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On the Badge ~ Denmar Hospital

The 2025 Pioneer Days badge features Denmar Hospital, which has gone through many changes since it was first established in 1917 by the West Virginia Legislature.

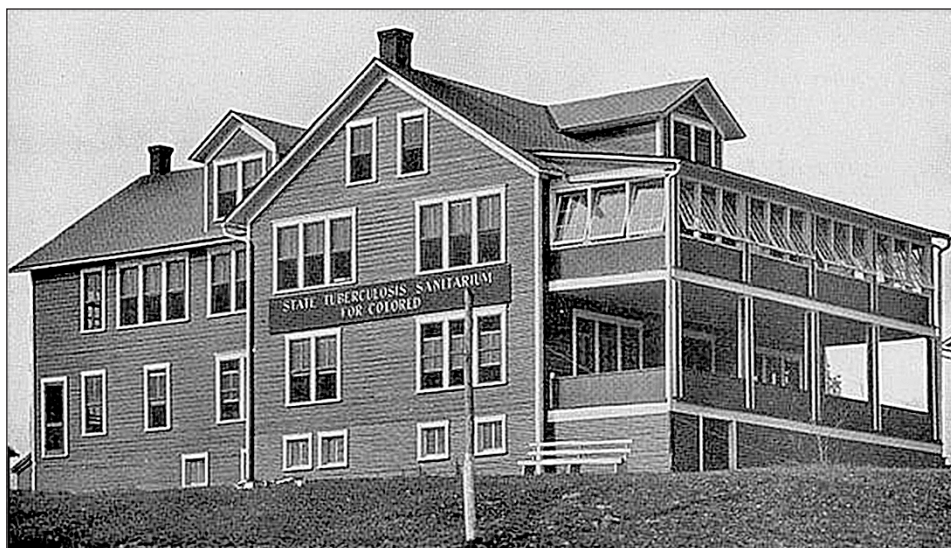
In 1917, it was founded as the West Virginia State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the care of black TB patients. At that time, Denmar was the town and mill site for the Maryland Lumber Company, which was completing its lumbering operations.

The entire town was converted for use of the sanitarium. The boarding house became the main hospital and administration building. Some of the houses of the town were converted into living quarters for patients while others were living quarters for employees.

Patients were kept separate with men in one location and women and children in the other.

The Maryland Lumber Company mill structure and railroad shop building were used as a farm and dairy for the hospital.

Access to the hospital was provided by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's Greenbrier Division.



THE WEST VIRGINIA State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the care of black TB patients was re-established as Denmar Hospital in 1957. The hospital closed in 1990 and reopened in 1993 as Denmar Correctional Center. Preserving Pocahontas photo

Dr. B.A. Chrichlow was named superintendent, and the sanitarium received its first patients on January 31, 1919.

At that time, tuberculosis was often fatal, and many patients died while at Denmar. In its time as a TB hospital, more than 300 of those patients who succumbed were buried in a cemetery on the hospital grounds.

Among those buried on-site was the second superintendent, Dr. Samuel J. Bampfield, who died Febru-

ary 22, 1940.

In January 1938, ground was broken for a three-story building to replace the lumber company structures which were showing their age.

Patients moved into the new facility a year later. An additional wing was completed in 1952.

By the 1950s, tuberculosis treatment had advanced enough that that need for TB hospitals had ended, along with segregation of government-operated institutions.

In March 1957, the sanitarium was converted into a state hospital for all West Virginians with chronic illnesses and was known as Denmar Hospital.

Denmar Hospital closed in July 1990 and sat empty for three years, until it was once again converted – this time into a prison. In November 1993, it reopened as Denmar Correctional Center, housing medium-security prisoners.

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Welcome to Marlinton

We are glad you are here. It is my pleasure to welcome you to Marlinton, Pocahontas County and Pioneer Days.

The Town, county and festivals are unique in many ways.

The year 2025 is the 275th year of this community alongside the Greenbrier River.

This community is older than the county and the county is older than the State of West Virginia.

While in Marlinton, take time to learn about other Pocahontas County attractions. The Snowshoe Resort and Ride Center, Green Bank Observatory, Cass and Durbin Scenic Railroads, Cranberry Glades, Droop Mountain Battlefield, Watoga and Seneca State parks and Beartown, just to name a few.

Pocahontas County is home to three traffic lights,

five state parks, and known as the birthplace of eight rivers.

No doubt, after you experience the area's climate and tradition of friendly hospitality, you will want to return again and again.

While you are here, do some shopping, visit a restaurant, take a walk or a bike ride on the Greenbrier River Trail.

Serious mountain bikers are finding their way to the newly opened Monday Lick Trail. Each will provide an opportunity to take in the sights and sounds of small-town life.

One thing is sure – Pioneer Days is always a good time. A good time for family reunions, class reunions and reunions with old friends. Locally, Pioneer Days assures us of at least one welcomed traffic jam per year.

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Cool down at the GBO pool

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

There are certain actions and activities you always expect when it gets hot – cranking up the AC, eating popsicles and ice cream and finding a place to go for a swim.

While the county has plenty of swimming holes, there is also the option of the swimming pool at the Green Bank Observatory in Arbovale.

The pool is maintained by the observatory and, for the past three years, it has been managed by Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation.

Parks and Recreation director Alyssa Vickers said the partnership has worked well for the community and has opened up the pool for swimmers of all ages and skill levels.

"We pay for the lifeguards, and we pay for their certifications," she said. "The ob-

servatory makes sure everything is running smoothly mechanically and there's chlorine for the pool."

The pool is open every day of the week, noon to 6:30 p.m. with lap swimming on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

There is a full-size pool as well as a wading pool for the youngsters who are just learning.

Due to popular demand, there will be a week of swimming lessons offered, July 14 through 18. To register, call Parks and Rec at 304-799-7386.

The charge for using the pool is \$5 a person or there are season passes for unlimited use during the summer. Individual passes are \$65, and family passes are \$165. All GBO employees get in free when they show their work ID.

The pool is located off Rt. 28 on Hannah Run Road in Arbovale.

An extraordinary sight to behold



NOTHING COMPARES WITH the many and varied sights that catch your eye in Pocahontas County - on in nature in general. This amazing rainbow, with its beautiful background, took over the sky above Hillsboro July 1 - and took the photographer's breath away. K. Springer photo

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July 10-12



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Senator Justice's Statement on Senate Passage of One Big Beautiful Bill

Senator Jim Justice released a statement following the Senate passage of President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill:

“Passing President Trump’s agenda out of the Senate provides lasting tax relief, establishes common-sense reform to our social programs while protecting those who are most vulnerable, and represents a refocus on placing the American dream back in reach for all Americans. Throughout this process, I worked closely with both President Trump and my Senate colleagues to not only safeguard West Virginia’s interests but bring prosperity to the state and provide opportunity to the working men and women of this country. West Virginia

elected me to be their voice in Washington and deliver lasting positive results just as I did while Governor – I am confident this bill is a strong step in the right direction and I will continue my work with President Trump to make life better for West Virginians.”

- Specifically, this bill:
- Saves West Virginians from more than \$1,400 in tax hikes.
 - Provides no tax on overtime pay and no tax on tipped wages.
 - It adds metallurgical coal as a critical mineral to 45x, which will have a significant impact on Southern West Virginia.
 - Provides historic investments to strengthen America's border security and immigration system.
 - Supports law enforcement officers by providing

funding for training and equipment, hiring, and critical grant programs.

- Provides resources to help curb the opioid crisis, particularly the fight against fentanyl, by increasing funding to the U.S. Department of Justice to support efforts to combat deadly drug trafficking.
- Sustains safety net programs like Medicaid and SNAP over the long-term. Specifically, the legislation puts Medicaid back on a more fiscally stable trajectory for those who need it.
- Invests significant funding in a rural health transformation program to improve access to care and stabilize critical hospitals and other providers.

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A message from Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management

2025 has been a tough weather year – Stay Alert and Stay Safe

This year has brought severe and unpredictable weather across the U.S., and Pocahontas County has experienced several near-miss incidents – especially with recent flash flooding.

Bank and Arbovale were hit by isolated “cloud bursts,” where slow-moving storms dumped tremendous rainfall over a small area in a short period. These events can happen with little to no warning.

- Don't wait for a disaster to prepare.
- Stay informed through:
- Our ReGroup Alerts

(link is pinned at the very top of our Facebook page)

- Social Media Updates
- weather.gov
- fema.gov

Flooding can strike fast – even in areas that seem safe.

Always be prepared, have a plan and communicate with your loved ones.

Stay ready. Stay safe. Stay connected.

Magistrate Court

According to Magistrate Court records, the following individuals had activity in their cases:

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

Leroy Clair Brothers, 59, of Fraizers Bottom, pleaded guilty June 11 to a charge of fishing without trout stamp. Brothers was assessed \$287.81 in court costs and fines.

Holly Sewell, 41, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty June 13 to charges of shoplifting, expired motor vehicle registration and driving while license suspended or revoked. Sewell was assessed \$664.44 in court costs and fines.

In Magistrate Jennifer Dunz's court:

Christopher Anthony Couch, 42, of Cleveland, Georgia, pleaded no contest July 2 to charges of public intoxication, obstructing law enforcement with threats of harm and disorderly conduct. Couch was assessed \$604.44 in court costs and fines.

Joshua S. Fitzgerald, 42, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest June 5 to a charge of ATV in closed area. Fitzgerald was assessed \$206.01 in court costs and fines.

Lucinda C. Halbkat, 65, of Cass, pleaded guilty June 9 to a charge of failure to stop

or yield to vehicle entering through highway. Halbkatt was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

Mya S. Hippert, 23, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty June 16 to a charge of possession of a controlled substance without valid prescription. Hippert entered a deferred sentence and was assessed \$181.48 in court costs and fines.

Taiylor D. Hoke, 19, of Buckeye, pleaded no contest June 16 to charges of speeding on open country highway and operation without certificate of inspection of failure to produce certificate. Hoke was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

Sean A. Pyon, 19, of Kinston, North Carolina, pleaded guilty July 2 to a charge of speeding. Pyon

was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

Austin L. Shaver, 19, of Charlottesville, Virginia, pleaded guilty June 16 to charges of driving without valid driver's license and operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Shaver was assessed \$387.96 in court costs and fines.

Taylor Joseph Farris, 33, of South Charleston, pleaded no contest June 5 to a charge of speeding. Farris was assessed \$201.48 in court costs and fines.

David Austin McCollam, 46, of Mill Creek, pleaded no contest June 17 to a charge of operation of vehicle without evidence of registration. McCollam was assessed \$186.48 in court costs and fines.

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FRIDAY: Fish Po' Boy and
French fries

SATURDAY:
Pizza quesadilla

SUNDAY:
Baked chicken,
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MONDAY: Baked macaroni and
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TUESDAY: Beef and bean
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Pioneer Days ~ July 10-12

It's about reunions with family and friends, dancing in the street, children having fun, adults presenting their crafts and arts. It's a feeling you can't buy – that's why it is all free.

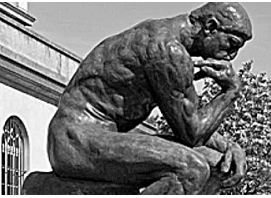
Every Day
8 a.m. – dark: Flea Market – Third Avenue

Thursday, July 10
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.: Pocahontas Co. Arts Council Adult Art Show – McClintic Library
Noon – 5 p.m.: Drop off entries for Photography and Children's Art Show – Wellness Center
1-5 p.m.: Drop off entries for Food, Flowers and Vegetables Contest – Wellness Center
2:30-5 p.m.: Drop off Quilts for display –Opera House
5-7 p.m.: Craft Vendors set up – Opera House
6:30 p.m.: Bike Decorating and Yard Games – Gazebo
7:15 p.m.: Children and Pet Parade Registration – Mini Park
7:30 p.m.: Children and Pet Parade – Main Street
7:45 p.m.: Bubbles, Balloons & Street Fun – Discovery Junction
7:30-9:30 p.m.: Ben Hersman and The Sons of The Mountain – Discovery Junction

Friday, July 11
All Day: Wood Carving – L&A Creations – Third Avenue and Main Street (corner lot)
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.: Pocahontas Co. Art Guild Adult Art Show – McClintic Library
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.: Arts and Craft Show – Opera House
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.: Quilt Show – Opera House
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.: Food, Flowers, Veggie exhibits open to the public – Wellness Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.: Photography and Children's Art Show – Wellness Center
7 p.m.: Fireman's Parade – Main Street
8-10 p.m.: Mud Hole Control & Square Dance – Southern States
8-10 p.m.: Back In The Day – Discovery Junction

Saturday, July 12
All Day: Wood Carving – L&A Creations – Third Avenue and Main Street (corner lot)
8:30-9 a.m.: Horseshoe Pitching Competition registration begins – Mini Park
9 a.m.: Horseshoe Pitching Competition – Mini Park
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.: Arts and Craft Show – Opera House
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.: Quilt Show – Opera House
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Pioneer Days Antique Car Show – Marlinton Elementary School
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Photography and Children's Art Show – Wellness Center
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Food, Flowers, Veggie exhibits – Wellness Center
Noon – 1:30 p.m.: Grand Parade registration and line-up – Second Avenue in front of Frankford Vet Office (Horses must show Coggins papers)
2 p.m.: Antique Car Parade and Grand Parade – Second Avenue to Main Street
4 p.m.: Old Time Spelling Bee and WV History Contest – McClintic Library
5-5:45 p.m.: The Magic Parlor – Discovery Junction
7:30-10 p.m.: Bing Brothers w/Jake Krack and Mud Hole Control – Discovery Junction
7:30-10 p.m.: Jilt – Southern States

Pioneer Days Association, Inc.
Vendors: Joe Smith
Crafters: Felicia Smith
Antique Car Show: Daniel Scarbro
Children's Parade: Lauren Bennett
Grand Feature Parade: Joe Smith
Quilts and Needlework Contest: Lisa Gandy
Food and Flower Contest: Patty Felton
Photography, 4-H and Youth Art: Luci Mosesso
History & Spelling Contest: McClintic Library
Horseshoe Pitching Contest: Patty Felton
Flea Market: Tim Schoolcraft



TRIVIA – a little something to

1. Who was the original voice of Mickey Mouse?
2. Which volcano's 1980 eruption in Washington State was the deadliest in U.S. history?
3. What President changed his Secret Service codename from "Tumbler"?
4. Which country was at war with Iran from 1980 to 1988?



Reason and Romanticism by Joe Miller

Hello readers, and welcome to the inaugural edition of Reason and Romanticism. You may have noticed that Library Lines hasn't been around the last few weeks. Hallie Herold is now sole director of the library. I've taken on a large project for my other job (I help universities, government agencies and research organizations build websites), and that will limit my ability to be actively involved in the library system. Several people in the community have mentioned that they enjoyed reading my column – and I've certainly enjoyed writing it! So, the wonderful folks at *The Pocahontas Times* have offered me the opportunity to create an entirely new column. The name – *Reason and Romanticism* – grows out of some of my work with the library. I had the privilege of moderating a series of discussions with Vivian Blackwood as part of her Shadows on the Mountain exhibition at the Pocahontas County Libraries. If you were lucky enough to catch one of those talks, you'll have heard Vivian talk about how her art draws inspiration from the Romantic tradition. And while that tradition has gone out of fashion, Vivian argues that the conditions are ripe for a new romanticism. The original Romantic movement started toward the very end of the 18th century and peaked somewhere around the middle of the 19th century. The movement was a reaction to the Age of Enlightenment and the industrial revolution, both of which had spread across Europe rapidly during the 18th century. Enlightenment thinkers emphasized the importance of reason and of the individual, setting the stage for much of the modern world. The Enlightenment gave us the scientific method, and with it came calculus, the laws of motion and a transition from the pseudoscience of alchemy to the science of chemistry. Enlightenment thinkers rejected both popes and kings.

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work was less dangerous and living conditions less bad than the subsistence farms they fled. Charles Dickens summarized the era with his famous opening line: "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." The Age of Enlightenment gave us Thomas Carlyle's "captains of industry," who ushered in a new middle class by presiding over factories that William Blake describes as "dark satanic mills." The American Revolution launched liberal democracy. The French Revolution gave us the Reign of Terror and Napoleon. We gained science but neglected poetry. We organized, defined and systematized nature but forgot to appreciate its majesty and its beauty. We protected the rights of individuals while downplaying the communities in which individuals are embedded. We embraced logic but lost our sense of wonder and beauty. Perhaps some of this sounds familiar. Our modern captains of industry envision a world in which AI replaces office workers and self-driving vehicles replace cabbies and truckers. Social media feeds that once featured friends and family now surface an endless parade of rage bait and kittens driven by algorithms optimized to keep you scrolling. Smartphone-addicted young people cheat their way through school, graduating with reading skills that never progress beyond Harry Potter. Meanwhile politicians, technologists (and technologists turned politicians) mock the humanities as worthless, gleefully slashing the federal funding that supports our Opera House, our libraries and our local radio station. The education system isn't much better. A decade of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fetishism resulted in elementary schools eliminating art programs, high schools firing band directors and universities slashing entire foreign language departments. The original Romantic movement rejected the excesses of the Age of Enlightenment, emphasizing instead

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First 100 entries receive a dash plaque

Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE
The Rustic Mechanicals' production of William Shakespeare's tragedy, "Macbeth," Sunday, July 13, at 3 p.m. An unforgettable afternoon of murder, prophecy, witches—and surprisingly, love.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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.
Mountain Medicine Weekend at the Yew Mountain Center, Saturday, July 12, 9 a.m., and Sunday, July 13, 9:30 a.m. From forest-farmed botanicals to mushrooms to field-grown herbs, learn about the biodiversity of our region. For more info, call 304-653-4079 or visit www.YewMountain.org
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 1-304-992-9441.

"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.
Creatures of the Night

Forest: Flying Squirrels. Yew Mountain Center, Friday, July 18, 5 p.m. Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m. – **Mushroom Foray**, Sunday, July 20, 9 a.m. Guided Mushroom Walk "Micro Myco Meander." For more info call 304-653-4079 or visit www.YewMountain.org

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.
48th Rogers-Kellison Reunion at the Watoga Recreation Center, Saturday, July 19, meet at 1 p.m.; eat at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 20, gather at 1 p.m.; eat at 2 p.m. Covered dish/dessert both days. Bring an auction item for Saturday.

Schoolcraft/Auldrige Saturday, July 26, at Watoga State Park picnic shelter, noon to 4 p.m. Contact janicegurley41@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
Allegheny Post 117 Tues-

day, July 15, 6 p.m. at Arbovale community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority special meeting Wednesday, July 16, 7 p.m. at the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future of the county solid waste program.

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 at Pocahontas County Libraries. Events on Mondays at McClintic, Tuesdays at Hillsboro, Wednesdays at Green Bank, Thursdays at Linwood, Fridays at Durbin. 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 Bear-town – 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 see Calendar pg 10

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
New Hope Brethren Church, Dunmore
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Sunday, July 20 - Wednesday, July 23
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Picnic on Sunday, July 20 • 6 pm.
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What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Fabulous Dip
1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted
6 slices bacon, crisp
1 1/2 cups mayo, sour cream or plain yogurt or mixture
8-oz. pkg. shredded sharp cheddar cheese (or part jalapeno cheese)
1/2 cups thinly sliced green onions
Pinch cayenne pepper
Toast almonds in a frying pan over medium heat until golden. Let cool.
Place bacon in a large skillet, cook over medium heat until crisp and evenly browned, 8-10 minutes.
Drain and cool slightly before chopping into bits. Combine mayo and cheese in a mixing bowl. Add all other ingredients. Stir with rubber spatula until well combined. Wrap and place in fridge at least one hour before placing in serving bowl. Serve with crackers, chips, celery sticks, carrot sticks or other vegetables.
Makes 3 cups.

Cool Cherry Pie
3 oz. pkg. Cherry Gelatin
1/8 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup boiling water
1 can-16 oz. pitted red sour cherries
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1 baked 9-inch pastry shell
Dissolve gelatin, cinnamon and sugar in boiling water. Drain cherries, measuring 1/2 cup of the syrup; stir into gelatin. Chill until very thick add cherries and nuts and pour into pastry shell. Chill until firm. Garnish with whipped cream or plain Greek yogurt, if desired.

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22 Feeling sick
23 Luciano
25 Pavarotti had a famous one
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30 Maine city
30 Camera part
31 Choosing a "lesser evil" candidate at the polls
35 Central rd. through town
37 Moral climate
38 Bana of "Troy"
39 Scary ghost, say
40 Encounter
41 Any of 12 spinal bones
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48 Document allowing passage through a country
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3 Spirited style
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5 Ruination
6 Hawaii "hi"
7 Female rap fan
8 Ford du —
9 Heady quaff
10 "Hud"
11 "Glee" actress
12 Like a very low-carb diet
14 Archaic verb ending
15 "seaQuest —" (1990s series)
16 Feature of the word "thumb"
17 Father or son auto-racing star
18 Fake fat
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29 Of the ear
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44 Erin Burnett's channel
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50 — surface missile
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52 Classic PC
53 Apartment building VIP
54 "— we all?"
57 City in Iraq
58 "Would you like to see —?" (waiter's question)
59 Draw a better bead on
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93 Cleveland hoopster
94 Chem., e.g.
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97 Really must
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103 Poet
104 Heinrich
104 Kemper of "The Office"
105 Sam of "Dead Calm"
106 Thompson of "Selma"
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Aging Ungracefully

by Dawn Reed

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart but it doesn’t always show on my face these days. Gravity and age tug at the sides of my mouth lately causing a frown/scowl. (Try not to picture Cinderella’s stepmother.)

Who knew this would happen? I’ve been using cream and moisturizer.

Years ago, I thought older women were upset or even angry when I saw their frown. I realize now they were just resting.

I’m working on my resting face.

At Fitzpatrick, I sit on the front row. Not because I think I’m important, but because I can’t pay attention. If I sit in the back, there are lots of shiny things to look at, distractions to take my mind off the guy behind the pulpit, and most importantly the Lord speaking.

People often tell me they look at me during the sermon. When my beloved tells a not-from-the-Bible story, they are wondering if it happened just like he is telling it. Now I’m trying to work on my expressions AND my resting face.

Besides fighting a frowny face, my neck is sagging in a weird way. I don’t have a full-on turkey neck yet,

thank goodness, but am considering two well placed pieces of duct tape to take up the slack. Or a dickie, the mock turtleneck from the 70s. Or a scarf.

I don’t have room to mention random chin hairs that appear out of nowhere and can suddenly be seen across a crowded room. Dollars to donuts the one to see it will be the youngest in attendance.

Psalm 139:14 reminds me we are fearfully and wonderfully made. The older I get, the more I feel emphasis on the word “fearfully.” From gray hair, crepey skin, to varicose veins, shew!

Did Eve go through this?

God is good and amazing. His imagination and creativity constantly blow my mind. As he shaped man from the dust and then created woman from his rib, the things He thought and put together are amazing. The skeletal, muscular, nervous, circulatory, and nervous systems are only a few of how we are put together. We have at least 15 feet of intestines!

I love being a Baby Boomer, though I struggle sometimes with technology. I’m thrilled about being in my 60s and wouldn’t go back. God’s Word promises that He will keep hanging



Dawn Reed

with me until my last breath. “Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He Who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.” Isaiah 46:4. Perhaps the best one is Psalm 73:26 (GNT): “My mind and my body may grow weak, but God is my strength; He is all I ever need.”

Having always heard it takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown, I searched the internet for the truth. It gave lots of info but no real answers. I’ve practiced smiling and then frowning but really can’t tell which takes the most effort. (I’m smiling as I type, by the way.)

No matter my age, one thing is for sure: God is faithful.

Obituary

William Howes

William Donald “Billy” Howes, 87, peacefully passed away Wednesday, July 2, 2025, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Born in 1938, in the quaint town of Fairmont, he was a son of the late Nell Howes and Frances Donald Howes.

As an Eagle Scout in the Scouts of America, Bill entered and served four years in the U.S. Army receiving an honorable discharge. He later graduated with a degree in landscape architecture from WVU. His early career saw the creation of family parks and recreation with more than 20 parks to his credit. He worked for Computer Science Raytheon at Kennedy Space Center and Patrick Space Force Base and spent many years com-

muting to Ascension Island to aid down range satellite base development. Later in life, he worked as a field engineer for FEMA in relief efforts in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. Bill was an artist and creative soul first and foremost, bringing creative vision to everything he did.

As a son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, student and mentor, Bill was deeply loved. His passion transcended life moved souls and brought everyone closer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Carol French Howes.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Paula Howes; daughters, Chanell Schoener (Patrick), of Melbourne Florida, and Janell Gaucher

(Curtis), of Fairfax Virginia; son, Branden Howes (Natalie), of Orlando Florida; and step-children, LaRee, of Manassas Virginia, Stephen (Melinda), of Sioux City, Iowa, and Ryan (Tammy), of Leesburg, Virginia.

Bill and Paula shared a total of 16 grandchildren; and soon to be seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 9, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m. at VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Dunmore United Methodist Church.

VanReenen Funeral Home is overseeing the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Mayor’s, from page 1

I encourage each of you to

take a deep breath and enjoy your time with us.

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Reason, from page 3

qualities like humanness, imagination and the appreciation of nature. It gave us

Byron and Beethoven, Goya and Goethe. It birthed the gothic novel and science fiction. And, yes, gave us the ur-romance novel – Jane Austen’s *Persuasion*.

The movement’s legacy – improved working condi-

tions, women’s suffrage and the abolition of slavery.

As we enter a new era in which machines once again threaten to redefine humans’ place in the world, perhaps it is indeed time for a new romantic movement.

MTC, from page 2

ments related to the project.

At the last Pocahontas County Commission meeting, the commission approved to transfer funding and land that was purchased for the project to the Town of Marlinton.

The funding that was set aside for the project has an expiration date of January 31, 2026, so the town is planning to move forward quickly with the project which will replace the sewer system that serves customers in Beard Heights, including Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, Marlinton Middle

School and the State Police Barracks.

In other action, council discussed:

- moving the next regular council meeting to Monday, August 11.

- keeping the B&O tax at two percent for the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital construction project.

- to have neighbors Nancy Morgan Roche and Olivia Dean settle the conflict concerning a survey cost and removal of gravel between their property.

Roche sent a letter to council requesting reimbursement for the cost because council approved to open the alley in question for Dean to have campsites on her property behind her

house.

Felton explained that council was led to believe that all the neighbors were informed about the project and that a survey had been done, but that was not the case.

Council agreed that the matter should be handled by the individuals and not council because it was informed by Dean in the March meeting that she would incur any costs that would result from the project.

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

Bill, from page 2

- Creates a relief fund for rural hospitals, helping to support their critical services and those they serve in rural communities like the many throughout West Virginia.
- Establishes investment accounts for newborns to secure financial futures for every American child from birth.
- Provides \$25 billion to replenish and increase stockpiles of critical munitions, including many that have key components manufactured at sites like Allegheny Ballistics Laboratory in Mineral County.
- Provides \$500 million to support the readiness of National Guard units.
- Provides \$100 million to accelerate production of the MQ-25 Stingray unmanned refueling drone, of which key components are manufactured in Harrison County.

- Provides \$1 billion for U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) support to border security missions and counterdrug enforcement to protect West Virginians from drug trafficking and fentanyl.
- Provides \$9 billion to support service members and their families, including improvements to housing, healthcare, childcare, and education benefits.
- Invests in America’s farmers and ranchers with critical updates to farm

safety net programs and risk management tools.

- Invests in rural America by providing significant funding for competitive grants to assist in the construction, alteration, acquisition, modernization, renovation, or remodeling of agricultural research facilities under the Research Facilities Act—something that various institutions of higher education throughout West Virginia support.

Denmar, from page 1

A birthing center for female prisoners in the federal prison system occupies the former nurses’ quarters at Denmar.

The prison is still in operation and is known for its sewing industry. Since 1996, inmates are eligible to join

the sewing program and make prison uniforms for all the prisons in the state of West Virginia – that’s uniforms for nearly 8,000 men and women.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the sewing program made face masks for state hospitals, the National Guard and area businesses. They also designed hospital gowns that were easier for

hospital staff to use to dress patients.

There are informational signs on the site of the cemetery that includes a list of names of those who passed away from tuberculosis at the facility.

Pioneer Days badges are available at *The Pocahontas Times* office.

Information from *The Pocahontas Times* archives.

CPS, from page 2

Shortly after, the West Virginia Judicial Investigation Commission, which privately hears and makes decisions about whether a judge’s conduct was ethical, began investigating both judges.

In both cases, the commission found they’d violated the judicial code of conduct and warned them not to make similar comments in the future.

The commission stopped short of filing formal charges against the two judges.

“As the old saying goes, ‘a good deed is never lost,’” the commission wrote in the admonishment. “Moreover, ‘every time you do a good deed you shine the light a little farther into the dark’ as was done in this case.”

Nonetheless, Sweeney “used his flashlight in the wrong manner to achieve the right result.”

But because the commission’s decisions are available publicly, the judges’ names and news they’d been warned made headlines.

The commission took issue with Akers telling reporters that, since her work as a juvenile prosecutor, she’s learned that kids in state custody often wind up

in juvenile or adult court.

It also took issue with Sweeney telling MetroNews that the hearing in his court made it clear there was severe understaffing in his area, inhibiting the state’s ability to protect vulnerable children.

The commissioners wrote that the understaffing comments from workers were confidential.

West Virginia’s CPS staffing shortage is widely known. Mountain State Spotlight reported in January on the extremely short-handed office in Sweeney’s area.

Kids in the state’s care are going without the much-needed mental health treatment they need to grow up healthier and happier.

Meanwhile, an understaffed and overworked CPS workforce is still struggling to respond to allegations of kids in unsafe situations.

In his interview with investigators, Sweeney said he’d felt a duty “to move heaven and earth to get these things done.”

The commission also admonished him for Facebook posts it said could be perceived as promoting prosecution of people pre-trial.

Last week, both Sweeney and Akers filed objections, sending the cases to another panel for hearings. That

panel will make a recommendation to the state Supreme Court of Appeals.

Both judges argued they did not violate the code of conduct and acted lawfully. They also wrote of their responsibility to prioritize the safety of children.

In his objection, Sweeney’s lawyer, J.H. Mahaney, said an extraordinary crisis, when kids suffer violence, medical distress and die by suicide, requires extraordinary action. Not “empty promises.”

“He should not be punished for satisfying his professional, ethical and moral duty to care for those children, especially when no-body else will,” Mahaney wrote.

The commission had said judges need to encourage public confidence in judicial work. A news release from her lawyer, Thomas Ryan, stated that Akers will prove her work deserves that confidence.

“Judge Akers is also hopeful that the public does not lose sight of the more important underlying societal issue: the health, safety and well-being of West Virginia’s most vulnerable children.”

Reach reporter Erin Beck at erin@mountainstatespotlight.org

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Obituaries

Arthur Adrian

Arthur Roger Adrian, 72, of Marlinton, passed away Sunday, July 6, 2025, at his home.

Born February 1, 1953, at Bronx, New York, he was a son of the late Arthur V. and Janet Connolly Adrian.

Arthur was a U.S. Vietnam Marine Veteran, and a self-employed master carpenter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen Hinzman Adrian.

He is survived by three daughters, Delia Dougherty and Shana Adrian, both of New Jersey, and Amanda Muldoon, and husband, Tim, of Virginia Beach, Virginia; step-sons, Connor Tacket and Charles Tacket, both of West Virginia; son-in-law, Ed Dougherty, of Florida; grandchildren, E.J. Dougherty, Jessica Dougherty, Justin Muldoon, Taylor Muldoon, Nicole Adrian, Katy Bowlby, Dawson Tacket, Jacob Tacket and Jason Tacket; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joyce Somerville, and husband, Bill, of New Jersey.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2025, at Lantz Funeral Home.

Burial will follow in Edray Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until time of service.

Memorial donations may be made to Mountain Hospice, 1002 S, 1002 Crim Ave, Belington, WV 26250.

Online condolences may be made at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](#)



Judith Cutlip

Judith Ann “Judy” Cutlip, age 81, a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend, peacefully passed away, surrounded by love Sunday, June 29, 2025, at CAMC Memorial Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born May 12, 1944, at home on Droop Mountain, she was a daughter of the late Lanty and Genevieve Benita Vaughan McCoy.

Judy was deeply rooted in the beautiful community of Hillsboro, where she spent her entire life with her dearest husband of 59 years, Roland Gene Cutlip, who survives her.

She was the youngest of seven siblings, whom she dearly loved.

Judy was a strong woman of faith and was an active member and treasurer of Marvin Chapel United Methodist Church. She graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1962 and soon began working at Denmar State Hospital in the payroll office until its doors closed in 1990. She supported and helped clients with living and social skills at Seneca Mental Health until her retirement in 2017. She loved her church and work families, having made many enduring friendships. She had a special bond with her circle of close friends and cherished each one of them. Judy was a traveler and made many memories on adventures with her family across the state and country, but home is where she most loved to be. She enjoyed helping raise a beautiful and productive garden each year with Roland, canning and preserving and sharing what they raised. Judy was a wonderful cook and loved nothing more than gathering her friends and family around the dinner table to share one of her delicious meals. She is known and will be remembered for her kindness, giving, strength, humor, and the love for her friends and family. Judy had a huge heart for

all animals, especially their loyal companion, Raven, their cats and beloved goats.

Her greatest legacy was her exceptional love and devotion as a mother to her daughter, Dana, – a bond that transcends all else, forever.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Thomas McCoy, William McCoy, Harry McCoy and Leo “Red” McCoy; as well as her sister, Betty McCoy Weatherholt Black.

She is survived by her husband, Roland G. Cutlip; daughter, Dana Andrea Cutlip; sister, Garnett McCoy Sharp, and her husband, Tom; and many special nieces, nephews and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, August 3, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Marvin Chapel United Methodist Church in Mill Point with food and fellowship to follow at Hillsboro Elementary School.

All family and friends are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Pocahontas County Humane Society, Marvin Chapel UMC, or Hillsboro Elementary School.

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Oleta Dunbrack

Oleta Mae Dunbrack, 93, of Marlinton, passed away Friday, July 4, 2025, at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

Born January 10, 1932, in Buckeye, she was a daughter of the late Warren George and Mary Alice Miller Moore.

Oleta was a member of the Marlinton Presbyterian Church and attended the Faith Methodist Church in Hudson, Florida. She worked as a Respiratory Tech for Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Richard Dunbrack; daughter, Donna Rae Middleton; grandsons, Richard Northcutt and Cameron Dunbrack; sisters, Juanita McLaughlin, Collene Hall and Louise Johnson; brother, Melvin Moore; and an infant sister.

She is survived by her children, Mary Lou Edgar, of Chester, Virginia, Vonnie Tripplett, and husband, Bob, of Hudson Florida, Pamela Jo Bennett, and husband, John, of Dunmore, Mike Dunbrack, and companion, Chelsey, of Buckeye, and Rick Dunbrack, of Marlinton; eighteen grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson, and one on the way; and brother, Vinton Moore, of Marlinton.

Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, 2025, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor David Plank officiating. Burial will follow in Cochran Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until time of service

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Sally Logan

Sally Jean Dielmann Logan, 66, formerly of Marlinton, passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2025, in Creve Coeur, Missouri, after a brief illness and surrounded by her siblings.

Born November 22, 1958, in Creve Coeur, Missouri, she was a daughter of Harold Dielmann and the late Patricia Dielmann.

Sally was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Marlinton.

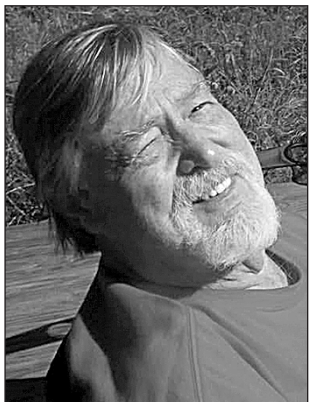
She graduated from the

University of Missouri, Columbia, and received her Master of Art Education at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri. She taught Art to middle school students in Dallas and Corpus Christi, Texas, and in the Broward County School District, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for 20 years prior to moving to West Virginia in 2019 with her husband, Richard Logan. Sally taught Art at Marlinton Middle School and Green Bank Elementary School before retiring. She was gifted in all Art mediums.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by a sister.

In addition to her father, she is survived by her husband of 24 years, Richard Logan; sisters, Elizabeth Knowles, of Dallas Texas, and Carolyn Dielmann Connelly, of Creve Coeur, Missouri; and a brother, Andy Dielmann, also of Creve Coeur.

A Celebration of Life was held in Creve Coeur, Missouri, May 10, 2025.



Richard Horton

Richard W. Horton passed away Wednesday, June 11, 2025, in McDonough, Georgia.

Born March 5, 1947, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, he was a son of the late Roy and Juanita Horton.

Richard graduated from Marlinton High School and graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Horticulture. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Chaplain assistant and in the library on board a Navy carrier. Richard loved playing his guitar and became a luthier after retiring.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Glen; and two sisters, Brenda and Katherine.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth, who was by his side at his passing; children, Jason, Lauren, Devin and Vanessa; several grandchildren; brother, Phillip; sister, Ceil; and nephew, Robert Horton, who was more like a younger brother growing up; as well as other wonderful nieces and nephews.

The body was cremated, and his ashes will be spread at Smith Mountain Lake at a later time.



In Loving Memory of Creola Violet “Oma” Loyd

Valedictorian • Trailblazer • Matriarch • Transportation Corps Legend

Born and raised in the mountains of Pocahontas County, Creola V. Loyd – known lovingly to many as “Oma” – was a woman who lived with quiet strength, fierce devotion and a deep sense of purpose. She peacefully passed Monday, June 16, 2025, leaving behind a legacy that spanned from the hills of Marlinton to the halls of the Pentagon.

A 1950 graduate of Marlinton High School, Creola was Valedictorian of her class and a recipient of the Golden Horseshoe Award, presented at the West Virginia state capital for academic excellence and knowledge of state history. From

an early age, she was destined for distinction.

Creola spent over 30 years in service to the United States Army as a civilian in the Transportation Corps, working out of T7 on the mall in the 50s as a clerk typist, to The Pentagon, as Deputy Director of MTMC, with missions that took her as far as South Korea and Hawaii. She helped plan and execute strategic military logistics that supported U.S. operations around the world. Her service was marked by dedication, brilliance and a humble leadership style that earned her respect across ranks.

In recognition of her groundbreaking career, she was inducted into the U.S. Army Transportation Corps Hall of Fame in 2001, becoming the first woman to receive that honor. She also received numerous awards and commendations for her contributions to Army readiness and strategic mobility.

After retiring in the late 1990s, Creola poured her time into family, travel and local community. She was a longtime member of Warren-ton Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deaconess and faithful member. She also owned and ran a successful tax preparation business and loved hosting family in her home.

Creola was a traveler at heart – visiting Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Great Britain, Jamaica, Bahamas and much of North America, often alongside her beloved sister and friends. She went to Fan Fair in Nashville for country music, spent time at Graves Mountain with family, and shopped – everywhere and anywhere – with joyful enthusiasm.

But her proudest title wasn’t Director or Hall of Famer. It was Oma. Her greatest joy came from her boys: Mike, Gene, Jason, Jeremy and Carter. They were the light of her life, and she loved them unconditionally. Her love extended across the entire family – never missing a birthday, a milestone, or a moment to remind you how special you were.

Creola Loyd was proof that greatness comes not just from awards, but from how you lift others up. She led without needing credit, she gave without needing praise, and she loved with her whole heart.

She was one of one – and we were lucky to call her ours.

Creola was preceded in death by her beloved husband, David Loyd, with whom she shared a life of partnership, faith and love; William J. Wilson; parents, Paul and Ada Schumaker; and cherished sibling, Vonda Garrison.

She is survived by her loving family, including her brother and sister, Carol Schumaker and Phylliss Merrell; her devoted sons, Mike Wilson and Gene Wilson; adored grandchildren, Jason Wilson, Jeremy Wilson, Carter Wilson, Susan Wilson and Caitlyn Wilson; and a wide circle of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends who felt like family.



Jack Nelson

Jack David “J.D.” Nelson, 56, of Arbovale, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Monday, July 1, 2025.

He had been taken to Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea after spending a week in CAMC. “J.D.” apparently suffered a mystery illness and the root cause has not been identified. He went into cardiac arrest last Tuesday

night and passed away six days later with no diagnosis from his doctors.

Born May 13, 1969, at Harrisonburg, Virginia, he was a son of Jack Dolan and Jeanie Madge White Nelson, of Renick.

J.D. graduated from Greenbrier East High School in 1987, completed college and was employed as an Electronic Engineer at the Green Bank Observatory, where he worked for 36 years.

As a teenager, J.D. enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enjoyed playing the piano and guitar. He took lessons in horseback riding, tennis and other activities that kept him busy.

Family time was the most important time in his life.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Cale and Edith Nelson and Leroy and Madge White.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Joyce Vance Nelson, from Mingo County; daughter, Jessica Nelson, and husband, Quentin, and their son, Jared, of Shepherd, Montana; son, Jack David “J.J.” Nelson, Jr., and Courtney, and his daughter, Kinsleigh Cohenour; Jack and Joyce’s third child is Jack Michael Nelson. He is also survived by an uncle, Kevin White, of Renick; and many cherished cousins and friends from all around including a very special friend of 24 years, Jason Ray, of Arbovale.

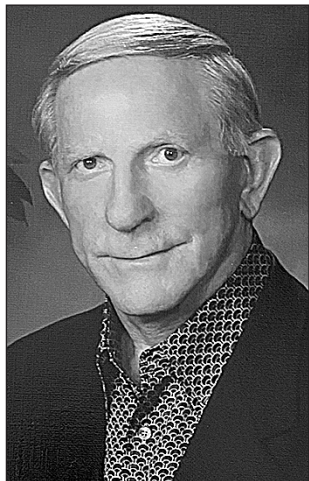
The funeral service was held Sunday, July 6, 2025, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Pastor Jason Crabaugh, of the Renick Church of God, officiating.

Burial was in Arbovale Cemetery Annex.

Thank you to all of you who have prayed and sent well wishes to the family.

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

Online condolences may be shared at [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](#)



Sterl Shinaberry

Sterl F. Shinaberry, 87 of Vero Beach, Florida, formerly of Charleston, died of December 12, 2024, as a result of a battle with cancer. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Sterl was a formidable trial attorney who was well known for his successful defense of clients, many of whom could not defend themselves. He practiced civil litigation, specializing in personal injury, construction law, workman’s compensation, wrongful death and product liability. He presented cases before the Supreme Court of the United States in addition to cases at the state level.

He was known to be one of the leading asbestos attorneys in West Virginia, associated with Motley-Rice national counsel, and influential in the development of asbestos law across the nation.

He successfully represented cases against large corporations such as Union Carbide, Dupont, and FMC that resulted in improving workers compensation and consumer protection law in multiple states.

On April 27, 1978, a cooling tower under construction at the Pleasants Power Station at Willow Island, collapsed resulting in 51 deaths and considered to be one of the worst construction accidents in U.S. history. Sterl presented evidence proving that failure of the scaffolding was the cause of the acci-

dent.

In 1984, a chemical accident at a pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, owned by Union Carbide, a subsidiary of the Dow Chemical Co., killed 2,259 people and injured more than half a million people. Experts estimated that 8,000 died within two weeks and thousands more have since died, and more still suffer health complications, making it one of the worst industrial accidents in history. He represented many of the victims and sought justice for their families who suffered from the tragedy.

Born in Clover Lick, to the late Drusilla Grimes and Bedford Lee Shinaberry, he was 10th of 12 children, two of whom died in infancy.

Sterl spent his first two years of schooling in a one room schoolhouse ultimately graduating in 1955 from Marlinton High School. During his high school years, he played football and baseball and was inducted into the National Honor Society. While in high school he lived with his aunt, Georgia Poage, who was a major influence in his life, and assisted in running her 600-acre farm. As a junior in high school, he joined the Army Reserves and served until he was honorably discharged in 1962.

Sterl was the only one of his siblings who attended college, enrolling at West Virginia Tech and working summers and throughout the school years to pay for his education. He was an active leader in college life as President of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, President of Pan Hellenic Counsel, VP of the Student Council, and was “Senior of the Year” when he graduated with a B.S. in Accounting in 1960. He continued his studies in Morgantown, receiving his M.B.A. in 1961 and in 1964. He graduated from the West Virginia University College of Law.

After graduation, he began work at United States District Court in West Virginia, then served as a clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, Virginia. In 1978, he was admitted to United States Supreme Court Bar.

Sterl entered private practice in Bluefield, but shortly thereafter joined a firm in Welch to form Ballard & Shinaberry.

In 1964, he moved to Charleston and established Hostler & Shinaberry with the name evolving over time ultimately to Shinaberry, Meade & Venezia. After 33 years of practicing law, Sterl retired in 1997.

During his lifetime, Sterl was involved in many charities such as the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Hibiscus Children’s Foundation, VNA Hospice and Planned Parenthood of Indian River County.

Sterl is survived by his daughter, Ann Darwish, son-in-law, David, of Naples Florida; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

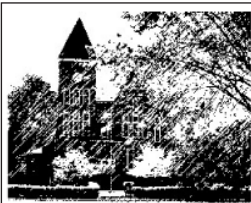
The family expresses heartfelt gratitude to his cherished family of friends who shared in Sterl’s life. His joy for life and generous caring spirit will be profoundly missed.

A celebration of life will be held Thursday, July 17, 2025.

The reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Edgewood Country Club in Charleston with a special time for reflection and remembrance at 5 p.m., where friends and family will share their memories and stories.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the Sterl’s life. We look forward to sharing this time of remembrance and gratitude for a life well-lived.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hibiscus Children’s Foundation, Planned Parenthood, and the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation of Charleston, WV in support of scholarships for higher education.



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“Our Town” – Pioneer Days 1973



CAST MEMBERS JOYCE Wilfong, Herbert McClure, Nancy Burks and Zed Steven Weatherholt in the 1973 Pioneer Days Production of “Our Town.” The three-act play by Thornton Wilder was produced by Frances Eskridge and performed by The Pioneer Players at the Marlinton United Methodist Church. The photograph was taken July 11, 1973 by Gerald S. Ratliff for the West Virginia Department of Commerce. (Pioneer Days Collection, Preserving Pocahontas Archives; ID: PHP008279)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, July 13, 1950

EARLY CHAMPION OF FREEDOMS

For hundreds of years and for all nations, William Tell has symbolized the age-old fight of free men against tyranny. He was a typical Swiss. Whether William Tell actually shot an arrow through the apple on his son's head and later killed Gessler, the tyrant, who ordered the feat, is open to historical argument.

Legend says that Hermann Gessler, a cruel sheriff, placed his hat on a pole in the town square of Altdorf, with orders that his hat receive deference from all passersby. In punishment for ignoring Gessler's hat, Tell was ordered to shoot an apple from the head of his son.

Later, Tell shot Gessler.

JUST LIKE US

Last spring and summer many farm women came from Germany to learn of farm ways in America. The lady who came to Pocahontas County was Mrs. Hildgarde Tilly. She visited in farm families. One of her hostesses was Mrs. Ward Barlow, and Mrs. Barlow was asked by the Extension Service Review to express her impressions of and reactions to her company from abroad. Here follows the interview:

“When I was called by telephone to entertain Mrs. Tilly in my home, I surely was on the spot,” Mrs. Ward Barlow said. “I had always said I would have nothing to do with the Germans, but I learned from Mrs. Tilly that they are so willing to try our ways of living.

“Mrs. Tilly was thrilled to know that there was such a

thing as a manure spreader. She really gave ours the ‘once-over’ and remarked that it would be a nice birthday gift for her husband if they made them in Germany!

“What impressed me most about Mrs. Tilly was her earnest belief that Americans could, would and should set an example for better farming and better farm living for her people back home.

“One thing that I learned from her was that we Americans do not take care of the things we have to work with. She said their ways of farming are ‘hard’ and ours are ‘easy.’ How true! They try to make things easier but really and truly don’t have things to work with.

“Another thing she taught me is that your can do with less clothing, for example, she had a beautiful blue dress – silk – and she remarked that it was her wedding dress. She explained that it was one you could wear a while on one side until you were tired of it, then just turn it over, and have a new dress. She also

had some ‘pure silk’ night clothes – the gown and robe were a gift 20 years go, but they looked like new to me.

“This county as a whole enjoyed having Mrs. Tilly. She visited around our little circle of neighbors, and she attended several farm women’s club meetings and one county council meeting. She was trying to learn and remember our ways of conducting meetings.

“There are many things Mrs. Tilly said and did that I will long remember. My children now have an entirely different idea about the German people. After having her in our home, I find that the Germans are eager to come to the United States to get ideas to take home with them to better their ways of farming and living. May they see in us a shining example, and may we find good in them so we can all have peace and harmony again in this world that God has blessed for us all, regardless of race, color or country.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, July 9, 1925

Sunday week, I invaded the Swago country to worship at the lower church. Swago is a rich bluegrass region drained by Swago Creek, a short bold stream fed by big limestone springs. The name is a mystery but is supposed to be a corruption of Oswego, the name of a tribe of eastern Indians who once roamed through the Appalachian Mountains.

Captain John K. Thompson used to call it a glen. The Captain was a great student of words and this is the best description that I have heard of it. As I understand the meaning of glen, it refers to a secluded valley, with natural boundaries so as to wall in the inhabitants thereof to form a distinctive community, and I know of no place that has a better right to claim to be a little world to itself than Swago. The breed of men there is perhaps the purest Scotch Irish that can be found anywhere in the

United States...

No where is there such a marked proficiency in the graded schools. The children there are all proficient in their studies and they produce a race of readers. And this subject of readers is a very close one to me, for I never have any trouble to get my stuff across with the Swago people, and they know what I am driving at even if I do not express myself well.

The first time I ever saw Judge McClintic was at a debating society on Swago Creek where he upheld one side of the proposition to a large and critical audience gathered in the old school-house at the mouth of Dry Branch close to his ancestral hall.

This was a famous school in the old days after the Civil War. There used to be an attendance of some 75 students in a one room school, under one instructor. They had good teachers, but I had an idea that in a symposium

like that, the students learned from each other and that the talent was in the body of the house rather than in the faculty of one man, harassed as he was to maintain order and exercise discipline in that intellectual kingdom.

THE FOURTH

Safe and sane and a general good time describes the Fourth at the Pocahontas County Fair Grounds. Nearly 3,000 people were in attendance.

There were horseshoe games, trap shooting, band music, stunts by the children, swimming, boating, horse racing and other track events, a squad of soldiers in uniform, picnic dinner on the ground for some, moving pictures and fireworks at night.

The good old sport of pitching horseshoes created a lot of interest, and the game is coming back. Charley Barlow, of Edray, was high man, with Buck Roberts and Jesse Buchanan in second and third places. So popular was this feature that arrangements are being made to have horseshoe pitching every day of the Fair and a grand exhibition on the last day of the

Fair.

In the trap shooting, Harry A. Sharp won over Floyd Baxter by a slight margin, with Fred Allen in third place.

In the all-day saddle class, the blue ribbon went to Guy Barlow and his mount, “Billy Barlow,” and then came Andy Hefner on “Mag,” and E. F. McLaughlin on “Lady.”

Half mile dash – Black Boy ridden by Moody Johnson, and Rose Bud ridden by Clarence Tyree.

Free for all Pace – Homer S., driven by Z. S. Smith, Jr.; Honey Bee, driven by Wm. Tate; Spark Plug, driven by Lawrence Powers...

The children of the Daily Vacation Bible School, attended in a body under the leadership of Miss Virginia Lewis. There were about 100 of them. Their stunts and songs were very interesting and highly entertaining.

MARRIED

July 3, 1925, Harry Curry and Miss Virgie Nottingham, both of Nottingham. The bride is a daughter of Austin Nottingham, and the groom a son of Frank Curry.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, July 10, 1975

MISS POCAHONTAS

A new Miss Pocahontas to reign throughout the coming year will be selected from this group of girls:

Betty Jo Gum, sponsored by Mary Rebekah Lodge 109.

Sara Howard, sponsored by Marlinton Business and Professional Women.

Sherry Wyatt, sponsored by Mount Zion Extension Club.

Genevieve Ann Mitchell, sponsored by Marlinton Fireman's Auxiliary.

Sharon Kellison, sponsored by Jaycees.

Doris Hungerbuler, sponsored by Marlinton Rotary.

Susan Viers, sponsored by Swago Extension Club.

Virginia Cloonan, sponsored by Marlinton Extension Club

Karen Kellison, sponsored by Edray Extension Club.

Marla Chestnut sponsored by Marlinton Lions Club.

Marzella Hollandsworth, sponsored by Marlinton Woman's Club.

PIONEER DAYS

Time does fly, and Pioneer Days are here again!

Both Travel magazine and Southern Living have listed Pioneer Days as worthy of national recognition and attendance.

Lots of work to be done yet but things seem to be falling into place.

Contact people of the many class reunions report that people are coming from thousands of miles away to the reunions but those close at home are slow in returning their reservations.

The Rodeo is new this year and talk is coming in

from other counties that interest in it is high.

Miss West Virginia will be here Thursday night to perform and help emcee the Miss Pocahontas Pageant.

We hear the Friday night program has everything from a sugar stirring to the Saturday night bath.

The famous Highlanders bagpipe band will be here for the parade, along with our PCHS Band...

200 Years Ago

Pioneer Days starts the Bicentennial Celebration this year with its badge. The 1975 Pioneer Days Badge pays honor to the men from this area who served the cause of freedom 200 years ago as Indian scouts and Revolutionary soldiers.

As Indian scouts, our great-great-grandfathers guarded the frontier against Indian depredation and fought in Dunmore's War to secure the western front. Then their fierce love of freedom sent them as volunteers to fight as soldiers in the Revolution to raise the flag of freedom for their new country...

Theodore Roosevelt, in his “Winning of the West,”

Part I, talks about settlers on the Western Waters: “A single generation, passed under the hard conditions of life in the wilderness, was enough to weld together into one people the representatives of these numerous and widely different races; and the children of the next generation became indistinguishable from one another. Long before the first Continental Congress assembled, the backwoodsmen, whatever

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Price Brothers

Thursday, July 12, 1900

STAND UP

The staunchest trait of American character has never been pictured in bolder relief than it was by Justice Brewer in his vigorous speech at the Bunker Hill Day dinner of the New England Society of Chicago. The old-time men of New England, he said, were not in the habit of keeping their ears to the ground. They often lacked sweetness and grace, but they never lacked independence, force or steadfastness of purpose.

“A man with his ear always to the ground to catch the rumbling of the people,” the justice remarked, “is not worth a snap of the fingers.”...

When every man listens for the mutterings of the crowd before he makes up his own mind what he himself believes and stands for, the nation is swayed wholly by the lower forces of imitation, suggestion and emotion, and like an inorganic mass, it moves inanely this way or that, or, taking panic, it rushes madly on to destruction...

LOCAL MENTION

Last Saturday, Charles Bruce passed Marlinton with 30 or 40 head of cattle bought in Greenbrier, on his way to Mingo.

The past week William Irvine and others have been busy with their teams hauling rock for the Marlinton Bank Building from the Kee Quarry.

Ten dead and three hundred injured was one result of the Fourth of July celebrations in the city of Philadelphia alone, from accidental explosion of fireworks.

After the very hot wave of last week, the reactionary spell of cooler weather has

set in, and everyone has remarked that there is a “fall” feel in the air, which for early July is unusual here.

The basket meeting in the grove near West Union was largely attended. It was decided to build a church near there. \$250 was raised and a committee appointed to select a site.

WOODFORD HUTTON SHOT

Woodford Hutton, son of Colonel Elihu Hutton, was shot and dangerously wounded by C. P. Darlington, editor of the Randolph Enterprise.

The shooting occurred in a saloon in Huttonsville. The difficulty arose through a dispute over county politics, which is now very heated in Randolph in view of the coming primary election. The lie was given and Hutton struck Darlington with a beer bottle, then Darlington drew a pistol and shot him twice in the right side of the abdomen. He was at once put on a special car and sent to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore where he arrived Friday.

Hutton is about 22 years old and well known in this county. Recently he was with a camping party on Williams River. He and Will McLaughlin, of this place, attended the races and celebration at Elkins Wednesday. They returned to Huttonsville together and the latter left him and started for Marlinton at 4 p.m., only a few hours before the shooting.

Darlington escaped and fled some distance but returned the next day at noon and gave himself up. For several years he owned and operated the Webster Echo and lately bought the Enterprise.

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by Melinda Myers

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Start your gathering with a review of the menu and a tour of the gardens. Provide guests with a harvest basket and snips so they can collect all their favorite ingredients. Or gather an assortment of herbs and vegetables in advance and display them in containers for your family and guests to make their own selections.

Include a few herbs and vegetables that can be blended, muddled or added to yours and your guests' favorite beverage. Use the hollow stems of lovage as a straw for tomato juice or bloody Mary. You'll enjoy the celery flavor this edible straw provides. Provide mint, basil or rosemary leaves to flavor iced tea and lemonade. Just set the herbs near the beverage table for easy access, provide needed utensils, and herbal cocktail recipes.

Bring the garden to the party by placing a few containers of herbs, edible flowers and vegetables on your balcony, patio, deck or near the grill. Use small herb containers as edible centerpieces



and add a pair of garden scissors or snips. Label the plants, offer seasoning suggestions, and allow your family and guests to season the meal to their taste when it arrives. Remind guests to adjust the quantity of herbs used to allow for the difference in flavor intensity of fresh versus dried herbs. In general, you will need two to three times more fresh than dried herbs.

Add a bit of color and unique flavor to the meal with edible flowers. Pick the flowers early in the day when they are at their peak and taste best. Wash them by dipping the flower in a bowl of water and gently shaking. Remove the bitter tasting base of the petal and the reproductive parts from larger flowers before preparing.

Make sure the flowers you select are edible and free of pesticides. Let your guests know they can eat the flowers, or you'll end up with a pile of petals on the side of every plate. Try nasturtium and daylily blossoms stuffed with cream cheese; calendula, pansy and borage petals

sprinkled on salad; chive flowers for baked potatoes; and mint leaves on top of a slice of chocolate cake.

Harvest your garden and containers regularly to keep plants looking good and producing. Cut the outer leaves of leaf lettuce when they are four to six inches tall to keep the plant growing new leaves. Pick peppers and tomatoes when fully ripe, so the plant continues flowering and forming new fruit. Remove faded flowers as needed to keep flowering plants covered with blooms.

Dress up your table with a bouquet of your favorite gardening flowers. Pick a few extras to send home with your guests and they'll surely remember your special gathering filled with homegrown flavor and beauty.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd

TRIVIA ANSWERS:
(1). Walt Disney (2). Mount St. Helens (3). George W. Bush (4). Iraq

Edition and Small Space video series and the nation- and contributing editor Gardening. She hosts The ally syndicated Melinda's for Birds & Blooms magazine Courses "How to Garden Moment radio pro-zine and her website is Grow Anything" instant gram. Myers is a columnist www.MelindaMyers.com

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Horse riders ‘didn’t fool with Mother Nature’

Published in Soundings
September 11, 1975

Two sailors from HSL-34 on the Naval Air Station recently embarked on a unique odyssey. ADJ1 Sam Arbogast and ADJAN Len Murray rode on horseback 278 miles from Franklin, Va., to Marlinton, W. Va. The purpose of their equestrian adventure was to take part in the Pocahontas [County] Pioneer Day Parade. The trip took approximately two weeks and proved to be a rewarding excursion as well as an excellent good will tour.

Both Arbogast and Murray are back in Norfolk now and Soundings sent a reporter over to interview them about their somewhat unique experience.

Arbogast: I had been planning this trip for about six months. When I first checked into HSL-34 and found ADJAN Len Murray had the same interest in Appaloosa horses as I did, we stated planning a trip. We wanted to ride through some historic areas and get up into the mountains, too, so we decided on traveling to my hometown, which is near Marlinton.

Murray: I guess Sam did most of the planning for the trip. When he first told me the route he was planning on taking, I thought he was crazy, but he eventually talked me into going.

The pair took leave to make the trip to West Virginia. However, they didn't leave the Navy completely behind.

"We had a chance to get in a little recruiting along the way," Murray explained. "This included several newspaper interviews, and personal contact with a lot of nice people."

Arbogast and Murray received a rousing sendoff from their shipmates. They took their Appaloosa horses, Banjos Coaldust and Quavos Diablo, by trailer to nearby Franklin where their actual trail ride began.

Soundings: What were some of the actual problems you encountered?

Arbogast: The only problems we anticipated were traffic and finding a place to camp, but neither proved to be a very big problem. The worst problem we had were

the flies and ticks getting to our horses. It seems everything we bought to repel them just attracted the flies and ticks.

Soundings: Was the trip harder for you or your horse?

Arbogast: Well, it wasn't too hard on either. I lost six pounds, and my horse around 100 pounds, which isn't much for that distance. You must realize both my horse and I were in pretty good shape for the trip. I had been riding him around five miles a day before the journey, even though we averaged 25 to 30 miles a day during our junket. Len, of course, usually has Diablo in good shape for competitions.

Soundings: Any significant incidents along the way?

Arbogast: There were a lot of unusual and exciting things. I guess the best was when we decided to ford the James River at Bent Creek, Va. Well, we got in the middle and Murray's horse slipped on a rock and he and



ARBOGAST (R) AND MURRAY trailered their Appaloosa horses, Banjos Coaldust and Quavos Diablo, to Franklin, Virginia, to begin their journey. When they reached Marlinton, below, they were met by the Mayor and had a police escort into town. They traveled 300 miles in 10 days to ride in the Pioneer Days Parade in 1975.



Murray got dunked! His bed roll and clothes got soaked, but the horse was found to be healthy in spite of the spill. One evening we got caught in a storm on top of a mountain, and four miles to ride before a camping spot could be found. We rode until after dark in a rainstorm with about zero visibility. We couldn't have made it without the horses. We didn't fool with Mother Nature, but she did with us. We went through a lightning storm that I could've done without.

In response to his fall into the James, Len Murray said,

"I thought Sam would mention my little swim. He got a big charge out of that."

Soundings: What kind of reception did you receive from local citizens along the way?

Murray: We met a lot of

nice people. They said they read about our trip in the papers. In Blackstone, Va., we were met by a young lady on horseback who rode with us through the town, people were taking pictures of us, asked questions and some in-

vited us to stay or eat with them. In Sam's hometown of Marlinton, we were greeted by the Mayor and several other townsfolk about three miles from town. The Mayor set up a police escort for us and as we rode through town people were cheering and waving at us.

Arbogast and Murray, on their Appaloosa mounts,

covered 300 miles in ten days.

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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.

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Overall, the county partially meets standards for proficiency levels in English/language arts and math. For behavior, the school system is in the blue, which means it exceeds standards.

“We do not have a lot of behavioral referrals,” Williams said.

At Pocahontas County High School, Williams said the students partially met the standard for ELA but did not meet the standard for math proficiency. The graduation rate met the standard.

After her presentation, Williams said the report for 2024-2025 will be released in August and she will give an update on those results at that time.

In financial management, the board approved: payment of vendor listing, payment of local government purchasing card, employee payroll, extra duty pay, bank reconciliation, grant awards and budget adjustments.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved:

- To extend contract with Deirdre Cline through the end of 2025, at the same rate of pay.

- CSBO mentoring from Sherry Radcliff, for \$250 a day, not to exceed 39.6 days.

- The addition of girls volleyball to the 2025-2026 school year sports schedule at Pocahontas County High School.

- LevelUp Course Amendment between Glenville State University and Pocahontas County Schools.

- Mutual alteration of con-

tract between Julie Dunlap and Pocahontas County Board of Education, effective July 1.

- Mutual alteration of contract between Stephanie Burns and Pocahontas County Board of Education, effective July 1.

- Contract between Lesa Hart and the Pocahontas County Board of Education for speech pathology services either virtually or in person from July 1 through July 30.

In personnel management, the board approved:

- Resignation due to retirement of Renee D. Hill as kindergarten aide at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective June 30.

- Employment of Lori Wayne as cook III at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, for the 2025-2026 school year, for 200 days. Employment shall be 200 days each year thereafter.

- Employment of Tracy Mamak as custodian IV at Marlinton Elementary School, effective July 1, for the 2025-2026 school year for 261 days. Employment shall be 261 days each year thereafter.

- Employment of Olivia Kessling as ECCAT special education/classroom/bus aide at Marlinton Elementary School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year for 200 days. Employment shall be 200 days each year thereafter.

- Employment of Alison Safrit as teacher of art at Pocahontas County High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year for 200 days. Employment shall be 200 days each year there-

after.

- Employment of Andrew Conover as custodian III at Pocahontas County High School, effective July 1, for the 2025-2026 school year for 220 days. Employment shall be 220 days each year thereafter.

- Requested transfer of Darlene Arbogast from teacher of special education/multi-categorical autism to teacher of CTE business management at Pocahontas County High School, for the 2025-2026 school year for 200 days. Employment shall be 200 days each year thereafter.

- Creation of position director of personnel, technology and student services.

- Employment of Allen Taylor as school bus operator for the activity run, effective for the 2025-2026 school year at a daily rate of pay for actual days worked prior to the school calendar year plus \$60 per day based on 180 days of operation for days that activity runs are required.

- Employment of Sherry Radcliff, Diana Nelson and Greg Morgan as substitute teachers for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum professional sal-

ary for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Employment of Sherry Radcliff and Renee D. Hill as substitute aides for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum service salary for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Employment of Scott Kelley as substitute bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum service salary for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Employment of Sherry Radcliff as substitute cook for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum service salary for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Employment of Sherry Radcliff, Pam Bennett and Mark Walton as substitute custodians for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum service salary for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Employment of Sherry Radcliff as substitute secretary/accountant for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum service salary for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

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First Publication Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025

ESTATE NAME: ROSE MARIE JAUREGUI
113 PINE TREE ROAD
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ADMINISTRATOR CTA: Christopher S. Robins
128 East Main Street
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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SARAH PRIMONATO, Respondent

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1.1 PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Notice to Bidders: Qualified bidders may submit bids for project as described in this Document. Submit bids according to the Instructions to Bidders.

B. Project Identification: Pocahontas Memorial Hospital – Emergency Department Expansion.

1. Project Location: 150 Duncan Road, Buckeye, West Virginia 24924.

C. Owner: Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

1. Owner's Representative: Rebecca Hammer – rhamme@pmhvw.org : 304-799-1024

D. Architect: Becker Morgan Group, Inc.

1. Architect's Representative: Kelsey S. Fields, AIA, kfields@beckermorgan.com : 410-546-9100

E. Project Description: Project consists of renovations and addition to the emergency departments, and associated sitework to the existing Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

F. Construction Contract: Bids will be received for the following Work:

1. General Contract (all trades).

1.2 BID SUBMITTAL AND OPENING

A. Owner will receive sealed lump sum bids until the bid time and date at the location given below. Owner will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:

1. Bid Date: August 12, 2025

2. Bid Time: 10:00 a.m., local time.

3. Location: Pocahontas Memorial Hospital

a. 150 Duncan Road, Buckeye, West Virginia 24924.

b. Bids shall be addressed to attention of Rebecca Hammer.

B. Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud.

1.3 BID SECURITY

A. Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 5 percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after opening of bids.

Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

1.4 PREBID MEETING

A. Prebid Meeting: A Prebid meeting for all bidders will be held at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, 150 Duncan Road, Buckeye, West Virginia 24924 – Board Room on July 22, 2025 at 10 a.m., local time.

Prospective prime bidders are required to attend.

1.5 DOCUMENTS

A. Online Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain access on or after July 9, 2025, by contacting Architect, Becker Morgan Group, Inc. – Kelsey S. Fields, AIA by email, kfields@beckermorgan.com.

Online access will be provided to prime bidders only.

B. Requests for clarification or interpretation (RFI) shall be submitted by email with an attached pdf of the RFI with the company name and address, the project name and project number, cross reference to pertinent Drawings and/or Specification. And shall be submitted to Kelsey S. Fields (kfields@beckermorgan.com) and Brenden D. Frederick (bfrederick@beckermorgan.com).

1.6 TIME OF COMPLETION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

A. Successful bidder shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time. Work is subject to liquidated damages.

1.7 BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

A. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. A Performance Bond, separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.

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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.

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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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POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Part-time and Full-time Cook and Dietary aide at Pocahontas Center, 15 Everett Tibbs Road, Marlinton. No experience required. Offers benefits. Background check required. Contact Robert at 304-992-6124. 7/10/3p

YARD SALE

YARD SALE - Pocahontas County Art Guild, log house on 4th Avenue.



Dr. Tawney will be out of town July 10-13. The office will be open Thursday, July 10, 8 a.m. - Noon and closed Friday, July 11.

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Marlinton. July 10 - 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 7/3/2p

GARAGE SALE - July 10, 11 and 12, daylight to dark at Alice Dunz residence, Brush Country Road, Marlinton. Rain or shine. 7/10/1p

FOUND

FOUND - A Doodle dog near Cass on June 28. He's a brown male with no collar. Looking to reunite this dog with its family. Please call, 304-668-3523. 7/3/nc

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Lester Graduates

Kayla Lester, of Marlinton, graduated from Shenandoah University where she earned a Doctor of Medical Science degree.

Kayla is a 2015 graduate of Pocahontas County High School.

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their blood, had become Americans, one in speech, thought and character, clutching firmly the land in which their fathers and grandfathers had lived before them.

“However, the backwoodsmen as a class neither built towns nor loved to dwell therein. They were to be seen at their best in the vast, interminable forest that formed their chosen home. They worked and kept their

lands by force and ever lived either at war or in dread of war. Hence, they settled always in groups of several families each and all banded together for mutual protection. Their red foes were strong and terrible, cunning in council, dreadful in battle, merciless beyond belief in victory... Every acre, every rood of ground which they claimed had to cleared by the axe and held with the rifle...

WEDDING

The Baxter Presbyterian Church at Dunmore was the setting Saturday, June 21,

1975, when marriage vows were exchanged by Miss Dessie Marie McLaughlin, of Dunmore and Gary Allen Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Sharp, of Stony Bottom.

The open church, double ring ceremony was performed by the Reverend David Rittenhouse.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, of Marlinton, a son, Thomas Jason.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Friel, a son, Andrew Michael.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

At Millsboro Depot it was pleasant to renew acquaintance with Dr. A. F. Kerr, one of the resident physicians. He was one of my many Monterey pupils at the close of the war. His career has been varied, arduous and eventful, but now in his lovely home, he passes a serene and useful life in the bosom of his young and attractive family. He is useful as a good physician, ruling

elder in his church, leader in prayer meetings, superintendent of Sunday school, chorister and organist in the absence of the leader.

No matter how numerous his patients, this doctor generally finds time to be in his place at public worship. Dr. Kerr is the youngest son of Colonel David W. Kerr, a native of Pocahontas, and for many years a prominent and widely known citizen of our county. The colonel is now in his 87th year, in fairly vigorous health and with mental faculties unimpaired. He lives with his son, and it is

beautiful to notice how attentively he is cared for by the doctor and excellent wife.

A PECULIAR TIMEPIECE

A gentleman, calling on a farmer, observed: “Mr. Jones, your clock is not quite right, is it?”

“Well, you see, sir,” said Mr. Jones, “nobody don’t understand much about that clock but me. When the hands on that clock stand at twelve, then it strikes two, and then I know its twenty minutes to seven.”

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DIED

Mrs. Mary E. (Hannah) Beverage, aged 77, wife of John A. Beverage, was born on Elk and passed quietly away at her home near Clover Lick, June 29, 1925... She was a loyal wife, a kind, loving mother and a friend to all those who knew her. Her kindness and care for the family and home was all that could be desired.

She is survived by her son, Harper W.; grandson, Earl Beverage; and brother,

Samuel Hannah, of Elk. The funeral service was conducted at the home and her body was laid to rest in the family graveyard on her farm.

July 2, 1925, David Warwick Sharp, aged 62, of near Marlinton. His older brother, Henry Sharp, of Millpoint, having preceded him to the grave one month ago. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss 11 children to his first wife. They are John, Hattie, Dexter, Levis, Clifford, Fred, Frank, Pearl, Dennis, Lock and Howard. His first wife was Amanda Beverage, who departed this life about 10

years ago. About eight years ago he married Mrs. Nancy Beverage, who survives. She cared for him almost as a mother would a child since January when he suffered a stroke of paralysis. Funeral service was conducted at his home, and he was laid to rest in the Sharp graveyard.



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BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Jim McNeill was hostess to several guests on Sunday afternoon, July 2, in honor of her son, Blix. The occasion being his 5th birthday. Games were played and refreshments were served to the following: Teenie Dare Perry, Billy Perry, Butch Perry, Marvena Waugh, Carolyn Dodd-drill, Wilma Raye, Vickie Lynn Moore, Ronnie Cleek, Carla and Sharla Gladwell, Berta Lee and Brenda Kellison, Phyllis Rogers, Dorothy Dever, Gene Alden Kellison and Cheryl Mc-

WEDDINGS

Monday night, July 3, at the Marlinton Methodist parsonage, Miss Glenna Sharp, became the bride of Percy E. Moses. Mrs. Moses is a teacher in the Junior High School and a graduate of West Virginia University. Mr. Moses is a local businessman, co-owner of Moses & Meadows.

On Friday evening, July 7, 1950, Miss Mayona Astin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Astin, of Mar-

linton, became the bride of James Lee McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. June McLaughlin, of Huntersville. Miss Helen Astin was maid of honor for her sister, while Eddie Lightner served as best man for the groom.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lem Mullenax, of Boyer, a daughter, Louise Grey.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Broyles, of Marlinton, a son, Donald Ralph.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Beverage, of Marlinton, a daughter, Carol Lee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Lee Tracey, of Mace, a son, Lloyd Lee.



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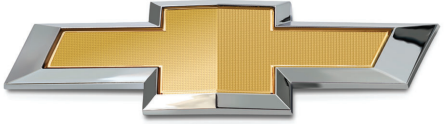
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6740 – Burnsville. One-half lot. – \$8,900

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