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West Virginia Trout Fest pageant winners included, from left, Miss Preteen Kinley Jo Bennett, Miss Trout Fest Jenna Biggs and Miss Teen Johnna Bennett.

Pendleton County is Hooked on the Excitement and Fun of Trout Fest

By Stephen Smoot

For almost two decades, the Town of Franklin has greeted the arrival of spring with a celebration. Although it has changed much over the years, the draws continue to be fishing, family, food, and fun.

Elizabeth Scott, executive director of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, has released

the schedule for Trout Fest, which will take place on May 5 and 6.

The fun starts at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 5, with a dinner at the community building provided by Deans Gap Farms of Fort Seybert. Attendees can enjoy smoked trout, chicken breasts, and macaroni and cheese, among other favorites. Dinner tickets bought ahead of time at the Town of Franklin office.

Taking the main stage at 6 p.m. will be Nashville based recording artist Nat Frederick. He has also headlined events at Pipestem Resort State Park and Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company. He is spending the whole weekend and will help with the rodeo as well.

From 4 to 6 p.m., those who wish to participate in the trout rodeo can register.

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US Capitol Christmas Tree to Tour Pendleton County This Fall

By Stephen Smoot

In January, the U.S. Forest Service announced that the 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree would come from the Monongahela National Forest. Last week, the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau shared that Pendleton County is one of the finalists to provide the tree that will adorn the West Lawn of the United States Capitol.

Even if the red spruce used to celebrate the Christmas season does not come from Pendleton County, however, it will come to the area.

“It’s going to bring the community together,” said Amber Nesselrodt, executive director of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau. She added that “it’s been narrowed down to three. Pendleton is one.” She also explained that, due to security concerns, the location of the three finalists remains a closely guarded secret.

The forest service selected “Endlessly Wild and Wonderful” as the theme of the year. Governor Jim Justice said in the USFS release on the tree, “it’s an honor to have a tree from our backyard selected as the official 2023 U. S. Capitol Christmas Tree.” He also said, “This shines a positive light



on West Virginia and I am thrilled in every way.”

“The official tree has only come from the Monongahela National Forest twice prior to this,” Nesselrodt stated.

She shared that the CVB will help to plan a big event for the tree. “We are working hard with local people and organizations to create a special day. Pendleton County will be the first stop no matter where the tree comes from.” The tree will tour different sites in the area on an extra-long tractor trailer.

The forest service offers an-

other way in which the entire community can get involved. As it says in a release, “we need your help to create over 10,000 ornaments for the 2023 U. S. Capitol Christmas Tree and smaller trees that will be displayed this holiday season in Washington, DC”

The release adds that those making the ornaments “use natural, recyclable, and repurposed materials when able.” Also, ornaments cannot contain commercial logos, divisive or offensive content, or use

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Community CALENDAR

Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 13 at the post home in Sugar Grove. New officers will be nominated and elected for the upcoming year.

Eastern To Host Job Fair Tuesday

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield will host a job fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday. More than 50 employers will be onsite.

TMF Association To Meet April 13

Treasure Mountain Festival Association will meet at 6 p.m. April 13 at the bowling alley. The association hopes to see all of the volunteers who attended the March meeting, as well as all interested parties who were not able to attend. Several areas still need more help. This meeting is a continuation of developing the process for continuing the existence of the festival.

PVCD Board To Gather Tuesday

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. April 11 at the Farm Credit building in Moorefield. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting on the district website at www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the Romney office at 304-822-5174.

The public is invited to participate.

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 12 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled

A community Easter egg hunt, sponsored by Franklin Moose Lodge #769, will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Franklin Town Park. Children of all ages are invited to participate in finding 2,500 eggs.

Golf League Meeting Planned

An organizational meeting of the Highlands Golf League will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the club house. Individuals interested in the league are encouraged to attend the meeting. Rules and by-laws will be updated.

The league will start April 25 and conclude on or about Aug. 25 with April 18 being the last day to enter the league.

For more information, contact Bob Hoops at 304-249-5009.

Lenten Lunches Conclude Today

The annual Lenten Lunches hosted by the Pendleton County Ministerial Association will conclude at noon today at Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Franklin.

A meal, consisting of soups, sandwiches, desserts and drinks, will be served at noon. The message will be delivered at 12:30 p.m.

This week’s meal will be provided by Mountaintop Ministries. The message will be delivered by by Pastor Cindy Skinner of the Riverton United Methodist Charge.



Special Holy Week and Easter services are being conducted this week at area churches. The public is invited to attend the services and hear the messages about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Mountaintop Ministries with Pastor Mike Loudermilk will celebrate Holy Week with a Maundy Thursday at today at **Main Street United Methodist Church** and a Good Friday service at **Walnut Street UMC**. Both services begin at 7 p.m. An Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. at **Mt. Zion UMC** in Deer Run. Breakfast will follow. Easter services will begin at 10 a.m. at **Walnut Street UMC** and 11 a.m. at **Main Street UMC**.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church will hold Easter services beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

At 7 a.m. an Easter sunrise service for the community will be held at the **Sugar Grove Cemetery**. A breakfast, served by Francis Asbury United Methodist and Calvary Lutheran churches, will be held from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at **Calvary Lutheran**. **Francis Asbury’s** worship servie will begin at 8:45 a.m. and the worship service at **Calvary Lutheran** will start at 9:15 a.m.

Town of Franklin Officials Frustrated Over New PSC Water Leakage Rule

By Stephen Smoot

“They’re taking away the service to the customer. I don’t see the logic behind it.”

Mayor Bob Horan referred to a recent rule change by the Public Service Commission concerning leak adjustments made by water utilities for customers experiencing major hidden leaks.

Frank Wehrle, administrator for the Town of Franklin, explained that a “hidden leak” can come from a water line leading to a house or one under the house. For many customers, “if there is a pinhole leak, they have no way to know. Sometimes it’s not even on their property and they can’t look in the meter pit. They don’t know until we tell them.”

Customers have ultimate responsibility for their bill

wherever the leak occurs along the line, but can apply for an adjustment. Since at least 2018, the Town of Franklin policy, once the leak was identified, customers could get an adjustment. The town water utility would estimate a 12-month average regardless of how much the overage during the leak was and waive the excess charges. This was for hidden leaks only, not leaks from lines in the house, damaged water heaters or toilets, etc.

The West Virginia Public Service Commission, however, took away any utility’s ability to be flexible in dealing with such cases. A new rule sets a minimum threshold before the utility can grant relief, saying “where the bill reflects unusual usage in excess of 200% of the customer’s historical

usage that can be attributed to leakage on the customer’s side of the meter the utility will adjust the bill.” This means that the customer must see a doubling of their normal bill before the utility can help.

Wehrle explained that the rule’s use of the word “shall” constitutes a mandate on the local utility, tying their hands in an effort to provide relief if they choose to. He added that “this rule applies for all water authorities in the state, including our public service districts.”

“Say, the average bill is 3,000 gallons and they have 5,000 usage. There’s nothing we can do. We can’t adjust it anymore,” Wehrle said.

The threshold after which relief can be granted is the

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County Officials Question National Radio Quiet Zone Policies’ Impact On Emergency Communications

By Stephen Smoot

For almost seven decades, 13,000 square miles of eastern West Virginia has lain under the restrictions of the National Radio Quiet Zone, or NRQZ. According to the National Science Foundation, the zone was “set aside by the federal government to provide a geographical region to protect sensitive instrumentation from Radio Frequency Interference.” The zone covers the Green Bank Observatory and sensitive federal government operations at the National

Security Agency facility in Sugar Grove.

Since its establishment in 1958, however, communications networks have transformed radically. Modern emergency service units rely more on wireless communications than ever before, necessities that have created concerns with local emergency management officials. Additionally, the restrictions related to the NRQZ have directly hampered attempts at economic development in Pendleton County.

Restrictions affect potential service from two

sites in the county. As Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, stated in a letter to U.S. Representative Carol Miller, the first request of the federal government “involves expanding the cellular service/signal from our Long Ridge Tower which overlooks Franklin, Brandywine, and the golf course.” He explained that an inhibiting factor on expansion of offerings at the course lay in “lack of cell phone coverage.”

The Long Ridge Tower

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Treva Mae Simmons

Treva Mae Simmons, 88, of Franklin passed away March 30, 2023, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg.

She was born on Feb. 24, 1935, in Mozer, the daughter of the late Gussa and Bertha (Hartman) Alexander.

Mrs. Simmons attended Borror School and was a member of South Mill Creek Church of the Brethren.

She had worked at New Frontier Restaurant and Franklin Garment Company. She was a homemaker and loving mother and grandmother.

On March 12, 1967, she married Reford Gale Simmons, who preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 2012.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory five daughters, Edna Lou (George) Simmons of Franklin, WV, Arvella Mae “Sis” (Roy) Rose, Ronda Lea

Hester May Mowery Williams, 93

Hester May Mowery Williams, 93, of Dayton, Virginia, passed away March 31, 2023, at her home.

She was born Sept. 12, 1929, in Kline, a daughter of the late Chester and Annie Lough Mowery.

She was the last surviving member of her birth family.

Mrs. Williams graduated from Franklin High School in 1948.

She was previously a member of Briery Branch Extension Homemakers, United Methodist Women, Clover Hill Senior Citizens, Ottobine Elementary Book Buddies, and was the founding Organizational Leader of Clover Hill 4-H Club. She was a member of Clover Hill United Methodist Church.

On Dec. 20, 1952, she married Lawrence Williams, who preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 2008.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Melody Williams; a son, Chester Williams; a

(John) Simmons and Deborah Ann (Daniel) Propst, all of Franklin, and Judy Lynn Rexrode of Upper Tract; three sons, H. Allen (Barb) Sisson of Petersburg, William Henry “Bill” (Lisa) Sisson of Proctor and Russell David “Dave” Sisson of Mathias; a daughter-in-law, Ioleta Sisson of Stanley, Virginia; five sisters, Bonnie Simmons, Opal Williams, Lula (Buck) Simmons and Twila Walker, all of Franklin and Linda (Nathan) Beachler of Sugar Grove; two brothers, Walter (Armida) Alexander of Upper Tract and Ralph Alexander of Moorefield; 24 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren, with three on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Norman Sisson; two grandsons, Adrian Simmons and Wesley Teter; a granddaughter, Alisha VanMeter; and a brother, Donald Ray Alexander.

Funeral services were held Monday at the South Mill Creek Church of the Brethren with Pastors Allen and Barb Sisson officiating. Interment was in the Alexander Family Cemetery in Upper Tract.

Memorials may be made to “the family,” c/o Deborah Propst, PO Box 744, Franklin, WV 26807 or South Mill Creek Church of the Brethren.

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

daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Wes Jamison; a granddaughter, Heather Williams; a grandson, Chad Jamison; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Craig and Brooke Jamison; a great-grandson, Lincoln Jamison; a brother-in-law, Jerry VanSlyke; a sister-in-law, Sue Mowery; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Sean Williams; a sister, Macie Mowery VanSlyke; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Warnie and Bonnie Mowery, Virgil and Jane Mowery, Newton and Emaline Mowery, Claude and JoAnn Mowery and Connie and Willa Mowery.

The family will receive friends from 6 – 8 p.m. today at McMullen Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Pastors Rob Hoskins and Gene Williams will conduct the funeral service at 2 p.m. Friday at Clover Hill United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Clover Hill Cemetery.

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



Judy Ann Falls

Judy Ann Falls, 71, of Pleasant Valley, Virginia, died April 2, 2023, at her home after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born July 12, 1951, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and was the only child of the late Jesse and Dorothy Simmons Nelson.

Mrs. Falls was employed by Otterbein United Methodist Church for 47 years and was still working there until the time of her passing. She had built many special relationships during her time there. She regularly attended Grottoes Church of Christ. She also enjoyed attending Brandywine Christian Church.

She was a lover of cats. There was never a shortage of them at the home. Any

stray who showed up there would have a forever home. She also enjoyed traveling with her daughter. They had been on numerous trips to Europe, many cruises and countless Elvis shows. They both had a love of all things Elvis and were lucky enough to be able to attend shows and events all over the country. She always had a special place in her heart for West Virginia. She enjoyed spending as much time as she could at the family home there.

She was united in marriage on April 5, 1969, to Melvin Falls, Jr. who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Menika Falls. Considered part of the family was Michael Mason whom she referred to as her “son.”

The family would also like to thank Eli and Sarah Williams for going above and beyond to help make her final days so special. Those will always be special memories the family has to cherish.

All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to one of her favorite charities, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or Cat’s Cradle.

Condolences may be shared at kygers.com.

Christmas Tree

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sharp materials that could harm people or wiring.

Ornaments must also conform to the “Endlessly Wild and Wonderful West Virginia” theme. The forest service provided a list of possible topics with endless possibilities. The topics include “Appalachian Culture – West Virginia Style,” famous West Virginians, iconic spots in West Virginia or in the Monongahela National Forest, multiple uses of national forests, and West Virginia flora, fauna, history, outdoors scenes, or state symbols.

The forest service needs 3,000 “large ornaments that are brightly colored and weatherproof to withstand wind, rain, and snow.” It also requested “nearly 9,000 smaller ornaments that are lightweight and colorful.” These will go on trees placed indoors.

“The deadline to get these in is Sept. 1,” adds Nesselrodt. She said that completed ornaments could be dropped off at the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau office in Franklin. The forest service will also accept them at the National Forest offices in Bartow, Elkins, Marlinton, Parsons, Petersburg, Richwood, and White Sulphur Springs.

The forest service has also issued a call for donations of materials. They request beads, buttons, card stock, CDs/DVDs, pipe cleaners, Christmas cards, Christmas themed fabric, construction paper, craft feathers, egg cartons, embroidery thread, clean jar lids and Mason jar rings, clean plastic soda or water bottle caps, empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls, felt, little bells, magazines with colorful pictures, out of date brochures, puzzle pieces, stickers, twine, unused cotton balls, wallpaper scraps, West Virginia maps, West Virginia postcards, and yarn.

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Trout Fest

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After six, registration will move to the main stage area. Vendors can also start selling at 4 p.m.

Also appearing on Friday evening is the morning voice of West Virginia Metro News and host of the Saturday morning program “West Virginia Outdoors.” Chris Lawrence will broadcast on Saturday morning from Trout Fest.

The trout rodeo itself will last from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday, May 6. As Scott explained, “one hundred fish will be tagged, but not all tagged fish are winners.” Each tagged fish has its own unique number. Numbers will be selected on a lottery basis. A single \$1,000 prize, plus other prizes from \$5 to \$50, will be awarded. Scott emphasized that “the biggest fish will not necessarily be the winner.” Eli Whetzel of Three River Guiding will donate the grand prize.

Winners must be present to claim their prize.

The range will extend from John Harman’s pond to the grist mill just downstream of the low water bridge. The fish come from Sugar Grove Trophy Trout Farm and are paid for by Greer Industries, Tom and Theresa Calhoun will allow children from the ages of 12 and under to fish in the spillway.

Morning rodeo registration commences at 6:30 a.m. during a breakfast held by Pendleton County Senior and Family Services. Scott shared that “it was really nice that they agreed to do that. All the organizations have pitched in to help.” She added praise for Bob Grimm, saying that “he is the mastermind of getting everything organized for the festival.”

Besides the trout rodeo, attendees can enjoy an entire day of perusing vendor booths, enjoying music, or participating in crafts.

A number of regional organizations and individuals stepped up to support Trout Fest. Platinum level sponsors include Pendleton Community Bank, Potomac Hardware, Trail End Outfitters, Pendleton Community Care, Greer Lime and Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce.

The sole gold sponsor is West Virginia Wonderful Rentals.

Silver sponsors include Grant Memorial Hospital, Summit Community Bank, Grant County Bank, Devon Rogers, State Farm Agent, VanMeter Real Estate, Deep Clean Machines Laundry, Pendleton Manor, Thorn Spring Park, Blue Grass Valley Bank, Hoover Trucking, Mouth of Seneca Pottery and Harpco LLC.

Bronze sponsors include T&K Markets, Pendleton Senior and Family Services, and Dean’s Gap Farm.

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only change to Franklin’s water policy. It still requires that the adjustment only be made on leaks considered hidden.

One serious potential problem comes during periods of bad or extreme weather. If there is heavy snow, bitter cold temperatures, or other obstacles, utilities will estimate water usage rather than check a meter. Only when the meter is directly checked can the utility determine if there is a possible leak. As Wehrle states, “a customer could go for four months before anyone knows about it. Also, customers cannot access their own meters.

Wehrle states that the new rule will save money for the town on leak adjustments, but at the cost of providing proper customer service. He said, “It does a disservice to our customers.” Facilities such as the nursing home, the senior center, and many businesses could find themselves in serious trouble since they already have large scale use.

“A lot of the rules are set up for medium to large utilities,” Wehrle shared, then added, “it’s fine for them because they have manpower and infrastructure involved. For smaller utilities, it hurts.”

“The people sitting in offices making the rules don’t understand how it affects small communities,” Horan concluded.

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BES Honor Roll Announced

Ryan Lambert, principal of Brandywine Elementary School, has released the names of students achieving the honor roll for the third nine-weeks grading period.

Principal's Honor Roll
First grade — Cailee Armstrong, Hunter Bowers, Carson Mitchell, Nakiyah Perez, Vencen Rawson and Bethany Teagarden;

Second grade — Thomas Connor, Grayson Gilbert, Vianca Henderson, Aubrey Pitsenbarger and Trevor Redmond;

Third grade — Harley Bowers, Michelina Browder, Harper Marsh,

Macie Mitchell, Alan Reyes, Corina Simmons and Addison Williams;

Fourth grade — Landon Bowers and Owen Champ;

Fifth grade — Anthony Bowman and Cayden Hensley; and

Sixth grade — Kinsley Price.

A-B Honor Roll

First grade — Lucas Hanna, Faith Hough-Lachica, David Poe, Fletcher Puffenbarger, Alani Shockey and Chloe Simmons;

Second grade — Logan Bowman, Adalynn Brown, Piper Hanna, Kendalyn Hoover-Bartley, Treyvin Puffen-

barger, Bentley Schell and Elizabeth Wheeler;

Third grade — Blaydan Boone, Bryce Kimble and Koltin Price;

Fourth grade — Emma Graham, Austin Ruddell and Levi Wimer;

Fifth grade — Emma Puffenbarger, Ellie Redmond and Aniyah Spencer; and

Sixth grade — Connor Armstrong, Ava Bowers, Laney Bowers, Marley Champ, Anthony Henderson, Lauren Williams and Carolina Kimble.

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National Radio Quiet Zone

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would have to have a 2,500 megahertz deployment. Without allowing at least that speed of electronic transmission, "that plan is essentially dead in the water." Megahertz is the measure of how fast an electronic transmission is made. In modern communications devices, speed of transmission is vital for reliability and efficiency.

Discussion of the NRQZ restrictions arose in a fall 2022 county commission meeting. Gene McConnell, then the county commission president, had asked general questions about the NRQZ related to a possible tower in the Seneca Rocks region, which led to an overall discussion of local concerns with it.

The purpose for the proposed tower for Seneca Rocks, according to Gillespie, "would be two-fold. It would allow us to enhance 911 communications to first responders and it would be a platform to host one or more cellular or broadband providers."

Restrictions on output limits also threaten the viability of the Seneca Rocks tower project. As Gillespie explains, "the NRQZ must provide us with output limits that will allow 911 and cellular providers to emit reasonable levels of

signal." He said that the output limits are still being negotiated with the NRQZ.

Other steps must take place even beyond securing the proper output levels. The potential tower site at Seneca Rocks must receive funding and "pass all engineering, geologic, and other requirements." Gillespie explained that the tower needed commitments from cellular providers and two had already expressed interest.

For its part, the NRQZ recently issued a request for information. Generally known as an RFI, federal agencies release these documents to gather information about potential projects and entities that might perform work on them.

This RFI, a joint request from the National Science Foundation and National Security Agency, asked for "information from organizations interested in conducting a study of the National Radio Quiet Zone (NRQZ) and emergency and civil communications in the NRQZ region." It went on to state that it sought "effective strategies to improve emergency and civil telecommunications while protecting and enhancing federal facility operations."

It also stated that "the

NRQZ no longer adequately protects federal facility operations . . . from airborne and space-based transmissions" not covered by the Eisenhower Administration's original regulations for the zone. Gillespie noted that it's "open source information" that facilities across the globe similar to what operates in the NRQZ do not have similar restricted radio spaces.

In February, the Pocahontas County Commission struck a deal that allowed emergency services to use a low power band that did not interfere with the observatory. As WBOY in Clarksburg reported, however, emergency services still cannot use all conventional radio equipment and many residents cannot even dial 911.

Gillespie praised the "leaders of the NRQZ agencies (who) have been very willing to hear our pleas and they have provided some relief." He described the impact of the restrictions as "akin to unfunded federal mandates" and added that "we need relief, either in the form of less restrictions or major funding to help us build the additional sites that are caused almost solely by the NRQZ restrictions."

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10 Years Ago
 Week of April 11, 2013

Mr. Wiggles Brightens
 Patients’ Stay at Grant
 Memorial Hospital

Patients at Grant Memorial Hospital’s extended care unit (E-Wing) recently adopted a stuffed puppy as their mascot. The toy animal was purchased by Josie Goldizen, activities director, at the hospital’s Books Are Fun show, sponsored by GMH Auxiliary, so pediatrics can give books for wellness children visits.

Patients voted to name the stuffed puppy “Mr. Wiggles” and take turns watching him at night while he sleeps in their rooms.

Studies show that dogs can reduce stress, lower blood pressure and help relieve depression. Stuffed Mr. Wiggles is certainly brightening the stay of E-Wing patients.

30 Years Ago
 Week of April 8, 1993

Chocolate Can Be
 Fatal to Dogs; Avoidance
 Better than Treatment

Dog owners should take care that their dogs do not eat chocolate.

Made from the cocoa bean, chocolate contains theobromine and caffeine, both toxic to canines. Chocolate stimulates the heart and central nervous system and relaxesthe smooth muscles, which generally means a loss of bladder control. The dog may also become nervous and restless and suffer from insomnia, tremors and/or seizures.

According to State Veterinarian Dr. Lewis P. Thomas of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, doses of 200 mg/kg of theobromine may prove fatal. In other words, a mere 4-1/2 ounces of bakers unsweetened chocolate could kill a 22-pound dog. Some deaths have even been reported after feeding commercial dog food derived from cocoa by-products that contained 0.2 percent theobromine.

Although the theobromine content of unsweetened chocolate is about ten times greater than milk chocolate, white chocolate falls on the other end of the spectrum, because it has fairly low concentrations of either drug, it’s rarely toxic to dogs.

However, no chocolate is good for man’s best friend, although milk chocolate and dark chocolate are both dangerous, Dr. Thomas said. Dark chocolate may call for quick action.

When a dog ingests too much chocolate, induced vomiting may help if done within six hours. Veterinarians may use charcoal to absorb the theobromine and caffeine, and electrolytes may help prevent an imbalance of necessary ions in the animal.

50 Years Ago
 Week of April 5, 1973

Value of West Virginia
 Farm Land Increased
 17% Last Year

Farm land in West Virginia shot up 17 per cent in the average value per acre last year, said J. Kenton Lambert, state director of the Farmers Home Administration.

It was one of the sharpest increases in farm real estate values in the nation. The national average was 10 per cent.

The state’s rapid increases in farm land values hinge on several factors. With the close proximity to huge population centers, there is a strong nonfarm demand for farm land, pointed out Lambert. Urban families buy small farms for a place to rusticate in the country or for investment purposes.

DAHMER

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Lambert in returning from Florida brought John Dahmer a nice bag of tree ripened oranges. In our home 50 years ago, the only time we children received an orange was when we were sick or on a special occasion like Christmas.

Chewing gum was also strictly rationed and we chewed the same gum over many times. In school students sometimes complained someone snipped their chewing gum that had already been chewed from the handkerchief.

Walton Shrader, who keeps up with the local farm news, reported that Charles Hartman of Smith Creek at the present time from his 82 ewes, that 21 ewes had triplets.

60 Years Ago
 Week of April 11, 1963

100 YEARS AGO

By LON K. SAVAGE

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

Ft. Sumter Attacked;
 Federals Repulsed

Historic Fort Sumter, guarding the entrance to the harbor at Charleston, S. C., had leaped into the headlines when Federals in the fort and Confederates at Charleston began shooting at each other on April 9, 1861—the first day of the American Civil War. One hundred years ago this week—almost exactly two years after that fateful day—the fort leaped into the headlines again.

The occasion for the second set of headlines came on April 7, 1863, when nine Federal war ships attacked the island fort and the Confederates who now occupied it. The Federals’ success in the 1863 battle was no better than their success in the 1861 battle: they were forced

to yield.

Admiral Samuel Francis Du Pont led the Federal attack, and his opponent was the same man who had commanded Confederate forces at Charleston on the first day of the war—Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard. This time, however, Du Pont thought he had a weapon that would change the outcome; his attacking ships were ironclads, loaded with rifled guns and armored so heavily that, Du Pont hoped, Confederate shells could do them no harm.

April 7 was a beautiful day in Charleston when the ironclads, their armored turrets bristling with weapons and their hulls mostly submerged, formed a line and moved to the attack.

Confederates at Fort Moultrie, another fort defending the city, fired the first shot at the first ship in line, the “Weehawken.” It missed, and the “Weehawken” steamed to within 1,000 yards of Sumter and opened fire.

Confederates began zeroing in on the ironclads from all directions—from Sumter, Moultrie, from Battery Bee, from Battery Beauregard and Cumming’s Point. All nine Federal ships now began shooting back, mostly at Sumter but occasionally at the other emplacements.

A Federal officer later described the scene: “It seemed as if the fires of hell were turned upon the Union fleet. The air seemed full of heavy shot, and as they flew they could be seen as plainly as a baseball...”

The Federals found their mark on Fort Sumter, but their shells did little damage. The fort’s five walls ranged from five to ten feet in thickness.

The Confederate shots had more effect. The Federal ironclad “Keokuk”—nearest to Fort Sumter—was hit 90 times, and she got out of the battle only to sink to the bottom next morning. The “Weehawken” was hit 53 times, and water flowed through her deck. All the other ships were hit at least a dozen times.

Not even ironclads could stand such torture. As evening came on, Du Pont ordered a temporary withdrawal. By morning, he decided to make the withdrawal permanent.

And the battle ended a victory for the Confederates—their second in Charleston harbor.

Next week: Grant moves South.

Local Guild Being
 Formed to Promote
 Handicrafts

More money from handicrafts—this is the purpose of the new Allegheny Highland Craft Guild, a select group of craftsmen now being formed in Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties.

According to Frank Wade, area development agent for the Cooperative Extension Service, the Guild will accomplish its purpose through

a three-pronged program:

- Encouraging and sponsoring craft training classes.
- Locating top handicraft markets both inside and outside West Virginia.
- Accepting only those craftsmen who meet strict and exacting standards of skill and quality.

“The many tourists who travel through our area are anxious to buy good craft items,” said Wade. “The production and sale of high quality items can be a fine source of extra income for talented people.”

DAHMER

There are now three vacant houses on Lower Thorn, where more than a dozen school children from these homes would accompany their teacher, John Dahmer, to the Huffman School House. Mr. Harvey Rexrode said that scene reminded him of a mother hen with her brood.

70 Years Ago
 Week of April 2, 1953

EDITORIAL

A Child’s World — —

A child’s world contains many small things. A favorite toy, a playmate, a pet. A child’s world contains many important things, too—his ability to be independent to find a world of his own in which he is free to discover the satisfaction of competitive play and the joy of exchanging ideas with his parents and friends.

This is surely every child’s right, but what about the thousands of crippled youngsters whose handicap makes these simple things impossible? What can and what is being done for these children?

Because Americans voluntarily assume responsibility for their neighbor’s welfare, there is an answer to that question. A good answer. All of us help to answer when we contribute our dollars to the annual Easter Seal campaign now being conducted in West Virginia. Our dollars provide the surgery and medical treatment; the convalescent care; the physical therapy; occupational therapy; speech therapy; and special education, recreation and many other important services crippled children need.

The greater part of every dollar you contribute—91.7 per cent—works for crippled children in West Virginia. The remaining 8.3 per cent goes to support a nationwide 3-point program of research, education and direct services.

Week of April 9, 1953

County Lad’s
 World Champion Ham
 Enjoyed by Ike
 At Easter Breakfast

CHARLESTON—President Eisenhower partook of the grand champion West

Virginia ham as the main course for his Easter breakfast.

The ham was sent by plane to the President last Friday. It was adjudged champion in the recent Ham, Bacon and Egg show in the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Bob Phillips, Charleston restaurant operator, bought the ham for \$51 a pound, or a total of \$816, all of which went to Maxie Armentrout of Circleville, Pendleton County.

Armentrout was one of the many members of the West Virginia Future Farmers of America Association, who participated in the show.

The ham was presented to Eisenhower on behalf of the FFA and with the compliments of Phillips.

The show itself was a record breaker. A total of 24 smoked country hams, 146 pieces of bacon and 113 dozen eggs sold for a total of \$7,454.25, which compared with \$5,802.38 received in the event last year.

Champion eggs sold for \$82 a dozen, and the champion piece of bacon brought \$41 a pound, or \$266.50.

First prize hams brought about \$1 more on the pound than the average hams that failed to qualify for ribbons. The difference between first prize bacon and ordinary bacon was about \$2 on the pound.

Average price for all hams was about \$1.65 a pound and all bacon about \$1.15.

Fifty-five of 107 FFA chapters were represented in the show.

Ground Observers
 Needed in County

“We should not permit our county to be the weak link in America’s air defense,” Trooper Bill Cunningham, newly appointed supervisor of the Ground Observation Corps, told the dozen men selected for chief ground observers at a meeting in the court house last week.

“Though it is unlikely that we are in danger of being bombed here in Pendleton, it is very probable that enemy planes might fly over this territory en route to the key industrial centers of Pittsburgh, Charleston, Wheeling, Weirton, and other cities,” he said. “The radar screen will not detect low flying planes,” he said, “and that is the chief function of the Ground Observation Corps—to report to the air force possible enemy planes so that they may be intercepted and destroyed.”

“Our goal is to establish a 7-day a week 8-hour a day observation post which could be converted to a 24-hour basis in an emergency.”

About 50 volunteer observers will be needed to make this project a reality. Those persons interested may contact Trooper Cunningham, or the Editor of the Times.

Worth More...and why

There’s an old saying that a thing is worth what someone is willing to pay for it.

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Smith Creek/
 Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Happy Easter to everyone! Enjoy this holiday because it is when Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Shelda Warner, Vestyl Bible, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Ruby Propst, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Mary Alice Simmons, Reva Hartman, Sandy Washburn, Sandra Vandevander and Larry Moyers; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Brian Wilton, Tyler Moore, Tristan Hartman, Ronald Hayes, Becky Hedrick, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Doug Judy, Ronnie Bowers Sr., Allen Kile II, Ruth Simmons, Roberta Bennett, Olin Hoover, Quinley McConnell, Etha Mae Bowers, Mary Jo Wilfong, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Charlotte Copley, Billy Rowe, Myrtle Hammer, Jack Judy, Jimmie Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Margaret Wimer, Doris Simmons, Harry Allen Warner, Sherman Bennett and the family of Ruth Simmons.

Prayer thought: “Dear Jesus, you died to give me life everlasting. May I live with gratitude for this gift and honor it with pride.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for March 27 through April 2, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: March 27 - 65°, 35° (52°, 16°, .25" snow); March 28 - 56°, 38°, .12" (33°, 19°); March 29 - 55°, 30° (56°, 14°); March 30 - 56°, 31°, .17" (70°, 33°, .1"); March 31 - 61°, 35°, .2" (62°, 34°, .5"); April 1 - 71°, 44°, .55" (41°, 29°) and April 2 - 55°, 37° (61°, 39°).

Total rainfall for March was 2.1", the same amount received in March 2022. Year-to-date rainfall is 5.02", compared to 6.35" for the same time period in 2022.

Total snowfall for March was .75", compared to 1.75" in March 2022. Year-to-date snowfall is 2.25", compared to 29" for the same time period in 2022.



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Numerous Customs Are Associated with Easter

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Although life could be tough in this community, the people living here still managed to pause and appreciate the finer aspects of life. They had many different celebrations throughout the year, and many of those had their roots in religious beliefs. Easter Sunday was one such celebration, and there were many Easter traditions practiced in this community. Since the 12th century the Lenten fast has ended on Easter with meals including breads, eggs, ham, cheese and sweets that have been blessed for the occasion.

The Easter Egg: The use of painted and decorated Easter eggs was first recorded in the 13th century. The egg itself became a symbol of the resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolizes new life emerging from the eggshell.

Observe the preparation of chocolate Easter bunnies: The custom of associating a rabbit or bunny with Easter arose in Protestant areas in Europe in the 17th century but did not become common until the 19th century. The Easter rabbit also leaves children baskets with toys and candies on Easter morning. It is interesting to note that in Switzerland, the cuckoo brings the Easter eggs.

Church: When it came to Easter Sunday, the fineries would come out. The walk into the church on that day would be like a parade, with everyone dressed well for the occasion. If anyone got new clothes for the season, it was for Easter Sunday. Many dresses, hats, and shirts were sold each year for that reason. Small children were dressed up like mail order catalog dolls. Many men had their hair slicked down and held in place with any number of creative solutions.

Sunrise Service: Locals would gather in the quiet pre-dawn darkness of Easter Sunday and hold a church service. This gathering was the sunrise service, part of the Easter traditions, where the congregation would watch the sunrise as they worshipped. The service was a very peaceful one, and the resurrection celebrated new life and the promise of the coming year. Easter was like a renewal of their own life, and in many ways was a close parallel with the story of the resurrection itself.

Meals on Easter Sunday: If there was anything pleasurable to the adults about Easter Sunday, it was probably the food. Easter was a time to gather and eat, and huge meals were prepared on this day. Easter Sunday was one of the largest food celebrations of the year. On many Easter Sunday dinner tables, a person would find such favorites as ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, corn, and deviled eggs. There were usually plenty of desserts on hand as well.

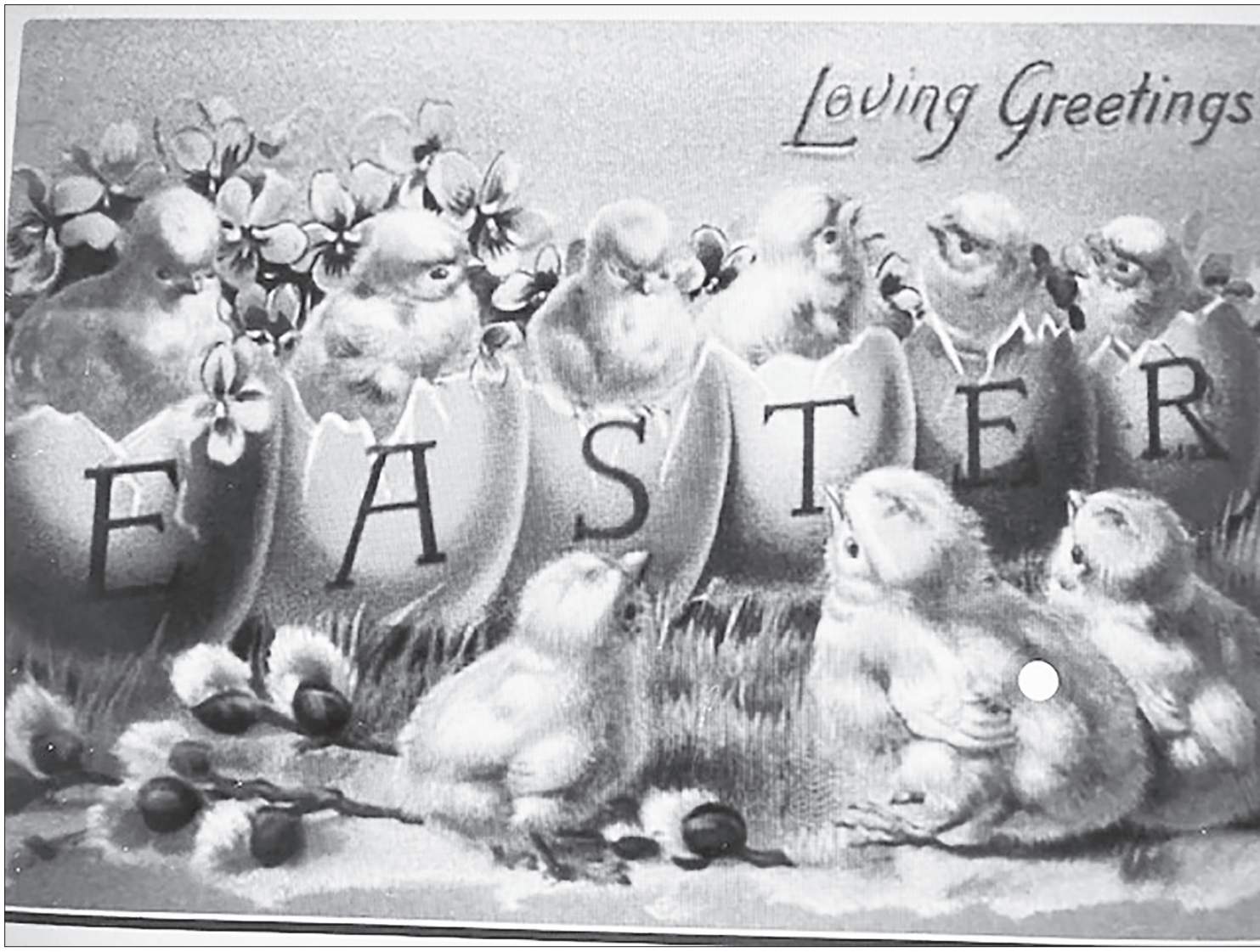
Egg Hunts: Kids looked forward to Easter not only for the food but the fun as well. As part of the Easter traditions, there would be many egg hunts taking place that day. Some eggs would have distinct markings, and an announcement at the start of the hunt teased that these specific eggs, if found, meant real prizes, sometimes even monetary ones.

Egg Picking: The meaning of egg picking is a game in which two contestants strike boiled Easter eggs (usually the ends were harder) together until one egg is cracked. Oftentimes, the older children got carried away with this game by using a wooden egg to accumulate the eggs, thus ending with him/her being the winner.

Whichever tradition is practiced in one's home, the writer wishes her readers a Blessed Easter.

Life's lessons to enjoy include the following:

1. Find old photos and enjoy going down memory lane.
2. Sing in the shower.
3. Find a perfect gift for someone a person loves.
4. Enjoy the splash of color in the sky at sunset.



5. Gaze at a baby sleeping peacefully.

Northern Native Americans call April's full moon the pink moon after a species of early blooming wildflower. In other cultures, this moon is called the sprouting grass moon, the egg moon, and the fish moon. This is the first full moon of spring.

Nature tends to be blissfully ignorant of the fickle weather of the day. Cherry blossoms are strikingly beholden, the daffodils are donning their yellow bonnets, the forsythia commands their golden wands, and the greens are delivering their inspiring shades for all to welcome spring and the Easter season. Easter eggs are lining the Little Fork roadway, and the April Adopt-a-Highway has already begun. Take a walk on these beautiful days, and with bag in hand, collect the highway refuse along the way.

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

- Seventy percent of Easter candy purchased is chocolate.
- Egg dyes were once made out of natural themes such as onion peels, tree bark, flower petals, and juices.
- The first story of a rabbit, later named the "Easter Bunny" hiding eggs in a garden was published in 1680.
- The White House Easter egg event has been celebrated since 1878.
- Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Christian religion.

Wearing Easter finery is the best way to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Monday morning's temperature called for frost. The remainder of the week looks promising for seasonal temperatures. This calls for an opportunity to clean up yards and roadways. Actually, the whole month of April is Earth Month, and roadside cleanups are always welcome to beautifying one's little neck of the woods.

Area churches are busy with their Holy Week worship services. This will all culminate on Easter for sunrise and regular services. Hyacinths, daffodils, forsythia, cherry blossoms, peach trees, Bradford pears, and even one blooming dandelion are putting on their best show to usher in Easter.

Logan and Michael Fisher were Sunday afternoon

visitors of their grandparents, Bob and Brenda Fisher.

Phil Downs motored to Romney to spend time with friends. A new baby was born, whose name is Harper Ann, and she happens to have been born 80 years, and 1 month to the day of Phil's birthday. He also visited with K. D. Puffenbarger this past week.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"The great gift of Easter is hope" — Basil C. Hume

"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies." — Kate McGahan

"Spring adds new life and new joy to all that is." — Jessica Harrelson

"Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of life." — S.D. Gordon

"There would be no Christmas if there was no Easter." — Gordon B. Hinckley

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Judy Austin, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Nathan Beachler, Lynn Beatty, Debbie Beal, Jed Conrad, Jeff Craig, the John Doores family, Grayson Andrew Eye, Jordan Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Mia Felici, Donna Fleisher, Ron Gilkerson, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Rosalee Grogg, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Gary and Jackie Hills, Virgil Homan, Jr., Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Anna Gae Hughes, Alice Johnson, 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, Kathy Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, Harley Propst, Kara Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Sheldon Propst, K.D. Puffenbarger, the Ona Puffenbarger family, Dick Rexrode, Gary Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Sandra Vandevander, Pam Rexrode, Max Rodriguez, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Amy Vaus, Judy Williams, the Crystal Willis family, Margaret Wimer, people in Ukraine and Yemen, earthquake victims in Turkey, victims of East Palestine, Ohio, and the victims of the Mississippi tornado.



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'Cats Blank Warriors in Five Innings for Home Victory

By Stephen Smoot

One of the keys for Pendleton County's baseball success this year lies in having strong depth in pitching alongside a defense that can make plays consistently. The Wildcats used three pitchers to frustrate the Pocahontas County bats and got the opportunity to provide most of the team with all important game reps.

Clayton Kisamore took the mound to start the contest. His first inning set the tone for the game as he retired the side in order with two slow ground balls and a strikeout. Pendleton County, however, also went in order in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the third in a scoreless game, Wildcats Coach Sam Yokum pulled Kisamore in favor of Cameron Beachler. Kisamore had dominated through three innings, getting the first pitch over for a strike on five of seven batters while allowing only a single base runner. With early season rainouts preventing players from getting game experience, the reliability of the defense allowed the coach to give more of his pitchers some work.

The breaks did not go Beachler's way as he entered to pitch in the top of the third. Coach Yokum called on Dustin Vandevander to step on the mound with runners on first and second and no outs. He allowed a ground ball to third, but the defense was able to hold the runner to prevent the score.

Now facing a bases loaded situation with no outs, Vandevander dug in. The batter worked a full count and seemed to be finding his timing, but Vandevander got him to ground weakly back to the mound. He alertly fielded the ball, tossed it home for one out. James Vincell from his catching position fired the ball to first base for a double play. Vandevander then struck out the next batter to preserve the scoreless tie.

Pendleton County's bats responded after the Warrior threat passed. In the bottom of the third with one out, Jayden Roberson hit the ball to short and was safe on a bobbled ball. Dillon Smith earned a walk on four straight pitches. Chase Owens then worked a 3-2 count and hit a single, but Pocahontas County successfully held the runner at third to prevent the RBI.

With bases loaded and one

out, Kisamore rocketed a shot to left center field for a stand up double. Three runs came in, but the Wildcats continued to attack. Landon Colaw hit a ground ball to third that scored a run, but he got to first base safely. Beachler joined him on base with a ball hit squarely up the middle.

Brayden Beachler came to the plate with bases loaded and a single out. He hit a ground ball toward second. The Warriors once again could not come up with the play. A run scored, pushing the lead to 5-0.

Cashton Kisamore struck out on five pitches, but Roberson followed that with a two out single into right field that gave him two RBIs and the team a 7-0 score. Smith then drew his second walk of the inning with Roberson stealing second during his at bat. Owens then singled to right field, driving in two more runs. The inning ended on a Clayton Kisamore fly ball to center.

In the top of the fourth, Pocahontas County tried to muster a rally. They hit a one out single to right field, followed by a balk called when Vandevander accidentally dropped the ball on the mound. The runner on second stole third as Vandevander rung up a strikeout. He then gave up a walk, and that runner subsequently stole second. The next batter also walked, loading the bases, but Vandevander shut down the threat with a four pitch strikeout.

The bottom of the fourth saw Vincell opening the inning by reaching first safely on a ground ball up the middle.

Colaw advanced him to second on a sacrifice hit and run play. Cameron Beachler once again came in clutch at the plate, hitting a single to left to score Vincell and extending the lead to 10-0.

Cashton Kisamore singled into centerfield, giving Vandevander runners at first and second with two outs. He earned a five pitch walk to load the bases. Smith once again drew a walk, gaining an RBI to give his team an 11-0 advantage. A strikeout ended the bottom of the fourth.

Vandevander took the mound in the top of the fifth. Although the first batter made it to first, the Wildcat pitcher dealt out three straight strikeouts to nail down the team's win.

Pendleton County raced past Bath County in the first week of the season, scoring 10 in the first. Head Coach Sam Yokum shared that "James Vincell had a huge day with three hits, two of them doubles, and five RBIs." Colaw pitched two innings and earned the win.

Against Tucker County, the Wildcats posted two runs in the first on the way to a 14-3 victory. Brayden Beachler had two hits and three RBIs. Owens started and pitched three innings, racking up seven strikeouts.

The Saturday doubleheader against Highland fell to the weekend storms, but the Wildcats traveled to Pocahontas County on Monday and to Tygarts Valley on Tuesday. They will compete tomorrow against Keyser and Petersburg starting at noon.



Dustin Vandevander pitched two scoreless innings and helped to nail down the victory against Pocahontas County.



Nataley Hedrick provides reliable defense from her catcher position.

Lady Wildcats Fall Short Against Vikings, 4-2

By Stephen Smoot

Last week a fleet of Vikings came to Franklin. They came not for plunder, but to earn a victory over Pendleton County. Their trail of destruction over this season so far has taken them to Berkeley Springs, Moorefield, Frankfort, and Pocahontas County. They earned six wins to one loss and have outscored their opponents 67-18, 11 of those runs allowed coming in just one contest.

In other words, the Vikings have gotten used to winning big. For a Petersburg team that has enjoyed such success, single A Pendleton County gave them all they wanted.

Petersburg struck first in the first. They earned a leadoff walk, then successfully executed a sacrifice bunt to move the runner to scoring position. With one out, they hit a double to send in the run. Pitcher Alie Vance shut down the top half of the inning by getting Petersburg to ground, then pop out.

Avery Townsend answered in the first Wildcat at bat. She sliced a hit into shallow right field, using her speed to turn what normally is a single into a sliding double. Lizzie Alt moved Townsend to third with a ground ball out. With one out, Vance

helped her own cause by grounding to the pitcher and sending Townsend in for the first run.

Baylee Beachler then drew a walk on five pitches. Katie Hedrick followed and Beachler stole second during her at bat. Hedrick then sent Beachler to third on an infield single. Unfortunately, a strikeout ended the inning, but the Wildcats did tie the game at one.

In the top of the second, Petersburg led off with a single to right field. The next batter tapped the ball so gently that the runner on first failed to move. Nataley Hedrick, the Wildcat catcher, alertly fired the ball to first for a rare 2-3 double play. Vance struck out the last batter in the inning.

Petersburg did most of their damage in the top of the third inning. With one out, the batter legged out a slow roller in the infield. She was followed by a double to deep centerfield that put the go ahead run at third. The next Viking batter sent a single to right field that knocked in two RBIs. After a single to center and a subsequent single to right, Petersburg had loaded the bases.

Petersburg had put Vance in a jam, but she shut them down. She struck out the next batter and forced the final batter of the inning to

hit a gentle roller toward first. Alt made the play herself, but the Wildcats found themselves down 3-1.

Scoring paused until the top of the sixth inning. The Vikings took a leadoff walk, followed by a second walk, then a strikeout. The next batter popped to short for the second out. With two outs, the Vikings failed on a squeeze play, but the batter hit an RBI single to shallow left. Nataley Hedrick once again made a big play from her catcher position, throwing out a runner trying to steal second.

The Wildcats tried to rally in the bottom of the inning. Townsend rocketed a lead-off stand up triple. After a strikeout, Vance grounded to first but earned an RBI as Townsend went home. A strikeout ended the inning with Petersburg up 4-2.

Vance made quick work of the Vikings in the top of the seventh. In a rare display of efficiency, she got three outs on only three pitches. Unfortunately, Pendleton County could not muster any offense in their final at bats either, leaving the final score at 4-2.

The Lady Wildcats were scheduled to travel Wednesday to Tucker County for a double header and to play Friday and Saturday at Robert C. Byrd High School.

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Wildcat Hoop Stars Earn All State Honors

Three Pendleton County High School basketball players have earned recognition from the West Virginia Sports Writers

Association. Ana Young was named to the first team all state. Clayton Kisamore earned second team, and Jacob

Beachler was named honorable mention.



Jacob Beachler



Clayton Kisamore



Ana Young

Region 8 Meeting Features Presentation From West Virginia DEP

By Stephen Smoot

Region 8 Planning and Development Council welcomed Samuel Canfield from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection last week. His presentation focused on three opportunities for the council and local government bodies within Region 8.

First, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay seeks to set up a tour of environmental infrastructure in Berkeley Springs for both Region 8 and Region 9. Officials would tour various sites, have a breakfast meeting, and other “learning exchanges for local elected officials.” The events will take place on June 30.

Next, Canfield described the upcoming installation of green infrastructure at Potomac State College. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection scheduled a meeting on March 22 to discuss it. Finally, Canfield shared grant opportunities connected with Tree City USA. This is a nearly 50-year-old project of the Arbor Day Foundation that has 3,600 communities participating in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC.

Tree City USA can provide grants to pay for planting trees in towns. Municipalities must meet four criteria. They must pass a tree ordinance, spend \$2 per person in the community on trees, have a tree board, and formally recognize Arbor Day. Trees provide benefits through screening pollutants from the air, improving a town’s appearance, providing more cooling spaces, and helping to absorb excess rainwater.

According to the Chesapeake Bay Program Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, “at least \$1 million in funding is available in FY23.” It goes on to say that “jurisdictions may submit applications for multiple, unique projects” that do not run outside of the \$100,000 to \$300,000 range.

The goal of the project lies in restoring and conserving forest buffers, expanding the national urban tree canopy to 2,400 acres, and create, re-establish, or enhance the function of 235,000 acres of wetlands.

The council also shared information about a Potomac Valley Transit Authority meeting on April 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. According to the information release, the

meeting will “discuss gaps in transportation service, opportunities, and priorities.”

In the budget review, the council shared information on the proposed budget. Member governments receive the planning and development budget, including a request for local government funding support. Terry Lively, executive director of Region 8, stated that “if a majority of towns and a majority of counties approve the budget, then all local governments are responsible for their contribution.”

Lively added that local funds provided to Region 8 help to “secure state and federal operational funds.” In over 50 years of operation, Region 8 has obtained between six and eight dollars for every single dollar contributed by local governments. The total tally is \$551,607,145. Lively explained that grants have increasingly demanded higher levels of matching funds, making it more expensive to qualify.

In its opening year, 1972, the council imposed a 25 cent per person contribution rate. Lively explained that the rate adjusted for inflation would be \$1.78 in 2023, but stated that “the council recommended that the per capita rate increase to \$1.00 for FY 23.”

Despite uncertainty about a variety of factors in 2023, Lively said “I feel comfortable . . . passing this budget now.”

Additionally, the council announced the schedule of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy meetings. Moorefield will host the first meetin at 11 a.m. March 30 at Mullins 1847 Restaurant. Keyser will host the second one at the same time April 6 at the Candlewyck Inn.

Finally, Lively announced that April is Fair Housing Month. He stated that “it’s a month to celebrate the Fair Housing Act, that Americans have access and that housing is free from discrimination. He also suggested that municipalities that have not passed a fair housing ordinance should do so to remain eligible for small cities block grants.

The next meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. on the second Thursday in April at the Region 8 office.

Region 8 Working Group Discusses Area Strengths, Weaknesses, and Outlook

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, Region 8 held a working session at the historic Mullins 1847 in Moorefield. Once a year, the organization holds two Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy meetings, usually in Moorefield and Keyser. The first meeting at Moorefield included Region 8 executive director Terry Lively and Melissa Earl as presenters.

Others present included Keith McIntosh from Senator Joe Manchin’s office, Lynn Phillips representing Governor Jim Justice, Frank Wehrle for the Town of Franklin, county commissioners and other officials from Mineral and Hardy counties, and representatives of Summit Bank and Mountaineer Gas.

Lively and Earl’s presentation adopted the “SWOT” format. They invited the group to offer ideas on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. These reflect economic, social, cultural, and other trends in the Potomac Highlands counties covered by Region 8. As Lively explained, “we are here to assist our counties and try to make the area a better place for residents.”

He added that the annual meeting is held to satisfy the Economic Development Act of 1965 and that the purpose lay in “conducting regional strategic economic and community development planning.”

Before getting into the brainstorming session of the meeting, Lively announced that Region 8 has “the largest list of current projects that we have ever had.” He then informed the group that liens on a group of industrial parks and other development properties would expire soon. Lively explained “they are starting to get some age on them” and added that locations that made sense in the 1990s may no longer be well served by traffic patterns and highways today.

Another announcement concerned Federal Communications Commission funding for low income families to receive financial assistance. Lively encouraged those present to spread the word, saying “I’d like to get away from the things that occurred during COVID when kids had to go to McDonalds to get internet service.” Those receiving Medicaid, Medicare, and/or free school lunches can qualify.

Earl then took over the meeting to drive the brainstorming session. Meeting participants first shared the strengths of the region. Greg Greenwalt, a member of the Hardy County planning commission, shared that “we have some of the finest people in the world.” He elaborated by explaining that most in the region are hard working, neighborly, proud of their area, and “being decent to each other.”

Other strengths named included upgrades in area hospitals like Potomac Valley Hospital and Grant Memorial. Corridor H and its progress also made the list. Others spoke of the many services offered by Potomac Valley Transit Authority. Lively noted that PVTA is “the most

profitable transit authority in the state. Once they get their hydrogen project finished, the whole country will be looking at them.”

He also discussed the impact of tourism, which he said was “taking off quietly.” Lively explained that “they have zip lines up at NRocks in Pendleton County. They have Greyhound buses from DC out there for people zip lining.”

“One other strength is that our banking system is local,” Lively said, then added “and they support our community in many ways.”

Participants listed many more strengths than weaknesses, but some notable issues emerged in discussion. David Workman, president of the Hardy County Commission, said “the types of housing that we have do not lend themselves well to a young person or a young family.” He shared that Hardy County ranked fifth in the nation for second home mortgages, loans taken to purchase a vacation or other type of home not primarily in use. “It’s happening in Grant and Pendleton as well,” he stated.

Luke McKenzie, Mineral County administrator, agreed that the housing shortage hurt economic development, but that Mineral County required more high end, in addition to affordable, housing. He explained that high salary employees at Northrop Grumman and other area businesses struggled to find residences meeting their expectations.

Participants also discussed the impact of the skills gap. Greenwalt stated that “we lack what I call the tangible workforce,” and listed the most needed trades, such as electricians, plumbers, and other fields. Wehrle added that “tradesmen, we absolutely struggle with that.” Lively pointed out that “contractors are kept busy with houses owned by people from the outside.”

Next, participants discussed opportunities facing the region. Lively again touched on tourism and the new businesses taking advantage of rising numbers of visitors, saying that “we do have local breweries and distilleries that fit into the local artisan category.” Greenwalt cited Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College and Potomac State College as institutions that help the region develop.

Finally, the group focused on threats to regional prosperity. Workman discussed the potential loss of locally controlled media, starting with the possible sale of WELD. Lively agreed, saying “we’ll lose the ability to advertise local events.”

The main topic of discussion lay in the continuing opioid crisis and its ripple effects hurting families and the community. Roger Leatherman added that the ending of extra COVID funding could hurt local government budgets. McKenzie concurred, saying he worried about “aging infrastructure and losing the ability to know how to handle it.” Wehrle shared that finding people who can capably run facilities like water and sewer plants has become difficult in recent years.

Discovery Center Seeks Artists, Artisans 2023

The Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, in cooperation with the Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association, seeks artists and artisans for the 2023 season to demonstrate traditional Appalachian crafts or contemporary works related to Monongahela National Forest.

On Saturdays and Sundays, May 27 through October 29, the Discovery Center will have two tables available for artist demonstrations. Additional tables will be available during holiday weekends. Artists may exhibit up to three weekends during the season, with a minimum commitment of four hours per day. Table space may be shared by multiple artists.

Artists are asked to submit a small portfolio of works they plan to offer. When sharing table space, each artist must submit an individual portfolio. Email up to five images or a link to an online portfolio to Alison Bailey at alison.bailey@usda.gov.

Seneca Rocks Discovery Center is located at 13 Roy Gap Road. Entrance to the main parking lot is off U.S. Route 33, just south of the U.S. 33/State Route 28 intersection in Seneca Rocks.

For more information about Monongahela National Forest visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> or <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>.

Local Work Group Meeting April 13

The Potomac Valley Conservation District, in cooperation with USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, will hold a local work group meeting to discuss conservation programs for 2023-2024 and provide guidance for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. April 13 at the Farm Credit Building located at 550 South Main Street in Moorefield.

The local work group includes representatives from cooperating federal, state, and local conservation organizations and is open to all farmers, agricultural producers, and forest owners/managers. If a person has thought about applying for one of the programs NRCS has to offer or have questions about what might be available, this meeting is a great opportunity to learn more. As part of NRCS’s locally led process of administering programs, public comments will be sought from attendees on how to best prioritize USDA dollars for one’s local area.

The Potomac Valley Conservation District covers Grant, Hardy, Pendleton, Mineral, and Hampshire counties. Sarah Taylor-Goldizen, NRCS district conservationist, and her staff work from the NRCS field offices in Petersburg, Moorefield and Franklin. Rebecca Royal, acting district conservationist, and her staff work in Keyser and Romney NRCS field offices.

If a person needs an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Nan Kimble at 304-284-7546, or by e-mail at NRCS.WVStateOffice@usda.gov.

For more information contact Taylor-Goldizen at 304-703-8624 or Royal at 304-822-3020 ext. 116.

Pendleton County CEOS To Host Keyser Area Meeting

Farm Women’s Club...Extension Homemakers...Community Education Outreach Service — no matter what a person calls it, the extension program is welcoming members from all eight counties in the Eastern Panhandle to a celebration of fellowship beginning at 8:30 a.m. April 15 at Pendleton County High School.

The county CEOS program is also opening this day to everyone in Pendleton County to come to learn about extension, to take classes, to enjoy a good meal catered by Riverton Charge Methodist Youth Fellowship and to listen to the Dulcimer Dames.

Classes for the day are both educational and craft oriented. Pendleton CEOS is highlighting the county’s local talent. Robin Cassell, Jo Ann Dever, Janice Heavner, Robin Kile, Richard Ruddle, LeeAnn Shreve, Sue Alt, Brooke Alt, Brenna Mitchell, Luke Taylor-Ide, Paula Waggy, Elizabeth Mitchell, Ann Bennett and Vickie Skavenski will be presenting a wide variety of classes.

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They Never Heard Their Mother Sing

In Loving Memory of Lula Puffenbarger Smith
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Most of the articles I have written have dealt with the family history my mom shared with me, the early part of my childhood that I was too young to remember and things I have lived in my life.

This article is about a woman I have only been able to see in my mind's eye. I see a beautiful, loving person described to me by the children who called her mom for a very short time. My grandma Lula has been gone now almost 86 years and having put parts of her life in print, I finally have a picture in a frame if only in my mind.

Every child looks forward to the time spent at grandma's house and the love and affection received from this special lady. I don't have memories of either one of my grandmas as they both passed away years before I was born. My parents were both teenagers when their mothers died.

I am writing about my grandma, Lula "Puffenbarger" Smith, who married Gordon Smith at age 21. I have only small bits and pieces of grandma's life to write about as the 12 children were all young when she passed away. Aunt Glenna was 20 and mom, Sheba, was 17 with the other 10 all younger and the twins only four weeks old.

Grandma Lula was of medium build with blue eyes and long, dark hair pulled back into a bun. She spent her days taking care of babies, fixing food, making clothes for the kids, washing clothes, and caring for the gardens. Grandma was a kind, loving wife and mother. Aunt Cleo said she never heard an angry or unkind word between her mom and dad.

A Christian woman, grandma never got to go to church as there was always a baby or young child who couldn't walk with grandpap to St. Michael's Church, and they couldn't be left by themselves. The Smith children were good singers, but Aunt Cleo said, "I never heard my mother sing."

My mom would sing all the time and my sisters, brother, and I were all born with this gift. Guess we got that from grandpap,

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a Smith talent.

The strength grandma had is shown in the way she took care of the home, the babies, and the gardens where most of the food they had was raised. Grandpap would be gone for days working or looking for work. The four oldest girls helped with the work as much as they could. Imagine washing and ironing for that many children. There was no washing machine or water in the house!

Grandma Lula did take time on occasion to take time from the daily routine. She would go with grandpap night hunting and it was on one such hunt that tragedy hit. The family dog, Kate, was with them and they encountered a civet cat. Kate ran the cat up a tree that was bent and hanging over and she tried to follow it up, falling to the ground. Kate was so badly hurt that she died. This playmate, companion, and protector of the Smith family was gone.

Aunt Cleo said that Kate's bark would change, should a snake be near, saving the children from many a bite I'm sure.

The day Uncle Stan was born, grandma picked blackberries all morning, not the ones on tall bushes, but what we called dewberries, because they were on vines that ran on the ground. Uncle Stan was born that afternoon and grandpap was surprised to come home to a new baby. That took strength!

Grandma Lula had to make special clothes for the third youngest girl as she was so small the hand-me-downs were too big. Aunt Cleo said her mom had a black bag that resembled a doctor's bag that she kept on the top shelf in the closet. When looking in this bag, if the children saw baby clothes, they knew there was another baby on the way. Grandma said she felt her best when expecting a baby! To be honest, I had a lot of days I didn't feel too great!

I never heard my mom say much about her childhood but she talked a lot about her mom and how things were after the twins were born. She talked about the huge amount of blood grandma lost, how weak she was and how pneumonia set in. She talked about how she and Aunt Glenna helped grandpap take care of their mom and the two babies. Mom sat with her

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dad as her mother was dying. Aunt Cleo said that grandpap woke them in the middle of the night so they could be with their mother at the end. Death is hard for adults so how do you explain to little ones?

I believe the reason the Smith children rarely spoke of their mother was because losing her was too traumatic causing them to wipe these memories from their small minds. I believe this tragic event is why Aunt Cleo, who is 98, said, "I don't remember much about my mom," — and she was 13 at that time.

Having put her story into print, I finally can in my mind's eye see Grandma Lula as a loving, kind, strong, determined woman who literally gave her life for her children and made sure they knew what family should be. She left a strong, firm foundation for her husband, the love of her life, to continue to build on as he raised their children by himself.

Our family has a saying when one of us is determined to do something, that it's that "stubborn Smith thing." The "stub-born Smith thing" was probably 50/50 with 50% coming from the Puffenbarger side of the Gordon and Lula Smith team. Grandma's short time on this earth was full of love, compassion, strength, and love for her God — shown by how she lived her 41 years. Material things were not what grandma was about. Grandpap Gordon and Grandma Lula were meant to be together!

The children never heard their mother sing and I never held my grandma's hand.

I want to thank Aunt Cleo for the bits and pieces of her childhood memories from which this story was born. Aunt Cleo turned 13 the day before her mother died and will be 99 years old on April 11.

Written October 2022 by Violet R. Eye – Grandma Lula's second grandchild

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Pendleton County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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In accordance with WV Code § 11-8-10, as amended, the Pendleton County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance	\$ 3,600,000
Property Taxes Current year	2,501,712
Prior Year Taxes	45,500
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees.....	30,000
Property Transfer Tax	60,000
Coal Severance Tax.....	-
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	10,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	3,000
Hotel Occupancy Tax	100,000
Miscellaneous Permits.....	500
Federal Grants/Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes.....	250,000
State Grants	10,000
Sheriff's Service of Process	6,000
Sheriff's Earnings	150
County Clerk's Earnings	20,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings.....	6,000
Accident Reports	150
Franchise Agreement.....	5,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	25,000
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement.....	7,000
Interest Earned.....	85,000
Miscellaneous Revenue.....	8,500
Sheriff's Commission	15,000
Gaming Income	45,000
Filing Fees.....	4,000
Video Lottery.....	3,000
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources).....	284,656
Dog & Kennel Reimbursement.....	700
General School Reimbursements	20,000
Payroll Reimbursements	578,424
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund	66,507
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues.....	\$ 7,790,799

Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 8,000
Coal Severance Tax.....	26,000
Total Coal Severance	\$ 34,000

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
County Commission	\$1,092,721	\$ -
County Clerk	273,958	-
Circuit Clerk.....	227,095	-
Sheriff-Treasurer	288,406	-
Prosecuting Attorney	226,476	-
Assessor	215,318	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	66,507	-
Statewide Computer Network.....	12,000	-
Agricultural Agent	74,093	-
Elections-County Clerk.....	130,000	-
Circuit Court	7,000	-
Custodial	22,000	-
Insurance Program (Self Insured)	33,900	-
Courthouse	274,000	26,000
Other Buildings.....	92,000	8,000
Regional Development Authority	8,474	-
Economic Development.....	72,596	-
State Grants	11,000	-
Contingencies - Not to Exceed 10% of Budget.....	107,607	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,235,151	34,000

PUBLIC SAFETY		
Sheriff-Law Enforcement	730,231	-
Sheriff-Service of Process	6,000	-
Regional Jail.....	212,500	-
Emergency Services.....	231,074	-
Communication Center.....	578,424	-
Fire Department	74,500	-
Ambulance Authority.....	32,500	-
Flood Control.....	10,000	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,875,229	-

HEALTH & SANITATION		
Local Health Department.....	35,000	-
Mental Health	500	-
Water	264,656	-
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	300,156	-

CULTURE & RECREATION		
Parks & Recreation	22,500	-
Community Center	1,551	-
Visitor's Bureau	50,000	-
Library	36,000	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	110,051	-

SOCIAL SERVICES		
Public Transit.....	5,000	-
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	5,000	-

CAPITAL PROJECTS		
General Government	2,265,212	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,265,212	-

Total Expenditures	\$ 7,790,799	\$ 34,000
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	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied		
CLASS I					
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.48	\$ 0		
Public Utility	0		0		
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0		
CLASS II					
Real Estate	\$ 19,897,690	24.96	\$ 49,665		
Personal Property	25,902		65		
Total Class II	\$ 19,923,592		\$ 49,729		
CLASS IV					
Real Estate	\$ 11,306,060	49.92	\$ 56,440		
Personal Property	6,630,038		33,097		
Public Utility	2,727,588		13,616		
Total Class IV	\$ 20,663,686		\$ 103,153		
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 40,587,278		\$ 152,882		
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations, & Uncollectable Taxes.5.00%		7,644		
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)2.00%		2,905		
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable).....			0		
Total Projected Property Tax Collection.....			\$ 142,334		
Less Assessor Valuation Fund.....2.00%		2,847		
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)					
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes.....			\$ 139,487		

2023-2024 Fiscal Year LEVY ESTIMATE — BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF FRANKLIN

In accordance with Code 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Balance (July 1).....	\$ 25,000.00
Property Taxes	139,487.00
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	3,000.00
Excise Tax on Utilities.....	45,000.00
Wine and Liquor Tax	19,000.00
Animal Control Tax	250.00
Hotel Occupancy Tax	21,000.00
Fines, Fees & Court Costs.....	1,000.00
Licenses	5,000.00
Building Permit Fees.....	2,000.00
Franchise Fees	3,000.00
IRP Fees	35,000.00
Refuse Collection.....	85,000.00
Gaming Income	12,000.00
Interest Revenue.....	2,500.00
Filing Fees.....	50.00
Video Lottery.....	500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue.....	5,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND).....	\$ 403,787.00

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE	
Unassigned Balance (July 1).....	\$ 50.00
Coal Severance	2,500.00
Interest Income	50.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 2,600.00

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		Coal Severance
Mayor's Office.....	5,700.00	
City Council.....	10,500.00	
Recorder's Office.....	3,480.00	
City Clerk's Office.....	53,000.00	
Dues to Regional Council.....	800.00	
Elections	1,200.00	
City Hall	197,857.00	
Fire Department	1,000.00	
Emergency Services	1,000.00	
Streets & Highways	16,000.00	
Street Lights.....	20,000.00	
Garbage Department	72,250.00	
Parks & Recreation	9,500.00	2,600.00
Visitor's Bureau	10,500.00	
Library.....	1,000.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	403,787.00	\$ 2,600.00

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF PENDLETON
MUNICIPALITY OF FRANKLIN
I, CHARLES FRANKLIN WEHRLE JR, CLERK OF SAID MUNICIPALITY DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORDS OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE SAID MUNICIPALITY ON THE 14TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

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Public Notice Invitation for Bids

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The project is described as construction of a new athletic field house building incorporating locker rooms, public restrooms, and a concession area. Site improvements including extension of an electrical drop offsite are included.

A copy of the bid documents is available for review between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday through Thursday at the offices of Lineage Architects, P.C. (Architect) located at 98 Lee Highway in Verona, Virginia. A copy of the bid documents is available for review between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm Monday through Friday at the Pendleton County Schools Board Office located at 125 North Main Street in Franklin,

West Virginia. Contact Travis Heavner at 304-358-2207, ext. 9327.

Bid documents are available electronically at no cost. Physical copies of the bid documents are available for a \$100.00 non-refundable fee payable to Architect. Physical documents may be shipped for an additional \$50.00 non-refundable fee payable to Architect. Contact Lineage Architects, P.C. at 540-248-3771 one business day in advance to obtain physical documents.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on April 19, 2023 at 11:00am. Participants should check in at the main office of the Pendleton County Middle / High School located at 409 Maple Avenue in Franklin, West Virginia. Attendance at this meeting is MANDATORY for those contractors wishing to submit bids.

Contractor must be fully and properly licensed to operate in West Virginia at the time of bid submittal. This project is NOT subject to Davis-Bacon wage requirements. Project and supporting documents must be completed by July 01, 2024.

Questions are due in writing to Architect by 5:00pm on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

Bids are due by 2:00pm local prevailing time on Friday, April 28, 2023. Bids may be delivered by hand or parcel service to the offices of Owner at 125 North Main Street Franklin, West Virginia, Attn: Travis Heavner. Submittals received after 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023 will receive no consideration. Owner requires that bids be guaranteed for a minimum of sixty days. No verbal, facsimile, or email bids will be accepted. Owner will make a good faith effort to make a decision within thirty days of bid receipt. Upon review of the bids, Owner may award the project to the Lowest Qualified Responsible Bidder. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive any informality in the bidding.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

All creditors of the decedent(s) and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate(s) must file their claims with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 6, 2023. Deadline for claims is June 5, 2023.

Brian Shobe Estate - Wendy Shobe, Administratrix;
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Barbara Jean Verdoni Estate - Kimberly A. Hulmes, Executrix.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 31, 2023.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 4-6-2c

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before Pendleton County Commission at 100 S. Main Street, Franklin, WV 26807.

That no appointment of administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the decedent has been filed with the Pendleton County Commission, and is of record in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must be filed with the Pendleton County Commission within 60 days after the date of first publication or within 30 days of the serving of this notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

First Publication Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, May 29, 2023

Decedent: Mark Alan Mueller, Washington, DC
Filed by: Mathew Bader, Personal Representative, Raleigh, NC

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 23, 2023.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 3-30-2c

Pendleton County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year				
PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024				
Current Year	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	
CLASS I				
Personal Property	\$	14.30	\$	
Public Utility				
Total Class I			\$	
CLASS II				
Real Estate	\$ 369,122,610	28.60	\$ 1,055,691	
Personal Property	1,918,034		5,486	
Total Class II	\$ 371,040,644		\$ 1,061,177	
CLASS III				
Real Estate	\$ 83,458,610	57.20	\$ 477,383	
Personal Property	66,616,043		381,044	
Public Utility	123,105,142		704,161	
Total Class III	\$ 273,179,795		\$ 1,562,588	
CLASS IV				
Real Estate	\$ 11,306,060	57.20	\$ 64,671	
Personal Property	6,630,038		37,924	
Public Utility	2,727,588		15,602	
Total Class IV	\$ 20,663,686		\$ 118,197	
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 664,884,125		\$ 2,741,962	
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	137,098	
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	52,097	
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)				
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			2,552,767	
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	51,055	
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)				
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes For Budget Purposes (Transfer amount to Worksheet GCRev - Account No. 301-01)			\$ 2,501,712	

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Campground and picnic shelter reservations for some sites may be made at www.recreation.gov. Roadside camping, also called dispersed camping or boondocking, is available in many areas of the forest year-round. Call local offices listed below for details.

Learn about recreating safely and responsibly on your national forest at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go/responsible-recreation>.

Opening dates for recreation sites in the local area are as follows:

Cheat-Potomac Ranger District (304-478-2000) in the Elkins and Parsons areas — Bear Heaven Campground, April 14; Lower Gladys Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 162), area opens when snow-free with toilets opening April 14; Stuart Recreation Area, April 21; and Horseshoe Recreation Area, May 12;

Cheat-Potomac Ranger District (304-257-4488) in the Petersburg and Seneca Rocks areas — Seneca Rocks Discovery Center and Seneca Rocks Picnic Area, opened March 31; Forest Road 19 in the Dolly Sods area, opened April 1 (weather permitting); Big Bend Campground, Jess Judy Group Campground and Seneca Shadows Campground, April 7; Gandy Creek Dispersed Camping (County Route 29) and Spruce Knob Observation Tower, area opens when snow-free with toilets opening April 14; Spruce Knob Lake, lake open year-round with toilets opening April 14; Dolly Sods Picnic Area, Forest Road 75 in the Dolly sods area and Red Creek Campground, April 15 (weather permitting); and Gatewood Group Campground and Spruce Knob Campground, April 21; and


Greenbrier Ranger District (304-456-3335) in the Bartow area — Gaudineer Knob Picnic Area, area opens when snow-free with toilets opening April 14; Island Campground, Laurel Fork Campground, Middle Mountain Cabins and Old House Run Picnic Area, April 14; Lake Buffalo, lake open year-round with toilets opening April 14; Stonecoal Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 209), area opens when snow-free with toilets opening April 15; and Little River Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 17) and Mower Tract Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 227), area opens when snow-free.

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Hope Scholarship Application Period Is Now Underway

State Treasurer Riley Moore has announced that applications to use the Hope Scholarship education savings account program for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year that starts this fall are now available online.

Applications are available online at www.HopeScholarshipWV.com. The application period will remain open through May 15.

“We’re excited to announce applications to use the Hope Scholarship are now open,” Moore said. “We saw tremendous interest in this program for the current school year, despite unfortunate legal delays in the program’s implementation. We look forward to providing this program for the full school year that begins this fall.”

The Hope Scholarship is an education savings account program available for kindergarten through 12th grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to use the state portion of their child’s education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for their child.

To qualify for the Hope Scholarship, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be either:

- Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program;
- Enrolled full-time in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the current academic year (2022-2023) immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program; or
- Enrolled full-time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term at the time of application.

In addition to filling out the application, state law also requires participating families to fill out a notice of intent to participate in the program with their local county superintendent. A sample template for that notice is also available online at HopeScholarshipWV.com.

Important Note: While members of the state Legislature have discussed bills that would expand or change eligibility requirements for the Hope Scholarship Program, none of those changes have yet to pass or become law. Should the Legislature pass any reforms, the Hope Scholarship Board would provide updates on the program once those changes are enacted and take effect.

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Ramos-Rivera, Sites-Wood Place At Regional Contest



Two Pendleton County Middle/High School students earned honors at the Regional Math Field Day held March 13 in Keyser. Albert Ramos-Rivera, left, placed second alternate for seventh grade. Gage Sites-Wood placed ninth for grades 10 – 12.



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<p>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.</p> <p>SGR276A 5.11 Ac., Raw Land, Lot #23, Blackthorn Mtn. Estates, Sugar Grove District, Pendleton Cty. NEW LISTING \$35,900.00.</p> <p>SGR275A 3.26 Acres w/3 Bed, 1 Bath Ranch Home, Oak Cove Subdivision, Some Restrictions, Milroy District, Grant County, WV. \$219,900.00.</p> <p>SGR271A 1.84 Acres, Potomac Heights Subdivision, Williams Rd., Franklin District, Pendleton County, WV. \$14,000.00.</p> <p>SGR272A 1.625 Acres w/4 Bed, 1 Bath 2 Story Frame house, along Rt. 33, Brandywine, Bethel District. NEW LISTING \$75,000.00.</p> <p>SGR271-A 1.84 Acres, Potomac Heights Subdivision, Williams Rd., Franklin District, Pendleton County, WV. \$14,000.00.</p> <p>SGR270A 1.97 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Well, Septic, Sugar Grove District, Pendleton Cty. NEW LISTING \$99,000.00.</p> <p>SGR268A 183.7 Acres, Raw Land, Dry Run area, Excellent Hunting, Franklin District. \$449,900.00.</p> <p>SGR266A 1.0 Acre, 3 Bed, 2 Bath Doublewide w/2 Car Garage, Mountain View Subdivision, located in Green Acres Estates. Some Convenants & Restrictions. NEW LISTING \$199,900.00.</p> <p>SGR265A .63 Acres, located in Brandywine. NEW LISTING \$7,900.00.</p> <p>SGR264A 2.097 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 bath Brick Cape Cod, 2 Car Detached Garage, Unfinished basement. Quiet neighborhood, conveniently located to town amenities. NEW LISTING \$329,000.00.</p> <p>SGR634 2.7 Acres, Electric nearby, Septic, Public Water avail. \$69,500.00.</p> <p>SGR259A 230.88 Acres, more or less, Spring, Septic, Electric available. Subject to 4-year farm lease. Sugar Grove District. NEW LISTING \$869,000.00.</p> <p>SGR258A 1.1 Acre, Potomac Heights Subdivision, Williams Rd., Franklin District, Pendleton County, WV. NEW LISTING \$40,000.00.</p> <p>SGR258B 3.42 Acres, w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home. Sugar Grove District, Falcon Lane. NEW LISTING \$259,000.00.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SGR248 1.407 Acres, more or less, Lot 9, Highland Estates, Glen Dale, Potomac Heights Subdivision. NEW LISTING \$31,500.00.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>SGR245 0.96 Acres w/2 Bed, 1.5 Bath 1900's Remodeled Cottage, Seneca Rocks. \$249,900.00 REDUCED \$234,900.00.</p> <p>SGR244 0.14 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath 1,008 sq. ft. Home, Bonus Room, Metal Roof, Mini-Splits. Franklin Corp. \$149,900.00.</p> <p>SGR241 60.24 Acres w/Cabin. Exceptional Views, Excellent Hunting w/Hunt Stands in place. Bathhouse, Electric Nearby, Cistern, Small pond. Close to National Forest. NEW LISTING \$289,000.00.</p> <p>SGR236 World Class View Overlooking Germany Valley! Log Cabin, 70.08 Acres, 2 bed, 2.5 Baths. Seneca Lookout. Some Restrictions. \$799,000.00.</p> <p>SGR233 29.82 Acres, Raw Land, Electric. Located on South Fork Mountain, Mill Run District. \$190,000.00.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SGR190 30.01 Acres, Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Level Bldg. Site, Mature Timber. \$49,900.00.</p> <p>SGR188 22.72 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Hunting, Bldg. Sites. \$179,900.00.</p> <p>SGR187 8.87 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Bldg. Sites, View. \$79,900.00.</p> <p>SGR176 2.02 Acres Raw Land, Rocky Mountain Rd, Deer Run area. Electric nearby. \$149,900.00 REDUCED \$11,000.00.</p> <p>SGR156 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, Electric nearby, Water available.Hardy County. \$95,000.00. REDUCED \$89,900.00.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SGR042 Five Unit Townhouse property located in Brandywine. Each unit has 2 Bd rms, 1.5 Baths, LR and Large Kitchen. Near National Forest for hunting and fishing. Perfect for retirement income, live in one and rent the others! \$399,000.00.</p> <p>SGR441 Residential lots, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte 33 East of Franklin. Lots from \$20,760.00.</p> <p>SGR247 Residential lots with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from \$14,630.00.</p>
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