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Allegheny Echoes ~ passing down traditions

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Master musicians converge on Marlinton the last week of June each year to teach eager students how to play bluegrass and old-time music on banjo, fiddle, guitar, mandolin and upright bass at the annual Allegheny Echoes. There are also masters who teach a vocal class and creative writing.

But there's more to Echoes than just learning. There are new friendships blooming and people finding their passion for the music that has been passed down for generations.

Students spend the week focused on their lessons and creativity as they prepare for the student showcase concert which takes place on Thursday.

The concert was held in the Pocahontas County Opera House and featured an incredible lineup of talent.

Several students in Kirk Judd's creative writing class



INSTRUCTOR AND LOCAL fiddler Ben Davis leads his beginner fiddle class through a song at the Allegheny Echoes student showcase concert last Thursday at the Pocahontas County Opera House. S. Stewart photo

read poems they wrote during the week. One of those poets, Sabrina Hamons, is the great-granddaughter of Sherman Hamons, patriarch of the Hamons Family. Hamons read her poem, "Nine Hour Drive."

Also reciting poetry were: Irie Beaver, "Sites to See;" Irelyn Sams, "Grandfather's Tree;" Hailey Fitzgerald, "Never Really Alone;" Luella Mansheim, "My Mom and Me;" Logan Nixon, "Where Are They;"

and Debbie McCain, "Heartfelt Compassion."

Dennis Bills took to the mic to share his story of how Allegheny Echoes changed his life. He attended the first

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Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike – 'through thick and dark laurels'

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Fairmont State University assistant professor Don Teter gave a presentation about the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike last Saturday at the Durbin Public Library.

Teter, a retired surveyor, teaches surveying, history and political science at FSU. He has been studying and collecting information about the turnpike since the 1970s and is working on publishing a book on the subject.

In his presentation, titled "Through Thick and Dark Laurels," Teter discussed the actions that led to construction of the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike, which is still used today.

Teter said he derived the name for his presentation from the report given to the Virginia General Assembly by principal engineer Claudius Crozet in 1827. Crozet reported on the difficulties in identifying a po-

tential route across Greenbrier and Cheat mountains, stating:

"... it being impossible, in some places even to explore without cutting the way through thick and dark laurels."

"What he's calling Greenbrier Mountain is the mountain between here [Durbin] and Shavers Fork," Teter said. "Then from Shavers Fork on over to the Tygart Valley, is Cheat Mountain."

The need for the turnpike first came to the Virginia General Assembly when it saw how many people were settling in the western part of the state – now West Virginia. It served two purposes – it gave the assembly access to the people and gave elected officials in that area better access to Richmond, Virginia.

"There were people who saw an opportunity here, but it was important to find ways to be tied to the Tide-

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Good old-fashioned fun in the Levels

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

There aren't many guarantees in life, but there are several when it comes to the Little Levels Heritage Fair. You are guaranteed to hear some great music, visit with friends and family and enjoy some good old-fashioned fun.

Last Saturday, the fair kicked into high gear in the field behind Hillsboro Elementary School as musicians entertained the crowd under a big tent. Familiar favorites like Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters, Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys and the Viney Mountain Boys were joined by Rock House Road – new to the fair, but welcomed like old friends.

During the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys set, band leader and banjo player Richard Hefner – who was also the parade marshal – invited a couple of friends to

join the band on stage.

First, he asked his nephew Jeff Hefner to sing a song with them. Then he noticed Charlie Jo Breece was in the crowd and asked if she had her banjo with her. As her dad went to the car to get the instrument, Hefner explained how he and Breece met several years ago at Allegheny Echoes.

asked him to show her a couple things on the banjo. The pair have since become friends and, in fact, the banjo Breece had with her was a 1929 Gibson she bought from Hefner.

Breece refers to Hefner as her bluegrass granddad and said she was pleased to get to join the band for a couple songs. She is a biochemistry



Hefner performed one afternoon at the week-long event and afterward, Breece

major at Marietta College, in Marietta, Ohio.

While the bands per-



THERE WAS FUN for all ages at the annual Little Levels Heritage Fair last weekend in Hillsboro. Above, youngsters test their strength in a tug-of-war competition, judged by Ken Beezley. At left, the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys were joined on stage by Charlie Jo Breece, who first met Richard Hefner at Allegheny Echoes several years ago. Hefner taught Breece some banjo tunes and asked her to join with the band when he saw her in the crowd. S. Stewart photos

war, a sack race and a three-legged race. They couldn't get enough of racing up and down as their parents cheered them on.

At one end of the field, glistening classic and antique cars were on display for the annual car show. With hoods up and windows down, the

cars were marveled over by fair goers who took in the before pictures of some of the restored beauties.

It was like day and night to see how much work was put into all the automobiles there. They were all proof of

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Commission diverts ARP funds to Town of Marlinton for hospital sewer project

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The Pocahontas County Commission heard from Casandra Lawson of Region 4 its July 1 meeting. Lawson was there to talk about the Hospital Wastewater Project funding. She said that the Pocahontas County Public Service District (PSD) is no longer interested in being involved in that sewer project.

The project, when complete, would provide sewer service to PMH, Marlinton Middle School and the State Police Barracks. She said that the Town of Marlinton is willing to replace the PSD in taking the lead on the project. Lawson said that the commission has already committed a half-a-million dollars from its American Rescue Plan grant money to the PSD for the project, and she now needs them to divert that money to the Town of Marlinton so that the project can continue. The commission passed a motion to do that, after Commission President John Rebinski explained that the commission gave the money to the project, not to the PSD.

Lawson also said there are other issues with the project.

Those include the need for additional funding for the project, and the very tight timeline to spend that ARP money before the deadline to use the ARP money runs out in December 2026. She said that the time limit is actually very tight when it comes to a complicated project like this. She said, “just in case,” the commission should also think about other possible uses for that money if it becomes impossible to use it for this project before the deadline.

Fred Hypes, from Thrasher, the project’s engineering firm, said he believes they can compress what would normally be a year and a half’s bureaucratic and other processes down to 90 days, especially since they have worked closely with Marlinton before, and they are not starting from scratch on the project, but he said they need to start on this right away. Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton said the Town Council has the approval for this on the agenda for its next meeting. Hypes said Marlinton, with the commission’s help, will also need to come-up with additional funding, since even the \$500,000 was not the total cost, and that

total cost has risen because of inflation, from \$1.3 million dollars to \$1.7 million. He said the state may also provide additional funding, since water and sewer projects are a priority with them.

Rebinski pointed out that the commission had already bought the site for the treatment plant for the project.

In other business, the commission

- agreed to advertise the position of Director of Emergency Management and 911 by publishing in *The Pocahontas Times* on July 10 and 17, scheduling applicant interviews before an appointed interview committee, and then voting on their recommendations at the August 5 regular meeting. This position became vacant when Mike O’Brien resigned.
- agreed to pay Resolution #10 of the Clean-up Grant on a portion of the county-owned Frank Tannery site. This will pay an invoice of \$2,880 from the contractor, and a \$1,232 invoice from the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation (GVEDC). Amy Truesdale also outlined what is next with this project. She

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SWA receives disappointing “Satisfactory” Rating

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the June 25 Pocahontas County Waste Authority (SWA) meeting, Mark Holstine and Kelly Vickers from the West Virginia State Solid Waste Board delivered their Solid Waste Management Board Performance Review of the county’s SWA.

Holstine said that review was “satisfactory,” which disappointed the SWA members.

“The biggest thing I wonder about is Mark (Holstine) called up here and said we had a 93 (%) in our Performance Review,” member Ed Riley said.

“I don’t know I said you had a 93,” Holstine answered, “because there was an issue on our side that I apologize for, and that report was nowhere near 93. So, I had to take care of the issue - can’t go into the details, it’s a personnel issue. I had to find somebody to do the work – that’s why you see Kelly sitting here. She had to start over and put that report back together. She started to just brush-up the report that was in draft

form, and it was so bad that she had to scrap it, and that’s when the duplication of questions started. She had to come back to Mary, because the answers we got the second time were different than the answers that were recorded the first time.”

Holstine made it clear that he was not implying that different answers were given the second time, but that the answers given the first time were mis-reported by the person who did the first draft report.

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ginians to participate in sharing these alerts and helping ensure safe return of missing persons.”

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Governor announces new Purple Alert Program

Governor Patrick Morrisey has announced the launch of the state’s new Purple Alert system through the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security and State Police. Governor Morrisey invites media outlets and the general public to participate in the new alert system designed to help locate missing individuals with cognitive impairments more efficiently.

“Purple Alerts empower local law enforcement to respond quickly when individuals with cognitive impairments go missing,” Morrisey said. “This new alert system will strengthen community safety through clear coordination and swift action.”

“This initiative is a critical step toward protecting some of our most vulnerable citizens,” said Doug Buffington,

Acting Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security. “With the launch of the new program, we invite members of the media and all West Vir-



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Circuit Court

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

Glen William Hiner, 37, of Arbovale, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for an extradition hearing. He waived his right to the hearing and will return to Highland County, Virginia, to face charges there. Highland County authorities will pick him up from the TVRJ within 10 days.

A pre-trial hearing was held in the case the State vs Luke Gum, 37, of Dunmore, wherein an attorney for one of the victims asked to withdraw. The court granted the State’s motion for a continuance. Trial is continued to July 28, with only two victims. Gum was indicted by the April 2022 Grand Jury on three counts, sexual abuse in the first degree; three counts, sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or custodian of a child; four counts, sexual assault in the first degree.

Plea negotiations are being held in the case the State vs Evan M. Hamrick, 20, of Marlinton. The negotiations include this matter along with a bound over case from Magistrate Court. Change of plea is set for July 16. Hamrick was indicted on one count, driving under the influence-impaired driving causing injury; one count, reckless driving; one count, leaving scene of crash causing injury; one count, assault; and one count, battery.

A capias was issued for Journey Elizabeth Robinson, 25, of Marlinton, who failed to appear for her pre-trial hearing.

Roy Myers, 50, of Durbin, pleaded guilty to two counts of child neglect creating a substantial risk of bodily injury, a misdemeanor, lesser offenses in Count I and Count II of the indictment. Defense counsel asked for probation for alternative sentence or remainder of home incarceration. The State asked for maximum sentencing. The Court denied alternative sentence and Myers was sentenced to six months in the TVRJ for each offense; sentences to run consecutively. He was given 65 days’ time served and fined \$1,000 on each count. Myers was allowed a week to prepare his residence and employment before self-report-

ing June 30.

A jury trial is set for August 27 in the case the State vs Arnold Schoolcraft, 41, of White Sulphur Springs. Schoolcraft was indicted on one count, counterfeiting; and one count, unlawful assault on law enforcement officer.

Austin Lee Shaver, 19, of Charlottesville, Virginia, waived his right to an extradition hearing and agreed to voluntarily return to Rockbridge County, Virginia, for pending charges.

Mya Hippert, 23, of Marlinton, waived her right to an extradition hearing and agreed to voluntarily return to Rockbridge County, Virginia, for pending charges.

Courtney Wilfong Kincaid, 39, of Marlinton, was terminated from the Southeastern Drug Court Program. She appeared for her hearing wherein she pleaded guilty to one count, burglary; one count, conspiracy; one count, receiving or transferring stolen goods. Her bond was revoked, and she was remanded to custody until sentencing.

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**All Dogs Go to Heaven
When They Die –
As Well as the
Occasional Cat**

Author's Note: The following topic is not what I intended to write about in this week's *For Your Consideration*. However, something happened recently that derailed my writing and upset my life; I lost a wonderful dog.

*"He spoke with tears of fifteen years
How his dog and him, they traveled about
His dog up and died; he up and died
After twenty years, he still grieves.*"*

Mr. Bojangles was just a sentimental, albeit popular, song, but my canine traveling partner for fifteen years did just that: Daisy up and died recently. And all that's left in the wake of her death is grief. There is no getting around this emotional response to the death of a loved pet, be it a cat, dog, bunny or even a hamster.

Be aware in dealing with your loss that people without pets sometimes cannot understand your profound affection for your animal companion and may not support your grief.

I once had a demonstrably callous friend who, when told by another friend that his dog had gotten loose and was hit by a car in full view of his family, said, "Hey, it's just a dog, man." It goes without saying that he quickly became a former friend to both of us.

Not everyone likes or appreciates a dog. And even those who do have a dog may not be old enough to remember when it was rare for families to allow their dogs in the house. Nowadays, most dog owners not only allow their dogs in the house, but the dogs also have the run of the house, including sleeping in their owner's bed.

For many of us, our furry companions are full-fledged members of our family. As such, their demise can cause comparable grief. After the initial shock of their passing, the grieving process begins, and we need to embrace it,

for we cannot run away from grief; we must indulge it to find our path out of darkness and reach that magical point when we remember the good times we have enjoyed with them.

I fully admit to reacting emotionally when I think of Daisy, when I see her picture on the wall, when I find one of her toys under the bed, and when I pack up her things and take them to the shed. This is a way of confronting her death, knowing full well it will take time for the tears to become a smile.

You are probably familiar with the five stages of grief as defined by Elizabeth

a deal with God, promising to give up our bad habits or transgressions in exchange for a bit more time. Additionally, you are unlikely to feel anger at your loss. Most of Ross's grief stages would not apply to someone grieving the loss of a beloved pet. Likewise, we do not all suffer grief in the same order as Ross suggests; it is very individualized.

Dogs were first domesticated from wolves some 40,000 years ago, before the age of agriculture - they've been by our side for millennia. It is natural for the bond between humans and dogs to strengthen throughout a long-term relationship.

Archaeologists have unearthed 14,000-year-old burial sites in which dogs were buried right alongside humans. In some of these burials, the dogs were buried with grave items, such as jewelry and carvings, suggesting that the humans had a close relationship with the dogs.

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A 2019 PHOTO of Ken Springer with his two beloved "Westies" – Daisy, left, and Bongo. After dedicating 15 years of her life to Springer, Daisy recently crossed over the rainbow bridge. L.D. Bennett photo

Kubler Ross in the following order: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and Acceptance.

These five stages may apply to a human who is about to die, such as when one receives a diagnosis of a terminal disease, but it is unlikely that all five stages apply in the case of pet loss, as they may if it were a human.

Bargaining, for example, is when we attempt to make



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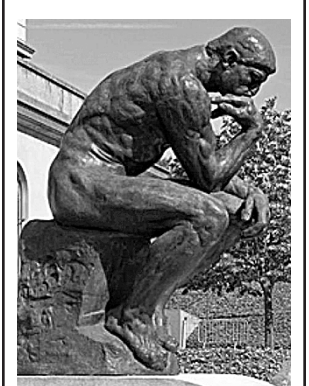
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1. Which branch of the U.S. military was first to establish a "Medal of Honor?"
2. Who was the first democratically elected president of Russia?
3. Which country did Finland declare independence from in 1917?
4. "Remember the Maine!" was the rallying cry for what war?

"Independence is a precious gift, cherish it always." –Unknown

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Rustic Mechanicals bring Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' to the Opera House stage

The Pocahontas County Opera House is thrilled to announce the return of The Rustic Mechanicals, West Virginia's premier professional Shakespeare touring company, for a captivating production of William Shakespeare's tragedy, *Macbeth*. This one-time performance will take place Sunday, July 13, at 3 p.m., promising an unforgettable afternoon of murder, prophecy, witches – and surprisingly, love.

The performance is part of the troupe's 2025 Vaulting Ambition Tour. Founded by Celi Oliveto in 2014, The Rustic Mechanicals are continually acclaimed for their innovative casting and faithful adherence to Shakespeare's staging conditions, making his timeless works accessible to modern audiences. Known for their popular touring series, including West Virginia Shakespeare in the Park(s) and A Play, A Pie, and A Pint, the Mechanicals are the only theater company in the state dedicated exclusively to touring Shakespeare's works.

General admission is \$10, while those aged 17 and younger can attend free of charge. Tickets can be se-



THE RUSTIC MECHANICALS cast will bring William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* to life on the Pocahontas County Opera House stage Sunday, July 13, at 3 p.m.

cured at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, online at pocahontasopera-house.org and at the door the afternoon of the performance.

Ryan Krofcheck, Marketing Director at the Pocahontas County Opera House, expressed his anticipation for the event. "We're thrilled to keep Shakespeare's legacy alive in our community," Krofcheck said. "The Mechanicals have become a beloved presence at our opera house, and with our kids' theater camp beginning just a week

later, we hope this performance will inspire the next generation of actors and audiences alike."

The Pocahontas County Opera House is grateful for the support of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, endorsed by the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, as well as Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, Mid-Atlantic Arts, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, whose generosity makes cultural events like this possible.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor,

The cuts to Medicaid passed by the House of Representatives and now in the Senate for consideration are going to have very negative consequences for West Virginia.

Local hospitals and medical services will become out of reach for many low income families who have depended on the assistance of Medicaid.

Local hospital budgets will be impacted. I do not see millionaire Shelly Capito or millionaire Jim Justice stepping up to protect the very West Virginians who most likely put them in office.

I challenge them to vote against these Medicaid cuts and to have the courage once to actually do something of benefit to those much less fortunate than they are.

Martin Saffer
Hillsboro

Dear Editor,

As I watch the county’s glacial and inadequate response to the lack of volunteers to man paramedic coverage slowly evolve, I find myself increasingly frustrated.

The lack of full-time coverage in the southern part of the county is a disaster wait-

ing to happen. Timely responses to medical emergencies are crucial to positive outcomes. With the loss of a paramedic response from Hillsboro, this means that those of us who live in this area will be lucky if response times are less than an hour and much longer during periods of inclement weather.

The fact that the Marlinton-based ambulance will respond to the South creates the same problem for those in the area of the town when it is absent on a southern call.

Medical emergencies cannot be scheduled; they happen when they do with multiple incidents possible at the same time. This means individuals will needlessly die due to lack of timely responses.

We need a 24-7 fully staffed paramedic team operating out of the Hillsboro location. The fact that this capability was present in this location for many years was no accident but a response to an obvious need.

Funding this capability needs to be a priority and our elected officials need to get off their butts and make this happen in a timely manner.

Joseph Kaffl
Hillsboro

Marlinton Mayor’s Corner



By Sam Felton

The end of June and first of July makes me pause and consider this great nation that we have the privilege to call home.

On July 4, 1776, the United States officially declared its independence from the British Empire and adopted the Declaration of Independence, at the Pennsylvania State house. There, the signers mutually pledged to each other their lives, fortunes and sacred honor. The Liberty Bell, forged years earlier, bears the inscription: “Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.” Leviticus 25:10

Independence Day is America’s birthday. The Fourth of July has the unique distinction of being the day that three presidents died.

• James Monroe died on July 4, 1831, making these deaths unique historical events among U.S. presidents.

• The date symbolizes a profound connection to American independence and legacy.

The Battle of Gettysburg began July 1, 1863 and ended on July 4th with more than 50,000 war-dead. All of the Vietnam fatalities were just over 58,000.

I once saw a picture of Gettysburg veterans meeting on the fifth anniversary of the battle. The North and South wearing representative blue and grey uniforms, and it gave me hope for today. If they could come together after such a fierce battle, we have hope for America.

Ten years ago, on June 30, 2015, I was sworn in as the 37th Mayor of the Town of Marlinton and began to serve on July 1st of that year.

That is 3,653 – but who’s counting.

Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The Green Boxes will be open from 1 to 6 p.m.

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

The Marlinton Town Office will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Garbage pickup for this day will be on Thursday, July 3.

24th Annual Public Reading of our 1776 Declaration of Independence, noon, Friday, July 4, in front of the Pocahontas County Courthouse. Free watermelon. Information and discussion about how to secure, for ourselves and our posterity, the rights we asserted in that document.

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

Geologist Ken Ashton will discuss West Virginia Geology at Watoga State Park Activities Building, Friday, July 11, 7 p.m.

Geologist Ken Ashton will lead a hike at Beartown State Park Saturday, July 12.

Community Vacation Bible School at the Nazarene Church in Edray July 14 – 17, 6 to 8 p.m. Dinner served nightly from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Mystery Theme, “On the Case.” All ages are welcome. Questions or transportation call 304-992-9441.

“Preserving the Civil War History of Droop” Saturday, July 19, 1 p.m. at Hillsboro Library. Presented by Mike Smith, Retired Superintendent of Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park.

REUNIONS

Marlinton High School Class of 1963 Saturday, July 12, at noon at Dari Land across from Discovery Junction.

PCHS Class of 1985 Saturday, July 12, 4 p.m. to ? in the Marlinton Municipal Building auditorium. Meet at 1 p.m. to ride in the Grand Parade. Questions? Contact Lisa Brown McLaughlin, 304-9925-9445.

Buzzard-Darnel Family Sunday, July 13, 11:30 a.m. at Stillwell Park. Potluck.

Schoolcraft/Auldrige Saturday, July 26, at Watoga State Park picnic shelter, noon to 4 p.m. Contact jan icegurley41@gmail.com for more info.

Wilfong Family – Saturday, August 2, 11 a.m. at

Stillwell Park. Bring a covered dish and your own drinks.

PCHS Class of 1975, Saturday, September 27, 6 p.m. at Allegheny Lodge. For more information or to RSVP, call or text 304-646-6686.

MEETINGS

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.

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

“Color Our World” four-week summer reading program begins Monday, July 7, at Pocahontas County Libraries. Events on Mondays at McClintic, Tuesdays at Hillsboro, Wednesdays at Green Bank, Thursdays at Linwood, Fridays at Durbin.

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What's Cookin'?
With Sally Cobb

Breakfast Burritos
4 lg. eggs
1/4 tsp. smoked paprika
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
1/4 tsp. onion powder
1/2-pound sausage, spicy or regular
1 1/3 cups shredded cheddar, jalapeño or Monterey Jack cheese
4 - 10" flour tortillas
Avocado, Coconut, Olive Oil or butter
Salsa of choice
Sour cream, optional

Guacamole, optional
In a medium bowl, whisk eggs with spices and salt. Heat a large skillet and cook sausage until browned, 4-5 minutes. Add eggs and scramble until just cook through. Place flour tortilla on plate. Add 1/4 of shredded

ded cheese in center of tortilla. Spoon 1/4 of sausage egg mixture onto center of flour tortilla and top with salsa. Fold top and bottom in and then place one side over flour tortilla over mixture and roll tightly into a burrito. After rolling burritos, heat skillet with oil or butter and brown on all sides. Serve with more salsa and sour cream or guacamole, if desired. Serves 4. Can be made and frozen to reheate later.

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•LITTLE EXPLORERS BOOK CLUB– A weekly reading and activity program for ages 7–12, **Thursdays from 2 - 3 p.m., through July 24** at the Wellness Center. Stories, crafts, and outdoor fun.

•MINI MOUNTAIN OLYMPICS – A fun-filled day of outdoor games and friendly competition for kids and families, **July 16 at 12:30 p.m.** at Stillwell Park.

•GOLF CAMP - A fun, three-day skills camp for ages 8–12, led by Concord University golfers. **July 11, 18 and 25 from 10 a.m. - noon** at Pocahontas County Country Club. \$10 fee.

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Obituaries

Larken Dean

Larken Dale Dean, of Hillsboro, passed away Thursday, June 26, 2025, at home.

Born July 2, 1964, he was a son of the late Samuel Dean and Martha Pritt.

Larken worked in masonry. He found pleasure and joy in the simple pleasures of hunting, fishing, gathering ginseng and just being in the woods.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Tena Robin Dean.

He is survived by brothers, Larry, Laymond and Lake Dean; sisters, Lois Dean and Linda Beard; sons, Josh, Timmy, Brian, Ethan and Jaydyn Dean; daughter, Takala Fulton; daughter-in-law, Emily Dean; cherished grandchildren, Owen, Jakob, Stella, Heath, Cedric and Coleson.

He will be missed by family and friends.

Funeral service was held Sunday, June 29, 2025, at VanReenen Funeral Home with Pastor John Paul Burks officiating.

Burial was in Emmanuel Cemetery on Bruffey Creek.



Samuel McMillion

Samuel Roger McMillion, 81, of Whiteford, Maryland, passed away Monday, June 23, 2025, surrounded by

family and holding his wife's hand.

Born November 12, 1943, in Whiteford, he spent his first 12 years in Maryland after which time his family moved to Marlinton.

Sam was a proud graduate of Marlinton High School Class of 1962. Upon graduating, he joined the U.S. Navy and served four years, primarily on the USS Gyatt, a Gearing class destroyer. While serving his commitment, in 1966, he met his young bride, Susan. They would spend the next 60 years building a life in Baltimore County, Maryland.

Sam always looked forward to returning to Marlinton to visit family, friends and his beloved graduating class. He became a master electrician and successfully ran his business for the better part of 40 years. Later in his career, he became an electrical inspector for Baltimore County, from where he ultimately retired in 2014.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Ron, and fiancée, Tiler; daughters, Sheri, and husband, Mike, and Terry, and husband, Rick; and grandchildren, Lily, Micheal and Tannar.

Debra Walton

Debra Ann Walton, 68, of Hillsboro, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown after battling cancer, off and on, for 22 years.

Born January 13, 1957, in Marlinton, she was a daughter of Robert H. Miller, of Marlinton, and the late Cloay E. Workman Miller.

Debbie began her career at the Hanover Shoe Factory. After working there for many years, she held various positions at Fas-Chek, Pocahontas Center, Seneca Mental Health and the Division

of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). She received a bachelor's degree in sociology from Bluefield State College. She retired in 2022 after 20 years and four months of service.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Buckeye and was very strong in her faith. Debbie loved the Lord, and she loved her family. She enjoyed reading, flowers, the beach and spur of the moment mini-vacations and road trips with her niece and nephew. She especially loved Christmas – not the cold weather, just Christmas – very large, tall, round and full Christmas trees, and her 200-pound teddy bear of a dog, Bubby.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Cloay E. Miller.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Walton; sons, Kory R. Sharp and Robert D. “Bobbie” Sharp; daughter, Breanna D. Butcher (Lane); father, Robert H. Miller (Debbie); sister, Kim Rao (Chris); grandchildren, Cloey Sharp, Holden Sharp and CeCe Sharp; great-grandson, Hartlen Sharp; niece, Cassidy E. Rao (Matthew Tomassone); nephew, Matthew J. Rao (Morgan).

Honoring Debbie's wishes, a private viewing for the family and a few close friends was held Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at Lantz Funeral Home.

Some of her ashes will be spread at the beautiful home she and her husband, Tom, built themselves on Viney Mountain, and the remaining ashes will be spread in another place she loved to visit.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at her home on Viney Mountain.

A debt I could not pay

by Dawn Reed

Just before Easter, I needed three \$10 Starbucks gift cards for my great-nieces. Having already purchased cute cards, I wanted to get them in the mail asap.

In Food City at the gift card display, I saw Bob from church. We chit-chatted as I searched for the \$10 cards, telling him they were for my great-nieces, I love them, and they would be so excited, blah, blah, blah. The guy grabbed three, then headed to check out.

The nice cashier rang them up for \$120. Holy Moly! In my haste, I hadn't realized each one was a four-pack of \$10 cards. I had indeed – unknowingly – handed her \$120 in coffee cards.

“Oh, no ma'am. I am so sorry,” I gushed. “That is my mistake. I don't want those. I'm so sorry,” I said again. (I love my nieces but cannot spend that much for their coffee.) Bob had seen the whole thing go down.

This wasn't the only time I had been embarrassed at the checkout. My mind flashed back to the past.

I don't know if you've ever been at the cash register when your purchases total more than what you have in your wallet, when the math does not add up, when the cost is more than you can pay. It's a tough spot. Oh, the heartbreak of putting back groceries you can't afford. You must quickly decide, right there in front of everyone, what is essential and what is not, counting backward to the money you have in hand. Those behind you feel extremely awkward. The cashier is embarrassed for you. Head down, trying not to cry, you hurry to the car.

Years ago, my beloved and I were struggling financially. We couldn't make ends meet. Not even close. Living in a house we couldn't afford with two young children and stress building

by the minute, we were floundering. We had debts we could not pay. Were in financial bondage and needed a miracle. That's when God stepped in. He made a way out. He walked us through that valley, liberating us as surely as He did the Israelites from Egypt.

That was not our greatest deliverance.

Because of our sin, we had a greater debt we could not pay. Romans 3:23 informs us we are all sinners. Romans 6:23 tells that the payment/wage for that sin is death. When all hope was lost, God sent Jesus – His perfect Son – to save us, to pay that impossible debt by shedding His blood for us (Romans 5:8). Colossians 2:14 (CEB) says it perfectly: “He destroyed the record of the debt we owed. He canceled it by nailing it to the cross.”

Romans 10:13 is the best part: “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” I'm pretty sure there is supposed to be an exclamation mark there!

Jesus brings freedom from



Dawn Reed

sin, guilt, regret, hopelessness, addiction and heartache. Zack Williams' song “Chain Breaker” poignantly tells the story of deliverance: “If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior, If you got chains, He's a chain breaker.”

Easter is typically the season when we ponder the price Jesus paid for us, but July 4th is also a wonderful time for reflection. We will wave flags and speak of freedom. True freedom comes from Christ: “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed,” John 8:36.

What makes you happy?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Peace and happiness have many variables. We aren't happy when we feel we do not have enough, and then burdened if we have too much. We fret over not enough money or worry about what we will do if we have too much money. Most of us don't have the latter problem.

We fret over not enough space or how we care for too much space. We accumulate and store up in our barns and build bigger barns to store up more stuff. We then don't know what we will do with all the stuff.

How much does it take to bring you peace and make you happy? Can you be happy in a one room dwelling place? Does it take a 25-room house to make you feel good? How many cars do you need to make you feel satisfied? Or – is satisfaction only a remotely impossible concept? Many years ago, one popular song lamented, “I can't get no satisfaction.”

Satisfaction and happiness may be claimed for a season. Possibly you are satisfied with your vocation, athletic accomplishments, family life, parenting success, fulfillment of life goals and ambitions. Often we are, but then those seasons pass. Careers end, athletic contests become history, retirement comes with memories that fade further and further into the past.

Too often most of us can look back and wonder, “what if?” The problem with “what if?” is that it doesn't change anything. If it is in the past, you can't relive it or change it regardless of how great you were or how bad you were.

All we have for certain, is today. Even today is iffy. Since today is all we really have then it's best to not mess it up by constantly looking over our shoulders. You can't go forward always looking back. In the Bible there was a man named Lot. He and his wife were told not to look back at Sodom and Gomera. She did and turned into a pillar of

salt. Looking back has a way of doing that to all of us as we become immobilized in time.

What does it take to make you happy? Someone to love and someone who loves you? A few family members to care for who also care for you? Enough money to pay the light bill and keep food on the table? Something to do during the day that you enjoy? The only person who can answer these questions is

you because only you know what it really takes to make you happy.

Happiness is very much happenstance. Things change every day. Health, sickness, the stock market, families, jobs and hobbies. Friends and loved ones move away or die. Life is always changing.

God never changes. Happiness may vary throughout

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MHS Class of 1960 - 65th year reunion



MARLINTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1960 held its 65th year reunion Saturday, June 14, at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. With 93 seniors, this was the largest class to graduate from MHS.

Pictured, front row, l to r: Layton Beverage, Pat Vandevender, Butch Michael, Jerry Clifton, Mack Copeland, Freddie Hannah, George Friel, Larry Sprouse and Linda Daniel. Back row: Kay Beverage, Janice Gurley, Carol Dille, Dorothy Kiner, Joyce Underwood, Charlotte Myers, Joy Mullens, Loretta Malcomb and Helen Wheeler. The class enjoyed a dinner provided by Harriet’s Catering.

MHS Class of 1970

Marlinton High School Class of 1970 gathered for its 55th class reunion June 21 at the Pocahontas County Opera House.

Memories and friendship drew the very last class together again – “The Last of the Best” to graduate from Marlinton High School.

The class of 1970 was the last class to graduate from the old high school before it was closed, and the three county high schools were consolidated into Pocahontas County High School.

The class of 1970, “The Mighty, Mighty Copperheads,” came together to renew ties with friends, catch up on 55 years of memories and reminisce about their school years.

The Opera House was beautifully decorated in the school colors, likewise the dinner tables, which featured lighted centerpieces in orange and black designed by Lynette Anderson.

Favors included placemats made from the high school homecoming game pamphlet put together by Joyce Ryder; a booklet featuring photos and highlights of 1970 by Karen Dean and pens engraved with, “MHS The Best of the Last” by Linda Spencer.

Morning brunch at the Opera House was hosted by the reunion committee – Lillian and James Goldizen, Bubby Barb, Jenny Duncan, Linda Spencer, Carla Shinaberry, Joyce Ryder, Karen Dean, Jean McClure, Eddie White, Betty Reed and Mike

Anderson.

There were many reminiscences of the experience of going to school in a half burned building, after fire had destroyed part of the school.

Many classes had to be held in the Legion Hall and the Marlinton Methodist Church. When the weather was bad, especially in the winter, those walks to class could be a real challenge.

The guys talked about the football teams and the excitement of winning the State Football Championship in 1969.

Among the ladies, there were conversations about skirts. Back in the day, girls weren’t allowed to wear slacks or jeans to school, so the girls wore skirts.

The late 60s was the era of the mini-skirt craze. And Pocahontas County girls were just as fashion conscious as girls anywhere. But during the winter months, fashion had to take a back seat.

There was talk about school dances, decorating for the prom, football games and band trips.

There were memories shared about pushing Miss Arnett’s car out of the snow drifts (she was in her early 80s) and she made her students recite “all that poetry” in order to pass her class.

A delicious dinner was catered by Anne Walker of HandMade West Virginia Market in Marlinton.

Following dinner, a memorial service was held to honor deceased class members: Sam Baxter, Mary Beverage, Norval Beverage,



ATTENDING THE MARLINTON High School Class of 1970 reunion, front row, l to r: Lillian Goldizen, Linda Lass, Carla Shinaberry and Betty Reed Feather. Second row, Margie Crummett, Jenny Duncan, Peggy McCall, Linda Spencer, Karen Dean, William “Bubby” Barb and Terry Daniels. Third row, Delmont Wilfong, Jean McClure and Joyce Ryder. Back row, Eddie White, Alfred Hammons, James Goldizen, Fane Irvine, Mike Anderson and Terry Bennett.

erage, Norval Beverage, Mike Broce, Mary Jane Buzard, Johnnie Cain, Curtis Dunbrack, Donna Galford, Caroline Hammons, Johnny Hayslett, Edwin Mace, Bill McMann, Beth Sharp, Rose Ellen Waugh and Brent Withers.

A beautiful memorial table featuring flowers in the

school colors was designed by Betty Reed Feather. The table held photos of each deceased class member.

Mike Anderson served as emcee for the evening, and 70s music played as background to the many conversations, with songs from the time period such as “Dreams,” “Suspicious

Minds,” and the ever popular “Let it Be.”

The evening ended with a drawing for door prizes.

Winners were Linda Spencer, Joyce Ryder, Sandy Irvine, Craig Rudder, James Goldizen, Linda Barb and

Alfred Hammons.

It was a bittersweet evening that was filled with memories and good wishes for the future of the MHS Class of 1970 – “The Last of the Best.”

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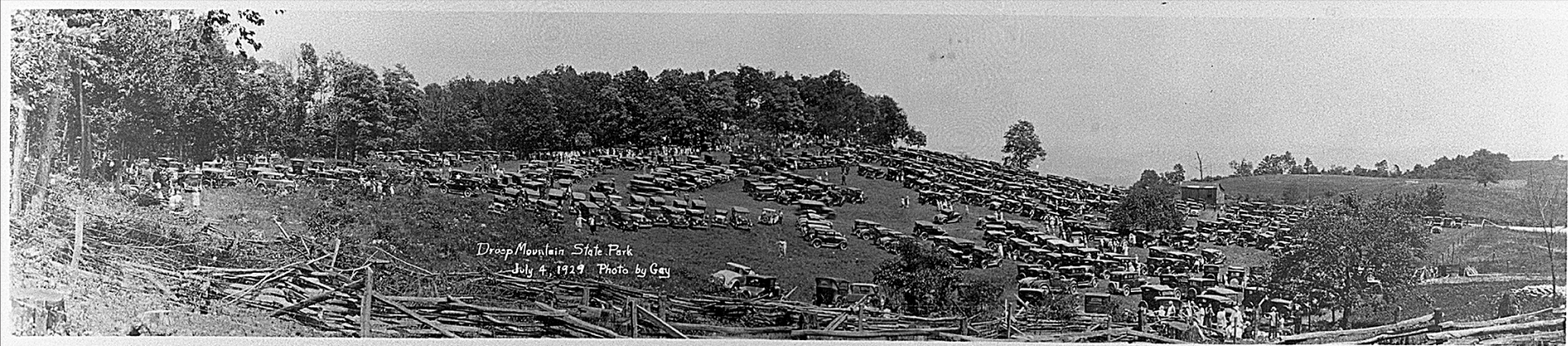




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Fourth of July, 1929 – Dedication of Droop Mountain Battlefield



The site of Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park was purchased by the State of West Virginia in January 1928. It was dedicated on July 4, 1929, as a shrine to the casualties of the battle fought there on November 6, 1863 – which was the last important battle between the men of the Union and the men of the Confederacy. The panoramic photograph of the dedication day event was taken by Cal Gay. This story of the festivities as seen through the eyes of Editor Calvin W. Price appeared the following week on the front page of *The Pocahontas Times*.

DROOP MOUNTAIN MEETING

The Fourth of July celebration on Droop Mountain has become an institution. Pocahontas County, especially the Little Levels District, following the example of 1928, put on one of the most notable gatherings every held in West Virginia.

The attendance was variously estimated from eight to ten thousand persons.

This year it was thought that there would be a falling off on account of something like a hundred miles of the Seneca Trail being under contract for surfacing and the public engaged in playing the difficult game of detour. But to keep the record straight it was

thought best to have the meeting.

It was a bright day, and the lookout of Droop Mountain brings on the grateful and harmless exhilaration of height, and there is no place in West Virginia where an assembly can reach a mountain height so easily as the battle ground on Droop Mountain.

The state police handled the traffic perfectly and the day was not marred by a single accident. A truck load of passengers broke loose from its brakes on a hill side but was saved by the old barn on the side of the road from taking a header over a cliff.

There is no county in West Virginia that takes such a pride and delight in feeding a multitude. The feasts were spread on the carpets of grass and much grub was carried home after the people had been fed.

The Durbin brass band discoursed fine music, and the county singers were in good voice.

Charles A. Sharp had charge of the concessions and furnished the crowd with soft drinks and other refreshments to the satisfaction of all.

There was a battery of big guns to speak to a crowd that could not be reached by the human voice to its outer fringes so big it was. Next year it is to be hoped there will be amplifiers.

There were about three hours of intellectual and artistic entertainment. Andrew

Price presided. Rev. Randolph Atkinson offered an invocation. Rev. S. R. Neel made an oration on the lofty aims (of the) Junior Order of Mechanics. Judge Geo. W. McClintic addressed the assembly upon the duties of the good citizen in this emergency and the importance of peace. Our guarantee of peace depends upon our ability to defend ourselves. That when and if the next war comes its cost must be borne by the wealthy especially of the class who came out of the late great war richer than they went into it.

G. D. McNeill gave a thirty-minute report on the movements of the troops in the Battle of Droop Mountain. Judge Lively, Chief Justice of West Virginia, spoke briefly and allowed the crowd to see the cut of his jib. Dr. Geo. West Diehl, late President of Morris Harvey College, addressed the assembly to the same extent. Alf Taylor made a ringing patriotic speech. Col. John C. Sutton who fought in the battle had a carefully prepared address. In addition, the following Civil War Veterans spoke briefly: John Tyler, Peter McCarty, Veteran Cutlip of Greenbrier county, Gen. M. J. McNeel, Col. T. H. Dennis, and Noah McCoy.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the same place one year from that day, when it will be in celebration of the completion of the Seneca Trail, the great North Road of

West Virginia. One hundred and ninety eight miles of the only practical north and south through West Virginia. We do not know how much it will cost but it will mean many millions, ten millions anyway, would be my guess, and it will be the favorite road for tourists.

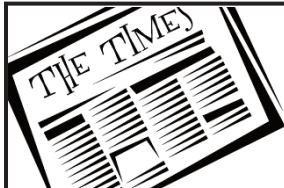
The public-spirited men, the Kiwanis Club, and the various committees, are to be complimented for their success in this huge meeting. It is an event in the life of the county. And it is so easy to make history in the way where the public is aroused to the importance of keeping alive the memory of our heroic dead.

It took a good deal of gasoline but not much more than would have been burned in aimless wandering. And besides the gasoline did not cost nearly as much as the old time Fourth of July whiskey bill. -30-

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, July 3, 1975

CAVER KILLED

Allen G. Tracy, 23, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, died from injuries received when he was trapped by a rockslide at the entrance of Barnes Pit Cave on Swago Creek Tuesday afternoon.

He was a member of a group of 11 Canadians who had been caving in the Swago area since Saturday. Tracy was in the process of putting a caving ladder into the cave for the other members of the group when he somehow loosened a number of large rocks which pinned

him against the side of the cave. The accident happened between 12:30 and 1 p.m. He lived for about an hour after the accident, but, despite efforts at resuscitation, he died before he could be removed.

The Marlinton Rescue Squad responded to the accident and worked until after 8 p.m. to remove the body. Several large rocks had to be moved before the body was freed. To move and secure the largest rock, weighing over five tons, required winches on a truck and bulldozer.

The body was flown to

Canada on Wednesday.

WEDDING

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Hillsboro was the setting for the 3 p.m. June 15, 1975, wedding of Miss Linda Sue Hill and Thomas W. VanReenen.

Miss Hill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie B. Hill, of Hillsboro, and VanReenen’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hubert VanReenen, of Beard.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henly A. Cook, of Seebert, a son, Hampton Wade.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hefner, of Marlinton, a son, Jason Andrew.

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, July 7, 1950

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Moffett Williams entertained several of her young friends Sunday afternoon. The occasion was the birthdays of her sons. Richard was five on July 2; and Roger was two on July 5.

Little guests attending were Ricky Rimmer, Harold Cochran, Ray McLaughlin, Martha Lee Dean, Sarah Alice Currence, Ellen Friel, Margie Hill, Pat Melton, Margaret Melton, Bobby Miller, Agnes Simmons, Carla and Sharla Gladwell, Chipper Williams, Mary Lee Shafer, Lois Ann Barlow, Micky Clutter, Alice McClure, Tommie McKissic, Margaret Ann Sharpenberg, Sonny LaRue, David Dilley, Ann Eskridge, Jean Carol Johnson, Kenny Kinnison, Richard and Roger Williams.

PIONEER CAMP

Among the Pioneer Group from the Marlinton Presbyterian Church attending Pioneer Camp at Davis and Elkins College this week are Gene Pryor, Letcher Sim-

mons, Sherley Malcomb, Annette Rucker, Sis Bowers, Frances Astin, Tommy Burns, John Young, Nancy Ward Currence, Mary Jarvis Currence, Sybil Davis, Billy Davis, Margaret Ann Eubank, Frances Bankhead, Phyllis McNeill, Jack Gay, Sterl Edward McElwee, Eldridge Waugh, Wanda Defibaugh, Lemuel Defibaugh, Anne Davis Boswell, John and Don Hannah. Leaders, Mary Alice Beard, Eddie Defibaugh, James Malcom, and Rober P. Melton, Instructor.

WEDDING

The Marvin Chapel Methodist Church was the scene of a pretty, but quiet wedding Tuesday, June 27, 1950, when Miss Nina Ruth Waugh, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Waugh, became the bride of Cornelius Preston Pritchard, son of Mrs. Eudora Pritchard, of Knapps Creek, and the late Robert Pritchard.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, of Hillsboro, a

son, Verlon Gene.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bradford Clutter, of Renick, a daughter, Patricia Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ford Hammons, of Clover Lick, a son, Alfred Alexander.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Frazier Spangler, of Buckeye, a daughter, Phyllis Jane.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lester Varner, of Marlinton, a daughter, Carol Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Abraham Hayes, of Buckeye, a son.

DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Baxter Cunningham, aged 27, wife of William Cunningham, died Wednesday, June 28, 1950. On Friday afternoon her body was laid in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery, the service being held from the home. The deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Lola Baxter and the late James L. Baxter.

Mrs. Mollie Perkins, aged 75 years, died at the home on Caesar Mountain Tuesday, July 4, 1950. On Wednesday afternoon the funeral service was held from the home.

Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, July 5, 1900

The oldest inhabitants fail to remember any display of electrical phenomena surpassing what occurred in view of Huntersville Friday evening. A very dark and rugged cloud loomed just above the horizon from Buckley Mountain to Browns Mountain which was illuminated by vivid flashes of lightning so continuous and frequent as not to be counted, and this too for an hour or more. Some of the flashes were of exceptional brilliance and magnitude. The silence in the meantime was very profound, but for an occasional scarcely audible echo of very remote thunder. After the disappearance of this magnificent electrical display towards the north, another cloud came up from the southwest attended with rain, thunder and lightning. The very earth seemed to be shaken.

LOCAL MENTION

L. M. McClintic, T. S. McNeel, R. K. Burns and I. F. Hill are on Cranberry this week camping.

Misses Emma Warwick, Mabel Ligon and Delia Edgar were visiting friends in Marlinton Monday.

Smith and Harper have orders for more than 600,000 bricks. The first kiln of 250,000 will be ready for burning by August 1.

The name of the post of-

fice five miles below Frankford on the Lewisburg mail route has been changed from Hattie to Maxwellton.

Norman Price went to Lewisburg to attend the called meeting of Presbytery to consider the call of Rev. G. W. Nickell to the Marlinton and Huntersville churches.

E. M. Arbogast and W. A. Bratton expect to build a big brick office building. L. M. McClintic will build a brick law office building in the fall.

County Court met last Tuesday and after auditing claims, refusing to build roads and to grant liquor license adjourned to Saturday next when it will meet to lay the levy.

During the late flood the Middle Fork Driving Company put in about 10,000 logs. The breaking of a chain on one of the dams was the cause of not getting in 2,000 more.

FROST

Frost is still booming. Anyone wanting a healthful location with pleasant surroundings, come to Frost.

W. A. G. Sharp sent his team to Marlinton Monday for a load of goods for Dr. J. P. Moomau.

Ben Sharp went to Hot Springs for a load of goods for Hannah & Harper.

Dr. Jordan is improving his house which he recently purchased from Dr. J. M. Barnett.

JEFF HOUCHIN KILLED

Constable Burner Shoots Him through the Heart with a Winchester

Last Thursday, Jeff Houchin, a well-known citizen of Travelers Repose neighborhood was shot and instantly killed by C. B. Burner, a constable of Green Bank District. The affair is held to be justifiable.

Houchin was at Durbin during the day and had taken a drink or two but was not thought drunk. When in liquor, he is known as a dangerous man. Houchin was guilty of what Burner, as constable, considered disorderly conduct, and he told him that he would have to arrest him if it was continued.

Houchin went home for supper and brooded over what he considered was unwarranted interference on the part of the constable. After supper, he told his wife he was going after Burner and would get him before morning. His wife did what she could to keep him from going but was unsuccessful.

He went to P. D. Yeager’s and inquired for Burner, and next to C. L. Burner’s. He went on to Durbin. Burner was warned of his coming and concealed himself. Houchin came on with his gun held ready for shooting, crouching as he walked. He came to a place where he was on the point of discovering Burner, and Burner says that just as he fired Houchin caught sight of him and made a movement as though to fire. Burner fired three shots into the body of Houchin before he fell. The

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go out and see what he could see. When he opened the door, he saw a long-tailed cat about the size of a big dog slink around the corner. A few weeks ago, A. P. Beverage saw an immense panther on Williams River.

NEW BANK

On last Tuesday the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Marlinton completed its organization. The president is E. P. Shaffer, of Cass; vice-president, D. W. Dever, of Huntersville; directors, Judge S. H. Sharp, chairman, F. J. Syden, C. J. Richardson, Isaac Barlow, L. D. Sharp, E. H. Williams, H. Kelmenson and H. L. Byers.

Dear Editor;

While at Marlinton at different times, I have noticed that a great many of the automobile drivers in your town and neighborhood cross over the railroad tracks without looking to the east or the west. As you know, we came very near having a fatal accident at Marlinton in the early part of last winter... I am sending information from the Cautious Crossing

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Army’s 250th Birthday



AMERICAN LEGION POST 117 recently celebrated the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Army. Members of Post 117 who served in the Army were honored at the meeting. Pictured, from left: Ed White, John Sparks, Rudy Marrujo and Donnie Waybright. Photo courtesy of Rick Wooddell

The Cat House

The Pocahontas County Humane Society has three darling kittens available for adoption.

These little sisters are eight weeks old. They’re friendly, curious and playful and are sure to entertain you with their adorable antics.

All three are fully vetted, dewormed and micro-chipped and will have had their kitten vaccinations upon adoption. The adoption fee is only \$70.

If you’d like to meet Maple, Hazel or Aspen, please call for an appointment to visit “The Cat House.”

The Humane Society of



Clockwise from above: Aspen, Maple and Hazel.



Pocahontas County – “The Cat House” – is located in Marlinton at 410 Second Avenue in Marlinton.

The phone number is 304-799-6767.

Auditions set for next drama workshop

The Pocahontas County Drama Workshop will hold auditions Wednesday, July 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Opera House for its upcoming production of “Deera’s Country Funeral,” by Ned Dougherty.

“Deera’s Country Funeral” is a unique play about a small West Virginia town that holds a funeral for a beloved tractor—the title character of Deera—whose owner is one of the only people who can see and speak to the county’s resident vaping guardian angel. Other characters include, the town’s resident hairdresser/psychic medium, her husband – the funeral director, their teenage son who does not want to join the family business, and a broken-hearted traveler who stops for a haircut and stays to deliver the eulogy.

While some roles have already been cast, there are roles available for three female characters—one aged between 15 and 25, one aged 35 to 45, and one mid-40s to

well-seasoned.

The rehearsal period for Deera will run from mid-July through the performance dates of September 12 and 13 with three to four rehearsals per week and no weekends if we can help it.

Previous acting experience is appreciated but not required.

No prepared audition materials will be necessary. Those auditioning will be asked to read a scene from the play and possibly to sing “Happy Birthday.”

While the rehearsal schedule is flexible, please bring any known conflicts for those months to the audition, as well as known work schedules for July, August and September.

Again, auditions for “Deera’s Country Funeral” will be Wednesday, July 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Opera House.

For more information or in case you cannot make this date, contact director Eric Fritzius at eric.fritzius@gmail.com

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SENECA – FRONT ROW, from left: Brayden Diller, Arabella Wade, Savannah Barnes, Jameson Slifer, Ryan Burns, Aria Nelson, Lane Wilfong and Michael Friel. **Second row:** Boone Cassell, Mia Valach, Savana Sharp, Jaryd Wilfong, Lillie Cassell, Mackenzie White, Amelia Rogers and Adalyn Beverage. **Back row:** Makiya Burns, Riley Hamons, Sienna Hamons, Layla Highland, Hannah Burks, Natalie Irvine, Konrad Lowe, Grayson Barlow, Caleb Ritter, Richard White, Jaxon Cassell, Kylor Brock and Victor Dean.



MINGO – FRONT ROW, from left: Jonah Mann, Natalie Sisler, Emma Pugh, Rylee Calhoun, Elijah Keatley, Blake Alderman, Anthony Burdette and Val Phillips. **Second row:** Bentlee Gladwell, Canden Lambert, Kya Arbogast, Mason Markl, Lydia Taylor, Jace West, Shelldon Maitland and Aubrey Evans. **Third row:** James Monico, Ben Workman, Erin Rider, Kirsten Friel, Caitlin Mallow, Eden Smith, Grace Beverage and Melinda Beverage. **Back row:** Abigail Taylor, Katelyn Stull, AJ Bauserman, Riley Pollack, Rya Barlow, Morgan Smith, Rachel Felton, Riyan Gladwell and Cora Baldwin.

4-H opens a World of Possibilities

One hundred thirty-eight 4-Hers had the chance to experience different world cultures, food, music and dance when they attended Pocahontas County 4-H Camp June 9-13. An additional 29 Cloverbuds joined them the last day, for a total of 167 young people.

The week's theme of "4-H Opens a World of Possibilities" allowed youth to explore a different continent each day. Twenty-six teen leaders arrived at camp on Sunday for the teen leader overnight. They started their adventure with a presentation from Allison Bardes (Norrod). Allison, a Pocahontas County 4-H Alumni educated campers about her recent travels to Antarctica. Teen leaders prepared a formal dinner of lasagna, salad, homemade rolls, and a three-layer chocolate cake under the guidance of Nicole Brock and Herby Barlow. On Monday, after a delicious breakfast prepared by Masha Grimes Beverage, teen leaders attended leadership development sessions with Wonder and Grow: Mindful Nature Experience and worked on camp clean up

and preparations for the week ahead.

4-H Campers arrived to a Chinese New Year celebration Monday evening with their tribes competing in making Chinese dragons and sampling fortune cookies and boba tea. Campers had a chance to pet one of two live camels and a lama on Tuesday while learning about their importance to Australian culture. 4-Hers sang karaoke tunes later that evening.

Coyaba Dance Theater from Washington D.C. performed lively African music and dances on Wednesday and taught campers (and counselors) some spirited moves.

Thursday, after enjoying a sa paghetti dinner for an "Evening in Europe," campers danced to music provided by a DJ and sampled treats from a beautiful charcuterie table. Adam Dong from NRAO gave a nighttime presentation about star gazing.

As part of Friday's South American theme, campers participated in an array of field day water activities where they had opportunities to slip and slide and cross the

"Amazon" as part of a tribal obstacle course, helping to keep cool in the hot afternoon sun. They also enjoyed a slideshow that day and received tribal colored T-shirts for the annual camp photos. Each evening concluded with Council Circle.

When asked about his camp experience, Caleb Ritter said "As someone who has come to this camp nearly all my life, I feel like it keeps getting better and better every year. From friendly competition between tribes to all the campers having a water day, camp continues to grow better with every passing year. But it's not just camp, joining a local club allows you to get out and help your community, make new friends, and have a great time while you do it. I would strongly encourage anyone who is interested to join Pocahontas County 4-H!"

The campers participated in a variety of classes during the mornings. These included Air Rifles, Archery, Basketball, Black Powder, Bottle Rockets, Cake Decorating, Camp Engineer, Camp Perk Café, Car Care Basics, Charting, Crafts, Cross-Stitch Nametags,



CHEROKEE – FRONT ROW, from left: Ayla Fanning, Sullivan Seldomridge, Kysor Calhoun, Andrew Herold, Daisy Hefner, Alida McNeel and Brinley McLaughlin. **Second row:** Elizabeth Friel, Chloe Annett, William Shifflett, Jesse McNabb, Rufus Morgan, Kendyl Hummel, Rowan Lindbloom and Ava Robinson. **Third row:** Karis Lowe, Laelah Clendenen, Levi Hill, Ramona Hardy, Andrea Alderman, Silas Dean, Sydney Slifer, Makenna Marsh and Ailec Lindbloom-Robinson. **Back row:** Ezra Bond, Colton Cassell, Tyler Friel, Bayla Plaugher, George Shifflett, Joseph McClure, William Lindbloom.



DELAWARE – FRONT ROW, from left: Ariana Woody, Evelyn Simmons, Jerzie Jackson, Simon Scotchie, Annabel Swan, Owen Boggs, Owen Sattler and Bianca Arnold. **Second row:** Elizabeth McClure, Kaya Eves, Isabella McClure, Diamond Owens, Madelynn Wims, Aliza Hayes, Brynn Clutter and Weston Cassell. **Third row:** Luke Taylor, Adalee Hayes, Ahna Valach, Luke Gainer, RT Hill, Hunter Cheek and Abby Bauserman. **Back row:** Trey Sattler, Chase McNeill, Ava Fields, Eowyn Smith, Khloe Gainer, Moriah Thompson, Peyton Tingler, Zara Fanning, Eli Beezley, Draydon Cassell and Jonathan Burgess.



BIG FEET – FRONT row, from left: Haley Spencer, Erica Clark, Nebraska Scotchie, Amy Henry-Morgan and Hallie Herold. **Second row:** Lauren Seti, Luci Mosesso, Clair Rose, Logan Burks, Kathy Irvine, Cathy Mitchell and Tracey Valach. **Back row:** Michael Simmons, Kristie Smith, Kendall Beverage, JW Cheek, Herby Barlow, Josh Shinaberry, Billy Rogers, Greg Hamons, Connie Burns, Randy Irvine and Gray Beverage.

Dance Party, Fishing, Flag Football, 4-H is Awesome, 4-H Jewelry, Gymnastics, Handmade Wreaths, How to Survive a Yeti Attack, International Cooking, Journey to the Last Wild Places, Mountain Biking, Low Ropes Course, Outdoor Cooking, Painting, Photography, Pickleball, RC Crawlers, Save the Bananas, Shotgun, Softball, Spa Time, Turkey Call Making, Wilderness Survival, Woodburning and Yoga.

Chiefs and Sagamores of the tribes were as follows: Cherokee Tribe – Andrea Alderman, Ramona Hardy (1st), Silas Dean (2nd); Delaware Tribe – Luke Gainer, RT Hill (1st), Ahna Valach (2nd); Mingo Tribe – Caitlin Mallow, Eden Smith (1st), Kirsten Friel (2nd);

Seneca Tribe – Jaryd Wilfong, Savana Sharp (1st), Lillie Cassell (2nd); Big Feet – Logan Burks, Sarah Eves (1st).

Camp awards were presented to the 4-Hers during the final council circle on Friday night. Caleb Ritter was selected as this year's "Spirit of Camp" and was presented the spirit stick, which was carved by each of the tribes during camp. The following campers were chosen as those best representing the four Hs of 4-H at camp: Head H – Luke Gainer; Heart H – Hannah Burks; Hands H – Ramona Hardy; Health H – Eden Smith.

Tribes were judged throughout the week based on camp spirit, sportsmanship, attitude, and how they

exhibited the four Hs. The Cherokee Tribe was selected as the winning tribe overall.

Riyan Gladwell and Ben Workman were awarded their Charting Pins for successful completion of the 4-H Charting project and classes.

Michael Simmons, Caitlin Mallow and Riley Pollack received the West Virginia All Star pin, the highest honor a West Virginia 4-H member or leader can receive.

Outstanding first year camper scholarships were presented to Andrew Herold and Chloe Annett. The Cool Camper Scholarship was presented to Kendall Hummel. Jonah Mann and Ryan Burns received the Harold

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a labor of love. Later, in the parade, the cars got to show off their abilities – albeit at a slow pace – as they cruised down Main Street.

On the other end of the field, in the school’s picnic pavilion, crafters and bakers sold their wares and shared stories of the items that were made with loving hands.

When it came time to eat, no one went hungry. Hillsboro Library Friends hosted a breakfast buffet in the library’s backyard. Then there were the lunch and snack options. The Community Club had its delicious pork tenderloin sandwiches, with or

without seasoned fries; the Marlinton Woman’s Club had their famous kettle corn; Little Levels 4-H delighted with hot dogs and lemonade; Pocahontas County Senior Citizens had Philly cheese-steaks, and the Hillsboro Girl Scouts had a lemonade stand.

There was also the annual pie contest with local bakers making either cream or fruit pies in the hopes of winning the top prize.

Winners of the contest were: Cream pies – first place, Jill Seldomridge; second place, Michael Smith; and third place, Joyce Mullens. Fruit pies – first place, Merrily Taylor; second place, Alida McNeel; and third place, Cathy Mosesso. Seldomridge won Best of

Show with her piña coloda pie.

Winners in the parade: Agricultural equipment – first place, Bee Rose; second place, Dustin Simmons; and third place, Samuel Williams.

Miscellaneous – first place, Cheat Mountain Salamander NICA team; and second place, Sammy Williams with his homemade car.

Floats – first place, Hillsboro soccer team; second place, West Virginia Insurance, Timothy VanReenan; and third place, Johnny Landis with his stump grinder.

The evening was capped off with a square dance under the fair tent with music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters.



THE HILLSBORO YOUTH Soccer League team won first place in the float category of the parade for its festive float with red, white and soccer ball balloons.



WINNERS IN THE Little Levels Heritage Fair Pie Contest were, front row, from left: Joyce Mullens, cream pie third place; Alida McNeel, fruit pie second place; and Jill Seldomridge, cream pie first place and Best in Show. Back row, from left: Cathy Mosesso, fruit pie third place; Michael Smith, cream pie second place; and Merrily Taylor, fruit pie first place. S. Stewart photos



RICHARD HEFNER, JOINED by his family, served as Parade Marshal.

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water and Piedmont regions of Virginia,” Teter said. “It was also important – and this was part of the impetus for the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike – it was important for the state of Virginia to be able to hang onto western Virginia to get those connections.

“Before those turnpikes were built, people that were elected to the state legislature from areas like Clarksburg or Beverly or other areas– to travel to Richmond – went north, following the topography,” he continued. “Went northeast and either followed roads or eventually, railroads, to get to Richmond.”

The other reason for the turnpike was to try to strengthen ties between the eastern and western parts of the state – and later – between the two Virginias.

In 1811, the Virginia General Assembly appointed Matthias Whitman and William Currence, both of Randolph County; and Peter Hull and John Yeager, both of Pendleton County, as commissioners to mark out a road that would connect the east and the west.

“They were to mark the way for a road from the Mouth of Rifle’s Run across Allegheny Mountain to the headwaters of Jackson’s River and to continue then all the way to Parkersburg,” Teter said. “The interesting thing was it was to be funded by unpaid taxes. Delinquent taxes from the period before 1808.”

Teter found that quite humorous.

“This is people living out in this country before 1808 that haven’t paid their taxes and you think you’re going to build a road with the money that you’re going to collect from them,” he said.

For obvious reasons, the funding didn’t work out the way they planned.

In 1817, they incorporated a company to build a road from Staunton to the Ohio River in Sistersville. A year later, the commissioners were told to get subscriptions – to have people buy stock – to fund the road.

“Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike, eventually, when it was actually built, was financed by the state,” Teter said. “They organized turnpike companies in a lot of parts of the state and the idea was they would sell stock, and it would maintain the road and pay profit to the stockholders.

“It didn’t work out that way,” he continued. “Usu-

ally what would happen is either forty or sixty percent of the stock was sold to the public, then the state would buy the rest of the stock and of course, the state never got any of that money back, either.”

Not a lot happened until five years later when Crozet, who was the principal engineer of Virginia, was hired to survey the best way from Staunton through the mountains to Parkersburg.

Crozet was an engineer in Napoleon’s Army until he emigrated to the United States and lived in Virginia and Louisiana, working as an engineer, until he finally settled back in Virginia.

Crozet used triangulation from mountaintop to mountaintop to find the distance and best route for the turnpike.

“He was a very meticulous, very well-trained engineer,” Teter said.

When Crozet engineered the turnpike, he relied not only on a compass, but also solar observations.

“He even did solar observations to find astronomical north,” Teter said. “That’s not something that would have been really common at that time. The compass needle points to magnetic north.”

Teter said that magnetic north is constantly changing, and he has seen this happen in his years as a surveyor. He had his compass calibrated to magnetic north in Elkins and years later when he went

back to do it again, magnetic north had changed several degrees.

“There are some places out in the Midwest where astronomic north and magnetic north are as much as thirty-five degrees away from each other,” Teter said.

That is why it was important to Crozet to use both in order to have exact measurements for his survey.

Teter showed a couple of Crozet’s maps and field notes, stating he had transparencies of the maps that could be laid over current maps and the turnpike lines up rather well.

A second map showed the town of Slavens Cabin, which was renamed Durbin. With this map, Teter said today’s highway is “pretty much dead on” to the turnpike as Crozet engineered it.

“I have record of another turnpike, the Summersville and Slavens Cabin Turnpike and some of that was built,” he said. “They never built the part from Valley Head to Slavens Cabin. That would be straight across Cheat Mountain, and they already had, at that point, Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike going down to Huttonsville.”

At the end of his presentation, Teter opened the floor to questions and welcomed those in attendance to take a closer look at the maps he printed.

The event was sponsored by the Upper Pocahontas Community Cooperative and Durbin Public Library.

Echoes, from page 1

Echoes 29 years ago because he wanted to learn to play fiddle. He was in Dave Bing’s intermediate class and from that moment, his passion was sparked.

Bills has returned to Allegheny Echoes every year since and although he admits he’s not a master fiddler, he loves to learn new songs and take his talents back home to Charleston and share them with friends.

When the musicians took the stage, there may have been some nerves, but once they started playing, they all melted away. The students

were deep in concentration and smiling as the crowd cheered them on and clapped along to the tunes.

Familiar tunes like “Boil Them Cabbage Down,” performed on banjo by the late Dwight Diller’s grandson, Brayden Diller; and “Foggy Mountain Special,” were joined by lesser-known songs and even a Van Morris

son tune.

Emcee for the evening, Pete Kosky, who also taught the beginning old-time banjo class, said Allegheny Echoes awarded 44 scholarships for this year’s event and continues to accept donations to keep the scholarships going.

For more information on Allegheny Echoes, visit alleghenyechoes.com

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NEW ORDER OF BIRDS

ACROSS

1 They're filled at filling stations

9 Causes of some winter roof leaks

16 Two or three

20 Its capital is Springfield

21 Good time to shop and save

22 1977 hit for Electric Light Orchestra

23 Bird hanging around power-generating structures?

25 Bottom-of-the-barrel bit

26 "Grace and Frankie" co-star Lily

27 Me, in Marne

28 Take a chair

29 Spike for a rock climber

30 Icky food

33 Bird with a pronounced lower back?

36 Elite police unit

41 35mm camera type

42 Holy Week follower

43 Bird with an affliction?

48 Lead-in to lateral

49 It flows through Köln

50 Rocker

51 "Ammonium" has three

52 Single's first half

54 Response to "You weren't!"

55 Jazz great

58 Give a bird a monetary reward?

60 "God Love Us" rapper

61 Pecans and cashews

64 Eggs

65 Slow-moving reptile with a bird on its back?

73 Aussie critter

74 Outer surface

75 911 VIP

76 Waterway full of birds?

82 Billfold bills

83 Employee welfare agcy.

84 Daisy type

85 Daisy of "Li'l Abner"

86 Pull along

88 Old paper sections

89 Bub

90 Share employment hours with a bird?

95 Actress

96 Clarke or Fox

98 Boating blade

99 "Are we out of danger?"

100 Bird starring in "The Birds"?

104 Wise — owl

105 Novelist Loos

106 Two times LI

107 Neighbor of Okla.

109 "You did not just say that!"

115 Will of "The Waltons"

116 Jacket with bird hues?

120 Coastal eagle

121 100% correct

122 Overpraises

123 Old booming jets, in brief

124 Catholic prayer books

125 Pre-release software trial

DOWN

1 Central idea

2 Certain sax

3 Skinny

4 Cash drawer

5 Opposer

6 One who's hardly saintly

7 Tool set, e.g.

8 Guyana-to-Bolivia dir.

9 "Money — object"

10 Escalade cammaker

11 Wood for dartboards

12 Certain belief in God

13 Improptu

14 Country south of Sicily

15 — admin

16 Extra installations

17 Courage in adversity

18 Big surprise

19 Like the operas "Parsifal" and "Lohengrin"

24 Wee devil

29 Free TV ad

31 Thai tongue

32 Texter's "Yowza!"

34 Website ID

35 Family mem.

36 Run very fast

37 Guitanist's pedal effect

38 Resting

39 That's partner

40 Boatload

41 — -fi movie

44 Tabriz native

45 Stephen of "Utopia"

46 Actress

47 Suffix with cartoon

52 Break off

53 — -Tass

55 Slip-up

56 Allow to

57 Zodiac feline

58 H.S. junior's hurole

59 Hostess snack cakes

61 — degree or another

62 Consumer

63 Neighbor of Okla.

66 Helen of —

67 Abbr. on a food carton

68 "Dr." of rap

69 It's in bronze

70 Greek goddess of the hearth

71 Doug who is married to Kamala Harris

72 Just one bite

76 Websites' "front covers"

77 Ones taking a close look

78 Awardee, say

79 Texter's "I think ..."

80 Alternate wd. spelling

81 "A mouse!"

83 Circus cries

86 Feeling gratitude

87 Not "neath

88 Post-Q string

90 Baby's cry

91 "Little piggy"

92 "— for Evidence" (Sue Grafton novel)

93 "Hugo" star

94 Relative of a wood engraving

96 Petrol units

97 "Give — rest"

101 Gut bacterium

102 Radio knobs

103 Celebrity photographer

104 Even a hint of

108 Spy Aldrich

110 Spanish greeting

111 Shutter piece

112 Short letter

113 God of war

114 "You ... over there ..."

116 Engine wheel

117 Singer Rita

118 Slap cuffs on

119 Fruity quaff

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Court, from page 2

The court revoked probation for Christina Giese, 43, of Arbovale, and gave her until July 3 to enter a rehab program. If she is not entered into a program, she is to self-report by noon that day for transport to the regional jail.

The State has offered a plea proposal in its case against Randall Moore, 45, of Arbovale. Defense counsel asked for a continuance of trial to discuss the plea offer. Moore waived his right to a speedy trial in this term of court. A status hearing/change of plea is set for July 24. The defendant was remanded to custody. Moore

was indicted on one count, murder in the first degree.

Roy Lynn Walker, 59, of Hillsboro, pleaded no contest to Count I of the indictment, harassment; and no contest to Count III, indecent exposure. He was sentenced to time served of 180 days in Count I and 67 days in Count II which run consecutively for a total of 247 days. The defendant completed his sentence as of that day. The State asked that Counts II, IV and V be dismissed with prejudice. Walker was released from bond.

A capias was issued for Jesse Glen Feury, 34, of Marlinton, who failed to appear for his hearing. Feury was indicted on one count, conspiracy; one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling; and one count,

grand larceny.

An evaluation report was tendered to the court finding that Chelsea Ann Ryder, 35, of Dunmore, is not competent to stand trial. A hearing on competency restoration is set for July 23. Ryder's bond requires random drug and alcohol screens. Ryder was indicted on one count, burglary; and one count, petit larceny.

Hunter Gabriel Grimes, 31, of Marlinton, tendered a written plea agreement to the court wherein he pleaded guilty to Count IV, battery; and to Count V, destruction of property. The state asked for dismissal of Counts I through III with prejudice. Sentencing and disposition is set for August 13. Grimes remains on present bond.

Your, from page 3

The word “pet” comes from a 16th-century Scottish Gaelic word, “peata,” meaning a tame animal. This hardly describes the depth of our relationship with our companions, particularly dogs and cats.

A friend once told me that when you buy a dog, you are purchasing a future broken heart; I agree. And if you have lived a life where a dog was always a prominent presence, you have undoubtedly suffered many heartaches over the years.

Consider the difference in the lifespans of humans and dogs. The average lifespan globally of a human is 72 years, whereas that of a dog is 10 to 13 years. (If this is a problem for you, consider getting a Greenland Shark; they can live up to 400 years) You're not likely to go that route, so we must be prepared to pour our love into a fellow mammal, knowing full well that we will likely outlive it. This makes our love for our animal companions even more special.

There is a particularly poignant scene in the 2019 “After Life” series starring Ricky Gervais. His character, Tony, has lost his wife to cancer and gets a German Shepherd named Brandy, whom he adores. In the final scene of season three, he and his dog are walking across a broad open space, and as they progress, his dog disappears, followed shortly thereafter by Tony disappearing, leaving the green empty.

Ultimate death is the one experience that we share with all living things on Earth.

We've been discussing how much we love our animals, but do they love us in return? Well, the jury is no longer out on this, as numerous sophisticated scientific

experiments over the last decade have conclusively demonstrated that dogs, in particular, form strong emotional bonds with humans. Of course, the expression of that love may vary between homo sapiens and canines.

How we touch and communicate with our dogs conveys a lot about our feelings for them. They, on the other hand, show their affection through body language, including licking, tail wagging, nudging, and sometimes gift-giving. So, the next time Fido leaves the mangled corpse of a squirrel on your welcome mat, act excited and grateful.

My surviving dog doesn't carry his heart on his sleeve; his heart is on his tongue. Following a good hike or a special meal, I get a good bit of licking, so I keep a box of wet wipes close at hand.

To those who still maintain that dogs are masters of manipulation and don't have the capacity for love, I say balderdash. If you cannot see this in your dog, you are not paying attention.

Over and over, dogs have demonstrated their concern for their humans; many times, dogs have saved their owner's life at their own risk. Others participating in scientific experiments will choose to be with their owner over an offer of their favorite treat. Call it what you will; dogs, if treated well, will return our love in full measure.

Approximately ten years ago, there was a fellow who walked the Greenbrier River Trail with his little white dog every evening. One day, I saw him pushing his dog in a red stroller. It turned out

the dog had cancer and could no longer walk beside his owner. He would stop often and feed the little dog raspberries that grow along the trail.

After his beloved dog died, he wrote a poem, which he generously shared with me. I will leave you with his poem about the pain of grief.

The Red Stroller

Her red stroller now sits empty but for a single dry raspberry on its seat

One that fell from her mouth sometime in early July

Would that she had gotten better

and could still walk the path on her own

A painful indulgence of wishful thinking

The red stroller now sits untouched

except for the spider web strung across the handlebars

At some unknown time in the future

it will find its way to a yard sale

or perhaps an ad in the newspaper

The new owner never knowing

the great love and great loss it once bore

Her beautiful presence is almost gone now

like the slow, slow leak in the nearly flat tires.

* “Mr. Bojangles.” Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, 1970

Lyrics by Jerry Jeff Walker

A special thanks to Dr. Tawney and her staff, Robin and Sydnee, for their compassion and concern when

Daisy left this world headed for the Rainbow Bridge.



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SWA, from page 2

Kelly Vickers told the members that there were some good things in the report, including good procedural issues, good transparency, maintenance, safety procedures, and equipment upkeep, as well as a very good staff. Vickers said in all, the SWA, operationally and administratively, “knocked it out of the park.”

The negative issues that lowered the score included things like paying 100% of employee benefits, not having a plan in place for when the landfill closes; their comprehensive plan which is required by state code is a year overdue. She said the SWA's expenses outpace the revenues, and “you are not collecting all of those revenues.”

Mary Clendenon explained that since Vickers'

report was done in December, most of the overdue green box fees are paid after the new year when reminders are mailed out.

Member Jamie Walker explained that the issue with putting a future plan in place is having the money to afford a plan. Member Dave McLaughlin said even if someone built them a facility, they could not afford to run it. Ed Riley added that in the future we cannot afford to have an open, unsupervised green box program, since so much unauthorized trash is put in those boxes.

SWA President Dave Henderson said they have been discussing three options for the future: a compactor option; a transfer station option; and a hauling option, and he wants to discuss these in detail at a special meeting in July.

Holstine said he had held a public meeting here to try and assist in finding a future plan but backed away from

trying to help when it became clear that people here offered complaints but not solutions, and he felt his assistance was not really wanted. He was also upset, he said, when he brought a private trash hauler here to discuss solutions, and Henderson ended up yelling at that person.

Holstine said state code 22c requires SWAs to work with private companies and recommended that they look hard at the transfer station option offered to them by Allegheny Disposal. He also said the idea of hauling the trash to Lewisburg themselves would be too expensive, as would operating their own transfer station or compactors.

Also at the meeting, Henderson presented Ed Riley with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 36 years of dedicated service to the Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority.

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is Monday at noon. Writers may use a maximum of 600 words. Letters should be issue-oriented and never personal.

Send letters to jsgraham@pocahontastimes.com

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COURSE	SUBJECT	DAY	TIME				
Acct 201	Principles of Accounting I	T	4 - 5:15 p.m.	Math 109	Algebra	M,W	12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
Acct 202	Principles of Accounting II	TH	4 - 5:15 p.m.	Math 109E	College Algebra Enhanced	M, W	12:30 - 2:45 p.m.
Acct 215	Managerial Acct	WEB	WEB	Mgmt 210	Principles of Management	TH	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Biol 105	Intro to Anat./Physiology	T, TH	5:30-6:45 p.m.	Posc 200	American Gov & Economy	WEB	WEB
Biol 231	Human Anat./Physiology I	WEB	WEB	Psyc 103	General Psychology	T,TH	11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Biol 232	Human Anat./Physiology II	WEB	WEB	Psyc 103	General Psychology	WEB	WEB
Comm 208	Fund of Public Speaking	M, W	2 - 3:15 p.m.	Soci 210	Principles of Sociology	WEB	WEB
Comm 208	Fund of Public Speaking	WEB	WEB	Socs 161	Intro to Social Work	WEB	WEB
Comm 212	Interpersonal Comm	WEB	WEB				
Crmj 151	Intro to Crim Justice	M	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.				
Crmj 212	Legal Research & Methodolgy	WEB	WEB				
Econ 211	Principles of Economics I	WEB	WEB				
Econ 212	Principles of Economics II	WEB	WEB				
Engl 101	Composition I	M, W	12:30 - 1:45 p.m.				
Engl 102	Research	W	7 - 8:15 p.m.				
Engl 102	Research	WEB	WEB				
Hist 101	World Civilization	WEB	WEB				
Hist 105	American History	M	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.				
Mast 105	Medical Terminology	T	5:30 - 7:45 p.m.				
Math 101	Quantitative Reasoning	T, TH	11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.				
Math 101E	QR Enhanced	M, W	9:30 - 11:45 a.m.				

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Diverts,
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is next with this project. She said they are waiting to see if the EPA will approve the ground water deviation, and if they do, they will not need additional water sampling.

- approved the payment of the final budget adjustment invoices of \$65,864.50 from the Broadband Study Grant, which will close out that grant.
- approved Assessor Johnny Pritt's request to hire

Alert, from
page 2

A Purple Alert is activated by the State Police when there is a missing person report for a person with a cognitive impairment and there is a belief that the person is in danger, that the person's location is unknown and that the person is unable to return home on their own. Once a Purple Alert is activated, the West Virginia State Police will issue a press release with a detailed description of

Ashley Bussard as a part-time employee of the Assessor's office.

- renewed the annual support contract with Global Technologies to maintain the county's information technology (IT) equipment.
- authorized the County Clerk's Office to begin the process of administratively closing estates that have been open for three years or more, as authorized by state code. It was explained that parties to those estates, including creditors, can object to the closures.

the missing person and the circumstances. Alerts may also be shared via social media and media outlets.

The Purple Alert Program will be in addition to the state's other alert programs, such as the Amber Alerts, which are utilized to notify the public about missing and abducted children who are believed to be in imminent danger.

For more information, contact the West Virginia State Police at 304-746-2100 or online at www.wvsp.gov

Calendar,
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Contact your branch to register.

- **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
Parks and Rec will offer Swimming Lessons for ages four and older at the GBO pool July 14-18. Times will vary. Pre-registration is required by calling 304-799-7386.

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 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 11 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.

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.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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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 commission.

First Publication Date: Thursday, July 3, 2025
Claim Deadline: Monday, September 1, 2025

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EXECUTOR: Shawn K. Ervine
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14774
ESTATE OF: **PHILLIP W. SHINABERRY**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Amy Hefner
3612 Lobelia Road
Hillsboro, WV 24946-8691

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ESTATE OF: **TRIXIE M. CHAYER**
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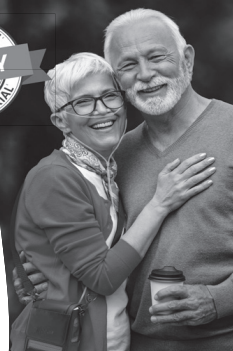
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ESTATE OF: **JAMES DAVID LANE**
EXECUTOR: Melvin Lane
507 Front Street
Renick, WV 24966-9620

ESTATE NUMBER: 14787
ESTATE OF: **ONA CAROL BURGESS**
EXECUTOR: Randall Burgess
266 Macs Lane
Marlinton, WV 24954-6910

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 27, 2025.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
7/3/2c

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**
Civil Action No. 25-D-23
GERALD THOMAS BARNES, Petitioner
vs.
SARAH PRIMONATO, Respondent

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE
To the above-named respondent: **SARAH PRIMONATO**:
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the address of **SARAH PRIMONATO** is unknown.
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7/3/2c

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.

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DEATHS

Miss Ruth Kline, 78, died in St. Anthony’s Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida; service was held from VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in the McNeel Cemetery at Hillsboro.

Mrs. Zelia Louise Elza, 62, of Cass; born near Beverly, a daughter of Jessie Swagger Collins Arbogast and the late Dexter Swagger. Funeral service from the Runner Funeral Home in Elkins with burial in the family cemetery there.

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first shot was through the heart, the next just below it and the third took effect in this hand and thigh.

It is a very lamentable affair, but the end of Jeff Houchin does not surprise anyone who ever knew him. He was a most likable man when sober, a fine companion, and a good husband and father, but liquor transformed him into a dangerous, quarrelsome man. He was probably the finest rifle shot at live game in the county. He shot without taking sight apparently. While not drunk on the day of his death, he probably had had enough to raise the demon in

Annie L. Carpenter, 90, of Dunmore, a daughter of the late Cornelious and Emma Buzzard. Funeral from Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home with burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Harlan Gibson, 85, of Marlinton, a member of Mary’s Chapel Church in Slaty Fork.

Funeral from the church with burial in the Gibson Cemetery.

Mrs. Obie Ann Alderman, 89, of Huntersville; born on Douthards Creek a daughter of John and Eliza Underwood Clarkson. Funeral from the Minnehaha United

Methodist Church with burial in the Alderman Cemetery in Minnehaha Springs.

William Audrey Cluff, 67, of Mill Point, widely known as “Lonesome Luke;” a son of the late Okey and Alamarinda Scott Cluff. Funeral service from VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in Emmanuel Cemetery at Lohelia.

Robert C. Reynolds, Sr. 63, of Amherst, Ohio, a Navy Veteran of World War II. Born at Marlinton, a son of the late Stoker and Maggie Bradley Reynolds. Service from the funeral home with burial in Crownhill Cemetery.

him that prompted him to go after the constable who had threatened him with arrest.

The inquest held by Justice Gillespie exonerated Burner.

NOTES BY THE WAY

At old Millsboro, I passed an hour at the Sulphur Spring recently covered by an elegant dome roof and enclosed by a picket fence, painted white. In the meantime, Prince was turned loose to graze, and he seemed to be more than satisfied until he lifted up his eyes and noticed a young lady holding a horse near the creek a few hundred yards away, and he started for them. Upon calling to the young lady, she came forward to check him, which she did by taking him by the

bridle and waited for me to come up. In the meantime, while waiting, she caressed old Prince very gently, which he seemed to appreciate very much. When I came up puffing and blowing from the race, I asked her to see what trouble her charms had caused me. A blush and a smile beautified her features and in the most self-possessed manner, replied: “Oh, well, all horses love me.”

In an instant she had vaulted her own horse in clothes-pin fashion, and galloped away, presenting a most picturesque appearance in her riding habit with white bodice, navy blue skirt and summer hat trimmed in flowers that might allure the humming bird in its search for honey dew.

Happy, from page 5

the day or week, but your joy and peace that comes with

faith in God and focusing on Him is something the world cannot give or take away. Keep this verse in mind this day regardless of whether you feel happy or if

you are down and blue: “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.” Isaiah 26:3.

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Campaign and a poem to serve as a reminder:

John Smith approached the crossing
He had had a drink or two
Says he, “I’ll show them I can
Beat their blamed old choo-choo.”
He heard the whistle tooting
And the ringing of the bell
We hope John is in Heaven –
But it’s mighty hard to tell.
Sam Jones was driving with his girl
He had a brand new flivver
Each time his girl would kiss old Sam
He’d give a joyful shiver.
He kissed his Mary on the lips
Just as they crossed the track
They’re gone now to that land,
From which they’ll not come back.
Fred Johnson was on business bent
And luck had not been kind.
He was thinking of a deal he’d made
There was worry on his mind.
He did not “Look and Listen”
Before he crossed the track,
Now the buxom widow Johnson’s
looking mighty sweet in black.
Jim Simpson was a man well liked
And each man was his friend,
We knew him well and shed a tear
When we relate his end.
He was a reckless driver and
Of trains he had no fears

His funeral was the biggest that Our town has known in years. Bill and Mary Careless went out Driving Sunday morn Bill saw the Wig Wag signal “Stop!” But treated it with scorn. Now four poor orphan children Are distressed and hurt and blue, Although their parents “Rest in Peace” In lovely “Riverview.” John Careful has had a Flivver Since the first Tin Liz was made. He’s crossed a thousand railroad tracks Where crossings are at grade John always, “looks and listens” so He’s very much alive. And he is still hale and hearty At the age of eighty-five. Our chant is sad and harrowing But every word is truth. The reckless Crossing Crosser Will be cut off in his youth. This is no exaggeration and The proof you can’t refuse These tragedies – you’ll find them all If you read the daily news. The Cautious Crossing Campaign’s on We ask your help and aid, Of each and every one of you Who cross the track at grade. If we all do as John Careful does – To ourselves we will be fair, And accidents on crossing will Be very, very rare.

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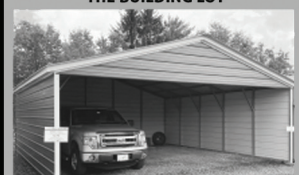
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4-H, from page 9

Carpenter Scholarship. The Bee Gladwell Scholarship was presented to Trey Sattler. The Shenda Smith Scholarship presented by Brushy Flat Bushwackers 4-H Club was presented to Sheldon Maitland. Silas Dean, Levi Hill, Abigail Taylor and Annabel Swan received the Shooting Sports Scholarships. Two new scholarships were presented, the Welcome Home Scholarship started by Hunter Cheek awarded to RT Hill and Jerzey Jackson. The Barb Dilley Scholarship, a memorial to Barb and her love of 4-H, presented by Rebecca Marsh to Daisy Hefner. The Jack Gay scholarship was presented to Zara Fanning.

First year campers receiving “lucky penny” awards were Chloe Annett, Bianca Arnold, Savannah Barnes, Owen Boggs, Ryan Burns, Rylee Calhoun, Draydon Cassell, Laelah Clendenen, Aubrey Evans, Kaya Eves, Andrew Herold, Kendyl Hummel, Colton Huneycutt, Jerzie Jackson, Elijah Keatley, Rylan Lambert, Rowan Lindbloom, William Lindbloom, Ailec Lindbloom-



REUBEN, THE CAMEL, and his handler visited 4-H camp to the delight of the campers. They are shown here with Hallie Herold and Luci Mosesso.

Robinson, Konrad Lowe, Jonah Mann, Brinley McLaughlin, Aria Nelson, Diamond Owens, Tyler Pace, Bayla Plaughter, Emma Pugh, Owen Sattler, Olivia Shoemaker, Evelyn Simmons, Annabel Swan, Moriah Thompson, Peyton Tingler and Ariana Woody. Cloverbud Day partici-

pants where younger youth were invited to experience what camp was like for a day included Daphne Arnold, Sebastian Arnold, Joshua Bauserman, Charly Beverage, Kinley Beverage, Bentley Boggs, Kooper Brock, Lettie Cassell, Amelia Herold, Anistyn King, Iris Krack, Aubrey Lacasse, Au-

rona Mason, Grant McClure, Emmett McLaughlin, Milton McNabb, Logan Miller, Luna Morgan, Ella Pugh, Wyatt Sattler, Micah Scotchie, Elliott Seldomridge, Nolan Shinaberry, Savannah Shoemaker, Rhett Simmons, Kayne Tingler, Colton Wilfong, Kinsley Wilfong and Jenna Work-

man. Nicole Sattler led the Cloverbud activities.

Camp staff and class instructors for the week were: Luci Mosesso, Greg Hamons and Connie Burns (Extension Staff); Lauren Seti (ECI); Kevin Villanueva (STEM); Erica Clark, Sarah Eves, Amy Henry-Morgan, Hallie Herold, Kathy Irvine, Cathy Mitchell, Clair Rose, Kristie Smith, Haley Spencer, Tracey Valach, Herby Barlow, Gray Beverage, Kendall Beverage, Logan Burks, JW Cheek, Randy Irvine, Josh Shinaberry, Michael Simmons, Mikey Valach, Chad Baldwin, Matt Barkley, Lauren Bennett, Cheryl Beverage, Mike Burns, Pam Burns, Jane Hunter-Wilson, Austin Sharp, Brian Smith, Alyssa Vickers, Margaret Worth, Nebraska Scotchie, Billy Rogers, and Arlene Cheek. Kitchen staff included Sarah Hedrick, Kim Beverage, Martha Friel, Teresa Cochran and AJ Sharp.

Pocahontas County 4-H

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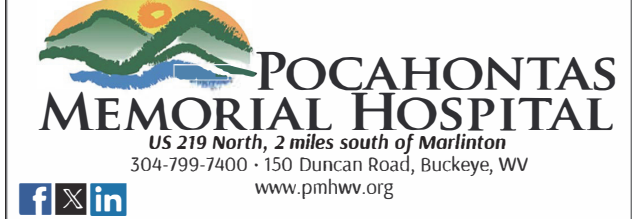
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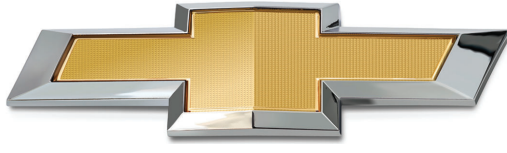
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