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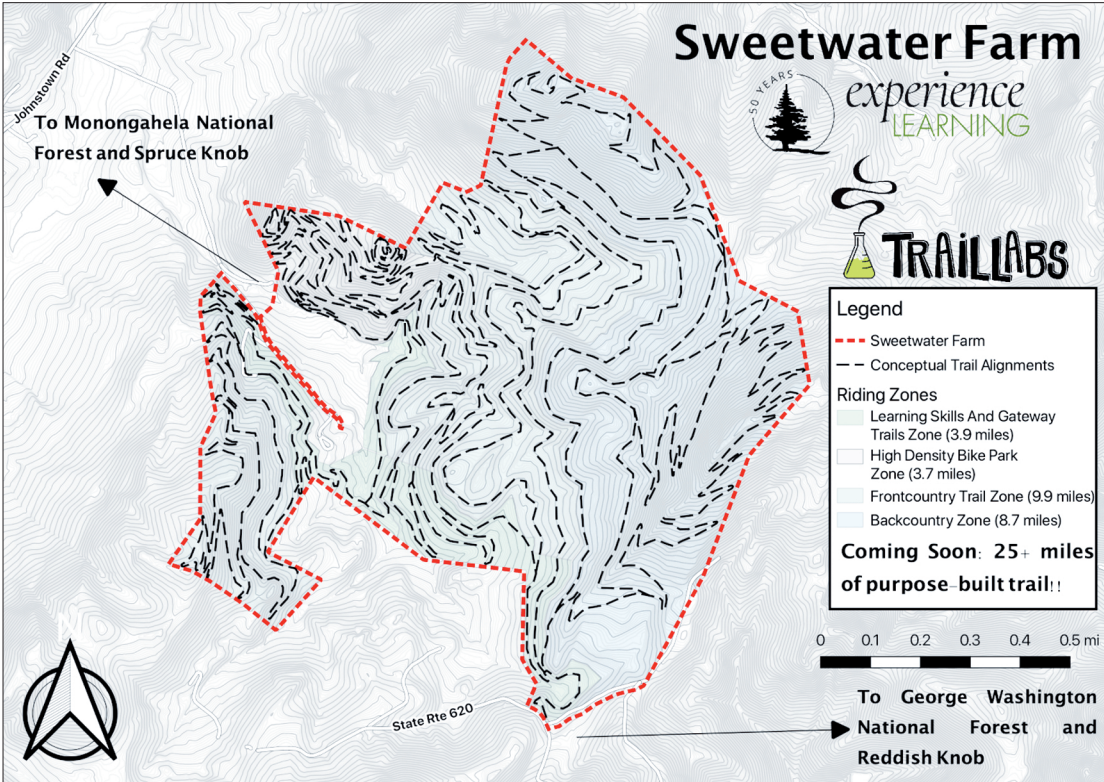
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## Grant Helps Experience Learning Develop Bike Trails in Eastern Pendleton County



Experience Learning plans to construct a total of nine miles of bike trails by June 1, 2023.

By Stephen Smoot

As Pendleton County looks to develop tourism's potential in the area economy, Experience Learning and its partners are expanding bike trails in the scenic eastern section of the county.

The organization plans to construct nine miles of trails with the opening date set for

the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Experience Learning's Sweetwater Farm in Sugar Grove serves as a home for "small and sustainable farming programming," as the website describes. The property has 565 acres surrounding an 1800s era farmhouse. Experience Learning has also added a modern commu-

nity and education center for many of its activities.

As Melinda Brooks from Experience Learning describes, phase one will see two miles of mountain biking trails opened up by the end of this year with seven more scheduled to open by the beginning of June. Eventually 30 miles of trails and unique

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## Business Roundtable Holds Year End Review



Pendleton County EDA award recipients are, from left to right: Kevin and Krystal Raymond, Felicia Cook, Annie Humes, Jessie Thorpe, and Melissa and Chris Grimes. Not pictured, Garrett Aumann.

By Natasha Wilson

Last Thursday, small businesses from around the county, as well as excited individuals from outside the area, gathered to support each other at the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority – Year in Review.

Laura Brown, Executive Director of the EDA, called the meeting to order and then turned the floor over to Dayne Davis, Pendleton Community Bank busi-

ness development officer, to award \$5,250 in grants to six small businesses on the county.

The award was split among Mouth of Seneca Pottery, Raymond's Gymnastics, Mountain Cajun Getaway, Country Roads Collision, Pendleton County Farmer's Market, and Mountain Springs Motel and Apartments.

Following the distribution of awards, Brown updated the group on the many wonderful things the EDA was

able to accomplish during the year, not the least of which being the unveiling of the county's new marketing campaign "Life Is Better On The Rocks," and listed several projects that the EDA will be working on in 2023.

On behalf of the Pendleton County Commission, Gene McConnell relayed a message of thanks to all the businesses in attendance.

Luke Taylor-Ide, Future Generations, talked about the future of agrotourism in the state and the expansion

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### Community CALENDAR

#### St. John and Christ Central To Present Christmas Programs

St. John Lutheran Church at Moyers will present its annual program at 7 p.m. Saturday. The program will consist of a play, "Operation Whispering Pines," and a children's nativity scene.

At 6 p.m. Sunday, Christ Central Community Church in Upper Tract will hold its annual program. There will be children's recitations, music and a play, "A Christmas To Believe In." Refreshments will follow.

Everyone is welcome to attend the programs.

#### Quilters To Meet at Hubbs Residence

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the home of Holly and David Hubbs in Franklin. The annual Christmas dinner and ornament exchange will be held.

#### UT 4-H Members To Gather Monday

The Upper Tract Producer's 4-H Club holiday party will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Upper Tract Training Center. Snow date is Dec. 14.

#### Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin. Reservations are required. For more information, contact Steve Conrad at 304-249-5694.

## Grand Jury Returns Indictments on Seven

By Stephen Smoot

The November term of the Pendleton County grand jury returned charges against seven individuals. All are considered innocent under the law until proven guilty in court.

Isaac N. Eye was indicted on two counts. The first charge, a felony, states that he "did unlawfully and feloniously possess, with intent to deliver, a controlled substance, to wit: Methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The second charge, a felony, states that Eye "did unlawfully, willfully, and feloniously conspire with Edward Robert Simon, belonging to a conspiratorial

group of one or more persons, to commit the offense of Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), a Felony, in violation of W. Va Code 60A-4-401, (a) (i) and that one or more of the party members of the conspiracy did commit acts in furtherance thereof, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

Matthew Craig Gilbert was indicted on five counts. The indictment states in the first count, a felony, that he "did unlawfully, feloniously, and intentionally flee or attempt to flee in a vehicle from any law enforcement officer . . . acting in his or her official capacity, after the officer gave a clear visual or audible signal to stop, and did operate the vehicle in a

manner showing a reckless indifference to the safety of others . . ."

The second count, a felony, states that "the Defendant, did unlawfully, feloniously, and intentionally flee, or attempt to flee in a vehicle from Deputy M. J. Kontyko, a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity, after the officer gave a clear visual or audible signal to stop, and the Defendant was under a controlled substance, that being Methamphetamine, a Schedule II, non-narcotic drug, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The third count, a misdemeanor, states that Gilbert "did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally make physical contact of an insulting or

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## Homegrown Event Hosted By WVU Extension Office



West Virginia University Extension Office hosted a networking event Friday at Swilled Dog to connect and renew businesses and individuals in the agrotourism industry in West Virginia.

## A Rare Sight...



Photographers gather Monday to capture a rare shot of a moonrise over Seneca Rocks.

## UTVFD Responds To House Fire

By Stephen Smoot

Last Saturday morning at 6:50 a.m., the Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire that was a total loss for the homeowner, Mary Joann Borrer.

According to the UTVFD Facebook page, the blaze consumed a single family dwelling and everything in it. Units also responded from Franklin, Petersburg, South Fork and Seneca Rocks. Ac-

cording to UTVFD chief Mike Alt, the weather conditions were not as cold as on other recent calls.

Alt also said that "the residents realized there was a fire in a room" and escaped the dwelling. They were transported to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries from the fire. As of now, the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The UTVFD auxiliary was on hand to provide beverages

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# OBITUARIES



**Kenneth Leroy Nelson**

Kenneth Leroy Nelson, 81, of Sugar Grove passed away Dec. 2, 2022, at his home.

He was born Aug. 26, 1941, at Brandywine and was the son of the late Herbert Wilson Nelson and Ruby Mae Simmons Nelson.

Mr. Nelson was a 1961 graduate of Franklin High School and a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army for two years.

He worked at Marvel Poultry and IMCO, was a farmer and raised poultry for Wampler, Rockingham, Rocco and Pilgrim's Pride. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the West Virginia Farm Bureau, and was a supporter of the Potomac Highlands Wounded Warriors Outreach project. He was Brethren by faith and had attended Thorn Chapel Church of the Brethren and Crummett's Run Church of the Brethren.

On April 25, 1964, he married Naomi "Ruth" Simmons Nelson, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lori Michele Roberson (Lee) of Sugar Grove; a sister, Janice Hiatt (Ed) of Brandywine; two brothers, Keith Nelson (Phyllis) of Mt. Solon, Virginia, and Jim Nelson (Gladys) of Harrisonburg, Virginia; and a grandson, Jayden Lee Roberson.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Sharon "Sherry" Marston; a half sister, Violet Brimmerman; and two half brothers, Paul Simmons and William Hartman.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Pat Godfrey officiating. Interment followed at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin with military graveside honors accorded by the U.S. Army Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to South Fork Rescue Squad, PO Box 55, Sugar Grove, WV 26815 or Potomac Highlands Wounded Warriors Outreach Project, PO Box 1225, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.kimblefuneralhome.com](http://www.kimblefuneralhome.com).



**Anne "Beth" Elizabeth Hill Johnson**

Anne "Beth" Elizabeth Hill Johnson, 82, of Sugar Grove passed away Dec. 3, 2022, at her home.

She was born on March 22, 1940, in Charlottesville, Virginia, the daughter of the late William R. and Anne Montgomery (Lacy) Hill.

Mrs. Johnson was a 1958 graduate of Lane High School and attended Stratford Hall College. She worked as an astrological counselor and attended First United Methodist Church.

She was twice married and is survived by her second husband, Welford Kemper "Whitey" Johnson of Sugar Grove, WV.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Marvin Edward Garrette.

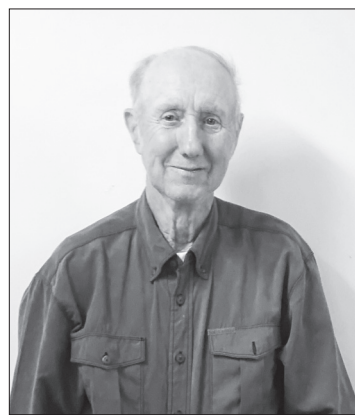
In addition to her husband, she leaves behind to cherish her memory three daughters, Sarah Garette Kellam (Frank Scott) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Catherine "Cathi" Garrette Athaide (Kenneth) Of Atlanta, Georgia, and Jessica Garrette Madden of Alexandria, Virginia; two step-sons, Terry Johnson of Mechanicsville, Virginia, and Mark Johnson of Urbana, Virginia; a stepdaughter, Traci Johnson of Mechanicsville, Virginia; a sister, Lacy Hill Holzgreffe of Maidens, Virginia; a niece, Amie Thorpe of Richmond, Virginia; six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and three step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a stepson, Kenny Johnson.

In honoring Mrs. Johnson's wishes, her body has been cremated and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, PO Box 727, Franklin, WV 26807.

Memories of words and comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com) or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



**Denton Kisamore**

Denton Kisamore, 83, of Seneca Rocks passed away Nov. 28, 2022, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 8, 1939, in Seneca Rocks and was a son of the late Floyd Kisamore and Rosa Pearl (Kimble) Kisamore.

Mr. Kisamore was a lifelong farmer. He was a rural mail carrier for Grant and Pendleton counties for nearly 20 years. He was a poultry grower for 30 years. He was an avid turkey, bear and deer hunter. His passion was his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His wife of 64 years, Eunice (Nelson) Kisamore, survives.

Also surviving are a son, Timothy Kisamore (Lisa) of Seneca Rocks; a daughter: Connie Kisamore White (Andrew) of Greenfield, Indiana; five grandchildren, Ian Kisamore (Ashley), Adrianna Chapman (Joseph), Kyle White (Ellen), Lauren Weir (James) and Tasia Whilden (Blake); five great-grandchildren, Amelia Kisamore, Emma Kisamore, Eli Kisamore, Lenna Whilden and Olivia Chapman; four sisters, Mae Goldizen of Liberty, Hazel Smith of Corning, New York, Gloria Bennett of Cabins and Rettie Barger (Roger Lee) of Maysville; two brothers, Dayton Kisamore of Cabins and Floyd Kisamore Jr. of Louisa, Virginia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

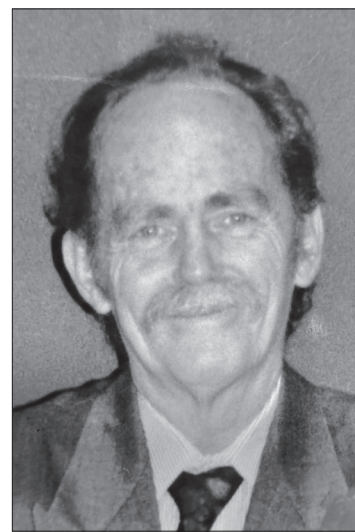
He was also preceded in death by a brother, Jacob "Buddy" Kisamore; and three sisters, Ressie Bible, Rosa Lee Choate and Della "Marie" Carr.

Funeral services were held Dec. 1 in the chapel of the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Coleman and Coleen Clark officiating. Interment followed at the Riggelman Cemetery in Cabins.

Memorial donations may be made to Seneca Rocks Volunteer Fire Department, 2342 Allegheny Drive, Seneca Rocks, WV 26884.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.mcmullenfh.com](http://www.mcmullenfh.com).

McMullen Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, Virginia, was in charge of arrangements.



**Harold "Hal" J. DuBois, Jr.**

Harold "Hal" J. DuBois, Jr., 73, of Sugar Grove passed away peacefully on Nov. 29, 2022.

Born Dec. 15, 1948, in Alameda, California, he was the son of the late Dorothy Ruth Lamar and Harold J. DuBois, Sr.

Mr. DuBois eventually found his true home in the mountains of West Virginia in the cabin he built, where he was surrounded by his dear friends and his two beloved dogs, Celty and Juliet.

He was a proud and devoted father and considered it his greatest joy in life. He loved to brag about his daughters to anyone who would listen. He was a consummate storyteller and orator.

Many in the valley may be familiar with his work in radio advertising for local businesses. Prior to his career in communications and advertising, he founded Valley Associates for Independent Living (VAIL), which continues to promote independence among people with disabilities in the valley.

Surviving are two daughters, Emily and Elena DuBois; three sisters, Dixie Hutchinson, Peggy Edstrom and Martha Owen; and many, many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Sonny DuBois.

At his request, the body was cremated.

Memorial contributions be made to VAIL to continue their work in the community. Donations may be made to Valley Associates for Independent Living (VAIL) at 3210 Peoples Dr #220, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.mcmullenfh.com](http://www.mcmullenfh.com).

McMullen Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, Virginia, was in charge of arrangements.



**Anthony Francis Henderson**

Anthony Francis Henderson, 32, of Brandywine passed away Dec. 1, 2022, in Brandywine.

He was born on March 8, 1990, in Charlottesville, Virginia, the son of Rudolph and Tamara Dawn (Bodkin) Mitts of Brandywine.

Mr. Henderson was a Boy Scout and a member of the Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren. He attended Franklin High School and was a graduate of Mountaineer Challenge Academy in Kingwood.

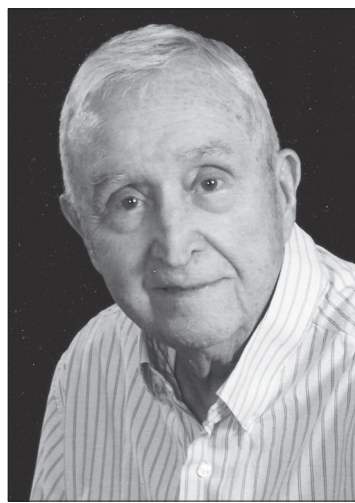
He was employed as a welder at Tenneco in Harrisonburg, Virginia. His passion was working on cars in his spare time.

On Feb. 16, 2011, he married Viviana Orozco Montoya, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory his children, Anthony Francis Jr., Vivianca Zuleika and Zander Xavier Henderson, all of Brandywine; three sisters, Bethany Perez (Romeo), Miranda Nicole Henderson and Jaiden Dawn Mitts, all of Brandywine; a brother, Bryant Mitts of Brandywine; nieces, Nakiyah and Skylar; step-nieces, Jasmine and Alyssa; nephews, Jaydrian and Romeo; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Jason Boggs officiating.

Memories of words and comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com) or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



**Junior S. Murphy**

Junior S. Murphy, 96, of Franklin passed away Dec. 1, 2022, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

He was born on Oct. 23, 1926, on the Thorn, the son of the late Samuel and Eva Mae (Rexrode) Murphy.

Mr. Murphy was a 1945 graduate of Franklin High School where he played baseball and basketball and was captain of the football team.

He was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. He served in the U.S. Army and retired in 1975 from the U.S. Air Force as a master sergeant.

On Oct. 7, 1961, he married Mary Sophia (Gallant) Murphy, who preceded him in death on Feb. 4, 2012.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory a daughter, Patricia Contrades (Stanley) of Franklin; a grandson, Jonathan Contrades of Franklin; a granddaughter, Lauren Wunderle (William) of Ft. Stewart, Georgia; and two great-grandchildren, Emmalynn and William.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Ruddle.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Franklin with Rev. Mario Claro officiating. Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin with military honors conducted by the U.S. Air Force.

Memorials may be made to CAN, PO Box 503, Franklin, WV 26807.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com) or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

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It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this community. Hopefully I have contributed to the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, and the advancement of medical knowledge. These are the principles of the Veterinary Oath I have tried to honor while living and working in this community.

Sincerely,  
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# Obituaries Continued



Mrs. Ruddle was a graduate of Franklin High School. She worked as a waitress at Ikey's Restaurant in Franklin and Mountain State Restaurant in Ruddle. She retired from Hanover Shoe Company.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

On Feb. 13, 1946, she married Ralph W. Ruddle, who preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 1975.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty Marie Smith (Shyrl) of Franklin; a son, Calvin Ralph "Buddy" Ruddle (Donna) of Moyers; a grandson, Bradley "Brad" Smith (Julie) of Dayton, Virginia; two granddaughters, Melissa Ruddle Lambert (Rick) of Broadway, Virginia, and Kristie Ruddle (Mike Lambert) of Sugar Grove; eight great-grandchildren, Jared, Nathan and Noah Smith, Dilan, Aleisha and Alexia Lambert, Shayla Ruddle and Milayna Britton; a great-great-granddaughter, Kaci

Keller; a sister-in-law, June Hartman of North Canton, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews, including a very special niece, Debbie Flederjohann (Paul) of Clinton, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Bruce Edward Ruddle; two brothers, Owen Hartman and Edward "Ed" Hartman; and a sister, Anna Whytsell.

There will be no formal visitation. Family and friends may pay their respects and sign the guest register at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday. The casket will be closed.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ruddle Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Pastor David Morris officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pendleton Manor, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807 or Franklin Rescue Squad, PO Box 966, Franklin, WV 26807.

## From the Desk of Mac Warner West Virginia Secretary of State



I love West Virginia.

People and experiences across West Virginia shaped me into the person I am today. Each pillar of my life – God, family, country, and business – instilled a desire to serve, and molded me as a leader who sets priorities, builds teams, and takes care of people. I wake up every day with a burning desire to serve West Virginia and make it better.

My wife, Debbie, and I have been married 40 years, and together we dream of a West Virginia where our four children and six grandchildren can find jobs and raise their families. We want to create great opportunities for you, your children, and your grandchildren as well, right here in Almost Heaven.

Since the mid-term election, I have spoken with people across the state, and received very positive reactions to the accomplishments we've made in the Secretary of State's office. People want a leader who will continue the serious work which needs to be

done to improve education, promote West Virginia energy production, build out infrastructure, and enhance our economy. This is why I am giving every consideration to running for Governor in 2024.

More than 25 years in the U.S. Army taught me that leadership is attained through actions, not words. Leaders emerge from battle, from being on the ground where the action is. Leaders arise out of experience; people follow those they trust, who lead from the front. I am a battle-tested constitutional conservative who has served on the ground, from military deployments on four continents to some of America's most challenging fronts — elections and election integrity. Just as I took on this challenge and brought our state recognition as best in the country, I am ready to confront West Virginia's challenges head on.

I am humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve as Secretary of State. Now, I look forward to continuing my service

to West Virginia, and to give back to the state that molded me into the person I am, and the state that has given me so much. I cherish West Virginia and the freedoms we enjoy in these mountains. Regardless of where you are or what you do in this great state, I'm sure you share with me the pride we have in our magnificent natural beauty, the generosity and warmth of our people, and the spirit we all share that "Mountaineers are always free!"

We are about to close out the year, and it is a time for holidays, families, and friends. Debbie and I are excited for the new year to arrive, and for new beginnings. Come January, I will make a final decision, and I will make an official announcement of my intentions at that time. I look forward to continuing my life of service, and to working to make West Virginia a better place to live, work and raise a family for generations to come.

Mac

# December Deer, Bear Seasons Announced

Hunters will have several opportunities to target deer and bear in December with the next segments of West Virginia's antlerless deer and bear firearms seasons.

The next segment of West Virginia's antlerless deer firearms season is open Dec. 8 – 11 in the state's 51 counties open to deer firearms season.

The next segment of the bear firearms season opened Dec. 5 and runs through the end of the year.

"The year may be coming to a close, but there's still plenty of chances for folks to enjoy a hunting adventure and fill their freezer with nutritious wild game," said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director.

Hunters are reminded to wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange when hunting in a county with an open deer firearms season. Hunters must also check big game at a license agent, by calling 844-WV-check or online at WVhunt.com. For more information about these hunting seasons, open counties and regulations, hunters should consult the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Antlerless Deer Season  
All antlerless deer taken during the season must be taken on a Class N or NN

stamp or with a Class DT license. Landowners hunting on their own property do not have to purchase a Class N or NN stamp. Only one antlerless deer may be taken on each stamp. For bag limits by county, hunters should consult the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

A final segment of the antlerless deer season will be open Dec. 28 – 31.

Bear Firearms Season

Now through Dec. 31, all or parts of 26 counties will be open for bear hunting with or without dogs and all or parts of 35 counties will be open for bear hunting without dogs. For a complete list of these counties and portions thereof, check page 39-40 of the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

All bear hunters are required to have a Class DS stamp. Hunters also are reminded that they are required to send a first premolar tooth from each harvested bear to the WVDNR Elkins Operations Center or their local district office by Jan. 31, 2023. Hunters who harvest a female black bear are encouraged to save the reproductive tract and entrails.

Hunters who harvest a female black bear should save the reproductive tracts or entrails by keeping them cool or freezing them and contact the closest WVDNR district office

to arrange a pickup. Hunters who submit a complete reproductive tract will be eligible for a \$20 gift card.

Hunters can get a bear tooth envelope at all district offices and the Elkins Operations Center.

For instructions on how to submit a bear tooth, check page 37 in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Other December Hunting Opportunities in West Virginia

West Virginia's week-long deer muzzleloader season is also set to open on Dec. 12 in the 51 counties open to the buck firearms season. Two deer may be taken during the season and hunters who purchase a Class RM or RRM stamp or a Class DR license may take one additional deer. For more information about the deer muzzleloader season, hunters should consult page 30 in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

To participate in these seasons, hunters are reminded to purchase their stamps to go along with an appropriate hunting license. Hunting licenses and stamps may be purchased at license agents around the state or online at WVhunt.com.

# Veteran Celebrates 100th Birthday

by Charles Teter

Mike Yost, who is now residing at Pendleton Manor, has turned 100 years old. Yost is a World War II soldier and very few are still living.

I have come to the conclusion that the reason WWII veterans have lived so long is because of the Abraham covenant. God told Abraham, "I will curse those who curse you and bless those who bless you."

I have noticed that several veterans lived to be in their 90s before passing away. They were the ones who defeated the Axis powers who were responsible for mistreating the Jewish people.

Yost served his time in



Mike Yost

Badge, three Bronze Service Stars, WWII Victory Medals and various other medals.

He served two years and 26 days in the South Pacific and while there he fought in Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Tinian. Okinawa was the island where the men were raising the United States stars and stripes which became very famous. If one goes to Arlington National Cemetery, it is at the entrance to the cemetery.

Yost lived in the Seneca Rocks area until he was placed in Pendleton Manor. It was an honor to have met him and there was a discussion about the times in the service in different wars. He is quite a man.

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## Winter Wonderland

In The Park

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 10TH

Breakfast at the Community Building  
8:30am to 10:00am  
Lunch Provided starting at 10:30am

Vendors at the Community Building  
10:00 am -6:00 pm

Ornament Making at Pendleton County Library  
9:00 am to 11:00 am  
(bring your ornament to the park after parade to hang on tree)

Hang a Veteran Ornament at Potomac Hardware  
Lighted Christmas Parade down Main Street to the Park  
(parade line up at 4:30pm at FES)

Santa & Mrs. Claus will be at Park after parade to visit  
Tree Lighting Ceremony after Parade at the Park  
Noon to 2 p.m.  
Visit Potomac Hardware to see Grinch and Cindy Lou Who.  
Get a coloring page to color and bring back to hang in the window.  
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**20 Years Ago**  
**Week of December 5, 2002**

**Hunters Encouraged To Share Harvest By Helping the Hungry**

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**30 Years Ago**  
**Week of December 3, 1992**

**Avoid Odors In Refrigerator Ice**

Whether you're having a party or a family meal, it's convenient to have a good supply of fresh ice on hand, but what if that ice starts to smell or taste funny?

What causes ice cubes to taste or smell peculiar? Investigate the following possibilities:

**Old Ice**—Cubes that are stored too long may develop a stale "off" flavor. To prevent this, discard any ice that's more than a week or two old.

**New Installation**—Ice may be a bit discolored or off-flavored if you've just installed a refrigerator with an automatic ice maker. This condition, caused by new plumbing, is temporary—simply discard the first few batches of ice.

**Improperly Wrapped Foods**—Ice attracts and absorbs odors—including odors that escape from food items in the refrigerator that aren't well wrapped or covered. The problem is particularly troublesome in today's no-frost refrigerators, where air is circulated between the freezer and refrigerator sections.

There's a simple solution: Make sure all foods are sealed or wrapped well, using airtight, moisture-proof, vapor-proof containers or wrapping materials. It's also a good idea to avoid storing foods with strong odors (pizza, casseroles, anything containing onion or garlic) for long periods.

**40 Years Ago**  
**Week of December 2, 1982**

**DAHMER**

Quentin Propst of Brandywine supplied the following story. It appears that Dr. Harvey Bowers of Sugar Grove owned the first automobile on the South Fork. Dr. Bowers had an instructor teach him how to operate the car. One day Noah Propst was sitting on this porch, using a spy-glass in watching the travel on the South Fork road, when he called for his wife, Sally. "Come, quick! There is a buggy going up the William Eye hill without a horse." Sally came, doubting his

word and thinking that he was imagining things. She probably said, "Whoever heard of such a thing?" Anyway, by this time Mr. Propst was getting rather vexed at Sally and said, "I reckon I know what I see."

**60 Years Ago**  
**Week of December 6, 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.**

**Rebels Defeated At Prairie Grove, Ark.**

Affairs were not going well for Confederate troops in the West 100 years ago this week, and no one worried about it more than did the President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis. During that cold first week of December, Davis decided to leave Richmond and look at the affairs in the western theatre, himself. But before he got there, his army had suffered another setback in the West—this time in the state of Arkansas.

On December 7, the morning after Davis' decision to go to the West, a Confederate army attacked a Union army at a little place called Prairie Grove in northwestern Arkansas and was rebuffed. The Southern army was compelled to withdraw, demoralized.

The battle was a minor engagement when placed in rank among the Civil War's other slaughters, but it was a hotly contested fight just the same.

It was brought on by Maj. Gen. T. C. Hindman, commander of Confederate troops in the area, a veteran of Shiloh and a competent organizer. Hindman, operating near Fayetteville, Ark., decided to make his attack after he had been ordered to take his troops to Little Rock; it would be a parting gesture to the Federals in the area.

At 3 a.m. on December 7, Hindman's troops, about 11,500 strong, moved northward against a divided Union army under command of Kansas born Gen. James G. Blunt.

Hindman's tactics to that point were good. He attacked only half of Blunt's army—about 6,000 men under Gen. F. J. Herron—and he was capable of defeating it. The two armies collided near Cane Hill; both sides brought up more troops; then Hindman made his mistake.

Instead of attacking with all his force after the initial collision, Hindman took a strong defensive position and waited for Herron to renew the battle.

It was the break the Union forces needed. Blunt, with the remainder of his army, hastened forward at the sound of the firing. With his full army assembled, he pitched into Hindman's forces and, outnumbering them in both men and ma-

terials, he won his victory.

Even at that, it wasn't much of a victory. There were, 2,500 casualties in the battle, 1,200 of them Federals. But during the night, Hindman withdrew, and it was to prove his army's undoing. In the cold months ahead, desertions and disease took their toll until Hindman's army had withered away.

Even as the fighting went on, Davis was preparing to go west. One day after the battle, he wrote Gen. Robert E. Lee at Fredericksburg, Va., announcing his trip west, to "arouse all classes to united and desperate resistance."

Within four days, the president of the Confederacy was moving overland toward Chattanooga.

Next week: Fredericksburg.

**Search on For West Virginia's Biggest Tree**

Do you know where the biggest tree in West Virginia is located?

The State Department of Natural Resources would like to know about it.

The department has set out to find the biggest tree in each of the numerous species that abound in our Mountain State, and also the biggest tree in the entire state without regard to species.

"We think this big tree search is a splendid way to emphasize the size of West Virginia's forests and their importance in the development and expansion of the state's economy," said Director Warden M. Lane.

"But our primary purpose is to locate and mark these giants of the forest for practical uses. For instance, locating on the state's tourist map where the biggest tree in the state and the biggest tree of each species may be found, should be an added attraction to visitors in our state. The big tree finding-and-marking project will be of special interest to forest-minded tourists in West Virginia during our Centennial year," Lane said.

State Forester Lester McClung noted that forests cover almost 10 million of the state's total of 15 and one-half million acres.

The state's forests now supply the raw materials for industries that provide full-time jobs for 13,000 persons. The annual payroll of those industries reaches \$43 million. The goods they manufacture each year are worth more than \$100 million. Farmers sell nearly \$2 million of forest products from their woodlots each year.

**A Giant Tree**

Out on the South Fork Mountain in Pendleton County at a point in the mountain locally known as Main Mountain, midway between what are still known as the Kesner Settlement and the Hinkle Corner, in a wide swale or depression in the mountain, not far from the residence of G. W. Alexander, there stands a giant white oak tree. It is one of the finest specimens to be found anywhere, measuring nine

feet in circumference, some distance from the ground. The trunk is straight and free from knot or blemish. It bears no scar from the implements of man. Far above the earth the large branches appear, forming a well balanced, wide spreading top. Its size and shape make it distinguished and outstanding in the forest which surrounds it. No lover of nature could pass it unnoticed, or help admiring it. Forest fires which have destroyed much of the forest of the surrounding mountain top, have left it untouched, because of its situation on lower, damper ground.

It must have been a tree such as this that Joyce Kilmer had in mind when he wrote his beautiful poem, ending with the truism that "only God can make a tree."

It has withstood the storms of not less than two centuries. It has witnessed the passing of the buffalo, elk and other wild denizens of the forest of the former days. Its story, if it could be fully told, would possess an interest beyond all conception.

**Editorial**

**We Have a Problem -- --**

An encouraging note was sounded Monday night at the meeting held for the purpose of setting up an organization which will seek to attract industry to Pendleton County. Co-chairman H. Byrd Teter said, "We have a big job ahead of us, but we will keep after it until we win!" Although one would be naive to think it will be a simple matter to lure industry into the county, the interest and determination displayed by those attending the meeting left no doubt that the mission will be accomplished.

There may be those among us who are indifferent or even opposed to the idea of bringing industrial concerns here, but when we make a frank analysis of local conditions it would seem that we can not help but see the necessity for it. The most glaring evidence of the need for industrial development is the fact that Pendleton County's population has declined by 2,000 over the past 20 years. The population dropped approximately 1,000 during the 1940-50 decade, and another 1,000 between 1950 and 1960.

**THE CAUSE OF OUR DECLINING** population is no great mystery. Pendleton is a one-industry county. Its economy is based upon agriculture. Twenty years ago when the efforts of the entire family were required to operate the family farm, Pendleton's population was at its peak. But things have changed. Over the past 20 years the tractor has replaced the team, the baler has replaced a dozen haying hands, and the chain saw has made an antique of the crosscut saw. The swift mechanization of agriculture in recent years has made it possible for one man with machinery to operate the farm that for-

merly required the efforts of the entire family. Their services no longer needed, the young people now go to Washington, Baltimore and Columbus and get jobs in the plants that manufacture the tractor, the baler and the chain saw.

The exodus of our youth is hurting. It robs the county of the vigor and vitality that only they can give it. The decline in population results in lagging public revenues, which in turn, results in lagging public institutions and services, such as schools and churches. The decline in employment results in smaller payrolls and less money in circulation.

**THIS IS NOT A PLEASANT PICTURE** to paint of one's community. But if a problem exists, it will not be corrected until it is faced frankly and honest effort is made to do something about it. Indifference cures nothing.

We believe we can be both realistic and optimistic. We believe we have a problem, but we believe the people of the county are ready now to face it and correct it. We believe it can be done.

**DAHMER**

We passed by the Broad Run schoolhouse where John Dahmer taught school 59 years ago, and the enrollment was 25 and 13 were Hoovers. The young men in that area often came there to play ball, and when the closing day came, a large crowd was present. A community sing followed that night, conducted by the Rev. George E. Pope.

**70 Years Ago**  
**Week of December 4, 1952**

**TEN LEAVE TUESDAY FOR INDUCTION POINT**

Ten Pendleton county men will leave here next Tuesday morning by special bus for Fairmont, where they will be inducted into the armed service, it has been announced by Mrs. John C. Harman, clerk to Selective Service Board No. 44.

They are Trummie Thompson, John Paul Bennett and Herbert Forrest Hartman, of Onego; Charles Harry Hoover and Walter Eli Moats of Moyers; Glenn R. Bennett of Washington, formerly of Circleville; Russell Lee McQuain of Staunton, Va., formerly of Moyers; Harlan White Bennett, Circleville; Cecil Waybright, Blue Grass, VA; and Roland Calhoun Miller of Mozer.

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**Smith Creek/ Friends Run**

by Dave Ellis

The two weeks of buck deer hunting is over for the year. Congratulations to the hunters who got a buck. No hunters in the area were hurt which was a God blessing. Now bear season with dogs has started. Best of luck to those hunters.

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, 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, Ronnie Bowers Sr., Allen Kile II, Ruth Simmers, Roberta Bennett, Raven Hoke, Harry Allen Warner, Quinley McConnell, Etha Mae Bowers, Mary Jo Wilfong, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Rodney Crites, Charlotte Copley, Randy Bennett, Carolyn Gilbert, Glenn Sites, Billy Rowe, Myrtle Hammer, Kathy Propst, Jimmie Bennett, Marcia C. "Marty" Warner, Paul Mallow, Sandy Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Ed Hammer, Braden McClanahan, Jack Judy, Ruthalene Judy, Jason Rexrode, Kent Rexrode and the Evelyn Ruddle family.

Prayer thought: "Beginning in the morning and throughout our life, may we always begin our day by taking of dependence as we pray to our Father in heaven."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Nov. 28 through Dec. 4, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Nov. 28 - 52°, 35°, .01" (45°, 35°); Nov. 29 - 53°, 37° (36°, 28°); Nov. 30 - 48°, 33°, .42" (52°, 30°); Dec. 1 - 39°, 24° (49°, 29°, .01°); Dec. 2 - 47°, 17° (51°, 39°); Dec. 3 - 55°, 28°, .2" (57°, 36°) and Dec. 4 - 46°, 24° (55°, 29°).

Total rainfall for November was 4.11", compared to .48 in November of 2021.

Year-to-date rainfall is 39.55", compared to 37.12" for the same time period last year.

**Health Mart Health Advisor Tip**

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# Upper Tract 4-H Club Wins Blue-Ribbon Award



Members attending 4-H field day and achievement program were, from left, front row, Clairra Kimble, Alexis Hedrick, Carly Kimble, Easton Boner, Kallie Keyser and Branson Smith; and back row, McKenna Hedrick, Lydia Heavner, Addison Rexrode, Katie Heavner, Jameigh Miller, Katie Keyser, Alana Miller, Hannah Heavner and Tanner Hedrick.

By Katie Keyser  
Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club reporter

Several members of the Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club attended the county 4-H field day and achievement program held Oct. 27 at Thorn Spring Park. The members participated

in various field day games, and then they were recognized and awarded for their hard work for various 4-H activities throughout the past year.

The Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club was named as one of the blue-ribbon clubs in the county. This club award is dependent on meeting at-

tendance, project completion, camp attendance, program and event participation, and the completion of 4-H officers' documentation.

Members had a fun-filled day participating with other county 4-H members and receiving much earned recognition for their hours and time devoted to the 4-H program.

# Maupin Named Freedom Ag & Energy CEO

Freedom Ag & Energy has named a longtime Cargill executive as its first-ever CEO. Timothy Maupin will lead the new agriculture cooperative, which has seven retail locations in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as an HVAC group.

Maupin spent more than two decades at Cargill, most recently as the vice president of agriculture operations, during a career in agriculture that stretches back to the mid-1980s. He will bring that wealth of experience to Freedom Ag & Energy, a farmer-owned cooperative founded in 2022 when Southern States locations in Winchester, Virginia, Oakland, Maryland, Buckhannon and Petersburg merged to better build their agriculture and retail businesses while expanding their energy offerings, including petroleum and propane.

Under Maupin, the cooperatives are working to ensure a seamless transition into Freedom Ag & Energy.

"Customers will see the same quality of service, the same quality feeds and the same longtime vendors," Maupin said. "We want to add to that, so we'll look a little different in our stores as we move forward with new offerings in our showrooms."

The combined cooperative is embracing each location's decades-long tradition of serving the agriculture and energy needs of their communities.

"Freedom Ag & Energy is locally owned, and I think that's a big benefit," Maupin said. "Our



Timothy Maupin

co-ops have a long history of quality and service, and we're going to remain quality and service-oriented. We want to be very customer-focused in all the areas we're doing business. I hope we're more nimble, too."

Customers can expect to begin seeing new branding starting in December as the locations transition from Southern States to Freedom Ag & Energy. Long term, Maupin sees the cooperative embracing new technologies and evolving to meet the changing agriculture and energy needs of the coming years.

"We want to keep the things that are working and then move forward into the next generation of customers," Maupin said. "We'll cater to what customers want to buy and want to see in stores."

Revamping the sales experience – both in-store and online – is also a priority.

"Watch us evolve," Maupin said. "That's on the e-commerce front, but also in the showrooms. We want to be more user-friendly and get people what they want to buy."

Freedom Ag & Energy will have additional flexibility to capitalize on the synergies in its core businesses – petroleum products, agronomy, feed and farm supply, and retail. As the brand becomes established, the cooperative aims to expand into other communities.

"We want to grow," Maupin said. "Some of that will be internally, but we hope other co-ops will see what we're doing and will join us as well."

Maupin owns a farm in western Virginia near Rockingham, where he lives with his wife, Mary Anne, a retired schoolteacher. They have three children. He is no stranger to the Mountain State, having attended West Virginia University, where he graduated in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

"I'm a proud West Virginia University grad and avid watcher of WVU football and basketball," he said.

Maupin earned a master of business administration from California State University - Dominguez Hills and has served on numerous agriculture-related boards, including the U.S. Egg and Poultry Board of Directors and the National Turkey Federation Board of Directors.

In addition to the CEO appointment, Freedom Ag & Energy is growing its management team. Jake Carpenter and Rusty Surface will serve as regional managers, splitting the territory east and west, and Katlyn Cook has been named the Freedom Ag & Energy marketing manager.

# Business Roundtable Review

Continued From Page 1

of Maple Days to increase tourism dollars in the area.

Rick Gillespie, emergency services coordinator, updated the group on the award of several grants that will be aiding in bringing Broadband Internet to the area. He also encouraged everyone to check their address against the most recent FCC Broadband Map that they have released online. Many discrepancies have been found, and as such people are

encouraged to look up their locations and challenge any issues in accuracy.

The meeting concluded with business year end updates and many thank you messages from Mountain Springs Motel and Apartments, Warner's Drive-In and Cultural Center, Dean's Gap Farm, Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, Pendleton County Farmer's Market, Pendleton County Schools, Pendleton County Conven-

tion and Visitors Bureau, Experience Learning, Pendleton Community Care, WVU Extension Office, The American Alpine Club, Mountain Cajun Getaway, Germany Valley Overlook Cabins, Dry Run Distillery and Valkyrie Farms Coffee.

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
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Corn, Peach Cobbler

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
Cream of Chicken  
over Biscuits  
Rice Pudding  
Peas & Carrots, Fruit

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
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# Lady Wildcats Seize Opener From Lady Tigers – 52-31



Gabby DePue helped Pendleton County take both the opening tip and the win last week. Photo courtesy of Robin Alt.

By Stephen Smoot

Before the season started, Wildcat girls' coach Micah Bailey spoke about wanting to see his squad execute a fast-paced style and use its athleticism to attack opponents. Last Tuesday, he saw those expectations delivered in a huge season opening win.

Union brought size and strength advantages to the contest, specifically in junior Bailey Evans. The Tigers' game plan seemed to center around getting the ball to Evans on the post. From there, she could overpower defenders with a drop step or grab offensive rebounds.

Pendleton County also brought their own weapon in the person of Ana Young. In contrast to Evans' bulldozing tenacity in the post, Young's game relies on graceful drives, accurate shooting, speed, and quickness.

In the first quarter both teams sputtered on offense as they sought to get their game legs underneath them. The Lady Wildcats took an early lead on a Young three-pointer, but during the next three minutes Union scored a free throw and a layup from Evans to tie the game at three. With four minutes left to go in the first, Evans gave Union a brief 5-3 lead.

Both teams suffered from ragged play in the first, but it was Pendleton County who

found their game first. As the first quarter closed, the Wildcats used balanced scoring from Young, Avery Townsend, and Jenna Smith to edge ahead of Union 12 – 9.

Coach Bailey started his squad in the John Beale style 1-3-1 which slowed Union's scoring, but also kept the game at the Tigers' preferred pace. His early switch to a suffocating man to man and an occasional full court press unleashed his squad's aggression and put Union back on its heels.

After the game, Bailey said of the change, "we needed to speed the tempo up."

Early in the second quarter, Union pulled to within one at 12 – 11 on a short jump shot by Evans. After that, the Lady Wildcats ripped off a 9 – 2 run to close the half. Union struggled against the aggressive defense, especially of point guards Townsend and Smith who stuck close to their assignments, took several steals, and disrupted passing.

All of the Wildcats performed well in blocking passing lanes and forcing Union's guards to put the ball on the floor to make plays rather than relying on Evans. Heightened tenacity on defense also forced the game into the fast break pace preferred by the athletic Pendleton County team.

Bailey praised his team's defense, remarking on "their tenacity, their quickness, their

anticipation all made it tough for the other team."

The opening action of the third quarter gave a perfect indicator of how the game would play out. Townsend swiped Union's inbound pass and drove it for an easy layup. This kicked off a 15 – 2 run over four minutes that broke the game open for Pendleton County.

Center Gabby DePue's long arms and quickness helped to break up interior passes. She also battled the tall and strong interior players of Union for rebounds on both ends of the floor.

Pendleton County's run also included a key 15-foot jumper by Lizzie Alt. Young's defense, passing, and scoring served as a catalyst for her team's surge forward. The defense also held the Tigers scoreless for three and a half minutes in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter saw the Wildcats open up a 21-point lead. Union clawed back some ground when Bailey called off the press, but the outcome by this point was never in doubt.

Bailey said of the win "it feels good. Last year this time we were 0-1. It's nice to be 1-0."

The Lady Wildcats hosted Tucker County Tuesday, but results were not available by press time. They play again tomorrow night at 6 p.m. against Moorefield in the Tip-Off Tournament at Petersburg. The tournament will conclude Saturday night.

# PCHS Graduates Still Competing On the College Gridiron

By Stephen Smoot

One measure of a successful high school sports program comes in both the number and quality of graduates playing at the next level. Wildcat fans and the whole community can take pride in the young men, Josh Alt, Dalton Dunkle, Isaiah Gardiner and Keiny Lockard, representing the region playing college football.

As their high school coach, Zac Smith, describes, "they were and they are really good kids." He added, "they went through school together and those were successful years as a program. They were a huge part of that."

Alt, from the class of 2021, explains that "I always wanted to play." Through his sophomore and junior years, he attended college camps. "My junior year, I felt I could play if I kept working."

Although he first committed to West Virginia State, Alt found a home at Fairmont State University. Smith praised Alt for his resilience in the process and said "he was a bright spot on their (Fairmont State's) defense. His stats blew me away." Alt earned a starting spot early in the season at defensive end and quickly became an anchor for them at that position.

Pendleton County's other three active graduates playing in college participate in the Collegiate Sprint Football League. This league dates back to 1934 and allows players under 178 pounds to participate in full

contact intercollegiate football. It contains nine teams, including squads from West Point, the United States Naval Academy and the University of Pennsylvania, as well as Alderson-Broaddus.

Dalton Dunkle, from the class of 2021, was headed for trade school until he received an offer to play for the Alderson-Broaddus sprint team. As his father, Larkin, explains, "It's hard because the school has not had the team for very long. They didn't win last year and won two this year."

Despite the team's struggles, Dalton emerged as a standout performer at linebacker. He placed 10th in tackles with 50 and also snagged an interception. This built on his 2021 season in which he placed 13th with 43. Dunkle placed 10th in the league in punting as well.

For his efforts, Dunkle was named to the 2022 Defensive Honorable Mention All CSFL team.

Isaiah Gardiner, also from the class of 2021, plays quarterback for the squad. Although a backup, Gardiner placed 13th in the league in passing yards. This was one spot up from his freshman year standings. His father, Kent, explained that he's "looking forward to being the starting quarterback next year" and also sees Alderson-Broaddus as the ideal environment to earn a degree in criminal justice.

Interest started in "his senior year with the help of Gary Smith and Zac, who

encouraged him to make it. His older brother also played for Glenville." The biggest difference his son sees, as the elder Gardiner states, is "different styles of practice. You need two a day, sometimes three a day, and there are meetings after meetings."

Keiny Lockard from the class of 2020 brought to Alderson-Broaddus a hard-nosed style appreciated by his high school coaches. As Zac Smith remembers, "he was a key piece of our 2019 class" that enjoyed tremendous success. He describes Lockard as a "workhorse" who carried 20-25 times in many games. "He's a coachable kid who will do anything you ask of him," Zac Smith added. Lockard plays offensive lineman for the Battlers, helping to protect their high powered passing game while creating space for runners.

Kent Gardiner described many of the benefits that his son learned from college sports, including work ethic. He said, "It's hard work and dedication. They push that all the time." Gardiner went on to say that they emphasize "be on time, keep your grades up. They have study halls every day to encourage athletes to have good grades."

More important, however, is the team culture. Kent Gardiner describes at Alderson-Broaddus. "It's all about family," he says, "it's a family college and they emphasize family a great deal."



All CSFL and former Pendleton County star Dalton Dunkle ranked 10th in the league in tackles this year for the Alderson-Broaddus Battlers. Photo courtesy of Alderson-Broaddus.

# Governor Justice Announces WVDNR Contests for December

By Stephen Smoot

Last Friday, Governor Jim Justice announced the opening of the fourth year of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources lifetime license giveaway. He also reminded hunters, photographers, and others about the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources' Big Buck Photo Contest, also running through this month.

During the past year, the Governor has pledged millions to continue to expand tourism in the state. These contests and other events help to continue the momentum while encouraging more to get outside and enjoy state attractions.

Justice said, "There's a lot of good things happening in West Virginia and so much to be thankful for as we enter the holiday season." He added, "I want to encourage all West Virginians and all those who come to our state to get their 2023 license early so they'll be entered to win some great prizes."

According to Elizabeth Scott, executive director of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, these contests "help local businesses, like Pendleton County Outdoors and Trails End Outfitters with more businesses to shop their vast inventory."

West Virginia residents can enter the drawing by purchasing

a Class A, Class B, Class AH, Class XP, Class XP3, Class XJ, or Class AHJ license. Non-residents can participate by purchasing a Class E, Class EE, Class AAH, Class XXJ, or Class AAHJ license. Anyone may purchase a license through an authorized license agent, over the phone at (304) 558-2758, or online at WVhunt.com.

Residents can win a grand prize of a resident combination hunting, trapping, and fishing lifetime license, one of four \$200 West Virginia State Parks gift cards, or one of eight gift bags filled with WVDNR merchandise.

Non-residents can win a grand prize of two zipline tour tickets and a three-night lodge stay at Pipestem State Park. First place prizes, of which there are four, will send winners to two-night stays in one of four state park resorts. Non-residents can also win one of eight gift bags as well.

Photographers with valid 2022 West Virginia Hunting Licenses can join the fun by submitting to the Big Buck Photo Contest. The WVDNR website explains that the contest is "perfect for anyone who enjoys the sport of hunting and sharing the memories made along the way."

The contest requests that submissions include both the harvested buck and the hunter who killed him. Rules also specify

that submissions made to WVDNR must include the 13-digit DNR game check number for the buck pictured. In the youth division, a submission could earn a free lifetime state hunting and fishing license. Adults can win a free lifetime hunting license, a two-night stay in a Cabwaylingo State Forest cabin, or a two-night stay in a Seneca State Forest cabin.

Scott adds that Pendleton County provides the perfect atmosphere for those buying outdoor sporting licenses, saying the area "is ideal for outdoor sports such as hunting and fishing, due to the many well-stocked streams and rivers that run through our county, as well as public access to hunt in Monongahela and George Washington National Forests."

Also, even though winter has just started to settle in, special events like Trout Fest in May are just around the corner.

With Christmas approaching, the WVDNR suggests that annual licenses make great gifts. Gift licenses can be purchased by calling (304) 558-2758. If the recipient has held a license previously, only name and date of birth are required. For a brand new license, other information will be requested.

The WVDNR will announce the winners of the contest on their website.

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# Festive Christmas Tree Symbolizes Various Customs

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

By now, folks in the neighborhood are getting things set up for Christmas. It has been rather cold and windy to set up the outside lighting that everyone so enjoys seeing. There are many traditions that prevail in this community. One is of the Christmas tree, which was an ancient custom brought to America by the Germans.

The descendants from Germany celebrated Christmas Eve as the most joyous night of the calendar year. The history of the Christmas tree is quite complicated. Although Protestant and Catholic traditions lay claim to the first Christmas tree, many tie it to pagan rituals.

It is thought that in 1419, a baker's guild in Freiburg, Germany, decorated a tree with apples, wafers, tinsel and gingerbread. Martin Luther may have been the first to use decorations as a symbol to tie the tree to the baby Jesus. The evergreen, he said, represented the eternal love of God and His steadfastness of their own faith. The candles which he used to decorate the tree, represented the star that led the wise men to Christ.

The first reported Christmas tree to be displayed in the United States didn't happen until the 1830s. Still, it didn't really catch on until the English Royals set the precedence in England.

In 1848, Prince Albert brought the tradition to England when he placed a decorated tree in Buckingham Palace. The picture was altered to look quite American and published two years later in Godey's Lady's Book. This helped to popularize the tradition, which then served as a symbol of faith, family tradition, or simply a way to celebrate the season.

Christmas is certainly a festive time of the year. It is wonderful to enjoy the season that ends the calendar year. The writer hopes that the readers will open their hearts to those who are less fortunate.

Life's little instructions at Christmas include the following:

1. Attend church.
2. Show appreciation for each other.
3. Go caroling.
4. Ring the bell for Salvation Army.
5. Clean out the coat closet and take one's old coats to a local shelter.

Early morning temperatures have been in the low 20s. The wind seems to find its way around the hollows, making it rather unbearable. The area has its landmarks for the motorists to enjoy. Hoover Mountain has the chandelier on the Mitchell turn, the smiley face at the Hoover turn on Route 21, and the blue bottle tree at the Mitchell place on Route 21.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create." — Roy. T. Bennett.

"It is December, and nobody asked if I was ready." — Sarah Kay

"December is a simple wish that brings spectacular moments." — Unknown

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." — John Steinbeck

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." — Charles Dickens



Sarah Virginia (Jennie) Mitchell Propst (Sept. 13, 1876 – Aug. 5, 1961) married Kennie Propst (Aug. 11, 1883 - June 2, 1971) on Aug. 3, 1911. They made their home on Hoover Mountain. Their children were Margaret W. (June 1, 1912-?), Annie (Aug. 8, 1914 - 1914), Kathleen Virginia (Nov. 1, 1916 - ?), Ida Florence (Oct. 31, 1917 - ?) and Isaac Kennie (Aug. 4, 1920 - July 9, 1921).

Life is so much better sitting by the fire to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Shaun, Ava, and Leslie Bowers enjoyed Christmas activities and seeing all the Christmas lights Saturday evening at Creative Works Farm in Waynesboro, Virginia.

Donna and Bill Arrington went to Morgantown to celebrate their youngest grandson's birthday. He turned one. His name is Zayne Lee Thomas Arrington.

Wanda Pitsenbarger of Franklin stopped by Sunday to visit with Phil Downs. The two then went up to the Smith homeplace to get some evergreens for home decorations. On the way back home, they stopped by to visit with Rosalee Grogg, K.D. and Verla Puffenbarger, and their daughter, Beth McNulty of Dayton, Virginia.

A visitor in the home of Rosalee Grogg, besides Wanda Pitsenbarger and Phil Downs, was Marleta Grogg of Franklin.

Congratulations to Dr. Morris Homan upon his retire-

ment from many years of service of veterinary work. He leaves on a high note of distinguished and dedicated service; a trait he learned from his uncle, Dr. Walter Byrd Homan, and his granddad, Dr. Virgil Homan. Sugar Grove is mighty proud of him.

Friday night found Judy Costello, Janet Judy, Terry Harper and Evelyn Varner travelling to the Elkton Virginia, community center to listen to the big City Band and the Southern Grace. The following night, they all enjoyed hearing the Promised Land Quartet at the Victory Fellowship Church in Dayton, Virginia.

Sunday found Reda and Roger Shrewsbury, Eugene Varner and Evelyn Varner enjoying the renditions of the Delawder Family at the Brandywine Baptist Church.

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

- The Dutch gave the idea of leaving cookies and milk for Santa Claus.
- The most hectic days of the year are Friday and Saturday before Christmas.
- "Jingle Bells" was actually a Thanksgiving song.
- "Silent Night" is the most recorded song.
- Settlers created the first American eggnog.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, Jack Bennett, Jimmie Bennett, Bill Brackman, Jed Conrad, Jeff Evick, Ina Evick, Dan and Margaret Ferrell, Ron Gilkeson, Lola Graham, the Dwaine Gilispie family, Steve and Armanda Heavner, the Anthony Henderson family, Gary and Jackie Hills, Virgil Homan, Jr., Charlee Marie Hoover, Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Doris Hull, Bob and Cynthia Hurry, Lisa Dawn Jamison, Alice Johnson, Kim Kline, Richard Judy, Melissa Lambert, Tammy Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Naomi Michael, Gary Mitchell, Gloria Moats, Joe Moats, Melvin Moats, the Junior Murphy family, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, the Ken Nelson family, Ruth Nelson, Bennie Nesselrodt, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Betty Lou Propst, Kathy Propst, Sheldon Propst, Mary Puffenbarger, Verla Puffenbarger, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Kent Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barbara Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Tom Simmons, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Stanna Smith, Patricia Swecker, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Ron White, Judy Williams and Larry Wimer.

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"Our customers are counting on safe, reliable power to keep them comfortable in the months ahead, and it's essential that we take proactive steps to ensure that our system and our utility vehicles are well prepared for the challenges of winter weather," said Jim Myers, president of FirstEnergy's West Virginia operations.

Mon Power utility personnel are inspecting substation equipment and winterizing substation control buildings to ensure that essential components of its system continue to function properly during cold weather.

Electricians also inspect critical components using special thermovision cameras, which capture infrared images that can reveal potential problems that aren't visible through regular visual inspections. The infrared technology can identify equipment issues such as loose connections and corrosion, for example, and utility workers are able to make repairs to prevent potential power outages in the future.

Tree trimming throughout the year also helps meet the rigors of winter operations by maintaining proper clearances around electrical systems and helping to protect against tree-related outages caused by snow, high winds and ice. Mon Power tree contractors expect to complete trimming along more than 5,200 miles of power lines in 2022.

Additionally, company bucket trucks and other vehicles are being inspected to help ensure safe operation during the winter season. The condition of tires and air braking systems, which can freeze up if moisture is present, are carefully examined. In addition, the company ensures snow removal equipment is on hand so that employees can safely access work sites and company facilities.

At its regulated power plants, Fort Martin Power Station and Harrison Power Station, Mon Power has completed maintenance on plant equipment and executed its winterization plan to ensure optimal performance during the winter months.

Customers can review tips to prepare in advance of severe weather, and view restoration updates if storms do cause power outages, by visiting FirstEnergy's 24/7

Power Center at [www.firstenergycorp.com/outages](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/outages).

With the winter storm season also comes frigid temperatures and rising energy costs. Customers can take steps to keep their homes comfortable while managing their electricity bill this cold season. The following tips can help customers use electricity wisely during this period of high demand:

- Set thermostats as low as comfort will allow. Every degree a customer can decrease the temperature in their home will result in using about 3% less energy during the winter.

- Seal any leaks around windows and door frames with caulk or weather stripping to prevent cold air from sneaking into the home.

- Close the fireplace damper when it is not in use to keep cold air out.

- Close the drapes at night. During the day, only open those that receive direct sunlight.

- Use a programmable or smart thermostat to keep temperatures lower when no one is home and to increase the temperature before arrival back home.

- Check furnace fan filters. Clogged filters waste energy and money by forcing a heating system to work harder than necessary.

- Make sure one's home is properly insulated. If there is less than six inches of insulation, a person will benefit by adding more.

- Payment arrangements and assistance programs are available for customers who need help with their electric bills. For more information, visit [www.firstenergycorp.com/billassist](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/billassist).

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# House Fire

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and other refreshments. Alt also praised their work, saying that they are vital in organizing drives for donations and food. They have already launched a drive to help the family obtain clothing and other needs. The department requests that those interested in donating help to provide non-perishable foods and clothing.

Donated goods can be dropped off at the UTVFD Training Center at 11596 Petersburg Pike. Any financial contributions can be made out to Mary J. Borrer. Additionally, the family needs the following clothing for females: shirts in large size, 12P pants, and size 7 and a half shoes, and men's clothes in 2X shirts, stretch 2X pants, and size 12 shoes.

The department also praised the accurate work of 911 dispatchers, saying their efforts are often overlooked.

Beyond their help for Upper Tract families who

have recently lost most or all of their possessions in house fires recently, the UTVFD has also launched a "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts" drive to collect hats, mittens, and gloves to distribute to children with need who attend Pendleton County schools. These donations can also be dropped off at the training center.

The UTVFD has other family and community events scheduled for the month of December which are listed on their Facebook page.

In other fire related news, Aumanns Custom Auto, whose Franklin shop was a total loss in a recent fire, announced that they will temporarily relocate to 3043 Petersburg Pike, the site of the former Sites Fire and Safety. They thanked their customers and the community, wished all a Merry Christmas, and said that they will rebuild at the original site in Franklin.

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

### ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 1, 2022. Deadline for claims is January 30, 2023.

Mary Martin Estate - Anita Anderson, Executrix;  
Jack Vogel Estate - Bradford Hurl Mitchell and Jeffrey S. Bowers, Co-Executors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on November 23, 2022.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 12-1-2c

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated August 15, 2008, executed by the Borrower, Ida Stumbo, to Direct Settlement Services, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission

of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Book 121, at Page 518. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 107 Walnut St., Franklin, WV 26807, and, upon information and belief, may now be known as 143 Walnut St., Franklin, WV 26807. Pill & Pill, PLLC was appointed as Substitute Trustee by an APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated September 6, 2022, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 173, at Page 707. The Borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pendleton County, in Franklin, West Virginia, on the following date:

December 12, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

The following described tract or parcel of real estate, together with improvements thereon and all rights, privileges, appurtenances, easements and right-of-ways thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, lying and being situate on the south side of Walnut Street within the corporate limits of the Town of Franklin, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the South side of Walnut Street or the Dirty Run Road on the North edge of the sidewalk, corner of Stanley Walton Propst and Mary Jane Propst property, thence N. 72 W. 60 feet running with the North edge of the sidewalk at the edge of the road to a post, Shrader's corner; thence S. 18 W. 2.5 poles to the middle of Dirty Run thence following the middle of Dirty Run in a south easterly direction for a distance of 2.64 poles to the corner of William Harvey Pitsenbarger, Jr.; thence S. 78 E. 10 feet down the run to corner of Stanley Walton Propst and Mary Jane Propst property in the middle of the run; thence with said Propst line N. 21 W. 40 feet to the beginning, containing 9 square rods, more or less, and being the same real estate conveyed unto Dorothy M. Sites by deed bearing date on the 6th day of August, 1969, from John Harman and Pauline R.

## Muzzleloader Season Opens Monday in West Virginia

West Virginia's muzzleloader deer hunting season will be open Dec. 12-18 and hunters who want a chance to harvest an extra deer must purchase their RM or RRM stamp before the season starts. "The muzzleloader season offers an opportunity to pursue deer with a firearm when fewer hunters are hitting the woods compared to the traditional buck firearms season," said Holly Morris, a WVDNR assistant district wildlife biologist. "Also, there is an increased possibility of hunting in the snow during muzzleloader season, which offers a unique deer hunting experience."

Resident hunters may harvest one deer on their base license. Nonresident hunters must purchase a Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class VV) in addition to their statewide hunting license.

During the muzzleloader season, antlered deer are legal in all counties that have a buck firearms season and deer of either sex are legal in all counties or parts thereof that have a Class N or NN antlerless season. Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties are closed to all firearms deer hunting, including the muzzleloader deer season.

There are 10 counties or parts thereof that require hunters to

take an antlerless deer within the county during any regular deer season open to antlerless deer hunting before killing a second antlered deer within the county. No more than three antlered bucks can be harvested during the regular deer seasons and the 2023 Mountaineer Heritage Season combined.

All hunters participating in the season are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of blaze orange.

A bow, crossbow or air rifle cannot be substituted for a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader deer season. Concurrent archery/crossbow hunting is legal during the muzzleloader season and is subject to all archery/crossbow season deer hunting regulations. Concurrent waterfowl hunting is also legal.

For more information about the muzzleloader deer season and other hunting opportunities in West Virginia, hunters should consult the 2022-23 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations. Hunters who need to register their DNR ID number, buy a license or electronically check game, should visit WVhunt.gov.

Harman, which deed is of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 88, page 26, to which deed reference is herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

Being the same property conveyed to Ida Stumbo by the Deed dated October 21, 2002 and recorded in Deed Book 161, at Page 297, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

- The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute
- The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

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# Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone Celebrates 50 Years With Employees



Members and employees of Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone celebrated their 50th anniversary in grand style Oct. 26 at the annual meeting held at the Historic Circleville High School. The gathering and celebration included dinner, a slide show of SKSRT's 50 years, gift bags and prize giveaways.

## Bike Trail Development

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educational experiences will be available to visitors and youth coming for summer camps.

"We don't want to be limited to mountain biking," Brooks said. She added that 60% of the finished trail network would be for non-motorized multi use, including hiking, and only 40% would be "bike optimized."

Additionally, the first trails will have designs favoring beginners. Brooks explained that "we will put in diamond and black trails later" for more experienced riders.

Experience Learning also will conduct a series of camps to draw youth from both in and outside of the state. Beginner camps for children between second and eighth grade will teach the fundamentals of mountain biking and also about the environment. Campers between eighth and 12th grades will take on more challenging routes, especially as Brooks says, "the rocky, rugged, rooty trails that are not for beginners." The advanced camp will include field trips to trails on Snowshoe Mountain, Tea Creek, and elsewhere.

West Virginia based Appalachian Dirt and Trail Labs have joined Experience Learning to help create the trails and ensure that the network remains supplied with the safest and

highest quality equipment. As Appalachian Dirt's website notes, they have a commitment to "organically sourced, sustainably crafted, and thoughtfully created" trail construction. The company has "spent the better part of two decades using, maintaining, creating, and enabling use on great trails."

Brooks explained that Experience Learning will split revenues evenly between themselves and their private sector partners, but each will retain a strong commitment to philanthropy. She also sees the community as both a potential market and a partner, saying "we're thrilled with the outpouring of support" from the area, especially the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority.

She discussed the potential benefit to the community as well, saying that Experience Learning wants to "lean into efforts to promote tourism" because "Pendleton County is getting momentum." One of her goals lies in "looking for out-of-state and out-of-town visitors to spend money in Pendleton County."

The trail network when

completed will also incorporate other facilities and attractions for the use of visitors and camp participants.

The EDA has also served as a vital partner for development of the new trails. Laura Brown, executive director, stated that the EDA supported an unsuccessful grant application for the proposed trails. Although that did not turn out favorably, Brown said "the broadband council knew that broadband was essential for the project."

When Pendleton County Schools and the Pendleton County Library system later successfully applied for an Emergency Connectivity Fund grant, they had included Experience Learning's Sweetwater Farm facility due to their profound commitment to serving youth. Brown stated that "broadband services will be installed at Sweetwater Farm in August 2023."

Looking ahead to the future, Brooks says "we're just fired up about Pendleton County and offering more opportunities for people in the county. We're also fired up about bringing outsiders into Pendleton County."

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provoking nature or did unlawfully and intentionally cause physical harm to a . . . law enforcement officer acting in an official capacity . . . to wit: Deputy M. J. Kontyko, a law enforcement officer employed with the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The fourth count, a misdemeanor, states that Gilbert "did unlawfully attempt to commit a violent injury to the person of a . . . law enforcement officer, acting in their official capacity . . . to wit: Deputy M. J. Kontyko, a law enforcement officer employed with the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The fifth count, a misdemeanor, states that Gilbert "did unlawfully and intentionally flee, or attempt to flee by means other than a vehicle from any law enforcement officer . . . to wit: Deputy M. J. Kontyko, a law enforcement officer who was attempting to make a lawful arrest of the person and said Defendant knew, or had reason to believe that the officer was attempting to arrest them, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

Ronald Warren Griest was indicted on one count, a felony. The indictment states that he "did unlawfully and feloniously deliver a controlled substance, to wit, Marijuana, a Schedule 1 non-narcotic drug, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

Edward Robert Simon was indicted on two charges. The first charge, a felony, states that he "did

unlawfully and feloniously possess with intent to deliver a controlled substance, to wit: Methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The second charge, a felony, states that Simon, "did unlawfully, willfully, and feloniously conspire with, Isaac N. Eye, belonging to a conspiratorial group consisting of two or more persons, to commit the offense of Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) a Felony, in violation of W. Va Code 60A-4-401 (a) (i), and that one or more members of the conspiracy did act in furtherance thereof, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

Michael Allen Turner was indicted on a single charge, a felony, "to wit: the Defendant Michael Turner did knowingly refuse to provide accurate information or did knowingly fail to provide notice of a change in his email account, Facebook account, TikTok account, and Messenger Account within ten business days, having previously been convicted of a qualifying offense involving a minor or other qualifying offense requiring registry for life by order of the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia . . . and having previously been convicted of Failure to register as a Sexual Offender . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

Melinda K. Warner was indicted on 45 total charges. The first, a felony, charges that "to wit: the Defendant, Melinda K. Warner, with the intent to defraud, did

possess and unauthorized access device . . . and did use such unauthorized access device to obtain merchandise from ETSY.COM in the amount of \$134.17, against the dignity and peace of the State of West Virginia."

The second count, a felony, states that "to wit: the Defendant, Melinda K. Warner, with the intent to defraud, did possess an unauthorized access device . . . and did use such unauthorized access device to obtain merchandise from LION BRAND YARN in the amount of \$269.60, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

These plus the remaining 43 counts of fraud total \$6,683.70.

Martin Allen Wimer was indicted on two charges. The first, a felony, states that he "did unlawfully and feloniously, break and enter, or enter without breaking . . . to wit, an Outbuilding . . . with the intent to commit a larceny in violation of W. Va Code 61-3-13, to wit: Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor, in violation of W. Va Code 61-3-13 (b), and did steal and carry away a red in color metal gas can and a red in color plastic gas can with the intent to permanently deprive the owner of the same, having a value of \$90.00, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The second, a misdemeanor, states that Wimer, "did unlawfully and within one year before the finding of this Indictment, steal, take, and carry away" the objects described in the first count.

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**SGR249** 1.417 Acres, more or less, Lot 10, Highland Estates, Grant County, Perc approved. Some Restrictions. **NEW LISTING \$31,500.00.**

**SGR248** 1.407 Acres, more or less, Lot 9, Highland Estates, Grant County, Perc approved. Some Restrictions. **NEW LISTING \$31,500.00.**

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**SGR237** 4.62 Acres, w/Home, Barn, Smokehouse & Shed located on Hammer Run Rd., Franklin District. **\$269,000.00.**

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**SGR233** 29.82 Acres, Raw Land, Electric. Located on South Fork Mountain, Mill Run District. **\$190,000.00.**

**SGR230** 237.19 Acres, more or less, Raw Land, No Restrictions, Union District, Pendleton County. **NEW LISTING \$899,000.00.**

**SGR224** 2.42 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath, 1500 sq. ft. Ranch Home. Sugar Grove District. **\$229,000.00.**

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**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.**

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

**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. ~~\$299,900.00 REDUCED \$279,000.00.~~

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

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

**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.**

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2018 TOYOTA TACOMA EXTRA CAB 4X4, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., white, one owner w/103K miles, ex. cond. .... **\$27,900**

2016 FORD F-250 CREW CAB S/BED 4X4, XLT premium pkg., 6.7 dsl., auto., ldd., white & gray, only 92K miles, ex. cond..... **SPECIAL \$49,500 \$44,900**

2015 FORD F-250 SUPERCAB SHORTBED 4X2, 6.2 liter gas V-8, auto., ldd., white, 175K miles, ex. cond. .... **\$19,900**

2011 FORD F-550 4X4 UTILITY TRUCK, V-10, auto., air, etc., only 89,000 miles, white, ex. cond. .... **SPECIAL \$29,500 \$27,500**

**PASSENGER VEHICLES**

2020 FORD ECOSPORT AWD, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., silver, only 15K miles..... **SPECIAL \$27,900 \$25,900**

2019 HONDA FIT 4-DR HATCHBACK, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., red, great MPG and only 43K miles..... **SPECIAL \$17,900 \$15,900**

2019 NISSAN PATHFINDER AWD, 3.5 liter V-6, auto., ldd., blue, 114K miles, like new cond..... **\$21,900**

2018 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM AWD, 2.0 4-cyl., auto., ldd, blue 102K miles, very sharp ..... **\$19,900**

2014 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD, 3.5 V-6, auto., ldd., white, 209k miles, ..... **FOR ONLY \$8,995**

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2014 FORD EDGE SEL AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., 92K miles, silver, ex. cond..... **\$17,900**

2008 MERCEDES ML 550 AWD SUV, V-8, auto., ldd., 124K miles, white, ex. cond. .... **\$10,900**

2005 FORD E-350 CARGO VAN, 6.0 diesel, auto., air, etc., white, only 134K miles..... **\$8,995**