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Hiking the ALT and gathering data

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer



EMMA CROW-WILLARD is hiking the Allegheny Trail and collecting data about the communities along the way, compiling information to share about economic development to help those areas prosper. Crow-Willard is shown above with the wooden ALT sculpture. *Photo by Rick Meadows*

When Colorado native Emma Crow-Willard first learned about the Ascend West Virginia program, she had never considered moving to the Mountain State, but after some research and a trip to the state for a visit, she knew she could consider herself a transplant Mountaineer.

Ascend West Virginia was established to encourage remote workers to move to West Virginia to help build its economy, to build their lives in the state.

Crow-Willard has made her living as a hydrogeologist, data analyst and storyteller in different positions around the country. After moving to West Virginia, Crow-Willard tried to come up with a project she could do that would utilize her various skills to help her adopted state.

"I thought I should give back," she said. "How could I use my skillset to help the West Virginia economy? I do work in data and science and storytelling, so I could try to use the Allegheny Trail as a project to collect data around economics and changing economies and tell stories. It would be a great way to get to know people and get to know the state and the landscapes and businesses, and general mindsets of how people are feeling about the economy and things like that."

With that in mind, Crow-Willard set out to hike the Allegheny Trail in three weeks. She started at Bruceton Mills and worked her way south through the state and she will finish up at the end of the trail near Pearisburg, Virginia.

Along the way, Crow-Willard stopped in towns and met local businessowners and community members whom she interviewed and gathered data from for her research.

"I didn't want to stretch [the hike] out for more than a month, but I also didn't want to go fast through places because I wanted to experience them," she said. "I wanted to be able to sit and talk to people, so it's kind of an in between spot where – a day like today, I scheduled fewer miles so I could spend some time in Marlinton and talk to people and do some interviews and explore the town."

Crow-Willard didn't schedule any rest days, but she did end up with a couple of down days due to weather and her hiking skills. While she averaged seven miles a day, there was one day she chose to hike 20 miles and ended up in Durbin a day early.

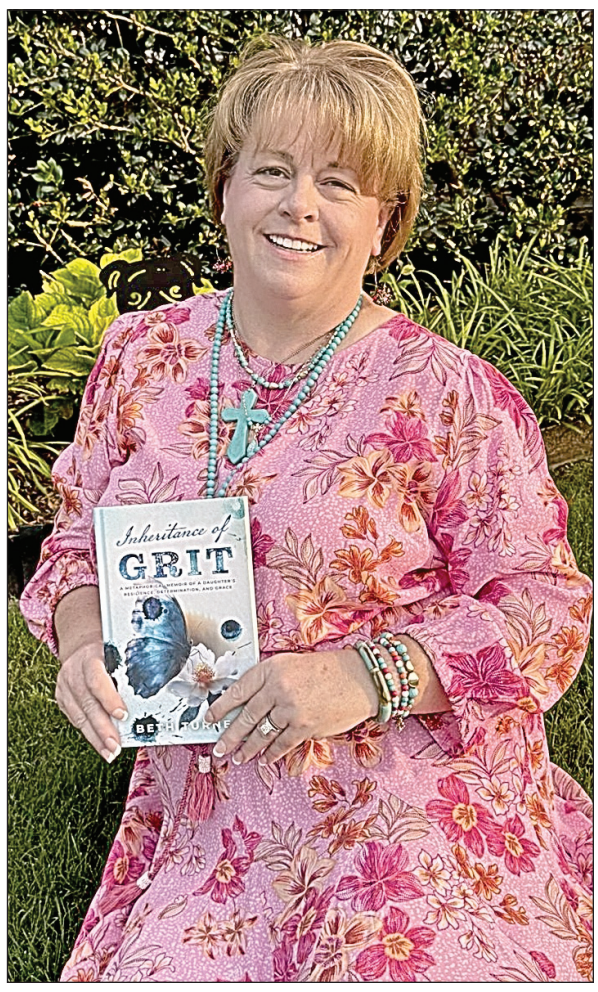
"I ended up doing a rest day in Durbin, which I'm glad I did because it was pouring rain on me," she said. "I got there soaking wet and miserable. Then there was that crazy storm that flooded Weston, so I took that day off. I happened to be in Rowlesburg, so I got a whole tour of Rowlesburg. That was really cool."

After visiting some of the towns, Crow-Willard admitted she wished she had scheduled more rest days to spend more time at each stop. She plans to return to those towns to explore more and revisit some of the people she met.

"A lot of them I know I'll be back to," she said. "I'll definitely come back to visit Marlinton. It has a lot going on."

Crow-Willard is doing the hiking and data gathering project as a partnership with Generation West Virginia, with whom she will share her data once it is compiled. Generation West Virginia has built a website called the Allegheny Trail Data Explorer.

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Beth Turner

Turner finds healing in writing

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The first 18 years of Beth Turner's life were a bit rough, to say the least. Turner, nee Thompson, grew up in a poor family in Marlinton. When she was nine, she discovered the body of her father, Howard, who had taken his own life. By the time she graduated from Pocahontas County High School in 1986, she would also have lost her brother, Kendall, in the same manner, and her mother, Thelma, to cancer.

A young life filled with so much tragedy could break a person, but Turner set out to live her life and make something of herself. She was also determined to find answers as to why her father did what he did. For 40 years, she gathered all the information she could and learned more than she could have ever imagined.

All of that led to her book, "Inheritance of Grit," which she wrote with ghost writer Ryan Armstrong.

"My book is about how I learned to forgive and how I learned to accept him for who he was," she said. "It's not to tell everybody else this is what you need to do in order to forgive someone, but for me, I had to understand. The only way I could understand my dad was to get as close to him as I could."

Turner compiled medical records, talked to her father's only surviving sibling and even traveled to Germany where her father had been stationed in the military.

"I wanted to touch the same soil that he did," she said. "I spent the last six or seven years really talking about him with my uncle because my dad's family never really talked about him to me. I was talking to my uncle and I said, 'listen, if I have the question and you know the answer, I need to know the answer. It doesn't matter if it's good, bad or indifferent. I don't want to be protected from the honest truth.'

"I was on this journey and a hundred percent in on it, so by doing that and

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GFWC to host event to benefit PSB

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The relationship between the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace in Hillsboro dates to the origins of the Birthplace becoming a public museum in 1974.

Through the decades, the GFWC has raised funds for the birthplace to ensure it continues to keep the history and legacy of Pearl Buck alive. One of the biggest fundraisers is held at the birthplace, and women's club members from around the state are invited to attend.

This year's event, Saturday, August 22, will feature live music, games, self-guided tours of the birthplace and a silent auction.

Marlinton Woman's Club member and state officer Debbie Gale has organized this event and is excited to welcome the women and their guests to what she thinks will be a wonderful day.

"This year, we're having live music, and I think it's going to really add to the event," Gale said. "Myra Morrison is coming and she's put together a four-piece band. We will also have Erica Marks and her two daughters playing."

Barb Siers will perform with birthplace docent Phyllis Lubin-Tyler who will portray Pearl S. Buck's mother in a skit.

While the event is usually for women's club members only, Gale said if individuals are interested in participating, they can attend as a guest or guests of a member.



Pearl S. Buck Birthplace, in Hillsboro

Those who wish to attend as a guest or are interested in becoming members of the Marlinton Woman's Club may contact Gale at 304-799-2316 or through email at dgrphwv@gmail.com





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Parks and Rec will keep GBO pool open through August

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

Parks and Recreation Director Alyssa Vickers appeared at the August 6 Pocahontas County Commission meeting and reported that, thanks to a donation, they now have the funding to keep the swimming pool at Green Bank Observatory open through the month of August.

At the July 21 commission meeting, Vickers had said that budget shortages have caused deficits in running that swimming pool. When questioned about whether Parks and Rec will be able to operate the pool next summer, Vickers said, between now and then, she will try to fund it by applying for grants or possibly forming a "Friends of Parks and Recreation" group to raise money for it.

Vickers also clarified that Parks and Recreation has opened a money-market account, and during the months that they receive excess funds from the Hotel/Motel Tax above their needed $20,000 operating expenses, that extra money is being deposited into that account for operating expenses during the months they don't receive Hotel/Motel Tax money.

The commission held a discussion about possibly asking the Health Department to move their office out of the courthouse since the Sheriff's deputies need to move from the old jail building. They also talked about possibly moving either the deputies or the Health Department to the current 911 Center once the new 911 Center is built. No decisions were made.

In other matters, the commission

• approved for Parks and Rec to purchase a zero-turn 42-inch Gravely lawn tractor for $5,000 and a 21-inch push mower for $500 from Buckeye Hardware. These are needed to maintain the parks.

• approved $2,500 contributions to each of the following non-profits: Tucker Community Foundation for "Run for It, 2026" and Bryan's Battery Inc. for the Droop Mountain Civil War Reenactment to be held October 10 and 11.

• With the concurrence of the County Prosecutor the commission conducted the third reading of the Pocahontas County Flood Plain Ordinance by title and approved it.

• approved Payment Resolution #23 from the EPA Tannery Project in the amount of $28,468.83 to pay an invoice from Greenbrier Environmental.

• removed the Sheriff's Office as the estate representative for the Mulvie Grimes Estate. With the concurrence of the Sheriff, they appointed three relatives as the new co-representatives of the estate.

• approved Grant Amendment #2 for the Thornwood Water Project. Lesley Taylor of Region 4 explained that this is an extension of the project completion date since the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has not approved the project because of a possible habitat of the endangered Rusty Bumble Bee.

Taylor said that other federal agencies determined that the bee has not been found within 20 miles of the project area, but Fish and Wildlife still has not provided the official go-ahead for the project.

• approved the IRU Agreement for the ARC Broadband Project. This is a "right to use" agreement.

• heard an update from Chris Lusk on the county Ambulance Service. He said they now provide 170 hours of service per week and have coverage in both the northern and southern parts of the county.

The Unsung Heroes Behind West Virginia Elections

Kris Warner
WV Secretary of State

Every election has candidates, campaigns and headlines. But behind every ballot cast and every result properly counted and reported is a dedicated group of citizens whose service make our democracy possible – poll workers.

Most voters never see the full scope of their work. Poll workers arrive before dawn to set up voting precincts, test equipment, verify voter information, and prepare for a long day of service.

In our May Primary Election, West Virginia had 1,684 precincts open to the voters with more than 8,400 poll workers in place on election day.

When the polls close, the work of our poll workers is far from finished. They remain on duty ensuring ballots are secured, counted and accurately reported. Their commitment often stretches well beyond the time the evening news has signed off.

Election officials and poll workers answer voters' questions with patience. They learn complex procedures, adapt to changing election laws, and remain steadfast in their commitment to serving every eligible voter. Their work allows millions of Americans to vote safely, securely, and with confidence.

In West Virginia, poll workers are often our friends, neighbors, church members, veterans, teachers and retirees. Because of legislation just recently passed, we will begin to see some high school students working with experienced poll workers as well.

These election day workers are the familiar faces that greet voters at the polling place. There is something reassuring about walking into a voting location and seeing someone you know and trust helping guide the process. That familiarity strengthens confidence in our elections and reminds us that democracy is not managed by distant institutions. It is carried out by members of our own communities. Our neighbors, our friends, not federal agents as in other countries.

Rarely do our poll workers receive the recognition they deserve for their dedication. A successful Election Day never happens as an accident. It is the result of careful preparation, professionalism, and a willingness to serve the public. In West Virginia, my office and our 55 county clerks started preparing for the 2026 November General Election back in July of 2025.

The role of poll workers has become more complex in recent years. They must understand election procedures, be able to operate

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August Grand Jury hands up indictments

The Pocahontas County Grand Jury was convened Tuesday, August 4, 2026, and returned indictments against the following individuals:

Christina M. Giese, 44, of Arbovale – Two counts, fraudulent use of an access device, a felony; ten counts, fraudulent possession of an access device, a felony.

Regis H. Markl, III, 49, of Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania – One count, burglary, a felony; one count, grand larceny, a felony; one count, unlawful taking of a vehicle, a misdemeanor.

Austin K. Fultz, 31, of Cass – One count, possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, a Schedule II, controlled non-narcotic substance, a felony; one count, possession with intent to deliver Xanax, a Schedule IV, controlled non-narcotic substance, a felony; one count, possession with intent to deliver Gabapentin, a Schedule V, controlled non-narcotic substance, a misdemeanor.

Burt W. Harmon, Sr., 44, of Marlinton – One count, receiving or transferring stolen goods, a felony.

Burt W. Harmon, Jr., 29, of Marlinton – One count, burglary, a felony; one count, destruction of property, a misdemeanor; one count, receiving or transferring stolen goods, a felony.

An indictment is not proof of guilt. All persons are considered innocent until proven otherwise by a jury of their peers.

BOE discusses duties of new assistant principal

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At the August 4 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting, superintendent Dr. Leatha Williams gave a report on a recent meeting she had with the head coaches for Pocahontas County sports. At the meeting, the coaches, Williams and director of personnel and preschool Chloe Shauffner and secondary principals were in attendance to discuss the upcoming school year.

The coaches went through training and provided input about what they need for the future.

"Each team has requested an additional one-dollar coach assistant," Williams said. "The high school folks said this would help them maintain the embedded credit documentation. If they have someone that they could assign to that and also someone they could assign to checking students out after contests when they are away from the school system, that would be a big help."

The embedded credit is new in which students receive a physical education credit for participating in sports and other extracurricular activities such as marching band.

In addition to making the recommendation to the board to approve the $1 coaches, Williams also made a recommendation concerning the recently hired assistant principal/supervisor of CTE at Pocahontas County High School, Stephen Martin.

Williams said that in the interview with Martin, he explained that not only was he the CTE supervisor at Cabell-Midland High School, he was also the athletic director. With that noted, Williams said she asked Martin if he would take on the athletic director duties at PCHS, as well.

"He said he would be interested in being our athletic director and he is willing to pick up the responsibilities," Williams said. "We talked about how there are events that have to occur over holidays and weekends, so we would like to add twenty additional workdays to his calendar to help with that and the supplement for the athletic director right now is $6,000. We would like to offer him an additional $3,000 as a supplement."

Williams also asked the board to pay for all transportation costs for all sporting events out of the general fund and to allow her to post two athletic director positions for the county's two middle schools.

After a discussion in which board members questioned if there was room in the budget for the additional costs, the board approved to have Martin serve as athletic director on a probationary period and have him mentor the two middle school ADs when they are hired.

The board also approved the $1 coach assistants for all athletics and to fund the transportation.

In updates:

• Williams shared information about the reentry to school for students who were expelled. She shared a form the students must fill out and explained that it is up to her discretion if the student is allowed to come

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Reason and Romanticism

by Joe Miller

I don't make a lot of New Year's Resolutions, but for the past couple of years, I have set a reading goal. For 2026 the goal was 75 works of fiction.

My day job involves a lot of nonfiction reading. Most of my clients work in public policy, and they write lots of reports. No one can read all of them, but I try to keep up with the most important ones. Those clients are also mostly based in D.C. where politics is inescapable, so I read (or at least skim) several newspapers.

In addition, I generally read half a dozen or so articles for each of these columns.

Fiction is how I relax. I read while I eat breakfast and lunch and then at night before bed. Some of that is literary fiction, but most of it is genre fiction. That used to mostly be science fiction, but I've been on a mystery/thriller kick recently.

My ideal novel is one that's good enough to keep me engaged over lunch, but not so engrossing that I can't put it down when it's time to go back to work.

I hit my reading goal for the year at the beginning of August.

Some of that is weather related. It turns out that you can read a lot of books when your car is buried under a foot of ice! And part of it is that several of the books I downloaded turned out to be novellas rather than full-length novels.

Here's a round-up of some of the high (and a few not-so-high) points from my reading so far in 2026.

The spring featured new entries in three series I've enjoyed: Martha Wells' "Platform Decay" (the "Murderbot" series), James S. A. Corey's "The Faith of Beasts" (the "Captives' War" series) and Matt Dinniman's "The Parade of Horribles" (the breakout hit "Dungeon Crawler Carl" series).

I'm slowly working my way through the massive back catalog of Lee Child's "Reacher" novels. The 31st book in that series is scheduled for release later this year.

I can't really get into Michael Connelly's "Bosch" novels, and his latest Lincoln Lawyer novel fell a little flat. The police procedural is Connelly's bread and butter. He seems increasingly uncomfortable with a series that is predicated on cops having made mistakes and the last few novels have put that discomfort on full display.

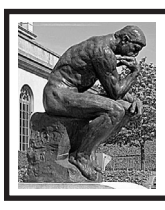
That said, I enjoyed "The Late Show" (the first in Connelly's "Ballard" series) enough to download the second from Libby.

By the time most of you read this, my son will have moved into his new apartment just off the Florida State University campus. He starts his graduate program in philosophy in a couple of weeks. Carl Hiaasen is helping me prepare for regular encounters with Florida Man.

Discovering Lee Goldberg has been a real high point this year. His 2023 novel "Calico" is currently the front-runner for my favorite read of 2026. The novel is a delightful mashup of mystery and western all wrapped in a clever time travel package.

Regular readers of this column know of my love for weird metafiction. The reluctant detective of Benjamin Stevenson's "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone" is the author of a semi-successful series of guide-

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about

1. How many battleships were sunk during the attack of Pearl Harbor?
2. In 1915, what steamship was torpedoed by a German submarine, killing more than 1,000 passengers?
3. After defeating Martin VanBuren, who died of pneumonia shortly after taking office?
4. What president proposed the Great Society?

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Science in Small Bites
Do some animals kill just for the fun of It? (other than humans)
Apparently so.

Segment One:
Orca Whales observed ramming into giant Sunfish, causing them to explode

I was 17 years old and living in Central Ohio when I took up a method of fishing called trotlining, used mainly to catch catfish. Running a trotline requires either a boat or chest waders, depending on the depth of the water.

The actual trotline is simply a weighted line stretched across the river and anchored to both banks. Individual short, baited lines are strung from the main line.

Bait often consisted of road-killed critters such as raccoons and possums – don't even think about using a skunk! If you cannot find, or do not wish to use roadkill, chicken or beef livers will work as well, just as long as the catfish can smell the bait.

Once the trotline is set, you just sit back with a beer and wait several hours before checking your line. I preferred setting my trotlines in the early evening, checking them from time to time throughout the night.

My favorite body of water for trotlining was Big Walnut Creek, which flows through what was, in 1968, suburban Columbus, emptying into the Scioto River south of town.

One evening after setting several trotlines below a low head dam, I heard splashing in the water a few feet downstream from the base of the dam. Curious, I walked upstream to see what was causing the commotion. Much to my surprise, several longnose gar fish were attacking, but not eating, freshwater gizzard shad. I watched spellbound for a good hour as the prehistoric-looking gars ripped apart the shad with their barracuda-like teeth. It appeared for all the world like the gars were making sport of the shad.

Even a couple of hours later, when checking my downstream trotlines, chunks of shad came floating by. There may be, and probably is, a better scientific explanation for the gar's behavior, but it looked like a murder spree to me.

We've all seen it: cats playing with their prey before killing it. Now, marine scientists are reporting that killer whales (Orcinus orca) are killing giant sunfish, but not in the manner one would presume.

Orcas are considered an apex predator and live in all the oceans. Adult male orcas can weigh 22,000 lbs., be 33 feet in length, and swim at speeds up to 35 mph; a formidable battering ram against their prey. These are highly intelligent mammals in the dolphin family and have developed quite sophisticated methods of hunting.

Killer whales feed on a variety of marine life, including seals, fish, squid and other marine mammals. They have developed ingenious hunting strategies, such as coordinating with others in their pod to create waves to wash seals from the ice pack.

Their strategy for killing the giant ocean sunfish is unique indeed and was only recently discovered by marine researchers. The somewhat smaller female orcas will catch and hold the ocean sunfish. The male orca then charges the hapless sunfish at full speed, resulting in the sunfish exploding into bits.

And this is where the researchers have yet to determine the orcas' intent; is this play, or is there a practical reason for this unusual behavior? The jury's still out, but some researchers suggest that the motive is to break up the gargantuan sunfish into bite-sized bits for the young orcas. Others believe that it may be a method of teaching young killer whales, while

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THE OCEAN SUNFISH is a strange-looking fish to be sure, but it is also a target for killer whales who ram the fish so hard that it explodes into many small pieces. *Photo courtesy of Martha Zapata USFWS*



THE LONGNOSE GAR is a prehistoric-looking fish that is known to kill other fish that they do not eat. Perhaps it is a territorial thing, or maybe they are just having fun. *Photo courtesy of Sam Stukel USFWS*

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State Fair of West Virginia begins August 13



The countdown is over – the 101st Annual State Fair of West Virginia is set to begin Thursday, August 13, and will run through Saturday, August 22, in Lewisburg. Gates open each day at 8 a.m., with carnival rides operating daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The 101st annual event promises 10 unforgettable days filled with thrilling carnival rides, nationally recognized entertainment, agricultural competitions, family-friendly attractions, delicious fair food, and the traditions that have made the State Fair of West Virginia a summer favorite for generations.

"We're excited to welcome everyone back for another incredible year at the State Fair of West Virginia," said Kelly Collins, CEO of the State Fair of West Virginia. "Each year, we strive to provide something for every member of the family while celebrating the agriculture, education, and community that are at the heart of our mission. We can't wait to share this year's entertainment, exhibits, competitions, and traditions with our guests."

Guests can enjoy daily attractions including the Flores Circus Thrill Show, DockDogs, Granpa Crachet, the Oregon Trail Display, Hot Glass Academy, the Moogician, and free entertainment throughout the grounds, including performances on the Google Free Stage.

Keeping true to tradition, the fair will once again host a full schedule of livestock competitions, including Junior 4-H and FFA livestock shows, horse shows, agricultural exhibits, and the fan-favorite Draft Horse Pull on Friday, August 21.

Visitors can also take advantage of several gate promotions throughout the week, including dollar admission day on Tuesday, August 18. Children ages 10 and under receive free admission every day of the fair.

For a complete schedule of events, entertainment, competitions, tickets, and more information about the 101st Annual State Fair of West Virginia, visit

The State Fair of West Virginia continues to be one of the state's largest annual events, generating a $48 million economic impact for West Virginia while fulfilling its mission as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to agriculture, family entertainment, and education.

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

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

Alderman Family – Saturday, September 5, 11 a.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church pavilion. Covered dish.

PCHS Class of 1976 50th Year Reunion Saturday, September 26, at the 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

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

Game Night at Green Bank Library, Friday, August 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Board, card and video games. Snacks provided.

Knit and Crochet group at Green Bank Library, first and third Wednesdays 1 to 3 p.m. Bring your needles and spin a yarn.

Sit and Sew group at Green Bank Library, second and fourth Wednesdays 1 to 3 p.m. Bring your own projects for social sewing.

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.

SPECIAL CHURCH EVENT

New Hope Lutheran Church at Minnehaha Springs – Sunday, August 16, 11 a.m. Celebrating 150th Anniversary.

CHURCH NOTICES

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

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What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Harvest Succotash

Sally Cobb

1 large onion, finely chopped (1 cup)

1 Tbsp. butter

1 1/2 cups corn kernels, fresh or frozen

1 pound zucchini, unpeeled, quartered lengthwise, and cut crosswise into 1/2 inch slices

1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved

1 tsp. oregano, crumbled

In a large skillet (with lid), sauté the onion in the butter until soft.

Add the rest of the ingredients tossing lightly to combine. Cover the skillet and cook over moderately low heat for 15 minutes, stirring gently a few times.

Serves 4-6.

Summer soup

Helen Nottingham

1 cucumber, partially peeled, seeded and cut into chunks

1/2 avocado, peeled

2 green onions

1 cup chicken broth

1 cup sour cream

1 Tbsp. lime or lemon juice

Salt and pepper

Cut up the vegetables and mix together.

Blend together chicken broth, sour cream, lime or lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Refrigerate three hours or overnight.

School Menus

August 19 - 21

Wednesday, 19: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, milk. Chicken strips with dipping sauce, whole grain breadstick, carrots/cherry tomatoes, baked beans, fruit, milk.

Thursday, 20: Fruit frudel whole grain, fruit, milk. Cheeseburger on whole grain bun with lettuce/tomato, sweet potato fries, Great Northern beans, strawberry cup, milk.

Friday, 21: Homemade cinnamon roll, fruit, milk. Whole grain pizza, salad mixed greens, red bell peppers, corn, whole grain cookie, fruit, milk.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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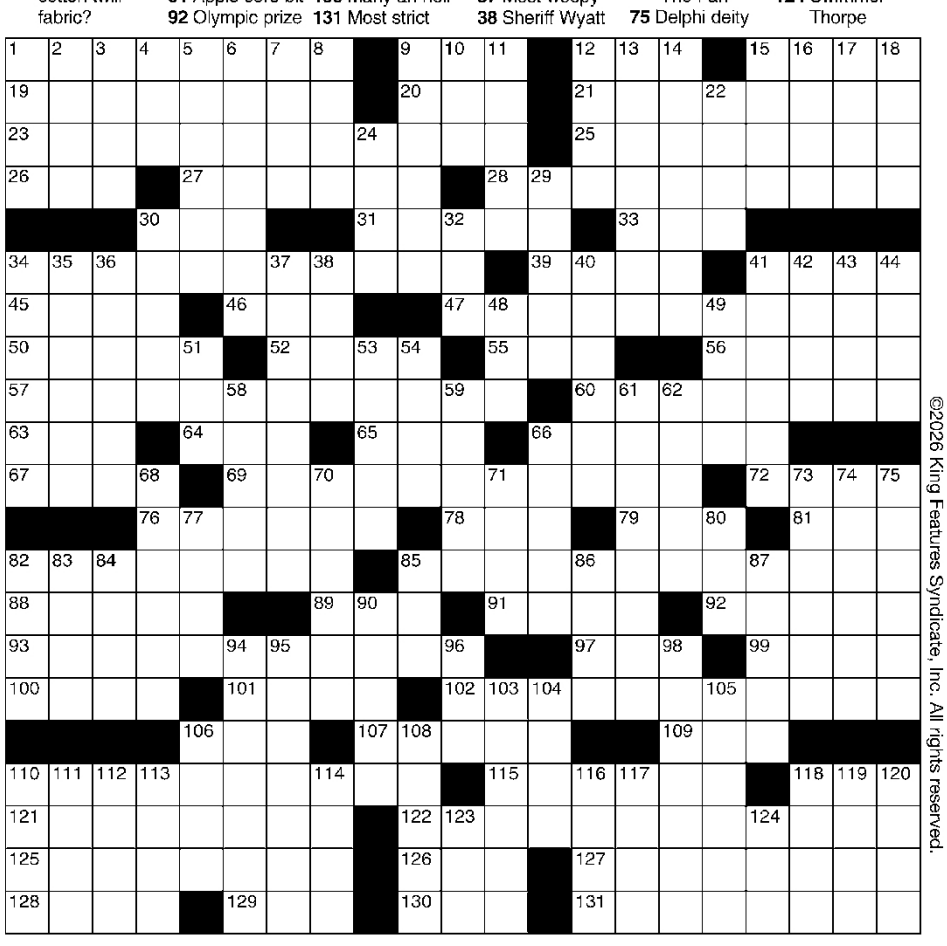
"OH, GO ON!"

ACROSS

1 Classic candy with a white, gooey center
9 "Don't — step further!"
12 Subj. for U.S. citizens-to-be
15 What food is in a food fight
19 First-aid plant
20 Cyber-address
21 More lethal
23 Musical ensemble that likes taunting its audiences?
25 Brainstorming question
26 IRS form info
27 War horses
28 Identify the star of "The Godfather"?
30 Taint
31 Peripheral
33 Pistol, in slang
34 Speed of corporate employees?
39 Alexis I, e.g.
41 Move a little
45 Think ahead
46 Whale locale
47 Two-ply cotton twill fabric?
50 Outfielder Judge
52 French for "weapon"
55 — -la-la
56 Sacred vows
57 Horse with color patches on one-fourth of its body?
60 Great delight
63 German conjunction
64 — polloi
65 Ike's inits.
66 Yasser of Palestine
67 Popular crafts website
69 Publicity video made by 12th graders?
72 "Chiquitita" pop group
76 Pupils' places
78 Galloped
79 Daiquiri liquor
81 Lil Durk or Lil Jon's music
82 Brief, tight shorts
85 Marx brother with extreme views?
88 Mammal with striped legs
89 — Paulo
91 Apple core bit
92 Olympic prize
93 Beatles drummer participating in a bout?
97 Tell tall tales
99 Big shopping center
100 "— From Muskogee"
101 "Puffball" director Nicolas
102 Stringed instrument played by people in jail?
106 Water, in Vichy
107 — salts (bath supply)
109 Pewter metal
110 Moola earned by singer Jones?
115 Adds to a film, as music
118 Response to "Are you?"
121 Boa of South America
122 Small dance club?
125 Some chewy candies
126 RV hookup org.
127 Countertenor
128 Linear, briefly
129 Colorant
130 Many an heir
131 Most strict

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1 Antislip items
2 Bar brews
3 Bank offering
4 The, in Caen
5 Egg capsule
6 Middles, in London
7 Compulsion
8 Speed
9 Gets clogged with icky stuff
10 Celestial ball
11 Without help
12 Certain Dutch cheese
13 Dakar's land
14 Uncover
15 "Paper Lion" star Alan
16 Outward appearance
17 Honey wine
18 Roughly
22 Inside dope
24 Former Laker Lamar
29 Pianist Schnabel
30 Small-time
32 Beatrix Potter's "The Tale of Mr. —"
34 Not reflecting light
35 Display boldly
36 Units of capacitance
37 Most weepy
38 Sheriff Wyatt
40 Fast-food pizza chain
41 California mountain
42 A Jackson 5 brother
43 With a sharp image, briefly
44 Pinkish-red
48 Prefix with laryngology
49 Club in a Barry Manilow hit, for short
51 — degree
53 Longish skirts
54 Prefix with skeleton or spore
58 Lab slide dye
59 On — firma
61 Hobby with call letters
62 Into a state of conflict
66 Golfer Palmer, informally
68 Rebel like Abbie Hoffman or Jerry Rubin
70 Moniker of a loch monster
71 Paw parts
73 Of a wedding woman
74 Lauren of "The Fan"
75 Delphi deity
77 Parade ruiner
80 Roman 1,900
82 Drifting sort
83 "Enough, I get it!"
84 Cabbie's car
85 Hitter Maris, for short
86 Toon pics
87 Macho sorts
90 Make furious
94 Fine- — wood
95 In the form of a circle
96 Photo —
98 Authorize
103 Dennis of hoops fame
104 "It's my turn"
105 Remnant of a burned coal
106 Kingdom given to Esau
108 Some skin scars
110 Mexican treat
111 — even keel
112 Filly's mother
113 Jack fish
114 Simplify
116 Comic thuds
117 "Shoo!"
118 Oahu, e.g.
119 Deeds
120 Irrelevant
123 Tic-tac-toe victory
124 Swimmer Thorpe



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The website has a break down for each town that the trail runs through and includes demographics and economic information about the kinds of businesses in those towns and how many visitors the towns receive.

Once Crow-Willard recovers from her hike – with a vacation to the beach – she will compile all her data and share it with GWV, as well as publishing it for others to review. She also plans to make a series of videos of each town she visited which she will share on YouTube.

"The last two months [Generation West Virginia] has worked with this cohort to do data analysis with publicly available information and put together an amazing beta version of a dashboard where you can look through all the different towns near the trail and see what kind of businesses they have, where the opportunities lie and where some funding could help specific infrastructure problems," Crow-Willard said.

"I'm going to bring that in and also a lot of the ground tripping data I'm gathering through my interviews and build this economic report – sort of changing economies, economic mindsets, challenges with building businesses, potential policy opportunities for supporting business growth in these communities and then putting together short, little videos on each town and then one larger video on the whole exhibition," she continued.

When she completes the study, Crow-Willard will get back to her busy life of data, storytelling and documentary work. She started her own company which she hopes will be a non-profit for data and storytelling similar to the Allegheny Trail project.

"Previously, I was a producer at a company called Climate Now and that was essentially a climate storytelling, media company and we created videos and podcast," she said. "We did some written articles, and we ended up doing a lot of stuff with the U.S. Department of Energy around communications and campaigns, things like that. Now I feel like I could build something similar, but more broad systems oriented."

Crow-Willard also has a TV show proposal for a reality series built around water systems. She drew from her time as a hydrogeologist in California, where she worked with companies concerning where their water was coming from and helping drilling wells.

She has also worked on a feature documentary that will be completed by the end of this year. It follows two Columbian girls who want to be astronauts. They are accepted into a program called "She is an Astronaut" that sends them to NASA headquarters in Houston, Texas, where they meet Latina astronomers and return home with a better understanding of realizing their dreams.

For now, though, Crow-Willard continues her trek down the Allegheny Trail, a journey she predicts will be completed August 11, with a total of 25 days from beginning to end.

Heroes, from page 2

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Healing, from page 1

reading records and talking with my uncle, I understood how my dad came to be an alcoholic and the struggles he had in life," she continued. "I came to appreciate those, instead of not understanding them. By appreciating them, I felt like emotionally, I went down that road beside him."

When people experience tragedies such as Turner has, some prefer to not talk about them or share their stories with others, but for Turner, sharing the stories – while painful – was also therapeutic.

"Me talking about it helps and I hope that my story can be inspiration for other people to try to understand," she said. "Lots and lots of people have gone through this. I had to understand to forgive and I had to emotionally feel as close as I could what my dad went through. I had to learn to have sympathy for him and that was my freedom. That was my forgiveness."

"My dad was not this horrible person," she said. "The Christmas before my mom died, I just looked at her and said, 'I don't understand why I'm going to be the only one left.' You go through life wondering what your purpose is, and I try to be a good person every day.

"I feel like, now, I really know what my purpose is and that was to find out all of this, to grow within myself, but I also connected with two brothers that I didn't know I had and that was the beautiful thing that came out of this," she continued. "My dad had two sons. One, I don't even think he knew he had because he was born in Korea."

Turner also discovered a sister and so she has gained three siblings, as well as nieces and nephews, all because she was seeking answers and trying to heal herself.

"That's how the book evolves into the greatness that came out of it," she said. "I have family. I lived thirty-five years with no family and all of a sudden, my life now includes nieces and nephews and two brothers.

"Last May, my two brothers and a sister were all able to get together for the first time and I took them to the cemetery in Staunton where Momma and Daddy and Kendall are buried," she continued. "It was the first time we were all together."

Despite all the tragedy she experienced as a young girl, Turner remembers the good times and the love she had from her mother.

"I can't say enough good about the mother I had growing up," she said. "She was such a driving force behind me and encouraging me. The other thing I feel so fortunate about is I never had to wonder if my mother loved me. I think a lot of people do. I'm so fortunate. I carry my mom with me every single day of my life.

"As hard as it was then, it's just as beautiful now," she continued. "I tell my husband sometimes, I don't know what I've done so right to deserve all that I have. The love that pours into me every day and the support system that I have and have had. I feel so good in my life right now."

It was a hard, arduous journey, but after 40 years of research and healing, Turner is proud to have "Inheritance of Grit" to share with the world. It may be a difficult read, especially for those with similar experiences, but Turner said she hopes it helps readers find comfort in knowing they are not alone and that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

"If it helps one person out of a billion people in the world; if it inspires one person, then my goal has been met," she said. "It all just starts falling into place. I sit here every day and almost pinch myself. I grew up and lived eighteen years in Marlinton and now I live in this major metroplex [in Texas]. I have a great job. I have a phenomenal family here.

"I sit here and think, 'golly, I'm this little girl that grew up in Marlinton and now all of a sudden, I'm out in this big world,'" she continued. "I've made it happen. I've done this for myself and it's a very rewarding feeling."

Turner admits there are still bad days, and she misses her parents and brother every single day, but she also remembers all the good things in her life and all that she has done in their names.

"One thing I decided when I left Marlinton was, I was going to live my life for all of us," she said. "I do things that would have brought joy to everybody."

"Inheritance of Grit: A Metaphorical Memoir of a Daughter's Resilience, Determination and Grace" is available on Amazon.com

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Obituaries



Hazel McPeak

Hazel Jackson McPeak, 96 of Marlinton, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

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.



Carol Mullenax

Carol Ann Gardner Mullenax, age 81, of Durbin, departed this life Monday, August 3, 2026, after a hard fought battle with dementia.

Born on March 31, 1945, at Clover Lick, she was a daughter of the late Pauline "Polly" Buzzard Gardner and William C. Gardner.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Rodney (Linda).

She is survived by brothers, Lee (Margaret) and Fredric (Cynthia).

Carol Ann attended the grade schools at Clover Lick and graduated from Green Bank High School – Class of 1963.

In May of 1963, Carol Ann and Howard Newton Mullenax were married and resided in Durbin with their children, Jon (Joyce) and Amber (Danny).

During this time Carol Ann worked as a waitress at the Hermitage in Bartow, where she made friendships she cherished for life.

Having grown up on a farm, she brought her love and knowledge of farming and gardening with her when she and her family moved to "the farm, "where she enjoyed many years of haymaking, lambing seasons and cooking favorite family recipes. Also, during this time, Carol Ann became known as "Nanny" to her cherished grandchildren, Trista (Richie), Dustin (Krissy), Shawnna (Stefan) and Shasta (Lewis).

Nanny enjoyed the time she spent with each of them, sharing family history, recipes and, or course, cooking their favorite meals and cakes.

In 1996, Carol Ann and Howard left their beloved home in West Virginia, following the closing of Howe's Leather and moved to Liberty, North Carolina, on what was once a small dairy farm. There, she continued her passion for gardening and flowers and rocks, all of which she made many trips back to West Virginia to bring "home," where they radiated in her beautiful gardens.

Carol Ann's strong work ethic was an important part of her life. During the 25 years spent in North Carolina, she was employed by Worcester Controls and Lincoln Financial of Greensboro, retiring in her early 70s. She forged many deep and meaningful friendships throughout those years that left a lasting impression on her and created memories that she would treasure forever.

She and Howard were members of Sandy Creek Baptist Church, where she shared her love of crocheting with others by creating a prayer shawl ministry that blessed those in need. Her church family was an important part of her life and her strong Christian faith and love for the Lord was unwavering.

In 2021, Carol Ann came home to West Virginia, a place, in her opinion, she never truly left, and where she once again began planting flowers and creating memories. She spent her days enjoying the view of mountains, watching the birds and wildlife and always welcoming the visits from her cherished great-grandchildren: Kinlee, Kambrie, Kimber, Soren, Ellery and Aleena, and looked forward to the arrival of baby Creed in September. Their laughter filled her home with warmth, and she was always delighted to have the cookie jar ready for them.

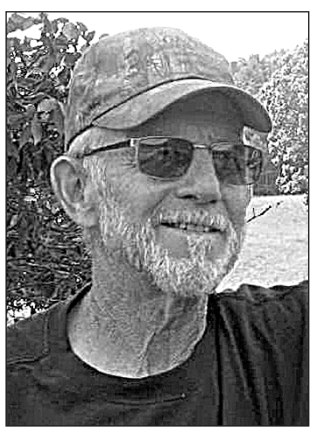
Carol Ann's family history was always a point of pride to her. While many of those she treasured have gone on, a multitude of family and friends will continue to love and cherish her memory.

Carol Ann Gardner Mullenax will be remembered for her unwavering dedication to her family, her friends and the simple joys of life. Her family takes comfort in knowing that her spirit lives on in the laughter of her great-grandchildren and the stories she shared with them. Her life, filled with love, hard work, and a connection to her roots, serves as an inspiration to all who were blessed to know her.

Per her request, the body will be cremated. A graveside service will be held in the near future.

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

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com



Michael Taylor

Michael Andrew Taylor, 69, of Dunmore, passed away at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital Friday, August 7, 2026.

Born October 16, 1956, in Marlinton, he was the son of the late Reuben and Frances Kelley Taylor.

Mike was a member of the Dunmore United Methodist Church, a dry kiln operator, carpenter and jack of all trades. Mike spent his free time in his woodworking shop. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and fishing, and most of all loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Mike was a friend to many and stayed busy sharing his gifts and talents. Some of his best memories were spent lending a hand to anyone who needed it.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Bruce Taylor.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Cynthia Doyle Taylor; sons, Drew (Trish) and Ryan (Beth); daughter, Courtney Gainer (Greg); grandchildren, Kinley Taylor (Wyatt), Wade Taylor, Luke Gainer and Khloe Gainer; sisters, Barbara Mason (Hugh), Connie White, Teresa Linear (Allan) and Amy Husky (Charles); special aunt, Zelda Chocklett; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, August 14, 2026, at the family farm between Frost and Dunmore (14103 Frost Road), with Pastor Amy Paul officiating. Friends may gather at 4 p.m. service will be held at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Meadow Creek Holdings LLC, 4187 Frost Road, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954, with all gifts benefiting the PCHS carpentry department.

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back earlier than originally set by the expulsion.

In some instances, Williams said the students must be expelled for the full time given by the policy. This is in direct correlation with the offense for which the student was expelled.

All expelled students still receive education services so they do not fall behind, but they are not allowed on school premises and cannot attend extracurricular events.

• Nature's Mountain Classroom Director Tracey Valach gave a presentation on the program for the upcoming school year. She shared the schedule and welcomed all the board members to attend any of the events they can.

The students will again get their outdoor education in skiing, hiking, kayaking and snorkeling, and mountain biking, along with going on several field trips, depending on the grade level.

This year, Valach is excited to report that sixth and seventh grade students are reading "River Rocks," written by West Virginia native Steve Kittner. Kittner is slated to visit the students during their overnight adventure in October.

In old business, the board approved the following:

• Proposed policy revisions, second reading of policies 9270 – Home Instruction and 2371 – Hope Scholarship.

In new business, the board approved the following:

• Memorandum of Understanding for Nature's Mountain Classroom and the calendar of events.

• Memorandum of Understanding with Marshall University and the Level Up WV program.

• Memorandum of Understanding with New River Community and Technical College and the Level Up WV program.

• Memorandum of Understanding between Green Bank Elementary-Middle School and Green Bank Observatory to operate a wireless scoreboard.

• Permission for the resolution from the board for authorization for Grant Smiths and the matching funds for the COPS grant application.

• to post for a $1 coach for volleyball.

• to post for a part-time gifted teacher.

• Federal guidance to adjust standard mileage travel reimbursement from .725 to .76.

The personnel agenda will be in next week's edition of *The Pocahontas Times*.

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Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits and phone calls. I truly appreciate them all.

Kenneth Faulknier

Thank You

Thank you to two of the best mail carriers out there – Nancy and Denise. I appreciate all your understanding and help with the mail and packages.

May the Lord richly bless you.

Susie Landis and family

Thank You

Roy and I were so blessed and thankful to have all of you in our lives.

I want to thank everyone for the food, flowers, visits, cards and prayers, and for all the years of love and support shown to us and our family. Thanks for everything, right down to the small notes and lollipops. Special thanks to VanReenen Funeral Home.

Thank you for supporting Roy. He was a behind the scenes person.

May all of you be as richly blessed, as we were.

Susie Landis and family

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COURSE	SUBJECT	DAY	TIME
Acct 201	Principles of Accounting I	T	4 - 5:15 p.m.
Acct 202	Principles of Accounting II	TH	4 - 5:15 p.m.
Acct 215	Managerial Acct	WEB	WEB
Biol 105	Intro to Anat./Physiology	WEB	WEB
Biol 231	Human Anat./Physiology I	WEB	WEB
Biol 232	Human Anat./Physiology II	WEB	WEB
Comm 208	Fund of Public Speaking	M, W	2 - 3:15 p.m.
Comm 208	Fund of Public Speaking	WEB	WEB
Comm 21	Interpersonal Comm	WEB	WEB
Crmj 151	Intro to Crim Justice	M	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Crmj 212	Legal Research & Methodolgy	WEB	WEB
Econ 211	Principles of Economics I	WEB	WEB
Econ 212	Principles of Economics II	WEB	WEB
Engl 101	Composition I	WEB	WEB
Engl 102	Research	W	7 - 8:15 p.m.
Engl 102	Research	WEB	WEB
Hist 101	World Civilization	WEB	WEB
Hist 105	American History	WEB	WEB
Mast 105	Medical Terminology	WEB	WEB
Math 101	Quantitative Reasoning	M	5:30 -7 :45 p.m.
Math 101E	QR Enhanced	TH	1 - 1:15 p.m.
Math 109	Algebra	WEB	WEB
Math 109E	College Algebra Enhanced	M, W	4 - 5:15 p.m.
Mgmt 210	Principles of Management	WEB	WEB
Posc 200	American Gov & Economy	WEB	WEB
Psyc 103	General Psychology	T,TH	11 - 12:15 p.m.
Psyc 103	General Psychology	WEB	WEB
Psyc 210	Lifespan Human Dev	WEB	WEB
Socs 210	Principles of Sociology	WEB	WEB
Socs 240	Human Diversity	WEB	WEB

o Method of delivery for these classes listed will be ZOOM (from personal location) and the ORU.

o Additional web, traditional (in - seat) and web - enhanced courses are available at http://www.newriver.edu/schedules.

o Courses listed here are subject to change depending on student needs.

Last day to register for classes and pay tuition is August 17, 2026.

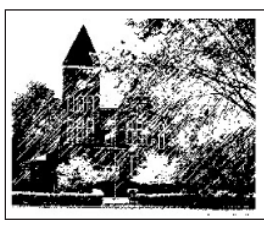
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Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

Walker's Store in Hillsboro – circa 1918



THE CENTRAL SERVICE Station, owned by E. H. Williams, located at the intersection of 8th Street (Rt. 39) and 4th Avenue in Marlinton, West Virginia. Ed Willaims was a respected businessman and timber owner and was the founder of Williams Supply Company. (Grace Williams Sharpenberg Collection, Courtesy of Margaret Ann Bays; ID: PHP008559)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
August 16, 1951

OUR ARMY AND NAVY BOYS

Word has been received that Willis Hansford, son of Mrs. M. M. Hansford, of Marlinton, has arrived safely in Japan. Willis is a veteran of World War II.

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Private Kenneth Faulknier, of the 86th Heavy Tank Battalion, Combat Command Battalion, stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, spent 14 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Faulknier. He left Thursday for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, for reassignment to duty.

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Private William L. Waugh is home from the Air Force with an honorable discharge. He was stationed at San Antonio, Texas. His brother, Hubert L. Waugh, also of the Air Force, is home on a 15-day leave. He is stationed in Georgia. These young gentlemen are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Waugh, of Dunmore.

WEDDINGS

On Friday evening, August 10, Miss Anita Joyce Dunbrack was united in marriage to Johnny Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nelson, of Huntersville, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winters Dunbrack. … Mr. Nelson, an alumnus of Marlinton High School, served with the Marine Corps during the war and is now employed by DuPont in Waynesboro, Va., where they will reside after their return from a Northern honeymoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rickett, of Slaty Fork, announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Elizabeth, to Warren Osbert Riggleman, son of French Riggleman and the late Georgia Riggleman, of Monterville.

Friend Calvin;

Some issues since, you wrote something relating to wolves attacking human beings. This brings to mind an anecdote related by my father and involving the late Henry Pyles, of Beaver Creek. Information had come to the Swago country that Henry had been in trouble with some wolves, but nothing definite was learned. In a day or so, my father went to mill at Mill Point where he saw Henry. Henry was a mute, and since my father did not know the sign language, he borrowed Henry's paper and pencil and wrote an inquiry as to the affair.

The Pyles boy's answer was tense and to the point. "In mountain, three wolves running, Henry climb a tree." While, no date can be fixed, the occurrences must have been shortly after the Civil War, this, because my father was not in Pocahontas for some ten years prior to the war.

Also, I have heard Aunt Malinda Griffin tell a wolf story. She had come down from the "Griffin Place" in the Buckley Mountains to do some errand at Buckley's near the mouth of Swago. While returning homeward along the wilderness trail, she heard a peculiar yelping behind her. It did not resemble the yelp of a dog, and since rumors of wolves had been afloat, Malinda threw herself into high gear. Soon another yelp gave notice that the pursuer was gaining. The girl secured a good cudgel and took refuge on a leaning tree. In a few moments, a huge wolf came bounding along the path and without pause, continued on toward Cummings Creek.

DEATHS

On Thursday, July 26, 1951, death claimed Ernest E. Oldaker, a beloved and respected citizen of Durbin. Funeral service was held from the Durbin Methodist Church with interment in the family lot at Bartow Methodist Church cemetery.

Mr. Oldaker was married to Link Irene Burner; he was a son of the late Lafayette D. and Elizabeth Anne Dawson Oldaker... The deceased took an active part in community, fraternal and civic work in addition to the activities of his church. Time and again, this leading citizen was elected a member of the Town Council of Durbin.

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Earl P. Shinaberry, of Clover Lick, aged 32 years, died August 10, 1951, from injuries received in an automobile wreck near Clover Lick. Funeral service from the Poage Lane Church with burial in the Poage Cemetery.

It was a service for both father and son, as the father, Charles Shinaberry, aged 73 years, died from a heart attack upon the news of the death of his son... Charles was a son of the late Abram and Mildred Buzzard Shinaberry; a leading citizen of his community and a prosperous farmer...

On January 15, 1910, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnes, a baby girl, who was given the name of Mary Susie Barnes. At the age of 11, in Akron, Ohio, she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour.

Coming back to Marlinton, she worked in every department of the Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church where she was faithful member.

She was joined in happy wedlock with Finley Roosevelt Morris, and to this union were born four children. Mr. Morris preceded her in death some years ago.

On March 28, 1947, Susie Morris and Carl E. Boggs were joined in happy wedlock. Shortly after their marriage, God called Carl to carry His message to all the world, and so she became a devoted minister's wife...

On August 1, 1951, at 12:45 a.m. God saw fit to call Susie to His kingdom of eternal rest, peace and happiness.

100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
August 12, 1926

The opportunity to appear once more before the Scotch clan of the Waughs is very much appreciated by me. The descendants of James Waugh, the soldier of the Revolutionary War, are gathered together in this year of the sesqui-centennial in his honor, 150 years since he shouldered his mountain rifle and marched away as part of the Augusta Troops to fight for the independence of America. And since then, his descendants have proved themselves to be true and steadfast American citizens, upholding the cause of freedom, supporters of the doctrine of equality, liberty and justice and, above all, sincere and militant supporters of the Christian religion.

Not long ago, I hunted out the beautiful little hollow in the hills that James Waugh, the pioneer, chose for his home in the Allegheny mountains, as one of those indomitable men engaged in the winning of the west. It is a lovely spot where the waters of Thorny Creek and Browns Creek come close together. In the beginning James Waugh and his neighbors called their settlement Richlands. The observer is moved yet by the beauty of the surroundings. And we can well imagine James Waugh looking down on the lovely valley that became his home and can realize the vision that came to him as he gazed at what was to become his abiding place. The history of America is the story of the pioneer and the emigrant. It is a place of bright color and high romance, for on this farmstead, and through James Waugh, for the first time on earth, man made here a home. Valor blazed the path. Hope laid the foundation of his house. Love set up the gates of it. The name of that man was James Waugh and his still bolder mate, Mary Waugh.

It was Mary Waugh who kept the homestead in the Hills the three years or more of James Waugh's service in the continental army, we have few if any incidents. But enough is shown in the fact that with four small children that she kept the home fires burning in a frontier home, in a section of the country at all times subject to Indian raids, and that after the war was over that James Waugh survived the conflict for many years and enjoyed the blessings that followed a victorious peace.

See that their memories never perish from the earth, for those who live in memory shall never die.

On the occasion of our meeting here today, recalls the tradition of the devout Rev. John Waugh, whom many of us remember with such respect and esteem. The Civil War left this county desolate and divided. At the end of a bitter address by a stranger to this section at a place near here, Rev. John Waugh arose and said, "I had one son in the Union Army, and another son in the Confederate Army. The war is over. Let us have peace. I would not want to live in any country where we could not meet in some pleasant place at a basket dinner."...

FORGERS

Kenton Wilfong and Mac Phillips, two young men, who were raised on Buffalo Mountain in Green Bank District, were before Squire Smith on charges of passing forged checks.

They were held on four counts for grand jury and are now in jail in Elkins.

Phillips and Wilfong came to town Monday morning and began to make the rounds here at banking hours, cashing and trying to cash checks for various amounts with the name of Withrow McClintic forged to them.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
August 12, 1976

ALLEGHENY TRAIL

It will be over a year before anyone may hike the full 210-mile distance of the new Allegheny Trail. But, for now, volunteers may help blaze remaining portions of the route through Virginia and West Virginia, a route approved by the governing agencies last April.

"About half of it is on existing trails. We're doing work hikes now clearing the remaining wilderness routes. People are welcome to come along and help," explained Bruce A. Bond, an officer in the West Virginia Scenic Trails Association.

The Allegheny Trail passes through the Jefferson, George Washington and Mon-ongahela National forests on the route between Blackwater Falls State Park north at Davis to the southern end on Peters Mountain near Pearisburg, Virginia. Here, the Allegheny cuts off from the 2,000-mile Appalachian Trail...

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Relatives, friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Nelson, are invited to an Open House in observance of their Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, August 15, from two to four in the afternoon.

PCHS SPORTS

Football practice got off to a good start with 45 varsity players, 16 freshman and 28 girls (basketball candidates) reporting for physical exams.

There is a good crop of returning lettermen along with a bumper crop of sophomores on this year's quad.

Bright spots are All Conference Rick Doyle and Albert Pondexter, who was last year's leading rusher, hard-driving fullback; Fred Tibbs reported at a slim 195 lbs.; versatile Tom Valencia, defensive end Ron Mullens, and speedy Mike Buzzard. Other fine senior prospects reporting are Lewis Fromhart, Ron VanReenen, Rick Barkley, John Dilley, Chuck Brockway.

Junior prospects are William Dilley, Mark Waslo, Mark Gum, Eddie Beverage, Kenny Cassell, Melvin Ricottilli, David L. Cassell, Richard Faulknier, Greg Brubaker, Robert Myers, Tom Barnisky, Tony Wiley, Tim Stewart, Keith Wilder.

Sophomore prospects are Rick Irvine, Glenn Arbogast, Richard Oref, Keith Pondexter, Philip Hill, Mark Kinder, Greg Rose, Mike Williams, Craig Doss, Conrad Smith, Bruce Johnston, Mike Ryder, Ronnie Sharp, Bill Walton, Shawn Nottingham, Grant Galford, Tim Galford, Wayne Cassell, Rick Shearer, Scott Kelley.

INDIAN DANCES

The Indian dance competition at Buckskin Council Reservation Saturday night was well worth seeing. There was a lot to learn about the various Indian costumes and dances, and they explained the different presentations. The boys from Charleston who appear in our Pioneer Days Parade each year won top honors and we learned they won second place in national competition last year in Ohio. We also learned that one group presented a dance better than the original Indian group from which they learned it.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Price Brothers

Thursday,
August 15, 1901

To see the lumber piles near Lee Overholt's at Buckeye station is an eye opener as to the timber resources of Swago and vicinity with Buckley Mountain thrown in for good count.

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The nicest and best social given for quite a while was given last Thursday by Miss Nora Overholt at Buckeye. About forty of the young people attended and everybody went home with merry hearts, and hoping to enjoy another as good soon.

A CARD OF THANKS

I feel grateful to the kind friends and members of the old Droop church for the money to purchase a new suit of clothes to go to Conference August 28, at Parkersburg. God bless those kind people. H. H. LOUGH

A TEXAS PIONEER

Boone Slaven, of Hunt County, Texas, was in Marlinton, last week, visiting friends and relatives. This is the first visit he has paid our county since he went to Texas from Highland in 1868. When he went to Texas, both Indians and buffalo were plentiful, and the whole state was not much better than a cattle range. He was a cow puncher for years and he tells many interesting stories of the rough life upon the plains; of the development of the country; flourishing towns and fine cultivated farms occupying the grassy wastes over which he used to graze the long-horned Texas steer which, he says, has disappeared from all parts of Texas, except the extreme southern part, being replaced in every instance by blooded stock.

In speaking of transportation, Mr. Slaven remarked how much cheaper it was in the old days than now. In 1869, he started in March in Southern Texas with a very large herd, ten or twelve thousand, belonging to four or five companies who had combined forces for protection against the Comanches, who were on the warpath. They drove six hundred miles to the Red River, crossing Indian territory and freighting them on the Northern Pacific in Kansas on November 1.

In nine months, they had driven about two thousand miles, at an average cost of $1 per head. The cattle were in far better condition when loaded than when started. To ship them by rail now would entail a cost of something like $4 per head, not counting the shift in weight.

THE EXCURSION

The C & O excursion came into town last Sunday with 542 excursionists. The train was composed of 10 coaches drawn by engine No. 158 and in charge of conductor Gill.

The crowd was good natured and orderly and there was nothing to mar the peacefulness of the day. Marlinton's hotels and restaurants easily took care of the crowd for dinner and after that the excursionists strolled over town and seemed to enjoy the day,

The train pulled out at 6 o'clock, loaded down from end to end, and the whole affair was a success for everybody concerned.

Marlinton was a little apprehensive before the crowd arrived that there might be a

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They were successful on getting money on four checks, the total amounting to over $150. Officer C. K. Butler and Harper Barrett overhauled them at Mt. Grove, and Wilfong was arrested and brought back. The officers did not then know that Phillips was implicated, and he got away. Afterwards Phillips was followed to Highland County, and he was arrested on Tuesday.

It is understood that the Sheriff of Highland County was also looking for Wilfong and Phillips. They had passed forged checks on some Monterey merchants last Saturday.

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another speculation is that it may be a bit of both, based upon their playful nature.

Side Note: The ocean sunfish (Mola mola) is a peculiar-looking fish, weighing in at 2,000 to 5,000 pounds - that's a lot of fish and chips, or, when in the vicinity of killer whales, "chips of fish."

The ocean sunfish or Mola mola is the largest bony fish in existence and appears as just a single massive head, lacking a tail fin, but has, instead, a clavus that acts as a rudder. The body is round and is more of a large disc than the streamlined body of most fish; a rather tempting target for a killer whale.

Also unusual for a fish, the sunfish primarily eat jellyfish in deep, cold water and return to the surface to warm up by floating on their sides. The added benefit of this behavior is that reef fish and seabirds clean parasites off their bodies while the fish float about, "catching some rays."

Segment Two: An update on Alpha Gal, the Red Meat Disease caused by the Lone Star Tick

It's summer, time for firing up the grill and having a barbecue, maybe invite the neighbors over, or maybe not. What are you going to put on the grill? Perhaps a mix of hamburgers and hot dogs or finish off that venison at the bottom of the freezer. If you can afford it these days, you may want to grill up some ribeye steaks.

However, if you have Alpha Gal disease, you must forego those luscious red meats and grill up some chicken, salmon, or, God forbid, tofu.

As you likely know, Alpha-gal syndrome, or red meat allergy, is acquired by a bite from the Lone Star tTck. However, there have been a few cases where the vector was a black-legged tick generally associated with Lyme disease.

You are probably aware that if you get Alpha-gal syndrome, you will be allergic to red meat and red meat products. If you are infected, you must avoid red meat; otherwise, you may have severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, which can be fatal. In West Virginia, we have only had approximately 200 cases to date, but it is on the rise.

At the time of this article, there is no permanent cure for Alpha-gal syndrome. That said, there are a couple of new novel therapies that hold promise of mitigating the symptoms of red meat allergies.

The first is something called the biodegradable nanoparticle treatment, an experimental immunotherapy. This therapy works by encapsulating the alpha-gal glycoprotein, which attaches to the offending sugar molecules, thereby avoiding the reactions to red meat consumption.

To date, the studies have only been on animals, primarily mice; however, it has been effective. Still, human studies are yet to be completed, so this therapy is not yet on the market.

The second therapy under study is a form of acupuncture called the Soliman Auricular Allergy Treatment (SAAT), which is effective with other forms of allergies. With SAAT, a hair-size needle is placed in the outer ear that corresponds with the alpha-gal molecule.

The needle is left in the ear for 3 to 4 weeks, all the while monitoring feedback from the immune system. After the needle is removed, the patients are then instructed to eat small amounts of red meat or mammalian by-products to see if there are any allergic symptoms.

As with any new strategies to mitigate or eliminate Alpha-gal syndrome, experts advise patients to continue to avoid mammal meat and keep epinephrine handy until their doctor advises otherwise.

I would further recommend that you use preventative measures so that you don't have to worry about getting alpha-gal syndrome in the first place.

When working or playing in the outdoors, you can minimize your chances of getting bitten by any species of ticks by stuffing your pant legs into your socks and spraying your garments and gear with permethrin. Additionally, do a tick check of your entire body after returning home. Perhaps your spouse could "give you a tick check" (which in some circles has an entirely different connotation). If you live alone, use a mirror for your scan.

"The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom." Isaac Asimov

The following is a link to a video showing a killer whale attacking an ocean sunfish.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3RK8TXfixY

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books to writing crime fiction. Readers are treated to regular fourth wall-breaking explanations of how well the current case conforms to the conventions of the mystery novel.

Stevenson earns a spot alongside Anthony Horowitz and Sulari Gentill as mystery writers with literary chops.

Just about any collection of 75 books will contain a few duds.

Robert Heinlein's "Stranger in a Strange Land" is much worse than I remembered from having read it in high school. The women are all curvy and into free love. The men take occasional breaks from bedding said curvy women to make boring speeches about freedom and rights and capitalism.

It reads a little like Ayn Rand taking up romantasy – a combination suitable mainly for teenage boys who know way less than they think they do.

Where "Stranger in a Strange Land" is an incel's idea of the free love movement, Veronica G. Henry's "The People's Library" is the answer to "What would progressive Twitter look like if it were a mystery novel?"

The heroes of the story are all at least one of non-white, queer, neurodivergent or women. Most check two or three boxes.

The mystery isn't very hard to untangle. The villain is the big corporation, personified by the heterosexual white man who is the heroine's boss.

The annoyingness of both Heinlein and Henry stems from the same underlying flaw. Both root their characters' fundamental worth in a set of arbitrary, unchosen physical characteristics.

They simply disagree about which of those characteristics are the good ones.

My reading always slows down in the second half of the year. Caroline and I spend a lot more time outside during the summer and fall, and it's usually hard to find time to read during the holidays.

This year, I'm spending a lot of my reading time memorizing lines for the drama workshop.

But I still have several books on my to-be-read shelf, including new things this fall from John Scalzi and Emily St. John Mandel.

Read anything you think I might enjoy? Drop me a line and tell me about it.

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New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs – Sunday Worship 11 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 join us on Facebook. Office hours, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Central Union United Methodist Church, Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m.

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.

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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.

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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.

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A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Families, Staff, Students and Community Members,

As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, it is my honor to welcome everyone back to Pocahontas County Schools. A new school year brings renewed hope, fresh opportunities, and the excitement of what we can accomplish together. It is a time to celebrate our successes, reflect on our growth, and continue building a strong future for our students and our community.

At the heart of everything we do is one shared purpose: serving children and helping every student reach their full potential. This mission belongs to all of us – educators, service personnel, families, community members and students. Every person has a role in creating schools where students feel safe, valued, supported, challenged and inspired to succeed.

I could not be more proud of what Pocahontas County Schools accomplished during the 2025–2026 school year. Through dedication, perseverance, and a shared commitment to our students, we successfully moved our school system off state intervention while keeping our focus where it belongs – on providing the best possible educational opportunities for our children.

This achievement was made possible because of the collective effort of an entire community. Our transportation employees ensured students arrived safely each day. Our maintenance and custodial teams created safe, welcoming learning environments. Our food service employees provided students with nutritious meals and support. Our office professionals served as a welcoming resource for families and staff. Our teachers and instructional teams worked tirelessly to inspire, challenge and encourage students to grow. Our administrators and support teams provided leadership and guidance throughout the year.

Most importantly, our students, families and community partners continued to believe in Pocahontas County Schools and the possibilities ahead. Together, we demonstrated what can happen when we work toward a common goal.

As we begin this new school year, I recognize that continued success requires intentional effort, collaboration, and a commitment to excellence. The preparation happening in our schools before the first day of classes sets the foundation for a successful year. My goal is simple: to ensure every student who walks through our doors knows they belong, they matter, and they can achieve great things.

The first smile a student receives, the first encouraging word they hear, and the first connection they make at school can shape their entire experience for the school year. Together, we have the privilege and responsibility to create learning environments where every child feels welcomed, supported and empowered.

Last year, our theme was "Stronger Together." That phrase became more than just a slogan – it became the foundation of our success. It reminded us that challenges can be overcome when we stand united with a shared purpose. A school system and community, we supported one another, celebrated progress, and remained committed to doing what was best for students.

This year, we will continue building on that foundation with our new focus: T.E.A.M. — Together Everyone Achieves More.

T.E.A.M. represents our commitment to collaboration, partnership, and shared responsibility. It reminds us that when schools, families, students, and our community work together, we create opportunities that are greater than what any one person can accomplish alone.

Throughout the 2026–2027 school year, our focus will be on strengthening relationships, building positive school cultures, and continuing to provide meaningful learning opportunities for all students. We will continue working together to support academic achievement, career readiness, extracurricular opportunities, and the overall success and well-being of every child.

Together, we truly achieve more – and I look forward to seeing all that we accomplish as one united TEAM.

Thank you for your continued support of Pocahontas County Schools. I am honored to serve as your superintendent and excited about the opportunities ahead during the 2026–2027 school year. Let us continue building on our successes, supporting one another, and making a positive difference – One Team. One Purpose. Every Child.

Best regards,
Dr. Leatha Williams

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Green Bank Elementary-Middle School

Dear Green Bank Elementary-Middle School Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, I am excited to welcome both our returning families and those joining us for the first time. We hope you had a wonderful summer, and we are looking forward to another year of learning, growth and success together.

As we begin this new school year, we are proud to reflect on the progress our students made last year. Our state assessment scores showed improvement over the previous year, our student attendance increased slightly, and we saw a decline in discipline referrals across our school. These accomplishments are a direct result of the hard work of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the continued support of our families. Thank you for partnering with us to help make these successes possible.

While we are proud of our progress, we know there is room for growth. This year, our primary focus will be strengthening high-quality instruction in every classroom. We believe that excellent Tier 1 instruction is the foundation for student success, and our teachers will be working together to ensure every student receives engaging, rigorous and meaningful learning experiences each day.

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Marlinton Middle School

Dear Parents and School Community,

I look forward to this school year and am anxious to continue to watch our students grow academically and as their own individual person. We as a staff anticipate a wonderful school year and are really looking forward to it beginning.

The hiring committee and Marlinton Middle School staff are excited to welcome Kristen Personius as sixth-grade Science/Social Studies, and we still have two vacant positions for Special Education and evening Custodian.

I would like to thank our custodial staff – Jamie Robertson, Sherri Howe and others who stepped up to get Marlinton Middle School ready for students and staff to return to a clean building. Staff returns August 12 and students will begin classes August 19.

We will continue using the grading platform on WVEIS. There will be a parent portal for families to log in to see grades, attendance and discipline. This is still a learning process, but it is very important you include the email you would like to use on the beginning of the year paperwork at the beginning of the year. Please work with us and reach out with any questions.

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Marlinton Elementary School

Marlinton Elementary School is pleased to welcome Cindy Solak as its new principal for the upcoming school year. Solak looks forward to working with students, families, staff and the community to make the year successful and rewarding for all.

The school remains committed to providing a safe, caring and engaging learning environment where every child can thrive. This year, students will benefit from meaningful learning opportunities, including new STEM classes designed to encourage creativity, collaboration and critical thinking.

Marlinton Elementary will also continue to support students through its PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program, which promotes a positive school culture built around the school's PACK motto: Present, Accountable, Cooperative and Kind.

Families are encouraged to stay actively involved throughout the year, as strong partnerships between home and school play an important role in student success.

Parents and guardians are reminded to return all school forms and keep contact information current to ensure they receive important updates and announcements.

The community is invited to attend the school's Open House Tuesday, August 18, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet staff members, tour classrooms, and learn about the exciting experiences planned for students this year.

Children can enjoy a special activity sponsored by Pocahontas Parks and Recreation, and families are invited to an ice cream sundae bar sponsored by the Pocahontas County Family Resource Network.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Marlinton community and look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and success," Solak said.

Pocahontas County High School

Dear Students, Families, Staff and Community Members,

Welcome back to Pocahontas County High School! We are excited to begin a new school year and welcome our Warriors back to PCHS. A new school year brings new opportunities, new goals and a fresh start, and we look forward to working together to make this a successful and memorable year for our students.

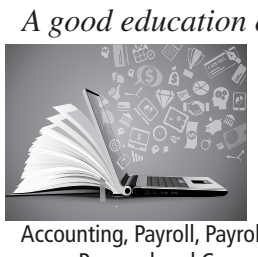
Our staff will return August 12, and the first day of school for students will be August 19. We are looking forward to seeing our hallways and classrooms filled with students again.

We invite our families and community members to join us August 21 for our Back-to-School Open House from 4 to 7 p.m. This will be a fun evening for students and families to visit the school, meet teachers and staff, and kick off the new year together. We will have lots of fun activities, including opportunities to bring your own items to decorate. We will also be serving FREE tacos and dirty sodas, so come hungry and ready to have a great time.

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Hillsboro Elementary School

Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to school!

I am thrilled to begin another school year with the wonderful students and families of Hillsboro Elementary School.

The first day of school for students will be Wednesday, August 19, and pre-school will begin August 31.

We invite everyone to join us for our Open House Monday, August 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. We look forward to welcoming our families back and helping students prepare for a successful start to the year.

Students arriving by bus or parent drop-off should enter the building through the cafeteria doors between 8:15 - 8:25 a.m. Breakfast will be served each morning upon arrival.

Afternoon pick-up will begin at 3:50 p.m. for preschool students and 3:55 p.m. for all other students. Buses will begin loading in the front of the school at 4:05 p.m. For the safety of our students, please do not drive around school buses.

We currently have open seats on our Local School Improvement Council (LSIC) for parents. Please consider serving and having a voice in our school community. Contact the school for more information.

I would also like to express my appreciation to our custodial staff for their hard work this summer. The school looks amazing! We are excited to have air conditioning in all classrooms and a new electronic sign in front of the school.

Please join me in welcoming our new and returning staff members:

Jennifer Stewart returns to Hillsboro Elementary as a Special Education teacher.

Krystal Lewis joins our team as a Second-Grade teacher.

David Gibb will teach Alternative Education.

Shannon Alderman has transitioned to Physical Education, Art and Music.

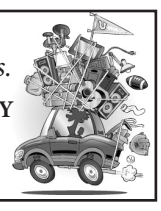
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Good luck to everyone this school year!
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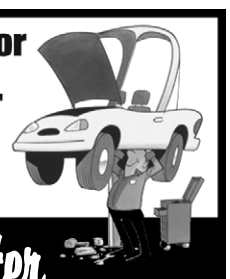
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2026-2027
School Year Information

2026 School Calendar

Aug. 12 First Day of School for staff
Aug. 14 Professional Learning/Faculty Senate ~ **no school for students**
Aug. 17-18 - Professional Development ~ **no school for students**
Aug. 19 **First Day of School for Students**
Aug. 31 Preschool begins
Sept. 7 Labor Day ~ **no school for students**
Oct. 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences/ Faculty Senate ~ **no school for students**
Nov. 2 Professional Development ~ **no school for students**
Nov. 3 Election Day ~ **no school for students**
Nov. 11 Veterans Day ~ **no school for students**
Nov. 23 - 27 - Thanksgiving Break ~ **no school for students**
Dec. 21 Professional Learning/Faculty Senate ~ **no school for students**
Dec. 22 Outside School Environment **(make up day/ 1st day of break)**
Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 - Christmas Break ~ **no school for students**

2027

Jan. 4 Students return from Christmas Break
Jan. 13 Last Day of First Semester
Jan. 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ **no school for students**
Jan. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~ **no school for students**
Feb.15 Professional Learning/Faculty Senate ~ **no school for students**
Mar. 26 - Apr. 2 - Spring Break ~ **no school for students**
Apr. 23 Professional Learning/Faculty Senate ~ **no school for students**
May 28 Graduation at PCHS
May 31 Memorial Day ~ **no school for students**
June 1 * Last day of school for students
June 2 - 8 - Outside School Environment **(make up days)**
June 9 Faculty Senate ~ **no school for students**

***June 1 is last day if no make-up days are required.**

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Hillsboro Elementary School, **August 17** ~ 4 - 6 p.m.
Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, **August 17** ~ 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Marlinton Elementary School, **August 18** ~ 4 - 6 p.m.
Pocahontas County High School, **August 21** ~ 4 - 7 p.m.
Marlinton Middle School, **August 25** ~ 4 - 6 p.m.

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Countywide Preschool begins the week of August 31.



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Federal Grants	58,716.08
Local Government Grants	66,527.50
State Grants	93,025.00
Investment Income	53,999.86
Administrative Fees	39,264.68
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Business Expense & Bank Fees	7,982.34
Insurance	39,869.00
Contract Services	163,105.00
Operations	
Water	3,511.45
Natural Gas	29,898.00
Sewer	1,986.51
Fire/Sprinkler Fees	5,173.65
Electric	58,141.60
Communications/Telecom	9,312.63
Supplies	18,252.78
Marketing	9,787.21
Membership & Dues	1,809.00
Staff/Board Development	769.00
Project Expenses	24,277.08
Payroll Expense	306,200.25
Travel & Meetings	7,334.34
Interest	13,263.34
Total Disbursements	700,673.18

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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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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Monitoring Reporting Requirements Not Met for
CASS SCENIC RAILROAD WV3303802

Our water system violated drinking water monitoring requirements. Even though these were not emergencies, you, as our customers, have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During periods listed in the table below, we did not monitor or test as required and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do? At this time, there is nothing you need to do.

The table below lists the monitoring we did not conduct, other violations, and the associated compliance period.

Monitoring Violation	Year-Fed Report #	Monitoring Frequency	Compliance Period
03, MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR SYNTHETIC ORGANICS (SOC) Results Not Submitted	2023 13113	QUARTERLY	2QT 2023
27, MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR Failure to Monitor/Report Disinfectant By-Product Precursors (TOC and/or Alkalinity)	2023 124171	QUARTERLY	2QT 2023
27, MONITORING, ROUTINE, MAJOR, CHLORINE Failure to Report Required Chlorine Residual With Coliform Sample Result	2023 124174	MONTHLY	JUN 2023
36, MONITORING, RTN/RPT MAJOR, CHLORINE Missing Required Chlorine Residual Associated With a Bacteriological Sample or Entry Point to the Distribution	2026 124225	MONTHLY	NOV 2025
52, ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR) LEAD & COPPER RULE Required Lead & Copper Sample Results Not Submitted as Required	2025 124214 2025 124209 2024 124184	SEMI-ANNUAL	JAN-JUN 2025 JUL-DEC 2024 JAN-JUN 2024
53, WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS M/R (LCR) Required WQP's Results Not Submitted as Required	2026 14141 2026 14142 2025 13869 2024 13443 2024 13444 2024 13445 2024 13371	SEMI-ANNUAL	JUL-DEC 2025 JUL-DEC 2025 JAN-JUN 2025 JAN-JUN 2024 JAN-JUN 2024 JAN-JUN 2024 JUL-DEC 2023
57, OCCT/SOWT RECOMMENDATION/STUDY (LCR)	2024 124201	DUE ON	7/1/2024
WA, CHLORINE RESIDUAL INADEQUATE	2021 123962	DUE ON	2/18/2021
WB, CHLORINE, MOR Incomplete/Not submitted as Required or Missing Res. Cl from Coliform Result	2026 124245 2026 124224 2023 124110 2022 124008 2021 124003 2021 123964 2021 123960 2021 123944 2018 123886 2018 123885	MONTHLY	MAR 2026 NOV 2025 DEC 2022 AUG 2021 JUL 2021 MAR 2021 FEB 2021 DEC 2020 MAR 2018 DEC 2017
WS, FAILURE TO SUBMIT SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN	2025 124210	DUE ON	3/1/2025

What happened? What is being done? (Describe corrective action)
We believe that all required monitoring & testing is, or has been completed. Mr. McKenney has copies of sample submittal forms and test results on file at our Water (Potable) Treatment Plant. Our Source Water Protection Plan (for Leatherbark Run) was recieved and approved earlier this year.

For more information, please contact Frank L. Witsberger (Contact Name) at (304) 456-4300 (Phone Number)
or frank.l.witsberger@wv.gov (Mailing Address) Cass SRSP 12363 Cass Rd, Cass WV 24927.

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

Date Prepared: July 28, 2026 Date Distributed 06 AUG 26

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Herbert Hannah, of Anchorage, Alaska, a son, John Kyle.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shinaberry, of Stony Bottom, a son, Jason Todd.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers, of Madison, a daughter, May Leanna.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Whitman, of Salem, Oregon, a son, John Michael.

DEATHS

James Teter, 62, of Durbin; funeral service from Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home at Arbovale with burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

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Lois Brill McElwee, 52, of Marlinton. She was the youngest daughter of the late Ira D. Brill and Lura Moore Brill. Memorial Service at Marlinton United Methodist Church. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery.

HES, from page 10

Vada Boback has moved to Third Grade.

Chloe Hardesty has moved to kindergarten.

Paulena Hoke has moved to the School Secretary position.

You can stay informed about upcoming events and important school information by visiting our website and Facebook page:

https://pocahontascountyschoolswv.sites.thrillshare.com/o/hes

https://www.facebook.com/hillsbororeddevils

I am grateful for the amazing families who work so diligently to create a community that supports the growth and success of every student. My door is always open, and families are always welcome at Hillsboro Elementary School.

I look forward to a fantastic school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 304-653-4221.

Sincerely,
Rebecca A. Spencer
Principal

History, from page 7

disorderly element connected with it, but the result showed that these fears were unfounded.

The crowd left several hundred dollars in town, and we are willing to see as many excursions as the railway company cares to give us.

EH, BILL!

"Bill, I wish you would tell your brother John that I have 670 acres of land lying in the Buckley Mountain on the east side of the Greenbrier River, and one and a half miles reaches near the centre of the tract from the Greenbrier Division of the C & O R. R.

Tell John that rather than miss the sale, I would take $3 per acre. It is fairly well timbered, and the lay of the land makes it easy to put to the railroad. For further information either call or write to GRANVILL MESSER, Huntersville, W. Va.

DEATHS

Bertha Clunen died August 10, 1901, on Swago, of the prevailing epidemic. Bertha is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Clunen, aged 12 years. Her teachers speak of her as a nice, studious pupil at school and in some respects a remarkable little girl.

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Lula Kiblinger died August 9, 1901, of cholera infantum, she was two years old and was the tenth and youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kiblinger. Kiblinger is the foreman of section No. 9 of the Greenbrier Railroad.

PCHS, from page 10

provement Council (LSIC) Stakeholders Meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. on August 21. We value the voices of our parents, families, students, staff and community members and encourage our stakeholders to become involved in the continued growth and improvement of PCHS.

We are also very pleased to welcome several new members to the Warrior family this year:

Pam McLaughlin – Health Science Instructor

Drema Sharp – Law and Public Safety Instructor

Staci Dunn – Special Education Teacher

Stephanie Burge – Graduation Coach

Angela Vandevender – Financial Secretary

Rebecca McCarty – Secretary

Please join us in welcoming them to Pocahontas County High School.

We are incredibly thankful for the businesses, organizations and individuals who continue to support our students and our school. A special thank-you goes to Communities in Schools, Parks and Recreation, Pocahontas IGA, Pendleton Community Bank, WVU Extension and Mitchell Chevrolet for partnering with us. Strong schools are built through strong communities, and we truly appreciate our community partners who invest their time and resources in our students.

Fall athletics are getting underway, and we would love to see our community come out and support our student-athletes. Please join us throughout the fall as our Warriors compete in volleyball, golf, soccer and football. There is nothing better than seeing our stands and sidelines filled with families, students, alumni and community members cheering on PCHS.

At Pocahontas County High School, we want every student to know that they belong, that they are supported, and that they have opportunities to be successful – whether that is in the classroom, through Career and Technical Education, athletics, clubs and activities, or preparation for college, the workforce, military service, or another path after graduation.

We are excited about what this school year will bring and look forward to working alongside our students, families, staff and community. Thank you for your continued support of Pocahontas County High School and our students.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Pocahontas County High School at 304-799-6564.

Welcome back, Warriors! Let's make it a great year at PCHS!

Sincerely,
Jeanette Wagner
Principal

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MMS, from page 10

Marlinton Middle School staff would like to invite sixth-grade parents Monday, August 18, anytime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. for a casual meet-and-greet. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the school, meet our staff, ask questions, and help your child prepare for a successful transition to middle school.

Marlinton Middle School will have an Open House Tuesday, August 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. This will give opportunity for you to meet staff and ask any questions you may have. We will provide time for families and students to sign up for devices, see school and county website and many other resources and time to visit with community businesses.

The safety and education of the students is the priority of the staff at Marlinton Middle School. Please know that their future is being molded daily and we are so thankful that you allow us to be a small part of their lives.

If any parent/guardian would be interested in joining three parents at Marlinton Middle School on our Local School Improvement, please respond to the following link by September 1 at 8 a.m.: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/rhCcQvmkDa

We are all looking forward to this school year at Marlinton Middle School. Please reach out to me on 304-799-6773 if you have any questions or concerns. I appreciate you all!

Please keep looking at the Pocahontas County Board of Education and Marlinton Middle School website for all updated and current information.

Nebraska Scotchie
Principal

GBEMS, from page 10

We are also excited to implement a new reading intervention program designed to provide additional support for students who need it while helping all learners continue to build strong literacy skills. Reading is the key to success in every subject, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact this program will have on our students.

At Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, we remain committed to providing a safe and supportive environment where every child can achieve their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.

We encourage families to stay involved by maintaining open communication with teachers, attending school events, and supporting your child's learning at home. Together, we can accomplish great things.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children each day. We are honored to be part of their educational journey and are excited to see all that they will accomplish this year.

Here's to a fantastic 2026–2027 school year!

Sincerely,
Melissa Jordan
Principal

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