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Miss Treasure Mountain Festival Alexandria Wyman receives her crown during the Queen's Coronation from Carolyn Simmons, TMF Association president.

TMF Struck Gold with The 54th Annual Festival

By Ammie Ruddle
and Natasha Wilson

The third weekend in September is one that is packed with entertainment, adventure, and excitement. Treasure Mountain Festival, now running 54 years, continued its annual tradition in the town of Franklin this past weekend.

Opening on Thursday night was one of the festival's newest events, the Queen's Coronation. Here, Miss TMF Queen Alexandria Wyman received her crown and her civic duties as queen. Wyman then expressed her gratitude and high hopes for the future of the festival and those (queens) who come after her.

On Friday, the entertainment and excitement started. From the book sale to local and outside vendors, attendees had no shortage of vendors to buy from.

The period costume competition was in full swing with a multitude of people from all ages participating. Among

the contestants were Harper Marsh, daughter of Doug and Kelly Marsh of Fort Seybert, and Ali Barbour, daughter of Laura Brown of Franklin, both wearing their great-grandmother's dresses: Janet Harper Conrad and Lillian Belle Brown, respectively.

Laura Brown said, "Every Treasure Mountain Festival Saturday morning when I was growing up, my dad always hosted the TMF WELD radio show with Alan Yokum. During part of the show, his mom, my Nana (Lillian Belle Brown), would dress up in one of her old-time dresses and go to the courthouse steps to be in the period costume contest. It was complete nostalgia seeing Ali in one of Nana's ensembles in this year's contest. Nana would have loved knowing Ali carried on her tradition."

The girls were only two of the many contestants, but both walked away proudly carrying blue ribbons.

Following the period costume contest, Raymond's Gymnastics showed off their skills. Each class displayed their acrobatics, balance, and tumble skills. Some of the gymnasts had been honing their skills for years, while others have only had one class to prepare them for the show.

This year's TMF provided an abundance of music. Kicking off live entertainment was Justin Hensley on Thursday evening.

The Spencer Hatcher Band, performed multiple times on Friday. They provided live music on two separate stages, both the town parking lot and the main stage.

A local favorite, Bryer Moyers, also performed on the main stage. In addition, American Pride, Snowy Mountain String Band, South River Express, Stoney Creek, and Keplinger Bluegrass, and more provided music and entertainment for those attending TMF.

There can't be music without dancing. The town parking lot provided space for square dancing on both Friday and Saturday evenings, where many enjoyed kicking up their heels and do-si-dos.

Festivalgoers could take part in the tea room party, or go to the quilt show and

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Fort Seybert Massacre Re-enactment... A Reminder of Perilous Times Past

By Stephen Smoot

Imagine a time when the South Branch Valley watershed served as the last frontier of Western Civilization. Travel required mastery of winding and rocky trails walked by animals and widened by Indian hunting parties. The forest canopy from trees centuries old could make midday look like dusk under the foliage.

The first settlers in the Potomac Highlands region were Scots-Irish and German. They trickled into the region southward from Pennsylvania and also westward along the Potomac. According to state historian Charles Ambler, the first families made their way into Pendleton County in 1747.

Ambler also explained that "the character of the society that established itself" in the South Branch Valleys "augured well for the future." "Bold, enterprising, and fearless" Scots-Irish, along with the "methodical and frugal" German and Dutch created the foundations for communities later.

During the late 1740s a very young George Washington traveled through the Potomac Highlands. He visited settlers such as Isaac Van Meter at Old Fields and his eldest son Henry who lived in the South Branch Valley narrows called "The Trough" by the future first President.

For much of the 1700s, Britain and France each fought to emerge as the most powerful empire in the world. Their spheres of influence in North America slowly grew closer together with the Appalachian Mountains acting for a time as a wall between the two. Indian nations lined up as allies with both Britain and France, hoping to gain advantage should their ally prevail globally.

In the mid-1750s, French officials pushed the boundaries of their dominion to the south and the east. Until the 1780s, Virginia as a colony, then a state, claimed western Pennsylvania, the Ohio River Valley, and all territory beyond to the Pacific Ocean as its own. Washington was sent to warn the French to abandon a fort built at modern Erie, Pennsylvania, only to find that they had penetrated to modern day Pittsburgh.

Meanwhile, settlers trickled into the mountain wilderness just as future Pendleton County became a blood soaked borderland between two antagonistic empires. The Virginia Regiment built and manned a fort at Upper Tract while local militia constructed a five or six building walled stockade for defense on the South Fork named for its captain, Jacob Seybert.

The burning of Fort Seybert, along with the massacre and capture of its inhabitants on April 28, 1758, occurred a generation before American colonists fought for freedom from the British Empire. Over 260 years later, about 1,500 visitors and descendants came to the Fort Seybert reenactment to see and learn its history.

Greg Adamson, a local archaeologist and geologist, serves as the historian and one of the organizers of the reenactment. He explains that "for local people, many descended from settlers and need to know what all they went through. It's a part of their heritage." Adamson went on to say that



James "Jed" Conrad and Leighton Craig share history and sell items to support the reenactment.

"By doing this, it keeps the memory of these people alive and honors them."

As Adamson explains, a Delaware war chief and medicine man named Killbuck led warriors from both his and the Shawnee nation, along with possibly a handful of French troops. Killbuck sought to avenge and alleged swindle while the French encouraged their allies to drive the settlers out of the mountains.

Killbuck assaulted the fort, then promised safe passage to those inside, but only as a ruse. Once Captain Seybert surrendered, the victors separated their captives into those deemed worthy of assimilation into their home villages and those marked for execution by tomahawk.

Then he burned the fort to the ground.

James F. "Jed" Conrad manned a booth at the reenactment selling T shirts and other memorabilia. He explained that his ancestors "farmed, ran livestock, ran the mill, and did everything required by early settlers to survive here." Conrad said that continuing the reenactment was vital because it "tells us the true history of Fort Seybert and the true things that happened," and it also "teaches what is not in history books."

The reenactment also connects families with their heritage in powerful ways. One could hear attendees comparing family histories and how they converge and diverge. Many drove in from Hampshire, Hardy, and Grant counties, as well as parts of Virginia. Adamson said that some come from as far away as New York.

Tiffany Reynolds of Fort Seybert was one of many who brought their children to bear witness to the story. As she explained, "I grew up in the area. Right across the road is my dad's farm where part of the battle happened."

When he heard about the massacre, George Washington ordered a pursuit of the Indian group moving back across the mountains through future Elkins to a village on the Ohio named Sawknuk, near modern Beaver, Pennsylvania, almost 20 miles west of Pittsburgh. Although scattered throughout the various Indian villages in the Ohio River Valley and west, most captives eventually returned to the South Branch area to tell their tales.

And thanks to the dedicated organizers and reenactors of the Fort Seybert story, those tales will vividly live on in the retelling for years to come.

Treasure Mountain Festival Provides Economic Lift for the Region

By Stephen Smoot

In 1968 Pendleton County launched a festival that encapsulated all that defined the wonders of the area, including the plant and wildlife, fresh mountain streams, winding hiking trails, and historical drama.

Over a half century later, the treasures of the festival also include a significant boost for the local economy as well. Steve Roberts, executive director of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce describes their impact, saying, "Fairs and festivals bring much more than fun to areas. They bring locals and visitors alike, stimulating growth and providing clear economic benefits while celebrating community."

Tammy Linaburg from the Korner Shop Cafe agrees. She says, "each year it gives us a little boost to get back ahead." With some lingering economic effects of the pandemic still bedeviling businesses, she admitted "it's been tough this year."

Laura Brown, executive director for the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority also cited the Korner Shop as one that benefits from the festival, saying they "extend their hours to better serve the public."

Brown went on to describe broader economic benefits, saying "first quarter lodging taxes for the county are always the largest," indicating that local hotels and other lodging businesses experience a surge in business.

Local entrepreneurs also take advantages of opportunities by serving as festival vendors. Their efforts not

only earn profits, but offer unique food and other products as a major part of the attraction. Brown noted that "One vendor who said it was her 24th fourth year at the festival and this year was as strong as any."

Although specific figures are unavailable for Pendleton County and the Treasure Mountain Festival, the Mountain State Forest Festival in Elkins was estimated to have brought a \$25.8 million total impact to Randolph County in 2006. While the impact of COVID could have devastated some efforts across the state, Governor Jim Justice in 2020 allotted \$1.1 million to help to keep them alive.

COVID's continued aftereffects, particularly on the employment market, have made it difficult for some to take full advantage. Stephen Miller, owner of the Star Hotel and Restaurant, says that where he once employed 13, now only four remain on staff. While he could benefit from the extra business, "it takes 10 - 12 (staff) to handle Saturday at the Treasure Mountain Festival."

Like many businesses all over, it boils down to "a lack of finding good help."

Miller also shared that concentrating the festival in the bottomlands near the river could limit the economic benefit, suggesting that organizers should "spread it around so it's not all congested as it is now." He said that putting all of the attractions in the same general area may be more convenient in some ways, but it also potentially reduces the total amount of time and money spent by locals and tourists.

Churches and civic organizations also see big benefits from the festival. The South Fork Ruritan Club, among many others, perform their most effective fundraising then. As club members explained, "For our organization, TMF is our main fundraising event for the year." Proceeds from fundraising activities "sustain our organization's operating costs for the year."

Other organizations benefit indirectly from the ripple effect of the club's successful fundraising, which allows it "to offer our building for community events and organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for a discounted rate." According to Brown, "some of the civic organizations boost their highest fundraisers of the year in just this one weekend."

Festivals can boost tourist spending all year long. Ideally attendees come to a place for the first time, or the first time in a long time. They appreciate what the area has to offer and they come back to experience more of it, but tourists are not the only source of support. "One of the most important indicators of success for the festival is our community's participation," Brown added. She went on to say that "Anyone local can tell you that they either volunteered or visited some aspect of the festival itself."

Recent numbers suggest that state tourism as a whole continues to thrive. Last week, Governor Jim Justice issued a statement showing West Virginia's tourism economy has expanded by nearly four percent over pre-pandemic levels

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Community CALENDAR

Mt. Hope Lutheran To Celebrate 225 Years

A special worship service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday to celebrate the 225th Anniversary of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Upper Tract. The congregation will be welcoming back former pastors Neal Weltzin and Mary Poston. Lutheran Bishop Matthew Riegel will give the message. The church and cemetery will be open for historical tours beginning at 10 a.m.

Worship services will not be held Sunday at Calvary in Brandywine, Faith in Franklin and St. John in Moyers.

Community Chorus Cancels Performance

The Community Christmas Chorus will not be performing this year due to lingering COVID concerns.

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OBITUARIES



George Wayne Bennett

George Wayne Bennett, 75, of Seneca Rocks went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 15, 2022, at his home.

Born March 21, 1947, in Elkins, he was the son of the late Robbie Dean Martin and Fred Bennett. He was raised by his grandmother, Edie Catherine Bennett.

Mr. Bennett was a 1967 graduate of Circleville High School. He was a former employee of SCM Allied Egly as a press operator for 26 years, VEPCO for three years and Allegheny Wood Products for 17 years as a dry kiln operator until his retirement in 2015. There he was fondly nicknamed "Ralphie."

He was a Christian by faith. He was a member of Seneca United Methodist Church but attended the Bayard U.M. Church and Mt. Storm U.M. Church where his beloved wife, Rebecca, serves as pastor.

He enjoyed spending time with his family at the cabin on Little Spruce and was an avid WVU Mountaineers fan. His life was centered around God, his family, and helping others.

In 1967, he married Rebecca Louise Lambert, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Terry Wayne Bennett and wife, Lora; three granddaughters, Michaela Catherine Alt (Daniel), Madison Haylee Moss (Nick) and Mariah ReAnn Goldizen (Casey), all of Petersburg; a brother, L. Ricky Bennett (Eileen) of Bear, Delaware; a sister, Loretha Humphrey of Clermont, Florida; several nieces and nephew; and a host of friends.

He was also preceded in death by his step-mother, Mildred Bennett; a brother, John Bennett; and an infant grandson, Miles Eli Bennett.

Funeral services were held Monday in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with the Rev. Larry A. Hakes officiating. Interment was at North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Those who wish to remember Mr. Bennett in a special way, may make memorial contributions to charity of donor's choice.



William Michael "Mike" Kimble

William Michael "Mike" Kimble, 63, of Eldersburg, Maryland, passed away peacefully Sept. 11, 2022, at The Dove House in Westminster, Maryland, with his family by his side.

Born April 19, 1959, in Mount Airy, Maryland, he was the son of the late Dolan Ray and Ruby Gail Waggy Kimble, formerly of Franklin.

Mr. Kimble was a graduate of South Carroll High School, Class of 1977.

He was a trusted home inspector, and humble business owner.

He had a passion for hunting, having hunted in the Deer Run area since his childhood. He enjoyed spending time at his cabin, especially during turkey and deer seasons, and capturing the many beautiful sunsets. The Smoke Hole was his favorite place to fish, go rafting and listen to music. He also enjoyed skiing, attending concerts and watching the West Virginia Mountaineers and Baltimore Orioles.

His wife of 34 years, Amy Collins Kimble, survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larson Hunter and LeeAnna Kimble; a daughter, Alayna Michelle Kimble; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey Todd and Sibel Kimble; a grandson, Emmitt Ray Kimble; father- and mother-in-law, Clarence and Jo Ann Collins; and many other family members and friends.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jennings Franklin Kimble.

A funeral service was held Friday at Haight Funeral Home & Chapel in Sykesville, Maryland.

Memorial donations may be sent to BridgingLife Hospice (The Dove House). The family would like to support others in need of their service, and to support The Dove House as they supported them. Checks may be made payable to BridgingLife Development Office, 200 Memorial Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157.

Online condolences may be made at www.haightfuneralhome.com.



Hilda Ruth Sites Sponaugle

Hilda Ruth Sites Sponaugle, 91, a resident of Wymer, peacefully departed this earthly life on Sept. 7, 2022, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, a place she called home, caring for patients for over five decades, where all knew her as Sponie. She was surrounded by family and the wonderful hospital staff in her last hours.

She was born May 20, 1931, at her parents' home place in Teterton, a daughter of the late Ola Mallow Sites and Mamie Ethel Mallow Sites.

Mrs. Sponaugle was a 1949 graduate of Circleville High School where she earned valedictorian honors and participated in basketball and FFA and a 1951 graduate of Davis and Elkins College, receiving a degree in nursing. She spent a year interning at John Hopkins teaching hospital in obstetrics and pediatric care and a stent at Children's National hospital in Rockville, Maryland, studying physiology. Immediately after college, she worked more than three years at Davis Memorial Hospital and started working at Grant Memorial Hospital after its establishment in 1958. She worked as a nurse for more than 53 years, retiring from nursing in January 2006. She was named to The Who's Who in Nursing Hall of Fame in 2006 by the American Nurses Association and GMH nurse of the year in 2005 and was a long-standing member of the Harman Presbyterian Church.

She had an avid interest in the care of her farm animals. She was a good shepherd who taught through example a love for all God's

creations. She was always passing little handwritten notes to everyone expressing the joys of faith, hope and love and enjoyed her gardens and preserving food. Cooking for family and strangers alike was her pleasure; there was always a sit down meal most every day. Her hobbies were bird watching and growing beautiful flowers. She was the family's hub and will be greatly missed.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family

On Aug. 12, 1950, in Fredericksburg, Maryland, she married Charles Lloyd Sponaugle who preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 2021. They celebrated 71 years of marriage together.

Also left to cherish her memory are three children, Terry Hilda Teter and husband, John, Sandra Lynn Rhodes and husband, Jerry, and Charles Michael "Micky" Sponaugle and wife, Cary, two foster children, Ricky Gooden and Tammy Gooden Fenton; like a son, David Tingler; like a daughter, Donna Knotts; seven grandchildren, Melissa Ann Turner, Teresa Jan Chaney, Kimberly Renee Kimbleton, Jennifer Lynn McDonald, Jason Tyler Rhodes, Jessica Nicole Warner, and Charles Robert Connor Gill; 16 great-grandchildren, Autumn, Michael, Jonathan, Shayne, Mason, summer, Dallas, Bailey, Noah, Paisley, Kailyn, Connor, Lucas, Levi, Waylon, Quinton and one in the oven; and six great-great-grandchildren, Briar, Daisy, Amiyah, Elianna, Eston and Stella.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Max Blaire Sites, William Rex Sites and Harman Sites.

Her request for cremation was honored.

A celebration of her life is being planned at 5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Harman Presbyterian Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.therandolphfuneralhome.com.

The Randolph Funeral Home and Cremation Services has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Louise Katherine Hall

Louise Katherine Hall, 96, of Franklin passed away Sept. 10, 2022, at her home.

She was born June 10, 1926, in Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of the late Louis and Anna (Voroz) Virag.

A devout Roman Catholic, Mrs. Hall was a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

A homemaker, she was also an accomplished seamstress, who enjoyed her needlework and was known to have produced the most beautiful quilts. Additionally, she enjoyed time spent traveling as well as cooking. Above all, she will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and

grandmother.

Her husband, Robert Hall, preceded her in death.

Surviving family members include her loving son, Roger M. Hall of Franklin; a granddaughter, Shelby Rae Jones and husband, Perry of Kirkland, Ohio; and great-grandchildren, Jace and Jaxon Jones.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Robert K. Hall and Frederick Hall.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. Sept. 29 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Franklin with Father Mario Claro officiating. The Rite of Committal will be held privately at Arlington Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Gary Sinise Foundation at garysinisefoundation.org/donate;

Wreaths Across America, PO Box 249, Columbia Falls, ME 04623; Our Lady of Victory Homes for Children, 780 Ridge Rd, Lackawanna, NY 14218; or Good Counsel Homes, 600 Meadowlands Parkway, Suite 251, Secaucus, NJ 07094.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.obaughfuneralhome.com.

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Your generous donations helped make the games a real success!



54th Annual Treasure Mountain Festival



10 Years Ago
Week of September 20, 2012

Home-Schooled Students Number 51 Board Told

The Pendleton County Board of Education met in regular session on Sept. 4. The board was presented with the names of students who are home-schooled. The number of students so educated is 51. That is a typical number, a school official told the "Times." The number of home-schooled students tends to be between 45 and 55 each year.

THE PENDLETON PAST

by Harold D. Garber

I haven't really settled into a chronological presentation of Civil War events on the South Branch 150 years ago, but I must mention that the events of almost this exact date, Sept. 17, 1862, were awesome. This marks the Battle of Antietam, or Sharpsburg, and the bloodiest single day of the war. Several Hardy County soldiers fell there, including Captain Daniel C. M. Schell who fought under the Union standard. If the knowledge of war and its carnage had never truly been realized before, it came home to all participants who survived that day.

You might expect that it would follow that I would provide details of some of these Hardy County soldiers in this notable conflict. Currently, I am reviewing some original sources about their participation. However, as I reviewed timely sources, I discovered that one of our notable Southern soldiers, Harry Gilmor, not a local man but famous for his activities in Hardy County and for being captured here, just outside Moorefield, missed out on the Battle of Sharpsburg.

This was surprising to me since Gilmor was from the Baltimore area, and the battle was certainly fought in territory he frequented. Where was he?—in Baltimore's Western Police Station-house, a prisoner of Union forces. He was to spend five months in Union custody. He states: "I was detained for five months, in direct violation of the cartel between the two governments, which, if regarded, would have released me in 10 days."

SUGAR GROVE

When discussing the mountain folk and their courtships, one has to go back to the beginning. In the past, courtships and marriages in Appalachia were quite different than today.

In olden Appalachian times, the woman's role was to take care of the home, raise the children and provide for her husband. During this time, the man was undoubtedly the head of the household, with the wife doing exactly as she was told to do.

30 Years Ago
Week of September 16,

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Some Simple Suggestions to Help Teach Someone to Read

Those of us who can read take our skill for granted. For us, reading is as easy as talking or breathing. Many of us can vaguely remember that learning to read was no easy chore.

But chances are, we've forgotten all the little struggles we had to wage to get where we could actually hear those little printed words in our heads! This forgetfulness makes it difficult for parents to sympathize with young readers, or for adults who can read to sympathize much with those who can't. Luckily, there are people who study reading, so even as adults we can begin to understand the mysterious process of learning to read.

Here are some simple facts about reading. Keep them in mind. They may help you help somebody you care about learn to read:

- 5,000 words account for 90 percent of the words we read
- 94 percent of all words appear less than 10 times per million words
- people who know sounds and letters tend to do better when they start learning to read
- but—just teaching the alphabet doesn't give students a noticeable advantage in learning to read
- many children get over 1,000 hours of contact with reading and writing before they enter school, and
- students without such experience do better with their reading if they use "invented" spelling (rather than correct spelling) when they begin to write.

Other facts let us know that a good start in reading is very important. For example, a research project found that 40 percent of poor readers in the fourth grade would rather clean their rooms than read. These children will overcome their bad start in reading only with the help of someone who cares.

The message is simple: Learning to read takes a lot of low-pressure experience with the written word. This includes being read to by someone else and talking about sounds, letters, words and writing with someone who likes to read.

It also includes things like telling stories and having someone else write them down. And, of course, it also includes plenty of reading. Naturally, the best reading materials are those that seem to interest the beginning reader.

40 Years Ago
Week of September 16, 1982

OUR FIRST SETTLERS

The Toughest Men Ever

By Harold Lambert
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From information that has come down, the original settlers in the mountains of

Western Virginia, now West Virginia, were probably the toughest and most lawless men ever to occupy the North American continent.

And those of us who look back fondly upon a family tree that pre-dates the American Revolution had better not look too closely, lest we blush.

The leather-clad fellow with the long knife and the longer rifle was usually utterly without any law — or even religion. He was an adventurer par excellence, and a prime survivor. He was a poor workman and a bad farmer, we are told. The skilled agriculturists were to come later, mostly from across the mountains in Pennsylvania or Virginia. The original settlers wanted no part in farming, preferring long hunts into the wilderness in quest of furs which could be sold for cash money at the English trading posts.

He was never satisfied, and constantly sought better land and better living conditions. He kept his family in a house that was made of logs and without windows or partitions. He was the worst kind of a family man and usually was the offspring of families which had occupied the lands east of the mountains for several generations. His forefathers had thought little of education, and he shared the opinion. Nothing that he could not eat, drink or sell was worth bothering with...

He was poor and he revealed in his poverty. Few of the original settlers here had ever been inside a church. His pleasures came from competitive sports such as horse racing, turkey shoots and wrestling matches. He was superstitious, a trait that is still with mountain people. He believed in witchcraft, demons and wizards.

Whiskey was so inexpensive (no taxes, no restraints) that many of our early settlers were actually alcoholics. Imitating the Indians, they decorated their clothing with beads and fringes. And worst of all, they would fight "at the drop of a hat." They were not ordinary fighters, either, but would fight their best friends when under the influence of the raw whiskey of the time — and thought nothing of destroying the eyes or chewing off the ears of opponents.

But historians agree that he was the only kind of a human which could have endured the privations and dangers of that day and time. Although he was practically a savage, he fought the Indians to a standstill and paved the way for the more genteel people who would follow him and build up the nation. Immediately after the American Revolution a different type of people came here. They were folks from the East who sought larger farms. They were the French and Indian veterans who were granted 160 acres of river bottom land for their efforts if they survived. Also, hundreds of Hessians who had been

brought here from Germany to fight for the English crown decided it was better to stay than return to a government that would rent them out as soldiers. They walked out of prisons where they were kept, and nobody even looked in their directions. Their bloodlines are here today.

But you have to hand it to the original settler. He kept out the Spanish, the French and finally caused the English to give up their ambitions in the western lands of the Ohio watershed. No other breed of man could have brought about the happenings that allowed us to have our country as it is today.

60 Years Ago
Week of September 20, 1962

100 YEARS AGO

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.

Antietam Battle Is Bloodiest Day of War

For the 85,000 Federals and 40,000 Confederates who fought in the Civil War, Antietam was the bloodiest battle of them all.

Never before or after in the Civil War was there such slaughter as that Wednesday, September 17, 100 years ago this week, as occurred around Sharpsburg, Md., (the battle is also called Sharpsburg), just north of the Potomac River near where the Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia state lines join. The battle, between Federal Gen. George B. McClellan's huge Army of the Potomac and Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, ended with more than 3,500 men lying dead on the field and another 17,000 wounded—and perhaps 2,000 of the wounded later died.

Since it stopped Lee's Maryland invasion, it was a victory for McClellan, but in a sense it was a defeat for both.

Hard-fighting Federal Gen. Joe Hooker started it off at the crack of dawn when his I Corps, 10,000 strong, swept down the Hagerstown Turnpike along Antietam Creek and ran up against Stonewall Jackson on Lee's left. Hooker's men charged through a cornfield, and the Rebels mowed down Federals and cornstalks alike. The Southerners then counter-charged, and they were mowed down atop the fallen Federals. The Northerners charged again with similar result, and for two hours the bodies piled up in the cornfield. But the carnage was just beginning.

Nearby, more Federals poured into the East Wood, and whole companies of them dissolved under a rain of artillery shells and minie-balls. Several Confed-

erate brigades lost half their number within minutes. When it was over, many of the bodies lay in rows where they had fallen in formation.

White-haired E. V. Sumner then fed another Federal corps into the cornfield, and the men went forward in waves, scores more dropping into the carnage. But they succeeded momentarily and swept through the Confederate line, only to be counter-attacked on the other side, and the slaughter became worse than ever. Some estimate as many as 1,000 men fell in the next few minutes, and the Federals turned and fled.

Closer to Sharpsburg, Gen. W. H. French of Sumner's corps struck Gen. G. H. Hill's Confederates in an eroded, sunken road — since called "Bloody Lane." For more than an hour the Federals charged the road, losing a third of their men before over-running it. In the road lay piles of Confederate dead.

South of Sharpsburg, on the Federal left, Fed. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside, after sulking away the morning, launched an attack on an arching bridge across Antietam Creek. It took three murderous charges into the face of Confederate rifles and cannon before two regiments of New Yorkers and Pennsylvanians swarmed across the bridge—since called "Burnside's Bridge"—driving the Confederates back. The Yankees fanned out on the side and charged across fields and hillsides all the way into the village of Sharpsburg before they were checked.

Still farther south that afternoon, another Burnside forded the creek and drove the Confederate line in, until the Federals ran smack into Gen. A. P. Hill's Confederates, freshly arrived from Harper's Ferry. The Federal line gave way then, and Lee's army had been saved.

That night, the wounded moaned from nearby homes, field hospitals and the public buildings, schools, factories and houses of surrounding towns, and still there wasn't room for all. Among those who nursed the Federal wounded was Clara Barton, who later became founder of the American Red Cross.

In their misery, the two armies just lay there exhausted that night and all next day. At dusk next evening, Lee finally got his army moving and stole back across the Potomac into Virginia to recuperate.

Next week: The Emancipation Proclamation.

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Smith Creek Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Good-bye summer, hello fall. There will be less daylight. The leaves are turning their colors before falling from the trees, which will add another task to do, plus cutting the grass.

Good luck to the archers as the season opens this Saturday and goes until the end of the year.

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, Jack Vogel, Ronnie Bowers Sr., Allen Kile II, Lloyd Hartman, Ruth Simmers, Roberta Bennett, Harry Allen Warner, Quinley McConnell, 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, Carroll Michael, Myrtle Hammer, Kathy Propst, Marcia C. "Marty" Warner, Paul Mal-low, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Betty Smith, Pam Rexrode and Sandy Bennett.

Prayer thought: "I praise you God that no one is more creative than you are. I look forward to seeing the wonder of all you are doing for our viewing before us."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Sept. 12 through Sept. 18, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Sept. 12 - 74°, 60°, 43" (83°, 54°); Sept. 13 - 73°, 56" (85°, 64°); Sept. 14 - 72°, 45" (86°, 54°); Sept. 15 - 74°, 47" (81°, 62°, .69"); Sept. 16 - 76°, 50" (82°, 63°); Sept. 17 - 77°, 54" (79°, 61°, .09") and Sept. 18 - 79°, 59" (86°, 62°).

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Benefits of Old Wives' Tales Are Questionable

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

There is something to be said about the old wives' tales. These forms of wisdom have been passed from generation to generation. The tales were usually told to discourage some behavior of children whose health could be damaged by doing them. The tales are usually superstitious and not supported by science. They tended to be short and sweet; therefore, easy to remember. Here are some wives' tales that are not supported with scientific backing.

- Wait an hour after eating to go swimming or a person will get cramps and drown. (There is no medical reason for this.)
- If a person handles or touches a toad, one will get warts. (This myth arises from the fact that toads look as if they have warts on their bodies.)
- Sitting too close to the TV will ruin one's eyes. (One can get tired eyes by watching anything too intently, but damage to the eyes will not happen.)
- Don't cross one's eyes or they may stay that way. (There is no evidence that a person's eyes will remain crossed.)
- Don't swallow gum, as it takes 7 years to digest. (Scans of the stomach or intestines have not shown masses of undigested gum.)
- If one pulls out a white or gray hair, two will replace it. (The follicle can only produce one new hair, no matter if it is white or gray.)
- Eating cheese before bed gives a person nightmares. (Maybe.)
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away. (All fruits have nutrition and have health benefits.)
- Cracking the knuckles will give one arthritis or make one's knuckles bigger. (Partly true.)
- Drinking coffee will stunt one's growth. (False, genetics determines growth.)
- If a person makes a silly face, one's face will remain that way permanently. (False. A person controls their muscles which will then return to their normal position.)

Some of these tales have been around for centuries. In the King James Bible, Paul warned Timothy to beware of "old wives' tales."

Life's instructions for the betterment of one's day include the following:

1. Live life as an exclamation, not an explanation.
2. Never refuse homemade brownies.



Participating in the Treasure Mountain Festival period costume contest were, from left, Cora Faye Alexander (granddaughter of Larry and Jeannie Flynn), Carly Mitchell (daughter of Brandon and Cara Mitchell) and Harper Marsh (daughter of Doug and Kelly Marsh).



3. Leave the toilet seat in the down position.
4. Compliment three people every day.
5. Let the person behind a person go ahead in the checkout line.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." — Audrey Hepburn

"It has always been easy to hate and destroy. To build and to cherish is much more difficult." — Queen Elizabeth

"If you spend too much time thinking about one thing you never achieve anything." — Bruce Lee

"Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom." — Albert Einstein

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." — Pablo Picasso

Life is so much better, sitting on the swing on the front porch:

Jerry and Gloria Facemyer of Hendersonville, North Carolina, spent several days in the home of Willard and Judy Rader and enjoyed the Treasure Mountain Festival.

Rose Smith of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, was a Wednesday night guest of Phil Downs. Coming to attend the Treasure Mountain Festival were Tara Kelley and a high school friend, Lera, both of Springfield, Virginia.

The Treasure Mountain Festival was a reunion of sorts on a weekend of beautiful weather. One could not have ordered any better weather for the occasion. The Sugar Grove Lions Club served up their ham sandwiches, beans and cornbread to a host of folks, many of whom return annually. The winners of the raffles were as follows: model 22 gun - Richard Thomas, shot gun - Roger Shrewsbury, model 94 - Daniel Rickard and comforter - Victor Jackson.

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Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- The queue to pay respect for the Queen reached as much as 10 miles.
- The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.
- Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.
- Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver.

- The University of Alaska spans four time zones.
- A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Charles Anderson, Lannie Arbaugh, the Athey family, Lynn Beatty, Jack Bennett, Bill Brackman, Ralph Dunkle, Jeff Evick, Lee Roy and Ina Evick, Ron Gilkeson, Lola Graham, Marlene Harman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Starr Hedrick, Gary and Jackie Hills, Virgil Homan, Jr., Charlie Marie Hoover, Keith Hoover, Lorena Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Enos Horst, Doris Hull, Bob and Cynthia Hurry, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Melissa Lambert, Robin and Kitty Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Neil McLaughlin, Naomi Michael, Gloria Moats, Joe Moats, Lincoln Moore, Ernie Morgan, Aaron Nelson, Ken and Ruth Nelson, Bennie Nesselrodt, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Alda Propst, Betty Lou Propst, Kathy Propst, Sheldon Propst, Pam Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Barbara Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Stanna Smith, Patricia Swecker, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Jack Vogel, Ron White, Judy Williams and Larry Wimer.

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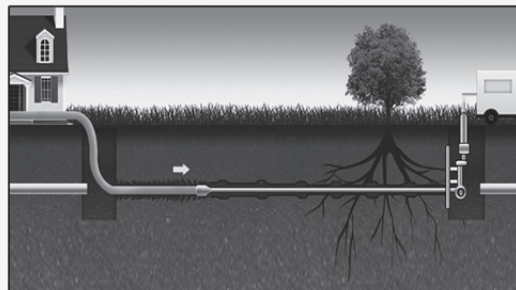
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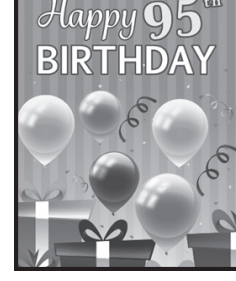
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Wildcats Maul Double A Grafton On the Road, 34-18



Dillon Smith and the Wildcat offensive line steamrolled the Grafton Bearcats.

By Stephen Smoot

After Petersburg pillaged Pendleton County on the road last week, the Wildcats refused to slink back to their dens as they traveled to face a larger school. Instead, they came out roaring, producing a dominant complete game in front of fans who came nearly two and a half hours one way to support the squad.

Grafton featured elusive quarterback Camden Foley and favorite target, Dillen America.

"We knew coming in that they had a couple of good skill kids," Coach Zac Smith said

Grafton came out firing from their own 36, completing a nine-yard pass and recovering the receiver's fumble. A Foley pass completion took the ball to the 29, but a false start penalty, and solid defense stalled the drive. Shortly thereafter, Josiah Kimble broke up a pass at the 10 on 2nd and 15. On 4th and 7 Terry Harvey, who played big from his defensive line position all night, snuffed out the quarterback keeper and gave the ball to the offense.

Here, Pendleton County established its running attack first with Dillon Smith, whom Coach Smith called a "workhorse," and the offensive line of Adam Ruddle, Blake Harris, Lucas Redman, Tanner Huffman, and Tyler Huffman. Their efforts helped Dillon Smith enjoy a 37 carry for 207 yards performance.

As Coach Smith explained, "We've been preaching to the offensive line" about "being physical up front and we got physicality in here tonight." Dillon Smith carried the ball nine times on Pendleton County's first possession alone, helping to take the ball to the Grafton 19 before a lost fumble ended the drive.

Run dominance early forced Grafton to make adjustments that gave Pendleton County quarterback James Vincell numerous opportunities to hit receivers covered one on one on the wide side of the field as the game wore on.

"James made some nice throws," noted Coach Smith.

Grafton found the Wildcat defensive line in its path as they tried to take advantage of the Pendleton County turnover. Defensive lineman Redman stopped an initial rush up the middle and the defensive line provided a huge stop on a key 3rd and 2 to force a Grafton punt.

As the first quarter closed, the Wildcats had dominated the game in every phase except the scoreboard, but that would soon change.

Pendleton County's second drive at the opening of the second quarter featured solid running by Dillon Smith and accurate passing by Vincell. He converted a 3rd and 5 at midfield with a 16-yard pass to Dusty Smith, then later hit Clayton Kisamore with a nine-yard pass to the 13. In between completions, Dillon Smith continued to run downhill, often carrying multiple defenders on his back. Facing a 4th and goal at the three, Vincell capped the drive by rolling left and delivering a tightly thrown ball

back to Dusty Smith waiting in the middle of the end zone.

On its next possession, Grafton took only four downs to give the ball back to the Wildcats with a Chase Owens breakup of a Foley pass ending their drive. "The defense did a nice job running to the ball tonight." Coach Smith said.

Coach Smith then followed the old Joe Gibbs tactic of following a big stop by the defense with a deep strike on offense. Vincell found a streaking Kisamore who took a 44-yard catch and run to the endzone to put the Wildcats up 15-0 after the conversion.

Grafton fumbled on the first play of their drive, giving the ball to the Wildcats at the 44. Once again, the offense scored on an aggressive call as Vincell hit Kisamore on a hitch and go for another Pendleton County score. Grafton's final drive of the half ended with a Kisamore interception with seconds left.

To open the third quarter, the Wildcats executed the formula that enabled first half dominance. Starting from the Pendleton County 44, Dillon Smith gained 13 yards in three carries, which set up a Vincell 44-yard touchdown pass to Dusty Smith.

Grafton then executed a 10 play, nearly a four-minute drive that saw Kimble break up yet another deep pass on third down. Foley, however, found America on a touchdown pass pulling them to within 28 to 6 after the Wildcats blocked the point after.

As Coach Smith explained, "We've been struggling to score points, but the floodgates opened tonight."

After a drive stalled and a Vincell quick kick put Grafton at its own 36, the Bearcats took approximately two minutes to push the ball into the endzone again, this time with a two yard keeper by Foley.

On the ensuing kickoff, Grafton came close to answering, but for a Gabriel Harvey touchdown saving tackle.

From this point forward, big defensive plays and relentless runs by Dillon Smith set the tone for the game. A 28-yard touchdown pass from Foley with 2:44 left theoretically kept Grafton in the game, but their inability to stop Dillon Smith left the game out of reach.

The Wildcats are on the road again this Friday. Their winless opponent, Southern Garrett, dropped a 42-0 loss to Cumberland powerhouse Fort Hill last Friday. The previous week, Moorefield defeated them 21-7.

Offensive Statistics
 Passing: James Vincell 11-14 191 yards, 4 TDs 1 INT
 Rushing: Dillon Smith 37-201 TD, James Vincell 3-14, Chase Owens 1 (-5), Kammron Redman 1 (-2)

Receiving: Clayton Kisamore 6-115 2 TD, Dusty Smith 3-60 TD, Chase Owens 2-16
Defensive Statistics
 Tackles: Terry Harvey 11, Chase Owens 8, Dillon Smith 7 (1 sack), Connor Armentrout 6, Dusty Smith 5, Lucas Redman 4, James Vincell 4, Alex Reyes 3, Isaiah Lockard 2, Blake Harris 2, Adam Ruddle, Clayton Kisamore, Gabriel Harvey, Josiah Kimble 1 each.

Pendleton County Golf Ties for First at Home Against Regional Competition

By Stephen Smoot

Last Tuesday brought a brilliant blue sky almost unbroken with fair weather clouds, perfect temperatures, and a stiff cooling breeze to Highlands Golf Club. These conditions created an ideal day for golf with Pendleton County tying Pocahontas County for first place and AAA Hampshire placing third.

Golf provides a strong contrast with other high school varsity sports, especially in secluded Troublesome Valley. No bands greet the players as they enter the field of play. No cheerleaders kick their heels and chant encouragement. No spectators, save devoted parents and the occasional herd of deer come to see. Even those remain quiet and respectful as each competitor tees up his or her shot.

The sounds of silence and nature prevail over all else, save the good humor and gentlemanly encouragement each player provided the other, regardless of school.

Make no mistake. Each player comes to compete. They feel the same thrill at a birdie or hole in one as a competitor on the gridiron scoring a touchdown. Their coaches, parents, and teammates express the same pride in each other's successes. They also feel the same pain when their play does not meet their own expectations.

Their competitive spirit does not aim itself at opposing players or schools in golf. First, one competes against oneself. Jared Hott, who played football at Hampshire, but now coaches golf for the school, says "This sport more than any other requires you to keep cool, to keep your composure" relying on "your skills and your brain." He added that often once you get down on yourself, it's hard to bounce back mentally.

Wildcat Coach Charlie Burgoyne emphasized the mental aspect as well, saying "It takes a long time to improve in golf. One day you have a good round, then another day it's like you have never played before."

The mental challenge requires a unique mindset with players who can control emotions, whether from the excitement of accomplishment or disappointment. Pocahontas County Coach David Moore explained, "kids that play golf are the best kind of kids."

Players also compete against the course. Each course, if designed well, presents its own unique set of challenges. Adapting is part of the game. Football players only have to adjust to turf or different levels of natural grass quality. Basketball and volleyball can count on each court meeting the same standards.

Highlands presents a number of challenges to players from both home and away. As Pendleton County's Haiden Waggy described it, Highlands features "tight fairways" and "trees always in play." Waggy explained that it's hard for players coming in to know the

course, which can give experienced Pendleton County players an advantage.

His teammate Cameron Beachler agrees, saying that the course is "in really good condition" but it "forces you to be consistent" with "a lot of trees and tough holes." Beachler added that Highlands has "the hardest greens around."

Highlands also exposes another aspect of play. To compete well, players must have a different type of athleticism. They hike throughout the course, carrying their own bags. While they do not run, jump, or take hits, the hilly nature of a course like Highlands can drain a player's stamina which can affect their power and accuracy when hitting the ball. Other courses have more gentle slopes on flatter land and demand less of the players.

Pendleton County finished first, tied with Pocahontas County. Both teams scored 205 while Hampshire trailed with a score of 239. Wildcat individual performances saw Beachler leading with a score of 43. Beachler explained that "it started off good," then he hit "pars and bogies the whole way through" and "parred the ninth hole to finish."

Waggy placed second with a 55, Brayden Beachler 50, Evan Teter 57, and Mason DiFalco 60.

Last week, the squad also competed at the Potomac Valley Conference tournament. Petersburg took tournament honors with a score of 370. Pendleton County finished with a 429 with the low medalist, J. W. Teets coming from East Hardy at a score of 82. Cameron Beachler won all PVC team selection.



Cameron Beachler tees off on the first hole at Highlands Golf Club last week.

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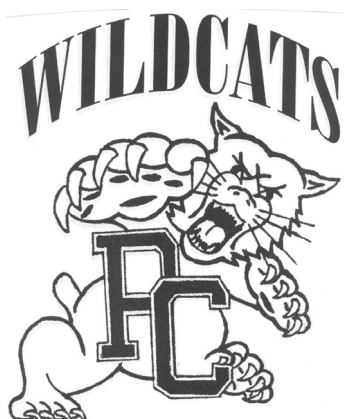


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Pendleton County Volleyball Defeats Tucker County on the Road for 5th Straight Win

By Stephen Smoot

Coming into last week's contest against Tucker County, the Wildcats had defeated their fourth straight opponent. Tucker County, however, brought with them a 2-1 record with the lone defeat being a deceptively tight 3-0 loss to Preston.

Tucker County was a tall order for the Wildcats. Two Mountain Lions, Raven Matthews and Catie Kirk, towered over any Pendleton County player, both at nearly six feet tall. The Wildcats worked to counter height with athleticism and the formula worked for a dominant Pendleton County win.

In the first set, the Lady Cats struggled to get going and the Mountain Lions raced to a 7-2 lead. Over their win streak, however, Pendleton County relied on confidence and composure to work its way back. Jenna Smith's accurate serving and excellent teamwork by the defense brought the Wildcats back to an 8-8 tie.

Early spikes by Gabrielle DePue and Baylee Beachler also showed that Pendleton County was not intimidated by the height advantage of Tucker County.

Tucker County pulled ahead again 13-10 until the Wildcats settled back into their game. A 10-3 run assisted by multiple spikes and aces by Arianna Young gave Pendleton County a 20-16 lead that they never relinquished. Smith's accurate serving helped to close out the first game for the Wildcats 25-20.

In the second game Tucker County again took the first score, but Beachler's serving helped the Wildcats jump ahead 3-1. Tucker County's attempt to surge back was broken by an ace by Avery Townsend and a spike by Katie Hedrick that lifted Pendleton County to a 6-4 lead.

From this point on, Pendleton County firmly established the recipe for victory. Tucker County brought size, but not quickness to the game. As their taller players crashed the net, holes were exposed in the middle and on the far sideline that the Wildcats ruthlessly exploited. Pendleton County launched lofting returns and deadly spikes instead of challenging the taller players directly.

Pendleton County, in essence, borrowed from baseball the old Wee Willie Keeler maxim, "hit 'em where they ain't."

Coach Madison Gargas, filling in for head coach Rod Cooper, explained that "We started using different skills as far as hitting." Once that was mastered, Pendleton County took advantage of key opportunities. Also important for the Wildcats was "keeping their speed up" and using it to counter the other side's height.

In the opening minutes of the second game, Tucker County kept it close until four straight Allie Cooper aces followed



Elizabeth Alt sets up Baylee Beachler in the Wildcats' win against Tucker County last week.

by a Young spike, giving the Wildcats a 13-7 lead.

Beachler later put on her own impressive display of serving, scoring multiple aces of her own to help close the game out, assisted by a Hedrick spike. Pendleton County closed the second set on an 11-0 run.

Although they conceded points at the beginning of the first two sets, the Wildcats pushed ahead early and never relinquished their lead in the third and final. As she had all night for all of her teammates, Elizabeth Alt put in yeoman's work in providing a perfect set for a powerful spike by Young. Her sets and Cooper's relentless patrolling of the middle left few holes for Tucker County to exploit, while also finding more gaps in the Tucker County defense as the game wore on.

Pendleton County's smart use of lofting returns to the middle, as opposed to challenging Tucker County's strength directly, also forced the Mountain Lions to back off the net, playing less aggressive and more reactive. This opened up opportunities for Pendleton County to hit more spikes and dominate the net at times against a taller foe.

The Wildcats used an 8-3 run with a huge spike by Hedrick to nail down the set 25-13 and the game 3-0.

"The girls are having fun every game that we play," Gargas described. She went on to comment that win streaks require the right attitude, saying "we take it one game at a time, approaching every game like it's the biggest game we'll play."

On September 13, Pendleton County scored a big win over AAA Elkins, three sets to one.

The Wildcats' next action comes in a home stand against Highland High School from Virginia. Results from home games against Tygarts Valley on the 20th were not available at press time.

Council Approves Funds For Lost Revenue

By Ammie Ruddle

Two items were discussed at the latest town hall meeting. Both items had to do with improving the town.

Frank Wehrle, town manager, discussed new business. Wehrle started the discussion when he said, "We are well past time to start spending the funds that we received from the federal government."

The funds which Wehrle was referring to, are the American Rescue Plan Act funds the city received from the Federal government in 2021. Funds from this act are used to help local governments recover from effects of the COVID pandemic. Wehrle suggested the funds be categorized as lost revenue.

He first discussed sending a total of \$40 thousand to the Pendleton County Board of Parks to use in place of the loss of revenue the parks experienced during the height of COVID.

Wehrle also suggested purchasing maintenance equipment, such as a van and a mini excavator. These items will be used to assist in work needed around the town.

The motion to move forward with using the ARPA funding as lost revenue was made and unanimously approved.

Mayor Bob Horan called for the next item on the agenda.

That item was the paving of Redbud Street in Franklin. This cost of \$10,500 was paid by the town. Members of the council discussed moving forward with other streets within the town that need some work, including Cherry Street.

Horan and Wehrle discussed cost-saving options to complete road work, such as looking into grants and assistance with the West Virginia Department of Highways.

Horan asked that the last meeting's minutes be approved. They were unanimously approved, as was the financial report.

Before calling the meeting to a close to the public, Horan asked if there were any public comments or discussions. Elizabeth Scott, assistant business manager, mentioned a recent fundraiser for the Pendleton County Middle/High School cheerleaders was successful. She stated to council members that, with her help, the cheerleaders were able to raise \$4,000.

The next Franklin town meeting will take place at 6 p.m. Oct 11 at the town hall.

Fleisher Run

By Anna Cupp

The Mike Crum family and Steve Smith and friend of Stuarts Draft, Virginia, spent some time at their camp here doing the usual chores and relaxing. They spent time riding their 4-wheelers up and down the hollow.

Judy and Rodger Coleman recently spent some time visiting their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lambert of Rising Sun, Maryland, and friends spent the holidays at their camp.

John Keen of Valley Lee, Maryland, spent time at his camp doing the mowing. His friend was supposed to come and help him, but seems like all of his help shows up when the grass is all mowed, Sorry Timmy, but he told me to write this so you could read it in the paper. The writer thinks he was just kidding about that.

Jay Cline from Maryland spent a few days at his camp.

Recent visitors in the Cupp home have been Wesley Cupp of Dayton, Virginia, and Douglas Botkin of Churchville, Virginia, who came to spend the day with his mother to celebrate her 82nd birthday and have breakfast with her.

The Treasure Mountain Festival is over and seems like they had real good weather and a nice crowd along with all the good food that was served.

Shelly and Carol Sheldrick from New Jersey have been spending a lot of time at their camp recently and visiting friends.

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Effective this year, the Sheriff's office will no longer conduct the annual Real Estate Tax Lien Sale. WV Legislature passed Senate Bill 552 into law during this year's session that now makes the WV State Auditor responsible for conducting these sales. The Sheriff's Tax Office must certify a list of Delinquent properties to the WV State Auditor's Office at the close of business on October 31 of each year. Once the list is submitted to the Auditor's Office, the landowner must contact the Auditor's Office in order to redeem this property before or after it is sold. There is very little time after the land sale occurs for any redemptions to be made due to this new process. The 2021 Delinquent properties have been published and a certified letter sent to the address the assessor has on file.

Please use this as a reminder of the importance of paying your real estate taxes by October 31st each year to avoid further hassle and unnecessary fees of redeeming your property with the State Auditor's Office.

Individuals can read the new law in its entirety by going to wvlegislature.gov and go to Chapter 11A of the WV State Code.

To pay your County Taxes you can visit the Pendleton County Sheriff's Office Monday through Friday from 8:30am till 4:30pm except for holidays. Delinquent forms of payment are cash, check, cashier's check and money orders. We will be accepting online payments by credit card till October 15th. After that you will have to come into our office and bring a picture ID with you. Please visit wvpropertytaxes.com. If you would like, join our Facebook page **Pendleton County Tax Office**.

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EDA Offers Grant for Local Small Business to Grow

By Ammie Ruddle

For three years the Pendleton County Economic Community and Development Authority has come together with the Pendleton Community Bank and Summit Community Bank to award a grant to small businesses within the county. The 2022 grant award is

\$5,250 and will be awarded to assist with "growth and success." This grant program is designed to provide a mechanism for the EDA to award incentives to local businesses for business and tourism development, according to Laura Brown, executive director for the EDA.

Previous recipient of the award, Jeff Munn, owner of the local distillery Dry Run Spirits, said, "I received one when I started the distillery. It is a great program." To apply for the grant, visit pendletoncounty.com/2022-grant-incentive-program. Applications are due by Oct 1.

TMF Economic Lift

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while numbers nationwide show an overall 27 percent drop. Projections for 2022 indicate a possible \$5 billion total spent by tourists in the state, which would be the first time the state passed that milestone. As West Virginia Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby said "we actually did better this year than

we were doing before the pandemic . . . we've been able to thrive in spite of the challenges the last few years have brought." With events like the Treasure Mountain Festival providing a key catalyst for success, both Pendleton County and the state as a whole should continue to reap rewards.



Girls Scouts of America participate in TMF parade.

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vote for their favorite quilt, not to mention the antique cars, trucks and tractors that were on display for all to see. What kind of TMF would it be without a treasure hunt? The treasure hunt was one of the many friendly competitions festivalgoers could participate in. Other competitions included a horseshoe pitch, beard and mustache, pumpkin painting, turkey calling, cornhole, children's games and much more. Families could enjoy the various food vendors, as well as crafts for kids. However, the parade was the highlight

for families and children. Children sitting along Franklin's main street smiled and waved hoping the individuals in the parade would pass candy their way. What sets TMF apart from other festivals is the heritage and history involved with the festival. From the historical walking tour, to the Boggs House Museum, and the individuals who dressed as the first settlers in the area, there is no shortage of history involved with TMF. The most iconic of the

historic events is the reenactment of the fort burning at Fort Seybert, which took place on Saturday. There were campers, muzzleloader shoots and the burning of the fort. Viewers were able to hear, see, and experience the story of the burning. Overall TMF was successful in providing an abundance of things to do, see, participate in, buy, eat and experience.

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