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Pendleton County Seniors Cross The Stage for 2023 Graduation

By Stephen Smoot

Graduation Day 2023 opened on a perfectly warm spring day. Parents, family, friends, teachers, and staff filled the gym quietly, but happily. Younger family members excitedly joined their families, perhaps dreaming of their turn to wear the Carolina or

navy blue robes to ascend the stage and receive their diplomas.

The gymnasium is the center of school social life, and as such is an appropriate venue for graduation. Some graduates represented their school in athletic competition on that very floor. Others cheered from the stands. All of these stu-

dents invested hard work and time for their degrees. Some established a legacy. All should be proud.

Graduation opened with a prayer and stating "thank you for the friends we've made and all our classmates." Timothy Johnson, principal of Pendleton County Middle/High School

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Pendleton County seniors spending their last moments as high school students before the ceremony commences.



Seneca Caverns offers incredible, and millennia old, formations and "rooms" for the delight of any visitor.

Seneca Caverns Reopens an Underground World Beloved By Locals and Visitors Alike

By Stephen Smoot

Seneca Caverns enthusiasts have waited for almost two years for their favorite destination to open, one whose formation was hundreds of millions of years in the making.

One hundred million years before the first dinosaurs roamed the earth, a shallow ocean expanded westward into what is now West Virginia. Over the millennia, living creatures who made the sea their home excreted lime. Other creatures died off, adding their bodies' lime content to the mix. Lime settled to the bottom and hardened into the familiar limestone that underlies the Pendleton County region.

Lime accumulated between two of the main periods of mountain building in West Virginia. Geologists also know the occasionally 1,000-foot thick layer as the "Big Lime." As time passed, the

collision of continents ripped and tore the underlying rock strata, helping to open avenues for groundwater to traverse the depths beneath. Limestone is particularly susceptible to dissolving in water.

Water's patient forces of both destruction and creation constructed the natural wonder of Seneca Caverns. Destruction carved out the rooms and passages. Creation came from mineral saturated waters seeping downward from the surface, shaping the beautiful and bizarre features contained in so many caves in the region.

Last Friday, Greer welcomed locals to the reopening of the caverns with both their scenic and scientific wonders. The weather cooperated, providing a warm breezy day under a nearly cloudless sky.

"It's been a whole lot more fun telling people we'll open

on the 20th," says Dwayne Propst who administers the attraction for Greer. He also serves as a chef at Asbury's Restaurant only a hundred feet from the cave's opening.

The caverns will open only on the weekends between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to accommodate the work schedule of nearby Greer Limestone. The restaurant, gift shop, and gemstone mining will be open between Wednesday and Saturday.

A tour of the cave opens an underground realm of wonder. On this occasion, local guide Kira Gardner explained the history and the science behind Seneca Caverns. One of the first marvels she described turned out to be one of the largest, a "flowstone" formation called the "Dutch oven."

Flowstones form over millennia as sheets of water containing minerals regularly

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Community CALENDAR

Spring Revival Scheduled At Circleville

A community spring revival will be held May 30 to June 1 at the Harold K. Michael Building in Circleville. Nightly speakers will be Brent Showalter, Patrick Godfrey and Shirley Bland, respectively. The evening will begin with a fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by special music, including Cameron Kisamore and Vapor 4:14, at 6:30 p.m. The message will be delivered at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

EDA To Hold Special Meeting

The Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m. today at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. The purpose of the meeting is to amend the bylaws.

Senior Center To Host Evening Meal Today

Franklin Senior Center will be hosting its May movie and evening meal today. The movie starts at 2 p.m. and evening meal starts at 5 p.m. No lunch will be served. To reserve a meal, call 304-358-2421.

Memorial Day Service Planned At Sugar Grove

VFW Post 9666 Sugar Grove will be hosting Memorial Day Service at 11 a.m. Monday at Rich Homan VFW Memorial Park in Sugar Grove. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend

Weekend Hiking Emergency Exposes Public Safety Situation

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County banks more and more on adventure tourism to expand the economy and elevate the county's prestige to potential visitors. Obstacles in the path of emergency responders, however, could prove disastrous, according to Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator.

Last weekend, that fear almost materialized. James D. Wheeler, a 56-year-old tourist from Marietta, Ohio, was reported missing at approximately 11:51 p.m. on May 20 by family. He and his son, along with friends, had gone hiking and fishing along Laurel Run. This stream flows into the North Fork at Judy Gap and extends westward into the rugged mountains of the area.

Observers reported seeing Wheeler at 5:35 in the evening on Saturday.

Nine separate agencies from West Virginia and Virginia, along with concerned citizens, joined to search. With temperatures dipping into the 30s in parts of the area, ground crews struggled through the night to find him with no success.

Fortunately, "at approximately 1p.m. Sunday, Deputy Sheriff R. W. Kelly of the Highland County Sheriff's Dept. reported having found Wheeler along South Christian Run Trail, which would be the nearest access point to Laurel Run, south of where WV personnel last searched for him," according to a release from Pendleton County Emergency Management.

Although tragedy was averted by hard work, rescue workers struggled with lack of access to modern communications. In a letter to elected officials and other stakeholders, Gillespie explained, "We had little to NO communications abilities due to this location being near the heart of the signal pattern null required by the NRQZ to protect Green Bank."

Gillespie described a "daisy chain" style effort cobbled together to find Wheeler. Vehicles could not access the remote region. Rescue workers formed a chain of individuals standing near the broadcast limits of the radios so that they could relay information in and out of the forest, connecting first responders to the incident command post.

Laura Brown, Pendleton and Grant county economic development director, shared that her own daughter recently experienced a severe allergic reaction. Brown stated that she called Tina Eye from Pendleton County Emergency Response, who then gave her advice on how to proceed. She said that "we decided on Petersburg because of the lack of cell service to Harrisonburg should we need help quickly."

Brown then explained that "because we are residents in this small town and know our community, we were able to act quickly. Visitors to the area do not have the luxury of personally knowing emergency responders or about the lack of cellular connectivity. As we actively work towards advancing tourism, we must be aware of the importance of coverage and emergency services to our tourists."

Gillespie also shared that "last month we recently responded to a rural residence where a man had his fingers entrapped in a piece of machinery. He was far from civilization and he was alone, with nobody around for miles." The caller had almost no cell service, but fortunately could call. Gillespie noted that had he been in an area with no service, the man could have been trapped for a day or more.

Tourism will continue to draw those looking for adventure, often in remote and challenging areas. Gillespie offers two solutions. "One, is a complete elimination of the National Radio Quiet Zone, or at a minimum, a huge modernization of the restrictions, or a long-term, yearly funding mechanism to help us come up with compliant solutions."

Next, he stated, "Second, it would be wonderful if the federal government, the one requiring the NRQZ, provide us funding to purchase a mobile repeater trailer apparatus so that we could deploy some form of communication in such areas."

Concerns Shared with County Commission over Costly Fire Hazard from Wind Turbines

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Commission tackled a light agenda in its second May meeting with the Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County present to share concerns over wind turbine safety.

Commissioner Roger Dahmer opened the meeting with the customary prayer, sharing, "Father, we pray that You speak to us and speak through us."

Scott Somerville rose to represent the Facebook group. He started his talk with "I really appreciate the service you all do for the county," referring to recent lengthy meetings and work sessions undertaken by the body. Then he shared the concerns of his group over the potential fire hazard inherent in wind energy devices, saying "industrial wind turbines are a known fire hazard."

He discussed the potential for serious damage should a wind turbine catch fire from either a lightning strike or mechanical malfunction. The height of turbines, he said, could make putting fires out problematic. "They are way up there. You can't

put them out," Somerville said.

Somerville's next point was that wind turbines can take advantage of reasonably relaxed liability laws for utilities that spare them from the cost of fires caused by downed lines. He then suggested to the county commission that they require any wind turbine operation to carry insurance sufficient to pay for any potential damages from their operation.

In the online publication Wind Systems, 14-year wind energy safety professional Angela Krmar shared details about turbine fires. She related that turbine fire statistics as of 2021 remained spotty, that fires could occur anywhere between one in 2,000 and one in 15,000.

Krmar also related that "a wind turbine fire can cost upwards of \$8 million, according to insurance experts." She added that "a wind-turbine fire can spread to the surrounding environment, sparking wildfires and potentially spreading into nearby communities." Wind turbines do not cause as many such accidents as traditional utilities, but they are also not regulated as

tightly as power plants.

She added that "stakeholders at the government and community level are likely to push for regulatory changes to ensure any wind-turbine fires are suppressed before the flames can spread beyond the asset."

In a different article for Windpower Engineering and Development written in 2020, Krmar warned that "a wind farm can expect to face one to two fires over the course of its operational lifetime." Also, since most fire response units do not have the equipment to combat a fire at the elevation of the turbine unit, they are generally relegated to a reactionary role, trying to prevent their spread.

County departments had little to update. In other business, the commission approved keeping Cary Hevener on the library board for another five-year term.

Commissioners also approved a reimbursement for the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department. During their response to the wildfires, one of their vehicles blew out a clutch. The cost of replacement was approximately \$2,500.



James "Jimmy" Logan Barnes, Jr.

people. He could connect with people without saying a word, and his pleasant demeanor and sense of humor attracted people to him.

He loved to travel, seeing new places and having new experiences. His favorite places included Historic Williamsburg, the Smithsonian museums, Disney World and Give Kids The World Village. Spending time with his family and friends and being in the company of his pets provided him countless hours of happiness and joy.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Anne and Warren McKeen of Harrisonburg, Virginia; his father, James L. Barnes of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a sister, Emmy Smith and family of Harrisonburg, Virginia; grandparents, Arvela and Charles Blair of Bridgewater, Virginia, and Patricia C. McKeen of Bethany; aunts and uncles, Tom and Ellen Blair and son, John Blair of Arlington, Virginia, Russ and Missy McKeen and family of Clarksburg and Debra Warmuth and family of Wheeling.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James H. and Willie C. Barnes and W. James McKeen; and a cousin,

Catherine E. Blair.

The family is very appreciative of the support and care provided to him by the doctors, nursing staff and Palliative Care staff at Sentara RMH, also the care provided by his nurses, past and present and special friend and nurse, Jody Drouillard of Grottoes, Virginia.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church on Saturday. Interment will immediately follow the service in the Mossy Creek Church Cemetery. There will be a time with friends and family following the burial in the church fellowship hall.

The family requests donations be made in his memory to one of the following: Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church, 372 Kyles Mill Road, Mt Solon, VA 22843; smashSMARD, 6 Exmoor Drive, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

(online) smashSMARD.org; and/or Rockingham Harrisonburg SPCA, 2170 Old Furnace Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral and Cremation Service in Bridgewater, Virginia.



Max Lee Rodriguez

Thursday, May 18, 2023, became Heaven Day for Max Lee Rodriguez, 44, of Mount Crawford, Virginia.

He was born Aug. 8, 1978, in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and was the son of Magdalene Martinez of New York and the late Leonardo Rodriguez.

Mr. Rodriguez was employed with Interchange Group and attended New Beginnings Church.

He spent his early years in his native country Puerto Rico and later New York, thus becoming a fan of the New York Giants and the New York Yankees. At the age of 16 in 1994, he moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia.

One of his favorite past times was watching football games. He also enjoyed car shows, but his three sons were the joy of his life. He could be found attending his sons' basketball or soccer games, or just kicking the soccer ball around with his son, or shooting hoops in his back yard with the boys. Playing video games with his son was also high on the list.

He also enjoyed family events, picnicking, hiking, and volleyball playing at the Killbuck Riflemen Range at Ft. Seybert, which was one of his favorite places. This past September, though very ill, he managed to play the part of Indian Chief Killbuck in the reenactment of the burning of Ft. Seybert, which took place in 1758 on this site.

On Sept. 4, 2010, he married the love of his life, the former Aimee Dawn Conrad, who survives. From this union they were parents to one son, Carmelo, of the home.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is also survived by sons, Trevian Rodriguez and Julius Rodriguez, both of Harrisonburg, Virginia,

and Carmelo Rodriguez of Mount Crawford, Virginia; two sisters, Kamiash Brown and husband, Jodi, and Isha Suarez and husband, Anthony Ramsey, all of New York; a grandchild, Jonahliz Rodriguez; mother-in-law, Frances Conrad Morgan and husband, Robert of Rockingham, Virginia; father-in-law, James "Jed" Conrad of Fort Seybert; sisters-in-law, Susan Melendez and husband, Alex of Rockingham, Virginia, Sara Ferrell and husband, Joe of Mt. Crawford, Virginia, and Andrea Cunningham and husband, Jim of Buckhannon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In honoring his request, the burial was held Sunday at Fairview Cemetery in Ft. Seybert with Pastor Scott Schneiderman officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Blue Ridge Christian School.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.kygers.com or at www.Basagic.com.

Local arrangements were under the direction of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin.

Freshman Delegate Elias Coop-Gonzalez Shares His Experience as a First Year State Legislator

By Stephen Smoot

In 2022, Elias Coop-Gonzalez chose to tackle the challenge of running against an established incumbent for a seat in the West Virginia House of Delegates. After a spirited and sometimes contentious race, the young immigrant from Guatemala rose to it, won his race, and earned his seat.

For those elected to office when the campaign ends, the real work begins.

The 21-year-old college student represents northern and western Pendleton County, as well as the eastern parts of Randolph. He earned selection to the committees on banking and insurance, energy and manufacturing, political subdivisions, and veterans affairs and homeland security.

Mark Scott, former Randolph County commissioner and current Cabinet Secretary for the West Virginia Department of Administration noted that "what struck me most about Elias's first term is how seriously he approached being a delegate."

The best state legislators rely heavily on principle to guide their actions. Delegate Coop-Gonzalez ran on three "c's," Christianity, conservatism, and the Constitution. He said that "To my . . . constituents, I cannot implore you enough to become well-versed in the Constitution. If citizens are aware of their God-given rights, it is much harder for avaricious politicians to take them away."

Lack of a thorough knowledge of the Constitution remains a challenge for many, he shared, saying that "It was . . . surprising that not many people in office knew much about the Constitution. While legislating, the Constitution was the sole document I referred to when voting."

Coop-Gonzalez had a list of issues on which he planned to work going into the session, including defense of life, freedom of speech, property rights, supporting first responders, religious freedom, and more.

Going into the session in January, "I expected to be very busy and make very challenging decisions." Some of those included working on policy issues of local concern, such as supporting "every bill which helped fund fire departments." Here he encountered one of the discouraging aspects of public service, working hard on issues that do not get enough support elsewhere. Coop-Gonzalez explained "the Legislature was too busy giving financial incentives to casinos and subsidizing Bill Gates backed batter companies."

"When you consider his age," Scott said, "his understanding of issues and legislation really amazed me."

He did succeed in helping to pass the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act, "statutorily reinforcing our state's pro-life laws," and "killing eminent domain laws which violated the Constitution."

A mandatory measure for any incoming state legislator lies in creating a network of others who can guide and help. Coop-Gonzalez shared that he worked most closely with people who "are relentlessly patriotic and of the highest moral character, including Geoff Foster, Pat McGeehan, and Laura Kimble."

He also worked well with fellow Pendleton County delegate Bryan Ward. Ward said of Coop-Gonzalez, "Coop is wise beyond his years because he is a great listener." He added that Coop-Gonzalez spoke little on the floor, as is customary for most freshman delegates, but "when he does, folks listen." Pendleton County Commissioner Roger Dahmer added that he appreciated Coop-Gonzalez trying to pass legislation that the county supported.

Despite what seems like a relatively short window in which to do business, Coop-Gonzalez learned that law making follows its own process that not only goes step by step, but takes twists and turns as well. "Don't get too caught in the moment. It's a long game," he stated.

As with everything else, however, every issue goes back to the Constitution. "Next time a candidate asks us for our vote, we should ask them how much they know about the Constitution. If they can't answer that question, it is time to find a better candidate. If there isn't a better candidate, then it is time to be that candidate."

He added, "Our country has steered away from its roots, but it is possible to save her if we guide her back to them. Duty is ours. Results are God's."

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Ways Listed to Pay Tribute on Memorial Day

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Memorial Day. One has heard of it. Of course, one has. But here's what a person may not realize: to many in West Virginia, Memorial Day has another name as well. It is called Decoration Day, and it's a chance for people to remember and honor not just soldiers who have died, but also any loved ones – family, friends, sometimes even strangers – who are no longer with a person by beautifying and decorating their graves.

Decoration Day was an Appalachian tradition that actually pre-dated Memorial Day. Decoration Day is often celebrated on or near Memorial Day and focuses not just on honoring military dead, but also on honoring and celebrating friends and family who have died.

Family, friends, churches, and communities gather on Decoration Day to clean cemeteries and place beautiful, colorful flowers, often artificial ones so they last longer, on the graves of departed loved ones.

Sometimes singing was involved, or a pot luck supper in the graveyard would occur. Some folks would travel hundreds of miles to return to their roots to participate in this event. In some ways, it was like a family reunion. In other ways, it was like a worship service and a memorial service in one. This was usually held on Sundays.

Picture, if one will, people coming together across time and space to honor loved ones, which meant that those loved ones, even in death, were bringing communities together in fellowship. Picture, if one will, graves freshly cleared of vines and overgrowth. Picture closely mown grass. Picture colorful flowers on every grave. The gathering was like an extended family reunion of sorts.

Ideally, a "buddy poppy" would be bought from the American Legion, with the proceeds going to disabled soldiers. It is only fitting that Memorial Day, a day that began with the tradition of laying flowers on graves, would also include a symbolic flower, representing honor and also the rebirth and the continuity of life.

This Memorial Day weekend, perhaps a gathering of folks could clean a cemetery on one's property. That would definitely be a fitting way to honor the dead.

Life's daily instruction to make life more enjoyable include the following:

1. Find time to play.
2. Hug often.
3. Don't do anything that wouldn't make one's parents proud.
4. Do at least one good deed every day.
5. Marry the right person. This one decision will determine 90 percent of one's happiness or misery.

The Dame's Rocket (wild phlox) has been sporting the variegated colors of purple, pink, and white along the South Fork. What appeared in this community after the 1985 flood has had the winds blow it "to the four corners" of the county. Indeed, they are beautiful!

Small showers of rain have fallen in these parts, allowing the pasture to grow for the soon-to-be making of hay.

Yards are beginning to be eye-pleasing. Debris and unsightly "garbage" is beginning to be eradicated from the landscapes. Many folks are hanging up hummingbird and bird feeders. Yards are being beautified with flowers and mulch. Nature, and the motorists, are certainly embracing this new venture of beautification.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't spent the night with a mosquito." — African Proverb
 "No good movie is too long and no bad movie is short enough." — Roger Ebert

"With so many things coming back in style, I can't wait until morals, respect, and intelligence become a trend again." — Denzil Washington

"You are the storyteller of your own life, and you can create your own legend, or not." — Isabel Allende

"Rainy days should be spent at home with a cup of tea and a good book." — Bill Watter

Sitting on the porch swing to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Evelyn Varner, Judy Costello and Janet Judy motored to Savannah, Georgia, with Abbott Trailways last Monday morning. Day one included dinner at the Pirate's House, being one of the oldest buildings still standing in Savannah. Day two found the three enjoying a tour of Savannah by way of trolley. They were introduced with the very interesting history of the town, followed with dinner at the Paula Dean's Restaurant. The evening concluded with a sightseeing riverboat ride on the Georgia Queen. There was a lot of opportunities to do some shopping on the town.

Day three found them having the pleasure of taking a Tybee Island tour, which included the Lighthouse and the Discovery Center. The evening was very much enjoyed with a dinner at the Crab Shack. A surprise show at one of the oldest theatres featured Dancing Unlimited on Broadway. Day four found the group heading back home stopping in for lunch at Cracker Barrel in Rock Hill, North Carolina.

Congratulations are in order for Evelyn Varner's two graduating grandsons, Daniel Judy and Richard Marshall. Daniel Judy, son of Janet Judy, graduated from Blue Ridge Community where he has also been accepted into James Madison University this fall studying for his bachelor's degree in architectural design and then furthering with a doctorate degree in universal design. Richard Marshall, son of Joyce Marshall, graduated from Spotswood High School. He will be attending Ferrum State College where he will be studying experimental science in forestry.

Visitors of Rosalee Grogg were Steven and Skyler Grogg, Marleta Wimer, Terry Grogg and Claude Castleberry.

Leslie, Shaun, and Ava Bowers enjoyed the sixth-grade field trip to Washington, DC, on Thursday. While there, they very much enjoyed exploring the museums and monuments.

Joel and Betsy Farrar of Lynchburg, Virginia, were Saturday visitors in the home of Willard and Judy Rader.

Helen and Rhonda Nash enjoyed a recent visit to Fredericksburg, Virginia, for Mother's Day weekend. The fun included a trip to the cinema, Chinese takeout, games of Uno, bowling and pizza, and a Mother's Day luncheon celebrated with many family members across four generations.

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

- Tides in the Bay of Fundy rise and fall as much as 60 feet every 12 hours.
- Pacific Coast Indians once used blankets for money.
- The crocodile is the closest living relative to the dinosaur.
- The Greeks believed the patterns on a peacock's tail were once the hundred eyes of the mythical giant, Argus.
- Each U.S. President may design his own presidential flag.
- The Sahara Desert is larger in area than the 48 continental United States.

June birthdays include the following: Geneva Varner, first; Mary Frances Wadsworth, Bryan Simmons and Linda T. Rexrode, second; Karen Pitsenbarger, third; Carolyn Sponaugle, fourth; Dinah Mitchell and Dale Wilfong, sixth; Kaisley Kiser, eighth; Marsha Keller and Bryards Mitts, ninth; Brianna Roberts, Paden Rightsell and Mike Armstrong, 10th; Jayden Roberson and Betty Rexrode, 11th; Kelly Hartman, Ed Keller, Carolyn Wilfong and Stanley Kile, 12th; and Betty Gail Hartman, 13th.



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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, 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, the Gary Mitchell family, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Barbara Parker, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Sheldon Propst, K.D. Puffenbarger, Mary and Eldon Puffenbarger, Dick Rexrode, Harley Propst, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, the Tim Rodgers family, 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.

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Pendleton County Track and Field Finish Season Strong

Wildcat Boys Track and Field Set Personal Records at Jim Turbin, Compete in Charleston

By Stephen Smoot

As Pendleton County moves into late spring, temperatures have heated up and so has the boys' track team. Throughout the season, the team has showed continued improvement.

On May 6, they competed in the venue that hosted their first meet of the season, Alumni Stadium in Keyser. At the Jim Turbin Invitational, they ran and threw well with several setting personal records.

In the 400-meter race, Isaiah Lockard finished eighth with a time of 59.28. In the 800, Gage Sites-Woods earned the second slot with a personal record of 2:11.38. Gabe Harvey placed eighth with a personal best of 2:21.45, and Marcus Smith also set a personal record with 2:28.51 and a 12th place finish.

Thunder Gill took first place in the 3200-meter race with a personal best of 10:51.64.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Sawyer Apple placed fourth with a personal best time of 18:18. He also took fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.09. Harvey took sixth with a personal record set at 48.25.

Sites-Woods earned a seventh-place finish in the shot put with a toss of 37-4.00. Evan Teter claimed 16th with a throw of 30-6. Victor Rhodes set a personal record with a throw of 18. In the discus, Teter earned a personal record with a throw of 96-11 and 10th place. Rhodes also threw for 41.

Apple claimed second place in the high jump with a mark of 5-0.600 and third in the long jump with a distance of 18. Harvey placed third in the high jump with a mark of 5-0.400.

On May 11, the team traveled to Doddridge County for the regionals. Sites-Woods placed second in the 800 meters. Apple earned a fifth-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles. The 4x800 relay team placed fourth and claimed a trip to Charleston as well.

Some members earned their spots in Charleston outright at regionals. Others had to wait until the day after to learn



The Wildcat relay runners placed fourth at regionals and earned their way to Charleston.

of their selection as at-large competitors. All 11 from both teams were "like kids at Christmas," head coach Christopher Wilburn said.

On May 19 and 20, 11 Wildcats from both teams traveled to Laidley Field in the shadow of the golden dome of the State Capitol. On the first day, the 4x800 team of Sites-Woods, Smith, Harvey, and Gill ran for a 9:21.36 and a 12th place finish. Apple ran a 19.36 in the preliminaries

of the 110-meter hurdles.

Saturday brought more dreary conditions, but that did not slow down Wildcat aspirations. In the 800 meters, Sites-Woods, who also received his high school diploma on the field, placed 15th with a time of 2:11.44.

Wilburn added that the success enjoyed this season was "a good step in the right direction." He added, "We're still really young, but we started to progress from last year."



Riley Apple's leap at regionals qualified her to compete at state.

Wildcat Girls Track Enjoys a Strong May to Close the Season

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County track has come a long way since just last year. More girls came out to compete and many continued to compete at higher levels as the year went on. In May, their journey took them from Keyser to Doddridge County and to the state championships in Charleston.

On May 6, the girls went to Keyser High School's Alumni Stadium for the Jim Turbin Invitational.

There, Laney Sites-Woods took fourth place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.5. Riley Apple placed fifth in the 200 meters, marking a time of 30.29. Sites-Woods followed right behind in sixth place at 30.71.

In the 400-meter race, Emma Hartman scored a personal record with a 1:13.82 time and a fourth-place finish. Aubree Keiter followed in sixth with 1:16.35. Sites-Woods took eighth with 1:17.91 and Brynlynn Waggy placed ninth with a personal best of 1:18.01.

Apple took second place in the 100-meter hurdles, running for a personal best of 18.03. She performed even better in the 300 meters, seizing first place at 52.36. In the 4x400, the squad of Hartman, Keiter, Sites-Woods, and Waggy took second place with a time of 5:10.82.

BreAnna Wolfe threw the shot put for 22-11.00 and a 14th place finish. She then placed 10th in discus with a distance of 64. Hartman leapt for a 4-02 in the high jump, and Apple set a season record in the long jump

at 14-02.00.

At the regionals in Doddridge County, Apple earned a berth in the state track championships with a second-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles. Apple took fourth in the long jump, and the 4x400 relay team of Keiter, Hartman, Waggy, and Sites-Woods placed fifth.

Christopher Wilburn, head coach, noted proudly that the 4x400 team "ran a second best time, cutting off 17 seconds at Doddridge." They shaved time off their performance in every week after the Jim Turbin Invitational.

While some earned spots at the state meet outright, others had to find out the next morning if they were selected as at-large competitors. Wilburn compared their excitement to Christmas morning.

At the state track and field championships, the girls did not compete on Friday, but ran and threw under graying skies on day two. Apple, who missed graduation at Franklin to compete, took sixth in the 300-meter hurdles, earning a time of 51.15. In the long jump, she scored 11th with a distance of 14-00.25.

The 4x400 team of Keiter, Waggy, Sites-Woods, and Hartman placed 13th with a time of 4:56.29.

Wilburn explained that late in the season, the team "really started to believe in themselves." He explained that though still young, the experience gained this season had helped the squad progress.

"I'm very hopeful," he said.

Wildcat Enjoys 100 Strikeout Season



Baylee Beachler earned her 100th strikeout of the season against rival Moorefield on May 5.

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Graduation

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followed with an admonition to “thank teachers, staff, and the board of education for all that they’ve done.” Then Johnson shared his appreciation for the “group with the highest level of responsibility” for the successes of the class, the parents and guardians who cared for the students.

Johnson went on, saying, “We’ve created exceptional moments.” He mentioned the challenges that COVID laid in front of this class, then spoke of his pride in the students “working together regardless of obstacles put in our way.”

The last words of his talk spoke to the joy of a life well lived. Johnson advised “Life is like a Harley. Get on. Hang on. Enjoy the ride.”

Unique in the history of county graduations, this year’s graduation coincided with the West Virginia state track championships. Riley Apple, salutatorian, and Gage Sites-Woods qualified for the state track championships, but had to miss graduation. Dave Eason, athletic director, accompanied the two seniors to Charleston to participate in a ceremony there.

Eason said “Between 12 and 1 p.m. there was a break in the events. Unfortunately, that is when the rain started.” Officials invited Eason, Apple, and Sites-Woods to the infield where they played the National Anthem. Eason presented diplomas, then the announcer read information about each graduate.

Apple recorded a video to be played in lieu of her speech at graduation. She said, “I’m proud to represent Pendleton County one last time.” Apple then stated that “there are many more memories and accomplishments to be made,” through the power of “yet.” In her talk, the word “yet” represents the potential of each student to achieve their dreams. “Even if you have not made it ‘yet,’ if you believe in its power and work towards your goals, success is possible,” she said.

Rowan Witt, who earned the title of valedictorian, described her experience at the high school as “kind, determined, resourceful.” She shared her personal stories of struggling to find her way as a freshman. When COVID struck and transformed school radically, “we didn’t let COVID dampen our spirits” or “define us.”

Sonny O’Neil, member of the Pendleton County Board of Education, then rose to deliver the keynote address. He described his time working in the region for Hinkle Trucking and other firms, then his experience officiating high school sports.

O’Neil shared three important life lessons that graduates should carry forward into their adult lives. First, he said all should be “learning to give” and focused on volunteering as vital. No one can save the world on their own, but “volunteering allows you to choose where and how to make a difference.”

Next, he discussed accountability. He explained that “taking responsibility empowers you.” Those who always try to shift blame also end up shifting credibility away from themselves. They will always live in the shadow of those unafraid to accept responsibility.

Finally, O’Neil urged that “if you can be anything in this world, be kind,” and advised graduates to appreciate the wisdom of the Preacher in Ecclesiastes, who said “there is a time for every season and every purpose under heaven.”

Next came the always heart-warming tradition of the senior slide show. Each student provided a current picture, along with photos of their choice. These included baby pictures, school memories, fun times at home, or extracurricular activities such as athletics, FFA, and more.

Each student then took a place in line to hear their name and receive their diploma. When seated again, degrees in hand, they got permission to move their tassel, signifying the closing of one chapter in life and the opening to the rest of the book.

Principal Johnson shared his final thoughts with the class, saying, “You are ready, willing, and more than able.”

As the ceremony closed, the graduates filed back out of the gym, carrying their diploma and a sunflower into another beautiful Pendleton County May morning and the rest of their lives.

Seneca Caverns

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cascade over a formation. In the case of the Dutch oven, the slow extension of the formation created a two-story high hollow dome. As Gardner explained, these stone formations are much more fragile than most imagine. Some outcroppings could break at a single touch. Worse, a single touch could leave skin oils that prevent mineral absorption and stop the building of the formation.

The caverns also feature a number of “rooms,” which are large open areas of the cave. Gardner shared an old Seneca Nation tale of a headstrong princess named Snowbird who made herself part of the lore of the cave.

The legend of Princess Snowbird is one of many amazing stories shared on the tour. The princess loved the caverns so much that she insisted in holding her marriage in one of the caverns’ largest open areas, now called the Grand Ballroom. Some visitors today even relive the legend by holding their own nuptials there.



Dwayne Propst, Heather Vance, David Harper, Jim Phillips, Chris Mongold, Amber Nesselrodt, and Scott Kisner gather to mark the grand reopening of Seneca Caverns. Nesselrodt serves as CVB director. The rest represent Greer.

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As Gardner explained later, humans have not been the only creatures exploring the caves. Gardner picked up a small piece of black wood in the “Cowboy Graveyard” section. She explained that the rotting wood provided sustenance for the Appalachian cave worm, a species native to it.

Propst explained that the recent decision to open the caverns has not yet gotten around, saying “I think enough people have chatted about it and it’s starting to make its way through the community.” He added that “it will have a really positive effect on the restaurant as well.”

Seneca Caverns’ impact goes far beyond providing an enjoyable day of entertainment. “The caverns have been a big asset to the community,” says Amber Nesselrodt, executive director of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau. She added that “this is just one more gem that visitors to Pendleton County love and come back to experience over and over again.”

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Boggs Descendants Gather for Reunion



Captain John Boggs descendants - 2023

By Dyer Anderson

The descendants of Captain John and Elizabeth Carr Boggs gathered April 29 at Seneca Rocks Presbyterian Church for their 11th biennial reunion. COVID had caused the cancellation of reunions since 2018.

John Boggs was captain of the Pendleton Home Guards, later Company A, 46th West Virginia Volunteers of the Union Army in the Civil War. He and Elizabeth had settled on a farm near Seneca Rocks. Boggs was a leader in community affairs and was a delegate to the Wheeling convention which established West Virginia as a state in 1862. He served as a delegate from Pendleton County for two non-consecutive terms in early West Virginia legislatures.

The pull of West Virginians to their roots was captured by John Denver in his classic "Country Roads." There is ample confirming evidence. For example, the Pendleton County Historical Society has members in 26 states. Of the 31 attendees at this Boggs reunion, only two currently reside in Pendleton County. Reunion participants came from as far away as Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Past reunions have attracted family from Colorado, Texas, and Florida.

Pressure to have a reunion came from those outside the county wanting contact with their roots. The chair of the reunion committee from its inception in 2000 has been Howard Boggs of Keyser. The committee has Dyer and Anne Anderson of Annandale, Virginia, Greta Skidmore Evick and Charles Evick of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and the late Browning Boggs of Franklin. They have served for 23 years.

The John Boggs family and the Union sympathizers were concentrated in Union Magisterial District in the northwest section of the county, north of Riverton. Over the years descendants have been prominent in county affairs. Grandson Gordon Boggs was elected to two terms as clerk of court in the early years of the last century. He married Elsie Byrd, a local historian and author, for example, of "The History of Franklin." She was a charter member of the Pendleton County Historical Society and was an officer and leader for 38 years. Her daughter, Elizabeth, served as president for a period and daughter, Grace, later served as vice president. Grace left the family home to be used as a county history museum, cementing the family legacy in local affairs.

The Seneca Rocks church is the perfect venue for the reunion. Historically the family worshipped there and was instrumental in building the church. Family elders hauled river rocks in horse drawn farm wagons to the construction site. Others were active in fundraising. The family immigrated from Ireland but were Protestant, presumptively Scots Irish Presbyterians. The lunch was catered by Lucy Kisamore who has done the honors admirably for years and has become a de facto family member.

The reunion program included memorializing those who died since the previous reunion. There was a raffle of door prizes. Smoke Hole Caverns generously donated a door prize. Other prizes were membership in the Pendleton County Historical Society and a subscription to The Pendleton Times. Howard Boggs gave a door prize in memory of his late wife, Annette, who was a valuable member of the reunion committee. The traditional prime door prize is a large painting of the Boggs

Mill, a family landmark and a North Fork institution. The picture rotates among raffle winners.

A key item of business was the selection of new reunion committee leaders. The new leaders are Candice (Boggs) DeVore of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Jan (Boggs) Miller of Delphos, Ohio. The meeting adjourned to allow visiting the Boggs House Museum in Franklin, which has undergone major renovation since the last reunion.

An interesting additional fact of the Boggs family story is that John Boggs' older brother, James, was a Brigadier General in the Virginia Militia, subsequently the Confederate Army. He was also the Pendleton delegate to the Virginia General Assembly. H.M. Calhoun in "Twixt North and South" reports on divided family loyalties in the war. It is truly remarkable that these first-generation immigrant men would rise to be top leaders in their organizations. John was the senior Union officer in the county and James was the senior Confederate officer. Both were elected as county delegates to their respective state legislatures. James Boggs died early in the war, 1862, so one would assume there was no chance for the brothers to reconcile.

Between now and Treasure Mountain Festival many weekends will feature family reunions. Pendleton County is a place many folks are from. Similarly, it is a place many people love to return to for a visit. The half century success of the festival demonstrates the point. Plans are for a Boggs reunion next year, reestablishing the practice of even-year reunions. The manuscript "Boggs Descendants of Pendleton County WV" will be updated.

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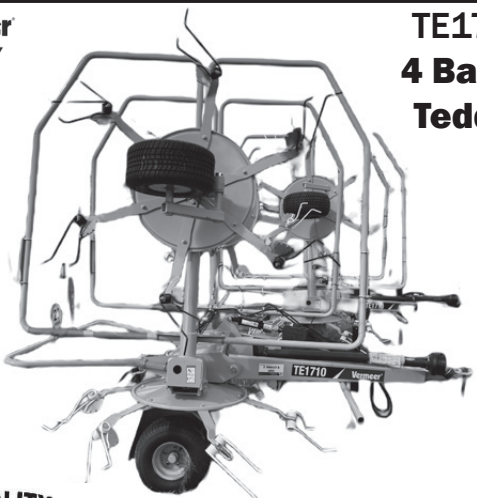
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REUNIONS

PITSENBARGER Reunion June 11 at Cave Country Campground. Lunch at 12 noon. Everyone Welcome/Bring a dish. 5-18,25; 6-8-c

YARD SALES

GARAGE SALE 603 High Street, Friday & Saturday, June 2 & 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Gold and silver coins, men's hunting clothes, men's & women's clothing (size med.), knife collection, many odds & ends. 5-25-2p

YARD SALE Saturday, May 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., 608 Redbud Lane, Anderson Hill, Franklin. Lots of great stuff. 1p

YARD SALE 5/26-12:00p.m.-5:00, 5/27-8:00a.m.-2:00, 2 miles on 33 East of Brandywine Intersection. Chain saws, tools, clothes and much more! 1c

COLAW/YOKUM yard sale May 27 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the residence of Larry Colaw, Snowy Mountain Road, Circleville. 5-18-2c

SPECIAL NOTICES

NOTICE

RECOVERY CELEBRATION Saturdays at 6 p.m., Fairview-Bethel United Methodist Church, Siple Mountain Road, Fort Seybert. (signed credit available) Meet-Greet-Eat. 5-12-tfn

POSTED NOTICES

POSTED NOTICE

No trespassing, no hunting or trapping of any kind and no running or retrieving of dogs on any of my lands on Snowy Mountain. Not responsible for accidents.
Frances Warner

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

"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

Kathryn 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
Kathryn.D.Emery@wv.gov

Google Meeting information

https://meet.google.com/tkd-hsoo-arb
Dial in number:
1-910-302-3018
PIN: 104 878 179#
5-25-2c

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.

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, May 18, 2023

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, July 17, 2023

Decedent: Johnnie Juno Huffman, Mobile County, AL
Filed by: Jeffrey S. Bowers, Attorney, Franklin, WV

Decedent: Samuel E. Fish, Wake County, NC
Filed by: James Paul Geary, Attorney, Petersburg, WV

Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 12, 2023.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 5-18-2c

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Provides professional services and clinical expertise to consumers and providers in order to meet the behavioral therapeutic and person specific training needs. BSPI services are provided to persons with assessed need, as identified on the annual functional assessment, for adaptive skills training.

Requirements include: a minimum of a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science in a human services field or a Bachelor of Regents degree, one (1) year professional experience in the I/DD field, completion of the WV APBS facilitated three (3) hour Overview of Positive Behavior Support or the WVUCED Positive Behavior Support Direct Care overview, and completion of an approved WV APBS curriculum.

Some travel may be required. Strong benefits package offered.

Send letters of interest and/or resume to:
Amy Dean, HR Manager
PO Box 1119, Petersburg WV 26847
or by email amy.dean@phgmail.net
EOE M/F/D/V

PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Local Sources..... | \$ |
| State Sources | |
| State aid to schools..... | |
| Other | |
| Federal sources | |
| Miscellaneous sources | |
| Total estimated revenues..... | |
| Total Beginning Balance..... | |
| Estimated transfers in and other financing sources..... | 50,000 |
| Estimated beginning balance | |
| Total estimated revenues, other financing sources..... | \$ 50,000 |

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 necessary 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

| | |
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| 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 |
| Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses, and reserves | \$15,744,546 |

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

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|--|--------------|
| Estimated revenues: | |
| Local Sources..... | \$ |
| State Sources: | |
| State aid to schools..... | 195,529 |
| Federal sources | 1,443,105 |
| Total estimated revenues..... | 1,638,634 |
| Total Beginning Balance..... | |
| Estimated transfers in and other financing sources..... | 207,192 |
| Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance | \$ 1,845,826 |
| Estimated expenditures: | |
| Instruction..... | \$ 803,326 |
| Food services | 1,026,400 |
| Total estimated expenditures..... | 1,829,726 |
| Total estimated transfers and other financing uses | |
| | 16,100 |
| Total estimated expenditures, and other financing uses | \$ 1,845,826 |

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

5-25-2c

Charles F. Hedrick
Secretary of the Board of Education



The Town of Franklin is seeking applications for a full-time Maintenance Position

Duties include water and sewer utility maintenance, as well as general maintenance and trash truck work. Equipment operator experience a plus, as well as CDL. Benefits available. Wages based on experience.

Applications available at the Town Office in Franklin.
Deadline to apply is June 2.

Administrative Position Available Monitor/Fiscal Administrator

Region 8 Planning and Development Council is accepting applications for the position of Upper Potomac Area Agency on Aging (UPAAA) Monitor/Fiscal Administrator

The Area Agency Monitor performs mid-level professional external auditing/monitoring and compliance reviews of agency grants and contracts in the following areas: general accounting, external auditing, budget/administration, grants management, financial analysis, statutory accounting and compliance with accounting/auditing guidelines and procedures. The work may require considerable travel.

This position requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with at least 6 semester hours in accounting. The position also requires at least one year of full-time or equivalent part-time paid professional experience in statutory accounting. A master's degree in accounting may substitute for the required experience. Relevant experience in accounting/auditing may substitute for attained degree if deemed applicable.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to
Terry Lively, Executive Director of the Region 8 PDC
131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847.
Deadline for application is June 15.

The Region 8 PDC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Gonshor, Heavner, Roberson Named Students of the Month

Elizabeth Gonshor, Lydia Heavner and Colton Roberson have been named outstanding students of the month for March at Pendleton County High/Middle School.

A senior, Gonshor is the James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Kevin and Michelle Gonshor of Franklin. She is a member of National Honor Society and current president of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Chapter. She plans to attend West Liberty College in the fall to pursue a career in dental hygiene.

Heavner, a sophomore, is the March Academic Student of the Month. She is a member of FFA where she is the chapter reporter and is on the poultry judging, land judging and parliamentary procedure teams. She has earned the Star Greenhand honor and Greenhand and Chapter FFA degrees. During her freshman year, she placed second in the regional FFA creed competition. During the current school year, she was a member of the fourth-place poultry judging team in the state, along with earning first in extemporaneous speaking and in parliamentary procedure competition on the regional level. She is a member of FCCLA where she serves as chapter treasurer and has earned gold in STAR events. She is a member of the Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club where she is the president and has competed in poultry judging, livestock judging and the Beef Expo Stockman's Contest. She is the secretary of the class of 2025 and a member of the PCHS Pep Club, Travel Club and National Honor Society. She placed second in the social studies fair. Her plans are to attend West Virginia University and further her education in an agricultural related field. She is the daughter of JD and Janice Heavner.

The Pendleton County Middle School Student of the Month is Colton Roberson. He is the son of Chris and Lisa Roberson of Franklin. He enjoys playing football, basketball and baseball. His future plans include attending WestPoint, playing football and enlisting in the Army.



PCH/MS March students of the month are, from left, Elizabeth Gonshor, Colton Roberson and Lydia Heavner.

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Pendleton Senior & Family Services

FRIDAY, MAY 26
Lasagna
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Fruit
Cookie/Punch
MONDAY, MAY 29

Closed Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 30
Cook's Choice
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31
Cheeseburger Deluxe
Tator Tots
Broccoli Salad
Peaches
Birthday Cake
THURSDAY, JUNE 1
Taco Salad
Corn
Pears

Meals served daily at the Franklin center from 11:45 to 12:15. Two percent milk served with every meal. Menus are subject to change.

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Opening Weekend
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| SGR289A 2.12 Acres w/2-3 Bed, 2 Bath Immaculate Manufactured Home. New Metal Roof, Detached guest quarters, Recently remodeled baths. NEW LISTING \$249,000.00. | SGR244 0.14 Acres w/2 Bed, 2 Bath 2000's sq. ft. Home, Bonus Room, Pool, Hardwood Floors, Mini Splits. Franklin Corp. UNDER CONTRACT |
| SGR287A 0.20 Acres w/3 Bed, 1.5 Bath Doublewide Home, close to local amenities. Franklin Corp., Pendleton County. NEW LISTING \$429,900-00 REDUCED \$100,000.00. | 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. |
| SGR284A 1.21 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home located in Green Acres Subdivision, Pendleton District, Pendleton County. UNDER CONTRACT NEW LISTING \$229,000.00. | SGR236 World Class View Overlooking Germany Valley! Log Cabin, 70.08 Acres, 2 bed, 2.5 Baths. Seneca Lookout. Some Restrictions. \$799,000.00. |
| SGR634 2.7 Acres, Electric nearby, Septic, Public Water avail. \$69,500.00. | SGR223 0.6673 Acres w/Spacious 3 Bed, 2 Bath Home, 2090 sq. ft., 1 Car Detached Garage. Franklin Corp. NEW LISTING \$329,900-00 REDUCED \$299,000.00. |
| SGR278A 58.3 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. | 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. |
| SGR277A 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. NEW LISTING \$499,900.00. | SGR197 557.7 Ac., Raw Land, Excellent Hunting, Joins National Forest, No Utilities, Potential Food Plots, Watering Holes, Bldg, Sites w/Views. Milroy District, Grant County. \$1,749,000.00. |
| SGR276A 5.11 Ac Raw Land, Lot #23, Blackthorn Mtn. Estates, Sugar Grove District, Pendleton Cty. NEW LISTING \$35,900.00. | SGR193 391.70 Acres, Hayfields, Pastureland, Native Brook Trout Stream, Marketable Timber, 360 deg. Views. Franklin District, Pendleton County. NEW LISTING \$1,399,000.00. |
| SGR275A 3.26 Acres w/3 Bed, 1 Bath Ranch Home, Oak Cove Subdivision, Some Restrictions, Milroy District, Grant County, WV. \$219,900.00. | SGR188 22.72 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Hunting, Bldg. Sites. \$179,900.00. |
| SGR272A 1.625 Acres w/3 Bed, 1 Bath 2 Story Frame house, along Rt. 33, Brandywine, Bethel District. NEW LISTING \$75,000.00. | SGR187 8.87 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Bldg. Sites, View. \$79,900.00. |
| SGR271-A 1.84 Acres, Potomac Heights Subdivision, Williams Rd., Franklin District, Pendleton County, WV. \$14,000.00. | SGR176 2.02 Acres Raw Land, Rocky Mountain Rd, Deer Run area. UNDER CONTRACT \$49,900-00 REDUCED \$11,000.00. |
| SGR270A 1.97 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Well, Septic, Sugar Grove District, Pendleton Cty. NEW LISTING \$99,000.00. | SGR156 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, Electric nearby, Water available. Hardy County. \$95,000-00. REDUCED \$89,900.00. |
| SGR264A 2.097 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 Bath Brick Cape Cod, 2 Car Detached Garage, Full Basement. Quiet neighborhood, conveniently located to town amenities. UNDER CONTRACT NEW LISTING \$329,000.00. | SGR128 2-3 Bedroom Ranch w/Full Basement on 0.6386 Acres, more or less, Moyers Gap Rd, Sugar Grove District. NEW LISTING \$469,900-00 REDUCED \$149,900.00. |
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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | SGR247 Residential lots with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from \$14,630.00. |