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## Sugar Grove VFW Post 9666 Remembers 'Our Boys', Honors The Fallen on Memorial Day

By Stephen Smoot

More than 50 came to Richard Homan Memorial Park in Sugar Grove to honor those who performed the ultimate sacrifice in defending freedom while also remembering "Our Boys." George Armstrong welcomed those who came to attend the ceremony, saying, "I didn't think there would be a big crowd because of the weather, but thank you all for coming out." Memorial Day came with gray skies and chilly temperatures, but the

threat of rain dampened no spirits on this day of remembrance. He also advised that "there's a lot of work that's gone into this park and I hope you enjoy it." Phillip Downs gave the opening prayer, imploring "our Heavenly Father" to "bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced." Armstrong then rose again, thanking the community for their superlative dedication to the memory of those who served. He said, "There's no finer group of people I know

of who remember their fallen soldiers like the people of Sugar Grove." Armstrong remarked that he remembered a group of veterans who came from out of state. They told him they wished they could "put Sugar Grove in their pocket and carry it home" because of its support for veterans. He next introduced the principal speaker of the day, retired United States Air Force officer and former county commission president Gene

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## Senior Center Launches Project They Hope the County Finds 'Pallet' Able

By Stephen Smoot

Behold the humble pallet, constructed of rough planks of wood, worked like a mule

to carry and haul heavy items, then cast aside when broken or no longer in use. It takes a real visionary to turn these kinds of pal-

lets into an artistic medium where one might need a palette, but the creativity of the staff at Pendleton Family and Senior Services saw potential. According to Sue Slowinski, "We get pallets once a month from Mountaineer Food Bank. We've been collecting them for years." With the state budget supporting senior services remaining tight, "the whole staff brainstormed about it and said 'let's have an art contest.'" The contest encourages maximum creativity in using the pallet. Approximately 50 percent of the final project must include pallet wood, "but you can use as many pallets as you want in your creation," the project flier explained. Completed projects cannot resemble the original pallet in any fashion. Contest participants will not pay an entry fee, but submissions become the property of Pendleton County Senior and Family Services. Art projects submitted by Aug. 31 will be displayed between Sept. 1 and the Treasure Mountain Festival. People can then vote on their favorite. The art project receiving the most votes will get a

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### Community CALENDAR

#### Discover Nature Day Planned for Saturday

A Discover Nature Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. There will be nature-based interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and activities; be sure to check out the live snakes, birds of prey, and native fish. For more information, call the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center at 304-567-2827.

#### Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Christ Central Community Church will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" for 60+ Seniors Friday at the Franklin Senior Center (304-358-2421). Meals will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. To reserve a free lunch, call today.

#### Library Friends To Meet Tuesday

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

#### TMF Association To Meet June 8

The Treasure Mountain Festival Association will meet at 6 p.m. June 8 in the craft building tea room in Franklin. Note change of meeting location. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

#### Museum Is Open Every Saturday

The Pendleton County Historical Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Everyone is invited to stop by and see the amazing displays. The museum is located on Oak Street, off North Main Street in Franklin.

## Pendleton County Tactical Team Holds Training at Upper Tract During National EMS Week



Tactical team member Tyler Arbaugh completes his first rappelling experience as Lt. Pat Frank and Stacy Waggy talk him through the process.

By Stephen Smoot

Members of the Pendleton County Tactical Team peered down from the top of the three-story "burn building" as Lieutenant Pat Frank and Stacy Waggy offered last minute advice and encouragement. Some were seasoned pros at rappelling, using ropes to gently lower oneself off of a building, a cliff, or some similar obstacle. A few had never repelled in their lives. Some faces reflected resiliency and strength tinged by nerv-

ousness. Frank explained that "we're taking the new people and teaching them the basics of rappelling." Team members climbed through the burn building to reach the roof. They entered through a plain steel door on the ground floor and ascended industrial metal stairs to reach the next story. There, a mannequin sat in a lounge chair staring blankly at the smoke darkened walls. To get to the roof, one must climb a ladder fashioned of rebar through a

square aperture and then climb out. From the roof, Frank directed the setting of a three-point anchor and the safety line. He shared that he had been rappelling since the age of seven. Rappelling serves as an increasingly vital skill in the tool kit of the tactical team. As Frank explains, "We're having a lot more rock climbers and we're marketing more to rock climbers and cavers." While this boosts tourism business, it could also result in more

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## Pendleton County CVB Board Discusses Marketing Strategies

By Stephen Smoot

As the tourism economy, number of events, and expansion of related businesses continues, the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau board evaluated drafts of marketing materials. These materials, when distributed, will provide locals and visitors alike a fuller picture of county attractions. After Janice Lantz, board president, called the meeting to order, the group examined mockups of the visitors' guide and brochures. Amber Nesselrodt, Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau director, shared that "we're really excited to get the map and brochure done, but we want to get it right." The visitors' guide, also called the Adventure Guide, advises tourists what they can expect to find of interest in the county. Board members discussed the need for clear information on fishing. Sam Yokum, board member and owner of Yokum's Vacationland, stated that "on 'Fishing Pendleton,' we definitely need something about the North Fork River." He added that the region offers "beaucoup of fishing." Board members also expressed concern that some may get confused about ref-

erences to trout fishing and also Trout Fest. Lantz asked "Does it need to get broken down more in terms of where you can fish?" Board members agreed. Jeff Munn, board member and owner of Dry Run Spirits Distillery, pointed out that "the Thorn is a world-class native brook trout stream. It's a major destination for fishermen." Munn also requested that the board agree to add historic Pitsenbarger Farm "listed as a place you can visit," since he is "the only craft beverage place open during the week." The board questioned a lack of detail on historical trails, specifically those related to the Civil War. Nesselrodt said, "They asked about the trails, but the information was vague." Discussion also focused on a map highlighting attractions. Munn explained that "almost every map has a key on it. Does this map have a key someplace?" This led into a conversation that included suggestions for better readability and ease of use. Board members expressed a desire for a key to "help visitors distinguish between the categories of attractions." Nesselrodt advised that the board members come up with suggested edits, then submit them. Then these

would be discussed during the next meeting. In other business, the board discussed recent bylaws changes. First, the board agreed to remove "start-up" clauses that helped to establish the board, but are either no longer relevant, or interfere with good function. Also, the membership expanded from a limit of seven to a minimum of seven and maximum of eleven. Two members represent local government while nine hail from different elements of the Pendleton County tourism industry. Currently, the board membership falls short of eleven. Lantz stated that she had three letters of interest from potential board candidates. In response to a question, Nesselrodt said "there's no deadline to apply. People can keep applying until we reach 11." Munn suggested inviting expert angler Dustin Wichterman because "he lives and breathes fishing." Nesselrodt then turned to another proposal, to hold an "Adventure Fest" in the Smoke Hole area. Despite restrictions on rock climbing in parts of the canyon, the American Alpine Club signaled a desire to partner and promote an event centered on running, biking, and paddling.



# OBITUARIES



**Dorothy Marie "Dot" Nelson**

Dorothy Marie "Dot" Nelson, 94, of Riverton passed away peacefully on May 24, 2023.

She was born on Oct. 10, 1928, at Moyers, the daughter of the late Lee and Judith (Mullenax) Moyers.

Mrs. Nelson attended Franklin High School. She worked as a supervisor at Windsor Sewing Factory for 21 years and as a receptionist for 26 years at Seneca Rocks Discovery Center where she retired at the age of 85. She was a member of the Riverton United Methodist Church.

She loved her family and the many special people she considered as her second family. She also loved playing bingo, working puzzles, making new friends, mowing grass, farming, gardening, bak-

ing pies and canning.

Her husband, Norman Carl Nelson, preceded her in death on Feb. 10, 1990.

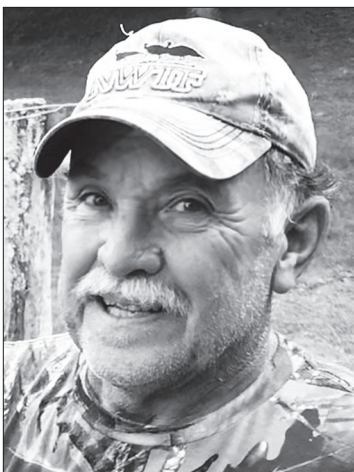
She leaves behind to cherish her memory two sons, Norman Nelson, Jr. of Riverton and William Robert "Bob" Nelson (Sue) of Stevensville, Maryland; six grandchildren, Michael Watson (Jessica), Jimmy Watson (Jennifer), Terri Watson, Anthony Nelson (Kathy), Steven Nelson and Jason Ryan (Lena); 10 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Judy Moyers; and a son-in-law, Frank Watson.

She was also preceded in death by her companion, William Conley Raines (April 7, 2023); a daughter, Dolly Watson; three brothers, Melvin, Bobby and Charles Ervin; and a sister, Ada Simpson.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Cindy Skinner and J.D. Wilkins officiating. Interment was in North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton, followed by a reception at the Riverton Community Building.

Memorials may be made to Grant County Hospice.

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



**Gary Steven Judy**

Gary Steven Judy, 68, of Riverton passed away May 27, 2023, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

He was born on April 4, 1955, in Washington, DC, the son of the late Roy Thurman and Mary Elouise (Arbogast) Judy.

Mr. Judy was a 1973 graduate of Circleville High School. He had worked at Howes Leather Company for 18 years and for General Dynamics. He was the owner and operator of Judy Gap Construction.

He was a member of the Circleville Presbyterian Church, Circleville Fire Department, Iron Workers Local #697, and Pendleton Lodge #144 AF & AM.

He loved God, his wife, his children and grandchildren. Spending time with his family was his entire world as they were his pride and joy. He enjoyed

hunting, fishing and hunting ginseng. He was a jack of all trades and could fix anything and everything.

On April 7, 1973, he married his wife of 50 years, Debra Ann (Compton) Judy, who survives.

In addition to his beloved wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving children and grandchildren, Jeremy Judy (Andrea) and Callie and Abigail of Riverton and Rhiannon Phares (Ben) and Benson of Circleville. Also surviving are a sister, Linda Johnson of Sugar Grove; three brothers, William Estep (Hope), Jerry Phares (Kitty) and Larry Bland (Mary); and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Circleville Presbyterian Church with Pastor Fletcher Hutcheson and Pastor Ann Reed Held officiating. Interment was in the Judy Cemetery in Riverton, with Masonic services conducted by Pendleton Lodge #144 AF & AM.

Memorials may be made to Circleville Volunteer Fire Department or Circleville Presbyterian Church.

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



**Wilson Gray Bogan**

Wilson Gray Bogan, 81, of Maysville passed away May 12, 2023, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

He was born on Aug. 24, 1941, in Warm Springs, Virginia, and was a son of the late Charles Hendricks Bogan and Loma Mae (Vandevander) Bogan.

Mr. Bogan attended Pendleton County Schools. He retired from American Woodmark after 40 years. He was a member of the Lighthouse Community Church where he enjoyed singing and serving as a deacon. His faith and love for God were a constant source of strength throughout his life. In his

youth, he and his brothers were avid players of softball and football. He was a fan of local sports and enjoyed attending his grandson's ballgames.

Surviving are three daughters, Rachel Bogan and Jennifer Bogan, both of Rig, and Angela (Shawn) Bowen of Moorefield; Norma Bogan and Shirley Willis of Rig; two grandsons, Christian Bowen and Jacob Bowen, both of Moorefield; a sister, Regena (Virgil) Judy of Seneca Rocks; three brothers, Jimmie (Carolyn) Bogan of Seneca Rocks, Roger (Debbie) Bogan of Brandywine and Bobby (Inez) Bogan of Franklin; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by five brothers, Edward Bogan, Charles William Bogan, Earl Bogan, Zola Bogan and infant Roy Bogan.

Funeral services were held May 16 at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Dan Sterns and Evangelist Lewis Paugh officiating. Burial was in Maysville Cemetery in Maysville.

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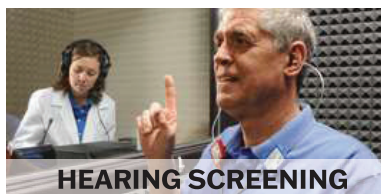
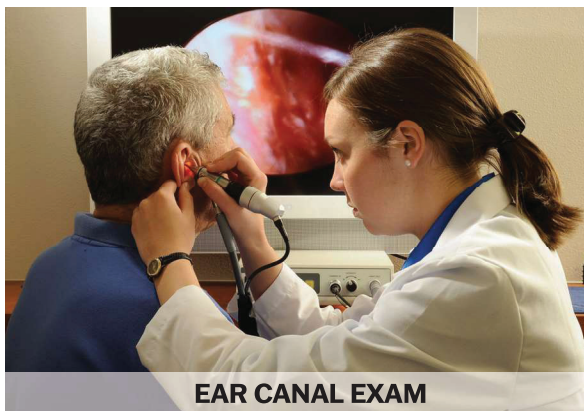
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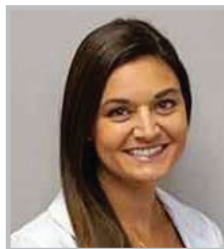
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# Warner Sisters Respected by West Point Academy

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

The writer is pretty sure that all her readers know the song, “Jesus Loves Me.” Perhaps it was taught during one’s youth by way of attending Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. The history behind this song, and how it came to be is very interesting.

Anna and Susan Warner lived in a lovely townhouse in New York with their father, Henry Whiting Warner, who was a successful lawyer. The “Panic of 1837” wrecked the family’s finances, forcing them to move into a ramshackle home on Constitution Island on the Hudson River, right across from the Military Academy at West Point.

Anna and Susan felt that they needed to contribute to the family income, and so they began writing poems and stories for publication. One of their most successful joint projects was a novel titled “Say and Seal” in which a little boy named Johnny Fox is dying. His Sunday School teacher, John Linden, takes him in his arms and rocks him, making up a little song: “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so....” Soon this song became the best-known children’s hymn on earth.

For 40 years, Anna and Susan conducted Bible classes for cadets at West Point, and both were buried with full military honors. They are the only civilians buried in the military cemetery at West Point. To this day, their home on Constitution Island is maintained by West Point as a museum to their memory.

Life’s little instructions to make the day better include the following:

1. Letting someone else have the parking space.
2. A sparkling clean fridge.
3. Turning off the lights when one leaves a room.
4. Knowing one good joke.
5. Mowing for the older person in one’s neighborhood.

Early Friday morning, 32 degrees hit the community. Frost didn’t seem to be anywhere around, which was a good thing. The weekend was cool, with “spits” of showers. Towards the end of the week, temperatures will be on the rise, according to the weather forecaster.

This week’s quotes are as follows:

“I am not a person to be pressured - by anybody or nation.” — Indira Gandhi

“You can’t get spoiled if you do your own ironing.” — Meryl Streep

“Food is the great connector, and laughs are the cement.” — Phil Rosenthal

“Every day we ought to renew our purpose.” — Thomas a Kempis

“This only is charity, to do all, all that we can do.” — John Donne

Sitting by the fire is a wonderful place to hear the “Talk of the Grove.”

Graduations have kept the parents quite busy this past week. School is over for the summer vacations, with the students and teachers being ecstatic!

Memorial Day services, which were hosted by the VFW Post 9666, were held Monday at the Richard Homan Memorial Park in Sugar Grove. A large attendance showed their allegiance to this memorial holiday. The keynote speaker was Gene McConnell who referenced Ronald Reagan’s 1983 memorial address. Decorations adhered to the theme, with refreshments a most fitting ending to the ceremony. The VFW continues to make their park available to the public with donations readily received for the upkeep.

Marleta Wimer, Terry Grogg, and Claude Castleberry motored to Rosalee Grogg’s home for a weekend visit.

Mike and Robin DelBiondo were visiting Monday afternoon in the home of Willard and Judy Rader.

Flags appropriately positioned at the veterans’ graves for the weekend holiday were flying in the breeze. Thanks to all volunteers who positioned these flags, as a reminder for those who laid down their lives for this country.

Erroneously overlooked in last week’s column was the graduation of Richard Marshall, son of Robin and Joyce Marshall of McGaheysville, Virginia.

His first vacation in 15 years took place last Friday. Phil Downs motored to the Outer Banks, North Carolina, where he spent several days with friends from Louisa, Virginia. The food and company were excellent, but the weather was cold, downcast and very windy.

Helen and Rhonda Nash and Charlotte Hoover joined Diane Healey and daughter, Mary Ann Fox of Mechanicsville, Virginia, for dinner at the Korner Shop Cafe to

commemorate Diane’s birthday on May 26. The celebration included cupcakes and candles, the “Happy Birthday” song and chocolate pie for the birthday girl from the sweet Korner Shop staff, and birthday cake and a beautiful sunset later that night at Diane’s home.

Porcupines have been sited on two occasions near the top of Reddish Knob on the West Virginia side. So, keep one’s eyes peeled for the critter(s).

Weekend celebrations for Geneva Mongold’s sixth birthday were held with the following attending: Evelyn Varner, Judy Costello, Eugene Varner, Jessica Varner, Randy Mongold, Joyce and Richard Marshall, Janet Judy and Jerry Harper.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- The early cash register resembled a clock. One hand indicated dollars, the other cents.
- Africa’s “royal” antelope is no bigger than a house cat.
- The strawberry belongs to the rose family.
- The Alamo was named after the cottonwood trees that surrounded it. Alamo is Spanish for cottonwood.
- An early bicycle, called a hobbyhorse, had wooden wheels and no pedals.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon “Fuzzy” Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, Debbie Beal, Jed Conrad, Jeff Craig, Mary Eye, Donna Fleisher, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Gary and Jackie Hills, Nancy Hodges, Virgil Homan, Jr., Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Mike Jamison, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Danny Kimble, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Neil McLaughlin, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Barbara Parker, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Sheldon Propst, Steve Propst, K.D. Puffenbarger, Mary and Eldon Puffenbarger, Dick Rexrode, Harley Propst, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, the Max Rodriguez family, Donna Ruddle, John Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Erin Simmons, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Judy Williams and Margaret Wimer.

## Social Security Honors Military Heroes

By Tony Stutts  
Social Security District Manager in Petersburg

On Memorial Day, the nation honored military service members who have given their lives for this country. Families, friends, and communities paused to remember the many great sacrifices of the military and ensure their legacy lives on in the freedoms everyone enjoys. Social Security recognize these heroes who, in President Lincoln’s words, “gave the last full measure of devotion.”

The benefits Social Security provides can help the families of deceased military service members. For example, surviving spouses and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivor’s benefits. More information about those benefits is available at [www.ssa.gov/survivors](http://www.ssa.gov/survivors).

Social Security also offers support to wounded warriors. Social Security benefits protect veterans when an injury prevents them from returning to active duty or performing other work. Wounded military service members can receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. Is one a veteran with a 100% permanent and total compensation rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs? Social Security will expedite one’s disability claim. Both the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Social Security Administration have disability programs. A person may

qualify for disability benefits under one program but not the other, or one may qualify for both. Depending on a person’s situation, some of one’s family members, including dependent children or spouse, may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits.

Want more information? Visit [www.ssa.gov/people/veterans](http://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans) for answers to commonly asked questions or to find information about the application process.

Thinking about retirement? Military service members can receive Social Security benefits in addition to their military retirement benefits. For details, visit Social Security’s webpage, You Can Get Both Military Retirement and Social Security Benefits, at [www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/veterans.html](http://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/veterans.html).

Please share this information with the military families in one’s community. To the veterans who bravely served and died for this country, and to the military service members who serve today, Social Security honors and thanks one.

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### Heartfelt Thanks

There are not enough words to express our sincerest thanks for all the love and support that has been shown to us since my cancer diagnosis in January. For all the gifts of money, food, phone calls, cards and above all PRAYERS.

Deepest thanks to the Franklin Moose Lodge for sponsoring the benefit and their generous monetary gift, to Lois Waggy for making the beautiful barn quilt and the Korner Shop for raffling it off, to Melanie Moyers, Carol Hoover and Donna Hoover for all the hard work putting the raffle and bake sale together, to all the businesses and individuals who donated all the wonderful items and to those that came out to support us that day.

We are truly blessed and feel so thankful to live in such a caring community.

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# On the Rocks Craft Beverage Trail Brings Visitors to County

By Stephen Smoot

West Virginia continues to outpace the nation in expansion of the state tourist economy. As this trend continues, Pendleton and surrounding counties use creative measures to not only attract tourists to scenic locations, but steer visitors to tourist friendly businesses.

The heart of the On the Rocks Craft Beverage Trail lies in Pendleton County. Swilled Dog operates a state of the art distillery and tasting room at the industrial park in Upper Tract while Dry Run Spirits Distillery follows local agricultural traditions that go back nearly two and a quarter centuries in the region.

Northwest of Upper Tract sits the northern terminus of the trail at Still Hollow in Harman. To the southeast is Big Fish Cider of Monterrey, Virginia. Connecting Pendleton County to neighboring counties that focused on tourism served as one of the main goals of the project.

As Amber Nesselrodt, executive director of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau explains, “it started last year as a collective effort between economic development authorities, CVBs, and the distilleries.” She added that “it’s important to keep forging these kinds of relationships.”

Though a 2020 Robert C. Byrd Institute study examined the possibility of a major craft beverage trail effort linking counties in and around Charleston and Huntington, On the Rocks remains the only craft beverage trail established in the Mountain State.

On April 20, Swilled Dog celebrated its fourth year of official business operations. As Kim Kirk, chief experience manager, noted, “it’s an important milestone to celebrate how far we have come in four years.”

Swilled Dog’s crafted beverages date back to initial efforts with cider starting in 2010. Six years later, the family transformed their basement into a cidery. By 2017, the product was ready for sale to the public.

Today, Swilled Dog welcomes locals and tourists alike to its distillery and tasting room. Rich dark wood walls, comfortable leather furniture, and other amenities keep visitors in the mindset of visiting a cozy and intimate space. This space, however, can seat over a hundred people for major events like the Pendleton County Chamber of Com-

merce dinner.

A smaller room to the side gives all who legally can an opportunity to sample liquors that have competed well on elite national and global stages. Their sherry cask “is technically the second best small batch bourbon in the world.”

Swilled Dog relies heavily on partnerships to forge strong ties around the area and across the state. Two nearby farmers provide non genetically modified corn. Even the groundwater flows from the area’s natural limestone caverns, not unlike those underlying western Kentucky’s traditional bourbon heartland.

Kirk says that “we immerse ourselves in the whole experience, start to finish. We hope that translates to the customer experience.”

She also described a “gold rush” partnership, one of several with West Virginia University. Gold rush “uses source apples from the Davis College of Agriculture.”

Swilled Dog also takes pride in giving back. As Laura Hagman, operations manager, explains, “we focus on animal charities.” The company mascot, Lucy Pickles, was adopted as a rescue and remains the inspiration for animal charity support. One dollar from each beverage poured from “Lucy’s Tap” supports a charity known as Walk the Dog.

Farther off the beaten path in Dahmer sits the historic Ananias Pitsenbarger farm established in 1799, currently the home of both Dry Run Spirits Distillery and also Loafer’s Glory, which provides lodging.

The distillery and surroundings developed by Jeff Munn could not be more different than the modern ambiance of Swilled Dog, but that is by design. Nesselrodt explained that “it’s important to give visitors different experiences.”

“We’re more than a distillery,” Munn notes, “we’re a part of Pendleton County.”

On the crest of the hill above the modern Dry Run Road sits the main house and distillery. Munn constructed an old fashion pavilion festively illuminated with Edison lights, providing an atmosphere that encourages storytelling, singing, and laughing.

Such was always the reputation of the farm, known as “Loafer’s Glory,” dating back to the early 19th century. From the visitors’ pavilion, one can peer downhill and see much of the farm as it was 200 years ago. The view

includes a farmhouse in its original wood, surrounded by a springhouse, work structures, and outbuildings lovingly preserved by the Munn family. Munn pointed out that watercress surrounding the trickle of water emanating from the springhouse meant “that’s a sign of absolutely pure water.”

“It took my wife two years to get us onto the National Register of Historic Places,” Munn explained.

Initial settlement took place in 1793 by Henry Amick. After his death, his wife sold to “Stiller” John Propst who may have introduced production to the farm. Until modern times, Dry Run Road ran through the farm toward Sugar Grove, allowing owners to sell liquor directly to travelers on the road. “This was the old wagon road,” Munn showed.

As Munn says, “This is the fourth distillery in 186 years. For 140 of 186 years, someone’s been distilling hard apple brandy on this property.” Apple production and harvesting has continued so long that many trees on the land have outlasted the typical 50 to 100 year life span. Munn, however, carefully preserves each apple strain on the property by cultivating new growth.

“The biggest problem is that I cannot make it fast enough,” Munn says. Also calling himself a “one man show,” he distills from a 20-gallon copper still.

In recent years, Munn has added maple moonshine to his repertoire. Unlike most “maple” potent potables, Dry Run produces directly from maple sap instead of merely adding flavoring. He relies on local producer Ricky S. Harper to supplement 66 percent of his total sap used.

Both distillers underscored the importance of cooperation over competition. Hagman from Swilled Dog shared that “it’s important to bring the county together.” She added that “we have a lot of tourists who come around.” Many drop in after a full day of adventure sports or sight-seeing. Munn added that “the change in Pendleton County in the last 10 years is incredible. It seems like it’s accelerating.”

He also agreed with the purpose of the craft beverage trail itself, saying “we broke the invisible wall at the Virginia-West Virginia border. Why should we just do it for our county and not include them?”

# Letters to the Editor

## Road to Spruce Knob, Observation Tower Needs Several Improvements

Editor, the Times:

We live in the most beautiful place in West Virginia and still it is hard for government to maintain our national recreation area.

Spruce Knob is the highest point in West Virginia. The observation tower is not handicap accessible. The trail from the parking lot to the observation tower is no way travelable by a handicap person. Once you get to the tower and climb the steps to the top of the tower, one can’t see because of the trees.

It sure is nice for people to come from other states, but then they find out all of the problems one faces in getting there. The road is 22

feet wide with a deep side ditch on one side and a steep incline on the other with turn outs in order to pass when you meet another vehicle.

Clinton Hedrick Post 183 has been working on this for three years and still nothing is being done. It is not left up to the state to maintain the area.

From Gateway Restaurant to the government line at Simoda, this road is maintained by the state of West Virginia, and it is in good condition.

There are several businesses started along the road, cabins for rent and campgrounds being erected. Tourism is important to

West Virginia, and we want them to come in. However, the road to Spruce and the trail to the tower are not handicap accessible. The only thing that may be nice are the toilets at the campground parking lot.

I was hoping that some other organizations would write to their representatives and encourage them to work on this project. If we can get other organizations to complain, maybe something will be done.

Remember the wheel that squeaks the loudest gets the most grease.

American Legion Post 183  
Charles Teter, Comm.

## Board of Education Discusses Budget, Facilities Improvements

By Stephen Smoot

As the school year winds down and a surprising number of Pendleton County track athletes qualified to compete at state, the Pendleton County Board of Education met for the second time in the month of May.

Board president J. D. Wilkins opened with the customary prayer, saying that “we ask You to bless the graduates this weekend.”

The first order of business lay in personnel moves. Barbara Whitecotton, who most recently served as principal of Franklin Elementary School, but also was Hardy County school superintendent, accepted a position as Pendleton County’s school improvement coordinator.

The board also made another move of note. Although Pendleton County girls’ varsity coach Micah Bailey took the squad to the state tournament, he tendered his resignation, which was approved in the previous meeting. Donnie Kopp received appointment to the head coaching position with Dan Miller hired to lead the junior varsity.

J. P Mowery, chief financial official for Pendleton County Schools, revealed the budget. He requested approval of a \$17.6 million budget for the 2023-24 school year. Funding comes from state and local taxes, as well as federal grants. He also reported that over the past four years, the school system has

been able to save \$50,000 per year for a total of \$200,000.

Additionally, the estimated levy returns for the county schools increased by \$200,000. “When property values rise, this happens,” Mowery noted.

Charles Hedrick, superintendent, then stated that “you have my recommendation to approve the budget, which they then did.”

The board then discussed bus replacement. At this point, federal policies have created an issue where traditional heavy vehicles have become scarce. The ordered bus may take a year to arrive.

In addition to a new bus, the board also purchased a new set of radios for the fleet at a cost of \$100,000. Funding sources will reimburse the county up to 95 percent of the total cost in two years. The payment agreement allows them to be paid in four.

Mowery then revealed county-by-county statistics on school system pay rates. Fifteen counties in the state, including Pendleton, do not have a levy that adds to salaries. The highest teacher salaries are seen in Monongahela. Their teachers earn a base pay of almost \$61,000. Pendleton teachers receive \$55,270. Support staff in Monongahela receive \$3,790 while the 15 counties with no levy get \$3,207. Mowery explained that the cost of living differences makes the gaps between counties much less significant than they appear.

Next the board discussed facilities upgrades, starting with the new alternative education building. Travis Heavner explained, “Hopefully next week, we’ll get to take out that old building.” Students will be moved to an empty classroom for the remainder of the year.

Half of the new building is ready, but transportation issues continue to bedevil the project. “We are at a standstill trying to find someone to get the building,” Heavner said. A recent issue that emerged lies in the height of the building. Many standard trucks combined with the size of the structure, combined together have too much height to exit the prison gate at Huttonsville. The margin is a mere two inches, which may require a creative solution to shipping.

Responding to a suggestion that the board employ firms that sell and move homes, Heavner said they “can’t move it because of insurance purposes. They can only move what they sell.” He stated that the project may not be done until mid-July.

Finally, the board heard an update on the COPS grant that funds security equipment in the schools. Eventually, the system will enjoy district wide paging, new intercoms in all four schools, upgraded access control, and camera systems.

“Security cameras will be upgraded in all schools and the bus garage,” Heavner said.

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# NRA Foundation Awards \$2,200 to County 4-H

The National Rifle Association Foundation has awarded the Pendleton County 4-H Shooting Sports Program a grant totaling \$2,200 to fund the purchase of new archery equipment for the summer camping program and countywide shootings sports program.

“We are very excited about this grant money that will be helping youth across the county,” said Brooke Alt, Pendleton County 4-H Agent. “And pleased that the NRA is

making an investment in our community.”

Each summer, Pendleton County 4-H Camp hosts county youth who are interested in learning about a variety of topics, some of which include shooting sports. There are trained instructors for air pistol, air rifle, and shotgun. Darrell Bodkin, an instructor, has dedicated many years to the archery classes during 4-H camp.

“He was a great asset to

our programming over the years, but decided to step away to enjoy retirement and focus on family,” said Alt. “We are currently seeking new instructors for our archery program, which will have 10 brand new bows and equipment to be used year-round.”

Training for shooting sports instructors is held twice a year at West Virginia University Jackson’s Mill. The next training opportunity will be held this fall.

## BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Everett Allen Lee Brennan**

Kaitlyn Lantz and Jeffrey Brennan of Petersburg are announcing the birth of their son, Everett Allen Lee Brennan, on April 24 at Grant Memorial Hospital in

Petersburg.

He weighed seven pounds eight ounces and 20.5 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Michael and Victoria Lantz of Circleville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Roy Lee and Debo-

rah Judy of Circleville and Mary Ruth Raines of Snowy Mountain.

Paternal grandparents are Russell and Cindy Brennan of Lahmansville.

Paternal great-grandparent is Wayne Swick.

# Blown Away Salon Opens On Main Street



Hailey Haynes, a recent arrival from Alaska, said at her chamber of commerce ribbon cutting that she and her husband were “blown away” by the friendly reception toward them and her new salon on Main Street in Franklin. Pictured from left are Brooke Alt, Haynes, Elizabeth Scott, and Chelsea Simmons.

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PCH/MS April students of the month are, from left, Katelyn Hedrick, Emma Daughtry and Trace Lambert.

## Daughtry, Hedrick, Lambert Named PCH/MS Students of the Month

Emma Daughtry, Katelyn Hedrick and Trace Lambert have been named outstanding students of the month for April at Pendleton County High/Middle School.

A senior, Daughtry is the April Academic Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Darren and Ann Daughtry of Riverton. She is currently studying computer repair at South Branch Career and Technical Center where she received SBCTC

Student of the Quarter. She enjoys art and working on the family farm. She plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan to study environmental science to become a wildlife biologist.

Hedrick, a junior, is the James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Pendleton County High School softball and volleyball teams. She works as a lifeguard

at the Franklin Town Pool. She plans to continue her education to become an ultrasound technician. She is the daughter of Donald and Amber Hedrick of Franklin.

The Pendleton County Middle School Student of the Month is Trace Lambert. He is the son of Chris and Penny Lambert of Franklin. He loves all types of hunting. In the future, he would like to be a taxidermist or work in construction.

## Original Recipes Sought for Birthday Punch Contest

First Lady Cathy Justice has announced that her office will be hosting a West Virginia Birthday Punch Contest in honor of the state's 160th birthday.

West Virginia residents are invited to create and submit an original (non-alcoholic) punch recipe. The top-prize winning recipe will be served at this year's West Virginia Day Celebration at the Culture Center in Charleston on June 20.

Participants may enter online at [https://governor.wv.gov/News/press-releases/2023/Pages/First-Lady-Justice-announces-West-Virginia-Birthday-Punch-](https://governor.wv.gov/News/press-releases/2023/Pages/First-Lady-Justice-announces-West-Virginia-Birthday-Punch-Contest.aspx)

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“For generations, punch has always been a beloved drink at parties and family gatherings throughout West Virginia, and what better way to celebrate our state's birthday than with a delicious punch contest,” Justice said. “We encourage everyone to participate and share their creative punch recipes. The Governor and I look forward to tasting the recipes and selecting a winner that embodies the spirit of West Virginia!”

The recipe can be inspired by WV colors, Appalachian flavors, or family punch recipes.

## Open House Scheduled 11-2 at the AMI Farm

The Allegheny Mountain Institute Farm at Augusta Health in Fishersville, Virginia, is hosting an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday for community members and families to share in season's harvest. Rain date is June 10.

The Allegheny Mountain Institute farmers and educators will be providing farm tours at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to share information about the naturally grown practices the farm uses and where the food goes to promote patient and community-wide health.

There will be activities for all ages, farm tours, farm stand with free tastings and an opportunity to learn about Allegheny Mountain Institute programming.

For children, AMI is hosting a scavenger hunt and teaching how to pot seedlings for children to take home with them.

The goal of the open house is for Allegheny Mountain Institute to share the joy of the season with the community and spread the word about how it supports schools, hospitals, and organizations

integrate farming, nutritious vegetables, and related education into food systems and outreach initiatives.

The AMI Farm at Augusta Health is located at 315 Mule Academy Rd. Fishersville, Virginia.

The AMI Farm at Augusta Health is a program of Allegheny Mountain Institute, an educational nonprofit organization with the mission to cultivate healthy communities through food and education. For more information, please visit [www.amifellows.org](http://www.amifellows.org).

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# Memorial Day, VFW Post 9666

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McConnell. Armstrong said of McConnell that “he’s always thankful of veterans and has worked to help veterans.”

McConnell opened by sharing that he had written a four-page speech on the origins of the day, but had received that morning a text of President Ronald Reagan’s 1983 Memorial Day address. He decided to read President Reagan’s words instead “because he described the ‘why.’”

Before starting, he stated that the day is for the “recognition of the people who have gone before . . . the world has never known an equal to what we know in this country today.”

From those words came “I don’t have to tell you how fragile this precious gift of freedom is. Every time we hear, watch, or read the news, we are reminded that liberty is a rare commodity in this world.”

McConnell also said, “These things are probably more important today than they were in 1983.”

Next came the reading of the names of the fallen. Allen Moats read off the names of those taken in World War I. Armstrong said prior to introducing Steven O’ Toole’s reading from World War II that “bear with him. It’s his first time and there’s a long list.”

Daniel Roberson and James Koontz read from the Korean and Vietnam Wars, respectively.

Downs then returned to offer the closing prayer and blessing of the picnic lunch, sharing “bless this food for the nourishment of our bodies and enlightenment of our minds.”

Finally came the laying of the wreath and a moment of silence in lieu of “Taps” since no bugle player could attend.

Attendees then lined up to share a freshly grilled lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. Hot dogs came with homemade chili sauce. An impressive spread of fresh made and delicious desserts also greeted

guests.

At the front of the shelter, just to the left of the speakers, hung a display of “Our Boys.” These five very young men, Paul Smith, Roscoe Eckard, Oather Simmons, Frank Pitsenbarger, and Leo Mitchell, left Sugar Grove to fight for freedom in World War II. All died in action within 10 months of each other.

Downs shared that “they’re local guys. Three of them are related to me.” He pointed out that the sister of one of the “boys” was in attendance that day.

“They grew up here in Sugar Grove,” he said, then added that when they first established the VFW Post for Sugar Grove, they decided to name it in honor of all five young men.”

“Our Boys” were not just neighbors, but family to the whole community, then and now. It is most fitting that their legacy remain remembered as a way to also honor the rest.



*In their May meeting, the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce reviewed Trout Fest. Pictured are fishermen lining the Dickenson Mountain Road bridge in Franklin just after the start of the trout rodeo.*

## Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce Discusses Success Of Trout Fest and Commence Planning Other 2023 Events

By Stephen Smoot

On the heels of one of the most successful incarnations of Trout Fest yet, a jubilant Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce board held its May monthly meeting.

Elizabeth Scott, executive director, shared that “Trout Fest was a financial success. I’ve already got my wheels turning for next year.” She added that “there were a lot of in-kind sponsorships,” then gave examples such as a brochure provided in exchange for a sponsorship. Also, Greer donated funds to pay for the fish.

She also discussed a potential added sponsor for next year. An attendee who also works for the Bass Pro Shops corporate office suggested that the chamber reach out to that company. In Scott’s discussions with the representative, she learned that the company issues community support grants. One of the restrictions, however, was that the money could not be used to fund contest prizes. Efforts to include children and veterans, however, are strongly encouraged.

Scott addressed some confusion expressed in the community over unpaid prizes. She explained that the grand prize money was not given to Trout Fest, but that the donor would only pay the prize if someone caught the winning tag. Since that did not happen, the donor kept the money.

Due to the confusion, Scott said that they would look at different ideas. “We want to give out the money,” she said, “that’s

one of the draws. Marshals reported that 22 of 156 total fish caught had winner tags affixed to them.

Scott reported concerns shared by Franklin town councilman Bruce Minor. Minor had advised in the May town council meeting that foot traffic up and down the road, especially children, mixed too much with automobiles traversing the area. He suggested that construction cones and other safety measures be considered to prevent possible accidents.

Another Trout Fest related success story came in the pageants. “Everyone thought our pageant was run well,” Scott reported. She also expressed pride in the winner, Jenna Biggs, saying that “our queen has been active as well, going around the community promoting Trout Fest.”

Discussion turned to the Trout Fest dinner on Friday night. “We purchased most of the food locally,” she said. The chamber also saved money by purchasing decorations with a generic theme that can be reused at other events, such as the chamber dinner in November. The board also discussed some attendees’ desire to have fried fish, but the problem with that lies in the fact that frying fish involves more labor. Currently, they do not have enough volunteers to handle the extra work involved in frying the trout. Board member Brooke Alt, who also took on a great deal of work helping to organize and run the festival, said, “People in the community said the fish tasted really good.”

Kristin Dingess, president of the chamber of commerce board of directors, said to Scott, “Thank you for everything. Thank you for walking 17 miles and never sitting down. People came because of your hard work.”

After the Trout Fest update and discussion, the board turned to the important work of bringing on Laura Hageman from Swilled Dog as a new member. The operations manager of the Upper Tract distillery said “I love Elizabeth’s vision for the community. It’s an amazing community and I want to help.”

Scott told Hageman, “It’s really good to have you. I know you have a lot of energy too.”

Looking ahead, Scott opened discussion about future events through the year. She exclaimed, “We packed the house last year,” but wanted to see even more attendance. The chamber dinner in 2022 filled almost every seat at Swilled Dog, but Scott suggested opening the building’s large garage door, erecting a party tent, and bringing in heaters for the pre-Thanksgiving event.

## County EMS Tactical Training

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work for the skilled members of the tactical team.

Frank said that the squad lay within close distance to popular attractions such as Eagle Rock and Reeds Creek, as well as Seneca and Nelson Rocks not too much farther distant.

“I haven’t had a rock rescue per se for the past few years,” Frank said, “but we’re way overdue for that.”

Before the team even ascends the stairs, Frank performs an equipment check. Team members climb into gear that must buckle and fit as tightly as possible. This includes special belts, harnesses, helmets, gloves, and more. As their lieutenant pulls at belts and makes sure buckles remain secure, he explains that wearing the tactical gear wrongly can

cause anything from serious discomfort to possible injury.

Worn properly, it could also save their lives.

He checks both rookies and veterans to make sure the gear is right, then allows his own to get checked as well.

The gear itself may soon form an obstacle to efficient and effective rescues. As Frank explains, “our gear is at the end of its life span.” He expects to have to go to the board to request funds to pay for replacements.

“Everything in EMS has a life span,” he said. Then he added that one problem lies in buying items in bulk, then having the equipment all hit its life span at the same time, rather than when purchases get staggered over time.

Once the team gets to the top of the building, the rookies go first. Team member Tyler Arbaugh stepped to the edge of the building where the safety railing opens up for repelling practice.

Frank encouraged him, saying ‘when you take that first step, just go a little bit at a time.’ Then he added a touch of first responder gallows humor, saying “nice knowing ya pal!”

Arbaugh shook off the nerves quickly as Frank and Waggy talked him down through a mostly routine task.

“Pretty nervous,” Arbaugh said when asked about his experience. “It’s going to take a little bit to get used to it.”

“I feel good now,” he smiled.

## Senior Center Pallet Contest

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grand prize of a one night stay for two at Petersburg’s Hermitage Inn, along with dinner for two at the Tap-house. The room will have a gift basket filled with donated items from local businesses.

All art will be sold at a later event to raise needed funds for the senior center and its operations. Slowinski said that she was working with Elizabeth Scott, executive director of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, on the best way to sell the projects.

For at least the past decade, senior services across the state have experienced

budget crises. When the State Legislature voted to raise the minimum wage several years ago, it did not give extra support to senior services already struggling to pay staff. The recent inflation hikes, especially on food and fuel, have also forced organizational cut backs.

Slowinski explained that “we have to halt the popular ‘grab and go’ lunch program.” This allowed seniors with restrictive schedules to pick up prepared meals to take home or eat on the go. “Funds can only cover that until June 16,” she added.

“We feed vulnerable sen-

iors, seniors who may need to make a decision between meals at the senior center and other basic necessities,” Slowinski said.

Experts also agree that seniors benefit from activities that bring them out to the centers. This helps seniors to stay more active, healthier, and allows staff to identify when some may be struggling.

Slowinski stated that proceeds from the art contest would support nutrition and transportation programs with the center.

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The family of Tim Rodgers would like to thank all our extended families, relations, neighbors and friends who showed, helped and supported us prior to and after the celebration of life. In so many ways, for which we are really appreciative. Thank you to Pastor Phillip Marcum for the beautiful service. Tonya for the lovely music and the ladies of the church for the dinner. Special Thank You to the Pendleton County Rescue Squad, Mike Alt and Will Hedrick.

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# Fans of the Warner's Drive-In Flock to Its Opening in Fast and Furious Fashion

By Stephen Smoot

“This is the best thing really, beyond our hiking trails.” So says Roxanne Arbaugh from North Fork about the season opening of the Warner's Drive-In theater.

Cars streamed in as the sun dropped behind the mountain with families and others excited to see the latest installment of the blockbuster Fast and Furious franchise. Spaces on the hillside filled up quickly as patrons arrived.

Arbaugh explained that the county needs more venues that entertain kids and offer opportunities to participate, saying “they're not being utilized to their potential.”

Dr. King Seegar, who works with the non profit that operates the theater, looked at the patrons arriving and said, “We want the whole cross section of the community here.”

Attendees were greeted by, as Seegar described, “a wonderful team of high school students taking money.” Patrons noticed that the volunteers held small electronic gadgets to take payment as easily and efficiently as cash, replacing the old paper and ticket system. Others worked to sell 50/50 tickets for cash prizes handed out later.

As the skies slowly darkened, older children reignited the tradition of touch football and other games played directly in front of the stage. On this night, kids from North Fork played everyone else. No final score was reported from the loosely contested game, but laughs and shouts of delight filled the air.

Such a scene delights members of the Warner family still involved with the 71-year-old “icon” as Dr. Seegar describes it. “It gives me immense pleasure and joy,” said Jessica Warner Basagic, “watching our youth come together and form that socialization bond between complete strangers.”

“You will see kids of all ages from toddlers to teenagers networking and forming that fellowship,” she added. Basagic remembered the thrill of coming as a child, saying, “Coming to the drive-in for me was always a magical experience whether it was the first time or the hundredth time.”

Most come for the movies, but many also come for the Warner's Drive-In's legendary snack bar. Even before one enters, the aroma of fresh and delicious food hooks a patron like a trout and reels them in. The first sight as one walks in the door is a veritable forest of perfectly golden and crispy crinkle cut fries, followed by foil wrapped hot dogs and hamburgers.

As patrons hit the register, they are asked if they would like chili on their hot dog. What they get is a deliciously sweet sauce with just enough spiciness to make it exciting. And one of the last food options is a serving tree full of differently flavored and fresh baked cupcakes.

While Pendleton County is excited about the drive-in as is, much more exciting news is heading this way. “We have a major grant coming in July 1,” says Dr. Seegar. The board plans to build a stage in the front of the screen that could be used for musical acts, even on movie nights. It could also host theater, even Shakespearean productions.

Basagic also shared that “I take pride in knowing that my family created this historic landmark for families to experience for years to come.”

“A family legacy is a hope for the future,” she said.

# FSU Releases Honor Lists

Seven Pendleton County students have been honored for their academic achievement after completing the spring semester at Fairmont State University in Fairmont.

Achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average and named to the President's List were Joshua Alt, Brooklyn Aumann, Cameron Kisamore and Rachel Loudermilk.

Named to the Dean's List with a 3.4 or better grade point average were Brandy Bowers, Makailyn Ruddle and Brooke Walls.

# Don't Let an Outdoor Meal Become a Feast for Bacteria

As summer approaches, millions of Americans will hit the road to visit national parks, beaches and campgrounds. While packing that sunblock, bug spray and picnic blanket, make sure to also take some U.S. Department of Agriculture food safety tips along for the ride.

“USDA reminds summer travelers not to let your outdoor meal become a feast for bacteria,” said Dr. Emilio Esteban, USDA under secretary for food safety. “Bacteria grows faster during the summer months because it's warmer and more humid. Pack perishable foods safely with a cold source and wash your hands thoroughly while preparing food.”

Keep these safety tips in mind while planning summer getaways:

## Avoid the Danger Zone

Food that is between the temperatures of 40° F and 140° F is in the Danger Zone and only has a limited time before it becomes a food safety risk.

- Remember to refrigerate perishable food within two hours, and within one hour if it's a hot day (above 90° F).

- Keep cold foods at 40° F or below by keeping food nestled in ice on the picnic table or kept in a cooler until ready to serve.

- Keep hot foods at 140° F or above by placing food in warming trays or on the grill.

- Divide leftovers into smaller portions, place them inside small containers and keep them in a cooler below 40° F.

## Safety on the Road

- Ensure the cooler is fully stocked with ice or frozen cold sources that can help keep perishable foods safe.

- Pack beverages in one cooler and perishable food in another cooler. The beverage cooler may be opened frequently, causing the temperature inside the cooler to fluctuate and

# Foster Parents Needed For Older Youth

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Social Services emphasizes the need for certified foster families for older youth. In West Virginia, nearly half of youth entering foster care are 9 - 17 years old. Twenty-seven percent of those children are between the ages of 13 and 17 years old.

“Many youth in the 13-17 range can thrive in a home environment, and it is important that there is a sufficient number of certified foster families and kinship caregivers willing to open their homes to older youth,” said Cammie Chapman, DHHR's deputy secretary for child and adult services.

For the first quarter of 2023, there were on average 1,427 certified foster homes in West Virginia. Only 25% of these homes reported a willingness to accept youth ages 13 or older.

“The primary purpose of foster care is to reunite the child with their family by providing interventions whenever safely possible,” said Chapman. “Individuals can make an impact by providing stable housing and resources for children and families as they work toward reunification.”

Mission West Virginia is the first point of contact for individuals interested in becoming a West Virginia foster parent, and also works with child placing agencies to facilitate matches between families and children in West Virginia. To learn more about foster care and relative/kinship care certification and resources, contact Mission West Virginia at [www.missionwv.org](http://www.missionwv.org) or 1-866-CALL-MWV (1-866-225-5698).

To view and apply for careers in the child welfare field, visit [dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx](http://dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx). Individuals currently enrolled in a bachelor's or master's social work program may receive tuition assistance. For more information, email [DHHREAP@wv.gov](mailto:DHHREAP@wv.gov) or call 304-558-6700.

become unsafe for perishable foods.

- Once outside, place the cooler in the shade.

- Full coolers will keep perishable foods cold and safe for longer than half full ones.

- Fill extra space in the cooler with more ice. A person can pack foods when they are frozen to maintain a cold temperature.

## Camping and Backpacking

If a person is camping or backpacking for more than a day, plan ahead for when the cold sources run out. Consider packing shelf stable items that don't need to be kept cold.

Shelf stable options include: pre-packaged, shelf-stable meals, peanut butter in plastic jars, concentrated juice boxes, canned tuna, ham, chicken and beef, dried noodles and soups, beef jerky and other shelf-stable meats, dehydrated foods, whole or dried fruits, nuts and powdered milk and fruit drinks.

## Wash One's Hands

Wash one's hands before meals.

- If running water is available, follow proper handwashing steps to stop bacteria from spreading from one's hands to one's meal. Make sure to wet hands, lather with soap, scrub for 20 seconds, rinse and dry.

- If no running water is available, use hand sanitizer or moist towelettes that contain at least 60 percent alcohol.

- Do not use water from streams and rivers. The water is untreated and not safe for drinking.

For more food safety information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email [MPHotline@usda.gov](mailto:MPHotline@usda.gov) or chat live at [ask.usda.gov](http://ask.usda.gov) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

# Program on Snakes To Be Presented

Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, in cooperation with Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association, begins the summer with a program on snakes.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater, Roy Moose, a forest service volunteer will present his Snakes of West Virginia program. Attendees will learn about these misunderstood creatures and have an opportunity to interact with live snakes.

The program is free and one does not need to be a guest of the campground to attend.

In case of incimate weather, program will be moved to the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center.

For more information call 304-567-2827.

## Reminder before building in Pendleton County Things you will need to know:

- If you are building a new house; cabin; farm buildings; poultry houses; single or double wide homes; residential buildings or prefab buildings or adding additions to an existing house or structure please stop by the county assessor's office located in the courthouse and obtain a building permit before constructing or adding onto your property. A building permit must be obtained before construction begins in order not to receive a penalty or fine mandated by the county commission. There is no cost for the building permits.
- If you are in a **flood zone area**, contact the flood coordinator Bruce Minor at 304-358-3889 before building.
- If you are building a dwelling, you will need a **septic system permit or drilling a well**, contact the county sanitarian Brooke Hott at 304-358-7565.
- If you are adding **electric** to a structure you will need to contact Mon Power at 1-800-686-0022.

**Questions contact the Assessor's Office staff or Sandie H Smith, Assessor of Pendleton at 304-358-2563.**

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### "NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 15, 2023, at 9:30 am to discuss the ***Draft Fiscal***


***Year 2024 Intended Use Plan*** for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2024 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

## Contact

Katheryn Emery  
WV Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water & Waste Management  
Clean Water State Revolving Fund  
601 57th Street, SE  
Charleston, WV 25304  
(304) 926-0499 Ext. 43830  
[Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov](mailto:Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov)

## Google Meeting information

<https://meet.google.com/tkd-hsoo-arb>  
Dial in number:  
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## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of PENDLETON have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Circuit Courtroom (2nd Floor) on the 26th of June, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts of lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME	NAME 2	DESRPTION	DISTRICT	AMOUNT DUE
2022-C-000004	2021	1331	TOURVILLE TORI M		1.09 ACS LOT#10	BETHEL	\$261.22
2022-C-000006	2021	4156	MAYS ZELMA S		PROPT GAP	FRANKLIN	\$343.83
2022-C-000012	2021	7511	SHREVE MICHAEL J		.53 AC NORTH MILL CREEK	MILL RUN	\$1,133.94
2022-C-000013	2021	9369	TIBERIUS ENTERPRISES		S FORK	SUGAR GROVE	\$2,795.44
2022-C-000015	2021	10598	PROPT JEFFREY		ONEGO .7 AC	UNION	\$1,193.72

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale.

Given under my hands this 22nd of May, 2023.

6-1-3c

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.  
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of PENDLETON County

TRUSTEE'S SALE	175 at page 515.	PENDLETON COUNTY	Total estimated expenditures, other financing
OF	FEDERAL TAX LIEN:	BOARD OF EDUCATION	uses, and reserves .....\$15,744,546
VALUABLE REAL	In the event that there are	STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED	
ESTATE	Federal Tax Liens against	REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES	
	the property, the United	FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED	
	States would have the	JUNE 30, 2024	

The undersigned Sub-  
stitute Trustee will, by vir-  
tue of authority vested in  
him by that certain Trust  
Deed dated June 23, 2021  
by and between WESLEY  
S. HAGGERTY and TIF-  
FANI D. CORBIN to G.  
James Cornett, Trustee,  
securing THE GRANT  
COUNTY BANK, in the  
payment of a certain Prom-  
issory Note, said Note now  
in default, and said Trust  
Deed of record in the Office  
of the Clerk of the County  
Court of Pendleton Coun-  
ty, West Virginia, in Trust  
Deed Book 169 at page  
357, on

Pursuant to the Deed  
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
  
PENDLETON COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as  
amended, the PENDLETON County Board of Education  
proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts neces-  
sary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2023-2024  
fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several  
amounts to be as follows:

GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances).....	\$ 3,383,900
Other local sources.....	265,300
State Sources:	
State aid to schools.....	6,928,352
Retirement, Insurance, Retirement	
Liability.....	3,055,341
Other unrestricted.....	35,600
Step 7 .....	377,144
Local Share - Technology.....	196,709
Federal sources:	
Unrestricted.....	242,200
Total estimated revenues.....	14,484,546
Estimated transfers in and other	
financing sources.....	60,000
Estimated beginning balance .....	1,200,000
Total estimated revenues, other financing	
sources, and beginning balance .....	\$ 15,744,546
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction.....	\$ 7,945,111
Supporting services:	
Students.....	972,200
Instructional staff.....	491,100
Central administration .....	493,500
School administration .....	546,600
Central services/Personnel .....	387,800
Operation and maintenance of	
facilities.....	1,628,100
Student transportation .....	1,832,934
Food services .....	31,200
Community services.....	18,000
Debt service:	
Principal retirement.....	37,000
Interest and fiscal charges.....	3,000
Total estimated expenditures.....	14,386,545
Total estimated transfers and other	
financing uses .....	453,901
Reserve for contingencies .....	904,100

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\$5,000.00 on day of sale	
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beginning at 12:00 Noon, of  
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All of that certain tract  
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and appurtenances there-  
unto belonging, lying and  
situate in Union District,  
Pendleton County, West  
Virginia, on the Old Smith  
Mountain Road, being the  
residue of a 3-1/5 acre tract  
and now containing **0.9**  
**acre, more or less.**

Said tract of real estate  
is the residue of that 3-1/5  
acre tract conveyed Bertha  
E. Dolly and Fred Dolly in  
that deed dated August 12,  
1958, and of record in the  
Pendleton County Clerk's  
Office in Deed Book 79 at  
page 417. Subsequently,  
Fred Dolly and Bertha Dolly  
conveyed 2.3 acres out of  
the 3-1/5 acre tract in that  
deed dated November 17,  
1976, and of record in the  
Pendleton County Clerk's  
Office in Deed Book 97 at  
page 430.

This being the same  
tract or parcel of real estate  
conveyed Wesley S. Hag-  
gerty and Tiffani D. Corbin  
by Scott A. Whetzel, et ux.,  
in that deed dated the 23rd  
day of June, 2021, and of  
record in the Pendleton  
County Clerk's Office in  
Deed Book 216 at page 238.

The real estate is as-  
sessed on the 2022 Pend-  
leton County Land Records  
in Union District on Tax  
Map 8, Parcel 1.3.

Reference is hereby  
made to all instruments  
in the chain of title for any  
and all pertinent purposes.

The subject property  
will be sold in "AS IS" con-  
dition. The Trustee shall  
be under no duty to cause  
any existing tenant or per-  
son occupying the subject  
property to vacate said  
property.

Said Substitute Trust-  
tee was duly appointed by  
instrument dated May 18,  
2023 and of record in the  
Pendleton County Clerk's  
Office in Trust Deed Book

**Friday, June 16, 2023**

**THE administration**  
**of the following estates**  
**is pending in the Of-**  
**ice 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 PER-**  
**SONS ARE NOTIFIED**  
**THAT:**

**All persons on whom**  
**this notice is served who**  
**have objections that**  
**challenge the validity**  
**of the will, the qualifi-**  
**cations of the personal**  
**representative, venue, or**  
**jurisdiction of this Com-**  
**mission are required to**  
**file their objections**  
**with this Commission**  
**WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AF-**  
**TER THE DATE OF THE**  
**FIRST PUBLICATION**  
**OF THIS NOTICE OR**  
**THIRTY DAYS AFTER**  
**THE DATE OF SERVICE**  
**OF THE NOTICE, which-**  
**ever is later.**

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

**NOTICE OF**  
**ADMINISTRATION**

**ALL CLAIMS, DE-**  
**MANDS AND OBJEC-**  
**TIONS NOT SO FILED**  
**WILL BE FOREVER**  
**BARRED.**

**The date of the first**  
**publication of this Notice**  
**is June 1, 2023. Deadline**  
**for claims is July 31,**  
**2023.**

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Retirement, Insurance, Retirement		Central administration .....	493,500
Liability.....	3,055,341	School administration .....	546,600
Other unrestricted.....	35,600	Central services/Personnel .....	387,800
Step 7 .....	377,144	Operation and maintenance of	
Local Share - Technology.....	196,709	facilities.....	1,628,100
Federal sources:		Student transportation .....	1,832,934
Unrestricted.....	242,200	Food services .....	31,200
Total estimated revenues.....	14,484,546	Community services.....	18,000
Estimated transfers in and other		Debt service:	
financing sources.....	60,000	Principal retirement.....	37,000
Estimated beginning balance .....	1,200,000	Interest and fiscal charges.....	3,000
Total estimated revenues, other financing		Total estimated expenditures.....	14,386,545
sources, and beginning balance .....	\$ 15,744,546	Total estimated transfers and other	
Estimated expenditures:		financing uses .....	453,901
Instruction.....	\$ 7,945,111	Reserve for contingencies .....	904,100
Supporting services:			
Students.....	972,200		
Instructional staff.....	491,100		
Central administration .....	493,500		
School administration .....	546,600		
Central services/Personnel .....	387,800		
Operation and maintenance of			
facilities.....	1,628,100		
Student transportation .....	1,832,934		
Food services .....	31,200		
Community services.....	18,000		
Debt service:			
Principal retirement.....	37,000		
Interest and fiscal charges.....	3,000		
Total estimated expenditures.....	14,386,545		
Total estimated transfers and other			
financing uses .....	453,901		
Reserve for contingencies .....	904,100		

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**The date of the first**  
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**for claims is July 31,**  
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**tate - John L. Anderson,**  
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**tate - Terry W. Bennett,**  
**Administrator.**

**Subscribed and sworn**  
**to before me on May 25,**  
**2023.**

**Elise M. White, Clerk of**  
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**Commission 6-1-2c**

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
  
PENDLETON County, to wit:

I, Charles F. Hedrick, Secretary of the PENDLETON  
County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the  
foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget adopted  
by the board of education on the 16th day of May, 2023.

Charles F. Hedrick  
Secretary of the Board of Education

**Administrative Position Available**  
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**Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to**  
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**Deadline for application is June 15.**  
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# Pownell Wins Farm Bureau Poster Contest

Ross Pownell, a fourth-grade student at Franklin Elementary School, won the Pendleton County Farm Bureau's "Picture Agriculture in West Virginia" poster contest. Second place in the county contest went to Marion Williams with Skye Dahmer earning third place. Honorable mention was awarded to Nolin Nededog and Doyle Plaughter.

The contest for fourth-grade students is sponsored statewide by the West Virginia Farm Bureau's Women's Committee for the purpose of promoting the importance of agriculture in the Mountain State. The winning poster for each participating county farm bureau will be entered in state competition with the first-place entry receiving \$100. Pendleton County has participated in the contest for 32 years.

For his winning poster on the county level, Pownell received \$15. Williams earned

\$10, and Dahmer received \$5. Nededog and Plaughter each received \$2, a Sacagawea dollar and a presidential dollar.

Pownell, Williams and Plaughter are students in Shanna Eye's class at FES. Dahmer and Nededog attend North Fork Elementary School and are students in Rebecca Heavner's class.

The other students participating in the contest were awarded a presidential dollar. All participants received a certificate, signed by Steve Conrad, president of PCFB, and Paula Mitchell, the PCFB women's committee chairperson.

Fifty-six posters were drawn by the county's fourth-grade.

The following students also participated in the contest:

BES (Christine Lambert) – Landon Bowers, Owen Champ, Emma Graham, Troy Hopkins, Kinsley Johnston and Paige Warner;

FES (Jennifer Cook) – Carlee Alt, Sadie Armentrout, Braxton Beachler, Eli Boyer, Addy Davis, Hayden Hartman, Camden Hawk, Wyatt Haynes, Alexis Hedrick, Remington Hedrick, Breyman Keesecker, Maddie Kirk, Leigha Maxson, Cooper Roberson, Acie Tilley, Cambria VanMeter, Cayli VanMeter and Bentley Wimer;

FES (Eye) – Cambree Alt, Blayke Bennett, Kenden Champ, Gwenith Collins, Brianna Conner, Ava Davis, Jacob Harman, Alaina Hedrick, Cambri Hiett, Garrett Lambert, Tucker Minor, Jackson Moyers, Emma Nesselrodt, Chevelle Noble, Lorelei Price and Addison Shreve; and

NFES (Heavner) – Chloe Barkley, William J. Dove, Nick Harper, Tori Heavner, Addy Huffman, Ally Jameson, Avery Kile, Colle Kisamore, Elaina Raines, Elizabeth Riffle and Caroline Vandevander.



The winning poster in Pendleton County's Farm Bureau's "Picture Agriculture in West Virginia" contest was designed by Ross Pownell, left. Paula Mitchell, PCFB's women's committee chairperson, presented the awards to the fourth-grade students.



Community children participated in an Easter egg hunt hosted by the North Fork 4-H'ers and the Spruce Mountain Ruritans.

## North Fork 4-H'ers Host Community Events

By Jax Bennett,  
club reporter

North Fork 4-H Club started spring off with a bang.

On April 1, the club, in conjunction with North Fork Disposal and Recycling, held a recycling collection at the Clinton Hedrick Building in Riverton. Lots of items were collected from 4-H members and people throughout the community. Five hundred pounds of plastic film had

previously been collected by the club and with the help of Becky Heavner it was submitted to the TREX company in Moorefield. As a result, the club earned a bench that was donated to North Fork Elementary School.

North Fork 4-H, along with the Spruce Mountain Ruritan Club, hosted an Easter egg hunt April 8 at North Fork Elementary School. More than 1,000 eggs were hidden, and 20 children from the commu-

nity participated. Attendees were asked to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to CAN. Forty-one items were collected. The names of those donating items were entered into a raffle for an Easter basket full of goodies. Ellie Huffman won the basket.

### MENU Pendleton Senior & Family Services

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 2 SPONSORED MEAL

Ham  
Sweet Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Fresh Fruit

#### MONDAY, JUNE 5

Baked Potato  
Chili/Cheese  
Broccoli  
Apple Crisp  
Lemon Bars

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Chef Salad  
Beets  
Yogurt/Blueberries

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Carrots  
Fruit Cocktail

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

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<b>SGR277A</b> 17.81 Acres w/4 Bed, 3 Bath Home, 2-4 Car Garages, Hiking/ATV Trail, Well water w/deeded access to Spring. Sugar Grove District. Covenants & Restrictions apply. <b>NEW LISTING \$499,900.00.</b>	<b>SGR188</b> 22.72 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Hunting, Bldg. Sites. <b>\$179,900.00.</b>
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