST CLYDE WOODDELL**  
ADMINISTRATRIX CTA: Starrleen Wooddell  
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14779  
ESTATE OF: **MARY SAFFEL HOLLABAUGH**  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 13, 2025.  
Melissa L. Bennett  
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission  
6/19/2c

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2023-C-000055-POCAHONTAS COUNTY- DAVID CAIN

To: **JAMES RICHARD AND BONNIE MAE JONES** or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

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Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00  
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 133.55  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. \$ 248.86  
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 0.00  
**Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$ 562.91**  
**You may redeem at any time before October 31, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

If the real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.  
Given under my hand May 31, 2025  
Christal G. Perry  
Deputy Commissioner  
Delinquent and Non-entered Lands of  
Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia  
6/12/3c

NOTICE

The Marlinton Town Council will hold the third and final reading of changes to the Cemetery Ordinance and fees Monday, July 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marlinton Municipal Building Auditorium. The proposed ordinance is available to the public at the Town Hall Office, Marlinton Municipal Building, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested parties may appear at the meeting to be heard with re-

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. If you experience discolored water, we recommend that you run your cold water tap for a few minutes until the water runs clear. Avoid using hot water during this time, as discolored water may enter your hot water tank. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding as we carry out this important maintenance work. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town of Marlinton Water Plant at 304-799-7442.  
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Exceeded Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)  
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WV3303808

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you, as our customers have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Test results for 4/ 1/ 2025 and 6/30/2025 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes.

The average level of Total Trihalomethanes over the last four quarters was 89.00000000µg/ L at MEADOWS AT HAWTHORNE location. The standard for Total Trihalomethanes is 80.0µg/ L.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e. g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, it is recommended that you consult with your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM's) in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

Cheat Mountain Water is required to sample quarterly for Chlorine Disinfection Byproducts. Trihalomethanes are one of these disinfection products. Trihalomethane level for the second quarter of 2025 was 58 ug/L, which is below the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 80.0 ug/L. However, our running annual average is 89 ug/L, which is still above the 80.0 ug/L (MCL).

Trihalomethanes are frequent byproducts of using chlorine to disinfect source water that contains a high level of organic matter. Drought conditions, as well as high temperatures well into the fall, caused an increase of organic matter in the source water used to produce Cheat Mountain Water's finished potable water. Higher temperatures required us to increase the amount of chlorine needed to maintain the required chlorine residual in the potable water. This combination of events ultimately resulted in the elevated Trihalomethanes in the finished potable water. Staff of Cheat Mountain Water flushed the potable water distribution system frequently throughout the fall in an attempt to prevent this. Increased flushing will take place as a preventative measure in the future.

For more information, please contact: Nathan Dean at 304-572-6197 or PO Box 250, Durbin, WV 26264.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by: POCAHONTAS COUNTY PSD - CHEAT MOUNTAIN WATER. 6/9/2025.  
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### 2025 Food Handler Classes

| Location                         | Date           | Time           |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Marlinton Wellness Center</b> | <b>July 16</b> | <b>11 a.m.</b> |
| <b>Marlinton Wellness Center</b> | <b>July 16</b> | <b>1 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Durbin Library</b>            | <b>July 17</b> | <b>11 a.m.</b> |

The online course can be completed through our website at [www.PocahontasHD.com](http://www.PocahontasHD.com). From the dropdown menu, go to Environmental, then Food Safety, then click TAP Series.

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