



The Pointer News



February 2020

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Point Marion Library

The library will be starting its winter session of story hour on Saturday, February 1st, with "Winter Fun". We will be continuing the next three Saturdays - February 8th "Happy Valentine's Day", February 15th "Backyard Birds", and February 22nd "EEEK! A Mouse". All story hours will begin at 11 o'clock and held at the library. Come, bring a friend and join in on the fun.

Look for information on our new computers in this newsletter.
Point Marion Public Library
399 Ontario Avenue - Phone 724-725-9553
e-mail: pmlibrary@verizon.net - web-site www.pointmarionlibrary.com
Library Hours
Monday – Thursday Evenings 6-9
Tuesday afternoons 2-4
Saturdays noon -2

Four new computers are up and running at the library!

Two state-of-the-art desktop computers with Microsoft Office are ready for you at the Point Marion Public Library. The computers feature both high-speed internet and the most current software on the market. A new color inkjet printer was also installed. A new laptop will supplement the desktop computers. It is available to patrons in-house and for power Point presentations.

A new office computer was also purchased. It will allow staff and volunteers to better monitor circulation, answer reference questions, and administer the collection. The purchases were made possible through grants awarded by the Community Foundation of Fayette County and the Chevron Community Fund. The mission of both organizations is to improve and enrich the quality of life for residents of Fayette County. They assist non-profits like our library by providing financial resources where they are most needed. They recognized that our library was struggling to serve Point Marion and Springhill Township with outdated computers and software. We appreciate their generosity.

Come to the library. Check out the new computers. They are waiting for YOU!

An effort to get Point Marion added to the FACT bus schedule is being made. Robert Delansky has been in contact with officials with the program and not only is the possibility of the schedule being changed to include our town but a covered shelter will be constructed for patrons waiting for the bus. An interest in this possibility is a MUST so in order to determine whether this is something you want to see happen please stop in to Wally's Auto or Clar-Mac sales to sign a petition showing your support.

1868--Feb.21--The Pennsylvania Assembly authorized the incorporation of the Pittsburgh, Brownsville, and Geneva Packett Company with a capital of \$150,000 and the right to increase it to \$300,000 if needed. These steamers are all first-class side-wheel boats, built expressly for the trade, with superior accommodations, rendering a trip on the picturesque Monongahela, a delightful one. Freight received until the hour of departure. Leaves Pittsburgh daily at 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for points along the Monongahela River (including Point Marion) Returning from Morgantown daily at 8:00 a.m. It is 105 miles through a rich and beautiful valley. It is not equaled by any other city in the Union, viz: from Pittsburgh to Morgantown.

1922--The original wooden building that housed the Hardware store burned down along with many other business establishments that almost totaled the downtown business district.

1929--At Barney's Theatre, Wednesday and Thursday is "A Lady of Chance" playing with Norma Shearer. It is also China night (dinnerware given to patrons). The members of the Point Marion group called the Triangle Club will share the profits of the ticket sales on Wednesday.

*Several residents visited friends residing in Lake Lynn. To get there, they crossed Lake Lynn in a light skiff while slush-ice was abundant in the water.

*WVU basketball team required a five-minute extra period to win out over Army's basketball team 39-34.

1933--Feb. 27--The VFW Post #747 receives its charter.They were located on Main Street for approximately 50 years, but needed to relocate due to the building of the bridge over Cheat River in 1999.

1939--A Lake Lynn man was successful in trapping five grey foxes and two weasels. He collected \$4 on each fox and \$.50 per weasel. He will also get \$1.50 for each fox pelt and \$.40 for each weasel. There is a bounty on these animals in Fayette County.

*The Springhill Farmers" Hunting Club forms with the purpose of preserving small game. They recently turned loose some 300 Cottontails and 12 Missouri Jack rabbits and soon will release 40 Fox squirrels on their 500 acre game preserve.

Feb. 16--National Bank of Fayette Co. in Uniontown announced a dividend of \$600,000 to depositors.

*Barney's Theatre will give away 5 free coats to patrons each week.

1940--Feb. 5--St. Hubert will hold its last bingo party. No admission charge. Grand Treasure Hunt prize of \$.50 will be given away.

*70 students take driver training at the local school. A dual-controlled car-a 1940 Ford DeLuxe Sedan-donated by Blosser Auto. An adult evening class will be offered soon.

Feb. 8--Pointer basketball team clinch Section 23 title. The Pointers are the first team in the current league to win the section championship in the WPIAL. Point Marion has rolled up 583 points to their opponents 352 points this year.

Feb. 15--Worst snow storm in years (12") closes high school and perils traffic.

*The deed was presented to the newly acquired VFW home on Railroad Street.

Feb. 22--Local woman unable to find a job, attempts to jump from the Cheat River bridge. She was saved before plunging by a passing motorist.

*Earth and rock creates an avalanche with blocking road on the Point Marion--New Geneva Road between Sprucetown and Crows Ferry. 100 yards started moving from the steep hillside (700 cubic yards). (sound familiar?)

Feb. 29--Basketball fans can go to Barney's Theatre to HEAR a play-by-play description of the game at Pitt Stadium between Point Marion and Etna. Between 400-500 attended this event.

1941--Feb. 6--Elementary school students' names printed in the paper who made the honor roll. Schools in our district are: Bunker Hill, Conn Hill, Friendship Hill, Gans, Gans Hill, Nilan, Rich Hill, Tobin No. 1 and Point Marion grade school.

Feb. 13--Poland Coal Co. added 52 coke ovens. The Greene Co. coke plant has been idle for 15 years--operation resumed in Dec. with the firing of the initial 30 ovens.

Feb. 22--The National Vice-Commander will speak at the Washington birthday dinner held here at the local American Legion. 100 people attended the event..

1952--Former local man, Harry Teets, is named Warden of San Quentin Prison in California.

*Monthly telephone rates increase for residents: individual \$3.75, Two-party \$3.25, four party \$2.75, multi-party \$2.75, extension station \$1. This does not include the additional 15% Federal tax. Coin box calls are ten cents.

*More people from this community have gone to seek employment in Cleveland, Ohio than any other city.

1957--A tract of land alongside the Monongahela River between Point Marion and Morgantown is being considered for a new plant to be built and operated by the B. F. Goodrich Co. of Akron, Ohio.

1963--Landside closes the Point Marion-New Geneva Road for a three-mile section.

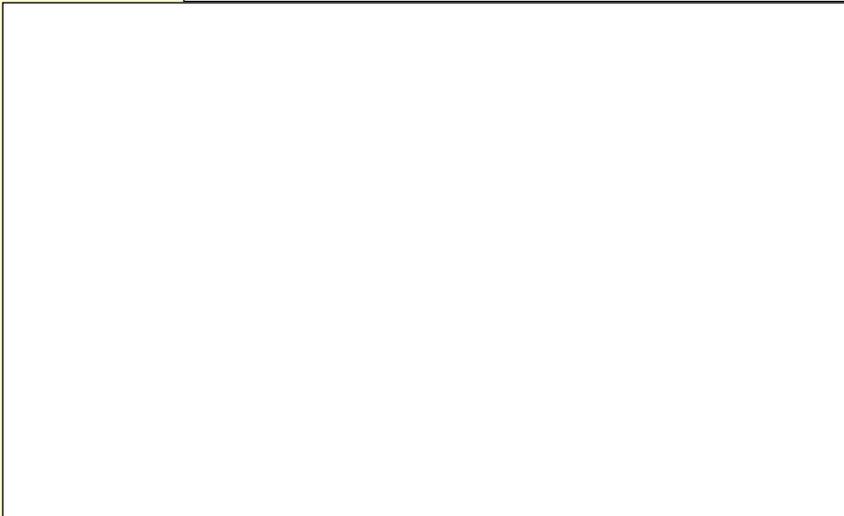
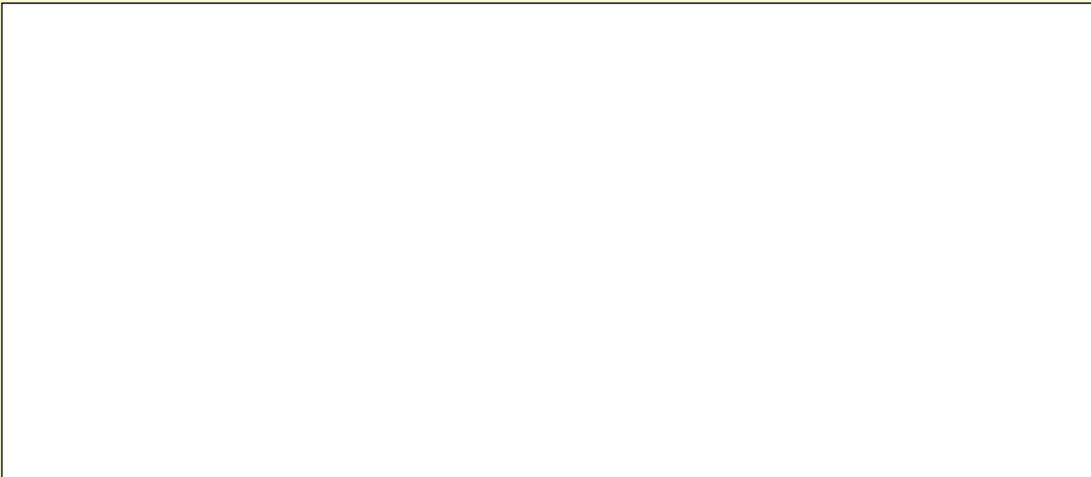
1974--A school bus accident occurred when the bus drove head on into a railroad abutment on the Cheat River road. A brake system malfunction was believed to cause the crash. One 11-year old student and the driver was killed, .26 other children were hurt.

1980--Feb. 9-Len R. Sturgis, who was raised in Point Marion, celebrates his 105th birthday.

1989--First Bank, N.A. (formerly Gallatin Bank) opens its doors to the public. It's a new five community bank serving western Pennsylvania.

1992--The site of the old feed mill, at the corner of Water and Penn Sts., is being cleared due to a fire that destroyed the building last month.

1998--A gate blocking the entrance to the public boat launching ramp has been installed at the community park.



2020 Holiday Schedule for Garbage pickup

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25:
Mon, Tues, Wed, and Thurs one-day delay. Friday picked up on regular day.

Independence Day, Friday, July 3: No delay in service.
Labor Day, Mon, Sept 7: Mon and Tues have a one-day delay. Wed, Thurs, Friday, picked up on regular day.

Thanksgiving Day, Thurs, Nov 26: Thursday has a one-day delay

Christmas Day, Friday, Dec 25: Friday will be picked up on Thursday, December 24.

**Saturday, February 15,
2020 the PMVFD will host
a Cash Bash at 3:00 PM.
Tickets can be purchased
by calling 724-725-3200 or**