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Thursday July 14, 2022

School Board Members OK Excess Levy

By Ammie Ruddle

Members of the Pendleton County Board of Education took the next step to raising additional funds for safety and security measures at the four county schools.

The members voted unanimously to approve an excess levy for the fiscal years of 2023 to 2027. The levy will now be placed on the No-

vember General Election ballot for approval by voters. According to Michael Queen , a representative with the secretary of state office, "the levy must receive a majority vote in order to pass."

School officials have said the funds from the excess levy would be used to provide additional safety and security measures at Brandywine, Franklin and North Fork

elementary schools, as well as Pendleton County Middle/ High School.

The funds would be used to hire resource officers at the four schools, install and upgrade the security cameras, replace and upgrade the keyless door entries, install additional outside lighting, upgrade the phone systems, install vaping sensors,

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By Walter Hojka

New windows will soon be installed in parts of the Pendleton Community Building.

All three members of the Pendleton County Commission – Charlie Burgoyne, Carl Hevener and Gene Mc-Connell – voted to approve new windows at their July 5 meeting at the Pendleton County Courthouse.

The estimated cost of the replacement windows is nearly \$3,500. The windows will be installed by Eddie Simpson.

The commissioners also approved the re-appointment of Peter Tuckerman to the board of the Pendleton

Community

CALENDAR

Local Churches

Monumental Vacation Bi-

ble School will be held at

Faith Lutheran Church in

Franklin from 6 – 8:15 p.m.

July 18-21. All children ages

3-12 are invited to join in the

fun. A picnic and pool party

will be held for all partici-

pants at 5:30 p.m. July 22 at

the Franklin Town Park.

For more information or to

register a child, please call

304-358-2438 or go to Moun-

Brandywine First Baptist

Church in Brandywine will

host Vacation Bible School

from 6 – 8:30 p.m. July 18 -

22 for children ages 3 through

sixth grade. A kick-off picnic

and pre-registration will be

held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

To register by telephone, call

Deborah Weaver at 304-249-

3181 or June Weaver at 304-

"Hay Day Growing in

Friendship with Jesus" Vacation Bible School is back

at Wayside Baptist Church, 10 miles south of Franklin on Route 220. VBS will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. Sunday

through Tuesday. Family day

will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday with a meal for families

of attendees, followed by a

VBS presentation and fun.

Classes are available for pre-

kindergarten through teen. For more information and to

pre-register, contact Taylor

Townsend at 304-668-9928.

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To Host VBS

will serve another five-year term on the board.

In other action, Rick Gillespie, emergency services coordinator, informed the commissioners that the state has adopted a new retirement and benefit plan for emergency medical service personnel hired after July 1. The program is called the Emergency Medical Services Retirement Plan. Gillespie described it as offering enhanced benefits. He noted current emergency service employees will remain in the current Public Employee Services Plan.

The commissioners also discussed additional signage

County Library. Tuckerman and cameras to be placed on the roads leading to Spruce Knob to provide weather information and to better locate visitors who may need emergency assistance. This project would be carried out in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service.

They briefly discussed the condition of the pavement around the Pendleton Community Building. No action was taken on the issue at this time.

The commissioners approved the minutes from the June 21 meeting without comment.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. July 19 in the county courthouse.

Summer Fun Fest **Set for Town Park**

By Shawn Stinson

The annual summer gettogether at the Town of Franklin Park will undergo a name change to attempt to attract additional attendees.

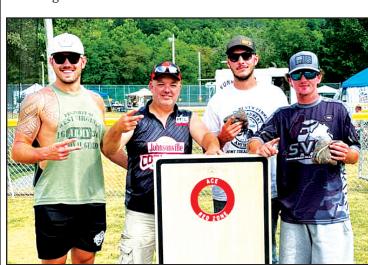
The second annual Summer Fun Fest is set to run from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at the town park. The initial event was titled Family Fun Day and held on July 31, 2021. Town officials said the change in name for the event was to reflect the additional activities available for adults.

Elizabeth Scott, assistant business manager, said this year's activities will include a beer garden and musical

performers, as well as various vendors. Justin Hensley is set to perform from noon to 1:30 p.m., while Spencer Hatcher and The Ol' Son Gang will take the stage from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Scott added last year's event attracted nearly 300 people, but was focused mainly on familyfriendly activities.

Additional activities scheduled for Saturday include a corn hole tournament, axe throwing and swimming at the town pool. Scott said there will be inflatable bouncy houses for children.

She added said there will be various food vendors available "all day until they run out" of food.



Joey Lam and Ryley Roberts were the winners of the initial corn hole tournament during last year's festival at the Town of Franklin Park. Tim Cosner and Jordan Hartman finished second. Another corn hole tournament is scheduled for Saturday's Summer Fun Fest.

New Logo to 'Rock'

The County **Board to Meet**

The Pendleton County Farmland Protection Board will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Pendleton County Commission office in the Pendleton County Courthouse in Franklin. Everyone is invited to attend.

By Walter Hojka

County officials will soon be using a new logo and slogan to promote all things Pendleton County.

The Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau in conjunction with the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority has developed a new advertising brand for the county. The new logo will prominently feature

the outline of Seneca Rocks and states "Pendleton Rocks! Worth the Climb."

Ciara Lambert, director of the PCCVB, said that it was becoming increasingly clear that the previous slogan - "Mountains of Opportunity" was too broad in nature and could be used to describe any county in the state. She added the goal was to create something that was specific to Pendleton County.

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their newest high tunnel expansion. Attending the event were Laura Brown, executive director of the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority; Charlie Burgoyne, Pendleton County commissioner; Brooke Alt, extension agent and a board member of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce; and Amber Nesselrodt, PCEDA office administrator.

Local Farm Celebrates Expansion, Success

By Ammie Ruddle

Owners of the Deans Gap Farm LLC, Scott and Becky Rightsell, celebrated their new high tunnel on July 6 with a ribbon cutting. Established in 2015, the farm is located in Fort Seybert.

The Rightsells invited guests of the ribbon cutting to a dinner of pulled pork, beef brisket, a chicken leg and a tomato, cucumber, onion, and basil salad.

The farm participates in the Pendleton County Farmers Market where Becky Rightsell is the on-site market manager.

bles, they offer smoked meats and other dishes through a catering service.

In addition to fresh vegeta-

Both Scott and Becky Rightsell were raised on small family farms where they learned about animal husbandry, gardening and canning.

The land, where Deans Gap Farm is located, was passed to them by Becky's parents, Gary and Jenny Pitsenbarger. When the Rightsells began their farming business, it operated solely as a contracted, antibiotic-free, commercial turkey farm for the Virginia

Poultry Growers Cooperative.

Scott Rightsell, who has experience in the turkey industry, worked as a flock technician for 17 years before choosing to work on the family turkey farm in 2012. He learned the art of smoking meat when he was assisting at a local restaurant with its BBQ weekends.

In 2017, the Rightsells started to diversify their offering by purchasing a used Lang Barrel Smoker so that Scott could begin to smoke meats for lo-

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School Officials Create Transportation Survey

By Ammie Ruddle

The Pendleton County Board of Education members created a survey for families of students attending grade 6 in the Brandywine and North Fork districts, as well as students at Pendleton County Middle/High School, who currently or plan to participate in various activities connected to the school. The survey was created in an effort to alleviate the stress for families and students regarding students participating in extra-curricular

activities due to transportation concerns,

The purpose of the survey is to answer questions board members had at the July 5 BOE meeting. Board members discussed if transportation would be needed for students participating in extracurricular activities like sports, band, drama, or any of the school sanctioned and offered activities.

All the board members unanimously agreed the biggest need for transportation would be following the prac-

tices or activities. However, they wanted to hear from parents and students on specific needs before creating a job posting for the activity bus driver position.

Nicole Hevener, associate superintendent, drafted the survey that can be found on the PCS website and a hard copy may be obtained at the board office – 201 North High Street in Franklin.

If anyone has questions regarding the survey or more additional information, contact PCS officials at 304-358-

Activity Bus Survey

Activity Bus Survey/6th graders of North Fork and Brandywine Elementary & PCMHS students. Parents of students in the 6th grade attending Brandywine and North Fork Elementary School and students grades 7 through 12, please complete the following survey to help the Board of Education decide if provided transportation would support the extracurricular programs offered at Pendleton County Middle/High School such as bad, drama club, soccer track, volleyball, football, and other such clubs and sports.

Please indicate your student's grade level (Please circle one)

10th grade 7[®] grade

2. Would your child ride a bus from North Fork or Brandywine Elementary School at the end of the day to participate in extracurricular activities? (Please circle one)

Maybe

- Is there any additional information that we need to know concerning your above answer?
- 4. Would your child ride a bus from Pendleton County Middle/High School at approximately 5:30 p.m. to a designated location either in North Fork or Brandywine? (Please circle one)

Maybe

- Is there any additional information that we need to know concerning your above answer?
- 6. If the student is a 6th grader, please indicate which school the student will be attending? (Please circle one)

Brandywine Bementary School

North Fork Elementary School

7. Please provide additional information that will help decide if activity buses would support extracurricular events.

OBITUARIES

Vickie Lynn Losh



Vickie Lynn Losh, 64, of Brandywine passed away on July 5, 2022, at her home.

She was born on July 5, 1958, in Sugar Grove, the daughter of the late Alfred and Anna Mae (King) Eckard. Mrs. Losh was a graduate

of Perry Hall High School in Baltimore, Maryland. She was a member of the Riverside United Methodist

She had worked as a supervisor cook for eight years at the Sugar Grove Naval Base. Her passion was spending time with her family and

On July 2, 1988, she married Jesse Losh, who survives. In addition to her husband, she leaves behind to cherish her memories a son, Christopher Vance (Jessica) of Morgantown; three stepsons, Michael Losh (Ruby)

of Fairmont, and Jason Losh (Mandy Davis) and Jeremy Kobetic (Emily), all of Brandywine; a sister, Bertha Calhoun (Allen) of Upper Tract; two brothers, Teddy Eckard (Judy) of Peru and Charles Eckard of Dorcas; and 15 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Delmas, Elmer and Richard Eckard; and four sisters, Anna Lee, Thlema Jean, Mary Frances and Joyce.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Judy Vetter officiating. Interment was in the Losh Family Cemetery in Brandywine.

Memorials may be made to South Fork Volunteer Fire Department or Potomac Highlands Wounded War-

Memories and words of basagic.com or on Facebook at neralhome.com. Basagic Funeral Home.

Betty Caliguire, 92

Betty Jo May Hartsfield Caliguire, 92, died July 10, 2022, at The Brian Center Rehabilitation and Nursing Care in Low Moor, Virginia.

She was born on Feb. 12, 1930, in Macksville, a daughter of the late Homer Angus and Arvella Harper May Mrs. Caliguire was a faith-

ful and charter member of the North Fork Baptist Church. She was a registered nurse with the Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg. She went to the Davis Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Elkins. She was very proud of her title as registered nurse and was part of the nurses who wore white shoes, hats and dresses. She was a very skilled nurse and enjoyed taking care of her

Her first husband, William Leo Hartsfield, and her second husband, John G. Caliguire, preceded her

Surviving are a son, Rev. William "Bill" Hartsfield and wife, Honor of Covington, Virginia; two grandsons, Taylor Hartsfield and wife, Davina of Naples, Florida, and Aaron Hartsfield and wife, Lindsay of Roanoke, Virginia; five great-grandchildren, Reagan, Rocco, Dominic, Luna and Statler; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann Warner and Charles Jones Warner.

In keeping with her wishes her body has been cremated.

A celebration of life service was held Wednesday at the Temple Baptist Church with the Rev. William M. Hartsfield officiating.

A second celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the North Fork Baptist Church with the Rev. William M. Hartsfield officiating. The family will receive their friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. A private interment will be held at a later date.

The funeral arrangements are being handled by Arritt Funeral Home in Covington,

The online guest registraomfort may be left at www. tion is available at arrittfuAlice Perthenia **Black Millan**



Alice Perthenia Black Millan, 97, passed away July 7, 2022, at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland.

She was born Nov. 21, 1924, at Kline and was the daughter of the late Walter W. Black and Olena Dahmer

Mrs. Millan graduated from Franklin High School in 1943 and later from Potomac State College. She was a lab technician and worked in Veteran Hospitals in Wise, Virginia, and Clarksburg. After moving to the Maryland area, she worked at Walter Reed Army Hospital and National Institutes of Health, where she was an expert in the field of apheresis. She traveled to many places, including England, to train other technicians in the field and received numerous awards for her work in the medical field.

She was an expert seamstress and enjoyed making all her clothes and even shirts and dress coats for her sons. She loved to travel and traveled to many places with her husband, Jack, and after his death, she bought a motor home and traveled extensively with friends and family all over the United States, Canada and Mexico and in later years traveled with The Leisure Club in Rockville, Maryland.

She was a friend to many and befriended many young people when they came to Walter Reed and NIH to

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work and had several who lived with her throughout the years.

She loved her family, loved to spend time with them and was always proud and supportive of all their accomplishments. She enjoyed and loved many animals and adored her two wire haired terriers, Tammy and Cid, that were also her traveling companions.

She was twice married, first to Leonard Douglas Blankenship and then to Terrance Jack Millan, both

Surviving are a son, Micheal Vernon Blankenship and wife, Nancy of Franklin; a daughter-in-law, Loretta Blankenship of Upper Tract; a son-in-law, Fred Shaner of Annapolis, Maryland; four grandsons, Mick Blankenship and wife, Teresa, and Nevin Blankenship and wife, Vickie, all of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Aaron Blankenship and fiancé, Tracey of Clermont, Florida, and Andrew Shaner of Rockville, Maryland; and three greatgrandchildren, Jerica, Alexis and Jathan Blankenship of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Cornelia Black and Sylvia Jefferies; a brother, Vernon Black; a son, Larry Douglas Blankenship; and a daughter, Patricia Blankenship.

Funeral services will be private. She will be cremated and her ashes placed with those of her late husband, Jack, at the Culpeper National Cemetery in Culpeper, Virginia.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

Fleisher Run

By Anna Cupp

Billy and John Keen from Valley Lee, Maryland, spent the holiday at their camp doing a lot of mowing and fixing up little things that needed to be done around the camp. Steve Smith from Stuarts Draft, Virginia, also spent

time at his camp doing a lot of mowing and fixing up The gardens seem to be

doing good so far. Hopefully the area will get more rain as gardens are getting ready to produce the eats from the

Judy and Rodger Coleman are in Keyser doing some work in the funeral home so the owners can take a much needed vacation away from

Bill and Barbara Eavers from Clover Hill, Virginia, spent the weekend at their

Jay Cline from Elkton, Maryland, has been here at his camp. His daughter and granddaughter visited with him while he was here. His granddaughter, Gypsy, likes for her granddad to take her for rides on his four-wheeler to visit the neighbors up and down the hollow.

Jeff and Melissa Arbogast from Dayton, Virginia, spent the weekend here doing some mowing. Guess Melissa cleaned all the windows in their camp where it was nice and cool while Jeff was outside in the hot sun mowing. Wesley Cupp came for

the Fourth of July to help with the mowing and bush hogging where they do their hunting when the season comes in.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lambert and some relatives from Rising Sun, Maryland, came in to do his mowing.

Shelly and Carol Sheldrick and grandsons from New Jersey are taking care of things. They have been going to the Little Debbie Bakery to get goodies, stopping at the Cheese Shop in Stuarts Draft, Virginia, and getting deep fried chicken and egg rolls while they are here.

Carol has finally retired from cooking at the school, but she will still have to cook at home for Dennis and the grandkids. She said she gets awake, if she feels like getting up, she will, and after all these years of work-

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ing, if not, then she will just roll over and pull the covers up over her and go back to sleep, or she will just lie there relaxing and have Dennis fix her coffee and bring it to her in bed.

Neighbors enjoying the fireworks at the Cupp residence on Sunday night were Michael Cupp, Joyce Hensley and Wesley Cupp, all of Dayton, Virginia, Judy, Kenny and Betty Puffenbarger of Bridgewater, Virginia, Vic and Carolyn Petit of Weyers Cave, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lambert and friends and relatives of Rising Sun, Maryland, Billy and John Keen of Valley Lee, Maryland, Jeff and Melissa Arbogast of Dayton, Virginia, Gary Shaffer and Jennifer Schieder of Sugar Grove, Ricky and Cathy Bennett of Brandywine, Donnie and Carolyn Simmons of Franklin, Carol Sheldrick and grandsons, Nick and Zack from New Jersey and friends from Kentucky, and Bill and Barbara Eavers of Clover Hill, Virginia.

Rick White and Dennis Sheldrick from New Jersey did a nice job putting off the fireworks.

MENU Pendleton Senior & Family Services

THURSDAY, JULY 14

Fish Sandwich/Cheese

Tator Tots, Slaw **Baked Apples** FRIDAY, JULY 15 SPONSORED MEAL

Pork Chops Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Banana Pudding

Monday, July 18 Shrimp California Blend Veggies Rice Pudding

Fresh Fruit TUESDAY, JULY 19 Pork BBQ Potato Wedge

Slaw Blackberry Cobbler WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Country Fried Steak **Roasted Potatoes** Spinach

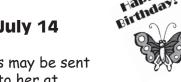


Meals served daily at the Franklin center 11:45 to 12:15. North Fork meals are served M, W, F from 11:45 to 12:15. percent milk served with every meal. Menus are subject to change

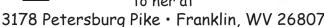
90th Birthday Card Shower



Kathryn Ruddle



Cards may be sent to her at



Sincere Thanks

The family of Ethel Pearl Thompson would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and words of prayer.

A special thanks to Pastor Pat Godfrey, Life Care Center in New Market, Virginia, Leah Cayton for her special visits to mom and Kimble Funeral Home.

Happy Birthday **CARD SHOWER** Sandy Washburn July 20 Send cards to: Pendleton Manor, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807

Saturday, August 20 • 3-8 p.m.

Franklin Ruritan Building

Dickenson Mountain Rd, Franklin

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announces

Veteran Memorial Flag Project Sponsor a memorial flag for a wartime veteran.

Flag sponsorship: \$200

Requirements:

- Veteran must have been a Pendleton County resident at time of wartime service. Photo available of loved one in uniform suitable for
- digital transfer.
- Submission of information including name, branch and dates of service, wartime service information, date of birth and death.
- Receipt of payment for sponsorship.

There are a limited number of poles located in town limits of Franklin so flags will be claimed in order of met requirements.

To sponsor a flag or for more information, please call or text Liz Warner at 304-902-0915, or via Facebook messenger.

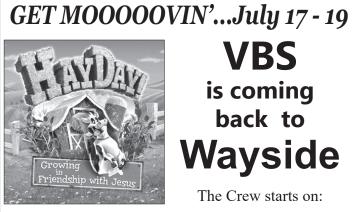
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Pulled Pork ~ Hamburgers Chili Dogs ~ French Fries

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Lots of Homemade Pies & Cakes



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The Crew starts on:

Sunday/Monday, July 17/18 • 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 • 6 - 8 p.m. Family Day Also

Meal for families of VBS attendees starts at 6 p.m. Followed by VBS Presentation and Fun!

Classes for Pre-K through Teen! Come and Join the Acres of Fun here at Wayside Vacation Bible School!

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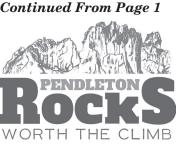
Both commercial and residential can benefit **Hauling Services:** *Mulch, gravel, topsoil, sand, firewood, junk/trash*

Mowing, weed eating, hedge and small tree trimming

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Logo



"When you tell people you are from Pendleton County, they don't always know where that is, but if you mention Seneca Rocks or Spruce Knob, they often know where that is," Lambert said. "We want people to know who we are and

where we are." Part of the intrigue of the new logo and slogan is that it can have many different meanings. Laura Brown, executive director of the PCEDA, said that the word "rocks" was chosen for its many references. Brown added the goal was to highlight the geography of the county. She said it was used to tie in rock climbing tourism and to also reference "On the Rocks," which is an advertising campaign developed to promote craft distilleries, breweries and cider producers in the area.

Brown also said the new logo and slogan creates a feel of vibrancy and fun.

"Worth the Climb" also has multiple meanings. Lambert said it is worth the climb in elevation to get here, worth the climb of the many rocks and trails and worth the climb in economic growth.

The logo was created to focus on the unique qualities of the county. It recognizes that local tourism is a growing industry and many people visit the county to enjoy the geography for hiking, caving, fishing, rock climbing and a variety of other activities.

The logo was designed by New South Media in Morgantown. It will be used in

advertising in the region and will soon be available on stickers and T-shirts. Future plans for the logo include installing road signs at entry points into the county The members of the Pendleton County Commission have given their support to the project. It has also been well-received by other tourism organizations, including the Mon Forest Towns Council.

There are plans to increase rock climbing tourism in the county. One initiative is to rewrite legislation to remove the liability of landowners who permit climbers on private land. Resource mapping of climbing sites is also underway. Michael Gray, a local climbing expert, has mapped more than 300 climbing routes in Pendleton County. Gray provided technical knowledge to officials about traditional climbing, sports climbing and opportunities for both in Pendleton County.

Funding for the project was provided primarily through the PCCVB with additional money from the PCEDA.

A business roundtable is scheduled for 6 p.m. July 27 at the Nelson Rocks Climbing Center in Circleville. It is open to the public. The meeting will focus on growing local business and provide an opportunity to discuss strategies and network with others.

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Deadlines For ALL Pendleton County Taxpayers To Remember

Business/Commercial Form deadline 9/1/2022 — (List inventory, machinery and office equipment)

Personal Property Form deadline 10/1/2022 — (Report only licensed items that you owned on July 1, 2022) (Do not

report any X-license plate vehicles) Dog Tag License — (County) Fee: 3.00 per dog; (Town of Franklin Limits) Fee: 6.00 per dog (Starting at six months

of age. This includes all hunting dogs owned by all county Farm Use land Discount Application Form — Apply July

1, 2022 - Sept. 1, 2022 (No application will be taken after the deadline of 9/1/22) Managed Timberland Discount — Initial contract due

before July 1, 2022, and application by Sept. 1, 2022. Must file with the www.wvforestry.com.

Farm Use Decals - \$2.00 per decal (Must be actively farming

Homestead Exemption — Apply July 1, 2022 – Dec. 1, 2022 (Must be 65 years of age or older by June 30, 2021, for the senior discount, show proof of age, lived in home for 6 months, a resident of Pendleton County or West Virginia for two years, own your own home, and applicant's name must be on the deed)

Disability Exemption — Apply July 1, 2022 – Dec. 1, 2022 (Must show proof of being totally and permanently disabled and also has to be a Pendleton County resident and own your home.) These exemptions will not make your property tax exempt, it only takes \$20,000 off the assessed value of your home, only excludes land value.

Taxes are mailed out by the Pendleton County Sheriff's office on July 15, 2022. Taxpayers will only receive one time statement from the Sheriff's Office. Taxes can be made in two installments. First half is due by Sept. 1, 2022, and Second half is due by March 1, 2023. If you prefer, you are able now to pay your taxes online at wvpropertytaxes.com.

If you are new to Pendleton County, please stop in our office to set up a new account for personal property taxes and report any West Virginia licensed vehicles, campers, utility trailers that are tagged in West Virginia. We are not affiliated with Department of Motor Vehicles.

Currently Personal Property and Farm Discount forms can be filed online at https://pendleton.wvassessor.com/onlinefiling/

Email: ssmith3@wvassessor.com Mail to: Pendleton County Assessor PO Box 937, Franklin, WV 26807 Stop by and see us in the Pendleton County Courthouse

Assessor's Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed on Saturday Phone: 304-358-2563 Facebook site: Pendleton County Assessor's Office

Please connect with us to get updated information throughout the year.

Sandie H. Smith **Pendleton County Assessor**

Town of Franklin SWIMMING LESSONS Session II

July 18 - 21

Cost \$25.00 per child; \$5.00 off second child if in same session. For details, contact the Town Office 304-358-7525



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- Dress up like Elvis, get a free bag of popcorn.
- Win the Look-Alike Contest, get 2 movie passes.
- Dress up in 1950s era clothes, get a free bag of popcorn.
- Come in a 1950s era car, driver gets in free.

Event Sponsored by Pendleton Community Bank



9th Annual Sugar Grove Antique Tractor Parade Saturday, Aug. 13 Tractors ONLY!

No Floats Allowed!

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Parade starts at 4 p.m. Registration begins 3 p.m. Registration/Line-up at Pigley Wigleys, Sugar Grove Trophies will be awarded.

Cash prize for the People's Choice Award

Questions, call 304-902-0123



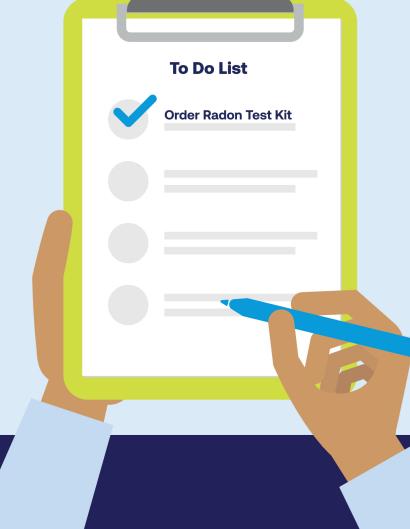
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At least 1 in 15 homes have elevated levels of radon. You can't smell, taste or see it, yet it is the second leading cause of

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10 Years Ago **Week of July 5, 2012**

THE PENDLETON PAST

by Harold D. Garber

I hope that you've been waiting on the end of your seat for this installment about Pendleton County's legendary Snallygaster, a topic which I introduced last week. Having contacted the brothers who wrote the

original story so well, I have received permission to quote the article which appeared on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008. Matthew Burns' blog is entitled "Appalachian Lifestyles," sub-headed "Stories, tales, lies, musings and daily life in the mountains of central Appalachia...dedicated to the education of the American

people on the unique culture of Appalachia." The text which Matthew included. and which I began last week, is written by Jason Burns who has his own website, West Virginia Spectral Heritage.

The Burns article continues:

"The beast got its name from German immigrants who settled in the region. 'Snallygaster is a corruption of the German word 'schnellgeiste' which means 'quick spirit.' The Snallygaster evidently had many frightening attributes, which included its dragon wings, poison breath, toothy beak and tentacles and its penchant for sucking blood. The monster is said to have been one of the reasons behind the 'seven pointed stars' and hex signs that were painted on barns and houses in the area. Apparently these worked as magical charms that kept the Snallygaster

In Pendleton County, the beast's rampage lasted from 1935 to 1941. Its first appearance was reported in the Hopewell section of The Pendleton Times newspaper in March of 1935. Hopewell is a tiny community near the Bland Hills in the North Fork area of the Germany Valley, near a holler named Monkeytown. According to the newspaper article, the Snallygaster was terrorizing the family of Kennie Bland on March 1, 1935. Bland was 'left high in the air' by the monster, presumably referring to Bland being treed by the beast.

Two months later the Snallygaster was again noticed in Hopewell. This time the beast reportedly roared and 'snarled' on May 10, 1935. That day being Sunday, the locals stated that the beast was attempting to prey upon those who were less than pious. The Snallygaster also allegedly spewed forth a 'poison vapor' wherever it went. However, it did not attack anyone that night, because all those who witnessed it stayed inside their homes until it departed.

Following these two occurrences, the Snallygaster was not seen in Hopewell for nearly six years. Presumably it had moved into another area of the country, probably terrorizing people in Maryland or Pennsylvania. However, the beast returned to the Hopewell community on St. Valentine's Day, 1941.

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Apparently the beast had been spotted in the area prior to that report. 'Old Dog Blue,' a hound that had been paralyzed through a previous battle with the Snallygaster, first noticed the beast in the area and set up a howling chorus to warn the neighborhood of its approach. The people of the town escaped to the safety of their homes, but not before they witnessed the Snallygaster's large 'fiery' eyes, large tail, and monstrous-sized teeth.

The beast's last recorded appearance in the Hopewell community was recorded on July 11, 1941. Apparently it came upon the town rather quickly, surprising the populous and causing them to run for any safety they could find. The people were able to find shelter in homes and other places, and all of them survived except for Old Dog Blue, who was last seen trying to evade the Snallygaster.

The Snallygaster was not reported until June the next year. On June 29, 1945, The Pendleton Times reported 'the howl of the dreadful Snallygaster' was heard in the Hopewell community again. The dogs of the area hearing its scream, hid from the beast in any place they could. One dog was deaf, however, and was killed by the Snallygaster because he did not hear it. Some local women hid in their attic to get away from the Snallygaster, but one lady was so scared that she fell into the slop barrel. She was rescued by her husband, and they sought safety together.

Then suddenly the Snallygaster tale took a turn. It seemed to be breeding. In April, 1946, a coon hunter in Doddridge County found what was thought to be a Snallygaster cub. The hunter dug it out of a hole in the ground after seeing this dog retreat from it. The animal, still living, was examined by a group that included two Salem College professors and a representative from the State Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The Snallygaster cub was about the size of a half-grown rat, and it was colored light blue with a light yellow face. Its eyes were close together and near the end of the nose. Its ears were attached low on its head near the jawline, and it had cat-like claws. In addition, it was covered in a fine-textured fur. The group decided to raise the cub to see what it turned out to be, but whether or not they

succeeded is unknown. Later that month, 'The Pendleton Times' reported that the towns of Hopewell and Monkeytown were in the process of installing electric lights, and when that occurred, the Snallygaster would probably 'wind his way into darker corners' in order to prey upon the area's population. Whether it was the electric lights or not, the Snallygaster was not reported in the area news

Events related to the life of the Snallygaster continued, however. In the 1960s, the Pepsi Company paid tribute to the beast when it introduced a drink named 'The Snallygaster,' which was composed of Mountain Dew and vanilla ice cream. The last event in the long, frightening history of the Snallygaster was in 1976, when the 'Washington Post' funded an expedition to find the beast. Nothing was ever found—no eggs, tracks, or any other evidence. Despite this, the state of Maryland placed the Snallygaster on the Endangered Species list in 1982.

Well, that's it. You now know everything I've read about this exceptional creature. Just how the varn ever got started, I'm not sure, but "The Times" must have played along good naturedly about reported sightings.

60 Years Ago Week of July 12, 1962

100 YEARS AGO

Morgan and Forrest Raise South's Hopes

By LON K. SAVAGE

Editor's Note-The following is one of a series of articles on the Civil War. Each weekly installment covers events which occurred exactly 100 years ago.

"I...am filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all the mercies He has extended to us," Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee wrote in a letter to his wife 100 years ago this week.

"Lee's gratitude was caused by events at Richmond, where Gen. George B. McClellan's siege had been lifted and where McClellan's army had been driven away from the Confederate capitol. But before the week was out, Lee would have still more reason for gratitude.

For that same week, two of the Confederacy's greatest guerilla fighters, Bedford Forrest and John H. Morgan, went on the warpath in Kentucky and Tennessee with results that would spread consternation among the federals all the way to

Washington. At daybreak on July 9, the same day that Lee wrote his letter. Morgan rode into the little village of Celina in north central Tennessee with 1,000 men to begin his series of raids. Four days later, Forrest, with 2,000 cavalrymen, moved at a trot into Murfreesboro, Tenn., to battle with the federals

Forrest's attack was the more sensational. After capturing the pickets outside Murfreesboro, he sent a troop of Georgians dashing into the town where they captured federals on the streets and most of the federal supplies. A Texas unit charged into one of the federal encampments, shooting and yelling over the tents, and a battalion of Tennesee and Kentucky soldiers captured a Pennsylvania cavalry unit, then circled to the rear to prevent a federal retreat.

The fighting continued into the afternoon, until Forrest demanded surrender "or I will have every man put to the sword." The threat brought about a capitulation, and Forrest captured, in all, 1,700 troops, about 600 horses and mules, four pieces of artillery and a quantity of government supplies.

Morgan's attack at Celina was of little consequence, in itself, but it began a series of raids that would have important results. At Celina, he attacked 240 Pennsylvanians, driving them off and taking a score of prisoners.

That night, Morgan and his men crossed into Kentucky for 19 days of raiding through the Cumberlands, and when he was through he was able to report: "I have traveled over a thousand miles, captured 17 towns, destroyed all the government supplies and arms in them, dispersed about 1500 Home Guards (and captured) and paroled nearly 1,200 regular troops. I lost in killed, wounded and missing, of the number that I carried into Kentucky, about 90."

There was another development that week in the federal army that would work for the good of the Southern cause.

In Washington, Gen. John Pope, the federal general who had captured Island Number 10, was getting off to a bad start in organizing the government's new Army of Virginia in northern Virginia. On June 14, Pope issued an order telling his troops, "I have come to you from the West, where we have always seen the backs of our enemies." The order, instead of inspiring his new troops, made them angry. It was the first of many mistakes for Pope in his new command, but it would not be the worst.

Next week: Halleck Made Commander-in-Chief.

70 Years Ago Week of July 10, 1952

> **Smoke Hole Cave Gets Writeup By State Commission**

PETERSBURG—Smoke Hole Caverns, eight scenic miles west of this South Branch Valley town on State Routes 4 and 28, are located in the heart of what many term the "Little Switzerland

of America." The cave is right across the road from the North Fork of the South Branch River in a neat valley surrounded by granite-topped mountains. The stream, with its cold water, is a fine spot for trout fishing.

The entrance walk to the cavern parallels a cold spring

that flows continuously from the cave. This cool water stays very close to 57 degrees, indicating that a visit inside can be very pleasant on a hot day.

In one hour in Smoke Hole,

it is said, nearly everything can be seen that is offered in the hundreds of other caves in this country. The world's longest ribbon stalactite, the second highest room (104 feet) in any known cavern; limestone coral, a rare formation found only in one other cavern in the world, and another formation that resembles an Alaskan glacier can be viewed in a short time from safe, clean walks. The ribbon stalactite is four and one-half million years old and it takes 150 years to add each cubic inch.

Also of keen enjoyment to many people are the formations that resemble carved statues of well-known individuals. Among these deposits, building down from the ceiling and up from the floor, are those resembling a cliff dwelling man, wife, and child; the capitol dome in Washington, and the Virgin Mary holding her Child.

At this point in the cavern, when the lights are very dim, gentle organ music seems to come from the very walls of the cathedral-like room. At this instant lights arranged on pure white calcite are increased in intensity, making it resemble an Arctic glacier under the midnight sun.

Fishermen will be interested in the Crystal Pool in the room of a Million Stalactites. There rainbow trout ranging from 12 to 14 inches are kept all summer and released only before spawning time.

Ever since opening, the cave has been in a continuous state of development. Soon a new set of steps will be completed and a circle tour can then be made of a huge new section of the cave. Plans have been made to open a large undeveloped lake, the edges of which can be seen now in two places from the main entrance hall.

There are picnic grounds and safe drinking water adjacent to the cave. Meals are served, or travelers can bring their own. There is also plenty of room for offhighway parking. During the summer season, guides are at the cavern seven days a week for conducted tours.

When Smoke Hole was first opened much evidence was found indicating that the Indians used it even before the Revolution. According to Leon R. Grover, one of the well-informed guides, the remains left behind by the red men indicate they smoked and stored their meat there. Legend also implies that the Confederates stored a large amount of gold in the cavern. At that time the cave was well hidden and the small valley was easy to defend.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

By Dave Ellis

It's that time of the year for garden picking time. Those who planted early should be having a great time canning as the heat is not so bad.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Shelda Warner, Vestyl Bible, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tessi, Ruby Propst, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Mary Alice Simmons, Reva Hartman, Sandy Washburn, Evelyn Ruddle, Sandra Vandevander and Larry Moyers; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Brian Wilton, Tyler Moore, Tristan Hartman, Ronald Hayes, Becky Hedrick, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Doug Judy, Kay Alt, Jack Vogel, Ronnie Bowers Sr., Allen Kile II, Donna Bennett, Lloyd Hartman, Mia Mahoney, Anne Hartman, Rick Hoover, Ruth Simmers, Roberta Bennett, Virginia Richardson, Harry Allen Warner, Quinley McConnell, Jim Bible, Etha Mae Bowers, Mary Jo Wilfong, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Rodney Crites, Raven Hoke, Charlotte Copley, Randy Bennett, Jason Conley, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Carolyn Gilbert, Charlie Westfall, Glenn Sites, Shyrl Smith, Barbara Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Billy Rowe, Carole Rohrbaugh Zirk, Alaska Kimble, Carroll Michael, Myrtle Hammer and Keith Hoover.

Prayer thought: "Dear God, thank you for following me with good intentions and two beautiful blessings...

your goodness and mercy."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for July 4 through July 10, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: July 4 - 84°, 54° (78°, 52°); July 5 - 70°, 62° (88°, 57°); July $6 - 88^{\circ}, 65^{\circ}, .04^{\circ} (70^{\circ}, 61^{\circ},$.45"); July 7 - 86°, 64°, .02" $(87^{\circ}, 62^{\circ}, .05^{\circ})$; July 8 - 88°, 65° (86°, 60°, .14"); July 9 – 67° , 62° , $.25^{\circ}$ (85° , 59°) and July 10 - 74° , 61° (84° , 58°).





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Children's Roles in the Family Have Many Values

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

The mountaineer welcomes children happily into the family. Babies have a unique place in the family. Babies are fussed over, played with and carried about. Many years ago, large families were considered a blessing, as they were help to the family in making a living. It was not at all uncommon for families to have eight or more children.

Children are highly valued as they give meaning to the parents' lives. With all the modern technology, children have never been able to invent a machine as versatile or efficient as their mother. Oftentimes, one thing must be done at the same time as there were so many different things to do in the day. It was no accident that the cradle had rockers rather than legs because while she read a book in one hand, moved the up-and-down churn with the other hand, she could rock the cradle with her foot. Anything less than a 14hour day and an 84-hour week would have been considered a vacation by mother. By 5:30 in the morning, mother would start breakfast and the day would continue from there.

Breakfast was no hurried affair. A large plate of fried eggs, another of cured ham, a plate of steaming biscuits or pancakes, fried potatoes and gravy was quite appropriate. Few families worried about being hungry. Mother saw to that. Cellars and pantries

were filled for the long, dreary winter months.

A firm hand no longer seems to rule in the home. Mother's hand shone in the planning of almost everything, excluding the outside work. It included meals, clothes, visits and the millions of details that were required to keep a home going. Her hand soothes the hot brow of a youngster, or the adult in times of illness, or easing the bump and bruise, or paddling the small behind when it was necessary to do so. For every woodshed trip with father, there were 50 smaller events with mother. She often sang hymns as she went about her work, and the children would

There were many chores that a six- or eight-year-old child could perform, ranging from filling the wood box, fetching water, or getting the cows, to watching the baby. Under those circumstances, a feeling of pride in being needed, along with dependability, took place.

There are many things children need more of: unstructured play, sunlight, nature, hugs, freedom to explore, laughter, simplicity, belief in the goodness, daily rituals and rhythms, a calm environment, compassion, a shoulder to cry on and expressed gratitude for who they are.

The baby remains a welcoming addition to today's family. They are loved and valued. Mothers remain a doctor, nurse, or whatever is needed, even though the times have

Life's little instructions to

make one's life richer include the following:

- 1. When asked to play the piano, do so without complain-
- 2. Pay one's bills on time. 3. Pay for a poor child to go

to summer camp.

4. Read more books. 5. Never say anything uncomplimentary about one's family in the presence of oth-

The hottest, most sultry days of summer have been conjured up. They are called the Dog Days; arriving July 3 and ending Aug. 11. Even the daylight hours are decreasing, soon to be noticeably evident. Gentle rains have been well received this past week.

This week's clickety-clacks for the chin waggers are as

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart composed his first symphony
- when he was eight years old. •In 1797, London haberdasher John Etherington de-

signed the top hat.

- •Butchers in Frankfurt, Germany, created the frankfurter. It was nicknamed the "dachshund sausage" and then rechristened the "hot dog" in America.
- The game of volleyball was invented in Holyoke, Massachusetts, by William G. Morgan
- •Inspired by annoyingly clingy cockleburs, Swiss mountaineer George de Mestral developed Velcro.

When there is a breeze, life is better on the porch swing to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Helen and Rhonda Nash had a full house at Nashland recently. Callie and Gregory Fox and Hannah, Madalyn, Nolan and Tucker of Bumpass, Virginia, spent nearly a week and were joined midway by Holly Lowery and Kinsley

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They enjoyed softball in the backyard and playing in the river, lunch at Olive Garden, shopping at the Green Valley Book Fair, a visit to the White Oak Lavender Farm, ice cream from Kline's, a trip to the flea markets in Franklin with bowling and lunch at the Rec Center and movies, jigsaw puzzles and charades at home. Maddy, Nolan and Tucker extended their stay for a few extra days and really enjoyed the town pool and a wonderful firework's display in Brandywine. Helen and Rhonda love what has become a summer family tradition.

Robert and Nancy Hodges spent the weekend at Wesley and Becky Puffenbarger's home. They enjoyed babysitting their grandchildren, Ben, Emma and Nathan.

Ken and Margie Roberts have their daughter, Katey, and husband, Elliott, visiting from Albuquerque, New Mexico, along with daughter, Julie, visiting from Raleigh with her children, Rhys and Lilianna. They love the Brushy Fork Lake and all the scenery here.

Calvary and St. John Lutheran Churches held joint services Sunday, which was followed by a potluck dinner. The children had an afternoon of Vacation Bible School, ending the evening with a slip and slide and s'mores. All learned about the "healing tree" theme which included crafts, games, storytelling and assembling first aid kits which will be sent to Guatemala via Whitney Bowers Saulton.

Marleta Wimer, Leana Leap, Hendrix Bogan, Dave Kuykendall and Bill and Terri Grogg were visitors of Rosalee

Quotes for the week are as follows:

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"July is hot afternoons and sultry nights and mornings when it's joy just to be alive."

— Hal Borland

"I'd like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free and wanted other people to be also free." — Rosa Parks

"Here men from the planet earth first set foot on the moon. July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind."—Neil Armstrong

July birthdays continue: Lucas Kiser, 19; Jeffrey Mitchell and Vickie Simmons, 20th; Ann Marie Weese, 21st; Johnny Thompson, Lauren Williams and Jesse C. Propst, 22nd; Barbara Parker, Betty Puffenbarger and Brenda Cook, 24th; Judy Patch and Kevin Rexrode, 25th; Hannah Rexrode, Shirley Wimer and Wilma Pitsenbarger Rexrode, 26th; Thelma Fleisher, 28th; Kent Gardiner and Barbara Simmons, 29th; Meghan Keller and Hunter McConnell, 29th; Michael Fisher, 30th; and Colby Simmons and Don Thomas, 31st.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Charles Anderson, Bill Brackman, Scherry Chambers, Charlotte Copley, Jeff Craig, Jeff Evick, Lee Roy and Ina Evick, Mary Eye, Ron Gilkeson, Barry Gordon, Lola Graham, Marlene Harman, Ramona Harman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Starr Hedrick, George Hevener, Gary and Jackie Hills, Rose Hinkle, Virgil Homan, Jr., Charlie Marie Hoover, Lorena Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Bob Hurry, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Margaret Kiser, Rex Landis, the Vickie Losh family, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Neil McLaughlin, Naomi Michael, Joe Moats, Lincoln Moore, Ernie Morgan, Aaron Nelson, Kathy Nelson, Ken and Ruth Nelson, Bennie Nesselrodt, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Alda Propst, Betty Lou Propst, Kara Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Sheldon Propst, Pam Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Bernie Sasscer, Barbara Simmons, Emily Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Charlie Sites, Ona Smith, Stanna Smith, Patricia Swecker, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Jack Vogel, Judy Waggy, Ron White, Judy Williams, Larry Wimer and

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Please go to: http://www.CHANGE.ORG "Give Cubs a Chance"-Please sign and share!



"I'm 60 years old and I've been a squirrel hunter for the past 55 years. I am not anti-hunting. I am a WV native and I love WV and have always eaten wild game as a healthy choice. The act of chasing sows and cub with packs of dogs for "sport" or "pleasure" in spring and summer is wrong and needs to stop. Please sign and share this petition."

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Eastern To Offer Short-term Applications for School Clothing Training Programs

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's Workforce Education Department in Moorefield will offer a variety of short-term training programs beginning Aug. 22. The programs are designed to give students the training needed to enter the workforce as entry-level workers.

Short-term training programs include certified nursing assistant, dental assistant, dialysis tech, HVAC, medical

assistant, medical billing and coding, recovery coach, pharmacy tech, phlebotomy tech and welding.

Eastern will also be offering online and in-person workshops throughout the year on the following topics: anti-stigma, 2D AutoCad, drone training and grant proposal writings.

"Eastern's Workforce Education programs are unique learning opportunities to help meet students' educational

goals," said Melissa Shockey, director of Workforce Education. "All of our programs have been developed to give students both classroom instruction and practical hands-on training."

For a complete listing and additional information on Eastern's Workforce Education Training Programs, call Eastern at 304-434-8000 or visit easternwv.edu. Financial aid may be available for those who qualify.

Mallow Earns Honorable Mention in **WV Writing Contest** West Virginia residents or

Former Franklin resident Mike Mallow was listed among the winners of West Virginia Writers' annual writing competition at the organization's annual convention on June 11.

Mallow's story, "The Ghost Circuit," was listed as first honorable mention under the category of book length prose. The judge of the category awarded first through third places, as well as three places for honorable men-

The annual contest, which began in 1982, is the largest writing competition in the state. It is open annually to

members of the West Virginia Writers, Inc.

"I am thrilled with the placement, especially since the story was still in a very rough form when submitted," Mallow said. "I'm in the final stages of expanding the novel to my full vision, and this honor gives me the needed motivation to push to the end."

"The Ghost Circuit" is a historical fiction tale loosely based on real events that took place in and around the Weston Hospital, now known as the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum. The novel in-

tertwines a widowed patient in 1905, a delusional farmer in 1935, an urban spelunker in 1999 and a depressed researcher in 2019. Little decisions made in each time period impacts the other in unexpected ways and even poses a threat to the future beyond their lives.

Mallow has published four other novels. His newest book, "Burning Without Knowing," a West Virginia-

Allowance Due July 31 The West Virginia De-Clothing Allowance appli-

partment of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Family Assistance is accepting School Clothing Allowance applications for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools. Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.

The following groups will automatically receive School Clothing Allowance benefits for each school-age child in the home:

- Families with schoolage children who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance;
- •Parents or guardians of children in foster care; and
- •Children ages 4-18 who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, are enrolled in school and

whose household income is under 130% of the Federal cation by U.S. Mail in late

Others may be eligible for School Clothing Allowance benefits based on the income limits by household size as listed below. Verification of income for July must be submitted with the application.

Income limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2022 are as follows (number of persons in household and income limit): one, \$1,396; two, \$1,888; three, \$2,379; four, \$2,871; five, \$3,363; six, \$3,855; seven, \$4,347; eight, \$4,839; nine, \$5,331; and 10,

Families may apply online at www.wvpath.org or request a paper application be mailed by contacting their local DHHR office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Ap-

plications must be received by July 31.

School Clothing Allowance recipients will receive an **Electronic Benefits Transfer** (EBT) card in place of the traditional paper voucher. This system change was implemented in 2021 to allow for both online transactions and increased choice of vendors when purchasing school clothing or piece goods. The EBT card will operate like a debit card and can be used at any retailer who accepts EBT cash transactions. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the School Clothing Allowance benefit as a check.

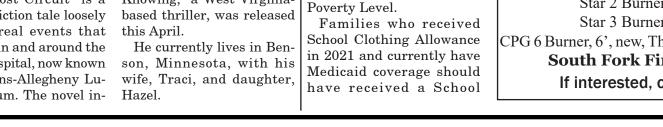
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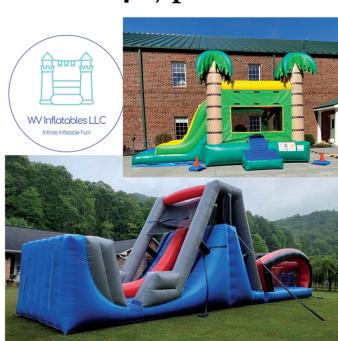


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A year later, Becky Rightsell discovered the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Resources Conservation Service offered a cost-sharing program called the High Tunnel System Initiative. The program allowed the Rightsells to

branch out into growing vegetables year-round using a high tunnel. In addition to their experience growing vegetables,

they were offered the opportunity to learn how to expand their growing season, how to improve their soil and plant quality, and how to reduce and eliminate pesticide use. In the summer of 2019, the Rightsells planted their first high tunnel crops. Their vegetables thrived and they began selling to family and friends, as well as at the Pendleton County Farmers Market. The farm currently offers

a variety of fresh vegetables and catered meats to the farmers market patrons, as well as events of all sizes.

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install safety window tint, and purchase alternative communication devices and software supplies.

School officials said nearly \$500,000 is needed each year during the next five years for the items.

These are the proposed maximum rates of levy in cents on each class of property per \$100.00 within the Pendleton County School district. An additional 2.98 cents for Class I property tax, 5.96 cents for Class II property tax, and 11.92 cents for Class III and IV property tax will be added to the current Pendleton County School levy if the new proposed levy is approved in November. The current levy for Class

I taxable property is at 19.40 cents per \$100. The county does not have any Class I taxable property for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Class II taxable property value comes to \$358,402,212, including both real estate and personal property, at 38.80 cents per \$100, creating an

amount of \$1,390,601 taxes levied for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Class III taxable property comes to \$251,448,710, including real estate, personal property and public utility. The levy is at 77.60 cents per \$100, creating an amount of \$1,951,242 taxes levied for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Class IV taxable property comes to \$19,274,080 also including real estate, personal property and public utility. The levy is at 77.60 cents per \$100, creating an amount of \$149,567 taxes levied for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

In addition to approving the levy, the board members re-elected a president and vice president of the board. James D. Wilkins was re-elected president. He is the longest serving president of the board of education in county history. He has been president for 18 years.

Sonny O'Neil was reelected vice president.

During the personal report, four resignations were announced: Marlena

school vollevball coach at Pendleton County Middle School; Brittany Nicely assistant volleyball coach and assistant softball coach at PCM/HS; Tina Stuber, half-time cook at Franklin Elementary School and half-time custodian at PCM/HS: and Rebecca Miller - middle school cheerleading coach at PCM/HS. Johnny Murphy an-

Beachler - head middle

nounced his retirement as custodian at PCM/HS. Four new hires will join

the Pendleton County Schools staff: Hannah Bailey - math teacher (grades 7-12) at PCM/HS; Jon Swecker - mechanic assistant, food/supply/delivery/ commodities and oversee substitute; Debra Glover itinerant K-2 instructional coach; and Patrick Godfrey - substitute teacher. Swecker will be on a rotation schedule.

Minutes from the June 21 meeting were unanimously approved. The next meeting for the

board of education will be held at 5:30 on Aug. 2 in the annex building in Franklin.

To all my Relatives & Friends **Pauline Sponaugle**

(Gillie was my husband & all the families)

I won't forget this 3rd and 4th of July 2022 weekend— Cassie's birthday party; spending time with my precious family; the ones who couldn't attend, Stefanie, Wanda, Jearl and their families; Cassie's song she sang when she was 4 years old, "Farther along we'll know all about it, Farther along we'll understand why."; We all watched these old videos—a bunch of them; her bedtime prayer and her Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. I got to go back to the old home place where I lived

with my mom, brother & sister on Back Ridge. What I saw there, I couldn't believe. I couldn't recognize where the house had been. The barn, cellar, well, chicken house, and one or two apple trees were left. I went to the cemetery where my grandpa and grandma and the infant in with them were buried, their other three kids and their grown children (11 of them). My mom was one of them. Brush had grown up everywhere and we had a rough ride. I couldn't believe what I saw. So sad for me to see, but I'm glad I went. All my family was there for me—we all went. I love them all.



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DMC Welcomes Foot, Ankle Podiatric Surgeons

Davis Medical Center welcomes Dr. Hannah J. Hughes, DPM, and Dr. Michael Hurst, DPM, to further the best-inclass podiatry care that DMC offers to residents.

The husband and wife team are both graduates of Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago, Illinois, and both completed their medical residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Doctors Hughes and Hurst are podiatric surgeons who will provide nonsurgical and surgical treatments alongside long-time DMC podiatrists Dr. Ashton Curtis, DPM, and Dr. Hal Zorger, DPM.

"We are thrilled to have this young couple join the medical practice and relocate to Elkins," said Dr. Curtis. "Their training at Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and residency in surgical podiatry gives them a great scope of experience in foot and ankle procedures needed to serve the community."

Hughes grew up in Olean, New York, near the New York and Pennsylvania border. She said the rural setting and change of seasons of Elkins reminds her of Western New York. "I'm thrilled to join the community," she said.

Dr. Hurst is originally from Temecula, California, and he

began making his way to the East Coast after high school. "I played college football in



Dr. Michael Hurst

Nebraska, went to podiatry school in Chicago, and headed to Pittsburgh for my residency. The scenery and the mountains here are just beautiful. It felt natural for Hannah and me to come to Elkins and Davis Medical Center," Dr. Hurst said.

Both surgeons are well trained in treating conditions of the foot and ankle, including trauma, limb salvage, diabetic foot care, as well as primary podiatric care and surgery. Additional treatments include reconstructive surgery, diabetic foot wound and infections, bunions, great toe arthritis, ankle replacement, gas gangrene, osteomyelitis, and necrotic toes.

"Being able to help people with their problems, whether small or large, is so rewarding," said Dr. Hughes. "I like giving patients a better quality of life and helping them get back on their feet"

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Elkins, and when they are not practicing podiatry they enjoy spending time together, traveling and attending sporting events. Appointments with Dr.

Hughes and Dr. Hurst can be made by calling the Davis Medical Center Podiatry Center at 304-637-9302.



Dr. Hannah J. Hughes

New OB/GYN Doctor Joins Women's HealthCare

Davis Health System pital in Washington, DC, welcomes Dr. Richard Enchill, MD, OB/GYN to Women's HealthCare in Elkins. Dr. Enchill comes to Elkins from Appalachian Healthcare in Kentucky where he spent the past 11 years in obstetrics and gynecology. Enchill received his

degree in medicine from A M Dogliotti College of Medicine in Liberia before moving on to hold the position of medical officer at JFK Medical Center in Monrovia, Liberia, and medical superintendent in Central Regional Hospital-Ministry of Health in Cape Coast, Ghana, where he conducted general medical practices. He later completed his residency at Howard University Hoswhere he gained extensive experience and specialist training in obstetrics and gynecology. He is board-certified and

a member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. "Dr. Enchill is a caring

physician with many years of experience who will provide exceptional care to our patients," said Catherine Chua, DO, DHS chief medical officer. "He brings all facets of obstetrics and gynecology care and is a much welcomed addition to our busy women's health center." Dr. Enchill's OB/GYN

services include gynecological surgery, maternity care, annual female wellness visits, and in-office evaluation and treatment of conditions such as endometriosis, pelvic pain, menopause, ovarian cysts, prolapse and others.

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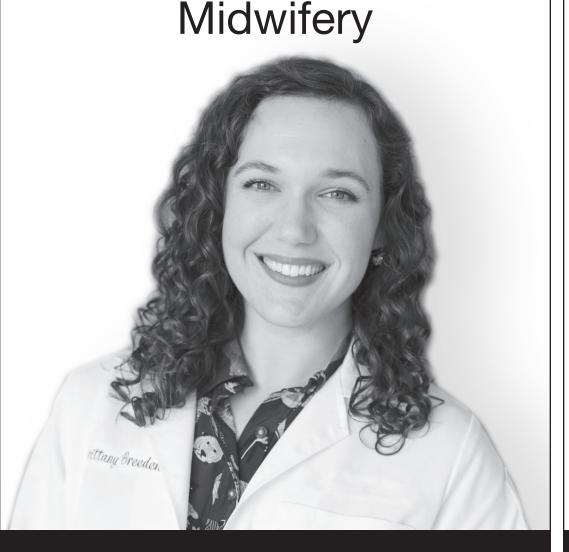
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July Activities Scheduled at Discovery Center

Seneca Rocks Dis- role fire plays in the covery Center. covery Center and life of the forests. the historic Sites Homestead, in cooperation with the Visiting Forests Interpretive covery Center. Association, are ofmonth of July. All Discovery Center. tality table. programs are subject Plan one's day and •9:30 - 10 a.m., bow and arrow.

lation at any time.

Thursdays: Storytime Ranger, Seneca Rocks morning

Fridays:

•9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Plan one's day and Enrika coffee at the Mon and July 30: Needle-Forest Towns hospi- point with Ranger tality table.

•11:30 a.m. - 12:30 heart.

The administration of activities for the Concert and Speaker the following estates is young and young at Series, Seneca Shadows •7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Amphitheater. Kick evening program, back to the sounds Shadows of local musicians or Seneca Campground Am- sit up and take note phitheater. End the as subject matter day with a family experts share their friendly program to knowledge. A person ALL INTERESTED PER- create lasting memo- does not need to be ries. A person does a guest of the Senenot need to be a ca Shadows camp-All persons on whom guest of the Seneca ground to attend. Camp- July 16: Bill King & ground to attend. Doug Van Gundy, of the will, the qualifi- In case of rain, this an evening of poetcations of the personal program will be held ry; July 23: Patrick representative, venue, or at the Seneca Rocks Hoffman, rock climb-Center. ing and July 30: Live file their objections with July 15, 22: Folk-Raptors with the this Commission WITHIN lore and S'mores. Avian Conservation Gather around the Center of Appala-

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elementary age chil- activities for the area's natural and the area's natural bailey@usda.gov. young and young at heart. •1-4 p.m., Pioneer Coffee with a Rang- Visits, Sites Homeer, Seneca Rocks stead; July 16: Spin-Center. ning Wheels with McMillon; discover the forest July 23: Pemican while enjoying free with Ranger Sean;

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Jumpstart Savings Program Is Officially Launched

State Treasurer Riley Moore has announced his innovative Jumpstart Savings Program has officially launched and has started to enroll participants online at WVJumpstart.com.

"This is a great day both for our state and for me personally as this first-of-its-kind savings program has finally completed the transition from idea to reality," Moore said. "I truly believe this Jumpstart Savings Program will serve as a national model to help empower and rejuvenate our blue-collar workforce in America."

The Jumpstart Savings Program allows individuals who wish to pursue a wide range of skilled vocations or trades – ranging broadly from welding to cosmetology – to save money and enjoy certain state income tax benefits. Individuals can make up to \$25,000 per year in contributions to a Jumpstart Savings Account that will be eligible for a state income tax

Additionally, up to \$25,000 of Jumpstart Savings Account funds used per year for qualified expenditures for business startup costs, equipment, tools, certifications and licenses needed for their skilled vocation or trade will also be eligible for a state income tax deduction. The legislature has also formally requested Congress extend the tax benefits to federal taxes.

The program also provides an "Ignite Incentive" for certain individuals who open accounts. The state provides a \$100 seed contribution when an account's designated beneficiary is under the age of 18 or when an account is opened within 180 days of the designated beneficiary enrolling in a qualifying apprenticeship or educational program.

The Jumpstart Savings Program was inspired by Moore's personal experience working as a welder earlier in life.

"I used to be a welder working at mining operations and thought about starting up my independent mobile welding business, but I found the startup costs to be too much to overcome," Moore said. "This is a problem a lot of people working in trades face. We invest in their education with things like free community college, but when it comes to launching a contracting business or

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entering the workforce, they find the costs too high to succeed - the Jumpstart Savings Program is designed to help them overcome this problem."

The Jumpstart Savings Program is overseen by the board of trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs. The board has partnered with United Bank to administer the program.

"As West Virginia's Bank, United Bank is proud to partner with Treasurer Moore in the implementation of this innovative savings program and to invest in our home state, helping not only to build a skilled workforce, but also assist people across the state in achieving their occupational goals and dreams," said D.F Mock, United Bank regional president. "With United's footprint across the Mountain State, we are honored to have been selected to be a part of this groundbreaking initiative and are excited to watch the program and West Virginians continue to flourish."

Individuals interested in enrolling in the Jumpstart Savings Program can visit WVJumpstart.com to sign up. An account can be opened with as little as a \$25 contribution.

While West Virginia is the first state in the country to implement this program, Moore believes other states will soon follow suit.

"We've already had conversations with lawmakers in other states - as well as in Congress - about expanding this program across the country," Moore said. "This is just another example of how West Virginia is a leader in creating new, innovative ways to build up our blue-collar workforce.

"America needs vocational and trades jobs now more than ever," Treasurer Moore said. "If we want to rebuild our manufacturing base, restore our domestic supply chain and compete against countries like China, we're going to need to build up our workforce. The Jumpstart Savings Program will be a critical tool to help people fill these critical, highpaying jobs."



988 Will Be New Number for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health continues to prepare for the transition of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to a new three-digit number (988) on July 16.

BBH funds West Virginia's single National Suicide Prevention Lifeline call center, operated by First Choice Services, to answer in-state calls to the Lifeline, which includes the Veterans Crisis Line. On July 16, the three-digit dialing code for the Lifeline will go live as 988, replacing the current phone number of 1-800-273-8255, which will remain operational during the transition.

West Virginia is one of the top five states for its National Suicide Prevention Lifeline call center answer rates, answering at least 90% of calls within West Virginia. First Choice Services also serves as a back-up center for other states when they cannot answer their own chats and/or texts. "West Virginia has been

working with the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to plan for 988 implementation," said Christina Mullins, commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health. "Over the past few months, the focus has moved to onboarding and training staff to be ready to answer increased voice calls and adding chat and

Potomac State College Releases Honor Lists

Pendleton County students have been named to West Virginia University Potomac State College in Keyser honor lists for the spring semester.

Earning recognition on the President's List were Aiden Cooney, Cali Harper, Marshall Harper, Cara Holloway, Bryce Kirk, Gabriela Reyes, Kaley Sponaugle and Hunter

Named to the Dean's List were Sierra Braham, Kaitlyn Hoover, Mariah Huffman, Alaina See and Zoe Wezik.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12-credit hours of graded courses and must earn a grade-point average of 3.7 or higher for the semester. To be recognized on the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12-credit hours of graded courses and must maintain a grade-point average of 3.000 to 3.699 for the semester.

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Hammer Family Gathers For Reunion

By Glenda Ryder

The family of Lloyd and Blanche Hammer gathered July 3 for a reunion at the Ruddle Park. A beautiful day, delicious food, wonderful stories of reminiscence of family and friendships were enjoyed by those in attend-

Family members attending were Sam and Stanna (Propst) Smith, David and Alma (Propst) Propst, Al-

bert and Grace Hammer, Kim (Hammer) Davis and Thomas, Chris and Debbie (Hammer) Mowery, Kelly Mowery and Jake Good, Shane and Luisa Mowery and children Asher, Riley and Allison, Doug Hammer, Cindy (Hammer) Varner, Jessica Varner and Randy Mongold and children Nathaniel Hammer and Genevieve Mongold, Darell and Cindy Warner and Keith and Glenda (Warner) Ryder.

Experience Learning Celebrates 50 Years

Experience Learning, a nonprofit organization in Pendleton County that delivers high-quality outdoor programming for people of all ages, hosted its third annual Spruce Knob Kite Festival and 50th anniversary celebration June 25. Families and children came from across the state to fly kites

together at Experience Learning's campus on Spruce Knob and

enjoy food and drinks from local vendors. A variety of other handson learning experiences and exhibitions were offered through Trout Unlimited, NASA's AEROKATS, and the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Following the traditional Kite Fest events, Experience Learning extended the celebration for its 50th anniversary. Live music from

The Cooley Gang, dinner and a beer garden, and a campfire capped off the day's festivities. A ribbon cutting ceremony was also held for the organization's newly-completed open-air yurt. "We have been in continuous operation for 50 years now, and

we hope to continue creating opportunities for locals and visitors alike to enjoy the outdoors near Spruce Knob," shared Vicki Fenwick-Judy, Experience Learning's executive director. "We work hard to preserve this culture in our region. It has been especially meaningful to see young people and families gaining an appreciation for outdoor learning, despite living in a largely digital world." This year's sponsors included Greenbrier Valley Brewing Co.,

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