

# Defendant Pleads Guilty in 2021 Burglary

By Erin Beck

One of two people authorities say were involved in stealing from a Fort Seybert home and then setting it on fire the next night last year pleaded guilty to several related charges last week.

On April 13, Jamie Eugene Morgan, represented by attorney Lauren Wilson, entered into a plea agreement. He pleaded guilty to three felonies: burglary, grand larceny, and disruption of public utilities. Burglary carries a potential penalty of one to five years, grand larceny's potential penalty is one to 10 years, and disruption of public utilities is one to five years.

Morgan, who is the brother of a Pendleton Times reporter Rebecca Arcure, also pleaded guilty under Alford circumstances to first-degree arson, which carries a one-to three-year penalty. Alford pleas allow defendants to accept the consequences of a guilty plea while maintaining their innocence.

Authorities have listed two addresses for Morgan; one in Upper Tract, and one in Circleville.

Authorities previously alleged that Morgan, Jason Thomas Sawyers, and Tiffany Star Simmons removed items on Jan. 28, 2021, from a residence in the Fort Seybert area. They also alleged Sawyers and Morgan returned the next day and set a fire at the residence.

Sawyers of Brandywine was sentenced to four to 20 years on March 28. He pleaded guilty to two counts of arson in the third degree, one count of conspiracy to commit arson, one count of burglary, one count of grand larceny,



Jamie Eugene Morgan

and one count of disruption of telecommunication lines.

On Nov. 9, 2021, Simmons of Upper Tract was sentenced to an indeterminate term of not less and not more than five years. However, the court suspended the sentence and gave her supervised probation for seven years, so she would not be required to serve the sentence unless she violated the terms of an agreement, which includes the successful completion of the South Branch Valley Day Report Program. Simmons, who initially faced multiple charges, pleaded guilty to conspiracy against the state.

Sgt. Andy Teter wrote in criminal complaints that he was called to investigate a burglary on Sweedlin Valley Road in Fort Seybert on Jan. 28, 2021.

The officer wrote that he found the rear garage door entry forced open by what appeared to be a "pry/crow type bar." He also found an open sliding glass door, which he entered, and found an empty gun rack, as well as empty ammunition rounds strewn about the floor. In the residence, he found a construction pry bar on the bed, along with items that appeared to have been pulled from a bedroom closet.

The property owner, who lives out of state, provided police with a list of stolen items, including guns, ammunition, a bow and arrows, money, power tools and chain saw equipment, totaling \$15,600 in value, according to a crim-

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Charlie Burgoyne, center, has replaced the late Carole Hartman as a member of the Pendleton County Commission. Commission president Gene McConnell, left, and Carl Hevener appointed Burgoyne as an interim commissioner at a special meeting on April 12 at the Pendleton County Courthouse.

# Commissioners Install New Member

By Shawn Stinson

Carl Hevener and Gene McConnell talked, during a special commission meeting last week, about the late Carole Hartman doing the work to have her successor ready to take her place on the Pendleton County Commission.

Hartman, who died on April 4, spoke to Charlie Burgoyne about serving as her replacement. Buygoyne, a member of the Pendleton County Board of Education, accepted Hartman's request and was sworn in during a special meeting on April 12 at the Pendleton County Courthouse.

"When Carole realized she was going to have to resign, she made a recommendation," McConnell said. "We as commissioners are not legally bound to that recommendation. However, we feel honored to do that. At this time, consistent with Carole's recommendation, I would like to enter Charles Burgoyne's name for consideration."

Hevener seconded the motion and moments later, Burgoyne was sworn in as commissioner.

McConnell added, "While it pains me to do this, I'm glad to have some finality to it."

"In true Carole fashion, we're getting it done," he said. "If

there was something that needed to be done, she reminded me of the comedian that used to have that statement 'git r done.' That was Carole."

Burgoyne said Hartman contacted him when she was in the hospital about serving as her replacement. He compared the conversation with Hartman with the one he had with school board member Sonny O'Neil prior to running for that seat.

"The comments Sonny made about the board and how they got along and what a good board member Rick Gillespie was and all the stuff he did," Burgoyne said. "And the relationship with the board and Charles, he said it was a good situation. Carole when she asked me, she said Gene and Carl and Elise (White) and Karen (Pitsenbarger) are easy to get along with. She had a list of things they were working on."

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Yokum's Vacationland will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" for 60+ Seniors on Friday at the North Fork Senior Center in Riverton (304-567-2240) and the Franklin Senior Center (304-358-2421). Call today to reserve a free lunch which will be served from 11:35 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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# Grand Reopening of Seneca Caverns Held

By Rebecca Arcure

The grand reopening of one of Pendleton County's main tourist attractions, Seneca Caverns, took place on April 13.

The restaurant, gift shop, and gemstone mining are currently open. The caverns are closed because of safety concerns due to mining on the back side of the caverns. Once that is finished, they will reopen the caverns; the goal is to open the caverns by the beginning of summer.

Asbury's Restaurant will be open from Wednesday to Sunday between 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The gift shop and gem mining are open from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



Attending the grand reopening of Seneca Caverns were, from left, Laura Brown, executive director of the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority, Jennifer Raines, Debbie Burns, Debbie Bogan, Matt Hollier, Asbury's manager, Casey Raines and Ciara Lambert, Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau executive director. Photo by Rebecca Arcure.

# New Grant County Cancer Center Offers Treatment Closer to Home



Grant Memorial Hospital began providing cancer care, including infusion services, in collaboration with the WVU Cancer Institute in January. Photo by Rebecca Arcure.

By Rebecca Arcure

Grant Memorial Hospital's cancer center opened its doors and began seeing patients on Jan. 12. The cancer center allows patients to be treated nearby, instead of traveling to Morgantown, Elkins and Harrisonburg and Charlottesville in Virginia.

"We're close to home with a beautiful facility that offers a lot of different services to our community," said Brooklyn Vetter, manager for the cancer center.

The facility specializes in chemotherapy, blood transfusions, injections, ports, long-term antibiotics, intravenous hydration, rheumatology, and peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC), also called PICC lines.

Dr. Kevin Shannon is the oncologist for the cancer center, Kelly Smith Riggelman is the physician, and Rebekah Swick is the nurse navigator who helps coordinate patient care.

Swick said patients are excited to have excellent service while saving on travel time.

The cancer center will be holding a golf tournament on July 16 at the Valley View Golf Course to raise money for the cancer center. Those who would like to play may contact the center to make arrangements.

The phone number for the center is 304-257-1026, ext. 2121.



# Commissioners

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“It was the same kind of comments about both organizations which I think is a pretty good thing for Pendleton County. You don’t have the division.”

Burgoyne submitted his resignation letter from the school board to Charles Hedrick, Pendleton County Schools superintendent. Members of the school board were expected to formally approve Burgoyne’s resignation at the April 19 meeting.

Elise White, Pendleton County clerk, said the commissioners will pass a proclamation in May announcing the seat will be placed on the ballot for the November General Election for the winner of the election to serve the remaining two years of the term. White added the members of the Democratic and Republican county committees will have the opportunity to submit the name of the candidate from each party to appear on the ballot. In addition, Aug. 1 is the deadline for no party candidates, according to White.

Burgoyne said he intends to seek the Democratic nomination to appear on the General Election ballot to fill the unexpired term.

# Infant Dedicated To the Lord



*Pastor David Morris led a ceremony dedicating Annabelle Mae Wayne to the Lord on Easter Sunday at Friends Run Church of the Brethren. She is the daughter of Mac and Sophia Wayne of Jane Lew. Maternal grandparents, Ricky and Cathy Bennett and Joe Kesterson, paternal grandparents, Tony and Lisa Wayne, maternal great-grandparents Donnie and Carolyn Simmons, participated in the service. Also attending were her aunts, Sissy, Pris and Cindy. Her family promised to help Annabelle Wayne grow spiritually with the Lord. Church members agreed to join in covenant with the family to encourage, assist and equip them in raising her within the body of Christ.*

# Defendant Pleads Guilty

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nal complaint. The owner also stated that property damages were over \$2,525.

Another officer, Trooper First Class Jacob Hebb, received a tip that Jamie Morgan had given pellet guns and bows to children, according to a criminal complaint. The property owner, after viewing photographs, confirmed they were his.

“The officer used this information along with the information learned from the surveillance videos and prior knowledge that Jason Sawyer and Jamie Morgan had been hanging around together currently to obtain search warrants for residences in which Jamie Morgan and Jason Sawyers each reside,” the officer wrote.

Power, internet and communications lines were damaged during the fire, resulting in the loss of service to the area, according to WKMZ.

On Feb. 12, 2021, authorities executed search warrants at the home of Sawyers and the home of Morgan and Simmons. Police and fire marshals found the stolen items, according to criminal complaints.

Sawyers confessed, according to police, to forcing entry into the home and stealing multiple items and then being “a party” to burning down the home the next night, the complaint states. Sawyers also said that Morgan and Simmons were with him during the theft. Sawyers said that the next night, he drove to the residence and Morgan set it on fire, according to a complaint.

# EDA: Seneca Rocks Designated as Mon Forest Town

By Walter Hojka

The Pendleton County Economic Development Authority met April 13. During the meeting, it was announced that Seneca Rocks will be the second town in Pendleton County and the first unincorporated town to become a Mon Forest Town.

The Mon Forest Towns partnership was created to cultivate relationships among communities in the Monongahela National Forest, ultimately building and maintaining a strong economy that thrives off sustainable recreational land use.

In other business, the building committee reported that Valkyrie Farms will not be pursuing a lease for space at the Pendleton County Industrial Park, according to meeting minutes.

The board is also moving forward in collaboration with the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau with plans to create a new advertising brand for Pendleton County. The goal of the effort is to highlight the many recreational opportunities in the area including rock-climbing, caving, fishing, and hiking.

A one-year cleaning contract has been approved with Wright Way Cleaning for cleaning of the industrial park and the business center. Officials approved contracts for mowing and making hay. Mowing contracts were issued to Josh Neselrodt and Mountain View Lawn Care, and hay contracts were issued to Jordan Mongold and Justin Bowers.

Officials approved a contract with Brewer Fire Consultants. The company will provide inspections and safety recommendations.

The next meeting of the EDA will be at 7 p.m. June 8 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin.

# Council Members Hold Brief Meeting

By Shawn Stinson

There were two items on the agenda for the latest Town of Franklin council meeting. The council members breezed through the agenda in less than 20 minutes before adjourning the meeting.

Three of the council members – Kristin Dingess, Genevieve Glover and Edwin Wimer – Bob Horan, mayor, and Bruce Minor, recorder, attended the April 12 meeting. Council member Laura Brown called into the meeting, and Clay Richardson was absent.

Council members unanimously approved Jonie E. Nelson as the town representative for phase 2 of the water project. Nelson, the town attorney, will receive \$175 per hour for her services. The agreement states the services will “not exceed \$25,000 in total hourly fees.”

They also approved the annual “Fair Housing” resolution without comment.

One item was briefly discussed that was not on the agenda. Wimer requested to be removed as a member of the town board of parks. Dingess was named as his replacement.

Frank Wehrle, town manager, submitted the March financial statement for approval. Prior to the council’s vote, Wehrle said there was “nothing out of the ordinary, things are sort of just trundling along.”

The financial statement was accepted without comment.

Wehrle also discussed funding for the upcoming water project. He said the funding for phase 1 of the water project is complete and “we are just working out the bureaucracy.” He added the funding for phase 2 of the project is not complete. He discussed the initial proposal to request nearly \$1 million in a grant from the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council. The remaining funds would have been raised in a bond issuance, but this was rejected due to requiring another rate increase to the town’s water customers, Wehrle added.

A new possible funding source for phase 2 of the project was discussed by Wehrle. He said Sen. Joe Manchin’s office sent out an email last month regarding projects seeking funding from the federal government. Wehrle said he attended a webinar about the funding and contacted Terry Lively, executive director of the Region 8 Planning and Development Council, to include the funding request in the project proposal.

Wehrle added the funding request was for nearly \$2.5 million and estimates the approval may be approximately 18 months out “if it comes.”

The minutes from the March 8 special meeting and the March 8 regular meeting were accepted without comment. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. May 10 at the town office.

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God Bless Each of You,  
The Family of Merl E. “Cub” Bennett

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The Harvey Crigger family

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# PCM/HS Honor Roll Released

Ali Judy, school counselor, has released the honor roll for the third nine-weeks grading period for Pendleton County Middle/High School.

- Principals Honor Roll  
(All A's)
- Seventh grade — Alex Adams, Cole Harper, Spencer Hartman, Ty Heavner, Callie Judy, Cain Nulph, Erica Sterba, Susan Vincell and Madison Wells;
- Eighth grade — Madison Arbaugh, Breena Bowers, Mason DiFalco, Evelyn Ditch, Corbin Dove, Makinley Hedrick, Gena Lambert, Orrin Merrick, Jaiden Mitts, Leah Nesselrodt, Chase Owens, Emily Poling, Carolyn Varner and Knoxville Wright;
- Ninth grade — Elizabeth Alt, Kinsley Armstrong, Madisen Brooks, Gordon Ditch, Isabel Gibbons, Emma Hartman, Aubree Keiter, Titus Nulph, Addie Rexrode, Nick Rhodes, Jenna Smith, Avery Townsend, James Vincell and Zykijah Wright;
- Tenth grade — Kaylee Arbogast, Josey Collier, Margaret Connor, Allie Cooper, Gabby DePue, Natalie Evick, Katelyn Hedrick, Riley Howard, Dillon Poling, Dusty Smith and Megan Smith;
- Eleventh grade — Riley Apple, Selena Hedrick, Clayton Kisamore, Alexandria Perry, Gage Sites-Woods and Rowan Witt; and
- Twelfth grade — Kiersten Ceely, Keira Gardner, Kinzley Hartman and Emilee Teter.

- B Honor Roll  
(3.0 Average)
- Seventh grade — Arianna Alt, Trey Armentrout, Bryce Basagic, Olivia Gonshor, Wyatt Hinkle, Summer Hull, Kali Johnson, Dakota Kimble, Trace Lambert, Jessica Parker, Molly Rowe, Colby Simmons, Liam Simmons, Madison Sword, Courtney Whetzel and Brennan Wyatt;
- Eighth grade — Madison Ciangetti, Barrett Cook, Tildon Graham, Larissa Greathouse, Garrett Hartman, Kiera Heavener, Jaydon Hess, Dakota Huffman, Braylin Hull, Cashton Kisamore, Jameigh Miller, Owen Morningstar, Clara Raines, Kammon Redman, Virginia Richardson, Taylor Roberson, Sadie Rowe, Emily Schell, Lindsay Simmons, Jonas Turner and William Vanmeter;
- Ninth grade — Sawyer Apple, Caleb Armentrout, Baylee Beachler, Hannah Bennett, Kacy Bennett, Leah Bennett, Bradey Bowers, Jacob Buck, Cortlyn Hartman, Ben Hartwell, Gabriel Harvey, Hannah Harvey, Lydia Heavner, McKenna Hedrick, Josiah Kimble, Isabella Lockard, Isaiah Lockard, Paigelyn Long, Gracie Lough, Jacob Mitchell, Julia Mongold, Andrew Mowery, Jaida Reel, Destiny Romero, Bryson Ruddell, Laney Sites-Woods, Johnnie Tidd, Jasper Tingler, Makayla Tingle, Lucas Vandevander, Autumn Wimer and Taylor Wimer;
- Tenth grade — Cameron Beachler, Makaylin Calkins, Claire Cooney, Abigayle Cordray, Blaine Davis, Allison Fleming, Skylar Frame, Wyatt Franklin, Nataley Hedrick, Kinley Hinkle, Americus Hoover, Seneca Johnson, Ashlyn Judy, Bailee Kiger, Emily Medzius, Magenta Merrick, Myra Mitchell, Colton Pennington, Hannah Pennington, Shannon Redmond, Ashley Reuss, Allden Rexrode, Alexander Reyes, Kacie Simon, Dillon Smith, Marcus Smith, Ally Vance, Bethany Vint, Selena Warner and Breanna Wolfe;
- Eleventh grade — Jenna Anderson, Sadie Bowers, Alexis Braham, Jakob Campbell, Landon Colaw, Ryleigh Cook, Emma Daughtry, Xavier Ellis, Elizabeth Gonshor, Blake Harris, Kamron Kirk, Jaxon Kuykendall, Landon Mason, Reagan McConnell, Braden McCoy, Camden Miller, Lilly Phillips, Hannah Rexrode, Reagan Rexrode, Dakota Riggleman, Jayden Roberson, Alex Ruddell, James Ruddell, Lindsay Smith, Joclyne Souza, Kaleb Steinbrecher, Evan Teter and Ariana Young; and
- Twelfth grade — Alyssa Baldwin, Brandy Bowers, Quenten Burns, Aaron Conrad, Cole Day, Alexis DePue, Kayse Dimarco, Cheyenne Frame, Shyanna Frazier, Emma Gibson, Celina Hall, McKenna Hanna, Emilee Hedrick, Kourtney Hedrick, Cole Hinkle, Kylie Jackson, Sarah Judy, Bella Kesterson, Alex Kimble, Brandon Kisamore, Braiden Lantz, Caleb Lockard, Malachi Ours, Josh Parker, Jimmy Perry, Jr., Kasey Raines, Aliya Reyes, Amber Rodgers, Tanner Townsend, Trinity Vance, Jenna Wagoner and Connor Waldron.



Pendleton coach Sam Yokum talks to his players during the team's loss to Point Pleasant.

## Wildcats Drop Three Games

By Shawn Stinson

When a baseball team surrenders an average of 14 runs and scores an average of three runs a contest, it is not a recipe for success.

The Pendleton County baseball team was on the short end on the scoreboard to go winless in its last three contests.

Point Pleasant took advantage of 10 walks and a hit batter to post an 18-2 victory in five innings against Pendleton on April 13 in Franklin. Pendleton coach Sam Yokum used four pitchers — Clayton Kisamore, Landon Colaw, Allden Rexrode and Cameron Beachler — in the loss.

“We didn’t play very well,” Yokum said.

The Wildcats were limited to three hits in the contest. Kisamore had a triple and scored on a throwing error. Beachler and Colaw recorded singles.

Jayden Roberson had a sacrifice fly to plate Pendleton’s initial run of the game.

Pendleton participated in the initial Tournament of Legends on April 15 in Keyser. Keyser opened the tournament by downing Pendleton 12-5. Petersburg edged Hampshire 4-3 in the other semifinal matchup.

Pendleton recorded nine hits in the loss, paced by James Vincell, who slugged a three-run home run. Rexrode recorded two hits and two runs batted in.

“We played better, we hit the ball better,” Yokum said. “We didn’t make the routine play [on defense].”

Hampshire knocked off Pendleton 12-5 in the consolation matchup later in the day. Petersburg slipped past Keyser 5-4 to capture the tournament title.

Kisamore had two singles and an RBI. Evan Teter notched two hits, a

double and a single. Rexrode added a run-scoring single for the Wildcats in the loss.

Tournament officials recognized four former coaches at the tournament — Orville Harper of Circleville, Tack Clark of Keyser, Bill Kline of Petersburg and Donnie Davis of Hampshire.

Pendleton was set to square off with Petersburg on April 18 in Petersburg. Officials postponed the contest due to inclement weather in the area. Pendleton was scheduled to play host to Musselman on April 20 in Franklin. Pendleton will play East Hardy 6 p.m. Friday in Franklin. Pendleton will hit the road Saturday for a doubleheader at Highland County. Pendleton will take on Tucker County at 5 p.m. Monday in Hambleton before facing Moorefield at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Franklin.

## Pendleton Declaws East Hardy, Pocahontas, Frankfort

By Shawn Stinson

The Pendleton County softball team moved above the .500 mark on the season following a 4-1 week.

Pendleton knocked off East Hardy, swept a doubleheader against Pocahontas and split a doubleheader with Frankfort to improve to 6-4 on the season.

“We hit the ball well,” Pendleton coach Charlie Padgett said. “The offense has been getting some big hits from time to time.”

The Lady Wildcats avenged an earlier loss to the Lady Cougars by posting a 14-2 victory April 12 in Franklin.

Pendleton scored seven runs in the bottom of the first to seize control of the contest. The Lady Wildcats added two runs in the second, four in the third and a single run in the fourth. The Lady Cougars scored both of their runs in the top of the fourth.

Ally Vance secured the victory in the pitching circle, striking out three. She walked one and hit a batter in the win.

“She pitched well,” Padgett said.

He also praised the performance of catcher Nataley Hedrick. Padgett said his backstop has not allowed a passed ball in five games.

Avery Townsend paced the Pendleton offense with three hits — a single, a double and a triple. Baylee Beachler also notched three hits. Ashton Hess had two hits for the Lady Wildcats. Lizzie Alt and Jenna Smith both recorded a triple. Smith added a double.

Pendleton breezed to a doubleheader sweep of Pocahontas on April 14 in Dunmore. The Lady Wildcats cruised to a 19-2 victory in the opening game and posted a 20-1 win in the nightcap. Both games lasted four innings due to the mercy run rule.

Beachler and Vance picked up the pitching victories. Isabella Lockard and Alt pitched in relief.

Alt had two hits in the opening contest to pace the Pendleton offense. Nataley Hedrick recorded a triple. Katelyn Hedrick, Americus Hoover, Julia Mongold, Jenna Wagoner and Beachler all had a double. Townsend was 3 for 3 in the nightcap. Alt had a home run and a triple in the contest. Keira Gardner and Vance both notched a double.

Both Nataley Hedrick and Townsend reached in all four of their plate appearances in the opening game to lead

Pendleton to a 10-2 win in five innings against Frankfort on April 16 in Franklin. Vance went 2 for 2 in the contest

Beachler struck out five in the complete game victory.

Frankfort secured a split in the doubleheader with a 15-1 victory behind the arm and bat of Avery Noel. The Falcons scored two runs in the top of the first, single runs in the second and third, four in the fourth and seven in the fifth. The Lady Wildcats’ lone run came in the bottom of the fourth.

Noel struck out 13 and allowed three hits and an unearned run in the pitching circle. She added four hits, including a triple and a double.

Beachler had a triple and Townsend notched a single in the loss.

Pendleton was scheduled to play host to Moorefield on April 19 and Tucker County the following day for a doubleheader in Franklin. Pendleton will participate in the annual Bub Riggleman tournament on Friday and Saturday in Moorefield.



Pendleton’s Baylee Beachler delivers a pitch to a Frankfort batter. Beachler secured the pitching victory in a 10-2 win.

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# Westburn School Was Not Well Known

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Most readers are not aware that there used to be a school in the Sugar Grove District known as Westburn School. This school was located in Little Stony Run, thence being known as the Little Stony Run School. The school came into existence in 1902 or 1903. When the late Gertrude Mitchell was six years old, she began attending this newly-built school. Prior to that, the students attended the Big Stony Run School. When Westburn was built the Little Stony Runners were very proud to have a school in their community.

Nine families living in this area had their children attend Westburn: Ed Moyers, Albert Eckard, Emanuel Mitchell, Ami Simmons, Elizah Simmons, David Wilfong, Jack Puffenbarger, Mordecai Simmons and William Wilfong. In those days, most of these couples had large families, which supported the school for attendance.

At that time, Flick Warner was superintendent of schools. He named this school Westburn, but the name never became too well known. It was always referred to as Little Stony Run School. This school was located on the past Sandy O'Goreck's farm.

Teachers were hired by trustees. Written examinations were held in Franklin. Certificates were given for first-, second-, or third-grade placings. A teacher with a first-grade certificate received \$50, second grade \$45 and third grade \$40. Some teachers who taught at the school were Cora Puffenbarger, James D. Puffenbarger, Ella Rexrode, Perle Puffenbarger, James T. Rexrode, Harry Snyder, Bryan Mitchell, Margie Puffenbarger and Mary Puffenbarger.

After closing in the 1939 – 1940 school year, the Westburn students began to attend the Sugar Grove School.

Life's instructions for better living include the following:

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2. Learn the history of one's town.
3. Say something every day that encourages a person's children.
4. If a person knows one is going to lose, do it in style
5. Pass down family recipes

Weather sure has been fickle lately. Birds are hunkering down in their nests, trying to keep warm. Blossoms are shivering as well. Spring seems to have "something up her sleeve," as the weather forecasters are in dismay as to what will be "around the corner" as far as weather is concerned. Then, add sleet to the mix. Come what may, life still continues to walk its own beat.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- Victorians once used teachers to predict the weather.
- The funny bone is actually a nerve.
- The chief translator of the European Parliament speaks 32 languages fluently.
- Research shows that all blue-eyed people may be related.
- The average person will spend six months of their life waiting for a red light to turn green.

Life sure is better by the fire to hear the "Talk of Sugar Grove."

Marti Fisher of Romney and Judy Rader have returned from Boca Raton, Florida, after spending several days in the home of Ruben and Krista Nieves. They enjoyed celebrating Krista's and Judy's birthdays, touring the Japanese Gardens, Gumbo Limb Nature Center, Glades's Park and other points of interest. They had beautiful weather, safe traveling, good food and a great time.

Benny and Linda Custer and Willard and Judy Rader enjoyed a delicious Easter dinner Sunday in the home of Ed and Barbara Parker and friends.

Rosalee Grogg's visitors were Terri Grogg and friend, Claude, Marleta and Junior Wimer, Leanna Leap, Clint Davis and Hendrix Bogan. They all enjoyed an Easter dinner.

Sunday afternoon, Phil Downs visited with K.D. and Verla Puffenbarger and family. Last Wednesday, he motored with Evelyn Varner, and Wanda Pitsenbarger to Staunton, Virginia, where they visited with Cleo and Vernon Simmons. Other visitors in the same home



Volunteers with the Adopt a Highway program picked up trash in Little Stony Run. Helping collect trash were, from left, Carson Mitchell, Ava Bowers, Carly Mitchell and Macie Mitchell.

were Jenna Williams, and Larry Simmons. They all very much enjoyed the time visiting.

Sunday visitors of Evelyn Varner were Donnie and Judy Smith of Bridgewater, Virginia, Judy Costello of Verona, Virginia, Janet Judy and Bill Troester of Kansas.

Enjoying the Sight and Sound Theater's production of "David" recently in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, were Paula and Tom Mitchell, Jane and Steve Conrad and John and Cynthia Hughes. The production was outstanding and, as usual, it lived up to its famous production reputation.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"April comes like an idiot, babbling and strewing flowers." — Edna St. Vincent Mella

"Winter's done, and April's in the skies, earth, look up with laughter in your eyes." — Charles D. Roberts

"None but a fool is always right." — Augustus William hare

"That is one good thing about this world...there are always sure to be more springs." — L.M. Montgomery

"Life stands before me like an eternal spring with new and brilliant clothes." — Carl Friedrich Gauss

Easter sunrise services were well attended throughout the community. Most churches had breakfast following the services.

The youth group at St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church in Moyers did an Easter play on Sunday, which was very good. The kids did a really good job presenting the true meaning of Easter.

Concerns for this week are as follows: Charles Anderson, the Merle "Cub" Bennett family, Bill Brackman, Scherry Chambers, Charlotte Copley, Jeff Craig, the Joy Darnell family, Jeff Evick, Lee Roy and Ina Evick, Mary Eye, Ron Gilkeson, Lola Graham, Marlene Harman, Ramona Harman, the Carole Hartman family, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Starr Hedrick, the Winona Judy Hewitt family, Virgil Homan, Jr., Charlee Hoover, Lorena Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Margaret Kiser, Rex Landis, Jay Linaburg, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Morris and Sue Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Neil McLaughlin, Naomi Michael, Joe Moats, Lincoln Moore, Ernie Morgan, Aaron Nelson, Kathy Nelson, Ken and Ruth Nelson, Betty Hoover O'Donnell, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Betty Lou Propst, Kara Propst, Linda Propst, Nathan Propst, Sheldon Propst, Bryer Puffenbarger, Eldon Puffenbarger, Willard Rader, Don Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Barbara Simmons, Chloe Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Charlie Sites, Ona Smith, Stanna Smith, Steve Smith, Berlie Sponaule, Patricia Swecker, Harry Lee Temple, Charlotte Thompson, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Jack Vogel, Amby Waybright, Jr., Ron White, Judy Williams, Junior Wimer, Larry Wimer, Carol Windett and the people of Ukraine.

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# Cases of Online Child Sexual Abuse Surge in WV

By Erin Beck

As the COVID-19 pandemic persists, West Virginians have reported a drastic increase in cases of child sexual abuse involving the Internet.

West Virginians reported about 450 more cases of on-line child sexual exploitation to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in 2021 than in 2020, and about 650 more cases than 2019.

In 2019, parents, guardians, police, and Internet companies, such as Facebook, reported 1,139 tips to the center, according to Sgt. James Kozik, director of the West Virginia State Police Crimes Against Children Unit. In 2020, that number increased to 1,333 tips. In 2021, they reported 1,791 tips. That's about a 50 percent increase from 2019, before the pandemic, to 2021.

People who want to sexually abuse children may use the Internet in several ways. They may condition kids to trust them over time, a practice called "grooming," then manipulate the child into sending a photo or meeting them in person. They may pretend to be another child. They may make threats. They may also take or share photos or videos of children being sexually abused or explicit images of children.

Lisa Zappia, a licensed counselor and CEO of Prestera mental health center, noted that as kids spent more time isolated, families have dealt with more stress and conflict.

Meanwhile, extracurriculars, classes and other outside-the-home activities slowed or were canceled, so kids have seen friends and loved ones less often.

"If you've got somebody reaching out to them who's interested in them, professing to be a supportive person, acting like they care, acting like they're willing to help them with stuff, then they're going to engage in conversations because they're young, and they think this person is wanting to be helpful... So they look for that connection," Zappia said.

Zappia, who worked to help prevent sex offenders from re-offending in a previous job, said like other

people, sex offenders exhibit some of their worst behaviors when they're under stress.

Sgt. Kozik said perpetrators became more aggressive during the pandemic, demanding in-person meetings or images of particular acts. "And there is an impression amongst offenders that during the pandemic, that nobody was watching," he said. "And my belief is that many times that was correct."

Sgt. Kozik said the vast majority of the tips reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children involve the possession, manufacture and distribution of child sexual abuse materials. That includes explicit photos and videos of kids, as well as photos and videos of kids experiencing sexual abuse. Since a photo or video can be shared multiple times, the number of reports is unlikely to be the same as the number of victims. But the numbers of reports do show the problem has dramatically escalated.

The second most common type of report involved a perpetrator using the Internet with the intent to commit a sexual offense or abduction.

## Isolation, increased Internet time made kids vulnerable

The West Virginia Child Advocacy Network is a group of centers throughout the state that conduct interviews of abused children for police investigations and link those kids with services like counseling. Pendleton County lacks a child advocacy center.

Margot Evick, director of the Randolph-Tucker Children's Advocacy Center, said in 2020, two kids told interviewers at her center they had been solicited for photos. In 2021, there were nine.

"We were all allowing our children to be online more because they were doing schoolwork," she said. "But also because we were all home, isolated. And it was the only way they could connect with their peers again."

Maureen Runyon, coordinator of the Child Advocacy Center at Women and Children's Hospital in Charleston, said that even before the pandemic, online solicitation of children was shockingly common. Advocates would

interview kids about an in-person incident, and find kids had been asked to send private photos online dozens of times, often through the chat function of online games.

"In their mind, this stuff is not a big deal, because it happens all the time," she said.

According to Kate Flack, CEO of the West Virginia Child Advocacy Network, 19 kids were victims of "commercial sexual exploitation," which refers to sex trafficking, during the 2020-2021 fiscal year, up from 13 the prior year. While many people think of strangers when they hear the term sex trafficking, parents and other people kids know can also be traffickers.

Sex trafficking is federally defined as: "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age."

In 2018-2019, 38 kids told child advocacy centers they'd been depicted in explicit images or videos, according to Flack. By the 2019-2020 fiscal year, that number increased to 44. For the 2020-2021 year, the number increased to 69.

## Erin Merryn's Law

COVID-19 contributed to an increase in the number of online child sexual exploitation cases in West Virginia. But even before the pandemic, the state was failing to address the risk.

Erin Merryn's Law, which created a task force to study the issue of child sexual abuse, passed the West Virginia Legislature in 2015. Following recommendations by that task force to lawmakers, the Legislature passed a bill in 2018 stating that beginning in 2019, children in grades K-12 "shall receive body age-appropriate safety information at least once per

academic school year, with a preference for four times per academic year." They also required new training for teachers.

The goal was to prevent sexual abuse. Child advocates say those presentations also increase reporting of child sexual abuse after it occurs, because kids may disclose abuse at the events.

But even prior to the pandemic, Robert Peters, founder of the SHIELD taskforce, worried the law wasn't being implemented statewide. Counties, not the state, are primarily responsible for implementation. That means whether children participated largely depended on where they lived. It also means the state doesn't keep a database of whether schools are abiding by the law, so it's unclear how many schools have implemented it.

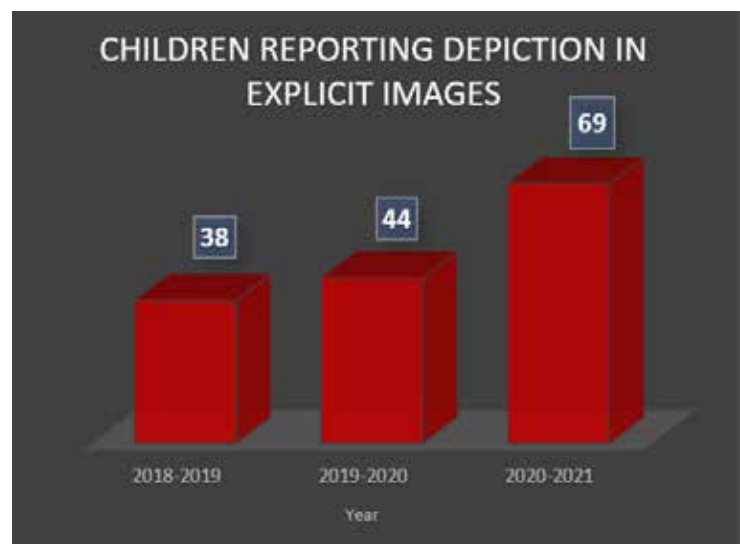
The SHIELD taskforce is a statewide coalition working to end child abuse. Peters said they offer Erin's Law training to schools. His group did develop a series of videos, and he said they were able to conduct some assemblies since schools opened back up. Each time, kids disclosed abuse.

"The sliver of hope that I have is that on the SHIELD taskforce side, we have received more inquiries and interests in prevention education... So that's a sign for hope," he said. "But also, it's a sign that in many locations, it hasn't been implemented during perhaps the most historically important period for it to be implemented."

No in-person assemblies happened while schools were closed, and cancellations and quarantines since then have made those presentations harder to conduct.

Evick said her center sent prevention packets home with kids, but that it wasn't the same as conducting in-person events, where kids would be more likely to build a connection and feel comfortable disclosing to the presenter.

Sgt. Kozik also said police



have been forced to conduct fewer preventive operations – meaning they pretend to be potential victims to catch predators. That's in part because in-person contact slowed, and in part because of ongoing problems with manpower, according to Kozik. They've also been busy catching up on tips.

Kozik said the unit has to focus on "the worst of the worst first. And if there's not been victimization in West Virginia, say, someone just uploaded a picture that's going to kind of fall to the bottom of the list. And we're going to try and eventually get to it."

Major James Findley, director of professional standards for the West Virginia State Police, said WV Code 15-2-15 requires the Crimes Against Children Unit to maintain a director and five members and there weren't any current plans to add additional members. (The law says six officers is "the minimum.")

Sgt. Kozik hoped to see more awareness events as schools opened back up this fall. Police were able to conduct some events.

"Ramp up the community outreach and educate the kids, and keep that education going as kids get to be school age," he said. "And then whenever disaster like this strikes, at least you have reached out to the kids before it happened."

## Increase coincides with mental health crisis

Runyon, of the Charleston CAC, said they struggle to link kids with therapists in more rural surrounding counties, and some parents say they just want kids to forget. But she knows kids won't forget. Instead, therapists can help kids identify triggers, or things that remind them of the event and make them feel unsafe. They help kids learn how to respond when faced with those triggers and "regain some control over themselves and their emotional health," Runyon said.

She uses an analogy with families that visit her CAC: life is like a book. Maybe there's a chapter about elementary school, or family vacations. Maybe there are chapters about traumatic events like the death of a parent or child sexual abuse. She tells kids what they disclose at the CAC may only represent one chapter.

"It would be great if we could just rip that chapter out, go in the fire and burn it and never think about it again. But we can't. It doesn't work that way. But that chapter doesn't have to define all of the chapters yet to come," Runyon said.

Yet even if families are receptive to counseling, the state lacks enough child therapists.

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**Note from Pendleton County Assessor's Office:**

Our office will be closed Monday, April 25th through Friday, April 29, 2022 as we will be conducting virtual mandatory West Virginia State Training classes for the new computer system the state has gone to.

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# Listen To West Virginia's Struggling Youth

By Kelli Caseman  
Think Kids Executive Director

This month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new data from anonymous surveys completed by 7,705 high school students from 128 schools around the U.S. during the first six months of 2021. The report is the first of its kind since the onset of the pandemic to share self-reported data from adolescents after months in isolation. Here's what they had to say:

Forty-four percent of students reported that they persistently felt sad and hopeless during the past year.

Twenty percent of students said that they had seriously considered attempting suicide, and nine percent attempted suicide in that time period.

Fifty-five percent of students reported that they experienced emotional abuse by a parent or other adult in their home. Emotional abuse was defined as swearing, insulting, or belittling the adolescent.

Eleven percent of students reported experiencing physical abuse by a parent or other adult in their home. Physical abuse was defined as hitting, beating, kicking, or physically hurting the adolescent.

About 75 percent of LGBT youth said they suffered emotional abuse in their home, and 20 percent reported physical abuse.

For years before the pandemic, America's youth were experiencing a sharp decline in their mental health. It's a decline specific to their age group, with no corresponding increase in adult rates. Back then, researchers were calling these alarming statistics a "wake-up call."

Then came the pandemic, and those calls went unanswered. In 2021, emergency room visits for suicide attempts rose 51 percent for adolescent girls compared with the same period in 2019, according to the recent U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory, which addressed the nation's youth mental health crisis. A CDC report released in February found that emergency room visits by teenage girls relating to eating disorders had doubled during the pandemic.

Of its most recent report, the CDC acting principal deputy director said, "These data echo a cry for help."

We've heard this echo here in West Virginia for many months—mostly from students at our state universities. They created the Green Bandana Initiative, a project designed to bring awareness, trainings, and help students address mental health issues on university campuses. There have been op-eds in state newspapers and calls for the Governor to sit down with students and discuss the use of pandemic funding to help address the escalating problem.

In late 2021, Think Kids released a series of blog posts on the increased demand for children's mental health services. Child therapists said kids were coming to emergency rooms in crisis with nowhere to send them for treatment.

But few in leadership positions seem to be listening—not from the Governor's office or Legislature. As Logan Riffey eloquently put it in his recent op-ed: "In a given legislative session, there are 86,400 minutes. It breaks my heart that collegiate mental health was unworthy of even one minute of serious consideration on the floor of either chamber."

It's interesting that from this recent survey of high school students, the CDC found that a sense of being supported and belonging at school had a positive effect on students, despite the continued challenges of the pandemic. Students who felt close to persons at school had a lower prevalence of poor mental health during the pandemic—28.4 percent compared to 45.2 percent.

Think about that. To be seen, heard, and valued by adults in the school setting lowered the prevalence of poor mental health for high school students during the pandemic. And yet, this acknowledgment is what is being withheld from the college students asking for help from our policymakers. It's a simple first step they're refusing to take.

The lack of access to youth mental health care is not unique to West Virginia, or even the United States. Neither is the increasing rates of poor youth mental health. What's different is that many other states see it and are addressing it, but for whatever reason, we're letting our youth suffer without a coordinated response.

An easy first step is to remember that connections matter. Communities can collaborate to provide youth opportunities for academic, social, mental, and physical health services. Get adolescents and young adults engaged and create strong social supports for them.

Parents and advocates, we can make youth mental health an election issue. Ask candidates what they'll do to build more capacity in the mental health care system to keep kids out of emergency rooms, cut wait times for mental health services, and develop a qualified, sustainable workforce of children's mental health professionals.

We have an obligation to the younger generations to be the adults they need us to be. For many adolescents, the pandemic is far from over. It's time to hear and acknowledge what they've been trying to tell us.

*Think Kids is a nonprofit that advocates for the health and well-being of West Virginia's children.*

*Pendleton Times note: Mountain Media News editor Erin Beck also sometimes freelance writes for Think Kids.*

## Applications Available for Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) announced applications will be accepted for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) beginning today and will continue until funds are exhausted. According to the news release, this federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying water or wastewater bills.

Eligibility for LIHWAP benefits is based on income, household size and whether the household is responsible for paying water or wastewater bills. To qualify, the household must meet all program guidelines, which includes an applicant's annual income being at or below 60 percent of the State Median Income. Face-to-face interviews in a local DHHR office are also required.

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The maximum allowable gross income levels for LIHWAP Fiscal Year 2022 are as follows (household size, gross monthly income limit): one, \$2,005; two, \$2,621; three, \$3,238; four, \$3,855; five, \$4,472; six, \$5,088; seven, \$5,204; eight, \$5,583; nine, \$6,150; 10, \$6,718; 11, \$7,285; 12, \$7,853; and for each additional person, add \$567. Social Security and veteran's income will be excluded for the current LIHWAP application period.

Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded for LIHWAP. The program is limited to the amount of federal funding allocated to West Virginia under the LIHWAP Block Grant.

Those interested in applying for LIHWAP may contact their local DHHR office with questions or to request an interview to determine eligibility.

## Continued Increase in Biosecurity Urged to Combat HPAI

With confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in 23 of the 50 states, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt is continuing to urge farmers and producers to practice increased biosecurity measures. West Virginia currently has no confirmed cases of HPAI, but neighboring states of Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Maryland have found the virus in poultry, according to a press release.

Commercial poultry is West Virginia's number one agricultural commodity, contributing \$334 million to the economy.

"The fact West Virginia has not had a confirmed case of HPAI shows the professionalism of our producers and industry partners. Their efforts thus far have paid off, but that does not mean we should let up. All farmers should continue to practice good biosecurity. It is crucial to contain

HPAI from being introduced into commercial and backyard operations," said Leonhardt.

Producers should take the following actions. Limit, monitor and record any movement of people, vehicles or animals on and off the farm. Permit only essential workers and vehicles to enter the farm to limit the chances of bringing the virus from an outside source. Avoid visiting other poultry farms and any unnecessary travel off the farm. Disinfect equipment, vehicles, footwear and other items that come in contact with flocks. Keep one's flock away from wild or migratory birds, especially waterfowl. Isolate any ill animals and contact a veterinarian.

Poultry owners should immediately report unusual death loss, a drop in egg production or any sick domestic birds to WVDA Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.

## Discovery Center Issues Call For Artists and Artisans

The Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, in cooperation with the Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association, seeks artists and artisans to demonstrate their traditional Appalachian crafts or contemporary works related to Monongahela National Forest during the 2022 season. Two tables will be available for exhibitors Saturdays and Sundays beginning

May 27-28 and running through Oct. 29-30, according to a forest service news release.

Artists can exhibit up to three weekends during the season, but only one holiday weekend. Artists wishing to sell their work must commit to exhibiting for at least four hours per day. Table space may be shared by multiple artists.

All artists are asked to submit a small portfolio of works they would like to offer for sale. When sharing table space, each artist must submit an individual portfolio.

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# Cases of Online Child Sexual Abuse Surge in WV

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West Virginia CACs are more likely to refer kids to counseling than the rest of the nation – 41 percent of new cases were referred, compared to 30 percent nationwide, according to the 2020-2021 Child Advocacy Network report. But West Virginia kids were less likely to actually enter counseling – 25 percent of new referrals began counseling, compared to 29 percent nationwide.

Flack said rural families lack transportation and some families don't have Internet connectivity for telehealth appointments. "In part, it's we don't have enough money to pay them," she added.

At Just for Kids CAC in Beckley, Scott Miller, executive director, said he's seen parents become more willing to seek the mental health treatment their kids need over the last decade. But some parents still brush off the idea, saying "my kid's not crazy."

But when he does prevention education events, an adult always comes up to him afterward. "They're just crying when they hear about the work that we do, because they wish they had been there for them," he said.

## Preventing the problem

While parents, guardians, and other caring adults can't eliminate all risk, Runyon noted that there are ways parents and guardians can decrease the likelihood their kids will be targeted. They can block certain apps on phones and parents can require permission before downloads.

She said she tells her kids that if they ever feel uncomfortable, they can ask her to pick them up any time, day or night. They can just say they "don't feel good."

"I think you have to continually ask, not wait for children to come and tell you," she said. "You've got to give them permission to do these kinds of things."

Carrie Meghan Quick-Blanco, program director for WV Free, said it's important for kids to know they can say no. For example, they should feel comfortable saying they don't want a hug, even if it's from a loved one.

"It's important to help people that have already been victims of sexual violence," she said. "But really, actually implementing these lessons, and doing it consistently, is what's going to change the culture."

Parents and guardians can also demonstrate to kids that those subjects don't have to be secretive by teaching them age-appropriate names for their anatomy.

"Offenders target children who are less comfortable talking about those topics, who display naivete, because that means they're less likely to disclose because of shame," said Peters, founder of the SHIELD taskforce. "And they're less likely to be able to articulate, especially in younger ages, the specificity of what occurred."

To Peters, "ultimately, it's about the relationship."

"What keeps kids safe is a loving relationship with a caring, supportive adult, where these topics relating to sex, relating to safety, are not taboo," he said. "And the child knows that if they were in a compromising situation, they could come forward and it wouldn't be a punitive approach. It would be an empowering approach, and a loving response by their caregivers."

## Resources:

The National Center for Missing Exploited Children's website includes a list of things predators do to groom children, as well as things kids do that put them more at risk. Parents, guardians, police and others can make their own reports with the center.

The Erin's Law website includes a list of resources including resources for children.

The Committee for Children offers free guides to talking to children about sexual abuse.

Sex Positive Families provides education and resources that "help families raise sexually healthy children using a shame-free, comprehensive, and pleasure-positive approach."

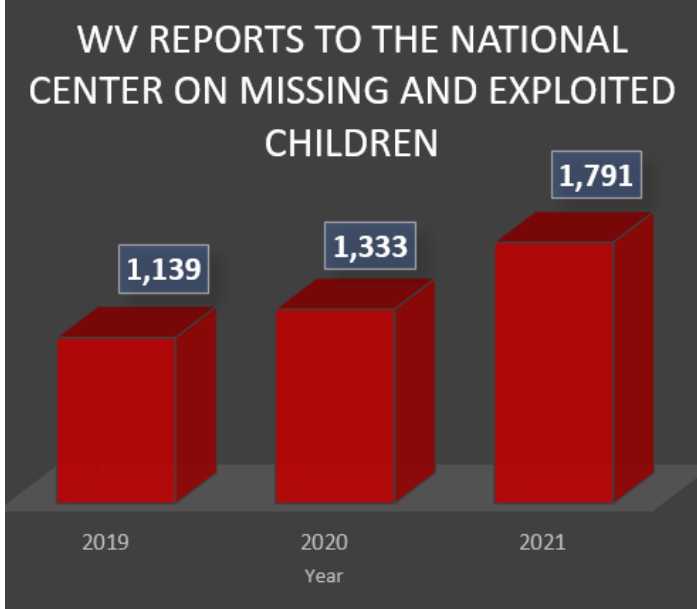
AMAZE offers "engaging, educational, age-appropriate, often humorous sex

education videos for young adults" and resources for caregivers and educators.

NPR spoke to researchers, advocates and sex educators on how to talk to teens about sex, bodies and relationships.

The ICAC website also includes more resources.

The Zero Abuse Project is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to the elimination of child sexual abuse



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Consumer Confidence Report - 2022

Covering Calendar Year - 2021

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, please call ROBERT HORAN at 304-358-7525 or William Waggy at 304-358-2984.

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Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

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## Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2021 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2021. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

## Terms & Abbreviations

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

**Action Level (AL):** the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Non-Detects (ND):** lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Parts per Million (ppm)** or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

**Parts per Billion (ppb)** or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

**Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L):** a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per Year (mrem/yr):** measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Monitoring Period Average (MPA):** An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

**Running Annual Average (RAA):** an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

**Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA):** Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

## Testing Results for: FRANKLIN, MUNICIPALITY OF

Microbiological	Result	MCL			MCLG		Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2021							
Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	4/27/2021	0.0124	0.0124	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CHROMIUM	4/27/2021	0.72	0.72	ppm	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE	8/25/2020	0.54	0.54	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NITRITE	9/20/2021	0.4	0.4	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest LRAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCL G	Typical Source
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Smith Creek	2021	7	3.9 - 7.8	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	Smith Creek	2021	10	5.4 - 9.4	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2018 - 2020	0.0631	0.0114 - 0.214	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2018 - 2020	5.1	0.18 - 37.4	ppb	15	1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Chlorine/Chloramines Year Sampled	RANGE (low/high)	RANGE Units	MRDL	MRDL Units	TYPICAL SOURCE
2021	1.2 - 1.9	MG/L	4.0	MG/L	Water additive used to control microbes

Chlorine/Chloramines Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	1.9	MG/L	1.5	MG/L

Unresolved Deficiency Date Identified	Facility	Comments
05/10/2021	WATER SYSTEM	water system previously had waiver which allowed plant to operate unattended; the core instrumentation and controls to shut the plant down if either the turbidigy increases to set level or chloroline residual decreases to set level is still in place and operational but the permit expired - 15 years ago and the water system must re-apply for the waiver + comply with all new requirements of DW-36 or maintain Class II operator present at all times water is being produced.
05/10/2021	HANOVER STORAGE TANK	tank exterior in extremely poor condition with severe rust/corrosion present to be remedied in upcoming water project
05/10/2021	HANOVER STORAGE TANK	overflow does not extend down 1' above ground level discharging to splash pad/ drainage swale to be remedied in upcoming water project

Total Organic Carbon Lowest Month for Removal	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
CARBON, TOTAL	8/17/2021	0.94	0.63 - 0.94	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
TURBIDITY	TREATMENT PLANT	0.07	NTU	MAY 2021

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS, ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	2/6/2019	0.029	0.029	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants- Non Health Based Contaminants-No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established.	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	8/25/2020	82	64.3 - 82	MG/L	10000
CARBON, TOTAL	8/17/2021	0.94	0.63 - 0.94	ppm	10000
FREE RESIDUAL CHLORINE	11/16/2021	1.88	1.88	ppm	
NICKEL	4/27/2021	0.0005	0.0005	MG/L	0.1
SODIUM	4/27/2021	3.23	3.23	MG/L	1000
SULFATE	4/27/2021	5.8	5.8	MG/L	250

During the 2021 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
9/1/2021 - 11/30/2021	TRIHALOMETHANES	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
9/1/2021 - 11/30/2021	HALOACETIC ACIDS	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
11/13/2021 - 1/4/2022	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4761).

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
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any appendices are posted at <https://easternwv.edu/business-office/invitation-for-vendor-bids/>. Proposals may be emailed to [receipt@easternwv.edu](mailto:receipt@easternwv.edu) or submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Eastern WV Community and Technical College, 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. Send to the attention of Dr. Thomas Striplin, President/ATTAIN Evaluation Service." Proposals must be submitted on or before May 4, 2022, at 3:00 PM ET. For more information, contact Dr. Thomas Striplin at [thomas.striplin@easternwv.edu](mailto:thomas.striplin@easternwv.edu) or 304-434-8000 ext. 9227. 4-7-2c

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the following estates is pending in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, 100 S. Main Street, P. O. Box 1167, Franklin, West Virginia 26807. The names of the personal representatives are set forth below.

### ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Commission are required to file their objections with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE, whichever is later.

All creditors of the decedent(s) and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate(s) must file their claims with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 7, 2022. Deadline for claims is June 6, 2022.

Sadie Belle Propst Estate - Lanny A. Propst, Administrator;  
Andrew L. Eye Estate - Beverly D. Eye, Executrix;  
Lucy E. Bodkin Estate - Angela E. Bodkin, Executrix;  
Larry D. Blankenship Estate - Loretta J. Blankenship, Executrix.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 31, 2022.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 4-7-2c

*Happy Easter*

## MUNICIPALITY OF FRANKLIN, WEST VIRGINIA Regular Current Expense Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>CLASS I</b>		
Personal Property	\$ 0	\$ 0
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>CLASS II</b>		
Real Estate	\$ 19,369,390	\$ 48,423
Personal Property	25,110	63
Total Class II	\$ 19,394,500	\$ 48,486
<b>Class IV</b>		
Real Estate	\$ 10,988,870	\$ 54,944
Personal Property	5,886,704	29,434
Public Utility	2,398,506	11,993
Total Class IV	\$ 19,274,080	\$ 96,370
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 38,668,7580</b>	<b>\$ 144,857</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations, & Uncollectable Taxes. ....	5.00%	7,243
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate) .....	2.00%	2,752
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable).....		0
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection.....</b>		<b>\$ 134,862</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund .....	2.00%	2,697
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes .....</b>		<b>\$ 132,164</b>

## 2022-2023 Fiscal Year LEVY ESTIMATE — BUDGET DOCUMENT

### STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF FRANKLIN

In accordance with Code 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

**REVENUE SOURCE**

Assigned Balance (July 1).....	\$ 10,000.00
Property Taxes .....	132,165.00
Gas and Oil Severance Tax .....	2,000.00
Excise Tax on Utilities.....	48,950.00
Wine and Liquor Tax .....	19,000.00
Animal Control Tax .....	250.00
Hotel Occupancy Tax .....	8,000.00
Fines, Fees & Court Costs .....	1,000.00
Licenses .....	5,000.00
Building Permit Fees .....	2,000.00
Franchise Fees .....	8,000.00
IRP Fees .....	32,000.00
Refuse Collection.....	85,000.00
Gaming Income .....	10,000.00
Interest Revenue .....	200.00
Video Lottery .....	500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue.....	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND).....</b>	<b>\$369,065.00</b>

### COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

**REVENUE SOURCE**

Unassigned Balance (July 1).....	\$ 50.00
Coal Severance .....	2,500.00
Interest Income .....	20.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND) .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,570.00</b>

**ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES**

	General Fund	Coal Severance
Mayor's Office.....	5,700.00	
City Council.....	10,500.00	
Recorder's Office.....	3,480.00	
City Clerk's Office.....	47,000.00	
Dues to Regional Council.....	700.00	
City Hall .....	187,435.00	
Fire Department .....	1,000.00	
Emergency Services.....	1,000.00	
Streets & Highways.....	10,000.00	
Street Lights.....	20,000.00	
Garbage Department .....	72,250.00	
Parks & Recreation .....	5,000.00	2,570.00
Visitor's Bureau .....	4,000.00	
Library .....	1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>369,065.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,570.00</b>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF PENDLETON  
MUNICIPALITY OF FRANKLIN  
I, CHARLES FRANKLIN WEHRLE JR, CLERK OF SAID MUNICIPALITY DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORDS OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE SAID MUNICIPALITY ON THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

CHARLES FRANKLIN WEHRLE JR. 4-7-2c

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Pendleton County 4-H members reciting the 4-H pledge during county roundup were, from left, Tori Heavner, Vaylee Harper and Marion Williams.

## 4-H’ers Participate in Talent Show, County Roundup

Pendleton County 4-H Roundup was held April 3 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. Twenty-two 4-H’ers participated in the 4-H talent show, three 4-H’ers entered the pledge contest, 12 4-H’ers competed in the cookie bake-off and seven 4-H’ers joined in the Lego building and speaking contest.

This event provided an afternoon of entertainment and fun for fellow 4-H’ers, friends and family members, according to Brooke Alt, Pendleton County extension agent.

In the talent show comedy division, North Fork 4-H members, Hannah Bennett, Callen Kisamore, Chloe Kisamore, Jax Bennett, Tori Heavner, Abby Judy, Vaylee Harper, Mason Harper, Ty Armentrout, Callie Judy, Cole L. Harper and Caleb Armentrout, presented “The Disappearing Bench.”

Ty Heavner and Marley Champ, both members of the Upper Tract 4-H Producers Club, and Ava Bowers, Sugar Grove Maple Leaves 4-H Club, played individual pieces on the piano in the instrumental division of the contest.

In the dance division, Phoebe Pownell of Franklin Mountaineers and Tia Heavner, Katie Keyser, Kallie Keyser, Marley Champ and Gracie Hedrick of the Upper Tract Producers performed a dance to the hit song “Fancy Like.”

Carly and Clair Kimble of the Upper Tract Producers presented an energetic gymnastic routine.

All contestants received a ribbon for their participation.

The 4-H Roundup contest included participants in the pledge contest: Tori Heavner and Vaylee Harper, both members of the North Fork 4-H Club, and Marion Williams of the Sugar Grove Maple Leaves 4-H club. These contestants received a certificate and blue ribbon, along with a \$5.00 scholarship for 2022 county camp.

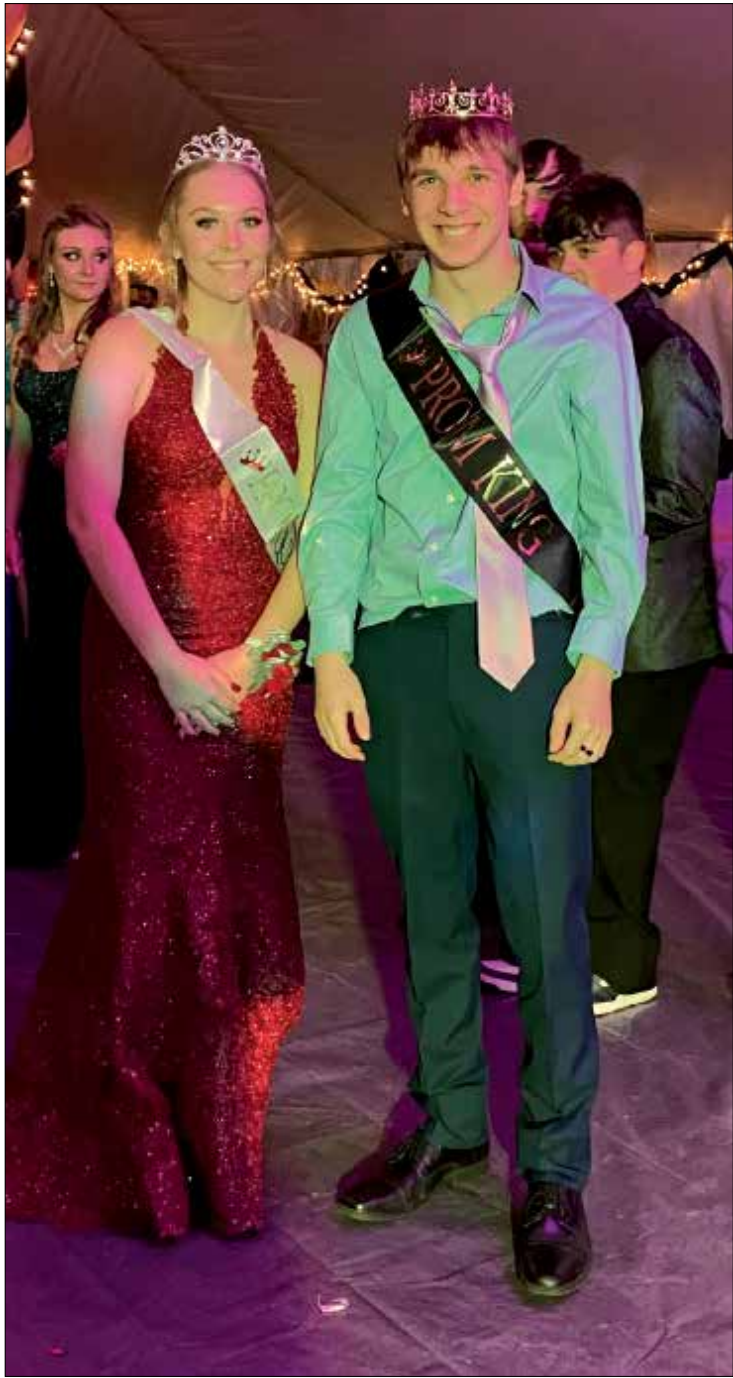
Contestants in the Lego building and speaking contest included Ross Pownell of

the Franklin Mountaineers, Owen Champ, Clair Kimble, Carly Kimble, Easton Boner, and Everette Boner, all members of the Upper Tract club, and Marion Williams from the Sugar Grove club. Ross Pownell and Williams tied for the grand prize in this event, receiving Lego building kits provided by the Pendleton County 4-H Leaders Association.

Cookie bake off contest participants included Kynleigh Sponaugle, Marion Williams and Ava Bowers, all members of the Sugar Grove club, Callen Kisamore and Madison Sword, both members of the North Fork

club, Vivian Pownell and Phoebe Pownell of the Franklin Mountaineers club and Upper Tract 4-H members Carly Kimble, Clair Kimble, Addie Rexrode, Easton Boner and Everette Boner. Judge’s choice cookie was Madison Sword’s Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip cookies, and people’s choice cookie was Callen Kisamore’s Cowboy cookies, both members of North Fork 4-H. They both received a full baking set, including bowls, measuring cups and measuring spoons provided by the Pendleton County 4-H Leaders Association.

## Bowers, Townsend Crowned During PCHS Prom



Brandy Bowers, left, and Tanner Townsend were named prom queen and king, respectively, during the event held on April 9 at Pendleton County High School. The theme of this year’s prom was “Viva Las Vegas.” Despite the cold weather, seniors and juniors, along with their guests, had an enjoyable evening.

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**SGR199** 6.25 Ac w/4 Bed, 2 bath, 2,000 sq.ft. Manufactured Home. Spring water, Pond, Fencing for animals, Seneca Rocks. **NEW LISTING \$169,900.00.**

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**SGR192** 41.40 Acres Raw Land, Mitchell Mtn. **NEW LISTING \$129,999.00 REDUCED \$109,000.00.**

**SGR191** 1.62 Acres with 3 Bed, 3 Bath Home. Bonus Room w/Vaulted Ceiling, Concrete Stamped Patio, 2 Car Garage. Franklin District. **\$269,000.00.**

**SGR190** 3.97 Acres, Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Level Bldg. Site, Mature Timber. **NEW LISTING \$49,900.00.**

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**SGR187** 8.87 Acres, Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Views, Bldg. Sites. **NEW LISTING \$79,900.00.**

**SGR185** 74.41 Acres, Seneca Co. Pasture, Hunting, Views, Creek & Spring fed Pond. Franklin District. **\$249,000.00.**

**SGR181** 0.39 Acres, w/Brick Ranch, 3 Bed, 2-1/2 Baths, Full basement, Franklin Corp. **NEW LISTING \$249,000.00.**

**SGR176** 2.02 Acres Raw Land, Rocky Mountain Rd, Deer Run area. Electric nearby. **\$19,900.00.**

**SGR174** 8.94 Acres, w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Doublewide, unfinished basement, Heat Pump, Propane, Central AC, Shop. **NEW LISTING \$299,000.00.**

**SGR173** 3 Acres, Raw Land, North Fork. **NEW LISTING \$24,900.00.**

**SGR170** 155.25 Acres w/3 bed, 2 Bath Cabin, Pastureland, Spring Water, Snowy Mtn., Circleville District. **\$399,900.00.**

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**SGR158** 5 Bed, 4 Bath Victorian Home, located in Monterey, VA. **\$525,000.00.**

**SGR157** 867.21 Acres w/3 Bed, 2.5 Bath Pole Barn Structure w/4-car garage, Cornfields, Pasture and Woodlands, Monterey, VA. **\$1,300,000.00.**

**SGR156** 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, Electric nearby, Water available. Hardy County. **\$95,000.00. REDUCED \$89,900.00.**

**SGR154** 3.99 Acres w/2 Bath Home, 4 Bed, 1 Full Bath & 1 Unfinished Bath, Circleville District. **\$399,000.00. REDUCED \$380,000.00.**

**SGR152** 50.96 Acres w/1 Bed, 1.5 Bath, 1666 sq. ft Cabin w/Loft, Franklin District. **\$349,000.00.**

**SGR148** 136.47 Acres Raw Land, Building Sites w/Excellent Views, Active Spring, 2 Ponds. **\$499,900.00.**

**SGR130** 0.36 Acres, w/House & Bunkhouse located in Harman, WV. **\$269,000.00.**

**SGR107** 28.99 Ac, more or less, Raw Land, Eldon Heights, Franklin District. **\$249,000.00.**

**SGR078** 2181.4 Ac Farm w/Flood Control Dam, Springs, Waterfall, 1.1 Miles of Private River, on both sides of 2 Public Highways, Barn, 3 Silos, Pasture Fields and more. **\$4,500,000.00.**

**SGR042** Five Unit Townhouse property located in Brandywine. Each unit has 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, LR and Large Kitchen. Near National Forest for hunting and fishing. Perfect for retirement income, live in one and rent the others! **\$399,000.00.**

**SGR892** 5.297 Acres, Raw Land, High Valley Subdivision. Franklin District. **\$59,999.00. REDUCED to \$56,500.00.**

**SGR634** 2.77 Acres, Raw Land, Hawes Run, Great Commercial Property, on US 33, Brandywine. **\$75,000.00. REDUCED \$69,500.00.**

**SGR441** Residential lots, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte.33 East of Franklin. Lots from **\$20,760.00.**

**SGR247** Residential lots with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from **\$14,630.00.**