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## Fires Rage, Heroes Emerge, A Community Stands Resilient



A fire broke out near the summit of Seneca Rocks Friday night. Photo courtesy of Rick Gillespie



The Hidden Valley fire advances to Entry Mountain. Photo courtesy of Rick Gillespie



Smoke from the Hidden Valley fire filters the sunlight last Tuesday. Photo courtesy of Jamie DiFalco



Firemen and volunteers prepare to build fire lines to protect David Bowers' barn on Halls Hill. Photo courtesy of Rick Gillespie

## Emergency Units from Pendleton and Surrounding Counties Battle Wildfires

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the West Virginia state government did what it could to bolster defenses against forest fires by launching a fire report platform and a burn ban. These efforts, however, could not prevent Mother Nature from wreaking havoc in the region with fire and smoke.

The Pendleton County community, with support from neighboring counties and states, rose to the challenge and responded powerfully.

Some time on Tuesday, falling trees struck live power lines in remote areas of Pendleton County, sparking three separate fires, at least initially.

The first reports came from the Smoke Hole area just after noon, bringing an immediate response from Upper

Tract Volunteer Fire Department, the West Virginia Division of Forestry, and other supporting departments.

This was followed by an outbreak of a second fire near the intersection of Sandy Ridge Road and Thorn Creek Road. Units from Franklin and South Fork fire departments quickly extinguished the blaze that consumed less than one acre.

Later in the afternoon, Pendleton County 911 received reports of a larger and more serious blaze erupting in Hidden Valley along Smith Creek Road, just west of Franklin. The blaze came from the same type of source as the Smoke Hole fire, live power lines struck by a tree or trees. Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, estimated

the fire spread to 1,700 -1,800 acres.

Gillespie told Metro News that “downed, diseased, and dead trees” contributed to the spark and spread. He added that some fires had reached the crowns of trees 100 feet from the ground.

Gillespie described to Metro News the strategy implemented. Responders constructed fire containment lines to protect property. As a result, as of Thursday, the fire had only consumed one cabin. Also as of Thursday, only two households had been evacuated. Even then, that was at the insistence of family in one case.

Pendleton County 911 also expanded its capabilities in response by “staffing up.” As Gillespie said, they had “to

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## Pendleton County Steps Up to Support Emergency Crews

By Stephen Smoot

One of the hallmarks of a rural community comes from the deep reservoirs of resilience and strength present when needed in a crisis. In the recent outbreak of dangerous brush fires across the county, the region showed its greatest strength - its caring people.

“Nothing shy of ‘wonderful!’” was how Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, described the county’s eager response to assist. The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department provided a single point of contact for all who wished to make donations of any kind to express support.

On a Facebook post, Franklin VFD stated “thank you

to everyone that has donated, stopped or helped out on the fire. We are greatly appreciative of you and your generosity.”

“Donors have donated a large assortment of food, desserts and drinks,” Gillespie said, adding that, “people have asked how they can make and have made monetary donations as well.”

Elizabeth Scott, executive director of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, led an effort to produce vinyl signs for the courthouse lawn to thank all involved in fighting the blazes. She also encouraged residents to continue their support, saying on a Facebook post, “please continue supporting these wonderful men and women by donating

items and helping them with all of their needs.”

Although the crews worked hard to keep people and property safe, Pendleton Senior and Family Services opened its doors for anyone facing evacuation. They offered breakfast and lunch, as well as a space with games, puzzles, and more in case families needed a place to escape. “All are welcome. No need to call first,” they announced over Facebook.

Offers of help came in from across the community as well. Jeffrey and Victoria Rhodes offered two Air BNB facilities to house visiting firefighters.

Others offered direct material support to units engaged

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## VanMeter Family Takes Over Historical Landmark for Tourism and the Community



McCoy House

By Stephen Smoot

A century and seventy-five years ago, American forces

### Community CALENDAR

#### Brethren Church To Host Music Group Sunday

Friends Run Church of the Brethren will be hosting Family Heritage music group featuring Trent and Cindy Sites and Dean and Karen Ullery at 9:45 a.m. Sunday.

Everyone is welcome.

#### Library Friends To Meet Tuesday

The Friends of the Library will gather at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the meeting room at Pendleton County Library in Franklin.

compelled the surrender of Mexican forces two years after a patrol crossed the Rio Grande to attack US Army positions. The dashing “Old Rough and Ready” General Zachary Taylor won election to the presidency.

And closer to home, the stone foundation of the William McCoy house was laid.

Jared and Katie VanMeter recently took possession of the storied Greek Revival mansion facing the Pendleton County Courthouse across Main Street. “Our plan,” said Jared VanMeter, “is to be a historical bed and breakfast.” Work done on the building will focus on protection and restoration, but “no huge changes,” adding that “we don’t want to affect the historical integrity of the house.”

Katie VanMeter added that “we want to restore it as it was when it was built.”

Houses constructed in the Greek Revival style seek to recreate the style of Clas-

sical Greek temples. Their designs feature symmetry, proper arithmetic proportion of elements, simplicity, and elegance.

Huge changes have come to the home over the years. After the 1862 Battle of McDowell, Union forces entered Franklin. Federal military officers commanded by John C. Fremont selected the McCoy House as a headquarters and communications post in the middle of the strongly Confederate town. William McCoy himself, despite his son serving in the Confederate ranks, offered the property for their use so the Union would not burn it down.

Later in its history, the McCoy House hosted the Pendleton County Library and also Franklin Town Hall. An adjoining slave quarters served as county Republican executive committee headquarters for a time as well. These uses

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## New Division of Forestry Website Feature Launches Daily Fire Report

By Stephen Smoot

Earlier this month, Governor Jim Justice in a briefing announced the creation of the West Virginia Division of Forestry’s new daily fire report platform. This feature will provide information on fires actively occurring, as well as on fires that have taken place since the start of the year.

According to Linda Carnell,

assistant state forester for communication and education, “we are hoping that this will help to educate the public about what the West Virginia Division of Forestry does, and how many fires actually occur in West Virginia.”

For example, according to the platform, 698 fires this year have burned more than 6,100 acres across the

state since Jan. 1. Almost 3,400 of those acres burned in the area of Charleston and Huntington and in counties directly south of there.

In Pendleton County alone in 2023, 13 fires burned approximately 1,000 acres, although the destruction from current fires over the past week is yet to be determined

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## Decision Pending on Reopening Of Seneca Caverns, Asbury’s Restaurant Welcomes Customers

By Stephen Smoot

Nestled in a 10-mile long, canoe shaped valley, surrounded by the history of the Seneca Indians and nurtured by the traditions of Old World Germany is one of Pendleton County’s great hidden gems. Germany Valley, a treasure chest of scenic forests and craggy outcroppings of Tuscarora sandstone, is home to Seneca Caverns and Asbury’s Restaurant.

Since 1930, the caverns have attracted tourists but human use of the caverns dates back to Seneca Indians in the 1400s. As German set-

tlers filtered into the area in the 1740s, they discovered the caverns that extend a mile through the earth. Lavran Teter was the first known European to enter and report about them.

Today, Greer Industries operates one of Pendleton County’s best loved tourist attractions there, the complex surrounding Seneca Caverns, including Asbury’s Restaurant. Now, over 280 years later, visitors don’t have to walk or ride a horse to get to the seclusion and grandeur of Germany Valley.

So far this season, Asbury’s Restaurant has served as the

star of the show. Its name was inspired by Francis Asbury, one of the first two Methodist bishops in the United States. He served a number of churches on a circuit extending hundreds of miles during the 1700s.

Geologists continue to study the ground surrounding the caverns to ensure that nearby operations do not pose a safety threat to use by visitors. As Dwayne Propst, who manages the property for Greer explains, “the biggest issue is the underground mining of the limestone. Because

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## Outdoor Burning Ban Rescinded

On Monday, Gov. Jim Justice announced that the recent statewide ban on all types of outdoor burning has expired.

This comes after the state received sufficient rainfall over the past several days.

Standard spring burning season laws and regulations are in effect. Burning forest-

land, grass, grain, stubble, slash, debris, or other materials is allowed only from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Small fires set for the purpose of preparing food or providing light or warmth are permitted anytime without a burning permit, provided all grass, brush, stubble, or other debris has been removed for a

minimum distance of 10 feet from the fire in all directions. Additionally, fires must be attended to at all times, and all fires must be fully extinguished before 7 a.m. daily.

Residents caught violating these regulations face citations and fines of up to \$1,000.

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# OBITUARIES



**Dorothy Wilkins Miller**

Dorothy Wilkins Miller, 85, died of pneumonia April 22, 2023, at Augusta Health in Staunton, Virginia, with her husband and daughter by her side.

She was born June 28, 1937, in Franklin to the late Jack and Dorothy Dyer Wilkins.

She was one of four children, and grew up playing in the South Branch of the Potomac, which runs by the family home. Her parents were farmers.

Known most of her life as Dotsy, she did well at school and won West Virginia's Golden Horseshoe Award before graduating from Franklin High School in 1955. As did her mother before her, she attended Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia. While there, she met her future husband, Harlan Bingham Miller, who was studying at the University of Virginia. They married in June 1959, just weeks after graduating from college. They drove across the country to San Diego, California, where her husband served in the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet for three years. After that, they lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Charlottesville, Virginia, and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, before settling in Blacksburg, Virginia, for 52 years.

Daughter, Sarah, was born in 1971. She raised

her until she started school and then worked in the Virginia Tech bookstore for many years. She was an avid gardener, filling their yard with flowers. She was also very talented at needlework, and devoted much of her time to embroidery and quilting. She belonged to local chapters of the American Needlepoint Guild and the Embroidery Guild of America, and along with the local quilting group, these were her main social circle.

She and her husband were able to travel much of the world, especially after his retirement from Virginia Tech. They visited Burma, Costa Rica, China, Peru, Argentina, and most of Europe. They also owned an RV for nearly 20 years, and traveled all over North America, from the Yukon to Oaxaca.

In 2020, they left their home in Blacksburg, Virginia, and moved to Staunton, Virginia, where they had first met, to live with their daughter, Sarah. Although the pandemic restricted their ability to enjoy their new home at first, she enjoyed sampling the local bakeries and restaurants. Just a few days before her death, she had been sitting on their deck enjoying the warm spring weather.

Her husband of almost 64 years, Harlan B. Miller of Staunton, Virginia, survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Jack Wilkins of Hillsboro; a daughter, Sarah Bingham Miller of Staunton, Virginia; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in Verona, Virginia, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank: Home.

Funeral services were by the Cremation Society of Virginia.



**Frances "Louise" Hawkins**

Frances "Louise" Hawkins, 90, a resident of Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg and formerly of Seneca Rocks passed away April 14, 2023.

She was born on June 18, 1932, in Salem, Virginia, the daughter of the late John H. and Alberta (Trout) Greenway.

Mrs. Hawkins graduated high school in Clinton, Maryland, and worked as a cashier for Giant Foods for 32 years before her retirement. She was a Methodist by faith and loved taking care of her children, grandchildren, and friends. She also took pleasure in caring for all her cats.

Her husband, Bill Hawkins, preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 1988.

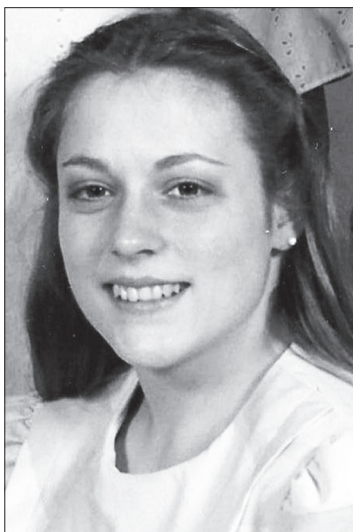
Surviving are a son, Mike Dean of Silver Spring, Maryland; and six grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Charles Dean; and a brother, Bobby Greenway.

In honoring her wishes, her body was cremated. Inurnment was at the Dean Family Cemetery in Upper Tract.

Memorials may be made to a local animal shelter or SPCA.

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



**Jenny Lynn Dove**

Jenny Lynn Dove, 57, of Martinsburg passed away on April 15, 2023, at her home.

She was born on Dec. 15, 1965, the daughter of the late Bond and Shirley Virginia (Nelson) Dove.

Ms. Dove was a 1984 graduate of Circleville High School and Shepherd College where she obtained a degree in nursing. She had worked as a registered nurse at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg and at Macy's Distribution Center in Martinsburg.

She attended Riverton United Methodist Church. She loved dogs and cats.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a sister, Lucinda Snyder of Riverton; three brothers, Allen Dove (Eileen) of Franklin and Lee Dove and William Dove (Carrie), both of Riverton; and her special "furry friend," her cat, Eli.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Bond Dove; and a sister, Betty Crigler.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Circleville High School Preservation Fund.

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**Daniel O. Jollie**

Daniel O. Jollie, 78, of Franklin passed away April 21, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 11, 1944, in Conway, South Carolina, the son of the late Cliff and Rushie (Cooper) Jollie.

Mr. Jollie was a 1964 graduate of Aynor High School in South Carolina. He worked at the Navy Ship Yards in Charleston. He retired in 2009 from the Sugar Grove Naval Base where he worked in the public works department as a planner, estimator, and inspector.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and had served on the U.S. NAS in Bermuda.

He attended Wayside

Baptist Church in Franklin and was a lifetime member of Jordanville Masonic Lodge #297 AF & AM.

His wife, Judy (Carter) Jollie, preceded him in death on March 18, 2021.

H3 leaves behind to cherish his memory a daughter, Amanda Danielle Jollie (Cody Stump) of Franklin; two grandsons, Cody Mac Stump, II and Tyson Carter Stump; two sisters, Joyce Ann Herian and Louise Jordan, both of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Malcolm Jollie, John C. Jollie, Jr., and Cliff C. Jollie; and a sister, Zellie Roche.

In honoring his wishes, his body has been cremated.

The family will receive friends from 1 - 2 p.m. Saturday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. A celebration of life will follow in the funeral home chapel with Leon Hevener officiating and military honors by the U.S. Air Force. Inurnment will be in Liberty United Methodist Church in Mocksville, North Carolina.

Memorials may be made to Pendleton Senior and Family Services, PO Box 9, Franklin, WV 26807.

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# Pendleton Wild Fires

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handle the heavy volume and have done an outstanding job. They had heavy radio call loads and made numerous contacts to regional 911 centers in an effort to have additional resources respond to assist.”

The West Virginia State Police and Pendleton County Sheriff’s Department played key roles in providing law enforcement support for the efforts. To keep those battling the blaze as safe as possible, Pendleton County Emergency Rescue deployed ambulances to the scenes in case of injury.

Because of continuing dangerous wind and weather conditions, firefighters monitored the blaze as a controlled burn. This kept firefighters and other first responders safe while also allowing the fire to clear out debris and underbrush that created fire vulnerability in the first place.

Fire crews contained the smaller Smoke Hole blaze first. According to the Facebook page of the Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department, in addition to the WVDOT, support came from Franklin, South Fork, Seneca Rocks, Petersburg, Moorefield, personnel from the Monongahela National Forest, Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management, Pendleton County 911, and local businesses who donated food and water that the ladies’ auxiliary got into the hands of the men and women in the field.

By sunrise on Friday, the Upper Tract VFD reported the Smoke Hole fire fully contained “with Mon Forest personnel in charge of the scene.” Fire crews limited the damage to approximately 85 acres. Along with the report provided on their Facebook page, Upper Tract VFD offered “prayers and support with everyone involved with the Franklin fire.”

Water support in some areas came from Hinkle Trucking in Riverton who “volunteered and delivered a 9,800-gallon tanker trailer filled with water. This allowed for a major backup supply on the mountain if needed, augmenting the hydrants.” Gillespie explained.

The scale of the fire west of Franklin required a larger response and different strategy. Gillespie reported on his Facebook page “this day started as a Red Flag Fire day and it has lived up to that.”

By day two, the Hidden Valley fire expanded to approximately 1,500 acres with crews racing to protect property. One unit, as Gillespie described, “saved a barn with no time to spare.” During the course of the fire, firefighters saved several other structures that were under imminent threat. The tide started to turn, however, despite the continued dry conditions. Gillespie could report real progress, saying “gains continue to be made.”

Heroic gains came in spite of challenges from both terrain and limited infrastructure. As Gillespie described, “The Town of Franklin water lines along Entry Mountain Road keep rupturing when firefighters attempted to draw water from the fire hydrants. They failed four times during this fire. This caused firefighters to have to descend into Franklin to access hydrants there. Then, their return was slowed because the heavily loaded trucks must climb Halls Hill and Entry Mountain.”

Gillespie shared praise of Town of Franklin employees who responded quickly to firefighting needs, saying, “They have gone above and beyond, working through two consecutive sleepless nights repairing the water mains. They are to be commended for their dedicated efforts.”

Friday, however, brought potentially devastating news when a fire sparked on the eastern slope of Seneca Rocks. Reports came to Pendleton 911 at 7:24 p.m. at which point units were dispatched. Emergency response came from the already hard, hit local units, as well as support from Grant, Randolph, and Rockingham (Virginia) counties. “We were very fortunate to get a quick response to the scene from fire departments who were able to leave the Franklin scene to help us start another fire attack on strenuous territory yet again.” Seneca Rocks Volunteer Fire Department stated in a Facebook post, “Within approximately 1 - 2 hours we had over 50 volunteers in the woods attacking it.”

The Seneca Rocks fire broke out on particularly unforgiving terrain with the rocks themselves providing a 900-foot vertical barrier. Units attempted to battle the blaze until the rugged terrain and darkness made the fight too dangerous for the crews on scene. Upon daylight, however, responders, including a 22-man federal “Hotshot” team, made quick work of the blaze. They succeeded in confining the damaged area to a mere 12 acres. The public face of the rocks was not involved or impacted.

Saturday brought a blessing in the form of continual rain showers. By 7 p.m., Gillespie reported that “the Hidden Valley/Entry Mountain fire was controlled and mostly inactive. All fire crews had secured from the scene,” although patrols continued to monitor the area.

Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department during a 10-hour stretch during “a strenuous week” in support of Pendleton units also successfully battled a structure fire in Grant County. They stated, “We again can’t thank our community and businesses enough for your outpouring support. It is appreciated more than you know. God Bless!”

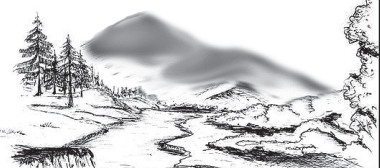
Gillespie reported that 27 different volunteer and paid fire departments responded to the scene during the multi-day event. At least 269 fire personnel and six West Virginia Division of Forestry personnel were involved. Also, a multitude of citizen volunteers and local heavy equipment owners helped battle the fire. No less than three dozers, one skid steer with brush grapple, and one heavy excavator were involved in cutting fire lines and removing burnable debris.

Gillespie praised the work of responding units, saying “These folks came from a long distance. Several of them work their eight-hour job and then they come to our scene to work another several hours, return home, sleep a little, or none at all, back to work, repeat. That is amazing!”

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# Seneca Caverns

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there is no precedent for it, we have to exercise an abundance of caution and say ‘safety first.’”

Although cave tours remain unavailable, visitors of all ages can still find much to enjoy. Asbury’s Restaurant offers visitors to the area a broad selection of locally and regionally inspired cuisine in a dining hall with striking views of the area.

Another visitor favorite lies in gemstone mining. As the website explains, “children and adults feel a sense of discovery as they find beautiful minerals and gems amongst the dirt, mud, and rocks.” An old fashion style sluice helps to separate the gem from the mineral rough available for purchase in the gift shop. Visitors have found fools’ gold, amethyst, rose quartz, and even rubies in the material.

The complex attracts tourists from Northern Virginia, but “we have a pretty big local following,” Propst states.

While awaiting final word on the caverns, Propst will not stand pat on the current offerings. “We have some idea of things that we want to do here to offer more amenities and opportunities, but they are in the planning process now.”

The restaurant itself will bring back the popular Sunday buffet on some special days. “For sure it will be on the big days, like Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Sunday buffet makes life easier from a guest perspective.”

Behind the restaurant sits a relatively large and flat area that Propst and others see as perfect for expansion. He shared that “I’d like to use it as a wedding venue.” He also mentioned cornhole playing areas and other possible options.” He added that “a lot of things that we will do are contingent on what happens with the cave.”

Propst also said, “You do what people don’t expect.”

Amber Nesselrodt, executive director of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, added that “in this part of the county, tourist sites are really spaced out. Asbury’s gives another food option for those in the area enjoying rock climbing, fishing, or even those just taking a scenic drive.”

Of course, the caverns remain the most spectacular attraction on the property. The hour-long tour covers a total mile of walking, three-fourths of that under the ground. Unlike many cave attractions, the Seneca Caverns tour runs through the mountains, in one side and out the other. It does not double back along the same pathway to reach the exit.

The caverns feature massive rooms, some with hundreds of stalactites and stalagmites, some providing the illusion of liquid stone in transit. Formations are often lit up with special lighting to accentuate their beauty. Since its first opening for tourists in 1928, hundreds of thousands have hiked the caves and experienced their wondrous loveliness.

Most importantly, the site is famous for having staff that make visitors feel like they came home. Propst explains that “that’s part of our charm. I don’t think people know strangers out here.”

## Forestry Website

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and recorded on the site.

The division of forestry uses technology from ESRI, one of the world’s leading company experts in geographic information systems software. According to their website, they have provided geographic science and geospatial analysis for more than a half century.

An interactive map divides the state into five regions. Pendleton County was assigned to Region 2 with the rest of the Potomac Highlands and Eastern Panhandle. Viewers can see breakdowns of fire statistics at the state, regional, or county level. Information on laws, regulations, and permits can also be accessed on a site drop down menu.

Officials also provided a place to report violations. Special operations personnel can then investigate complaints or other reports.

“The information is supplied by the foresters in real time that are or have been on the fires,” Carnell explained. “The public can see the information but will not be able to add anything to the report because it is tied to our fire reports done by our foresters.”

Information about active fires in real time can also help residents stay aware of developing situations and plan ahead for emergencies.

“This platform provides real-time updates so West Virginians can stay informed,” Tony Evans, acting director/state forester said in a news release about the platform. He also stated, “We’re thrilled to now offer this dashboard on our website and urge everyone to stay updated on current fire burning restrictions and regulations to continue to keep our state safe.”

The platform will remain particularly important as the state continues to see a stretch of mostly warm and dry weather. Though the weekend rains provided some respite in the Potomac Highlands, mostly sunny days expected until the end of next week could present problems in some parts of the state.

James Bailey, West Virginia’s secretary of commerce, under whose department the division of forestry works, praised in a release the site’s added ability to “keep our people and our beautiful state forests safe.”

Carnell also described the division’s expectations of the site going forward, saying, “It is our hope that the new daily fire report will make the public understand that there is a lot going on out there and their vigilance allows us to keep West Virginia green.”


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in firefighting. From Wilbur’s Logging came a Facebook post saying, “If fire crews need me to bring a dozer to help clear lines or anything just let me know. It will be free of charge! Just message me!”

Additionally, Jonathan Simmons and Justin Bowers of Franklin put their own heavy equipment into the field “protecting the community we live in and love,” as Thomas Sites reported on Facebook. Additionally, “they broke very expensive equipment on multiple machines,” but at the end of the day, “their lines held.”

Even the children at Tiny Tots Day Care in Franklin showed their appreciation. Staff blanketed the windows with signs expressing thanks and appreciation.

Not enough space exists in this newspaper to credit the hundreds of people who engaged the fires directly, as well as countless others who gave support in any tangible or intangible ways. Communities like Pendleton County thrive on the hearts of their people. This is a sampling of the many efforts that combined together last week.

Disasters plague every community from time to time. The measure of their greatness is how they respond during and after.

## McCoy House

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make it more than just a structure. The McCoy House serves as a vital landmark of the evolution of town and county history.

“They wanted to bulldoze it for a parking lot.” Jared VanMeter explained. His wife added, “We should be happy that we still have these buildings today.”

Restoration work has already started on the building, some of it revealing neat historical details. Katie VanMeter explains that the basement “needs the most TLC,” but also is a part of the house where “you get a peek into what it was.” They speculate that a restored basement could initially be used as apartments, but that it might “ultimately be a space where people can get their nails done.”

History, however, will serve as the most important drawing card. Browning Boggs, the previous owner, had already started the process of transforming the house back into what it was prior to serving as a government building. This included restoring the wallpaper in the parlor and removing the modern ceilings installed. Fortunately, the original flooring for the most part remains solid though some areas need repair. They will also make sure that furniture showcases the historical and local environment as much as possible. For example, the upper deck with feature “locally made benches.”

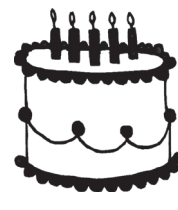

The VanMeters plan to organize a soft opening with family and friends as a dry run to figure out “what we like and what we don’t like.” The goal lies in providing the best possible experience for guests, whether they come from across the country or down the street. Jared Van Meter explained that it is important to “get our systems down.”

Other plans include restoration and improvement of the Civil War trail site on the property.

The VanMeters said that they had been in contact with the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce about Trout Fest. They also hope to include the historical landmark into the Treasure Mountain Festival in some way. Katie VanMeter described how they want to create “a historical Christmas” in their new inn.

Every improvement and every event will highlight the Van Meters’ passion for the house and its history. As Katie VanMeter commented, “It’s already a gem architecturally.”

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to sister  
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# Recognize the Value of Teachers' Influence on Students

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

There are many ways to recognize an elementary teacher. They are skilled in keen observations of the students, monitoring their progress, researching learning strategies, continually assessing each student's social development and learning skills, inspiring learners to do their best, nurturing healthy curiosity, leveraging technology to support learning, and most importantly having classroom management. Besides teaching the core subjects in the classroom, minding their "P's and Q's," they extend themselves into many careers at the same time...that of being a psychiatrist, nurse, mediator and comforter, to name a few.

This remarkable species comes equipped with the following special features:

- Can detect whispered answers from the back of the room.
- Can take one look at "Bobby" and tell if it's really the stomach flu or if he hasn't studied for the spelling test.
- Can name all seven of the dwarfs and knows the second verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner."
- Can lead 27 students on a walk to the fire hall and know which one stepped off the sidewalk into the flower bed.
- Gives dirty looks to children in the grocery store who are running wildly in the aisles and smashing loaves of bread.
- Keeps crackers in the desk to rescue those who haven't eaten at home.
- Never forgets that fluoride rinses are at 1:35 on Tuesday, Suzie has speech Wednesday and Friday from 9:05-9:20, music is Tuesday and Thursday, with physical education on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with this schedule being reversed the next week, lunch is at 11:30, recess is at 12:00, etc.
- Never throws anything away, knowing that some day it will be used again.
- Can maneuver a crowded hallway with a full glass of water and a dozen library books.
- Always purchases Girl Scout cookies, magazine subscriptions, and tickets for fundraiser dinners.
- Can eat lunch, use the restroom, and call a parent during the 25-minute lunch break.
- Can introduce the long "T" sound with the enthusiasm of Richard Simmons' aerobics.
- Always cries on the last day of school.

Recognizing their care and dedication to their students should be a constant. Unbeknownst to the general public, an elementary teacher clocks in around 50-60 hours of work a week. After school hours involves grading papers, hanging up students' work, changing bulletin boards, and preparing lesson plans, to name a few incidentals.

Teacher appreciation day/week is upcoming. Be sure to show signs of appreciation on that occasion, and make a pledge to support them all school year.



Each member of the Franklin Graded School band in the early 1940s, under the direction of Walter Judy, is wearing a uniform. Parents encouraged their child to participate in the band/choir, as noted by this photo. The only person identified is blonde Reid Waggy, holding a clarinet in his hand and fifth from the left in the second row. If anyone can identify someone in the photo, call Mary Waggy at 304-358-3205 or Paula Mitchell at 304-249-5935.

Life's little lessons to live by include the following:

1. The feel of grass tickling one's feet.
2. Coming home.
3. Catch raindrops with one's tongue.
4. Listening to children singing.
5. Collect seashells

Sugar Grovers are back to wearing long sleeves and jackets. Last week's 80° temperatures spoiled one and all. Now, the temperatures have dipped to more spring like weather. No matter what, the dogwood trees are definitely adorned with their white attire.

The county's unsung heroes braved all forms of elements this past week. Fires seemed to break out everywhere, all week. The Saturday rains put a stop to all that. The community and surrounding counties rallied around these brave and devoted heroes. Please remember to support the fire and rescue folks at every opportunity. Pendleton County is very fortunate to have the teams of brave men and women.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"It's easy to have principles when you're rich. The important thing is to have principles when you're poor." — Ray Kroc

"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush." — Doug Larson

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'" — Robin Williams

"Where flowers bloom, so does hope." — Lady Bird Johnson

"Despite the forecast, live like it's spring." — Lilly Pulitzer

It is a definite to sit by the fireside to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Saturday's Lions Club/VFW chicken barbecue fundraiser was a huge success. The proceeds are going to the Sugar Grove

ballfield.

Speaking of ballfield, come on out and enjoy the children playing their ballgames at Sugar Grove. It has been a life-long dream to have a ballfield at the park. The day has finally arrived!

Troy, Jennifer, Kayla and Emily Eckard were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Willard and Judy Rader.

Ben Puffenbarger, son of Becky and Wes Puffenbarger, spent the weekend at Jackson's Mill for 4-H outdoors weekend.

Volunteers continue to pick up trash along the highway. The Sugar Grove District is looking much better as a result.

Terri Grogg and Claude were visitors of Rosalee Grogg this week.

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

• Amsterdam, Netherlands, consists of about 100 islands linked by nearly 400 bridges.

• Snowshoes were invented by the American Indians. They were small pine trees tied to their feet.

• Originally, curfew was a safety law requiring people to cover their fireplaces before sleeping.

• At one time an acre was simply all the land a yoke of oxen could plow in a day.

• It takes the work of some 160,000 bees to produce a pound of honey.

May birthdays are as follows: Betty Kimble, Krista Simmons and Dave Basagic, third; Connor Hedrick, fourth; Sandy Simmons, Linda Faye Rexrode and Judy Rexrode, fifth; Ashlyn Wimer and Shalee Wilburn, sixth; Bobby Bodkin, seventh; Grey Cassell, Jean Hudson, Kaye Simmons and Donna Evick, eighth; Linnea Fisher, 10th; Willard Rader, Susan Kiser and Juanita Scott, 11th; Jean Ann Homan, 13th; Adelbert Hoover, Orville Harper, Missy Harrison and Dinah Beverly, 14th; and Lori Harper, 15th.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, Debbie Beal, the Paul Belmont family, Jed Conrad, Jeff Craig, Mary Eye, Mia Felici, Donna Fleisher, Ron Gilkerson, Lola Graham, Jordan Great-house, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Gary and Jackie Hills, Virgil Homan, Jr., Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Anna Gae Hughes, Alice Johnson, the Dan Jollie family, Richard Judy, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Willard May, Neil McLaughlin, Gary Mitchell, Melvin Moats, Sarah Moyers, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Barbara Parker, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, Kara Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Sheldon Propst, K.D. Puffenbarger, Dick Rexrode, Gary Rexrode, Harley Propst, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Sandra Vandevander, Pam Rexrode, Max Rodriguez, Donna Ruddie, Annie Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Rosa Tichenor, Amy Vaus, Danny Wilburn, Judy Williams and Margaret Wimer.

## Resources Are Available For Child Abuse Prevention

As part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources reminds residents of free community resources available to families.

"Preventing child abuse and neglect starts with helping families meet their basic needs," said Janie Cole, commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance. "We are thankful for our partners in communities across the state who work to prevent potential child abuse and neglect by offering services

that support families."

Community resources include Family Support Centers, In-Home Family Education, Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs, Partners in Prevention, and West Virginia 211. DHHR also offers assistance programs that help with food and shelter costs, educational resources, and paying bills.

"Promoting stable, nurturing environments for West Virginia children and families is a top priority, not only during this special month, but every day of the year,"

said Jeff Pack, commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Social Services. "We urge parents and caregivers who need help caring for their children to reach out for support."

To report suspected child abuse or neglect, call DHHR's Centralized Intake for Abuse and Neglect (24/7): 1-800-352-6513.

Individuals interested in a career in the child welfare field are encouraged to visit [dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx](http://dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx).

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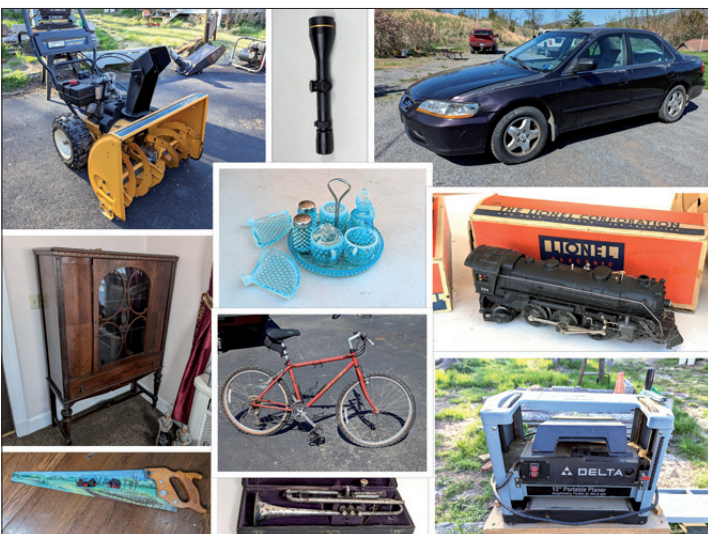
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Pendleton County Alpha Kappa members, from left, Ann Bennett, Sharon Harr and Sue Harper, get into the spirit of the tea party with their straw hats.

# Delta Kappa Gamma State President Visits Local Chapter

By Susan Garrett  
Hardy County

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met April 1 at Moorefield Middle School in Moorefield with Hardy County members as hostesses. Using a Garden Tea Party theme, tables were decorated with teapots, teacups, flower centerpieces, butterfly favor boxes, and "A Cup of Tea" placemats featuring Alpha Kappa officers.

Members enjoyed a delicious breakfast catered by Betty Coffman. The blessing was given by Susan Garrett.

Angela Propst led the Pledge of Allegiance. Donna Bodkins led devotions with "Put Spring in Your Spirit." She reminded members to renew their spirit and relationship with the Lord this spring.

Opening remarks were given by JoAnn Gregory, WVSO president. She recognized Vickie Skavenski, Vickie Saville, Jo Ann Harman, Ro-

sanne Glover and Pam Boggs for their support and roles in the West Virginia State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. She also gave information about the upcoming WVSO State Convention April 21-23 in Flatwoods. In closing, she shared that the new WVSO History is ready to be published. As Gregory is serving another term, she is the last president in the previous history and will be the last president in the new history. Vickie Skavenski, chapter president, presented Gregory with a basket full of local "West Virginia" treasures.

Alpha Kappa had the following members recognized as local leading ladies: Glover, Sue Harper, Saville, Sharon Harr, and Ruby Alvaro. At the convention, Alpha Kappa will be sharing information on their various projects, the most recent being donations of school supplies for flood victims in Kentucky and the preparation of 56 journals for nursing students at Potomac State College and Eastern WV Community

and Technical College. Saville designed a convention t-shirt with the motto "Educators Are Superheroes."

Harman spoke about the dedication of the Annette S. Boggs Educational Center at Jackson's Mill and the heart Boggs had for education. Saville suggested the chapter donate a tree or shrub in honor of Boggs, who was a member until her death.

Skavenski awarded Susan Garrett of Hardy County the R.O.S.E award for her contribution to Alpha Kappa and organizing such a great meeting for the chapter.

Glover led the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Members present were Amber Champ, Ann Bennett, Skavenski, Patty Adkins, Boggs, Propst, Becky Heavener, Beth High, Peggy High, Karen Davis, Judy Bowyer, Susan Garrett, Jessica Saville, Harr, Harper, Alvaro, Saville, Betty Inskeep, Elizabeth Mitchell, Glover, Harman, Yvonne Rowland, Missy Whetzel and Bodkins.

# Chamber of Commerce Discusses Trout Fest Plans in April Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County's Chamber of Commerce held their April meeting last week at the town office. Much of discussion centered around preparations for Trout Fest early next month.

Elizabeth Scott, executive director, started by sharing the profit and loss statement. This included funds deposited from Trout Fest dinners, as well as approximately \$5,700 received through sponsorship drives. The state provided a grant of more than \$10,000 for Trout Fest as well.

She told the board that "in July, we were sitting at \$4,200. As of last night, we were sitting at \$7,525 and we picked up two new members. One is a business with 109 employees. The other is a home-based business."

"We want new members all day long," Scott said.

She announced the location of a new business in Franklin as well, a hair salon locating in the old theater building. "Her name is Haley and she's really excited," Scott said, adding that "she wants to do a ribbon cutting ceremony. They want to have it done this week."

The new business owner relocated from Florida to establish her business in Pendleton County.

The board then briefly discussed individual memberships, which have become rare offerings from chambers in recent years. Scott explained that "we are the only chamber that I'm aware of that still offers individual memberships and I think we need to keep doing that."

"Why would you want to join the chamber if you don't own a business," Scott rhetorically asked, "It's the whole networking experience." She

shared the story of Gary and Mary Hess who joined as individuals. "They moved to the area," Scott stated. "They retired and became farmers. They wanted to be a part of this area."

"Next," Scott said, "I want to give you a pageant report."

The chamber, according to Scott, made between \$1,500 and \$1,600 in net revenues from the pageant. She added that "Saturday's crowd was not as hectic as Sunday's." Sunday featured the youngest sets of competitors. On both days, a "crowd pleaser" fundraiser allowed for donations to be made to indicate the winner. "People were dropping hundred-dollar bills in the toddler contest," Scott shared.

She also informed the board that silver sponsor Felicia Cook "brought most of the decorations from her house." She also spent nearly \$500 and only asked to be named a sponsor for her and her husband's trouble.

Scott made multiple suggestions for improving the pageant experience. "We really need to support a small concession stand for next year," she said. Although food and drinks besides water cannot go inside the auditorium, the event extended past the closing times of most local eateries. A family from Buckhannon attending asked at the event's 8:45 closing where his family could eat.

She said that "if we did a 20-30 minute intermission, we could offer hot dogs, chips, and drinks at least."

Additionally on Sunday, the event had more attendees than seats. Scott suggested that short breaks be put between the age groups to allow people a chance to leave after their child competed, if they wished.

Scott also provided an update on Trout Fest planning. The committee needs three more volunteers for set up, eight additional stream marshals for the trout rodeo, and more volunteers for cleanup on Sunday between 9 and 10 a.m.

Carolyn Simmons volunteered to make five homemade cakes for the Friday dinner. Donna Evick pitched in to make as many pies as necessary to feed the attendees.

On Saturday, Trout Fest will have a headquarters tent where attendees can buy souvenirs and also get assistance and information. Eighteen vendors have signed up, with six focusing on fishing and related products.

"We're pretty prepared," Scott said.

After Trout Fest, the late fall Chamber of Commerce dinner was discussed. "Believe me, my wheels are turning on that!" Scott shared, adding that the event will return to the Swilled Dog again in 2023. "We think that's the best place to have it," she said.

Almost 110 attended in 2022, but Scott provided an expanded vision. "My vision is that we will rent a tent. We're going to get heaters. We're going to open the garage door." These changes would be needed to accommodate the 200 she hopes will attend this coming fall.

Finally, Scott implored the board to help her inspire more participation. "I want to fill up all of these chairs. I want people to interact with suggestions and comments." She added that "the town council graciously lets us use their space, probably for the last seven or eight years, and we appreciate them."

# Buckle Up for a Safe Ride

By Charlotte Lane

Public Service Commission  
Chairman

The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program holds a statewide Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign. As always, the transportation division of the Public Service Commission is cooperating and doing its part to keep everyone safe on West Virginia's roadways.

The most recent traffic accident statistics for West Virginia are from 2020. In that year, 47 percent of people killed in passenger vehicles on the roads were not wearing their seatbelts. Is a person of those people who only buckles up when traveling on the interstate? If so, think again. In 2020, 64 percent of the Mountain State's fatal passenger vehicle accidents occurred on rural roads.

How many of those people would be alive today if only they had taken that one small precaution? It is heartbreaking to think of the lives lost and the families that have been broken by these preventable tragedies.

Why are seatbelts so effective? According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, wearing a seatbelt helps keep a person secure inside a vehicle. If a person is not buckled up, a person can be totally ejected from the vehicle during a crash, which is almost always fatal. It is also vital that a person wears the seatbelt properly. Placing the strap under one's arm decreases its effectiveness and can even cause other injuries.

Airbags are excellent safety devices, but relying on an airbag alone is not enough to protect a person. In fact, the force of an airbag deploying can seriously injure or even kill a person if one is not buckled up. The seatbelt keeps a person from being thrown forward into the force of the deploying airbag.

That is why the Click It or Ticket campaigns are so important. The role played by the PSC's officers is to ensure that drivers of commercial motor vehicles comply with the seatbelt laws. The safer truck drivers are, the safer one is. This month's Click It or Ticket blitz is a lead up to the annual national campaign that takes place in May.

The whole point of the campaign is to remind everyone that wearing a seatbelt is not just a good idea - it's the law. Everyone in the vehicle must be wearing a seatbelt, and children must be buckled into appropriate safety seats. So, remember that if a person clicks it one can avoid the ticket.

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# Updated WIC Guidelines Released

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Nutrition Services has announced updated U.S. Department of Agriculture income eligibility guidelines for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

The new guidelines indicate a family of four can earn \$55,500 and qualify for WIC benefits, an increase of \$4,162 from 2022. These guidelines are adjusted for recent inflation over the past year.

“Our goal is to provide nutritional services and information that help keep West Virginia families healthy,” said Dr. Matthew Christiansen, state health officer and commissioner for DHHR’s Bureau for Public Health. “West Virginia WIC serves more than 36,000 mothers and young children monthly. With the expanded income guidelines, we can serve more families.”

An additional 4,600 West Virginians could be served under the expanded WIC income eligibility guidelines.

Families enrolled in the program receive nutrition education, breastfeeding education, nutritious foods, and access to maternal, prenatal and pediatric healthcare services that may otherwise be unavailable. West Virginia WIC serves 86% of all babies born in West Virginia.

The new income guidelines represent 185% above the federal poverty level for all 48 contiguous states. The guidelines are as follows (household/family size, weekly gross income, monthly gross income and annual gross income): one, \$518, \$2,247 and \$26,973; two, \$701, \$3,040 and \$36,482; three, \$884, \$3,832 and \$45,991; and four, \$1,067, \$4,625 and \$55,500.

For more information about West Virginia WIC visit <https://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/default.aspx>.

For more information regarding new USDA WIC eligibility guidelines go to <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/19/2023-00885/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines.ments/2023/01/19/2023-00885/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines>.

## Summer P-EBT to be Issued to Qualifying Students

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources has received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture to issue Summer Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer. The federal COVID-19 public health emergency is ending, and West Virginia will issue a final P-EBT benefit for the covered summer period.

Eligible students are those who attended a West Virginia school that participates in the National School Lunch Program, were actively enrolled in the 2022-2023 school year on May 15 and qualify for free or reduced-price meals. All students who attend a Community Eligibility Provision school and receive free or reduced-priced meals also qualify for P-EBT.

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An eligibility letter will be mailed to each student who qualifies for Summer P-EBT. Qualified students will receive a one-time Summer P-EBT issuance of \$120 to existing WV P-EBT cards in June. Only students new to the P-EBT program will be mailed a WV P-EBT card. If the card has been lost, a new card may be requested by calling 1-866-545-6502.

The WV P-EBT program is a shared initiative between DHHR and the West Virginia Department of Education’s Office of Child Nutrition.

For additional information, please visit the WV P-EBT website or contact the P-EBT Call Center at 1-866-545-6502.

## HELP WANTED Youth Transitional Housing Program Director

Status: Full-time, exempt

Home2MapleHill program (including Transitional Housing, Independent Living Skills, and rapid rehousing) helps youth achieve self-sufficiency through supportive case management services and linkage to additional resources. The program serves current and former foster youth, probation youth, and at risk or homeless 18-24 years old. Participants are referred through government agencies like probation, child welfare services and other advocates as well as self-referral.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the supervision of the Executive Director, the Program Director shall be responsible for providing services and ensuring that their team provides services Home2MapleHill clients and the community. Services will be consistent with agency goals, objectives, mission, and style. The Program Director is responsible for facilitating the development and implementation of team goals and objectives. They will ensure that the goals and objectives are met. The Program Director’s role is to provide guidance and support to team members and to serve as a link to other teams and to the Executive Director. The Program Director is responsible for staff development and evaluations in conjunction with the Executive Director. The Program Director facilitates team and individual problem solving and recognizes achievements.

### DUTIES:

- Management of the team and project services including development, planning, implementation, and evaluation.
- Supervision of staff (paid and volunteer) performing team & project services including supervision, hiring, and training. Direct supervision of the Program Coordinator.
- Responsible for compliance with, State and Federal funding sources, HUD requirements, and contract compliance.
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- Supervision & maintenance of case files.
- Management of program data collection, statistics, reports to Funders. Timely submission of all required reporting.
- Attendance & active participation in Leadership Team, team meetings, department meetings, agency meetings & other committee meetings as assigned.
- Other duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Master’s Degree in human services (e.g., psychology, social work, sociology or related field) required OR bachelor’s/ Associates degree in one of the above areas with a minimum of two (2) years of experience working with unhoused youth or providing direct services to youth may be substituted.
- Minimum 4 years of experience in child, youth & family services and/or community development field.
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### At-Will Employment Status

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## New Bridge Replaces Low Water Crossing at Seneca Rocks

A 140-foot bridge now takes the place of a low water crossing at Seneca Rocks that was washed out by flooding and damaged by truck traffic. The project is paid for with funding from Governor Jim Justice’s \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity program.

“This low water crossing provided the only emergency access into Seneca Rocks for vehicles, and has been closed since it was damaged by a log truck in 2019,” said state bridge engineer Tracy Brown, P.E. “Because of the nature of the project, it would have been very difficult to find funding for the new bridge without Gov. Justice’s Roads to Prosperity program.”


Justice awarded a \$1.5 million construction project to Wolf Creek Contracting in March 2022 to replace the low water crossing with a steel truss bridge. The bridge is now in place and contractors are set to complete the bridge approaches and deck.

The low water crossing carried Roy Gap Road over the North Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River at the base of Seneca Rocks, near the United States Forest Service Seneca Rocks Discovery Center.

A log truck damaged the pipes that carry water through the existing structure, causing water to run over the top. The West Virginia Division of Highways was forced to close the low water crossing in 2019, cutting off an access point for emergency vehicles into Seneca Rocks and homes in the area.

The new steel truss bridge is far enough above the water to eliminate problems with flooding. The new bridge and abutments include stamped and stained concrete and painted steel to blend in with the environment.

The project is expected to be complete by mid-summer.



## JOB OPENINGS

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**POSITION: FULL TIME OPERATING ROOM TECHNICIAN — SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED:** Days; on call hours required; possible evening/night/weekend hours for emergencies. Sign on bonus of up to \$5,000 for a technician with one year of experience in the following modalities: general surgery, orthopedics, obstetrics/gynecology, and ophthalmology. Certification as a surgical technician highly preferred. Excellent Customer Service Skills required. Basic Life Support certification required. Must be capable of multitasking and have critical thinking skills. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 04/30/2023

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**Implement**s - Heavy duty yard roller, pig pole, 6-ft finish mower (PTO driven), Ford back blade, antique double shovel plows, Ford double plow, cement mixer (PTO driven), 6-ft snow blade, Simplicity blade and mower attachment, buggy rake, 27-ton wood splitter.

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# Pendleton County Baseball Competes Well in Bridgeport Tournament and Regional Games



In the game against the Paw Paw Pirates, coach Sam Yokum gave several Wildcats some pitching time, including Caleb Armentrout.

By Stephen Smoot

Earlier this month, Pendleton County joined 32 other teams to compete in the McDonalds Classic, the Mountain State's marquis high school baseball event. Though Bridgeport High School hosted, games took place at five separate sites. Sam Yokum, head coach, said, "We have been going down there many, many years."

The Wildcats took the field first against Liberty High School on their home field. Liberty brought with them a 6-16 record, two of their wins against triple A Preston. They also defeated Tucker County 11-1.

Liberty struck first, scoring in the first inning, then again in the second, registering a run a piece. Chase Owens, who started and earned the win, held them mostly at bay in his five innings of work. This gave the Wildcats opportunity to answer the challenge, which they did. In the third inning, Pendleton County knocked in a run to halve the gap.

Then came the fourth, in which the Wildcats took control. A seven run barrage gave them an 8-2 lead. Liberty retaliated with four runs in the bottom of the inning, but gave up two in the top of the fifth. The final score tallied at 10-7 in favor of the visiting squad from Pendleton County.

Dustin Vandevander relieved Owens for one inning and Landon Colaw came on to earn his second save in a week, the first coming

against rival Moorefield.

James Vincell hammered two doubles and drove two runs in. Cashton Kisamore had a single and a double while also driving in two. Colaw had two runs batted in and a single. Clayton Kisamore had a hit and an RBI as well. Vandevander, Dillon Smith, Brayden Beachler, and Owens all also singled in the victory.

Next, the Wildcats faced the tough double A East Fairmont Bees who had earned a 13-7 record on the season. The Bees had solid wins against Sissonville and Elkins, but a 9-4 loss to Frankfort.

Yokum noted, "They have been playing very well. We lost 3-2, but we had opportunities."

Colaw, who earned the save against Liberty the night before, came in strong. He took a no hitter into the fourth inning. Yokum said, "I'm very pleased. I thought he pitched a great game."

East Fairmont took two runs at that point, then a third in the top of the sixth. The Wildcats played as the home team in the neutral venue at Robert C. Byrd High School and answered in the bottom with two runs.

Neither team could score in the seventh, leaving the game a stinging, but slender 3-2 Bee win.

Colaw supported his pitching efforts with an RBI single. Vandevander had a double and an RBI as well. Jayden Roberson, Vincell, and Clayton Kisamore also registered

hits.

The return to regional action brought big wins against more familiar opponents. On the 17th, the Wildcats defeated the Paw Paw Pirates 21-3. Every day in which the tiny northern Hampshire County school could field a team represents a victory of sorts to their program as they brought a 2-4 record to the contest.

Pendleton County took control immediately with 11 runs in the first and eight more in the second. Paw Paw could not retaliate until the last inning of play, valiantly fighting for five in the fifth.

Many Wildcat future stars shone in the game. Cashton Kisamore pitched two scoreless innings, followed by Vincell, Smith, and Caleb Armentrout who delivered one a piece.

The game allowed Yokum to "get some different guys some work." In the first innings, Vandevander earned two hits and an RBI, along with Vincell who had two hits and three RBIs. Alex Ruddell, Owens, and Armentrout also each had two hits with Owens also driving in three.

Additionally, Jonas Turner had a two run double, Roberson a hit and an RBI, Cashton Kisamore a double, and Smith and Beachler with a hit a piece.

On the 18th came a crucial game against a usually tough out in Tygarts Valley. This year, however, the Randolph County squad has struggled, posting a 1-9 record. Clayton Kisamore led the effort to overcome the Bulldogs, pitching a complete five inning and six strikeout game. He also had three hits, including a triple, and three RBIs.

The Wildcats finished their undefeated week with an 11-1 victory against Bath County, Virginia.

One of the continuing problems for Pendleton County lies in games played. Yokum, who places a premium on the importance of game repetitions, said, "We had a third Saturday double header canceled." The South Harrison games were canceled due to inclement weather.

"I was hoping that we would be 21-22 games in now," said Yokum. The Wildcats have only 14 games played, but a solid 10-4 record against strong competition.

One of many bright spots, however, remains the consistent production for the Wildcats at the bottom of the order, drawing walks and getting key hits in crucial situations.



Allie Vance pitched four strong innings for the Wildcats against Greenbrier West.

## Wildcat Softball Places Fourth At Bub Riggelman Tournament While Picking Up Strong Wins

By Stephen Smoot

The Wildcats won eight of nine coming into a tough 14 team field at the Bub Riggelman Tournament in Moorefield last weekend, including a slugfest over Tygarts Valley on the 19th. The four-game winning streak included strong efforts against familiar foes.

On the 15th, Pendleton County took two from double A Frankfort. According to Max Preps, the Falcons have a .328 batting average and key wins over Mountain Ridge and powerhouse Petersburg. In the first game of the double header, they pounded their opponents 17-2, then blanked Frankfort in the second game 5-0.

After a two-day turnaround, Pendleton County faced rival Moorefield on a dry and windy day. They came away with a big win, scoring 12 to the Yellow Jackets' eight.

The next day, the Wildcats took on Tygarts Valley and earned the 16-1 victory.

Momentum continued as the squad competed in the Bub Riggelman Tournament on the 21st and 22nd. In their opening game, the Wildcats battled triple A Hedgesville. The Eagles have posted a 15-8 record

on the season, including the tournament games. This includes big victories over Martinsburg, Musselman, and Hampshire.

Hedgesville struck first in the top of the first, but the Wildcats answered in the bottom of the stanza to set a 1-1 tie. In the bottom of the third, Pendleton County knocked two across for a 3-1 advantage, but three in the fifth sealed the 4-3 final for the Eagles.

On the second Friday game, the Wildcats tried to punch up at higher tier competition again, playing the 13-13 double A Berkeley Springs. The Indians have racked up wins against Hampshire, Martinsburg, and Petersburg. Pendleton County drove the game against a solid opponent into extra innings before succumbing 10-7.

Saturday saw the Wildcats playing three games. Pendleton County took on a Greenbrier West squad that boasted an 18-0 record, according to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, before dropping an 11-5 loss to the Wildcats. Pendleton County's hitting and pitching, combined with seven errors by the opponent, sealed the huge upset.

Greenbrier West scored the first two runs in the first two innings, but the Wildcats picked up three in the top of the third. Two in the bottom of the third and one in the bottom of the fourth gave Greenbrier West a 5-3 lead, but an eight run sixth set the final at 11-5 for the Wildcats.

Allie Vance pitched four strong innings for the Wildcats, giving up five. Baylee Beachler dealt the last three, allowing no hits or runs. Jenna Smith went 2-3 with three RBIs and a walk. Lizzie Alt went 1-4 with a run scored and an RBI.

Game two on Saturday gave the Wildcats revenge over Hedgesville. They saw another close result, but this time in favor of Pendleton County. After the first four scoreless innings, the Wildcats broke the tie with a single run in the bottom of the fifth, followed by another in the bottom of the sixth. The Wildcats tied it in the top of the seventh and shut down the Eagles in the bottom half, extending the game into extra innings.

A run in the bottom of the ninth sealed the win for the surging Wildcats, 3-2.

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**6:00pm-8:00pm** Rodeo Registration @ Main Stage











**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

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**12:00pm-2:00pm** Kid's Conservation Area in Craft Building

**12:30pm-2:00 pm** Corey Hager on Main Stage

**12:30pm-** Doors Open Bingo @ Pendleton Senior Center

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**2:15pm-2:45pm** Trout Rodeo Awards

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# BOE Announces Teachers and Service Personnel of the Year

Individual school and county teachers and service personnel of the year were named during the Pendleton County Board of Education meeting held April 18 at the board office in Franklin. The honorees were announced by Charles Hedrick, superintendent of schools, and will be recognized at a June board of education meeting.

Teachers and service personnel chosen were as follows:  
Brandywine Elementary School – Erin Eye, teacher of the year, and Denise Neil, service personnel of the year;

Franklin Elementary School - Breanna Griffin, teacher of the year, and Jeralyn Swigunski, service personnel of the year;

North Fork Elementary School – Leslie Bowers, teacher of the year, and Amanda Morgan, service personnel of the year;

Pendleton County Middle/High School – Courtney Kimble, teacher of the year, and Linda Mallow service personnel of the year;

Central office – Brooke Dahmer, service personnel of the year;

Transportation/maintenance – Chuck Miller, service personnel of the year;

County teacher of the year – Bowers; and

County service personnel of the year – Mallow.

Mallory Bowers was approved as a chaperone at FES. Charles King, Jr., and Stephanie Hull were approved as volunteers and chaperones at PCMHS.

Hedrick informed the board that the bleachers for FES have been ordered and painting at PCMHS gym is planned. The alternative education building for PCMHS is almost completed at Huttonsville. Hedrick and Travis Heavner will be touring the building soon and will begin the process of moving the building to the county.

J.P. Mowery reported that a prep-bid meeting for the fieldhouse project at PCHS was to be held April 19.

The board unanimously approved the purchase of a school bus in the future to replace the handicap bus.

Nicole Hevener requested permission to purchase 30 radios for buses and other transportation vehicles to replace the outdated ones. The radios will be purchased using a lease purchase agreement of \$159,222.56 to be reimbursed at 95 percent through transportation.

For the second consecutive month, BES was the best school overall for attendance in the seventh month with a 93.952% rating. Best attendance in one grade in a school was the fifth grade at BES at 97.794%. The best county grade level was the seventh grade at PCMHS with 94.807% attendance record. The average countywide attendance was a 91.997%.

Hevener informed board members that 60 students have enrolled for summer school, only one teacher still needs to be hired and bus routes will soon be planned.

The next board of education meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. May 2 at the board office.

# State VISIONS Program Offers Services for Seniors With Impaired Eyesight

By Stephen Smoot

One of the typical challenges of growing older for many lies in partial or full loss of their eyesight. Fortunately, qualified West Virginians 55 years or older and suffering from either condition could get help from the VISIONS program provided by the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitative Services.

According to a report published in the Journal of the American Medical Association's Network web page, "approximately one percent of adults aged 50-54 years in the US have visual acuity impairment or are blind, but this estimate increases to more than 20% of those 85 years and older."

"Visual acuity" refers to clearness of vision. Technically, those with numbers worse than 20/20 have impaired vision. This is the traditional and objective measure of a person's ability to see.

The American Foundation for the Blind adds a definition of "low vision," an intentionally subjective term indicating a vision impairment that interferes with daily activities and routines." This threshold would change from person to person and "cannot be corrected with regular glasses, contact lenses, medicine, or surgery."

Many seniors find themselves in this condition, shaping their lifestyles around the limits of their vision.

According to Amanda Udell with the VISIONS program, it is "an independent living program for seniors with vision loss." She shared that the criteria include "you do not work. You have a personal impairment that affects daily living activities, such as reading the mail, using the phone, shopping, socializing, and more."

According to a study published online in the National Library of Medicine, "vision loss can affect one's quality of life (QOL), independence, and mobility, and has been linked to falls, injury," and lowered well-being in mental health, cognitive and social function, and more.

When impaired eyesight becomes a fact of life, VISIONS helps seniors to adapt. "VISIONS can help with instruction in alternative ways to perform tasks affected by vision loss," Udell explained. She added that the program can "teach alternative home organization techniques, help you safely manage your medications, refer you for other services, such as talking book services."

VISIONS can also "provide gadgets like magnifiers that can make reading and daily activities easier for people."

Other means of help include connecting seniors with

community activities, providing low technology adaptive aids, and connection with a network of peers also experiencing vision challenges.

Udell described how the VISIONS program works with eye care professionals and senior centers, as well as relevant community service organizations. She said, "We will also come speak at independent/assisted living facilities, community health fairs, and even church groups."

VISIONS also allows for the mobility challenges that many seniors face. Udell states that "leaving your home or community is not necessary to receive VISIONS services. Trained professionals can meet you in your home, at a community senior center, or at a church or other convenient place of your choosing."

A 2021 American Association of Retired Persons survey indicated that, even during the pandemic, almost four of five senior Americans preferred to stay in their home as they age. Additionally, those seniors who remain independent often see better physical and mental health care outcomes.

Udall explains that "we recognize that sometimes as we get older, it can be a bit more difficult to do things on our own, but it can also be difficult for some to ask for help as well."

She then provided examples, saying that "it is the simple things that sometimes sighted people take for granted, such as being able to sign your name to a piece of paper, make a grocery list, and even write out a check to pay a bill. For someone who is experiencing vision loss, those tasks may be difficult, or even impossible."

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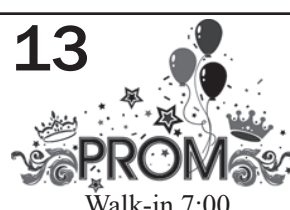





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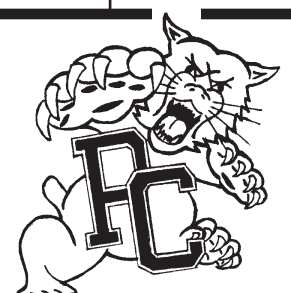
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# Department Of Natural Resources Launches Hellbender, Mudpuppy Survey

In an effort to learn more about the distribution of hellbenders and mudpuppies, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has launched a citizen science project to track sightings of these important but declining salamanders around the state.

The project, which will take two years to complete, gives anglers, science enthusiasts and members of the public a chance to help WVDNR biologists map the distribution of hellbenders and mudpuppies and protect these unique amphibians and their habitats.

“While hellbenders and mudpuppies might look fearsome and strange, these salamanders are harmless to humans and sportfish populations and play a big part in keeping our waterways healthy,” said Kevin Oxenrider, project leader. “As we track sightings over the next two years, we want to encourage everyone to keep their eyes open, report their sightings and help us protect these important salamanders and their habitats for future generations.”

Anglers and members of the public who see a hellbender or mudpuppy in their local waterway or inadvertently catch one while fishing can report their sighting to the WVDNR by completing a short questionnaire, which includes questions about the date and location of the observation. Submitting a photo is encouraged. To learn more about the survey visit WVdnr.gov/hellbender-mudpuppy-survey.

Hellbenders and mudpuppies are the only two fully aquatic salamanders native to West Virginia. Neither species is poisonous or venomous, and they eat mainly crayfish, worms and insects, but occasionally eat small minnows or other smaller amphibians. Hellbenders and mudpuppies have not been shown to negatively impact sportfish populations.

Anglers who inadvertently hook a hellbender or mudpuppy should immediately release the animal into the water by cutting the line as close to the hook or extracting the hook (taking care to remove the barb with pliers before extracting). State law prohibits the possession or taking of a hellbender or mudpuppy.

WVDNR biologists will use data collected during the survey to better understand hellbender and mudpuppy distribution and status in West Virginia, and to inform future conservation efforts. “Every observation counts,” said Oxenrider. “You don’t have to be an angler to participate.”

For more information about hellbenders, mudpuppies and other citizen science projects, visit WVdnr.gov/surveys.

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### Why am I receiving this report?

In compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, the Pendleton County PSD is providing its customers with this annual water quality report. This report explains where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. The information in this report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 20212 or earlier if not on a yearly schedule.

If you have any questions concerning this report, you may contact **Stephen Roberson or Jay Hartman (304) 358-3027**. If you have any further questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any of our regularly scheduled water board meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Thursday** of every month at **10:00 AM** in the **Pendleton County Community Building, 200 Confederate Road, Franklin, WV**.

### Where does my water come from?

Your drinking water source is **ground** water from a spring near Eagle Rocks in the Smoke Hole for Upper Tract. A **surface** water source from the South Fork of the South Branch Potomac River is used for Brandywine. A **ground** water source from three wells is used for Circleville. A **ground** water source from two wells is used for Riverton and purchased **ground** water from the Town of Franklin which uses springs known as Town Springs near Dry Run is used for Pendleton US 220-N. The Eagle Rocks Spring in Smoke Hole and Franklin Town Springs have both been declared Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water (GWUDI) and are considered surface water.

### Source Water Assessment

A Source Water Assessment was conducted in 2003 by the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health (WVBPH). The springs that supply drinking water to the **Town of Franklin** have a higher susceptibility to contamination, due to the sensitive nature of surface aquifer in which the drinking water springs are located and existing potential contaminant sources identified within the area. This does not mean that this spring will become contaminated; only that conditions are such that the surface water could be impacted by a potential contaminant source. Future contamination may be avoided by implementing protective measures. The source water assessment report which contains more information is available for review or a copy will be provided to you at their office during business hours or from the WVBPH 304-558-2981.

The wells/springs that supply drinking water to the **Circleville, Upper Tract, and Riverton** facilities have a higher susceptibility (Upper Tract - moderate susceptibility) to contamination, due to the sensitive nature of the aquifers in which the drinking water wells are located and the existing potential contaminant sources identified within the area. This does not mean that the wellfields will become contaminated; only that conditions are such that the ground water could be impacted by a potential contaminant source. Future contamination may be avoided by implementing protective measures. The source water assessment report which contains more information is available for review or a copy will be provided to you at their office during business hours or from the WVBPH 304-558-2981.

### Why must water be treated?

All drinking water contains various amounts and kinds of contaminants. Federal and state regulations establish limits, controls, and treatment practices to minimize these contaminants and to reduce any subsequent health effects.

### Contaminants in Water

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits of contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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

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

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring, or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### Water Quality Data Table

Definitions of terms and abbreviations used in the table or report:

•**MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal**, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

•**MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level**, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technique.

•**MRDLG - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal**, or the level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect benefits of use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

•**MRDL - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level**, or the highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

•**AL - Action Level**, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

•**TT - Treatment Technique**, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Abbreviations that may be found in the table:

•**ppm** – parts per million or milligrams per liter

•**ppb** – parts per billion or micrograms per liter

•**NTU** – Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in water

•**NE** – not established

•**N/A** – not applicable

### Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants – Pendleton US 220N

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>						
Chlorine	N	1.3 Annual avg. Range 1.0 - 1.6	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes
Halocetic acids (HAAC5)	N	7	ppb	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N	19	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

\*Copper and lead samples were collected from 5 area residences on 8-11-20. Only the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is reported. None of the samples collected exceeded the MCL.

### Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants – Circleville

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>						
Chlorine	N	1.9 Annual avg. Range 1.6 - 2.2	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes
Halocetic acids (HAAC5)	N	19	ppb	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N	2	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Nitrate	N	0.33	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
Barium	N	0.181	ppm	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Cadmium	N	0.00012	ppm	5	5	Erosion of natural deposits;

\*Copper and lead samples were collected from 5 area residences on 8-11-20. Only the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is reported. None of the samples collected exceeded the MCL.

### Table of Test Results - Unregulated Contaminants – Circleville

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Sodium	N	22.30	ppm	0	20	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	N	11.1	ppm	250	250	Erosion of natural deposits;

### Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants – Upper Tract

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
Turbidity	N	0.03 100% of monthly samples <0.3	NTU	0	TT	Soil runoff
Total organic carbon	N	1.37	ppm	NA	TT	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Barium	N	0.0268	ppm	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	N	0.2	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from aluminum and fertilizer plants
Nitrate	N	1.1	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>						
Chlorine	N	1.9 Annual avg. Range 1.2 - 2.2	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes
Halocetic acids (HAAC5)	N	17	ppb	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N	14	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

\*Copper and lead samples were collected from 10 area residences on 8-11-20. Only the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is reported. None of the samples collected exceeded the MCL.

### Table of Test Results - Unregulated Contaminants – Upper Tract

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Aluminum	N	127 Annual avg. Range 108 - 152	ppb	NE	200	Erosion of natural deposits
Iron	N	22	ppb	NE	300	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese	N	0.004	ppm	NE	50	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	N	0.62	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	6.07	ppm	0	20	Erosion of natural deposits

### Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants – Brandywine

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
Turbidity	N	0.05 100% of monthly samples <0.3	NTU	0	TT	Soil runoff
Total organic carbon	N	2.0	ppm	NA	TT	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Barium	N	0.0679	ppm	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	N	1.1	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from aluminum and fertilizer plants
Nitrate	N	0.15	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>						
Chlorine	N	1.9 Annual avg. Range 1.7 - 2.1	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes
Halocetic acids (HAAC5)	N	21.59 Annual avg. Range 9.55 - 36.01	ppb	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N	19.62 Annual avg. Range 11.29 - 27.95	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

\*Copper and lead samples were collected from 10 area residences on 8-11-20. Only the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is reported. None of the samples collected exceeded the MCL.

### Table of Test Results - Unregulated Contaminants – Brandywine

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Aluminum	N	186 Annual avg. Range 74.7 - 263	ppb	NE	200	Erosion of natural deposits
Iron	N	53	ppb	NE	300	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese	N	0.024	ppm	NE	50	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	N	0.86	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	6.86	ppm	0	20	Erosion of natural deposits

### Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants – Riverton

<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>						
Chlorine	N	1.6 Annual avg. Range 0.9 - 2.2	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes
Halocetic acids (HAAC5)	N	3	ppb	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Copper*	N	0.203	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Lead*	N	0.543	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	N	0.39	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
Barium	N	0.0551	ppm	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits

\*Copper and lead samples were collected from 10 area residences on 8-13-20. Only the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is reported. None of the samples collected exceeded the MCL.

### Table of Test Results - Unregulated Contaminants – Riverton

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Sodium	N	10.30	ppm	0	20	Erosion of natural deposits

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING CONSULTANT

The Region 8 Planning and Development Council is in the process of updating its Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Council is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to assist with updating its plan. The plan covers Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral and Pendleton counties in the eastern panhandle

of West Virginia. Consulting services required include any or all services necessary to a complete the plan per FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide. The Council will help with the stakeholder involvement process and be engaged in all phases of work.

Procurement of these services shall be in conformity with the applicable laws and regulations related to 2 CFR 200. Contract is awarded on a lump sum basis.

All consultants interested in being considered for this project should submit a brief proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, staffing capabilities, related prior experience and cost. Most importantly, the consultant should submit an outline of a work plan that will result in a complete Hazard Mitigation Plan that meets FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide.

The goal of the competitive procurement process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly, the proposed work plan, technical qualifications and related prior experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents may be interviewed.

Proposals should be submitted to Terry Lively at [tlively@regioneighbor.org](mailto:tlively@regioneighbor.org) by the close of business on May 16, 2023. Questions regarding this request for proposals may be directed to Terry Lively at 304-668-2823.

The Council will afford full opportunity for minority and women-owned business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to the invitation

and will not discriminate against any firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap status or national origin in the contract award. 4-27-2c

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Pendleton County Board Of Education invites qualified contractors to submit sealed bids for the **Access Control/Security Package for Brandywine Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School and Pendleton County Middle/High School**. The Access Control/Security System will also connect to the county's existing Galaxy access control network. Sealed bids will be received at the offices of the Pendleton County Board of Education, 125 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 888, Franklin, West Virginia, 26807 until 3:30 p.m., local time, on May 5, 2023, attn: Travis Heavner. Complete hard copy sets of drawings and specifications may be obtained from the office of the Pendleton County Board of Education, 58 Walnut Street, Franklin, WV 26807, attn: Travis Heavner. Please contact Travis Heavner, Director of Facilities for the documents at 304-358-2207, ext. 9327 or via email at [theavner@k12.wv.us](mailto:theavner@k12.wv.us).

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the Owner, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid. Any contractor submitting a bid on this project hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he/she has all appropriate licenses and meets all the qualifications required by statutes of the state of West Virginia and will comply with the necessary statutes for public improvements. In addition the bidder certifies that they will be in compliance with any Davis-Bacon Act requirements.

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#### WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE PENDLETON COUNTY PSD MET ALL FEDERAL AND STATE WATER STANDARDS FOR THE REPORTING YEAR 2022

##### Additional Information

All other water test results for the reporting year 2022 were all non-detects.

Turbidity is a measure of cloudiness in water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

The PSD does sample for E.coli in both Upper Tract and Brandywine systems.

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

PENDLETON COUNTY PSD is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. The most up to date inventory is located at the Pendleton County PSD office. If you have any questions about our inventory, please contact the PSD office at 304-358-3027.

The **Pendleton County PSD** Upper Tract Water System and the Brandywine Water System is committed to protecting its drinking water sources. The drinking water for Upper Tract is sourced from a spring and the drinking water for Brandywine is surface water sourced from the South Fork of the South Branch Potomac River. We updated our Source Water Protection Plans (SWPP) in 2015, based on the requirements of Senate Bill 373. The SWPP includes physical actions to protect the drinking water sources such as ensuring that the source spring and the surface water is secured, and planning actions such as creating an emergency response plan. It also includes an assessment of potential sources of contamination. The SWPP's were developed by the PSD in collaboration with a local Source Water Protection Team, and with the involvement of the public. Please contact the **Pendleton County PSD** Upper Tract Water System and the Brandywine Water System to learn about source water protection.

This report will not be mailed. A copy will be made available for review or your use upon request at our office during regular business hours. 1c

## This Week in History...

**April 28, 1884:** Musician Henry Reed was born in Peterstown, Monroe County. Reed was a legendary West Virginia fiddler whose repertory contributed to the old-time music revival in the last half of the 20th century.

**April 28, 1920:** The Monongahela National Forest was created by presidential proclamation. It is the only national forest completely within the boundaries of West Virginia.

**April 28, 1948:** Watt Powell Park opened in Charleston. About 8,000 people, including Governor Okey L. Pateson, attended the city's inaugural game in the Class A Central League. Watt Powell Park was replaced by what is now known as GoMart Ballpark after the 2004 season, and the old park was demolished in 2005.

**May 1, 1788:** Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta and Hardy counties. The county was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721-1803).

**May 2, 1900:** State Senator Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. He is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.

**May 3, 1917:** Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as WVU Potomac State College.

condition the bidder certifies that they will be in compliance with any Davis-Bacon Act requirements.

The bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall execute and deliver to the Owner within 10 days after the award, and before signing the contract, a

corporate surety bond in a penal sum equal to at least the contract sum and the cost of such bond shall be paid by the bidder. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bid and the right to waive minor informalities and procedures in bidding. 4-20-2c

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# Alpha Kappa Holds Spring Meeting

By Dinah Courrier

Member from Mineral County

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International met March 4 at the Forman Center in Lahmansville. Following a catered breakfast by Betty Coffman with a blessing by Peggy High, the meeting was opened by Vickie Skavenski, president, with the theme "Together Moving Forward." Carolyn Harper led the Pledge of Allegiance, and High and Karen Davis gave the meditation based on a prayer attributed to St. Patrick.

Skavenski recognized Local Leading Ladies recipients, Amber Champ, Pamela Boggs and Sharon Harr, for their contributions to their communities. Judy Bowyer was presented with the R.O.S.E. award given to a member who has increased the visibility of Delta Kappa Gamma in her area.

The chapter will donate a "Taste of West Virginia" basket for the silent auction at the upcoming state convention in Flatwoods. Vickie Saville was recognized for her logo design which will be on the front of t-shirts which attendees will wear. She was congratulated for designing the West Virginia ad which will represent the state in Detroit.

The members donated handbags which they filled with a variety of useful items



The WVSO Delta Kappa Gamma Local Leading Lady certificate and pins are presented to Elizabeth Mitchell, left, by Ann Bennett, Alpha Kappa second vice president.

for women in local shelters.

Joanne Gregory, state president, will attend the April meeting in Moorefield, and members were invited to join her for dinner the previous night.

Hampshire County members provided the St. Patrick's Day table decorations and favors. Winners of a variety of seasonal items were Beth Barr, Ruby Alvaro, Boggs, Skavenski, Coffman, Susan Garrett, Ann

Bennett, Cynthia Yokum, Peggy High, Yvonne Williams, Donna Bodkins and Joann Harman.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an educational honorary whose mission is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Alpha Kappa chapter is comprised of educators from Pendleton, Hampshire, Hardy, Grant and Mineral counties.



Pendleton County 4-H members participating in Beef Expo were, from left, front row, Bella Hoover, Tori Heavner, Kallie Keyser, Ross Pownell and Marion Williams; middle row, Maycee Woods, Katie Keyser, Hannah Heavner and Aiden Whetzel; and back row, Jameigh Miller, Katie Heavner, Lydia Heavner, Ty Heavner, Tia Heavner, Phoebe Pownell and McKenna Hedrick.

## Pendleton 4-H'ers Judge at Beef Expo

Sixteen Pendleton County 4-H members attended the 2023 Beef Expo at Jackson's Mill on April 7 to participate in the stockman's contest, which included judging breeding cattle, feeder calves, identifying cuts of beef, identifying different forage species, and answering basic quality assurance questions. Many of these participants were first time attendees.

Participating in the days event were Hannah Heavner, Katie Heavner, Lydia Heavner, Tia Heavner, Tori Heavner, Ty Heavner,

McKenna Hedrick, Bella Hoover, Kallie Keyser, Katie Keyser, Jameigh Miller, Phoebe Pownell, Ross Pownell, Aiden Whetzel, Marion Williams and Maycee Woods.

One senior team participated in the senior contest, while three teams participated in the junior contest.

Pendleton Team #1, which consisted of Phoebe Pownell, Katie Keyser, Katie Heavner, and Tia Heavner, placed second in the competition. Phoebe Pownell, Katie Keyser and Katie Heavner placed in

the top 20 with the sixth, 12th, and 16th highest individual scores, respectively.

Pendleton Team #2 placed ninth in the state with team members Whetzel, Woods, Kallie Keyser, and Hannah Heavner.

Pendleton Team #3 consisted of team members Ross Pownell, Williams, Tori Heavner, and Hoover.

The Pendleton County Senior team members were Miller, Ty Heavner, Lydia Heavner, and Hedrick.

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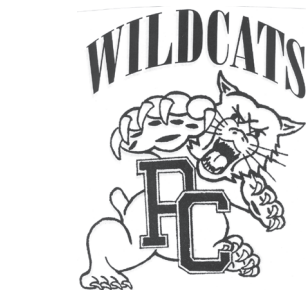
**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**  
Beans/Ham  
Cabbage, Cornbread  
Orange, Birthday Cake  
**MONDAY, MAY 1**  
Beef Stroganoff/Noodles  
Peas/Carrots  
Fruit

**TUESDAY, MAY 2**  
Baked Potato  
Chili/Cheese  
Broccoli  
Jello/Fruit

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**  
Steak Salad  
French Fries  
Peach Crisp  
**THURSDAY, MAY 4**  
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Baked Sweet Potato  
Cauliflower/Cheese  
Fruit



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**SGR634** 2.7 Acres, Electric nearby, Septic, Public Water avail. **\$69,500.00.**

**SGR278A** 583 Acres w/2 Story, 4 Bdrm, 1 Bath Farmhouse. Wood & Electric Heat, Well, adjoins National Forest, Native Trout Stream. Circleville District, Pendleton County. **WV. NEW LISTING! \$1,973,455.00.**

**SGR276A** 5.11 Ac., Raw Land, Lot #23, Blackthorn Mtn. Estates, Sugar Grove District, Pendleton Cty. **NEW LISTING \$35,900.00.**

**SGR275A** 3.26 Acres w/3 Bed, 1 Bath Ranch Home, Oak Cove Subdivision, Some Restrictions, Milroy District, Grant County. **WV. \$219,900.00.**

**SGR272A** 1.625 Acres w/4 Bed, 1 Bath 2 story Frame house, along National Forest, Beldie District. **NEW LISTING \$75,000.00.**

**SGR271-A** 1.84 Acres, Potomac Heights Subdivision, Williams Rd., Franklin District, Pendleton County, WV. **\$14,000.00.**

**SGR270A** 1.97 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Well, Septic, Sugar Grove District, Pendleton Cty. **NEW LISTING \$99,000.00.**

**SGR268A** 183.7 Acres Raw Land, Dry Run area, Excellent Hunting, Franklin District. **\$449,900.00.**

**SGR264A** 2.097 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 bath Brick Cape Cod, 2 Car Detached Garage, Retirement. Quiet neighborhood, conveniently located to town amenities. **NEW LISTING \$329,000.00.**

**SGR258A** 17.75 Acres Raw Land, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$150,000.00.**

**SGR258B** 3.42 Acres, w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home. Sugar Grove District, Falcon Lane. **NEW LISTING \$259,000.00.**

**SGR252A** 81.01 Acres, more or less, Lot 7, Seneca Lookout, adjoins National Forest. Spring on property. North Fork hiking trail crosses. Union District. Covenants & Restrictions. **NEW LISTING \$519,000.00.**

**SGR248** 1.407 Acres, more or less, Lot 9, Highland Estates, Gandy District, Pendleton County. **NEW LISTING \$31,500.00.**

**SGR246** 242.36 Acres, more or less, w/5 Bed, 2-1/2 Bath Contemporary Home as well as a Farmhouse on property. Pond, Magnificent Views. Conservation Easement. **\$998,700.00.**

**SGR245** 0.96 Acres w/2 Bed, 1.5 Bath 1900's Remodeled Cottage, Seneca Rocks. **\$249,900.00 REDUCED \$234,900.00.**

**SGR244** 0.14 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath 1,000 sq. ft. Home, Bonus Room, Hardwood Floors, Mini Splits. Franklin Corp. **\$149,900.00.**

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

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

**SGR216** 0.662 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath, 908 sq. ft. Cabin located in close proximity to Brushy Fork Lake and National Forest, Sugar Grove District. **\$79,900.00 REDUCED \$74,500.00.**

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

**SGR193** 391.70 Acres, Hayfields, Pastureland, Native Brook Trout Stream, Marketable Timber, 360 deg. Views. Franklin District, Pendleton County. **NEW LISTING \$1,399,000.00.**

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

**SGR187** 8.87 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Bldg. Sites, View. **\$79,900.00.**

**SGR176** 2.02 Acres Raw Land, Rocky Mountain Rd. Deer Run, Electric nearby. **\$49,900.00 REDUCED \$11,000.00.**

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

**SGR128** 2-3 Bedroom Ranch w/Full Basement on 0.6386 Acres, more or less, Moyers Gap Rd, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$169,000.00 REDUCED \$149,900.00.**

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