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Marlinton mini-park dedicated in memory of Trusler

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Friday was a perfect day for a dedication and memorial in Marlinton. The sky was blue and the temperature was warm for the ceremony at the Roger L. Trusler Memorial Park, formerly known as the First Avenue mini-park.

Trusler was a dedicated Pocahontas countian who spent his life ensuring that students here got the best education possible, that communities had enrichment and his chosen hometown of Marlinton was the gem at the center of the county.

He was also a member of Marlinton Town Council.

Trusler passed away August 9, 2024. His loss was felt by all and his fellow councilmembers and Mayor Sam Felton knew they had to honor their friend and colleague for all that he had done for Marlinton and Pocahontas County.

Council set to work demolishing the former pavilion and replacing it with a new one. Donations were made by local organizations, businesses and individuals to ensure the park lived up to its namesake. Many volunteer hours went into preparing the site for its dedication on July 31.



TAKING PART IN Friday's ribbon cutting and dedication of the new Roger L. Trusler Memorial Park were, from left: Town of Marlinton Finance Director Star Barlow, Senator Robbie Morris, Brenda Snyder, A.G. Trusler, Senator Bill Hamilton, Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton and Marlinton Town Council member Olivia Dean.

A crowd gathered to honor Trusler's memory and celebrate the park.

Felton opened the dedication with an address about Trusler.

"Roger's legacy of service is what prompted this renewal and the renaming of this facility," he said. "Roger was our fellow council person. His lifelong service was unwavering. His countless contributions to the town of Marlinton and, in fact, the people of Pocahontas County, cannot be overstated.

"Roger believed that every challenge presented a new opportunity," he continued. "May his kindness, leadership and servant's heart continue to inspire all who visit this park."

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First Friday ~ it's a Block Party

Lauren Bennett
Contributing Writer

Summer may be winding down but the fun's not over yet! Bring the family to the First Friday Block Party Friday, August 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Discovery Junction in Marlinton.

Hosted by the Pocahontas County Family Support Center and Family Resource Network, the event will feature giant inflatables, free food and door prizes.

DJ Brandon Kerr will be rockin' the stage with plenty of party tunes.

As always, the First Friday event will include the farmers market and other activities provided by community businesses and organizations.

The block party is made possible by many community partners and private donors, along with the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County Drama, Fairs and Festivals and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Don't miss out on some free family fun time!

Wilfong Farms opens new store

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Charles and Michelle Wilfong have been selling their farm-fresh meats from their home and farm in Dunmore for years, but it got to a point where it was hard to have set hours for customers, added to the fact that the farm is a little out of the way.

The couple was brainstorming what to do when they realized they had the perfect location and building waiting for them at their Corn Maze site near Cass.

Several years ago, the Wilfongs added a pavilion and small shop for concessions to CW's Corn Maze and since the building was only used for a couple months out of the year, it was ready to become a more permanent store.

In July, Wilfong Farms Meats and More opened its doors and has been serving meats, produce and locally sourced items to the community.



WILFONG FARMS MEATS and More on Cass Road near Cass opened in July. Owned by Charles and Michelle Wilfong, the store is located at CW's Corn Maze. Products available include meats, produce, honey, maple syrup, knick knacks and more. CW's Corn Maze will open in September. *S. Stewart photo*

"We have maple syrup from Steven and Sarah Simmons, Nathan and Erin Rittenhouse supply us with lettuce and honey," Michelle said. "I've partnered with Alex Smith. She is actually the extension agent in Hardy County. She supplied us with goat milk soap and lotions. I partnered with another person for the elderberry syrup."

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Meet Your County Honor Corps

Rudy Marrijo,
of Green Bank
Age , 71

Honor Corps Duty – Flag Bearer
Conflict – Vietnam
Entered Service – US Army, August 1972
Initial Training – Fort Ord, August 1972
Primary Occupation – Avionics Communication Equipment Repair/Ground-Air Traffic Control Navigational Aids Equipment Repairman
Follow on Training – Fort Gordon, Georgia
Assignment(s) – 704th Maintenance Battalion, Co. 29, Co. Transportation, Germany; U. S. Army Communications Command, Fort Ord, California and Hawaii
Discharge Rank – SPEC 5
Discharge Date – August 1980
Honor Corps Member Since – 2026





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August tourism update from the CVB director

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

"August is a wonderful time to explore Pocahontas County," Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Chelsea Faulknier said. "With summer still in full swing, it's the perfect opportunity for both visitors and locals to get out and experience Nature's Mountain Playground. As we begin looking ahead to fall, there's still plenty of time to soak in all that summer has to offer here in the mountains. Along with endless opportunities to get outdoors, the next few months are packed with festivals and family-friendly events. Whether you're looking for live music, local festivals, or outdoor adventures, there's something for everyone. Be sure to visit PocahontasCountyWV.com to view our calendar of upcoming events happening throughout the county."

"Of course, hiking, biking, and outdoor recreation continue to be some of the biggest reasons visitors choose Pocahontas County. From exploring the Monongahela National Forest and enjoying scenic drives or motorcycle tours, to mountain biking, stargazing in our International Dark Sky Parks, and discovering our one-of-a-kind attractions, this is the perfect time of year to retreat, unplug, and reconnect with nature.

"Marlinton and Durbin are two of the twelve gateway communities that make up the Mon Forest Towns Partnership, and we're incredibly grateful to be part of a regional collaboration that's investing in projects like these. Together, these efforts are creating new outdoor experiences, strengthening our communities and making it even easier for residents and visitors alike to explore the Monongahela National Forest.

"There's also an exciting new project led by Emma Crow-Willard, and Generation West Virginia's New-Force Insights program, who are leading the charge on data and research surrounding the Allegheny Trail to better understand the economic impact of the trail and adjacent communities it passes by or through. Originally from Colorado, Emma worked as a planetary scientist with NASA before building a career in documentary filmmaking and science

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Near record-breaking year for Unclaimed Property returns

State Treasurer Larry Pack has announced that the Unclaimed Property Division of his office has returned nearly $40.2 million worth of unclaimed property funds to individuals, businesses and organizations over the last fiscal year.

"Our team remains committed to ensuring West Virginians are reconnected with their lost unclaimed property funds, and this fiscal year was no different," Pack said. "While more than $40 million was returned, there is still much more in our system that needs to go back into the pockets of our citizens. We're proud to present checks to individuals, businesses, municipalities, and law enforcement agencies who can then use the money to benefit their communities. We encourage more people to check our online database because you never know if you'll find unclaimed property money in your name."

During Fiscal Year 2026, which started July 1, 2025, and ended June 30, 2026, the Unclaimed Property Division returned a total of $40,168,816.26, nearing the previous record of $40.6 million set during the prior fiscal year.

Claims Paid in the Last Five Years:

- FY 2026: $40.2 million
- FY 2025: $40.6 million
- FY 2024: $28 million
- FY 2023: $26.8 million
- FY 2022: $18.6 million

The nearly $40.2 million during Fiscal Year 2026 was paid out across 25,407 claims representing 95,760 properties including individuals, businesses and other organizations.

Since it began in 1967, the Unclaimed Property program has returned more than $388 million to rightful owners.

The State Treasurer's Office now has more than $529 million worth of listings in its database.

For more information about the unclaimed property program or to find out if the Office is holding any money for you or your family, visit www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov

How Can I Find Unclaimed Property in My Name?

West Virginians searching for lost financial assets can go to www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov

In addition to finding property, the website will also help you track a claim.

A demonstration of how to use the Unclaimed Property search site is available on the Treasury's YouTube page, at: https://youtu.be/K09yQ7YNKlE

To search for lost financial assets outside West Virginia, visit www.MissingMoney.com

Cyclosporiasis in West Virginia, latest facts

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The West Virginia Department of Health's Office of Epidemiology has been investigating the recent outbreak of cyclosporiasis, and how it has affected this state. As of July 28, there have been 245 documented cases of cyclosporiasis in West Virginia, which have resulted in 19 hospitalizations, but no deaths.

Cyclosporiasis is an intestinal illness caused by the cyclospora parasite that can be present on fruits and vegetables that have not been thoroughly washed – especially lettuce which is difficult to thoroughly wash. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC,) it takes one to two weeks in the environment outside the body for the cyclospora parasite to become infectious, therefore, person-to-person transmission is unlikely.

Common symptoms of cyclosporiasis include explosive watery diarrhea, loss of appetite, stomach cramps, nausea, fatigue and weight loss. Symptoms typically begin about one to two weeks after exposure and can persist for several weeks if left untreated.

As a precaution, consumers should avoid eating shredded iceberg lettuce served at Taco Bell locations, since the CDC has reported a large number of people from nine states (including West Virginia) who were infected with the cyclospora parasite, ate lettuce at a Taco Bell in the two weeks prior to their illness.

On July 17, Taylor Farms recalled their iceberg lettuce which is imported from Mexico. This includes their Marketside brand sold at Walmart, since some of it has tested positive for the cyclospora parasite. The CDC has advised the public to not eat any of the recalled lettuce and to wash any items such as plates, food utensils etc.

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Circuit Court

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

Isaiah Bennett, 20, of Buckeye, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for a hearing on motion to reinstate bond. Bennett asked for reinstatement with the condition of home confinement at his grandmother's residence. The State objected to the specific residence. Bennett's bond was reinstated with the special terms and condition that upon release he shall immediately participate in a treatment program and will be transported to the same. If he completes the program, he may then return to his grandmother's residence subject to all terms and conditions of his bond, except "no contact" condition.

A pre-trial hearing was held in the case the State vs Travis Rider, 34, of Marlinton, wherein the court directed the clerk to pull 40 jurors for the trial. Rider was indicted on one count, attempt to commit a felony; one count, trespassing; and one count, harassment.

A hearing to revoke bond was held in the case the State vs Jesse Glen Feury, 35, of Marlinton, wherein a capias was ordered as the defendant was not present. Following the hearing, Feury called to say he was five minutes away from the courthouse and the hearing resumed. The capias was withdrawn. Feury admitted to the allegations in the petition to revoke bond and he was sentenced to the original determinate sentence of four months in the regional jail with 11 days credit for time served. He was remanded to custody.

Jason Powell, 20, of Hillsboro, did not appear for his scheduled competency evaluation. The State asked that the defendant be incarcerated to proceed with the evaluation. The matter is set for September 24. Powell was indicted on one count, strangulation.

Charles Robert Calhoun, 40, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the TVRJ. He is under federal custody, and the state relates he is considering a plea. Calhoun indicated that he signed a federal plea the day before this hearing. The Court, for good cause, continued this matter into the next term of court.

The Court found that Christina Mae Giese, 44, of Arbovale, violated the terms and conditions of drug court and terminated her from the program. The probation department is to prepare a presentence investigation report. Adjudication is set for September 3.

Robert A. Jordan, 24, of Marlinton, waived his right to an extradition hearing, and is willing to return to Highland County, Virginia. Authorities from Virginia are to pick up the defendant within 10 days. The Court denied bond for the 10-day period.

Magistrate Court

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

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

Dakota W. Arbogast, 30, of Durbin, entered a guilty plea agreement July 8 on a charge of domestic assault. Arbogast was sentenced to six months suspended jail, placed on six months of unsupervised probation and assessed $181.48 in court costs and fines.

David Wayne Doyle, 53, of St. Mary's, entered a guilty plea agreement July 27 to a charge of conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor against the state. Doyle was sentenced to 90 days jail and assessed $181.48 in court costs and fines.

Cole Alexander Edmond, 32, of Dailey, entered a guilty plea agreement July 27 to a charge of conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor against the state. Edmond was sentenced to 90 days jail and assessed $181.48 in court costs and fines.

Nathan D. Looney, 52, of Olathe, Kansas, pleaded no contest July 23 to a charge of improper use of evidence of registration. Looney was assessed $201.48 in court costs and fines.

Michael P. Mullins, 37, of Ghent, pleaded no contest July 20 to charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and leaving the scene of an accident, causing vehicle damage. Mullins was assessed $482.96 in court costs and fines.

Kristopher Nutter, 47, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest to charges of improper use of evidence of registration and failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance. Nutter was assessed $582.96 in court costs and fines.

Sean Grey Pennington, 32, of Marlinton, entered a guilty plea agreement July 27 to a charge of driving while suspended or revoked for DUI. Pennington was placed on six months home confinement and assessed $1,181.49 in court costs and fines.

Jerry Lee Simonin, 35, of Arbovale, pleaded guilty July 21 to a charge of resident fishing without license. Simonin was assessed $201.48 in court costs and fines.

Jan K. Skellion, 72, of Buckeye, pleaded no contest July 23 to a charge of passing in a no passing zone. Skellion was assessed $201.48 in court costs and fines.

Brenya J. Beverly, 40, of Charleston, pleaded no contest July 13 to a charge of left of center in no passing zone. Beverly was assessed $206.01 in court costs and fines.

Dale A. Leeson, 61, of Daleville, Virginia, pleaded guilty July 8 to a charge of speeding. Leeson was assessed $206.01 in court costs and fines.

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Correction-

In last week's edition of *The Pocahontas Times,* David Gibb, who was hired by the Pocahontas County Board of Education as teacher of behavior support at Hillsboro Elementary School, for the 2026-2027 school year was misidentified as David Bibb.



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Reason and Romanticism

by Joe Miller

I started Catherynne Valente's 2015 novel "Radiance" for the third time. This might be the time I finish it.

In my previous attempts, I've just sort of lost interest partway through. I don't find any of the characters particularly compelling and I don't care all that much about the plot.

Life is too short to read uninteresting books. I start and then abandon at least a half dozen novels every year.

"Radiance" is the only one I keep trying to read.

I keep coming back to "Radiance" for the prose. It is mesmerizing.

You probably won't be surprised to hear that I think in words. I have a sort of running monologue in my head – I process the world in sentence format.

My internal monologue has a voice that sounds – well, frankly, it sounds a lot like this column. I do sometimes adopt different voices for other types of writing. My academic writing, for example, doesn't sound very much like this column. I've ghostwritten things for other people using their voice.

But my default, nonfiction prose style sounds like my inner monologue.

When I spend a half hour or so reading "Radiance" my inner monologue starts to sound like Valente's prose. My thoughts take on the rhythm of her prose; the sentences in my head begin to sound like the sentences in Valente's novel.

It's an exceedingly strange experience, not unpleasant, but also like I'm not fully in control of my own voice. Here's the opening paragraph from "Radiance's" prologue:

"Come forward. Come in from the summer heat and the flies. Come in from that assault on all senses, that pummeling of rod and cone and drum and cilia. Come in from the great spotlight of the sun, sweeping across the white sands, making everyone, and therefore no one, a star. Come inside and meet the prologue."

It's a beautiful piece of prose. It carries on for another 400 pages.

Thinking in someone else's voice is a topic that's been very much on my mind recently. Indeed, that's why I embarked on my latest attempt at "Radiance."

I'm trying to figure out how to sound like different people.

I've been cast in a medium-sized role in the Pocahontas County Drama Workshop's upcoming production of "Catch Me If You Can." I don't have much background in acting – this will be just my second role ever – so figuring out how to embody a person whose experiences are foreign to me and who speaks in words that are not mine is new territory.

My undergraduate advisor described Thomas Carlyle, the Victorian essayist and historian, as a "prose poet." I didn't fully understand what that meant at the time. Victorian writing was too unfamiliar for me to understand how Carlyle's prose differed from other writers.

It was only after years of reading and studying Victorian philosophy and literature that I began to appreciate the poetic nature of Carlyle's prose.

You can't really understand someone's voice without first understanding the context in which they are operating.

I'm applying that same lesson to my acting. Over the next few weeks, I'll be immersing myself in "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," "Mad Men" and "The Bells of St. Mary's." If you want to understand why those references, you'll have to check out the play in September.

When I'm not running lines (or writing this column or doing the information architecture work that pays the bills), you'll find me working on a piece of experimental fiction.

The scaffolding for that piece is a revision to an academic journal article that explores the philosophical implications of a (made up) series of science fiction novels. In the years between the first publication of the article and the revision, the author of those science fiction novels has gone on to do terrible things in the real world.

The real story takes place in the footnotes, where our fictional scholar slowly realizes that his initial interpretation completely missed a series of clues that telegraphed the author's future misdeeds.

It's a project that requires writing in three different voices: the academic prose of the article itself, the more informal voice of that work's footnotes and excerpts from the science fiction novels our scholar is analyzing.

There's a thrill in taking on someone else's voice, whether it's one I've created myself, one I'm interpreting for an audience or one that is thrust upon me in the quiet of my office.

It's also exhausting. And a little dangerous, particularly when the voices in question belong to unsavory characters. Extreme method actors have sustained actual physical and mental trauma after spending months immersed in dark roles.

Of course, that extreme version involves spending 12+ hours per day in character. We're volunteers practicing six hours a week at the Pocahontas County Opera House.

Still, I'm enjoying my summer of thinking in other people's voices.

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BRINGING THE CHARACTERS of "Catch Me If You Can" to life on the Pocahontas County Opera Stage are, seated, from left: Rachel Fanning and Ashley Ritter. Standing, from left: Chris Curry, Joe Miller, James Spangler and Nathan Dameron.

Drama Workshop in rehearsal mode with full cast of characters

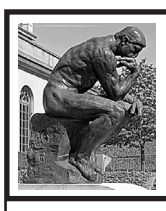
Margaret Baker
Contributing Writer

The Pocahontas County Drama Workshop is gearing up for this Fall's production of "Catch Me If You Can" under the direction of Jeff Marcum. A cast has been selected and rehearsals are underway.

Nathan Dameron takes the lead as Daniel Corban, a newlywed with a missing wife who tries to maintain his sanity while a zany roller coaster of accusations fly his way. Chris Curry will assume the role of Inspector Levine, an overworked police detective who must decide if there has been a crime committed before he can begin to solve it. Joe Miller will portray Father Kelleher, a priest who aims to keep the peace while being drawn further and further into a conspiracy. Veteran actress Rachel Fanning will step into the high heeled pumps of Elizabeth Corban who stands to inherit a fortune if she can stay ahead of an elaborate con. Newcomer Ashley Ritter joins the cast as Mrs. Parker, a character who helps twist the plot as only a hapless bimbo can. Rounding out the cast will be James Spangler, also new to the Drama Workshop. James will portray Sidney, a man who delivers sandwiches and bites off more than he can chew.

"Catch Me If You Can" will be performed at the Pocahontas County Opera House Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, September 13, at 2 p.m.

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

1. On which day of the week does the Jewish Sabbath begin?
2. Which country has the highest life expectancy as of 2026?
3. In which country would you find Mount Kilimanjaro?
4. Can you name the five Great Lakes?

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

In honor of a Legacy of Service, the refurbishment and renaming of the former mini-park on First Avenue was done in honor of a friend to Marlinton and Pocahontas County.

Last Friday, Roger Trusler's brother, A.G. Trusler, made the opening remarks. Senators Hamilton and Morris spoke next and were followed by additional remarks from others in attendance. The former mini-park will now be known as The Roger L. Trusler Memorial Park.

Family and friends of Roger's came from Buckhannon and Upshur County for the dedication, which was attended by approximately 65 people and made possible through the generous support of the following donors; The A.G. Trusler family, The Snowshoe Foundation, Senator Bill Hamilton, Senator Robbie Morris, The Pocahontas Retired Teachers Association, The Marlinton Lions Club. Individuals Jay Knicely, Jonelle Lowe, Earl Michael, Sandra Thacker, and a list of volunteers who donated time and talent to the project. Each is listed on a plaque at the new pavilion site.

The dedication was blessed with a perfect weather day, and the newly planted shrubbery provided the perfect finishing touch.

Together, the ceremony, the gathering of family and friends, and the finishing touches to the park made the dedication a fitting tribute to Roger L. Trusler.

May Roger's kindness, compassion for community, and servant's heart continue to inspire all who visit the park.



MARLINTON MAYOR SAM Felton, right, presents a plaque to A. G. Trusler at the dedication of the Roger L. Trusler Memorial Park last Friday. The plaque commemorates the event and honors Roger's dedication and contributions to Marlinton and Pocahontas County. *S. Stewart photo*

Making a difference, one story at a time

Emmalee Dean
Community Coordinator

As we come to a close, with the walls becoming bare and the rooms growing quiet, we want to take a moment to reflect on a summer filled with laughter, learning, creativity and connection through Pocahontas County Energy Express.

For the past six weeks, children from our community gathered each morning at Marlinton Elementary School for a summer full of meaningful experiences centered around literacy, creativity and building relationships.

Energy Express is a WVU Extension AmeriCorps program designed to strengthen reading skills while providing children with opportunities to learn, explore and grow in a safe and supportive environment.

Each week, throughout the summer, focused on a different theme that encouraged children to think about themselves and the world around them.

We started with Myself Week, celebrating what makes each child unique, followed by Family Week, Friends Week, Homeplace Week, Community Week and, finally, Making My World a Better Place Week. Each theme gave our students the opportunity to connect books, conversa-

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Letter to the Editor

Editor,

I keep pinching myself hoping I will wake up but all I get are bruises and the realization that the world has descended into insanity. This is happening in multiple areas, let's look at the Democratic Party which is slowly being taken over by the Democratic Socialist Wing, i.e. Communists. Most members of the Democratic Machine except for a handful of elected Democrats are welcoming this group of childish radicals to their "big circus" tent, willing to support anything that lets them win.

Let's consider the official platform of this group. Some of the things they advocate for are: Medicare and housing for everyone; cancelling all student debt; free higher education; ending cash bail; mass incarceration; amnesty for all immigrants; abolishing ICE; opening the borders; extending voting rights to noncitizens and felons; abolishing the U.S. Senate; replacing the President and Supreme Court with an executive and judiciary chosen by the House; public ownership of major corporations and essential industries; implementing proportional representation; ranked-choice voting in all elections; doing away with the electoral college; ending U.S. military aid and overseas bases; and defunding the department.

So how are they going to pay for all of this, by taxing the rich out of existence? Well, this all sounds great if you are clueless or live in an academic bubble of self-reinforcing wishful thinking where you never had a job in the real world and believe that you can change human nature. If you are in favor of these ideas, I suggest you look at examples of how these ideas have worked in the past and present. Let's consider taxing the rich. To begin with, the rich in this country pay a significant % of total taxes paid. In 2023 the top 5% of earners collectively paid nearly $1.3 trillion in income taxes, or about 60% of the national total. But the socialists would say they can pay more. What happens in the real world when you squeeze the stone too hard for more money. It is not the 1950s with no options, capital now moves.

Several countries have tried or are currently trying this approach, it has always failed, France, Britain and Norway being a few examples.

We also see this on a smaller scale with Seattle, New York and California driving out their tax bases.

Let's look at another case study, Venezuela was once a country with a high standard of living and GDP rivaling many first world countries until they went full socialist. This utopia got so bad that over 8 million fled and starvation became a problem for the average citizen.

Our system to include Trump and the Republican Party are far from perfect, but few things in the real world are. A political class that gets elected for life and makes this their priority, along with a massive tax code full of loopholes

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What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Garden Pasta

1-2 tsp. olive oil
2 medium zucchinis, sliced
2 cups broccoli florets
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 medium tomatoes, coarsely chopped
1 Tbsp. fresh basil, minced or 1 tsp dried
1 Tbsp. minced fresh oregano or 1 tsp. dried
1/2 tsp. dried rosemary
6 oz. angel hair pasta
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Freshly ground pepper, to taste

Heat the oil in a large, non-stick skillet. Add the zucchini, broccoli and garlic; cook, stirring as needed, until tender crisp, about five minutes. Add tomatoes, basil, oregano, and rosemary; cook, stirring as needed, until the tomatoes are softened, about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta, according to package directions. Drain, reserving 1/4 cup of the pasta water. Place the pasta in a serving bowl. Add the vegetable mixture, cheese and reserved pasta water; toss to combine. Serve, sprinkled with the pepper, if desired.

Zucchini Salad

1/2-pound macaroni, cooked
4 medium tomatoes, blanched, peeled, coarsely chopped
4 medium zucchini, thinly sliced
8 to 10 stuffed green olives, sliced
7 to 8 Tbsp. French dressing

Bring 4 to 6 cups of water to a boil. Cut a small cross in the top of each tomato; plunge into the boiling water for 30 seconds. Carefully remove the skins from the blanched tomatoes with a sharp knife. Coarsely chop the tomatoes. Place in a large serving bowl. Bring the water back to a boil and cook the macaroni for about 10 minutes or till tender yet still firm. Rinse in cold water, drain well. Add the cooked pasta, olives and zucchini to the tomatoes. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Remove from refrigerator. Add the French dressing and mix until all vegetables are coated. Serves 4 -6.

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Marlinton Farmers Market Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the old French's Diner lot on Main Street.

Green Bank Market Wednesdays, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Green Bank/BFD parking lot.

EVENTS

Senior Luncheon Tuesday, August 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Marlinton United Methodist Church. Ages 55 and older. No take-outs.

FREE Community Dinner at Liberty Presbyterian Church in Green Bank, Thursday, August 13, from. 4 to 6 p.m.

Dunmore Community Center Breakfast Buffet Saturday, August 15, 8 to 10 a.m. Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, hash brown potatoes, fruit and more. Great food and great fellowship. $10 per person, ages five and younger eat for free.

REUNIONS

Arick and Zelda Ryder Family (Ryder Reunion) – Saturday, August 8, noon in the big pavilion at Stillwell Park. Covered dish.

Jacob K. and Clarissa Taylor Family – Saturday, August 8, at Dunmore Community Center. Gather at 1 p.m. Lunch at 1:30.

PCHS Class of 1976 50th Year Reunion Saturday, September 26, at Central Union Methodist Community Center at 2521 Brush Country Road, Marlinton. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. for socializing. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. To RSVP or for more information, text or call Sandy Beverage at 540-840-6389.

MEETINGS

Allegheny Post 117 Annual Picnic Saturday, August 8, noon, at Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend. Please bring a side dish to share.

Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee Monday, August 17, 5 p.m. at McClintic Library in Marlinton.

Library Quilters of Marlinton first Monday of each month 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McClintic Library. Everyone welcome.

County Beekeepers meet the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. New members welcome.

WV Prayer Alliance at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton for community prayer. Next meeting August 27.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Little Librarians reading program for the littles and homeschooled kids at Linwood Library Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m. No registration required.

McClintic Budding Bookworms – Thursdays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Linwood Little Librarians – Thursdays 10:30 to noon.

Friday Fun at Durbin Library – Fridays 4 to 5 p.m.

CHURCH NOTICES

Marlinton Presbyterian Church – Bible Study 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs – Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m.

Mt. Olivet Church near Beartown – Worship Sunday 9 a.m.

Grace and Truth Home Fellowship – Sunday, Worship 11 a.m. Tuesday, Prayer 7 p.m. Located in Arbovale. Call Jim at 304-456-3255 for directions.

Marlinton United Methodist Church – Worship at 11 a.m. Parking lot service on 90.3 FM radio or

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FOR THE BEST flavor, harvest broccoli when the flowerhead is full size but before the buds open. *Photo source: www.MelindaMyers.com*

Boost your health and your garden's productivity

by Melinda Myers

Cabbage, broccoli and Brussels sprouts are a few of nature's detoxifiers. Maximize the benefits with proper care, harvesting and a second planting.

Protect existing plantings from caterpillars that eat holes in the leaves of these plants. These worm-like insects are the immature stage of several different moths. Regularly check along the stems and between leaves and destroy any gelatinous eggs and green caterpillars you find. Apply Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki, a naturally occurring soil bacteria, that kills only true caterpillars and is safe for people, pets and wildlife. As always, read and follow label directions for the most effective control.

For future plantings, cover the plants with floating row covers at the time of planting. These fabrics made of polypropylene spun material allow air, light and water through while preventing cabbage worms from laying their eggs on the plants. This means no caterpillars eating holes in the leaves or ending up on your dinner plate.

Loosely cover the planting with the fabric and anchor the edges with boards, pipes, stones, or wickets. Leave enough slack for the plants to grow. The plants support the fabric, so no frames or construction is needed.

Harvest cabbage when the heads are firm and full size. Use a sharp knife to remove just the cabbage head, leaving the lower leaves and roots intact. Four to six new heads will arise from buds around the stem. These smaller heads can reach four or five inches in diameter.

Harvest broccoli when the flowerhead is full size and before buds open for the best flavor. Make the cut about 5 to 6 inches below the head, leaving the rest of the stem intact for sprouts to form. Harvest the sprouts throughout the remainder of the season.

Brussels sprouts take more time to reach a harvestable size. Pinching out the growing tip when the sprouts at the bottom are ½ to ¾ inch in diameter to focus the plant's energy on the existing sprouts for an earlier harvest. Harvest the sprouts when firm and one inch in diameter.

Fill vacant spots in the garden with a mid-summer planting of cabbage and broccoli for a fall harvest. Depending on the length of your season, you can start with seeds or transplants. Check seed packets and plant tags for the number of days from planting to harvest. Compare this to the number of frost-free days left in your growing season to determine when to plant. Fortunately, these plants tolerate and their flavor improves with fall frost temps down to 26° F. When colder temperatures are in the forecast, cover the plants with floating row covers to extend the harvest.

Further increase your garden's productivity by interplanting the cabbage and broccoli with quick maturing radishes, beets and heat tolerant greens. You'll harvest these short season crops at about the time the cabbage and broccoli need the space. Enjoy the abundant harvest and share extras with family, friends and your local food pantry.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" streaming courses and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



'75 Years of Memories in the Mountains'

The Highland County Fair, Virginia's longest-running small county fair, is back for year 75. From Wednesday, September 2 through Saturday, September 5, the fairgrounds in Monterey will come alive with the sights, sounds and flavors of one of the region's most beloved traditions, starting with a 6 p.m. Parade Wednesday, September 2.

In addition, there will be a special one-day free kick-off event that will include a Horse Show, Cruise-In and Jousting, Saturday, August 29, for those who want an extra day of fun outside of the four traditional days.

This year's fair is set to deliver an exciting blend of agricultural showcases, live entertainment, high-energy competitions, and family fun – all packed into a milestone celebration you won't want to miss. Highlights include:

- Valley Amusement Rides each day
- Mutton Bustin, Junior Rodeo and Bull Riding Thursday, September 3.
- Demolition Derby Friday, September 4
- Rabbit Race and Livestock Costume Contest/Obstacle Course Friday, September 4
- Truck, Tractor and Diesel Truck Pull Saturday, September 5
- Dog Show Saturday, September 5
- 4-H & FFA Hog, Goat, Sheep and Beef Livestock Shows and Sale
- Live Music from High Carbon Steel, Gospel Harmony Boys, Jacob Tolliver, The Conner Family, Pains Run, and David King's Elvis Tribute
- Face Painting, Clogging, Kiddie Show, Cornhole Tournament, Stilt Walker, Magic and NEW Drone Shows

The Fair also features exhibits in arts, crafts, horticulture, baking, photography, taxidermy and more, showcasing the talents and traditions of Highland County residents. Nonprofit food vendors, games, and community spirit round out the experience.

This year will feature special historical displays, a commemorative community quilt auction, and free admission to anyone 75 years of age and older.

The Highland County Fair is a collaborative effort of local civic organizations and volunteers, dedicated to celebrating rural heritage and supporting youth development. Admission and vendors are primarily cash-only, and ATMs will be available on-site.

Mark your calendars and bring the whole family—there's something for everyone at the 75th Annual Highland County Fair.

The Highland County Fair is directly supported by the Highland County Chamber of Commerce, Blue Grass Ruritans, Mill Gap Ruritans, Stonewall Ruritans, Bolar Ruritans, and the Monterey Lions Club. The Platinum Sponsors of the 75th Annual Fair are Huffman Trailer Sales and Service and Burke and Herbert Bank.

The Highland County Fair Association, Inc. Operates as a 501(c)(3), supporting charitable, educational, and community enrichment efforts in Highland County through agriculture, the arts, and hands-on learning experiences. For more information, please visit www.highlandcountyfairva.com

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Rt. 39, Huntersville
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Bible Study
Sun. & Wed., 6 p.m.
304-799-4099

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren
Worship 11 a.m.
Thurs. Bible Study • 7 p.m.
304-456-5126
Pine Grove Road, Arbovale

Marlinton First Church of the Nazarene
Rt. 219 North, in Edray
Rev. Donnie Brown
304-799-2525
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Cochran Creek Baptist Church
Rt. 92 - Rimel
Pastor Roger Frame
Sunday School 10 a.m
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Psalms 25:4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

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Bible Study - Book of Luke
Rev. Fred Goldizen

New Hope Brethren Church
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Sunday Worship
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806 Sixth Avenue
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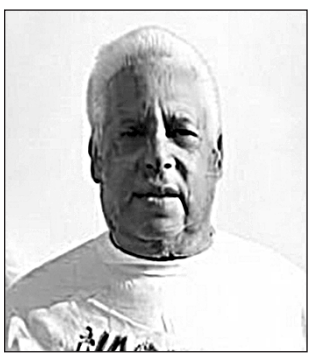


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Obituaries



Lewis Lacy

Lewis Edward "Eddie" Lacy, 79, of Columbus, Ohio, took his heavenly journey Saturday, July 18, 2026.

Born October 9, 1946, in Seebert, he was a son of the late Ruth Frances Lacy.

Eddie was a graduate of Hillsboro High School. He proudly served his country and was a Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Never afraid of work, he had many jobs over the years, including at Denmar Hospital, Brown and Williams in Virginia, and Techni Glass in Ohio.

He was a generous person, always ready to give to anyone in need.

Eddie was married four times and was "Dad" to several stepchildren. He loved and lost several.

Left to mourn his passing are stepchildren, Marlena, Valeria and Robbie; several grandchildren; his sister, Barbara Baldwin, and husband, Gene; two nephews, Charles and Bryan, and many extended family members and friends.

Eddie was one of three Lewis Edwards in the family: Louis Edward Wheeler, his grandmother's brother who passed away in November 1896; and Louis Edward Wheeler, his great-grandfather, who passed away in August 1869.

May Eddie rest in peace in God's care alongside his mother, Ruth, and Grandma Emma.



Hazel McPeak

Hazel Jackson McPeak, 96, of Marlinton, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton. Born September 26, 1929, in Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Oley W. and Hester Wilfong Jackson.

Hazel was a member of Central Union United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School for 40-plus years. She was a 60-plus year member of the order of the Eastern Star #97, and a member of the Extension Homemakers. Hazel was a secretary for Extension Services, worked for the USCS office, and for the First National Bank of Marlinton.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Cleve B. McPeak; sister, Rebecca McLaughlin; and two brothers, Marvin Gray Jackson and Raymond Jackson.

Hazel is survived by her son, Matthew McPeak, and wife, Tammy; grandchildren, Jason McPeak and Trevor McPeak, and fiancée, Kerry Watkins, all of Marlinton; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held 3 p.m. Friday, August 14, 2026, at Central Union United Methodist Church with Pastor Carmen LaRue officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations of sympathy may be made to Central Union United Methodist Church C/O Cheryl Cain 2978 Brush County Road, Marlinton, WV 24954

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Kathyrn Smith

Kathyrn Ann "Kathy" Smith, 75, of Durbin, peacefully died in her sleep Friday, July 31, 2026, after a long illness, fought with courage, laughter and remarkable grace.

A woman of extraordinary beauty, strength and creativity, Kathy was born February 25, 1951, in Glen Cove, New York, and moved to West Virginia in 1988. In 1996, she and her surviving husband, John, envisioned restoring a historic railroad track one tie at a time and ultimately founded the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley RR, Inc. Kathy served as DGVR Vice President and Secretary for 30 years. Her artistry on DGVR signs in Elkins and Durbin, logos on buildings, shirts, hats and locomotives will forever be admired - all stemming from her vibrant, vivid imagination. She loved the railroad and poured her heart into making it the success it has become.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her three children, Alisha Andrews, of Hillsborough, North Carolina, Justin Jesselli, of Brooklyn, New York, and Azlan Jeselli, of Dedham, Massachusetts; and was a very proud grandmother to two grandchildren, Gavin Andrews, Hillsborough, North Carolina, and Emery Jesselli, Dedham, Massachusetts.

Kathy was a warm and welcoming friend to everyone she met.

She wished to be cremated, and her ashes spread on the hillside above the house that she and John built a few miles south of Durbin.

A memorial service will be held at a future date and location TBD.

Hard work and generating passive income

Dr. Glenn Mollette



Glenn Mollette

Creating passive income is lingo that you probably have heard or thought about more than once. Generating an ongoing flow of cash that keeps coming is welcome by most of us. Seminars are often held by different entities explaining their technique for how to build a steady stream of income. All of us need money so it's usually a topic of interest.

Years ago, a friend influenced me to sign up for Amway. He was doing great things and lived well. I signed up. That lasted maybe a month or two. I didn't make any money from it but I admit I gave up quickly. Later, I was influenced by another friend to sign up for a telephone pyramid scheme. Supposedly, people were making money. After about two months, I lost interest. On another occasion, I signed up to sell vitamins. On this occasion someone was reporting about how it helped people with multiple sclerosis. My wife was very sick from the disease, and I was willing to buy or try anything that would help her. The vitamins did not help her, and I gave up on the vitamin business.

The old adage that "if it's too good to be true then it probably is," is accurate most of the time. Occasionally someone wins the lottery and occasionally someone is struck by lightning

When I was 18 years old, I was working for a little country church. My only deacon whose name was Harold Rice said, "Glenn, we are going to enroll you in the annuity program operated by the Annuity Board of our Southern Baptist Convention." Today, it's called Guidestone. "We are going to put six dollars a month into your account," he said. That contribution probably occurred approximately 12 times. I moved on to college. About 13 or 14 years ago I remembered that and called to see if an account like that even existed. The account did and it had grown to $30,000. I was shocked. A year or so later I took the fund out and invested it into an index fund which at that time was Ameritrade and now Schwab. The account has grown to $90,000. Yes, I am talking about over 50 years of growth. The dividends were reinvested every year. The dividends from that little fund today are an ongoing passive income.

The best way for you to develop passive income is to work a job and put some money into an Individual Retirement Account every year. I like a Roth IRA best because once you have paid tax on it and invest it into the Roth then it will generate income that you never have to pay tax on again.

At age 25, if you will start putting $5,000 in a Roth IRA every year until you are 60 your fund could easily total ABOUT $1.2 million. At the young age of 60 that account could easily produce $12,000 or more of income for you. This is really passive income. Then, you can keep working or play golf every day.

Nothing is free and easy, but you don't have to make a huge sum of money to put $5,000 a year into a Roth IRA. You

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You never have to walk alone

By R.A. Mathews



R.A. Mathews

She was dying, of that much I am certain. And she must have been unspeakably thin, her skin hanging from her bones, her eyes and cheeks sunken into her head. Unfortunately, her boy was the same.

The two were alone, for she was a widow. This is a true story.

Was their failing health from a dreaded plague? The time and place will tell you. It was roughly the middle of the ninth century B.C., and the widow lived in the town of Zarephath in Sidon, a country north of Israel. Both nations had suffered from a long, endless drought—no rain and no dew. So, there was no food.

In other words, this widow and her son weren't sick. They were starving.

As the woman gathered sticks at the town gate to build a fire to cook their last meal, a man stepped toward her. I am guessing he was well-fed and healthy. You'll see why.

"Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" he asked her. "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

It must have stopped the woman. She was dying from unspeakable hunger. Clearly, this man hadn't read the room, as they say.

I'll show you how her situation ends, but first let me tell you the story behind the story. The Bible doesn't spell this out, but God held back the rain from His people and those in Sidon for a specific reason.

It seems Ahab, the king of Israel, had married the king of Sidon's daughter. When she brought her god to Israel, the Israelites turned on the Lord and followed Sidon's god. Pay attention. That was Baal, the god of rain.

The Lord brought drought to show that He created rain. And God made sure Ahab knew it. Here's what happened.

"Elijah said to Ahab, 'As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.'

"Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: 'Leave here, turn eastward and hide…

"So, he did what the Lord had told him… [and] the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

"Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him: 'Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.'" (I Kings 17:1-10, NASB)

But the Lord hadn't yet spoken to her, as you will see.

"So, [Elijah] went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, 'Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?' As she was going to get it, he called, 'And bring me, please, a piece of bread.'

"'As surely as the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I don't have any bread – only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it – and die.'

"Elijah said to her, 'Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me … and then make something for yourself and your son.'" (I Kings 17:11-13, NASB)

Elijah knew the Lord had not yet spoken to her, so he continued. "'For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'" (I Kings 17:14, NASB)

This woman didn't worship God. Remember, she

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Our family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the Celebration of Life for Thomas E. Moore and to those who kept us in their thoughts and prayers.

Due to severe weather, we were forced to change the service time on short notice. Unfortunately, we were unable to reach everyone with the updated information. We sincerely apologize to those who arrived at the original time or were unable to attend because they were unaware of the change.

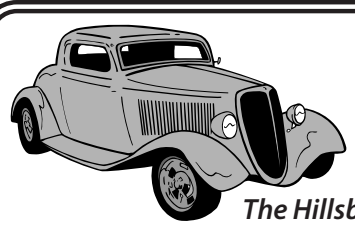
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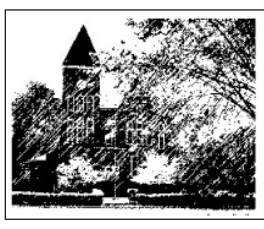
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Walker's Store in Hillsboro – circa 1918



INTERIOR OF WALKER'S Store in Hillsboro, West Virginia. Pictured left to right: Okey L. Kinnison, William T. Walker, Archie F. Walker, and Milton Vaughan. Prior to the Walkers, the store was owned by Edwin Beard, A. C. Stillwell, and Bill Good. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection, Courtesy of the late Archie F. Walker; ID: PHS002281)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, August 9, 1951

Edden Hammonds, the mountain music man, from off Grassy Creek in Webster County, was in town last Friday. He is holding his own well, in spite of years advancing toward the four-score mark. Two years ago, he lost an eye from a flying chip when chopping wood. Some years since, Mr. Hammonds was called to the university to record the many fiddle tunes he knows.

FIELD NOTES

The books keep on saying the timber rattlesnake of these Endless Mountains is limited to a length of four feet. I am still holding out that sometimes they go to five and even six feet. I am looking around for to measure a really big one. Rattlers are averaging a large size this season, but four feet had been the largest reported until the other day.

Some weeks since, Mrs. Dewey Hicks, of Mountain Grove, was driving over Back Creek Mountain. Ahead, across the road, stretched an immense snake. It was so big and black and long, it could be only the largest of black snakes.

The lady speeded up her car a bit and as the front wheels passed over the snake, she applied the brake to skid the rear wheels. This usually puts the finishing touches to the biggest of snakes. In this instance, the snake came out from under the sliding wheels fighting mad. He was the biggest of rattlers and too strong and tough to have his life ground out by any mere automobile. Trucks and bulldozers were his size. Mrs. Hicks finished the fighting rattler by hand - no stick, but plenty of stones. This rattlesnake was more than five feet long and big in proportion.

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Ernest White, Jr., of Minnehaha Springs, shot a red fox last Friday morning. It was a female with kits. Some weeks before, the dog fox was killed. The report is, there is little rabbit sign around the White farm – too many foxes.

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A big varmint has been seen in the Woodrow community by a number of the neighbors. Some say wolf and some say panther. Clyde Woods got a good look at the varmint in the light of his automobile. It was brindle in color. He says it looked like a wolf; he is sure it was not a dog. Deer are reported in unusual numbers around the fields. The presence of the varmint may have to do with deer coming out of the woods.

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Mrs. Daisy Ramsey answers the question about raising wild rabbits by hand. With proper care, it can be done. On the Ramsey farm, a mother rabbit was run over and killed. Her nest was known and her little ones taught to drink milk. The rabbits are growing rapidly and eat clover heartily.

BOY SCOUTS

Scout Master Robert Jones and Assistant Scout Master Allan Young have the following 29 Scouts at Camp Clifton McClintic this week: Eldridge, Lewis and Norval Waugh; Basil P. and John C. Sharp; Jimmy McComb, Danny Cooper, Eddie Seagraves, Johnny Shelton, Letcher O. Simmons, Gene and Roger Pryor; Larry, Fred and Tommy Burns; Steve Smith, John Young, Dan Harper, Mike Moses, Fred and Tom Biggs; Eddie Sparks, Kenneth Hamrick, Everett Ray Sharp, Kelly Mason, Bill Davis, Dwain Wilcox, Teddy McClure, Charles Johnson.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hansford honored their son, Denny Lee, with a birthday party at their home August 3, 1951.

Those attending were Benny Gay, Nicky McLaughlin, Larry Davis, Dinah Astin, Cora Roman, Dale Hollandsworth, Wayne Liptrap, Brenda and Linda Dearing and Delores Jean Hansford. Mesdames Lee

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, August 5, 1926

In Daniel Webster's day and time, about 90 percent of the nation were farmers, and he paid his respects to them as follows:

"Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of a man. Man may be civilized in some degree without great progress in manufactures and little commerce with his distant neighbors. But without the cultivation of the earth, he is in all countries a savage. Until he gives up the chase, and fixes himself in some place, and seeks a living from the earth, he is a roaming barbarian. When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of civilization."

I think that he might have gone further and said that they are the foundation stones of civilization and that the continuation of the country depends upon them. Their country's pride, when once destroyed, can never be supplied.

HOMECOMING DAY

Everybody who ever lived in Pocahontas County is cordially invited to return to the county at Fair time and meet old friends. This is one of the especial features of our Fair.

Remember and bring something to the Old Time Exhibit at the Fair, and especially any old-time crockery ware. We want to make a specialty of these crocks, jars, pitchers or any old-time dish. Notify Calvin Price or T.S. McNeel. They will be carefully taken care of and returned.

Every old soldier of the Civil War, either Union or Confederate, is invited to attend the Fair as guests of the Fair Company.

HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN IS ON

The campaign to raise funds for Pocahontas County Memorial Hospital began last Thursday night with a dinner in the Agricultural Hall at the Pocahontas Fairground. More than 150 people partook of the banquet. County Chairman Fred C. Allen presided, and speeches were made by Allen P. Edgar, F. M. Sydenstricker, Ira Brill and J. A. Sydenstricker.

LETTER

Dear Sir;

Please allow space in your paper in which to reply to an article that appeared in the Marlinton Journal, under date of July 28, 1926, with reference to an accident which happened near Frost, in which a cow belonging to E. G. Sharp was injured by an auto, the writer of the article which was printed in the Journal failed to sign his name to the same, but inasmuch as he starts off his article by saying that the driver of the car that hit the cow was in an intoxicated condition, I wish just to stick a pin there and say that is falsehood.

No. 1, the driver of the car, who was Allen Galford, of Cass, was not in an intoxicated condition, as can be easily proven by numerous witnesses, and the writer says that the cow was standing in the side ditch, leaving 18 feet of road for anyone to pass. That is a falsehood.

No. 2, the cow was walking about the center of the road, and Galford cut off his gas and decreased the speed of his car, and the cow turned as though she was going to the left side of the road, and Galford put on the gas to go by on the right side of the road, which is the side required of him by the road law, and when within a few feet of the cow, the cow suddenly wheeled to the right, and directly in front of the car. Galford immediately applied his brakes and skidded into the cow, striking her almost broadside, and not in the rear as was formerly reported in an issue of the paper. …

Now, the reason I am replying to the article printed in the Marlinton Journal is this, I was driving directly behind Mr. Galford when he had the accident, myself and the five passengers that were with me in my car saw the accident just as I have stated it and inasmuch as I stopped my car and was assisting Mr. Galford and others to tie his wrecked car to a truck so as to haul same to a garage for repairs and while doing so quite a number of cars passed by and from some unknown cause, the report got circulated that I was the man that had run into the cow, and as the writer of the article in last week's issue of the Journal, emphasizes the statement that the driver of the car that hit the cow was intoxicated, those who are not made acquainted with the facts may get the impression that I was under the influence of intoxicating drink.

Yours very truly,
J. B. Sutton,
Justice of the Peace

Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, August 5, 1976

INDIAN DANCING COMPETITION

Buckskin Scout Reservation will have Statewide Indian Dancing Competition Saturday night.

The dances will be held in the center of the open field near the Trading Post, easily accessible.

See team dancing and individual dancing, old style, straight dancing, Oklahoma, Southern, feather dancing. There will be costume awards.

There will be about 200 Scouts attending the EC-6B Conclave.

Those attending the competition will come from Bluefield, Wheeling, Huntington, Parkersburg, Fairmont, Clarksburg, Buckhannon, Charleston, and other places around the state.

There will also be social dancing and other entertainment.

All day Saturday, there will be displays of Indian costumes, ceremonial dress, war bonnets, pictures of various tribal members, etc.

APPROACHING WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Hiner, of Marlinton, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Lynette Kay, to Michael Linn Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Anderson, of Marlinton.

REMINISCING

Hi, this is Frank Colson, Tony's older brother, sons of Louis and Lena Colson.

Jane, when I get your newspaper, The Pocahontas Times, and read up on those tales of the past that many people remember and are telling you about, it brings back memories, tears to my eyes and sadness to my heart, Ah, where have all the years gone?

It's been so long ago that my memory is fading away of my wonderful childhood days in Marlinton. I guess those young years are the most wonderful and important years of our lives.

I remember faintly of going to grade school across the street from my house on Court Street near the Methodist Church...

I remember several times a group of us kids would go to Stillwell on Sunday with sling shots (gravel shooters is what we called them) and battle with the kids from Stillwell. That's when the old sawmill was located there, they used to have stacks or piles of lumber about twenty feet high with small rail tracks running out to the end. We would spend all day running, jumping, playing hide and seek and battling a Stillwell gang.

Jim McGraw would probably remember about those good old days. I spent many a day picking blackberries, hunting lizards, sassafras roots or fishing up and down Knapps Creek with Jim. I felt like Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer with Jim when we did things together. The truth is we used to make Jim McGraw bat left-handed when we played baseball because he was so much better than the rest of us.

In winter we would sled ride on Stillwell Road. We would come shooting down the road with our homemade chargers out onto Knapps Creek which would be frozen over...

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Price Brothers

Thursday, August 8, 1901

A new war seems to have broken out between the French and the Moors in Northern Africa and a bloody battle was fought last week.

Bernard Slaven put a tin roof on Capt. J. C. Gay's house on Elk last week. This is one of the largest dwellings in Pocahontas County, if not the very largest.

One of Marlinton's prosperous citizens has put up such a large double porch that some future visitor will remark what a nice house has been built to that porch.

Quite a wagon train passed Marlinton Thursday freighted with supplies for Smith & Whiting's camp. Work in these camps is being resumed vigorously.

One of the best-bred flocks of sheep in the county is to be sold at the Administrator of H. H. McClintic's sale at Beaver Dam.

What might have been a serious accident was narrowly averted last Sunday, when Miss Mabel Bird fell from a spring wagon on the Stony Creek Road and was dragged several yards before the team could be stopped.

On July 27, a Hungarian couple was married at McKeesport, Penn. The Hungarian custom is that the gentlemen guests pay well to dance with the bride. In this case, it was a dollar per dance. The dancing was kept up from Saturday to early Monday morning. During the 95th round, the bride fell exhausted and died Monday evening, having danced in $94 in less than 48 hours.

A newlywed editor and a confirmed old bachelor editor have had an editorial scrap to this effect. The newly married one inquires: "What is the difference between a honeycomb, a honeymoon and a pretty girl?" The bachelor replies, "a honeycomb is a small cell, a honeymoon is a sell, and a pretty girl is damsel."

There is a levelheaded doctor at Parsons, if it be true, that a young man after receiving a prescription for nervous trouble and promising to pay for it very soon, asked the doctor to lend him money to pay the druggist to fill the prescription. The doctor thereupon tore up the prescription and gave it as his opinion that a nerve tonic was not needed on such premises.

GREEN BANK

We had a fine rain last Sunday evening which was badly needed for corn had begun to curl up on account of the two weeks' drouth. The corn crop bids fair to be fine, but wheat is light. Hay is good where not injured by worms.

J. H. Curry is expecting the smallpox any time, having had a chance. He has been vaccinated twice and thinks he does not want to be again. Anyone having smallpox should stay at home.

Our farmers are mowing their grass which is a fine crop this season and we are having fine weather for the business, but our roads – we have none! Just water gutters where we once had roads. No work being done.

Died, July 26, 1901, in Durbin, a child of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Kerr, aged about 2 years. Rev. J. W. McNeil preached the funeral Saturday at the church near Traveler's Repose, after which the remains were interred in the cemetery near the church to await the resurrection morning.

FROM THE PACIFIC COAST

Messrs. Editors,

Through the kindness of a friend, I have received several copies of your paper, and its perusal has awakened me to a reminiscent mood which has issued into a desire to write to you, and through you to such of the friends of my boyhood as may yet be living, and as may remember the writer.

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Rogers/Kellison Family Reunion

Linda Burgess

The 49th annual Rogers/Kellison Family Reunion was held at Ambassadors for Christ Campground July 18 and 19.

The family met at noon Saturday and spent the afternoon visiting and catching up on all the news of the past year.

We had an evening meal and afterward there was a talent show by the very talented Iris Krack and Elizabeth Sharp.

The annual auction was also held that evening. Gary Sharp, assisted by his grandson, Conner, conducted the auction of the many unique and handmade items donated by family members.

There was a short business meeting Sunday with Susie Workman McCree presiding.

Special recognition was given and a dollar coin was presented to the following:

Oldest person in attendance: Phyllis Barnett

Youngest person: Asher Hanson.

Traveled the farthest: Carol and Craig and Steve and Jen, from Suwanee, Georgia.

Graduates this year: Henry Fessler, high school; Will Foster, college (WVU)

Birthdays: 70 years young this year – Bill Barnett, Marie Sharp, Susie McCree, Gary Sharp and Dee Jackson.

80 years young this year – Lloyd Burgess.



GARY SHARP, LEFT, and Ryan Gaddis won first place in the Annual Reunion Cornhole Tournament.

Anniversaries this year: 20 years – Steve and Bev Barnett, Jennifer and Chris Fessler. 30 years – Susie and Steve McCree. 40 years – Pam and Kevin Workman

After lunch the very competitive annual Cornhole Tournament was held with and Ryan Gaddis and Gary Sharp taking first place.

Second place went to Steve Burgess and Steve McCree.

The following family members were in attendance;

Aunt Gladys Rogers Carpenter Family: Jackie, Aaron, Jamie, Summer, Harley, Bailey, Shantel, Zack, Asher and Jaxson.

Aunt Betty Rogers Carpenter Family: Sammy, Jeanine, Linda, Lloyd, Carol, Craig, Rachel, Aiden, Ryan, Steve, Jen, Will, Adam and Evie.

Aunt Dot Rogers Jackson Family: Danny, Dee, Evan, Megan, Calvin, Donald, Adam, David and Jax

Aunt Grace Rogers Workman: Sollie, Ann, Amy, Roy, Susie, Steve, Kevin, Pam, Katie, Jake, Iris and Elizabeth.

Aunt Helen Rogers Sharp: Gary, Marie, Eric, Easton, Jennifer, Chris, Henry Brooks, Conner, Ronnie and Debbie.

Uncle Donald Rogers: Jessie and children.

Aunt Phyllis Rogers Barnett: Phyllis, Bill, Julie, Dustin, Steve and Bev.

Lena Rogers: Melondy and Richard Phillips.

Special thanks to Susie, Steve, Gary and Marie for all their hard work to make this another wonderful reunion.

Mark your calendars for the third weekend in July 2027 for the Big 50th reunion.



ELIZABETH SHARP, LEFT, and Iris Krack entertained their relatives in a special talent show at the Rogers/Kellison family reunion.



Tibbs named MVP

Seventeen-year-old Reese Tibbs, of Winchester, Virginia, helped lead 2009 Team Virginia to a gold medal last week at State Wars (United States Roller Hockey Championships) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Team Virginia defeated Team Pennsylvania 6-3 in the championship game.

Tibbs had four goals and was named Championship MVP. Team Virginia went 7-0 in their division defeating teams from Missouri, Georgia, Florida, Colorado, Great Britain and Pennsylvania.

He also earned a silver medal with Team East during the 16u National Development Program In-line Showcase.

In addition, he helped Team Virginia earn a bronze medal in the 2008 division. He was awarded top scorer honors. This marks his third consecutive top scorer award. He surpassed 100 career State Wars points.

Tibbs also played with Mach1 Kemistry in the PAMA Pro play-in tournament.

He is the son of Jay and Sandra Tibbs, of Winchester, Virginia, and the grandson of Jaynell Graham, of Buckeye, and the late Ronald D. Tibbs.

Tucker Community Foundation accepting grant applications

The Tucker Community Foundation is currently accepting grant applications and the deadline to have grant applications turned into the Foundation is 3 p.m. Friday, September 18.

Tucker Community Foundation will award grant funding to organizations, volunteer groups and people working to make a positive change in their communities in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Tucker and Upshur counties in West Virginia, as well as Garrett County, Maryland. To be considered, groups must be working within the foundation's 10-county service area. This year the Foundation hopes to award more than $150,000 in grants.

To download a grant application, go online to www.TuckerFoundationWV.org then select the Grants Tab. Paper copies are available at the Foundation's office at 104 Education Lane, Room 211 in Parsons. If you have any questions or need a paper copy mailed to you, please feel free to call our office, at 304-478-2930, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grant applications must be turned in by September 18, to the office at 104 Education Lane, Room 211 in Parsons or mailed to PO Box 491, Parsons WV 26287, with a postmark date of September 18. Grants may also be electronically submitted to: grants@tuckerfoundationwv.org

Grant applications can cover a wide range of charitable service areas including the arts, education, health and safety, emergency services, community development, parks, libraries, historic preservation and more. In years past, grants have helped a county school system purchase 3-D Printers or a non-profit purchase food for a weekend feeding program for students or for a volunteer fire department to get equipment.

The foundation's grant funding is due to the generosity of donors who have established and contributed to the more than 160 endowed funds and unrestricted funds established through the foundation.

While some funds are targeted to support specific charitable areas, others are written to have a much wider reach. All grant awards are based on a competitive application process.

To see the full list of endowed funds supporting this year's grant season, please visit https://tuckerfoundationwv.org/funds

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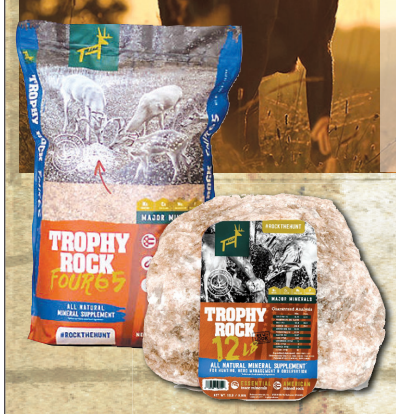




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Expedia Trails Fund and The Conservation Fund support trail construction

The Mon Forest Towns Partnership (MFTP) is among the first recipients of The Conservation Fund's outdoor recreation grants through the Expedia Trails Fund. MFTP has been awarded $442,000 to support new trail construction in two of its gateway communities: Durbin in Pocahontas County and Franklin in Pendleton County. Both towns sit within the Monongahela National Forest, which spans nearly a million acres of public land across West Virginia's Allegheny Highlands.

The Expedia Trails Fund award arrived at the perfect time to accelerate development on two shovel-ready recreation projects – Franklin's three-mile Peters Mountain Trail System and Durbin's 0.8-mile Connector Trail. Both projects have been driven by MFTP's Appalachian Regional Commission POWER program, focused on enhancing the connection of the Mon Forest Towns to the National Forest.

"We are profoundly grateful to the Expedia Trails Fund and The Conservation Fund for this vital implementation funding," said MFTP Executive Director Josh Nease. "Our early investments in community and infrastructure planning are officially paying off, allowing us to break ground on projects that connect our towns to the surrounding national forest. This exciting next step is a direct result of the incredible collaboration among our member towns and our highly effective, ongoing partnership with the U.S. Forest Service."

Already well known for guiding travelers to the world's most stunning destinations, the newly launched Expedia Trails Fund is part of Expedia Group's multi-year commitment to restore, protect, and future-proof the trails, parks and coastlines that inspire millions of trips by investing in the ecosystems and infrastructure that make meaningful travel possible in the first place. Aditi Mohapatra, VP Global Social Impact and Sustainability at Expedia Group, added, "At Expedia Group, we believe travel depends on the health of the places that inspire people to explore. We are proud that the Expedia Trails Fund, in partnership with The Conservation Fund, is helping the Mon Forest Towns Partnership expand safe, meaningful access to the Monongahela National Forest in Durbin and Franklin. These projects show how investment in trails can strengthen community connections, support local economies, and help more residents and visitors experience the outdoors for years to come."

Through its first 11 projects and $4.3 million in grants, the Expedia Trails Fund is improving safety and access at destinations across the United States, benefiting more than one million visits annually. Collectively, those projects are expected to catalyze over $13 million in conservation and access investments, alongside additional public and philanthropic partners.

Michelle Connor, Franklin's MFTP representative, said the idea for the project emerged directly from residents. "Through the community coaching process and engagement meetings, we heard from more than 50 people, and the resounding theme was that although Franklin is surrounded by public land, people felt they had limited access to the forest due to a lack of backyard trails. We collectively decided to pursue a new trail system at Peters Mountain, located just ten minutes from downtown Franklin. We hosted nearly 30 volunteers during our first community trail building day this June with Forest Service staff – needless to say, the excitement is real."

Nicolle Flood-Sawczyszyn, Durbin's MFTP representative, added, "Support from the Expedia Trails Fund for the Durbin Connector Trail is evidence that our community's investment in collaboration is paying off. In addition to bringing incredible outdoor assets like the Allegheny Trail and West Fork Rail Trail right to Durbin's doorstep, the Connector will provide a protected corridor for residents and visitors of all ages to visit downtown shops, local restaurants, parks, and the community garden." Already thinking about the project's next phase, she continued "it sets the stage for the north and south zones of the Mon to finally be connected by a single trail."





DURBIN'S DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR Trail will link two existing rail trails to Main Street businesses, shown above. At left: Cyclists ride along Durbin, West Virginia's West Fork Rail Trail.

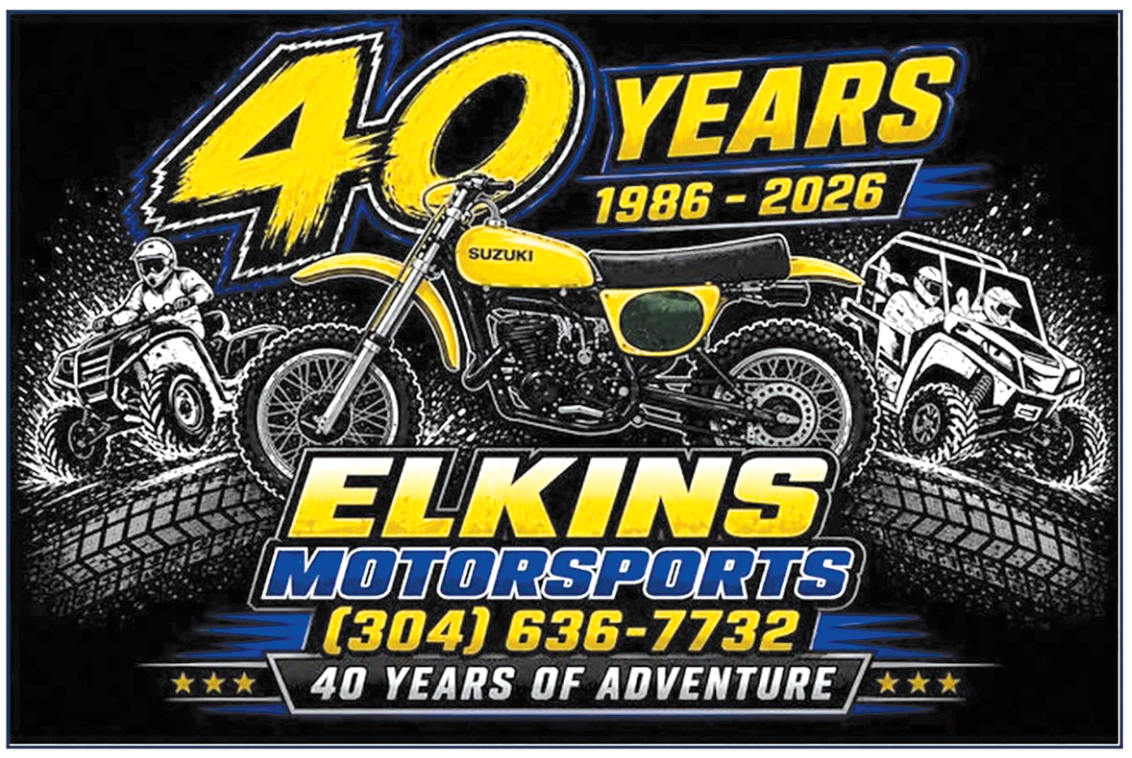
In Franklin, the Peters Mountain Trail System was designed and approved by the U.S. Forest Service and demonstrates their commitment to making the Forest more accessible to towns. Construction is already underway, supported by the U.S. Forest Service and community volunteer events, and work will continue through 2027. Durbin, meanwhile, is completing engineering and design for the Durbin Connector Trail with construction expected to begin in early 2027.

Although this funding is vital for creating new trails, maintaining our existing forest pathways remains a critical priority. Well-maintained trails increase accessibility and safety for all users and attract both residents and visitors. To meet this need, the Mon Forest Towns Partnership is striving to launch the North Zone Trail Crew in 2027. *Learn more and contribute to the cause at www.monforesttowns.org*

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How to Deal with Economic Uncertainty

By Stan Popovich

Rising prices, job uncertainty, and concerns about the future can leave many people feeling anxious. While you can't control the economy, you can control how you respond to it.

Here are several practical strategies that can help you manage stress during uncertain economic times.

1. Focus on What You Can Control: Instead of worrying about every headline, concentrate on actions you can take today. Create a budget, update your résumé, or review your emergency savings.

2. Limit Negative News Consumption: Staying informed is important, but constantly checking the news can increase anxiety. Consider setting specific times to catch up on current events.

3. Avoid Catastrophic Thinking: When you find yourself worrying, pause and ask: Am I assuming the worst? What evidence do I actually have? What are other possible outcomes? A more balanced view of the situation can help reduce unnecessary stress.

4. Maintain Healthy Daily Habits: Regular exercise, adequate sleep, nutritious meals, and spending time with supportive people can improve your ability to cope with uncertainty.

5. Prepare Instead of Panicing: Develop a simple plan for possible financial challenges. Even small preparations can increase confidence and reduce feelings of helplessness. For example, reviewing your monthly expenses or identifying areas where you can reduce unnecessary spending can help you feel more prepared if your financial situation changes.

6. Practice Stress - Management Techniques: Deep breathing, mindfulness, journaling, prayer (if it aligns with your beliefs), and other relaxation techniques can help calm anxious thoughts.

7. Remember That Economic Conditions Change: History shows that economies experience cycles. While downturns can be difficult, they do not last forever. Keeping a long-term perspective can help reduce fear.



Stan Popovich

Economic uncertainty affects nearly everyone at some point. While no one can predict the future, focusing on practical actions instead of fear can help you stay calm, make thoughtful decisions, and move forward with greater confidence.

Stan Popovich is the author of A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear, which features more than 200 practical techniques for managing fear, anxiety, and everyday stress. Learn more at ManagingFear.com

Pride goes before the worms

by Dawn Reed

In the pasta aisle at Food City, I debated which noodle looked most like worms. Spaghetti was too straight, bow tie too lumpy, penne too tubular. I FaceTimed my daughter to ask her opinion. We settled on elbow macaroni. It was for Sunday School.

Our high school class has been studying the book of Acts. Holy Moly what stories! True stories.

So far, the Holy Spirit has come in a dramatic fashion, Peter has changed from evader to evangelist, thousands have been saved, deacons chosen, Stephen stoned to death, Saul has seen the light, and the gospel is being shared with the Gentiles. It's been an exciting ride and we're only on chapter 12!

This week we are learning about King Herod.

Looking at three of the Herod's, the Acts 12 guy was Herod Agrippa I. His uncle, Herod Antipas, had John the Baptist beheaded (Luke 9:9). His grandfather, Herod the Great, had all the babies two and under killed after Jesus was born (Matthew 2:16).

Acts 12 tells us that Herod Agrippa I had killed James (one of the 12 disciples, brother to John, and very close friend of Jesus) by the sword. He had Peter arrested, guarded by 16 soldiers, and bound by two chains. In the night, he was miraculously released by an angel.

When Herod learned of Peter's escape, he had all 16 guards executed.

Herod then went from Judea to Caesarea. He had been quarreling with the people of Tyre and Sidon. They sought an audience with him to ask for peace (verses 19-20).

That day, Herod sat on his throne and spoke to all the people. His words were so impressive they said it was the voice of a god, not of a man, who had spoken. Herod soaked up their praise.

Acts 12:23 tells us what happened next: "Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died."

Sunday morning, in Sunday School, we dug into Herod's saga. What we took home from this bizarre true story:

• There is no god besides God. When He gave us the first commandment, He wasn't joking: "You shall have no other gods before Me." That includes making gods of ourselves.

• Pride goes before the fall (Proverbs 16:18).

• We can be confident but not full of ourselves.

• We do not have to walk in our family's footsteps.



Dawn Reed

Herod Agrippa I was a terrible person who came from a line of terrible people. His family was a mess. Yours may be, too. That doesn't mean you have to follow their example.

After the lesson, we took pictures of a somber looking king and glued macaroni all over him to look like worms. We all agreed that being eaten by worms would be a horrific death. My Life Application Study Bible shares: "Accompanied by intense pain, he was literally eaten alive, from the inside out, by worms. It was considered to be one of the most disgraceful ways to die." Yikes!

I'm hoping the next time these guys and girls eat mac and cheese, they will remember the awful death of King Herod. Most of all that God is the only God and pride goes before the worms.

Cemetery Donations

If you have loved ones who have been laid to rest in one of these small cemeteries in the county, please consider making an annual donation for mowing and upkeep.

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lived in the land of Baal worship and spoke to Elijah, saying, "the Lord your God." But God had told Elijah he would direct the foreign woman.

"She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So, there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry." (I Kings 17:15-16, NASB)

I often say that if you stand with God, He will stand with you. But that isn't always true. This widow didn't know the Lord, but He cared for her, and she came to know Him.

In your time of desperate need, reach out to God. No matter what you have done, you can turn to Him. You never have to walk alone.

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Income, from page 6

may have to skip eating out some or pass on a few vacations. You might have to drive an old car longer and avoid credit card purchases. Any sacrifice you make will be worth it later in life.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is the author of 15 books. He is a graduate of Georgetown College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville Kentucky, Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky, and is the founder of Newburgh Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana. His column is published in over 600 media outlets nationally.

Pocahontas County Schools ~ First day of school for students, Wednesday, August 19.

Weekly SUDOKU

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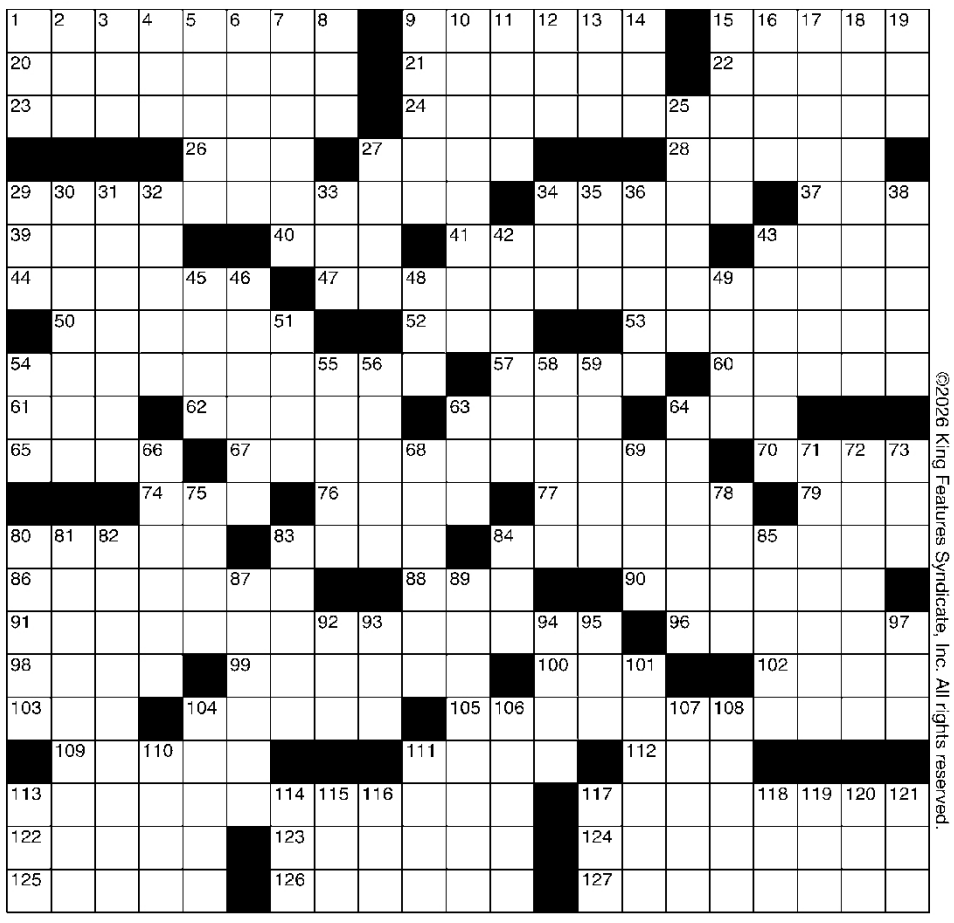
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Super Crossword — ODD DUCKS

ACROSS
1 Arctic footwear item
9 Triaging concern
15 "Rope- —" (Ali ring tactic)
20 Study of forces acting on mechanisms
21 Twinkled
22 Adversary
23 Brief seconds
24 Diane plays her role flawlessly?
26 See 61-Across
27 Dandy dudes
28 On guard
29 Foxx amuses his audience?
34 Flock babies
37 Droop
39 Phone button abbr.
40 Special span
41 Granola snack option
43 Flood preventer
44 Muscles called "guns"
47 Paul acts in a serious film?
50 Military pupils
52 One of a pair of sense organs
53 Expiators
54 Elmer greatly anticipates catching Bugs Bunny?
57 Favored ones
60 "Hence ..."
61 With 26-Across, maker of Tater Tots
62 Philadelphia's La — University
63 WWII battle city in France
64 Adaptable truck, in brief
65 Christ, in Cremona
67 Oldham fashions clothes?
70 Cheer shouts
74 Court org.
76 "Look at Me" novelist Jennifer
77 Bunk
79 Gunk
80 "ATM" rapper
83 Small warbler
84 Wynonna puts out her first album?
86 Orchestrate
88 Miracle- —
90 Brown ermines
91 Roger describes a news event?
96 "C'mon, quit it!"
98 "It's all clear"
99 Lightning source, informally
100 TV "Science Guy" Bill
102 Put in a juicer
103 One of a pair of sense organs
104 Cultural spirit
105 Billy steps off his ship?
109 Plow inventor John
111 Swiss mounts
112 "— had it!"
113 Jason bounces the basketball?
117 Kitchen tools
122 Architect Jones
123 — d' (headwaiter)
124 Cubic — (fake diamond)
125 De Mille the dancer
126 Less than retail
127 How this puzzle's nine longest answers are viewed?

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1 Do the slopes
2 Writer Anaïs
3 Carry- — (flight totes)
4 Sweaty, say
5 Straitlaced
6 Indian tongue
7 Scale's span
8 Road curve
9 Certain opening for a bolt
10 Elated bliss
11 Gives help
12 German link
13 Rx request
14 Suffix with lime or Gator
15 Seed casings
16 Belly flop, say
17 Unusually big
18 People eating meals, e.g.
19 High trains
25 Maze-running rodent
27 Mrs., in Berlin
29 Burglarize
30 Gourmet
31 Tenths of centuries
32 "Judge —" (Stallone film)
33 Slip up
34 Piece of mail: Abbr.
35 Court org.
36 Mothers, informally
38 Undercoat for an oil painting
42 Skilled sorts
43 Evening eats
45 People who are hoofing it
46 Rock layers
48 — Moines
49 Perfectly
51 Song for one
54 Hazy stuff
55 Not as young
56 Pigeon perch, maybe
58 Yale for whom Yale is named
59 "I swear —!"
63 Capitol fig.
64 No longer bothered by
66 Remove the cargo from
68 Hazard
69 Motions "yes"
71 "Equus" actress Jenny
72 Time in a Jacuzzi, e.g.
73 "Rescue us!"
75 Road curve
78 "The Lady" star Michelle
80 Farr or Foxx
81 Fighting for change
82 Called for a pizza, say
83 Like Cardiff natives
84 Write hastily
85 City in Iraq
87 Go- — (no idler)
89 Climbing roses
92 "Am — blame?"
93 Refusals
94 Cuts off
95 Pink Floyd's Barrett
97 Evening hrs.
101 Add while proofing
104 Paul who published many math papers
106 Surprise win
107 Tennis legend Chris
108 Park seat
110 Threshold
111 Counter-tenor
113 Rio carmaker
114 "— bad boy!"
115 Slugging club
116 Razor brand
117 Israeli weapon
118 College org. of sisters
119 Suffix with opal
120 Tell fibs
121 Mournful



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Trusler, from page 1

Felton introduced Trusler's brother, A.G., who shared his gratitude to everyone who helped make the park possible and shared stories about times he visited his brother in Pocahontas County.

The Trusler brothers grew up in Buckhannon but would travel with their dad to Marlinton when he brought livestock to the stockyard sales.

"Even when we were little boys, Roger knew that this was a special place," A.G. said. "Dad would often bring us with him to the county to the Marlinton stockyards on Tuesdays and of course, that meant a trip to French's Diner on Main Street for a good country meal."

The Truslers wanted Roger to be the first generation of the family to attend college and while Roger was hesitant, once he started attending West Virginia Wesleyan College, he found that he was excited to earn his degree and get a higher education.

"So often he rode his horse to campus, and he tied it to a post," A.G. said. "While Roger was at Wesleyan, he got the bug to learn, and he graduated with a degree in education."

Trusler went on to attend West Virginia University and received a master's degree in guidance and counseling. He also received a master's in school administration from Marshall University.

"After graduating from West Virginia University, he applied for a job in Pocahontas County," A.G. said. "I remember going with him to his first interview with the Pocahontas County Board of Education. We slept in the back of his old Ford station wagon at Sherwood Lake. The next morning, he went to the interview and got the job. He served under six superintendents, some of them were even nominated for national superintendent of the year."

Trusler served as director of special education and director of federal programs for the BOE and worked diligently to ensure that Pocahontas County had one of the best school systems in the state and the country. Trusler initiated the nursing program through Bluefield State.

"Roger also developed the program to lower the dropout rate by having school bus drivers work with the children," A.G. said. "This project was a great success. The U.S. education department presented him with one of their highest awards. They also sent him to New York, New Orleans and San Francisco to spread the good word across the country on how to keep kids in school."

A.G. also recalled several trips he took to visit Roger and how optimistic and enthusiastic he was about places and people of Pocahontas County.

Fifty years ago, when they were in their 20s, A.G. said Roger invited him to go skiing at Snowshoe.

"I can still remember him driving on that country gravel road up the mountain," he said. "I thought we'd never get there."

After their day of skiing – Roger on Cupp Run, A.G. on the beginner slopes – Roger asked his brother what he thought of the place. A.G. recalled that he said the place will never work, but Roger knew in his heart that Snowshoe would be a success.

Many years later, A.G. got a call from Roger who told him that the new owners were going to make the ski area successful.

A.G. recalled two trips to attend Pioneer Days – both moments he will never forget.

"My first trip to Pioneer Days, he said, 'you've got to come' and we square danced in the streets and listened to the great bluegrass bands until almost midnight," he said. "The second trip to Pioneer Days I remember, Roger called and said, 'you need to get here; we have the last train ride to Cass.' I came down, we boarded the train and a few miles up the track, the train derailed. Thank God we didn't go in the river."

Roger, always the optimist told A.G. not to worry, the walk to Cass was only a couple miles, they could make it.

Remembering another time he received a call from Roger, A.G. talked about Roger's run for Marlinton Town Council. He asked his brother if he was crazy, but said Roger was ready to serve his community and help improve it.

"He said, 'I promised the mayor that I'd run and we are going to make Marlinton shine,'" A.G. said. "Roger's message to us all is to work to keep all of Pocahontas County strong for future generations. In his memory, I ask you to contribute in whatever way you can – either as a volunteer or as a donor – to help preserve what makes Pocahontas County special."

In closing, A.G. said he was going to get a call from Roger.

"Tonight he'll say, 'I appreciate you coming down to the park; I told you it was going to shine and, A.G., it will shine forever because now it belongs to the people of Pocahontas County,'" A.G. said.

Senators Bill Hamilton and Robbie Morris – who both helped get state funding for the park – spoke and thanked all those involved for making the park what it is.

Felton presented A.G. with a plaque of a letter stating the following:

"On this day, we proudly dedicate Roger L. Trusler Memorial Park in honor of Roger L. Trusler who's unwavering commitment, leadership and service left a lasting impact upon the town of Marlinton and the people of Pocahontas County.

"Roger's dedication to improving our community, his generous spirit, his love for the citizens of Marlinton will be forever remembered through this place of gathering, recreation and fellowship. And may this park serve as a lasting tribute to his legacy as a reminder one person's service can enrich the lives of generations to come.

"Dedicated this 31st day of July 2026, by the Town of Marlinton with sincere gratitude and appreciation."

The park was dedicated with a ribbon cutting and refreshments were catered by Dari-Land, in Marlinton.

Court, from page 2

Mason William Moats, 21, of Aurora, pleaded guilty July 9 to a charge of seat belt violation. Moats was assessed $25.56 in court costs and fines.

Zander Allen Whitacre, 18, of Oakland, Maryland, pleaded guilty July 10 to a charge of underage consumption. Whitacre was assessed $236.68 in court costs and fines.

In Magistrate Jennifer Dunz's court:

John A. Bennett, 19, of Union pleaded guilty July 17 to charges of speeding and operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Bennett was assessed $401.80 in court costs and fines.

George Mathew Harmon, 34, of Marlinton, entered a guilty plea agreement July 29 to a charge of person prohibited from possessing firearms – convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year. Harmon also pleaded no contest to a charge of possession of a controlled substance without valid prescription. Harmon was sentenced to 61 days jail and assessed $512.96 in court costs and fines.

Brayden T. Cole, 21, of Belington, pleaded guilty July 15 to charges of obstructing driver's view and seat belt violation. Cole was assessed $221.35 in court costs and fines.

Andrew L. Posey, 24, of Anmoore, pleaded no contest July 6 to a charge of obstructing driver's view. Posey was assessed $201.48 in court costs and fines.

William J. Pullen, 45, of Morgantown, Indiana, pleaded no contest July 14 to a charge of disorderly conduct. Pullen was assessed $195.78 in court costs and fines.

Farms, from page 1

Michelle said she hopes to partner with more producers to promote local farmers and products.

As for the meat, the Wilfongs have fridges full of beef and lamb that they raise themselves. Michelle said she is excited to expose the county to lamb products and share the meat with more customers.

"I'm trying to ramp it up to get a good rapport with customers about lamb because a lot of people don't know a lot about it," she said. "I'm trying to talk about the benefits of it and how great it can be and offer suggestions on how to cook it. I think it's really helping."

The store also has knick-knacks and toys that the Wilfong's son, CW, helped to select.

On one wall of the store, you will find six canvas, black and white photos of the Wilfong Farm, and candid family portraits of the elder Wilfongs.

The shop is open Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For updates, visit the Wilfong Farms Facebook page.

CVB, from page 2

communication. Her journey, which she calls the Allegheny Trail Economies Expedition, combines a 25-day backpacking trip with interviews in communities along the route. As she hikes from one end of the trail to the other, Crow-Willard meets with business owners, tourism officials, nonprofit leaders and longtime residents to learn how mountain towns whose economies once depended on industries such as coal, timber and manufacturing are adapting to changing times. In the coming weeks, Emma's research and Generation WV's NewForce Insights program will have an interactive dashboard that compiles the data for each trail community at a glance."

The Pocahontas County CVB hopes everyone takes some time to get out and enjoy what makes Nature's Mountain Playground such an incredible destination to explore in the summer.

For more information and resources, please visit PocahontasCountyWV.com

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that have come into contact with that lettuce, with hot soapy water or in a dishwasher before using them with other foods. The CDC also warns that the recalled lettuce may be only one of many still unknown produce foods causing the outbreak.

The CDC says that the number of affected people may be considerably higher than just those who have sought treatment.

Cyclosporiasis is not a new problem in the United States, as there are usually a fairly low number of cases spread across the nation; however, this outbreak is much larger than what is usually seen. The illness itself, while seldom life threatening, can cause a lot of long-term and miserable suffering, so a word to the wise is to be very careful in handling and preparing any raw produce, especially lettuce and consider avoiding ordering foods containing lettuce, such as salads, at restaurants for a while until this outbreak is over.



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Arbovale United Methodist – Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Wednesday.

First Baptist Church – Huntersville – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6 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 Breth-ren, 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.

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tions, writing and hands-on activities to their own lives and experiences.

The days were filled with stories, imagination and creativity. We read countless books together, explored new ideas through meaningful discussions, and created many pieces of art that allowed our students to express themselves. Children worked hard during daily writing activities, developing their confidence as young authors while sharing their thoughts, ideas and experiences. Outside of structured learning time, students enjoyed non-competitive recreation time with their friends, making memories through games, laughter and simple moments of connection.

This summer was also made special through the support and involvement of our community. We were fortunate to welcome visitors, volunteers and community partners who shared their time and talents with our students. From guest readers and special activities to community members who donated supplies, time and encouragement, every contribution helped make Energy Express a memorable experience for our children and families.

Our mentors also played an incredible role in making this summer successful. Their dedication, creativity, and willingness to go above and beyond each day helped create a place where students felt welcomed, valued and excited to learn.

"Seeing this summer come to an end is truly bittersweet," Site Supervisor Devan Gum said. "Energy Express has been such a joy and a pleasure, and it has been an honor working with our youth and mentors throughout these six weeks. I am incredibly proud of our team for the way they overcame challenges, stepped up and worked together to provide the best possible learning environment and experience for the children in our program. Thank you to everyone who participated, visited, donated, volunteered or supported Energy Express in any way this summer. Your contributions helped make this program a meaningful and memorable experience for our youth and our community."

As we close the chapter on another summer of Energy Express, we are reminded that the impact of this program extends far beyond the six weeks we spend together. The friendships made, confidence gained, creativity shared and connections built will continue long after the final day.

Thank you to our students, families, mentors, volunteers, community partners and everyone who helped make Pocahontas County Energy Express 2026 a summer to remember.

We cannot wait to see where these young learners go next.

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You will take notice that **SMART INVESTING LLC,** the purchaser of the following real estate, CERT NO. 2025-C-000075, located **GREEN BANK DISTRICT, BARTOW, 6.91 AC FEE,** which was returned delinquent or non-entered in the name of **WALTON RPR LLC** and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and non-entered lands of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 29, 2026. SMART INVESTING LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 10290. $ 947.18
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. $ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2025-10359 $1,697.96
Additional taxes with interest. $ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. $ 209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State, with interest. $1,072.37
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. $ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. **$3,927.46**

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand July 14, 2026.
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Non-entered Lands of Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia.
Please return this letter and payment to the
West Virginia State Auditor's Office
County Collections Division
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Building 1 Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
Question, please call 1-888-509-6568
7/23/3c

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed Amendment to the WV Constitution to be on the November 3, 2026, General Election Ballot.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment 1: Citizenship Requirement to Vote in West Virginia Elections Amendment"

Summary of Purpose: "This amendment provides that in all elections held in West Virginia only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state are qualified to vote."

Full Text of the Amendment: §4-1. Only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state shall be entitled to vote at all elections held within the counties in which they respectively reside; but a person who is a minor, or who has been declared mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction, or who is under conviction of treason, felony or bribery in an election, or who has not been a resident of the state and of the county in which he or she offers to vote, for 30 days next preceding such offer, shall not be permitted to vote while such disability continues; and, a person in the military, naval, or marine service of the United States shall not be deemed a resident of this state by reason of being stationed therein.

West Virginia Secretary of State
8/6/1c

LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS

The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority (Authority) invites sealed proposals from qualified firms for the collection of municipal solid waste from the Authority's five green-box sites; the transportation and lawful disposal of that municipal solid waste and solid waste generated from other county, state, federal and commercial operations; and the lawful disposal of construction and demolition debris generated within Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

The Authority's green-box sites are located in the Frank, Green Bank, Huntersville, Marlinton, and Hillsboro areas of Pocahontas County.

Proposals must address the services, equipment, personnel, regulatory authority, disposal capacity, backup arrangements, pricing, insurance, experience, and other requirements contained in the Request for Proposals.

Proposers performing collection or transportation services must possess, or obtain before beginning performance, all certificates, operating authority, tariff approvals, and other authorizations required by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia. All proposed disposal, transfer, or processing facilities must possess all permits and approvals required by applicable federal, state, and local law.

The complete Request for Proposals may be obtained from:
Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority
900 10th Avenue, Suite C
Marlinton, West Virginia 24954
Telephone: 304-799-6262
Email: pcswa@frontier.com

Sealed proposals must be received by the Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority at 900 10th Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954, no later than 4:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, September 29, 2026. Proposals received after the stated deadline may be rejected without opening.

Each proposal must be submitted in a sealed package clearly marked:

"SEALED PROPOSAL – MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL RFT – DO NOT OPEN."

Proposers shall submit one signed original, three complete copies, and one searchable electronic PDF copy on a USB drive.

All questions concerning the Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing to the Authority at the address or email listed above. Oral statements shall not modify the Request for Proposals. Any modification or interpretation will be issued by written addendum.

The Authority may award one contract, separate contracts for individual service components, or no contract. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals; waive immaterial irregularities; request clarification or best and final offers; negotiate scope, pricing, or contract terms; cancel or reissue the solicitation; and award all, part, or none of the requested services when determined to be in the Authority's best interests.

The Authority is not required to accept the proposal offering the lowest price. Any award will be based upon the proposal or combination of proposals determined by the Authority to provide the best overall value, dependable service, regulatory compliance, and protection of the public interest. No award shall bind the Authority unless approved by its Board of Directors at a duly noticed public meeting and incorporated into a final written contract executed by an authorized representative of the Authority.

Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority
By: David Henderson, Chairman
8/6/2c

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Tariff Form No. 12
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES
BY NON-LRR MUNI UTILITY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Marlinton has adopted by ordinance, on July 27, 2026, **a tariff of the Water Utility of the Town of Marlinton** containing increased rates and charges for furnishing water service to approximately 768 customers in and around the Town of Marlinton in the County of Pocahontas.

The proposed increase in rates and charges will become effective 45 days after the date of adoption of the ordinance, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce approximately $57,600 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 8.25%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	($) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential (2,063 gallons)	**$ 3.51**	**8.25%**
Commercial (7,134 gallons)	**$ 12.13**	**8.25%**
Public Authority (8,292 gallons)	**$ 14.10**	**8.25%**

The Town of Marlinton does not have any resale customers.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges, by:

(1) Any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or

(2) Any customer who is served by a municipally operated natural gas public utility and who resides outside the corporate limits and who is affected by the change in said rates or charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or

(3) Any customer or group of customers of a municipally operated natural gas utility who are affected by said change in rates who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Commission alleging discrimination between said customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Town of Marlinton to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office: Town of Marlinton Town Hall, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia, 24954.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia, 25323.

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BY NON-LRR MUNI UTILITY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Marlinton has adopted by ordinance, on July 27, 2026, **a tariff of the Sewer Utility of the Town of Marlinton containing increased rates and charges for furnishing sewer service** to approximately 646 customers in and around the Town of Marlinton in the County of Pocahontas.

The proposed increase in rates and charges will become effective 45 days after the date of adoption of the ordinance, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce approximately $40,300 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 11.5%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	($) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential (1,822 gallons)	**$ 2.90**	**11.5 %**
Commercial (6,452 gallons)	**$ 9.36**	**11.5 %**
Industrial (4,417 gallons)	**$ 6.40**	**11.5 %**
Public Authority (8,300 gallons)	**$ 12.04**	**11.5 %**

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Pocahontas Veterinary Services. Stacy Tawney, DVM. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. 150 Carl McCarty Road, 4.2 miles north on Rt. 28 from Huntersville intersection, on right. Small/large animals. We do farm calls. 304-799-6803. 11/6/fwmp

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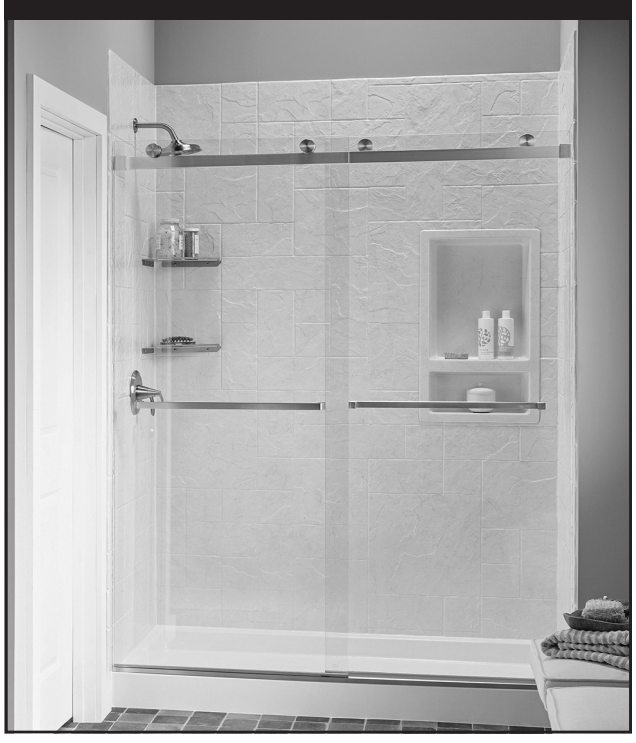
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History, from page 7

A little over 41 years ago, only a few days before the 21 years had come around which would have made a man out of me in a legal sense, I left old Greenbank to try my fortune in Missouri, the then "far west" and only once since (in 1882) have had the pleasure of going back to the old home; and then but for a day or two...

I recognize that most of the names in your paper are of a younger generation that has grown up since my day, but they are nonetheless familiar, and if I don't know them, nor they me, I did know their grandfathers and grandmothers and in many instances their fathers and mothers, and had many a big time with them at apple butter boilings, or at the mountain sugar camps, aye, and on the old schoolhouse grounds...

Amongst some of the names I came across I recognized a few that were contemporaneous with myself, notable Maj. J. C. Arbogast now, but "afo de wah" it was Crof.

Crof and I were chums. We went to the same school and were in the same classes from as far back as my mind will run, but Crof is older than I am and he needn't try to deny it.

Then there is Dr. J. P. Moomau and Nannie, his wife; George Kerr, a cousin; Henry Hull, another cousin...

Amongst the names that sound so natural, I find the Burners, Yeagers, Heavenners, Gillespies, Suttons, Slavens, Lockridges, McLaughlins, oh well, why enumerate?...

I can see all the old places as plainly as if I had only left them yesterday. You must excuse me for regarding Huntersville as still the county seat, notwithstanding you seem to have appropriated the honor. I can't see it...

W. W. Kerr

Correction: In last week's article "Drowning At Buckeye," Joe Hannah's age was incorrect. He was 19 years old, not 10 years old.

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Liptrap and Jimmy McLaughlin also attended.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Campbell, of Renick, a son, Danny Gene.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Weatherholt, a son.

DEATHS

Mrs. Smily Jane Wells, of near Renick, aged 79 years; funeral held from Laurel Hill church with burial in the Falling Springs cemetery at Renick.

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Ernest E. Oldaker, aged 73 years, died at his home in Durbin. The funeral was held from the Durbin Methodist Church with burial in the Bartow Cemetery.

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Mrs. Annie Ella Loudermilk Johnson, 48 years; the funeral service was held from the Auto church with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. The deceased was a former resident of Marlinton, a daughter of Mrs. Annie Loudermilk, and the late George Loudermilk.

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George Holly, aged 90, of Cass, a retired woodsman. Burial in Deer Creek cemetery with graveside service.

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Russell Kline Geyer, of Renick, aged 54 years; funeral held from Mt. Herman Methodist Church with burial in Morningside Cemetery. The deceased was a prominent citizen and stockman of Greenbrier County.

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Mrs. Myrtle Hayes Waugh, 67, of Seebert, widow of the late Edgar Waugh, died at her home; funeral from the Hillsboro Methodist Church with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

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Daniel Lorain Gum, aged 25, of Green Bank, died from injuries received in an automobile accident near Clifftop. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Gum. Funeral held from the Methodist church in Green Bank.

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Warwick Peyton Alderman, 65, of Huntersville, a son of the late William C. and Phoebe J. Alderman. Burial in Huntersville cemetery with services from Smith Funeral Home.

BACK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Carr have been notified that the body of their son, Private Bernard E. Carr, will arrive in Marlinton August 8. The funeral will be held from the Clawson church Thursday afternoon. His body will be laid in Clawson Cemetery with military honors.

Bernard gave his life in defense of human liberty in battle in Korea Friday, September 1, 1950. Though only 18 years of age, he had been in the Army almost a year.

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest,

With all their country's wishes blest."

TRIVIA ANSWERS:
(1). Friday (2). Monaco (3). Tanzania (4). Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario

Letter, from page 4

bought by the super-rich corrupting Congress are the top of my long list. Despite all these problems the Democratic Socialists are not the answer just as the National Socialists of 1930s Germany were not the answer. If you just believe in live and let live and don't bother to vote or have anything to do with politics which I admit can be sleazy and unappealing, remember it only takes a small number of radicals that do vote to destroy this country. The time to stop this dangerous childish insanity is now. To those who will say this time it will be different, since we will do socialism right, those that have killed millions pushing this crap have said this for over 100 years.

Joe Kaffl, Hillsboro

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In the fall, we hunted chestnuts on the hill back of the courthouse. They were the best in the world. Black Walnuts were everywhere. We were like squirrels, getting ourselves a big supply of them for winter. Our hands would be dark brown with stain, but what mattered? It was fun and we were young...

There are so many things to remember – a quiet peaceful evening of relaxation at Wilbur Sharp's Pool Room or having a coke at Harry A. Sharp's when Tony worked there. …

You know, Jane, if we could turn back the pages of time and live our lives over again. All those things make Marlinton the world's most wonderful "little country" within a country in the U. S. A.

The people of Marlinton – you will never find those wonderful people anywhere else in the world. They are all heart, friendly and interesting. I am grateful to all of them. They all made Tony, Father, Mother and me feel like one of them, even though we were Italians. We were treated with respect and kindness, and I love them all for that.

Tony feels the same way, although he lives in Florida, his heart is in West Virginia. I told my wife, when I die, to ship my body back home to West Virginia...

DEATHS

Jimmy Varner, 14, of Durbin, a son of Lawrence and Lennie Varner. Funeral service from the Durbin Church of God with burial in the Bethel Cemetery at Durbin.

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Judy Lynn Sheets Moore, 22, of Marlinton, died in a car accident July 31, 1976. She was a daughter of Clarence C. and Wanda Jackson Sheets. Funeral service from VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

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Joseph Cassell, 75, of Cass, a lifelong resident of Pocahontas County and a retired employee of the C & O Railroad.

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Lemuel Hoover, 76, of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, a former resident of Marlinton. Born at Dunmore, a son of George and Lucy Curry Hoover. Funeral from VanReenen Funeral Home with burial in Mt. View Cemetery.

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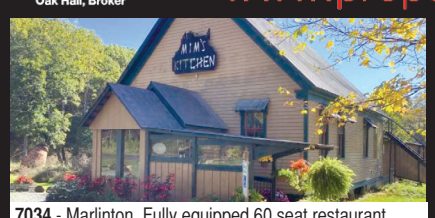
Annie Crickard Swecker, 67, of Valley Head, born at Mingo, a daughter of the late John R. and Alberta Bell Crickard. She was the widow of Orion Swecker.

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Ulric W. Grimes, 85, of Rainelle; born at Lobelia, a son of the late Barnet Grimes and Sérene Bruffey Grimes. Funeral service from Wallace and Wallace Chapel at Rainelle with burial in the Trail Cemetery at Clintonville.

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