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Community CALENDAR

Meeting Set At Rec Center Saturday

The semi-annual meeting of the Potomac Highland Recreational Center will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday in the conference room at the bowling alley. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Democrats To Meet Today

The Pendleton County Democratic executive committee will meet at 7 p.m. today in the basement of Pendleton County Library in Franklin.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote for a Democratic nominee to fill the unexpired term of the Pendleton County Commission for the central district. The nominee will be placed on the General Election ballot.

The meeting is open to the public.

Franklin Man Pleads Guilty on Drug Charges

By Shawn Stinson

A Franklin man entered a guilty plea on two drug charges last month in a Harrison County court.

Frankie Lee Clark, 32, of Reeds Creek Road in Franklin pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to deliver heroin and one count of conspiracy to deliver fentanyl on July 27 in Clarksburg. The charges stemmed from a May 2021 incident in Harrison County.

Officials said Clark is expected to be sentenced in September in Clarksburg.

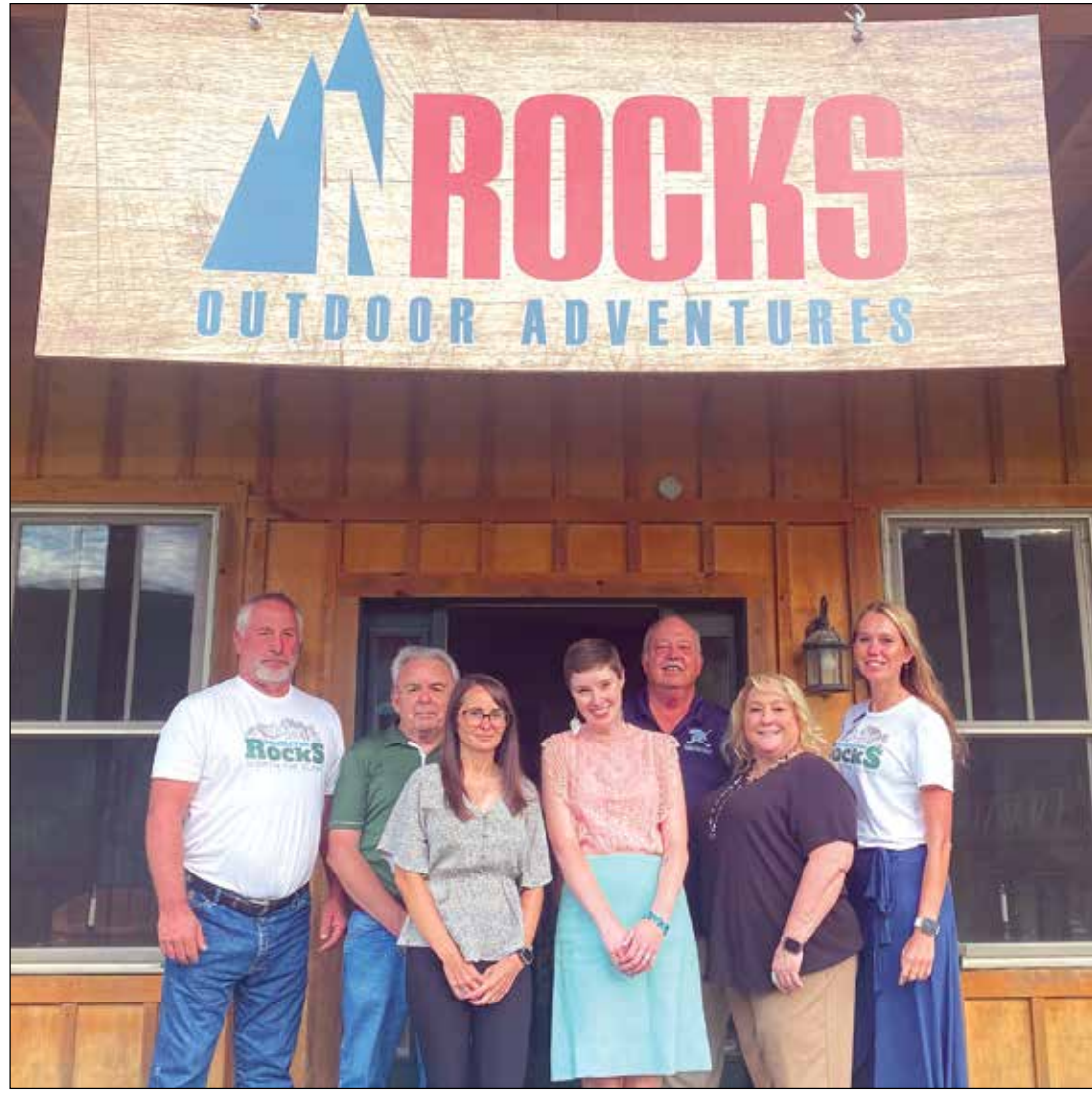
Authorities had alleged Clark was a passenger in a Honda Accord with an expired motor vehicle inspection sticker. Harrison County Sheriff Deputy Wes Harkins conducted a traffic stop near the West End Fire Department sub station on West Pike Street in Clarksburg. As the driver was pulling the vehicle over, Harkins noted the rear passenger "was moving a lot in the back seat."

The driver of the vehicle said her identification was in the trunk. Neither the driver nor another passenger in the vehicle were able to locate

the vehicle's registration or insurance information. Harkins contacted officials to verify this information via the state database. During the wait for the response, Harkins inquired if there "was anything illegal in the car I should know about." The trio said no, but the other passenger said she had prescribed medication for "her hip."

Harkins requested back-up and Clarksburg Police Officer Brett Levine assisted in the traffic stop. When Levine arrived at the scene, Harkins retrieved K-9 Gotchi from his cruiser to perform a search of the vehicle. According to Harkins, Gotchi indicated a substance on the rear passenger seat where Clark had been sitting prior to the traffic stop. All three of the vehicle's occupants were removed and the vehicle was searched.

Levine searched Clark and discovered a quantity of 250 heroin stamps. The stamps were hidden in Clark's groin area. The driver said the drugs were hers. Both Clark and the driver were transported and processed at the Clarksburg jail.



Pendleton County commissioners gather with members of the EDA and WV Tourism at a small business roundtable. Pictured are, from left, Carl Hevener, commissioner, Gene McConnell, commissioner, Amanda Legg with WV Tourism, Ennis Smith with WV Tourism, Charlie Burgoyne, commissioner, Kristin Dingess, Pendleton County EDA board member, and Laura Brown, Pendleton County EDA executive director.

Destination Development To Help Boost Local Tourism

By Ammie Ruddle

Tourism could be the key to the future of Pendleton County.

County commissioners, members of the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority board and members of the County Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as owners of small businesses, gathered on July 26 at NRocks Outdoor Adventure in Circleville to discuss tourism expansion.

Among the attendees were Ennis Smith, the state's tourism director of destination development, and Amanda Legg, West Virginia tourism grants coordinator.

The pair presented information regarding potential assistance with marketing on tourism.

Smith discussed ways to

assist with marketing, tax credits, workforce assistance and training. She said they will be working with PCEDA officials to offer these programs to local businesses for tourism efforts.

She also announced that the WV Department of Tourism has \$5.1 million in funds to be distributed in grants for tourism within the state.

A portion of the grant money will be directed to the West Virginia Department of Education for the community and technical college program to develop a curriculum centered around tourism.

In addition, a portion of the money will go to county EDAs for tourism and hospitality training. Smith said the hope is that the program for tourism will be launched

later this year, but added it may begin in 2023.

The attendees discussed how the programs may benefit them in the long run. Many of the questions asked were centered on navigating the website and if the tax credits apply to their small business.

"Businesses can receive a 25% on sales if they have invested \$1 million," Smith said. "And they can receive a 35% credit if they are on or next to a national park."

Travis Olson, a representative from a mountain ride cycling company in Fairmount, presented a video from the Gravel Up Spruce Knob bike race.

Olson encouraged the focus on expanding tourism in Pendleton County. "My goal is to show people how beautiful it is here," he said.

State Legislators Pass Abortion Bill

By Ammie Ruddle

Opponents of the new abortion law recently passed by the West Virginia Legislature may view it as a step back, while proponents of the bill will say it is a step in the right direction.

The West Virginia legislation met from July 25 to 29 for a special session called by Gov. Jim Justice. The session was focused mainly on a proposed income tax cut, but lawmakers but also discussed updating the state's 150-year-old abortion law following the overturning of Roe vs. Wade in June by members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lawmakers began discussing updating the abortion law on the second day of the special session. They debated several

issues regarding House Bill 302, including cases involving rape, incest, and medically necessary abortions. The debate lasted for more than three hours before House of Delegates leaders called for a voice vote.

The Democratic members of the House of Delegates, including Cody Thompson (D-Randolph), pushed to permit elective abortions in the case of rape or incest.

Several amendments were voted down by the delegates, including one offered by Democrats by a vote of 67-21 to establish exceptions for rape or incest. John Paul Hott (R-54) and Bryan Ward (R-55) voted with the majority. Hott and Ward represent portions of Pendleton County. Cody Thompson

(D-43) voted with the minority. Thompson will be running for re-election in November in a redesigned district that will include part of Pendleton County.

Delegates adopted a different, more narrow-focused amendment offered by John Hardy (R-63) to allow abortions in cases of rape or incest once a report is made to law enforcement officials. In addition, the amendment required a medical professional to assess the individual to verify that fewer than 14 weeks of gestation have gone by. The amendment was barely approved by a vote of 46-43. Local representatives, Hott and Thompson, voted with the majority while Ward voted with the minority.

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County Youth Exhibit Livestock at Tri-County Fair



Pendleton County 4-H and FFA members are showcasing their animals this week at the Tri-County Fair in Petersburg. Livestock contests began Monday with the cattle shows. Maycee Woods of Franklin exhibited the champion feeder heifer and reserve champion feeder steer. More about the fair and local winners will be published in next week's paper.

Lawmakers Fail to Agree on Income Tax Changes

By Shawn Stinson

The focal point of a special session of the West Virginia legislature was personal income changes, but lawmakers were unable to come to an agreement on the issue.

Gov. Jim Justice (R) called for a special session to begin on July 25 to discuss cuts to personal income taxes.

"It will drive job growth, population growth and prosperity in West Virginia," Justice said. "But the most important thing to do is get started right away. In the past year, gas prices have gotten out of control and inflation is through the roof. West Virginians need help right now."

Despite holding a super majority in the House of Delegates and Senate, the Republicans were unable to pass legislation and send it to Justice's desk. Members of the House of Delegates on July 28 overwhelmingly passed an income tax bill supported by Justice by a 78-7 vote.

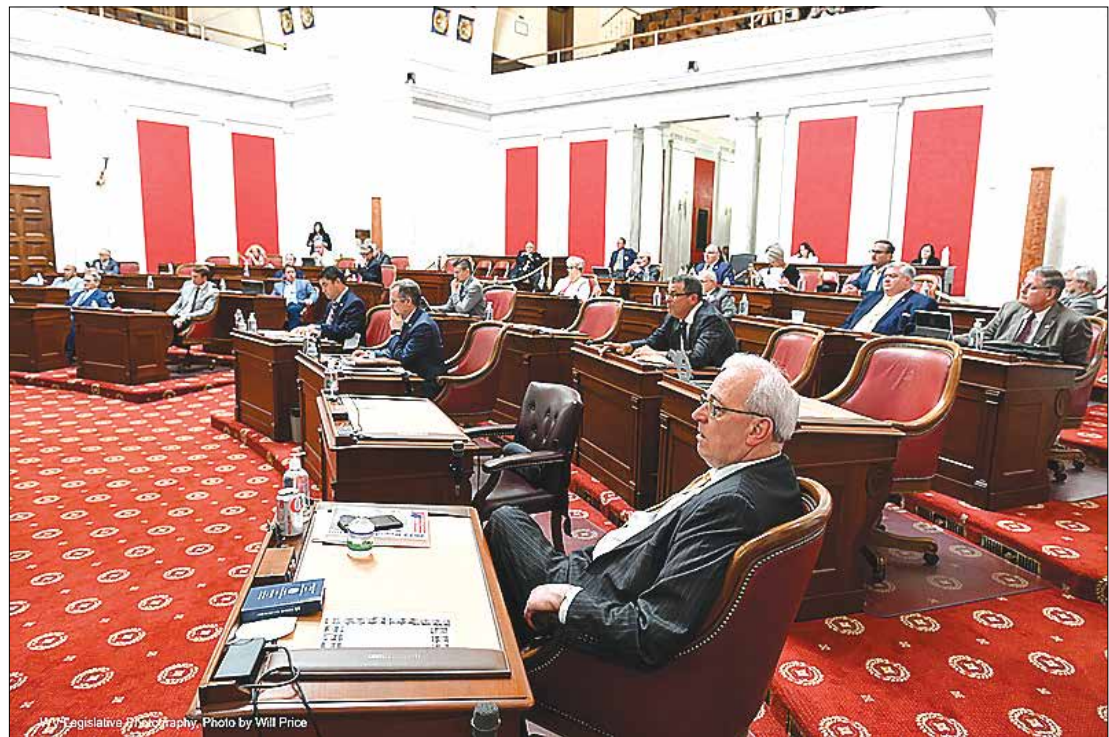
The two delegates representing Pendleton County – John Paul Hott (R-54) and Bryan Ward (R-55) – voted in favor of the bill. Cody Thompson (D-43), who is running for re-election to represent portions of the

county following November's General Election, also supported the bill.

House Bill 301 called for a permanent personal income tax cut by an aggregate of 10%. It would have been retroactive to Jan. 1, 2022.

Officials said the bill would have put nearly \$254 million "back in the pockets of West Virginians." They added the proposed total tax reduction was the maximum recommended reduction that

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Members of the West Virginia legislature failed to take up a bill to reduce personal income tax during last month's special session.

OBITUARIES

**Cindy Lee
(Glover) DiFalco**



Cindy Lee (Glover) DiFalco, 67, of Franklin passed away July 27, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on May 1, 1955, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the daughter of Joan (Dahmer) Glover, of Franklin and the late William "Bill" Glover.

Mrs. DiFalco was a 1973 graduate of Franklin High School and she graduated from Fairmont State University with an associate's degree. She attended Faith Lutheran Church and she was a co-owner of B & H Hardware and Glover Auto in Franklin.

Her life revolved around her family, and her greatest joy was making memories with her grandchildren. She loved to cook and vacation at the beach.

On May 31, 1975, she married Mark DiFalco, who survives in Franklin.

In addition to her husband and mother, she leaves behind to cherish her memories a daughter, Andrea Demers (Justin) of Franklin; a son, Brian DiFalco of Franklin; two sisters, Joannette "Joni" Kolicak (Malcolm) of Winston Salem, North Carolina, and Abby Sites (Paul) of Franklin; a brother, William Eric Glover (Lynn) of Franklin; four grandchildren, Mason and Lucas DiFalco and Sydney and Payton Demers; a brother-in-law, Rick DiFalco (Jill) of Brownsburg, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastors Jess and Jason Felici officiating. A private graveside memorial service will be held at a later date at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Franklin.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children/Erie Facility, 1645 West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505 or Franklin Rescue Squad, PO Box 966, Franklin, WV 26807.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

Elva H. Ratliff



Elva Mae Hedrick Ratliff, 95, a resident of Harrisonburg, Virginia, passed away July 26, 2022, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law.

Mrs. Ratliff was born on March 4, 1927, in Upper Tract to the late Jacob Alfred and Mary (Mollie) Rexrode Hedrick.

She loved God and her family. She was a charter member of Victory Fellowship Church.

On Nov. 20, 1942, she married J. Arthur Ratliff, who preceded her in death on July 6, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Wilma R. (Wilma) Davis and husband, Philip E. Davis (Phil) of Harrisonburg, Virginia; siblings, Vernon Hedrick and Juanita Miller; grandsons, Michael A. Davis and wife, Donna, and Brian E. Davis; great-grandchildren, Philip B. Davis and wife, Dylan, Zachary B. Davis and wife, Becca, Taylor E. Wilder and husband, Joshua, and Tucker C. Davis; great-great grandchildren, Charlotte (Charlee) Davis, Penelope J. Wilder and Nikoila A. Wilder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Martha Alt, Mary Alexander, Hadie Hartman, Jacob Candie Hedrick, Pete Hedrick and Junior Hedrick.

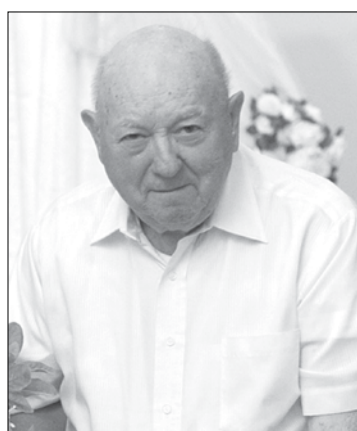
A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at McMullen Funeral Home Chapel in Harrisonburg, Virginia, with Pastor Lloyd Heatwole officiating. Burial will follow at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends beginning at noon Saturday at the funeral home. At her request, the casket will remain closed.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad at PO Box 1477, Harrisonburg, VA 22803, or to the RMH Hahn Cancer Center at 2010 Health Campus Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.mcmullenfh.com.

John Robert Hedrick



John Robert Hedrick, 91, passed away peacefully July 29, 2022, at his home in Seneca Rocks.

He was born Nov. 2, 1930, in Dry Fork, the son of the late Homer and Nela Phares Hedrick from Seneca Rocks.

Mr. Hedrick attended Dixie Grade School in Riverton and Circleville High School in Circleville. He was the owner of Riverton Sporting and Hardware Store in Riverton from 1980 - 1992. He attended the North Fork Baptist Church and was an avid hunter and angler with a gift to repair nearly anything.

On Aug. 4, 1950, he married his wife, Lois Nelson Hedrick, of nearly 72 years, who survives.

He also leaves behind three children, Doris Ann Martin (Ronald) of Markleysburg, Pennsylvania, Barbara Gail Thompson (John) of Circleville and James Douglas Hedrick (Lara) of Seneca Rocks; 12 grandchildren, Jennifer, Tim, Matt, Scott, Meagan, Eric, Jose, Jasmine, Ryan, Cameron, Tristen and Nelly; six great-grandchildren, Whitney, Taylor, Conner, TJ, Matayah and Treyven; nine great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Lorena (Sis) Hedrick of Petersburg, and Blonda (Boots) Hartman of Seneca Rocks.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, William (Bill) Hedrick of Ohio, Earl (Buzz) Hedrick of Riverton and Gerald (Jake) Hedrick of Manassas, Virginia; and two sisters, Avanel Hinkle and Wilda Bland, both of Riverton.

In honoring his wishes, a graveside service was held Wednesday at North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton with Pastor Ted Bennett officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to Cortland Acres Nursing Home, 39 Cortland Acres Ln., Thomas, WV 26292 or Burlington United Family Methodist Services, 120 Hope Ln., Burlington, WV 26710.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

Lloyd Hershel Bowers



Lloyd Hershel Bowers, 80, of Upper Tract passed unexpectedly July 25, 2022, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg.

He was born Oct. 21, 1941, to the late Carlie McRoy and Susie (Alt) Bowers.

Mr. Bowers attended Alt School and Upper Tract Grade School, and then proceeded to graduate from Franklin High School class of 1959, Potomac State College in 1961 and West Virginia University in 1964 with a degree in electrical engineering.

He worked 32 years at Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, retiring in 1996. After retirement his entrepreneurial spirit led him to trucking and farming.

He also enjoyed puzzles, hunting and bowling and was an avid civil war historian. He was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He participated in the Adopt a Highway Program for 25 years. He was a faithful attendee of St. John Lutheran Church in Moyers.

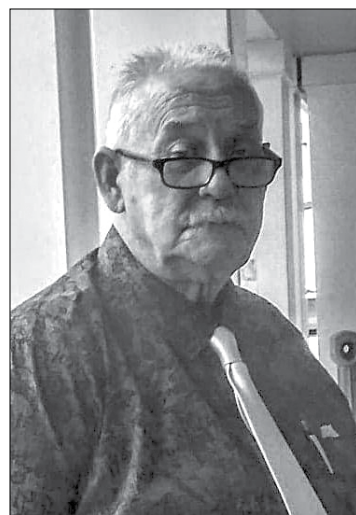
His wife, Margaret (Callison) Bowers, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sarah LeBoon (wife of Richard) and Martha Weaver (wife of Terry); a son, Myles Bowers (son of Debra Koontz); three grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Courtney and Benjamin; siblings including three sisters, Lois Jean Jordan (wife of the late Kenneth Lee Jordan), Doris Ann Collins (wife of Kenneth Collins) and Deborah Mitchell (wife of Rick Mitchell), and a brother, Elton Bowers (husband of Burma Bowers), a sister-in-law, Etha Mae Bowers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Ivan Bowers; a sister, Betty Jo Maris; and two infant sisters, Dreama Grace and Alice Faye.

Funeral Services were conducted Saturday in the chapel of the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Timothy Sims and Pastor Jason Felici officiating. Burial followed at the Bowers Cemetery in Upper Tract.

Kenneth Eugene Hartman



Kenneth Eugene Hartman, 75, of Brandywine passed away July 26, 2022, at his home.

He was born on June 22, 1947, in Front Royal, Virginia, the son of the late Wilbert Hartman, Sr. and the late Mary (Srawderman) Hartman.

Mr. Hartman attended school in Virginia and had worked in construction. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He married Edith (Darnell) Hartman, who preceded him in death. He was married to Cathy (Burnley) Hartman of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Linda (Hammonds) Hartman of Culpepper, Virginia.

Mr. Hartman leaves behind to cherish his memories four daughters, Ivy Hartman, Mary Hartman, Candice Hartman and Michelle Hartman; a sister, Judith Hartman of Brandywine; a brother, Richard Hartman of Front Royal, Virginia; five grandchildren, Curtis, Joshua, Caleb, Sabrina and Cross; and two great-great-grandchildren, Christian and Leanna.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Wilbert Hartman, Jr. and Lee Hartman; and five sisters, Betty, Evelyn, Stella, Catherine and Dorothy.

In honoring his wishes, his body has been cremated and a celebration of life will be at a later time.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

**Anita Frances
(Knight) Harper**



Anita Frances (Knight) Harper, 64, of Franklin passed away July 25, 2022, at Sentara RMH Medical Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She was born on Oct. 17, 1957, and was a daughter of Evelyn (Lambert) Knight of Bridgewater and the late Jesse Knight.

Mrs. Harper had worked in the sanitation department at Rocco.

She attended Spring Creek Church of the Nazarene. She was a hard-working woman, who loved her kids and grandkids and would do anything for anyone.

Her husband, Frank Harper, preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 2021.

Also surviving are her children, Wayne Southerly of Bridgewater, Virginia, Carrie Southerly of Broadway, Virginia, and Betty Tingler of Franklin; four sisters; three brothers; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister.

A service celebrating her life was held July 29 at Sangerville Church of the Brethren Cemetery with Billy Curry officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at johnsonsonfs.com.

Arrangements were entrusted to Johnson Funeral and Cremation Service in Bridgewater, Virginia.

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Deadline for School Clothing Allowance Applications Extended

Fleisher Run
By Anna Cupp

Due to a statewide system outage affecting multiple state agencies and services, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Family Assistance has extended the deadline for accepting School Clothing Allowance applications for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools.

Applications through WV PATH must be received by 5 p.m. Aug. 12. Families may apply online at www.wvpath.org. A paper application may be requested by contacting a local DHHR office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Paper applications must be postmarked by Aug. 12 to qualify.

Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase

of 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 by the end of June:

Families with school-age children who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance;

Parents or guardians of children in foster care;

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 Poverty Level; and

Families who received School Clothing Allowance in 2021 and currently have Medicaid coverage should have received

a School Clothing Allowance application by U.S. Mail in late June.

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

Monthly income limits for the program are as follows (number of persons in household, 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, \$5,823.

School Clothing Allowance recipients will receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer 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. If the merchant does not accept EBT cash transactions, the benefit can be withdrawn as cash at a QUEST ATM to complete the purchase. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the School Clothing Allowance benefit as a check.

MENU Pendleton Senior & Family Services

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Taco Salad
Corn
Spiced Pears

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

Baked Chicken
Noodles
Carrots
Banana

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

Salmon Cakes
Parsley Potatoes
Collard Greens
Fruit

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

Pizza, Pepperoni
Peppers, Onions
Salad
Brownie
Cantaloupe

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Applesauce

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

County 4-H'ers Place in State Poster Contest

Pendleton County 4-H had 17 members participate in the West Virginia State 4-H Poster Contest. Participants entered posters at the county level, which were judged. The winning poster from each category was sent on to the state contest. There were 23 posters entered in the county contest.

Categories in the contest included 4-H Promotion - general, 4-H Promotion - club/special interest, 4-H Promotion - camp, STEM, healthy living, citizenship, agriculture and dairy. Each category was consisted of three divisions - junior, intermediate and senior. A total 366 posters were entered in the state contest.

Pendleton County had two gold ribbon winners: Easton Boner of the Upper Tract Producers in the 4-H Promotion-general junior division, and Addison Rexrode of the Upper Tract Producers in STEM senior division. Gold ribbon winners must score 96 or higher on the scoring rubric, which is graded on neatness, creativity and originality.

Blue ribbons were awarded to Carly Kimble of the Upper Tract Producers in the 4-H Promotion - camp category and Marion Williams of the Franklin Mountaineers in STEM category. Rexrode also had five blue ribbons for posters in



Easton Boner earned a gold ribbon for this entry in the 4-H state poster contest.

the 4-H Promotion categories of camp, club and general, agriculture and citizenship.

Red ribbons were awarded to Mason Harper in agriculture and Vaylee Harper in agriculture, both members of the North Fork 4-H Club, Boner in agriculture, Katie Heavner in healthy living, Hanna Heavner in healthy living, both members of the Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club, and Rexrode in healthy living.

White ribbons were awarded to Cole Harper of the North Fork 4-H Club in 4-H Promotion - general and Rexrode in dairy.

All entries for the state contest can be found online on the WVU Extension Youth and Family Website.



A gold ribbon was presented to Addison Rexrode for her poster in the STEM category.

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Sites:
Pendleton County Middle/High School- 409 Maple Avenue, Franklin, WV 26807
North Fork Elementary School- 189 Price Way, Circleville, 26804
Brandywine Elementary School- 11480 Blue Gray Trail, Brandywine, WV 26802
Franklin Elementary School- 67 South Branch Street, Franklin, WV 26807

General Hours of Meal Service: Breakfast 7:30AM; Lunch 11:30AM

Virtual families will need to contact Holly Champ at 304-358-2207 for updated information on feeding students off-campus.

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10 Years Ago
Week of July 26, 2012

SUGAR GROVE

Children Should Know Where Food Comes From

Canning time is upon one. Raising a garden and preserving vegetables is a hard task, but so rewarding. There is a feeling of satisfaction when the cellar shelves begin to fill with the summer's goodness and to see the fruits of one's labor. It must be a tiny part of what the pioneer ancestors felt when they stocked for the winter. With only their labor and resources to rely upon, gathering and preserving food was of utmost necessity. In days of yore, there were no benefits of fans or air conditioning, as they worked just the same over a hot woodstove. Children who grow up helping with the crops and seeing the labor involved in the harvesting and preserving know where their food comes from.

Week of August 2, 2012

SUGAR GROVE

Barns Are a Nostalgic Symbol of Simpler Days

No doubt about it, there is something about a barn that warms the heart, as well as whatever's inside. They have become nostalgic symbols of simpler days. Other than the Amish, few farmers build "barns" anymore, which have a hay mow on the second floor to store forage. Hex Signs found their way to America years ago, with the German immigrants. They are a form of Pennsylvania Dutch folk art, related to "fraktur" barn paintings, with traditions going back to about 1850 when barns first started to be painted. These barn decorations reached their peak in the 20th century. The most popular Hex signs were six-sided, brightly colored geometric designs. The German word for six is "sechs," and thus this word evolved to the present day hex. "Hex" means "witch" in German, and so Hex Signs were thought to bring good luck, abundance, protection and good fortune to those who adorned their barns and homes with them. The shapes and colors of Hex Signs have special meanings, along with ethnic identity, pride and pure joy in the colorful decorations. Years ago, all Hex Signs were one-of-a-kind and handpainted. The colors were bright and had special meaning. There is a common thread that blue and black was meant for protection, green for growth and fertility, red for emotions, passion, creativity and lust, violet for things that are sacred, orange for success in a career, white for purity and yellow for mind and body wellness.

Hex Signs often included stars, compass roses, stylized birds known as "distelfinks," hearts, tulips or a tree of life. The hearts and tulips were also commonly found on elaborately lettered and decorated birth, baptism and marriage certificates known as "fraktur," tombstones, furniture and plates. There were many symbolic

meanings and superstitions associated with certain paintings, for example, a horse head was used to protect animals from disease and the building from lightning. Other shapes included hearts for love, the eagle for courage and strength, crescent moons for the four seasons, doves for friendship, rosettes for good luck, stars for protection, wheat for abundance, tulips for faith, hope, and charity and scallops for smooth sailing in life. There was a distinct connection to the sun, nature and the celestial beings. All symbols were found within a painted hexagon or octagon shaped painting.

Few Hex Signs remain in the German communities of this county. Modern quilt painting on homes and barns seem to have replaced this aged tradition.

50 Years Ago
Week of August 3, 1972

The Magic Of a Forked Stick IMPOSSIBLE BUT IT WORKS

"I know it works, even though I know it is impossible."

That's what Albert G. Dowden of Danville, Vt. and Fort Myers, Fla., speaking half-facetiously and half seriously, told members of the Franklin Lions Club about dousing.

"Dousing, he said, "is searching."

Also called "divining" and "water witching," one can search for anything by dousing—underground veins of water, pipe lines, lost articles.

Dowden stopped talking and grasped a forked stick firmly with his hands and began to walk across the room at Thompson's Restaurant where he was speaking to the Lions Club.

Suddenly the stick began to bend down toward the floor.

"There is a pipe line under the floor at this point," Dowden said.

Then he grasped another stick which was nothing but the small end of a fishing rod and held it over the spot where he said the pipeline was located.

The stick started to bob. It bobbed up and down nine times. "The pipe line is nine feet under the floor," Dowden reported.

Next he held two "L" shaped iron rods in his hands and walked over the spot. The rods were pointed forward until he reached the spot where the pipe line was located, and then the rods turned outward in opposite directions from each other aligning with each other perfectly.

"The pipe line runs in this direction," the demonstrator told the group.

When asked to explain what makes dousing work, he is quick to admit that he does not know for sure.

"It seems to be something within the individual," he theorized. "I believe your body and mind act as a receiver and pick up some sort of signal, and the dousing rod puts it out where you can see it."

Saying it another way, Dowden said it is a response to some kind of outer stimulus, probably both physical and mental—

involving the mind, body and spirit—and expressing itself through muscular action.

Dousing, or water witching as it is more often called locally, has long been used in Pendleton County to find locations to drill water wells. But many people think there is nothing to it.

Commenting on the questionable reputé of dousing, Dowden said writings found on caves in Africa indicate that it was used 13,000 years before Christ. He said Martin Luther denounced it, and later approved it.

"Marines have used dousing to find Viet Cong caches in Vietnam, Dowden said, "but the Army does not recognize it. Columbia University used it to find water wells, and most large cities use it to find underground pipe lines."

Dowden said he learned the art from a man who works for the water department of New York City.

Dousing is one of the most fascinating hobbies I know," he said. "And what's more, the instruments cost nothing and they require no batteries."

60 Years Ago
Week of August 2, 1962

100 YEARS AGO

Braxton Bragg Plans Kentucky Invasion

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.

Down from northern Mississippi moved troop-laden Confederate trains 100 years ago this week, crossing into southern Alabama, passing by Mobile, then looping up again through northwestern Georgia and moving back westward toward Chattanooga, Tenn. As the trains rolled Confederate artillery and cavalry moved briskly along the country roads leading from Tupelo, Miss., to Chattanooga.

It was a movement of the Confederacy's largest army in the West, and behind it was a bold idea conceived by that army's commander, Gen. Braxton Bragg, a heavy bearded North Carolinian who had spent his adult life in professional soldiering.

Bragg was embarking on another of the Civil War's major campaigns, a campaign that had been developing in his mind throughout the summer—to invade Kentucky and bring it into the Confederacy.

For more than a month, Bragg had been planning just what he could do with the army he inherited from Gen. Pierre G. T. Beauregard. At Tupelo, where he had assumed command following Beauregard's retreat from Corinth, Bragg had listened to stories told him by visiting Kentuckians: stories that Kentucky was ripe for a Confederate invasion; that the people would rise against the Yankees if given

the chance. They would get their chance if a Confederate army would come to their rescue, Bragg was told.

Bragg had studied the tactical problems of the campaign, too, and they seemed favorable. The federal army under Gen. Carlos Buell was inching harmlessly eastward across Tennessee along the Memphis and Charleston Railroad toward Chattanooga, repairing the railroad as it went and trying to fight off repeated attacks by Confederate raiders John Morgan and Nathan Bedford Forrest, Ulysses S. Grant's army was scattered around northern Mississippi and western Tennessee and apparently could be handled by the Confederates under Gens. Earl Van Dorn and Sterling Price.

So Bragg concluded it was time for an offensive. After sending troops into western Tennessee to throw the Yankees off guard, he set his army in motion for Chattanooga. By train and horseback the men moved, easily outdistancing the slow-moving Buell, and Bragg, himself, arrived in the Tennessee city July 29, ready for action.

Next day, Bragg met with the commander of Confederate troops in eastern Tennessee, Florida-born Gen. E. Kirby Smith, at Chattanooga, and the two worked out the details of the plan.

Kirby Smith would move north from Knoxville into eastern Kentucky. Bragg would move straight up through central Tennessee into central Kentucky. They would move out within 10 to 15 days, and if necessary, they could join their armies in Kentucky for the liberation.

Meanwhile, an important development occurred that week in Washington. On August 4, President Lincoln ordered 300,000 more men into the army to fight the Confederacy, and he added a startling new provision: if any state failed to meet its quota of troops, "the deficiency...will...be made up by special draft from the militia..."

In short, it meant that the North, as the Confederacy had been forced to do earlier in the year, now was resorting to the draft to bring soldiers to the lines.

Next week: "Stonewall" Jackson beats an old enemy.

The Sugar Grove Story ---

Yesterday Pendleton County was about to become the world center of the fascinating young science of radio astronomy.

The county was on the threshold of making a major contribution to our national defense and to the exploration of outer space.

Tourists by the hundreds of thousands, curious to see the world's largest movable radio telescope, were on the verge of making Pendleton County the greatest tourist attraction in the East.

Today such expectations seem like the unrealistic dream of an opium eater. The instrument which was designed to stand higher

than the Washington monument and to listen in on sounds originating 38 billion light years out in space was scratched even before it could hear the ring from Willie Puffenbarger's anvil less than three miles away.

Not only was the cancellation of the "Big Ear" a blow to the economy of the area and a subversion of the emblem of West Virginia's 100th birthday celebration, but to the people of Pendleton County during the past five years we had lived with this project and had come to regard it almost as if it were a member of the family.

We became curious when Navy helicopters came into the area early in 1956 and hovered over the South Fork area like red-headed buzzards waiting for rigor mortis to set in; we were fascinated with the sight of huge earth-moving equipment cutting off mountain tops and filling in valleys during the cold winter days in 1959; we were impressed when J. M. Hutchinson of Sandyville hauled in on his 16-wheel lowboy the largest steel casting ever made; we were irked by the metropolitan press which cast aside factual reporting in favor of "local color" and referred to the area as the "boondocks of West Virginia" and to the people as "illiterate hillbillies"; and we were saddened when United States Steel's rough talking and kind hearted Slim Edmonds, who had become a friend of half the people of the county, was killed in a freak accident on a windy March day in 1961. And all the while the local attitude toward the project was gradually changing—from resentment to indifference and finally to enthusiastic acceptance.

And then the man said: It's obsolete; and besides, it costs too much.

And suddenly the optimism fostered by the anticipation of business expansion, economic growth and area development became disappointment, disillusionment and frustration.

But it is not the first time we have been disappointed or disillusioned or even frustrated, and no doubt it won't be the last. And before we begin feeling too sorry for ourselves, let's remember that although we might not wind up with the "ear to the universe," now that we have been discovered practically every agency of the federal government is searching for an excuse to cross the Potomac and set up shop here; and national magazines are now including Routes 220 and 33 and Sugar Grove on the West Virginia maps they use for illustrations. Surely some good will come of it all yet.

Smith Creek/Friends Run

By Dave Ellis

Another month is started, and it is going to be exciting. School starts soon and that leads up to football season. As each day goes by, there is less daylight, but the summer heat is still going to be here.

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, Lloyd Hartman, Ruth Simmers, Roberta Bennett, 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, Carolyn Gilbert, Charlie Westfall, Glenn Sites, Shyrl Smith, Billy Rowe, Alaska Kimble, Alaska Kimble, Carroll Michael, Myrtle Hammer, Kathy Propst, Betty Smith, family of Violet Thompson and family of Cindy DiFalco.

Prayer thought: "Jesus, I will praise you for your example of grace and humility. Please help us reflect these qualities in our words. Let's trust God to provide courage each day for our strength."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for July 25 through July 31, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: July 25 - 82°, 61°, .11" (86°, 63°); July 26 - 73°, 64°, .28" (88°, 59°); July 27 - 79°, 65° (90°, 59°); July 28 - 81°, 62° (85°, 58°); July 29 - 79°, 64°, .04" (86°, 58°, .03°); July 30 - 78°, 60°, .01" (86°, 60°) and July 31 - 71°, 59°, .05" (82°, 59°).

Total rainfall for July was 2.44", compared to 1.38" in July of 2021.

Year-to-date rainfall is 25.56", compared to 17.12" for the same time period last year.

The Pendleton County Democratic Executive Committee will meet on

Thursday, August 4 • 7 p.m.

in the basement of the Pendleton County Library located at 256 N Main Street, Franklin

The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold an organizational meeting then vote for a Democratic nominee for this general election to fill the unexpired term of the Pendleton County Commission, Central District.

Any individual that is interested in being considered by the committee for the Democratic nominee is welcome to address the committee at the meeting.

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Origin of 'Cut the Mustard' Is Questionable

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Where does the phrase "Cut the Mustard" come from? The origin isn't so clear-cut.

To cut the mustard is to reach the desired performance or more generally to succeed and have the ability to do something. So often, the phrase is used in a negative connotation for when something doesn't live up to expectations or can't do the job.

This phrase appears to be an American original. Evidence for the phrase "cut the mustard" can be found in 1891-1892 in a Galveston, Texas, newspaper. The author, O. Henry, looked around and found a proposition that exactly cut the mustard in his 1907 collection of short stories.

The word "mustard" itself goes back to the Latin "mustum" (English "must"). It was the juice squeezed from grapes before it was made into wine. "Mustard" is so named because the condiment was originally made by making mustard seeds into a paste with "must."

Clues can be found in earlier "mustard" expressions. "Mustard" adds spice or zest (slather some English mustard like Colemans on a frankfurter and one will soon feel the heat). That's why as early as the 1600s, keen as a mustard was a figure of speech for something extremely powerful or enthu-

siastic.

In the early 20th century, people went around calling each other "mustard." "He's mustard," for example, meaning "He's great." It's this idea that seems to be at work in "cut the mustard!"

It's life's little instructions that keep one going:

1. Don't overlook life's small joys while searching for the big ones.

2. When lost or in distress, signal in "threes" — three shouts, three gunshots, or three horn blasts.

3. There are people who will always come up with reasons why one can't do what a person wants to do. Ignore them.

4. When a person has the choice of two exciting things, choose the one a person hasn't tried.

5. Life will sometimes hand one a magical moment. Savor it.

The Sugar Grove community has been enjoying the many showers. The soil continues to absorb this moisture, furnishing the life sustaining elements needed for gardens, fields and landscapes. Farmers are beginning to do second cutting of hay. Humidity continues to hug everything in its path. Still, the river is being lazy in its quest to the sea.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." — Mahatma Gandhi

"The stars don't look bigger, but

they do look brighter." — Sally Ride

"Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently." — May Angelou

"You have power over your mind—not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength." — Marcus Aurelius

"Courage isn't having the strength to go on — it is going on when you don't have strength." — Napoleon Bonaparte

Sitting inside, with the air conditioning on, is the best place to hear the "Talk of The Grove."

Wesley, Becky, Ben, Emma, and Nathaniel Puffenbarger motored to Morgantown and Clarksburg.

Willard and Judy Rader visited Friday in the home of Benny and Linda Custer. They all enjoyed a delicious luncheon at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton, Virginia.

This week's clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- The Chinese limit their kids to three hours of online gaming and I phone usage from 8 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with no more than 40 minutes at a time.

- The average person loses from 50 to 100 strands of hair a day.

- There are 31 tunnels in West Virginia.

- Elk were absent in West Virginia for 140 years.

- The Earl of Sandwich, a noted gambler, invented the sandwich so he could eat while gaming.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Charles Anderson, the Lloyd Bowers family, Bill Brackman, Scherry Chambers, Charlotte Copley, the Thelma Cooper family, Jeff Craig, the Cindy DiFalco



Congregation of Zion Brethren Church at Brushy Fork is pictured. Naomi Wilfong Sheffer Mitchell, is holding her son, Gary Sheffer.

family, Jeff Evick, Lee Roy and Ina Evick, the Herb Eye family, Mary Eye, Ron Gilkeson, Barry Gordon, Lola Graham, Marlene 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, Enos Horst, Bob Hurry, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Melissa Lambert,

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Abortion Bill

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HB 302 was ultimately approved by the delegates by a vote of 69-2, with Hott and Ward voting with the majority and Thompson voting with the minority. The final version of the bill that was sent to the Senate for approval would ban all abortions beginning at fertilization, except for medical emergencies, a non-medically viable fetus and in the instance of a pregnancy when a fetus develops outside the uterus.

In addition, the bill makes clear that miscarriages, stillbirths, the use of existing established cell lines derived from aborted human embryos or fetuses, medical treatments that result in the accidental death or injury to a fetus, in vitro fertilization or human fetal tissue research are not considered abortions.

The bill does not consider psychological or emotional conditions to be a medical emergency.

HB 302 does not prevent the prescription, sale, or transfer of contraceptives. Nor does it prevent the use of contraceptives.

Sen. Robert Karnes (R-Randolph) voted against the bill. "It was amended in such a way it became a pro-abortion bill and I am very much pro-life," Karnes said. "Many voted for it (HB 302) who are pro-life in hope that the conference committee would fix the bill. If that happens and it comes back in pro-life form, I'll support it."

Following the decision, Lisa Zukoff (D-Marshall) issued an apology to females in the state. "We are very sorry."

"It's time we educate our children because they're going to have no recourse," she said. "They are not going be able to make the decision; it's been made for them. Even if they are forcibly raped, they're going to have to have that child."

Delegate Brandon Steele (R-29) responded to Zukoff's statement. "I am pro-life because I believe every life has value," he said. "I am not pro-life for any other reason. I believe that every life is a gift from God above, regardless of how it came into being or came into existence."

Democratic House members accused Republican lawmakers of making a deal with Justice to add abortion to the special session in exchange for supporting his personal income tax cut plan.

"Did they change the narrative because they're doing nothing with a billion-dollar surplus to give back to West Virginians," Minority Leader Doug Skaff (D-35) said. "You have a majority of both houses and a governor of the same party with a billion-dollar surplus and they can't get their act together to give relief to West Virginians."

Justice responded to the allegation and said cutting the personal income tax was important, but said the abortion issue was as well.

"There is no question that the tax cut is important, but really and truly it does not hold a teacup to what we're going to do in this state for the elimination of abortion and what our Supreme Court of the United States did," Justice said.

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Manchin Agrees to Inflation Bill

By Shawn Stinson

One of West Virginia's senators stood as the obstacle blocking Washington lawmakers from introducing a new spending package. Sen. Joe Manchin (D) announced on July 27 that he and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) have agreed to send the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 to a vote. The pair said the act would "address record inflation by paying down our national debt, lowering energy costs and lowering health care costs."

"Over the last year, leaders in Washington have ignored repeated warnings about the severe threat of inflation and the consequences of unprecedented domestic spending," Manchin said in a press release. "Despite these concerns and my calls to give the country time to fully realize the impacts of such historic levels of spending and our inflation crisis, many Democrats have continued to push for trillions more in spending to meet a political deadline. As difficult as it is for some to hear, political calls to action that ignore the severity of the crises we face and will continue to face are a recipe for national disaster."

"We must be honest about the economic reality America now faces if we want to avoid fanning the flames of inflation. At its core, the purpose of reconciliation is to get our economic and financial house in order. Contrary to foolish talk otherwise, America cannot spend its way out of debt or out of inflation. With respect to my position, I have never and will never walk away from solving the problems facing the nation we all love. I strongly support the passage of commonsense policies that reduce inflation and focus on the major challenges confronting America today and in the future."

According to Senate Democrats, the bill would generate nearly \$740 billion in revenue in a 10-year period. They said the act would bring in \$313 billion by raising the corporate minimum tax to 15% for businesses worth more than \$1 billion, another \$288 billion by allowing Medicare officials to negotiate prescription drug prices, \$124 billion by enforcing existing tax codes and \$14 billion by closing the carried interest loophole.

Senate Democrats added the bill would invest nearly \$369 billion in energy security and climate change efforts and \$64 billion in Affordable Care Act subsidies. The remaining funds would be dedicated to lowering the federal deficit.

The legislation would limit out-of-pocket costs to Medicare patients to \$2,000. The subsidies for the ACA would be extended through 2025. Federal officials estimate nearly 23,000 West Virginians would have higher insurance premiums if lawmakers do not extend the subsidies. The plan includes a permanent extension of funds for the black lung disability trust fund. Previously, lawmakers failed to renew an excise tax on American coal during last year's session.

"It is past time for America to begin paying down our \$30 trillion national debt and get serious about the record inflation that is crushing the wages of American workers," Manchin said. "In practical terms, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 would dedicate hundreds of billions of dollars to deficit reduction by adopting a tax policy that protects small businesses and working-class Americans while ensuring that large corporations and the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share in taxes."

West Virginia's other senator, Shelly Moore Capito (R), disagreed with her colleague and called it a plan "to spend more and tax more."

"Honestly, it's inexplicable to me now in a time of high inflation,

recessionary times that are directly attributed to the overspending the Democrats did last year, that they would even entertain flooding again, more federal dollars into the system," Capito said. "It's just inexplicable and I think it will just fuel this fire of inflation even more."

Manchin touted the bill includes investments to reduce dependence on foreign energy and focus on renewable energy. He said it would "allow us to decarbonize while ensuring American energy is affordable, reliable, clean and secure." The funding would be target to new technologies for multiple fuel types and energy storage with the focus to reduce carbon emissions by approximately 40% by 2030.

"Our persistent and increasing dependence on foreign energy and supply chains from countries who hate America represents a clear and present danger and it must end," Manchin said. "The increased risk of geopolitical uncertainty demands that we turn our focus to increasing U.S. energy production and bringing good paying energy and manufacturing jobs back to America. While this may seem like commonsense, this Administration's current solution is to push forward more costly regulations resulting in less U.S. production while inexplicably asking other nations to pump more oil and relying on Chinese President Xi for the critical minerals our economy needs."

"Let me make it clear, I will not vote to support policies that make the United States more dependent on foreign energy and supply chains or risk moving the country closer to the unstable and vulnerable European model of energy we are witnessing today. Most importantly, I am heartened by the bipartisan recognition that for America to achieve our energy and climate goals, it is critical we reform the broken permitting process. President Biden, Leader Schumer and Speaker Pelosi have committed to advancing a suite of commonsense permitting reforms this fall that will ensure all energy infrastructure, from transmission to pipelines and export facilities, can be efficiently and responsibly built to deliver energy safely around the country and to our allies."

Tax Changes

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could be made and remaining in compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act restrictions.

The bill was not voted on in the Senate before the end of the special session. Senators passed a resolution by a 30-0 vote to support a plan to cut personal property tax but failed to mention the proposed income tax supported by Justice and passed by the House of Delegates. Voters will vote on Amendment 2 in November's General Election to allow state lawmakers the authority to reduce or eliminate six categories of personal property.

Republican Sens. Bill Hamilton and Robert Karnes both voted in favor of the resolution. The pair represent Pendleton County in the Senate.

Senate President Craig Blair (R-15) addressed his fellow senators asking for their support for Senate Resolution 303.

"I assure you by the time that we get to Nov. 8 with the help of the members in this body and those outside the body, the people are going to understand that this

is our best path forward," said Blair.

If Amendment 2 is passed in November, Senate Republicans have said they want to fund all 55 counties in the state at their county real tax dollar assessments, as well as provide counties with a minimum of an additional \$1 million more than their assessments, funding the counties directly through the general revenue fund. Their plan also includes the elimination of tangible personal property tax for machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, leasehold investments, computer equipment, inventory and vehicles.

Blair estimates there will be nearly \$558 million available in funding for county governments and school districts every year.

"There will be prosperity in each county," Blair said. "That's our goal. We can't have the haves and have-nots in this state. We cannot stay the same as we have historically done because it has historically failed us. We can afford to do this today."

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NOTICE

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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

Tariff Form No. 8-C

(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

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A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. 8-4-2c

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.

Deadline for claims is October 3, 2022.

Nancy C. Null Estate - Trudy M. Sponaugle & Larry T. Sponaugle, Co-Executors; Lita Charlene Rush Estate - William Edward Rush, Jr., Executor; Donald L. Rexrode Estate - Wilma L. Rexrode, Executrix; Larry R. Kimble Estate - Westley Kimble, Executor; Mary Lee Ruddle Estate - Elizabeth Rinaldi Burdick, Executrix.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 29, 2022.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 8-4-2c

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 4, 2022.

WVU Extension Experts Provide Tips for Safely Using a Chainsaw

The summer season brings opportunities for landowners to clean up downed trees from storms and clear vegetation growth in undesirable areas. Once primarily used by professional loggers, chainsaws are now widely used by landowners looking to reduce the effort required for cutting wood and clearing land.

West Virginia University Extension experts Ben Spong, forest operations specialist, and Pat Donnelly, timber safe grant research assistant, provide the following safety tips to help avoid serious injuries, and even death, when operating a chainsaw.

• Be sure to review the operator's manual and the manufacturer's recommended use procedures for one's chainsaw prior to use. Follow all operating instructions, especially those on preventing kickback.

• Inspect the chainsaw before using it. A sharp and well-maintained saw increases productivity, decreases fatigue and helps prevent injury and accidents. Know the safety features of one's saw and check to be sure they are working properly.

• Always use personal protective equipment (i.e., hard hat, eye protection, hearing protection, gloves, leg protection, foot protection), which can be purchased from most saw shops and home centers. While the protective equipment won't prevent accidents, it may keep an accident from becoming a serious injury.

• Before attempting to take on a task, consider one's level of experience with chainsaw use and tree felling. If a person has limited experience, it may be best to consult with a professional arborist.

• Under the false impression that tree limbing and felling are simple tasks, homeowners may be inclined to use a ladder to climb up into a tree and cut overhead. Do not do this! It can result in serious injuries and even death. Take the extra time and effort to contact a professional, certified arborist.

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Dozens Attend Hoops Camp at PCM/HS



Nearly 75 participants attended a basketball camp at Pendleton County Middle/High School. The camp was scheduled from July 25 to 29 and was organized by PCHS boys coach Jeremy Bodkin. This was the initial camp under the direction of Bodkin. The boys camp was held in the mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and attracted nearly 45 attendees. The girls camp was held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and was attended by nearly 35 hoopsters.

Lions Club Sponsors Golf Tourney



Franklin Lions Club sponsored its annual golf tournament July 16 at the Highlands at Fisher Mountain Golf Course in Franklin. The team from Steven Toyota squeaked out a first-place win. Runners-up were Kelly Sites, Chris and Johnny Thompson and Chip Harper. Pat Godfrey, Edsel Hogan, Bob Hoops and Greg Hoover placed third, and the visiting team from North Carolina won best dressed. Closest to the hole on the four par threes were Keith Thompson, Daniel Shafer, Charlie Landes and Chris Thompson. Everything was good, even the weather.

Harper Receives \$600 Scholarship



Calie Harper of Seneca Rocks, center, received a \$600 scholarship award from the Spruce Mountain Ruritan Club. She is in her third year of nursing at West Virginia University Potomac State College in Keyser. She is the newest member of the Spruce Mountain Ruritan Club. Pictured with her are George Hickey (president), left, and Tom Faust (vice president).



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SGR231 6.34 Acres w/ Fully Furnished 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 1986 14' x 76' Mobile Home. Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$129,900.00.**

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SGR229 16.31 Acres w/off grid 308 sq ft Log cabin, Blackthorn, Electric, Active Spring, Electric Nearby, Excellent Hunting, Bordered by Blackthorn Creek. Some Restrictions. Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$149,000.00.**

SGR228 2.16 Acres, more or less, 3 Bed, 2-1/2 Bath Contemporary Home located in Sherwood Forest. **NEW LISTING \$299,000.00.**

SGR223 0.6673 Acres w/Spacious 3 Bed, 2 Bath Home, 2090 sq. ft., 1 Car Detached Garage. Franklin Corp. **NEW LISTING \$329,000.00.**

SGR222 3.70 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Ranch Home, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$139,000.00.**

SGR221 2.65 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Well, Septic, RV Hookup, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$159,000.00.**

SGR220 1.5 Acres w/10 Bed, 2.5 Baths Residence and/or Combined Business location w/Lots of Possibilities, Harves Run Creek along back side of property. Located in Brandywine. Bethel District. **NEW LISTING \$229,000.00.**

SGR219 21.65 Acres, more or less, w/2001 2 Bed, 2 Bath Manufacture Home, 11 Rooms, 3 Bdrms, Septic, Public Water. Near National Forest. Bethel District. **NEW LISTING \$224,900.00.**

SGR217 1.0 Acres, more or less, 3 Bed, 2 Bath Brick Ranch w/full basement located just outside of Franklin. Four storage bldgs. **New Listing \$279,900.00.**

SGR216 0.662 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath, 908 sq. ft. Cabin located in close proximity to Brushy Fork Lake and National Forest. Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$79,900.00.**

SGR203 0.72 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Ranch Home, Buffalo Hills Vista, Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$99,900.00.**

SGR200 0.23 Ac, w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home, Public Water/Sewer, Franklin Corp. **\$179,900.00.**

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.**

SGR198 130.75 Acres, 4 Bed, 3.5 Bath Log Home & 3 Bed, 2 Bath Ranch Home. Great for extended family or rental. Grant County. **NEW LISTING \$949,900.00.**

SGR197 557.7 Ac., Raw Land, Excellent Hunting, Joins National Forest, No Utilities, Potential Food Plots, Watering Holes, Bldg. Sites w/Views. Milroy District, Grant County. **\$1,749,000.00.**

SGR194 2.02 Acres, Raw Land, Excellent Hunting, Views. Located in Cabins, WV. **\$499,000.00.**

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

SGR189 3.73 Acres, Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Level Bldg. Site, Mature Timber, Views to East & West. **NEW LISTING \$49,900.00.**

SGR188 22.72 Acres, Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Hunting, Bldg. Sites. **\$179,900.00.**

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

SGR181 0.39 Acres, w/Brick Ranch, 3 Bed, 2-1/2 Baths, Full basement, Franklin Corp. **\$249,000.00 REDUCED \$229,000.00.**

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. **\$299,000.00 REDUCED \$279,000.00.**

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

SGR168 0.37 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 Bath Home located in Franklin. **\$279,900.00.**

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

SGR152 50.96 Acres w/1 Bed, 1.5 Bath, 1666 sq. ft Cabin w/Loft, Franklin District. **\$349,000.00 REDUCED \$329,000.00.**

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.**

SGR078 2181.4 Ac Farm w/Flood Control Dam, Springs, Waterfall, 11 Rooms, 3 Bdrms, Septic, Public Water, 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. **\$56,000.00. 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.**

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