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North Fork 4-H Club Earns Recycling Award



North Fork 4-H club leader, Vanessa Harper, center, accepts the club's DuPont Plastic recycling award from Edward F. Maguire, II, environmental advocate director, left, and Erik Sims, Chemours representative.

North Fork Elementary School received a TREX bench from the North Fork 4-H Club. Enjoying the bench are, from left, Darek Greathouse and Andelyn Vance; and standing, Vanessa Harper, Ty Armentrout, Caleb Armentrout, Chesnee Colaw, Ashley Harper and Vaylee Harper.

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Youth Environmental Program presented close to \$15,000 in cash awards to youth groups from around the state for their efforts to better the environment in the Mountain State. Groups were recognized during the 60th annual Youth Environmental Day May 20 at North Bend State Park in Ritchie County.

The North Fork 4-H was one of the groups recognized. The club applied to the program for activities completed in the 2022-2023 year and was awarded the second place DuPont Plastic recycling award.

Throughout the year, the club held three community recycling events, collected and delivered 560 pounds of plastic TREX recyclables, and completed community trash

clean up and beautifications during the Make It Shine campaign. This is the third consecutive year the club has received awards from the YEP program and, more importantly, made an impact in the community. The award, \$200 and a certificate, was accepted by Vanessa Harper, club leader, at North Bend State Park.

In the plastic recycling campaign, the club also won a TREX bench for the North Fork Elementary School playground.

The YEP honors 4-H clubs, scout troops, schools and other youth organizations who complete environmental projects that benefit the state and their communities. Some of those projects include tree plantings, roadside litter and stream cleanups, recycling drives and environ-

mental education.

During the past year, groups enrolled in the YEP worked nearly 35,000 hours to recycle more than 12,000 pounds of aluminum, 39,000 pounds of plastic, 127,000 pounds of steel and 100,000 pounds of paper. They also planted 293 trees, more than 2,500 flowers and cleaned up 156 miles of roadways, in addition to community areas and streams. Groups collected 1,033 bags of trash.

"I am continually amazed by the dedication and passion of our young people who are doing amazing projects to make their communities and our state better," said Annette Hoskins, YEP director. "It is such an honor to recognize them for their environmental stewardship. They are helping West Virginia shine."

Counterfeit \$100 Bills Found by Moorefield Police Department

By Stephen Smoot

Funny money has made its way to the Potomac Highlands, but authorities in Moorefield and surrounding areas are not laughing. Like many other jurisdictions across the nation

over the past several years, Moorefield Police discovered counterfeit money undetectable with the typical brown marker test.

Chief Stephen Rigglesman of the Moorefield Police Department said that on June 5, "we had some individual who passed a \$100." He described the bill as a "bleached out \$1 that was done over," and added that "this is not motion picture play money."

This is no new technique. The Secret Service has issued periodic warnings about this more sophisticated form of counterfeiting currency for over a decade. Last year, Hollis Forteau of New Jersey was sentenced to five years in federal prison as part of an interstate counterfeiting scheme.

According to the Miami Herald, Forteau used bleach on \$1, then used a special printer to replace the \$1 design with a \$100. Then he took his co-conspirators to Philadelphia where they spent money on purchases with fake bills, then turned around and tried to exchange the items bought for legitimate currency.

Before authorities discovered the scheme, WPVI of Philadelphia reported that an estimated \$50,000 in counterfeit currency passed through the city every week. Forteau allegedly printed approximately \$235,000 in fake money. Other similar cases in recent years popped up in Indiana and Louisiana.

The blog Fraudfighter.com reports that bleached bills resist detection for two reasons. First, United States paper currency has a specific texture due to its 75 percent cotton and 25 percent linen composition. This gives the bill a very

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National Weather Service Offers SKYWARN Class This September

By Stephen Smoot

"The information you learn could help you save a life, possibly your own, or your family, friends, and community members," says Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, about the SKYWARN class coming up in September.

According to Francis Kredensor of the National Weather Service, the program exists "to help train our partners and members of the general public in two key areas: severe weather safety, and how to safely and reliably observe and

report impactful weather to the NWS."

Instructors conform SKYWARN classes to local and regional conditions typical to that area's NWS Weather Forecast offices. Kredensor stated that "allows training to be tailored to the hazards that are more prevalent in a particular area, and ensures that trained spotters know some of the local NWS employees who receive and use their reports."

Weather forecasting in the era of computer models and artificial intelligence still cannot work without the human

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Road Work Scheduled on Allegheny Mtn.

One eastbound lane of U.S. Route 33 in Pendleton County, will have a one lane closure beginning at 1.20 miles from the Randolph/Pendleton County line on Allegheny Mountain and ending at milepost 1.60.

The lane will be closed 24 hours a day, seven days per week from July 5 to Sept. 29. A steel pile wall and new guardrail system will be set. All motorists, especially large trucks traveling east, are recommended to slow their speed as they approach the temporary traffic signal to be prepared to stop if required to do so.

PVCD Board To Gather Tuesday

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. July 5 at the Farm Credit building in Moorefield. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting on the district website at www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the Romney office at 304-822-5174.

The public is invited to participate.

Commission Supports Emergency Services Request for Drone

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Pendleton County Commission held a relatively brief meeting that centered in part on discussing the purchase of emergency service equipment.

Commissioner Roger Dahmer opened the meeting with the customary prayer, imploring that "we can accomplish nothing without You."

Carl Hevener, county commission president, recognized the presence of representatives of Friends of Beautiful

Pendleton County, who declined to make a presentation at this meeting. Dahmer noted that the county commission had reached out to the office of Patrick Morrissey, West Virginia State Attorney General, to hear their opinion on wind turbine related moratoriums. April Mallow, prosecuting attorney, had not yet heard back from the attorney general's office on the subject.

Karen Pitsenbarger shared that the "generator at the

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Potomac Valley Transit Authority Wins Major Grant Award to Pay for Design Phase of Proposed Hydrogen Hub

By Stephen Smoot

One could forgive the Potomac Valley Transit Authority leadership team of Doug Pixler and Suzanne Park-Lewis for feeling "lighter than air" this week. They recently received news that they will receive a grant award for approximately \$4,570,000 to design a hydrogen fuel production facility for Grant County, while also constructing the solar array to power it.

Pixler explained, "The initial grant is for planning - programming and conceptual design, environmental clearance/NEPA documentation and engineering of the hydrogen facility, including how much solar energy is

needed to convert into hydrogen fuel for our current fleet size and for expanding services. We expect the initial phase to take anywhere between 12 to 18 months."

The second phase will require a new grant application. As Pixler explained, "We will be applying for construction funding once we move through this initial phase as we have a better understanding of the construction cost and needs." PVTA must complete the requirements of the first phase before receiving funds to take the next step.

Pixler added, "We are confident that we will be able to find the funding to complete this project."

Funding comes from a grant source whose name has

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OBITUARIES



Tommy Gale Johnson

Tommy Gale Johnson, 58, of Franklin passed away June 24, 2023, at JW Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

He was born on Feb. 22, 1965, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the son of Alice Rettie (Hedrick) Johnson of Franklin and the late Roscoe Johnson (Feb. 2, 2005).

Mr. Johnson was a 1984 graduate of Franklin High School and had worked as a truck driver and a technician for Dixie Gas for more than 20 years.

He had a passion for the outdoors and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, and 4-wheeler riding. He was very talented and applied his talent to playing music and repairing things. More than anything, he loved spending time with his family, and he cherished the time spent with his daughters, grandchildren, nieces and nephew.

In addition to his mother, he leaves behind to cherish his memory two daughters, Ashley Michelle Johnson of Franklin and Rachel Nicole Johnson of Maysville; two grandchildren, Cole and Leah Puffenbarger; a sister, Linda Owen of Elkton, Virginia; two nieces, Andrea Reel (Brandon) and Staci Owen (Chad); and a nephew, Loren Owen (Heather).

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Leonard W. "Bus" Hedrick (June 9, 1968).

The family will receive friends from 5 - 7 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. (The family asks that attendees wear casual clothing, particularly camo or something relating to hunting to honor his memory). A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin with Pastor Mike Lambert officiating.

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



Riley "Junior" Smith

Riley "Junior" Smith, 76, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, went to be with the Lord on June 19, 2023, at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center in Martinsburg.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1947, in Upper Tract, a son of the late Riley E. Smith and Nellie Mae (Turner) Smith.

Mr. Smith proudly served his country, including three tours during the Vietnam War, where he earned several medals, including the Bronze Star. During his civilian life he was a truck driver.

His wife, Alicia M. Smith, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Catherine; a son, Joshua; a grandson, Tristan Eppard; stepdaughters, Shirley Beavers, Brenda Thompson, and Barbara Ciardullo; sisters, Macie Marie Dahmer, Mary Lea Hedrick, Thelma Mae Simmons, Anna Ruth Franks, and Sandra Sue Chapman; brothers, Jimmy Bruce Smith, Johnny Allen Smith, and Dennis Lynn Smith; and numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family. Honorable mention for his step-grandson, Daniel Farrell, who provided love and care over the many years.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Samantha Smith; and brothers, Roy Edward Smith and Charles William Smith.

A funeral service was conducted Monday at Kyger Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Entombment followed at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens.

Condolences may be shared at kygers.com.

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Steven F. Ruddle

Steven F. Ruddle, 71, of Franklin died June 22, 2023, at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia.

He was born May 21, 1952, at Petersburg and was the son of the late William Hinkle Ruddle and Mary Frances (Shobe) Ruddle.

Mr. Ruddle was a 1972 graduate of Franklin High School, a veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force for 18 years, and later worked as a security officer.

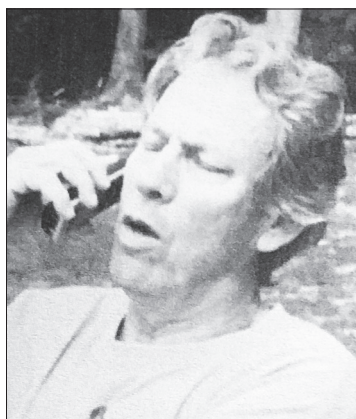
He was a member of the Franklin United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 30 and Potomac Highlands VFW Post 6454.

He is survived by a sister, Donna Sponaugle of Alexandria, Virginia; two brothers, Dale Ruddle of Norcross, Georgia, and Randy T. Ruddle (Frances) of Franklin; three nieces; and three nephews.

A funeral service was held Tuesday in the chapel of the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Rob Borrer officiating. Interment was at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin with military honors accorded by the Andrews Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made toward funeral expenses, c/o Kimble Funeral Home, PO Box 159, Franklin, WV 26807.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.



Gary William Hills

Gary William Hills, 68, of Sugar Grove passed away June 23, 2023, at his home.

He was born Sept. 24, 1954, at Riverdale, Maryland, and was the son of the late Norman Russell Hills and Dorothy Ann Marceron Hills.

Mr. Hills had worked for C&P Telephone and Verizon as a cable splicer until his retirement.

On Oct. 10, 2010, he married Jacqueline Davis Hills, who survives.

Also surviving are a stepson, Jonathan Stone of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; three brothers, Kim Hills of Mechanicsville, Maryland, Steve Hills of Ocean City, Maryland, and Scott Hills (Phyllis) of Maryland; two grandchildren, Fiona Stone and Regan Stone; a nephew; and four nieces.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Jeff Hills; and a nephew, Christopher Hills.

His body has been cremated and his family will commemorate his life privately.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were entrusted to Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

Stephen Warren Propst, 73

A memorial service for Stephen Warren Propst will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at St. John Lutheran Church in Moyers.

A time of fellowship will follow the service.

Mr. Propst, 73, of Sugar Grove passed away June 11, 2023, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.



Fred Ona Hottinger

Fred Ona Hottinger, 88, of Fort Seybert died June 20, 2023, at Keyser Healthcare Center in Keyser.

He was born Jan. 15, 1935, at Fort Seybert and was the son of the late Isaac Hottinger and Lena Dove Hottinger.

Mr. Hottinger was a seasonal orchard worker for Rinker Orchards at Stephens City, Virginia, and was a farmer. He had a passion for gardening, raising watermelons, pumpkins and tomatoes, and he especially enjoyed spending time on his tractor. He was an avid fisherman and attended Cherry Grove Baptist Church.

He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

On Oct. 8, 1956, he married

Mary Bonnie Harman Hottinger, who preceded him in death on Aug. 28, 2019.

Surviving are three daughters, Sharon Hottinger of Riverton, Sondra Ruddle of Fort Seybert and Terry (Terry) Johnson of Circleville; two sons, Steven Hottinger of Brandywine and Gary Hottinger of Upper Tract; nine grandchildren, Jeremy Hottinger, Derek Whetzel, Denim Vance, Seth Casto, Kevin Ruddle, Viola Ball, Amanda Ruddle, Keisha Hottinger and Dawn Halterman; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandsons.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, six sisters, a granddaughter and a daughter-in-law.

A graveside service was held Monday at the Hottinger Family Cemetery on Brady Hollow Road in Fort Seybert with Pastor Ted Bennett officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Fred Hottinger Memorial Account, c/o Summit Community Bank, PO Box 863, Franklin, WV 26807.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

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North Fork Students Earn Academic Recognition

Lisa Roberson, principal at North Fork Elementary School, has released the following end-of-year awards.

A Honor Roll - Fourth Nine Weeks

First grade — Jace Ours, Vera Selmon, Blake Watring, Dale Watring and Jaden Warner;
 Second grade — Darek Greathouse and Andelyn Vance;
 Third grade — Declan Shane and Sadie Wimer;
 Fourth grade — Skye Dahmer;
 Fifth grade — Kinley Bennett, Mackenzie Day, Vaylee Harper, Alayna Huffman, Katy Raines, Ava Sherman, Jacob Thompson and Azaela Waddell; and
 Sixth grade — Mason Miller, McKenzie Vandevander, Abigail Judy, Jacey Thompson and Isabell Jameson.

A/B Honor Roll - Fourth Nine Weeks

First grade — Jayson Jamison, Kinsley Shane, Hannah Sponaugle and Jace Nelson;
 Second grade — Noahjo Nededog, Eli Nelson and Haley Warner;
 Third grade — Levi Arbaugh, Isabella Arcure, Emilee Morris-Hedrick, Aaliyah Martin, Keaton Swick, Dakota Vandevander, Allison Warner and Tommy Waybright;
 Fourth grade — Addy Huffman, Ally Jameson, Avery Kile, Callen Kisamore, Nolin Nededog, Elaina Raines and Tori Heavner;
 Fifth grade — Ty Johnson, Miley Kimble and Aubree Simmons; and
 Sixth grade — Joselyn Nelson, Brayden Morris-Hedrick and Wyatt Haynes.

Perfect Attendance - Fourth Nine Weeks

First grade — Jayson Jameson;
 Second grade — Brooklyn Vint and Haley Warner;
 Fourth grade — Ally Jameson and Caroline Vandevander;
 Fifth grade — Alayna Huffman; and
 Sixth grade — Wyatt Haynes and Allie Hedrick.

Faithful Attendance - Fourth Nine Weeks

Kindergarten — Lyndi Rose Clements, Gaige Eye, Benson Harper, Aniah Hedrick, Ellie Huffman, Nicholas Jameson, Hunter Kimble, Blake Long, Israel Martin, Allison Nelson, Mason Simmons and Hurikane Thompson;
 First grade — Karlee Arbaugh, Kaden Kimble, Jace Ours, Vera Selmon, Kinsley Shane, Hannah Sponaugle, Jaden Warner, Blake Watring and Dale Watring;
 Second grade — Taylor Arbaugh, Darek Greathouse, Eli Nelson and Andelyn Vance;
 Third grade — Levi Arbaugh, Aaliyah Martin, Emilee Morris-Hedrick, Kimberly Sponaugle and Tommy Waybright;
 Fourth grade — Jakob Gray, Tori Heavner, Addy Huffman and Elizabeth Riffle;
 Fifth grade — Vaylee Harper and Ava Sherman; and
 Sixth grade — Isabella Jameson, Brayden Morris-Hedrick, Jacey Thompson, McKenzie Vandevander, Kayden Warner and Mason Waybright.

A Honor Roll - Second Semester

First grade — Jace Ours, Vera Selmon, Kinsley Shane, Hannah Sponaugle and Jaden Warner;
 Second grade — Darek Greathouse;
 Third grade — Declan Shane and Sadie Wimer;
 Fourth grade — Skye Dahmer;
 Fifth grade — Vaylee Harper, Alayna Huffman and Katy Raines; and
 Sixth grade — Mason Miller, Jacey Thompson, Abigail Judy and Isabella Jameson.

A/B Honor Roll - Second Semester

First grade — Oliver Cook, Blake Watring and Dale Watring;
 Second grade — Noahjo Nededog, Eli Nelson, Andelyn Vance and Haley Warner;

Third grade — Levi Arbaugh, Isabella Arcure, Emilee Morris-Hedrick, Aaliyah Martin, Kimberly Sponaugle, Keaton Swick, Dakota Vandevander, Allison Warner and Tommy Waybright;
 Fourth grade — Tori Heavner, Addy Huffman, Ally Jameson, Avery Kile, Callen Kisamore, Nolin Nededog and Elaina Raines;

Fifth grade — Kinley Bennett, Mackenzie Day, Ty Johnson, Miley Kimble, Ava Sherman, Jacob Thompson and Azaela Waddell; and

Sixth grade — McKenzie Vandevander, Wyatt Haynes and Brayden Morris-Hedrick.

Perfect Attendance - Second Semester

Fifth grade — Alayna Huffman; and
 Sixth grade — Wyatt Haynes.

Faithful Attendance - Second Semester

Kindergarten — Gaige Eye, Benson Harper, Ellie Huffman, Nicholas Jameson and Blake Long;
 First grade — Karlee Arbaugh, Jayson Jameson and Jace Ours;

Second grade — Darek Greathouse, Andelyn Vance, Brooklyn Vint and Haley Warner;

Third grade — Kimberly Sponaugle and Tommy Waybright;
 Fourth grade — Jakob Gray, Addy Huffman, Ally Jameson and Caroline Vandevander;

Fifth grade — Vaylee Harper, Kiley Hedrick, Miley Kimble, Ava Sherman and Azaela Waddell; and
 Sixth grade — Allie Hedrick, Isabella Jameson, Brayden Morris-Hedrick, Jacey Thompson, McKenzie Vandevander, Kayden Warner and Mason Waybright.

A Honor Roll - School Year

First grade — Jace Ours, Vera Selmon, Kinsley Shane and Hannah Sponaugle;
 Second grade — Darek Greathouse and Andelyn Vance;
 Third grade — Declan Shane, Kimberly Sponaugle and Sadie Wimer;
 Fourth grade — Skye Dahmer and Elaina Raines;
 Fifth grade — Vaylee Harper, Alayna Huffman and Jacob Thompson; and
 Sixth grade — Mason Miller, Abigail Judy and Jacey Thompson.

A/B Honor Roll - School Year

First grade — Oliver Cook, Leelan Swanigan, Jaden Warner, Blake Watring and Dale Watring;
 Second grade — Taylor Arbaugh, Noahjo Nededog, Eli Nelson, Brooklyn Vint and Haley Warner;
 Third grade — Levi Arbaugh, Isabella Arcure, Emilee Morris-Hedrick, Aaliyah Martin, Keaton Swick, Dakota Vandevander, Allison Warner and Tommy Waybright;
 Fourth grade — Nick Harper, Tori Heavner, Addy Huffman, Ally Jameson, Avery Kile, Callen Kisamore and Nolin Nededog;
 Fifth grade — Kinley Bennett, Mackenzie Day, Ty Johnson, Miley Kimble, Katy Raines, Ava Sherman and Azaela Waddell; and
 Sixth grade — McKenzie Vandevander and Isabella Jameson.

Perfect Attendance - School Year

Fifth grade — Alayna Huffman.
 Faithful Attendance - School Year
 Kindergarten — Benson Harper, Ellie Huffman and Blake Long;
 First grade — Karlee Arbaugh and Vera Selmon;
 Second grade — Andelyn Vance, Brooklyn Vint and Haley Warner;
 Third grade — Tommy Waybright;
 Fourth grade — Addy Huffman and Ally Jameson; and
 Sixth grade — Allie Hedrick and Isabella Jameson.



The Wedding Announcement

Wilson, Dyer Tie the Knot



Mr. and Mrs. Michael James Dyer

Natasha Dawn Wilson and Michael James Dyer were united in marriage June 22, 2023, at Loafer's Glory Resort and Event Venue in Franklin.

The bride is the daughter of Jimmy and Crystal Wilson of Fairview. She is the granddaughter of the late Rev. Roy Oliver and Mildred Katherine Wilson of Burton and Albert Elms and Selma Seldon Wilson of Fairview.

The groom is the son of the late Michael and Cheryl Dyer of Jacksonville, Florida. He is the grandson of Buddy Chissie and Mabel Jean Boswell and Paul N. and Evelyn Louise Dyer, all of Detroit, Michigan.

Eligibility for Spouse's Benefits Explained

By Tony Stutts, Social Security District Manager in Petersburg

Social Security helps a person secure today and tomorrow with financial benefits, information, and tools that support one throughout life's journey. If a person doesn't have enough Social Security credits to qualify for benefits on one's own record, one may be able to receive benefits on a spouse's record.

To qualify for spouse's benefits, a person must be 62 years of age or older or any age and have in one's care a child who is younger than age 16 or who has a disability and is entitled to receive benefits on a spouse's record.

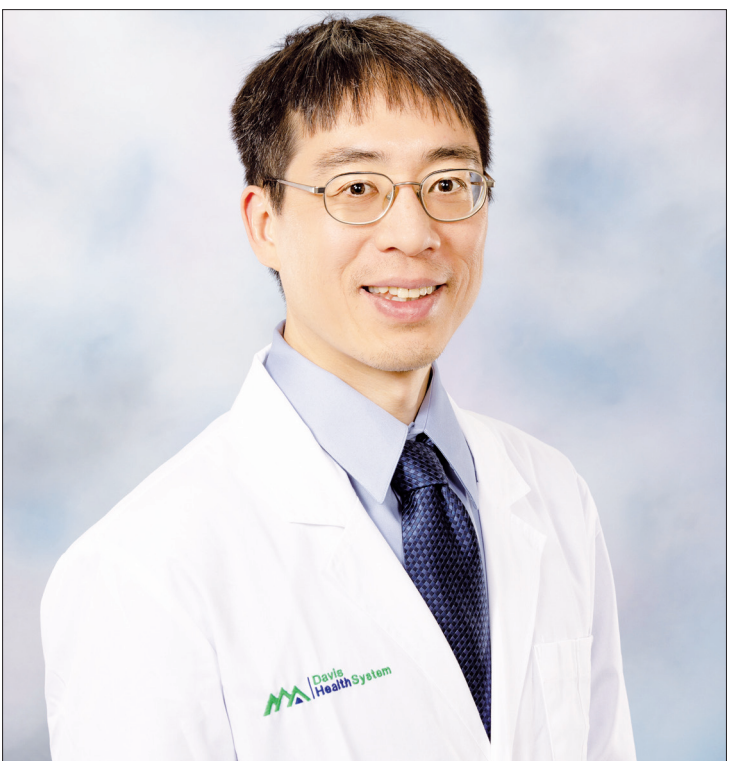
If a person waits to reach full retirement age, a full spouse's benefit could be up to one-half the amount one's spouse is entitled to receive at their full retirement age. If a person chooses to receive a spouse's benefits before reaching full retirement age, one will get a permanently reduced benefit. A person also get a full spouse's benefit before full retirement age if one cares for a child who is entitled to receive benefits on a spouse's record.

If a person is eligible to receive retirement benefits on one's own record, Social Security will pay that amount first. If a spouse's benefits are higher than one's own retirement benefits, one will get a combination of benefits that equal the higher spouse benefit. For example, Sandy qualifies for a retirement benefit of \$1,000 and a spouse's benefit of \$1,250. At her full retirement age, she will receive her own \$1,000 retirement benefit and an additional \$250 from her spouse's benefit, for a total of \$1,250.

Want to apply for either one's or a spouse's benefits? Is a person at least 61 years and nine months old? If a person answered yes to both, visit www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement to get started today.

If divorced from a marriage that lasted at least 10 years, a person may be able to get benefits on a former spouse's record. For more information, please visit the website at www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html.

Huang Joins Davis Medical Center



Dr. Kevin Huang, MD

Dr. Kevin Huang, MD, general surgeon, has joined the staff at Davis Medical Center in Elkins.

Dr. Huang is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is experienced in all aspects of general surgical care.

He received his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine, after completing his pre-med undergraduate program at Pennsylvania State University. He has worked in surgical care programs at Virtua Surgical Group in Marlton, New Jersey, Tennova General Surgery in Newport, Tennessee, Atlantic Shore Surgical Associates in Brick, New Jersey, and provided locum coverage across the United States.

Dr. Huang is happy to return to the East Coast where he said he is happy to practice in a small community.

"We are so pleased to have successfully recruited Dr. Huang," said Catherine Chua, DO, Davis Health System chief medical officer. "General surgeons are an essential support to hospitals in small, rural communities. Like maternity, primary care, cancer, emergency and other critical services, DMC invests in care that is needed in our local communities so that residents can get necessary care close to home."

For more information, call 304-637-9302. The surgical clinic is located on the first floor of the Davis Medical Center outpatient center at 812 Gorman Avenue in Elkins.

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10 Years Ago
Week of June 20, 2013

SUGAR GROVE

Superstition Was Rampant Among Pennsylvania Germans

Among the Pennsylvania Germans, superstition was rampant at one time. These European immigrants believed in and feared evil spirits and witches. Allow one to take a look at the superstition regarding babies.

- It is considered unlucky to cut a baby's hair or nails before it is 12 months old.
- When taking a baby from the room in which it was born, it must be carried upstairs before going down, so that it will rise in the world. The first time a baby is taken outside, it must be carried upstairs or up to the street, not down stairs or down to the street.
- Never weigh the baby before it is dressed. This is very unlucky. The clothes should not be put over the head when first being dressed.

In some variation, the following verse is probably known worldwide. It has been a form of a nurse rhyme dating back into the 1880s.

"Born on Monday, fair of face; Born on Tuesday, full of God's grace;
Born on Wednesday, the best to be had;
Born on Thursday, merry and glad;
Born on Friday, worthily given; Born on Saturday, work hard for a living;
Born on Sunday, shall never know want."

On another note of superstitious folk beliefs is wishing a sneezer well. One belief had it that the soul could escape the body through the nose. Saying, "God bless you" would prevent the devil from capturing the person's freed soul.

Another belief had it that evil spirits could enter the body through the nose during a sneeze. Thus, a blessing prevented the occurrence. Some even believed the heart momentarily stopped during a sneeze and the blessing would revive the life.

doubts about the legality of admitting West Virginia to the Union.

The legality of West Virginia's creation and admission was obviously in doubt. Perhaps granting statehood to West Virginia was illegal, but its existence today attests to the durability of that very disputed decision.

30 Years Ago
Week of June 24, 1993

Baited Japanese Beetle Traps Should Be Used Community Wide

You can count on them for the Fourth of July—ants to invade your picnic and Japanese beetles to start chewing on your roses, hollyhocks, flowering crab fruit trees, raspberry bushes, grapevines and Rose of Sharon.

Most of all, these ravenous beetles love hybrid tea roses, both leaves and blossoms. However, they'll readily shift to many other plants if roses are not available.

Japanese beetles started the spring season as larvae chewing up grass roots in sunny areas of your lawn. They begin emerging in mid-June as adults to start the two-month, above-ground episode of their life cycle.

Garden centers and hardware stores sell baited traps for Japanese beetles. But, they should not be placed near plants that you want to protect.

The West Virginia University specialists suggest that these traps be used on a community-wide basis. Otherwise, you'll be attracting all of the Japanese beetles in the neighborhood to your yard.

By mid-August, a new generation of grubs is starting to hatch from eggs laid in the sunniest parts of your lawn. You can help to keep the eggs from hatching and thin out the larvae population at this point—if the weather is hot and dry—by not watering your grass.

You can avoid lawn chemical insecticides by seeding new lawns with K-31 tall fescue instead of bluegrass. Fescue carries a fungal endophyte, which makes it more toxic to surface-feeding insects. It also appears to have more resistance than bluegrass to root feeders like the Japanese beetle grub.

Week of July 1, 1993

Man Rides Wheel Chair 11 Miles to Raise Funds For Ambulance

A recently conducted Walk-A-Thon raised a total of \$2,050 for the Franklin Rescue Squad Support Team. Of the \$2,050 collected in the effort, wheel chair-bound Allen Eye, turned in \$1,015.50. He rode his wheel chair 11 miles on the Smith Creek Road in the effort. Eye lost a leg and was paralyzed as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident several years ago. Bruce Smith, president of the Rescue Squad

Support Team, said they will use the money raised in the Walk-A-Thon to start a fund to purchase a new ambulance for the Franklin Rescue Squad.

Others participating in the Walk-A-Thon were Eye's wife, Angie, Harvey Whetzel, Ersley Whetzel, Erica Smith, Darren Hedrick and Kay Boggs.

40 Years Ago
Week of June 30, 1983

Seneca Visitors Urged to Be Receptive To Surroundings

By: Richard Marzolf
USDA—Forest Service

I've been asked to write a brief commentary this week concerning some aspect of the work being done at the Seneca Rocks Visitor Information Center.

Thus, in response to that request, I would like to share with you, the reader, a few personal observations that I have made during my first few weeks of employment as a guide with the Monongahela National Forest.

Certainly one of the most important aspects of our work is carrying on a meaningful dialogue with the hundreds of people who pass through our doors each day. We meet folks from just about every kind of life situation imaginable.

Last week it was my privilege to lead a young group of mentally handicapped children on a short hike around the base of Seneca Rocks. We walked slowly along a wooded trail listening to the North Fork's constant murmuring while catching glimpses of towering pinnacles of ancient quartzite through scattered openings in the treetops. We felt the sandy soil beneath our feet, smelled the soft purple clover, and watched a red-winged blackbird fly against a morning sky.

When the walk was over and we were making our way back to the Visitor Center, a young man about sixteen years old, in an act of appreciation for all that we had seen, reached down, took up my hand, and kissed it.

A simple, humbling gesture, and yet one that I will never forget, for in it, this young man expressed in a most powerful way the essence of understanding and gratitude for the sacredness of life.

When you come to Seneca Rocks, it is my hope that you will take the time to absorb all of the beauty and mystery of creation that surrounds you...but most importantly, that you will be as receptive to your surroundings as was the young man who needed not words to express his appreciation for what he saw. If you are able to "see" as he did, you will leave a richer person than when you came.

50 Years Ago
Week of June 28, 1973

School Board to Employ 15 Students

For Summer Work

The Pendleton County school board received word from the Governor's office Friday that they would be able to secure 15 positions through the Governor's Summer Youth Program. Students working for the school board must be 16 to 22 years of age.

60 Years Ago
Week of July 4, 1963

100 YEARS AGO

By LON K. SAVAGE

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

War's Biggest Battle Fought at Gettysburg

It seemed to start by accident 100 years ago this week.

The Confederate army of Gen. Robert E. Lee, spread out through Pennsylvania in the midst of an invasion, began pulling together in the vicinity of the town of Gettysburg while the Union army of Gen. George Gordon Meade moved northward from Maryland. Detachments of the two armies brushed against each other at Gettysburg the morning of July 1 and started shooting at each other.

Like magnetic attraction, the shooting pulled the two huge armies together, and the fighting grew until 150,000 men were there in the biggest battle ever fought in the western hemisphere—the Battle of Gettysburg. It was a Union victory.

Confederate Gen. A. P. Hill launched one of the first attacks on July 1, sending his men from Seminary Ridge just west to Gettysburg, into the town. Confederate Gen. Richard Ewell simultaneously charged in from the north, and the Federals fell back.

But Federal Gen. Winfield Hancock arrived with more of Meade's army and ordered a stand along Cemetery Ridge, south of the town. There, the Federals held on until dark while Meade and the rest of his army came up and solidified the Union line.

July 2 came, hot and sultry, and Lee ordered a fresh attack, against the wishes of his top subordinate, Gen. James Longstreet. Longstreet and Gen. John E. Hood attacked from the west while Ewell came in from the northeast against Culp's Hill. Ewell was driven back.

Longstreet hurled troops into a peach orchard and wheat field and drove out Federal Gen. Daniel Sickles, who lost a leg in the slaughter of the day. Toward dusk, both armies scrambled for two hills, Big Round Top and Little Round Top. The Federals won the scramble and gained control of the field.

Dashing "Jeb" Stuart, Lee's

cavalry commander (who had been away on a raid during the first two days of fighting) attacked Culp's Hill on the third day and was driven back by a 24-year-old Union officer named George Custer, who later was to become famous for his last stand in the West.

On Seminary Ridge that day, Lee organized a new attack. Figuring Meade would have his main force at the flanks, Lee ordered Gen. George E. Pickett to assail the Union's middle on Cemetery Ridge. Lee laid a bombardment that made the earth tremble to soften the Yankees for Pickett's charge.

In the afternoon, Pickett and his 15,000 went over the top of Seminary Ridge and moved into the shallow valley, marching proudly as if on parade, their banners tipped forward. Rank upon rank of men in gray, like a human sea, moved into the valley as the Federals went to work on them.

Federal cannon tore huge holes in Pickett's lines. As the Confederates reached the valley bottom, Federals spewed canister into them, knocking them down by hundreds. But on they came.

As the Confederates came up Cemetery Ridge, Federals opened with musketry, knocking down still more hundreds, but still they came. The slaughter went on until a handful of Confederates broke the Union line to be killed or captured.

Then the attack, and Lee's campaign, fell apart at the seams. As Pickett's men streamed backward in retreat, leaving 5,000 of their fellows dead or injured on the field, Lee came forward. "It's all my fault," he said.

Next day, the Fourth of July, Lee's army started back toward Virginia. The battle had cost 43,000 casualties—8,000 of them killed outright and many more suffering fatal injuries.

Farmers' Market May Be Established in Pendleton

Representatives of the State Department of Agriculture were in Pendleton County last week studying the possibility of establishing a Farmers' Market in this area.

Representative Gus R. Douglas told the group of approximately 25 persons in attendance that the state department has set up Farmers' Markets in various areas of the state and that they have grown into sizable institutions that are making important contributions to the state's economy.

"The purpose of the Farmers' Markets," Douglas said, "is to help the farmer sell his produce at a fair price."

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Smith Creek/Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

A new month is starting on Saturday. Can a person believe that half of the year is gone by. Christmas will be here in less than six months.

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

Prayer thought: "Jesus, you deserve all praise for the work you did on this earth. May my life and words give you that praise every day."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for June 19 through June 25, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: June 19 - 81°, 51°, .24" (75°, 44°); June 20 - 70°, 60°, .91" (78°, 58°); June 21 - 62°, 52°, 1.03" (88°, 57°); June 22 - 60°, 59°, 1.02" (87°, 61°); June 23 - 77°, 51°, .16" (83°, 60°, .02°); June 24 - 79°, 60°, .01" (86°, 53°) and June 25 - 82°, 61°, .25" (85°, 59°).

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Show Appreciation for True Meaning of Independence Day

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Freedom and patriotism are conditions of the human spirit. They cannot be mandated, imposed upon by others or legislated. Neither can they be given as gifts.

The United States enjoys a wonderful democracy that was not born with the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution but in the hearts of women and men who demanded and expected better from their government.

Democracy is a fabric woven of threads of determination, courage and sacrifice by those who helped create it, and then over the course of time, protected it sometimes with their lives. Is patriotism a thing of the past as a person sees the country in turmoil? Insidious forces tear at the fabric of unity and undermine the very foundation that this country was built upon.

So many of the freedoms are oftentimes taken for granted. There was a great price taken for one's freedom to move about as one pleases, roam the hills and woods, worship God as one's conscience dictates, and to also enjoy the freedom of speech and press. Opportunities to picnic, set off fireworks, celebrate and enjoy family outings abound for one and all.

Teetering on the brink of America's birthday, that annual celebration for one's freedom and liberty is still there. As a people, everyone needs to remember that Independence Day is more than fireworks and fun. The Founding Fathers knew how to count the price.

The writer wishes all her readers a "Happy and Safe Fourth of July."

Life's instructions for the Fourth of July include the following:

1. Never interrupt when one is being flattered.
2. Talk slow but think quick.
3. Open one's arms to change, but don't let go of one's values.
4. Judge success by what one had to give up in order to get it.
5. Mind one's own business.

The fickle weather brought the community some refreshing showers. The water table was replenished after 3 to 4 inches of rain fell. It created a miraculous change in the scenery welfare.

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

- John Hancock was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence.
- The Liberty Bell rings 13 times every 4th of July to honor the 13 original states.
- Three presidents died on July 4 — John Adams, Thomas Jefferson (both in 1826) and James Monroe.
- Calvin Coolidge was the only president born on July 4.
- The first public event of Fourth of July at the White House occurred in 1800 when Thomas Jefferson was president.

Sitting on the front porch is where one can hear the "Talk of the Grove."

The Mitchell reunion participants could recall 1913 as being the first reunion. They all met once again Sunday at the Sugar Grove VFW pavilion, where fellowship, good food, and games took place.



Benjamin Mitchell's children at their first reunion in 1913, were, from left, Mary Etta Mitchell, Jake, Sam, William Mushime "Muss," Estella "Telly" Sinnett, Matt Puffenbarger, Jenny Propst and Harvey.

Leslie and Ava Bowers, Tammy and Laura George, and Reshella and Hudson Leary had a great vacation in Marathon, Florida. They visited the Dolphin Research Center and Animal Encounters and spent a day sightseeing in Key West, Florida.

Joe Anderson took his parents, Charles and "Pidge" Saturday to Applebee's in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for their 54th anniversary. Congratulations!

Wyatt and Julia Homan took Virgil Homan, Jr. and his dog, Patches, Sunday afternoon to Storybook Trail near New Market, Virginia. The views of Luray, Virginia, and the surrounding valley were gorgeous from the overlook at the end of a short trail, that was easily accessible for Virgil in his wheelchair. Afterward, they all enjoyed ice cream at Pack's.

Enjoying a visit at Rosalee Grogg's home were Marleta Wimer, Terrie Grogg and Claude Castleberry.

Motoring to Bath, New York, this past weekend were Terry Harper, Janet Judy, Judy Costello, Geneva Mongold and Evelyn Varner. Their purpose was to visit with Evelyn's brother, Ona Smith, and family. They stayed with Ona's daughter, Dawn Smith, at Corning, New York, Sunday evening on their return trip home.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"This nation will remain the land of the free only as long as it is the home of the brave." — Elmer Davis

"Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all! By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall." — John Dickinson

"America is another name for opportunity." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Laughter is America's most important export." — Walt Disney

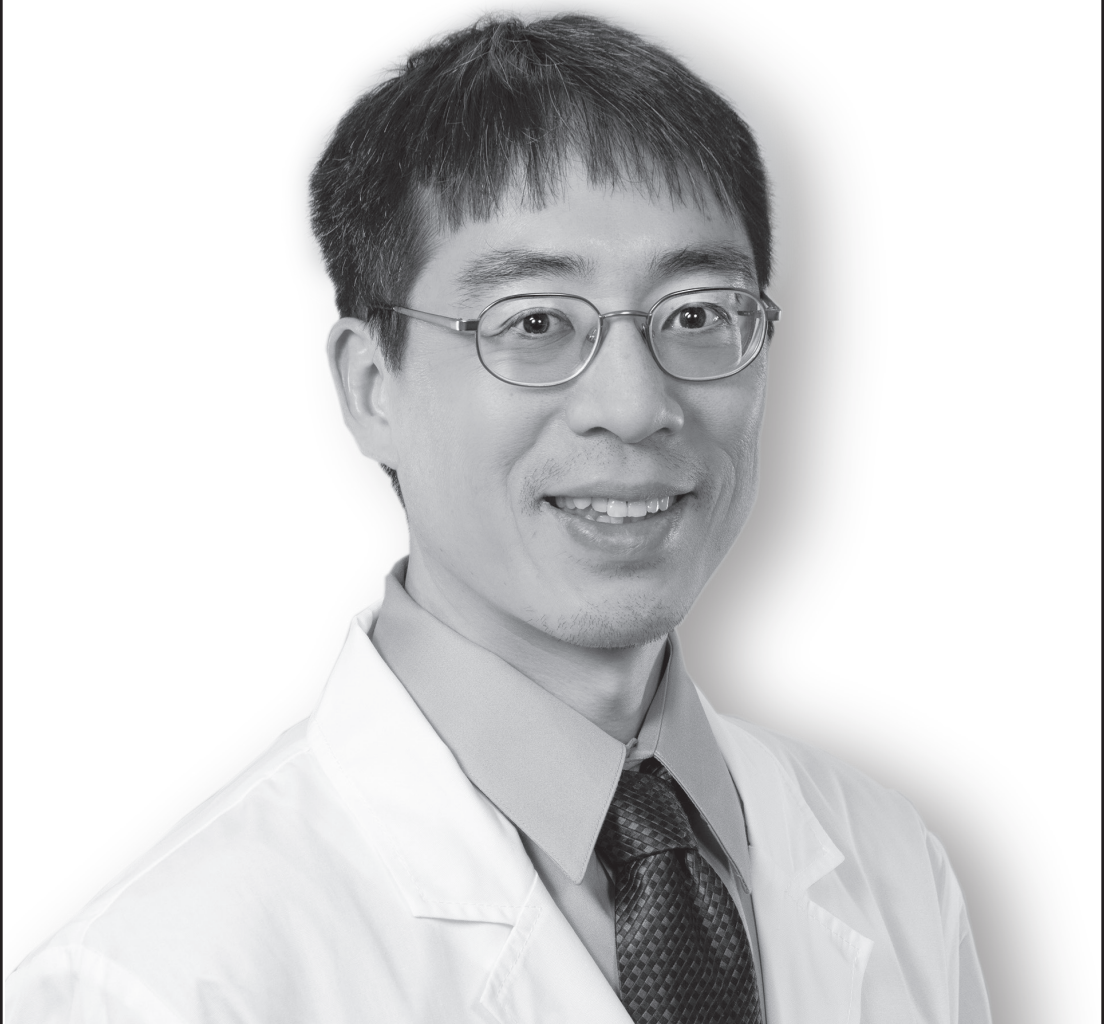
"Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." — John F.

Kennedy

July birthdays include the following: Dale Kile and Jordan Hevener first; Elaine Rexrode, James Ryan and Terry Harper, fourth; Jimmy Rexrode, sixth; Gary Pitsenbarger, eighth; Patricia Rexrode and Kathy Kile, ninth; Olin Hoover, Blair Mitchell, Terry Lambert, and Jerry Lambert, 12th; Bruce Smith, 13th; Delores Simmons, 14th; and Gary Harman and Janet Judy, 15th.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, Marie Cole, Jed Conrad, Jeff Craig, the Jack Eye family, 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, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Barbara Parker, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Harley Propst, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, 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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Summer Competition Opportunities Pivotal for Better Individual and Team Play, Says Pendleton County Coach

By Stephen Smoot

The 2023 baseball season is in the books, but Pendleton County head coach Sam Yokum's thinking remains focused on both how to help his players to reach the next level and his Wildcats' efforts to claw back into the elite of West Virginia single A.

This month, graduating standout Clayton Kisamore took two opportunities to demonstrate his prowess and leadership to college teams looking for a versatile and hard-working team member.

First, Kisamore competed in the North - South series, sponsored by the West Virginia Baseball Coaches Association. Teams bringing the best seniors from across the state played on the campus of George Washington High School in Charleston.

Playing in both games, Kisamore went one for three at the plate, earned two walks, and scored two runs. He pitched one inning, while also playing centerfield, second base, and first base. Yokum said, "It was a really good experience for him."

He added that "we've had players from Pendleton County to be nominated to play in the North - South game for 20 years," although COVID

interfered with playing of the game during the pandemic.

Kisamore also played in Coaches USA All Star Series played on the campus of James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The series includes both baseball and softball, drawing from the Shenandoah Valley and nearby areas.

In baseball, only one competitor, Kisamore, hailed from West Virginia. Two East Hardy players competed in softball. His "Mountain All Stars" squad prevailed 12 to 8 in the game. Kisamore walked and scored a run, playing centerfield, third base, and shortstop.

Yokum praised the organization holding the games in Harrisonburg. Players received a uniform to keep, as well as a T shirt and a cap. After the practices the previous day, all players and parents were fed dinner. None of the experience came at any cost to the players, not even the gear received.

As Kisamore competes to show off his skills and versatility to potential college coaches, Yokum also praised James Vincell who joined an American Legion team based in Keyser.

"You make yourself a player in the off-season," Yokum

explained.

American Legion ball provides an off-season "big stage" opportunity where players learn "to fight through adversity." Yokum explained that "there's nothing like that game pressure. Playing in these leagues, as long as it's not overdone "makes you more competitive when the season rolls around."

He expects that added game experience "will help James." The coach said that in the 2023 season, the team "made huge strides from the year before. On a given night, we can play with anyone." Experience also breeds the kind of mental toughness that can help individuals and the team to limit mistakes and maintain focus regardless.

Yokum, who has coached various sports a total of four decades, mused that "I wasn't satisfied with this year, but it's as enjoyable a year as I've ever had."

He explained by saying that, "Clayton had a very good high school career and it has been a real pleasure working with the seniors and parents this year. The parents were loyal and the players were too."

Yokum concluded with, "as long as I feel like I can lead kids, I'll keep going."



Clayton Kisamore and parents, Kevin and Wendy, enjoy added opportunities for him to compete on the baseball diamond.

Spring Turkey Harvest Is Largest Since 2018

According to preliminary data released by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, hunters in the Mountain State harvested 12,217 bearded turkeys during the spring gobbler season.

The harvest is 30.4 percent above last year's harvest of 9,366 birds, 12.6 percent above the five-year average of 10,850 birds and 14.6 percent above the 10-year average of 10,661. It is also the largest harvest since 2018, when 12,287 birds were taken.

"The increased harvest is a testament to the dedicated efforts of our hunters and the successful management of our turkey populations and we're thrilled to see such encouraging harvest numbers for the spring gobbler season in West Virginia," said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director.

"It's especially exciting to note that this year's harvest surpasses both the five-year and 10-year averages, indicating a positive trend in the turkey population. The WVDNR remains committed to maintaining sustainable wildlife management practices to ensure the long-term health and abundance of turkeys in our state."

Harvest increases were reported in every WVDNR District except District 4, which had a slight decrease. Hunters in District 1 (Barbour, Brooke, Hancock, Harrison,

Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Taylor, Tucker and Webster counties) harvested the most birds (2,563), followed by District 6 (Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt and Wood counties) with 2,206, District 5 (Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne counties) with 2,148, District 4 (Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming counties) with 1,871, District 2 (Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan and Pendleton) with 1,766 and District 3 (Braxton, Clay, Lewis, Nicolas, Pocahontas, Randolph, Upshur and Webster counties) 1,663.

The top five counties with the highest turkey harvests were Mason (559), Jackson (416), Preston (390), Harrison (357) and Hampshire (347).

Pendleton County hunters harvested 185 turkeys during the season compared to 126 last year.

Harvests in neighboring counties were as follows: Grant - 207; Hardy - 267; Pocahontas - 193; and Randolph - 261.

"I want to congratulate all of our successful hunters who helped make this year's spring gobbler harvest the best it's been in five

years," said James Bailey, West Virginia Department of Commerce secretary. "Our state's hunting seasons play a vital role in bolstering our economy and supporting local businesses and communities. Together, we will continue to foster a thriving outdoor industry that sustains our natural resources while providing memorable experiences for residents and visitors alike."

During the spring 2023 season, youth hunters harvested 781 turkeys, 490 of which were taken on Saturday and 291 on Sunday. This was the fourth year the youth season has been two days. The youth harvest made up approximately 6.4 percent of the season's total harvest and is included with county totals.

West Virginia experienced a similar increase in turkey harvests during the fall 2022 season, during which hunters brought in almost 46 percent more birds than the fall 2021 season. To learn more about hunting in West Virginia or to buy a hunting license, visit WVdnr.gov.

Applications Available for Antlerless Deer Hunts

Applications to hunt in 12 limited permit areas during the 2023 antlerless deer season are now available, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced. Applications for the lottery hunt are available at WWhunt.com. Hunters have until Aug. 11 to submit their application.

Limited permit areas provide antlerless deer hunting opportunities in counties or areas of the state where wildlife biologists have determined that issuing a limited number of antlerless deer permits will help the WVDNR meet its deer management objectives. The following wildlife management areas, state forests and counties are open for this drawing: Camp Creek State Forest, Greenbrier State Forest, Hillcrest WMA, national forest land in Pocahontas and Randolph counties, Boone County, Clay County (south portion), Greenbrier County (north portion), Kanawha County (north portion), Nicholas County, Raleigh County (east portion) and Webster County.

After Aug. 20, all applicants will be able to see whether they received a permit by logging

into their DNR account. Applicants who are selected will be notified by mail by the first week of October.

A limited number of Class N stamps for resident hunters and Class NN stamps for nonresident hunters will be available. Successful applicants may hunt antlerless deer on private and public land this year on the following dates: Oct. 26-29, Nov. 20-Dec. 3, Dec. 7-10 and Dec. 28-31.

Hunters who want to enter as a group must know the other hunters' DNR ID num-

bers to enter the lottery. Hunters also may call their local WVDNR district office for help with the application process.

To purchase a hunting license and stamps, visit WV-hunt.com.

For more information about antlerless deer season dates, bag limits and split county maps, hunters should consult the 2023-24 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

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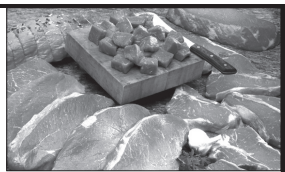
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Counterfeit \$100's

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specific "feel." Also, the composition of the paper does not allow for the marker test to work.

Other counterfeiters, who are more cagey and less greedy, counterfeit lower denominations, even \$5, banking on lower amounts drawing less scrutiny.

According to Cornell University's Division of Financial Services, United States paper currency, besides the \$1 and \$2, has a security thread running from top to bottom. "If you hold the bill to the light," the guidance manual reads, "you will see the printing on it." The accurate denomination will be printed on the security strip in some fashion.

Another way to accurately determine a bill's actual worth is to hold it up to a black light. The security strip glows different colors based on the denomination. On the \$5, the security strip glows blue, \$10 glows orange, \$20 glows green, the \$50 yellow, and \$100 pink.

Bills dated 1999 and after, except for the \$1 and \$2, contain a watermark embedded to the right of the visible portrait.

Experts advise to not rely solely on a counterfeit detection marker because it only indicates the wrong type of paper. Finally, the portrait's vest of the bill will contain subtle, yet distinctive ridges that a printer cannot recreate.

The same bills also have several additional security features that are difficult or too costly for counterfeiters to reproduce. The \$1 and \$2 do not carry the same security features because the low value is usually not worth the effort to counterfeit.

Riggleman shared that his department is examining "lots of video footage, but the investigation is still ongoing."

PVTA Major Grant

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changed almost with each presidential administration. During the Obama Administration, they carried the name TIGER Grant. The name changed to Build, and now RAISE.

According to information provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, "RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the state and local levels, including municipalities, tribal governments, counties and others, complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects."

It goes on to say that "the eligibility requirements of RAISE allow project sponsors to obtain funding for projects that are harder to support through other U.S. DOT grant programs."

PVTA engaged a firm known as AECOM with a branch based in Morgantown. AECOM performs infrastructure consulting and helped to prepare PVTA's effort in successfully obtaining the grant.

Earlier this month, AECOM assisted Chemours, which operates a chemical plant in Kanawha County, to commence establishing a green hydrogen facility in France.

AECOM worked with PVTA and state transportation officials to develop the vision and strategy behind the application. This helped PVTA to meet the merit criteria established for funding, ensuring that the project is both achievable and sustainable.

Pixler also described a true team effort to help to promote PVTA's vision. "Once the application was submitted, Senator Manchin's and Senator Capito's offices were very supportive and did a lot of behind the scenes to move the Grant along for us," he said, then added that "the support from all five counties PVTA serves, from elected officials to municipality and city commissions strengthen our application tremendously. Many thanks for all the support. This was truly a community wide effort within our five counties."

"The PVTA phase 1 grant was yet another win for our region," explained Laura Brown, executive director of the combined Pendleton and Grant County Economic Development Authority. She added that "with PVTA serving five counties in our region, including Grant and Pendleton, we see this as another success story for regional collaboration and it further drives how why working together is vital for a successful economic climate."

Brown described it as a "win-win for both."

In the merit criteria document, PVTA lays out why their organization and the region need this project. As transportation needs, and related mandates, create rapid change in the industry, PVTA must keep pace to continue serving customers.

Additionally, the document says "PVTA's efforts will pioneer the transition to clean energy for the Potomac Highlands region, and more widely, for rural transit providers, and West Virginia's entire transportation system."

One statistic should impress those looking at gas mileage. The merit criteria document states that where current vehicles average 25 miles per gallon, hydrogen vehicles travel 60 miles per kilogram. When converted into gallons, this gives the average passenger vehicle almost 230 miles per gallon of hydrogen fuel.

Hydrogen fuel works better in West Virginia than electric vehicles, or EVs. Electric vehicles cannot traverse mountains very well, nor do they perform at optimal levels in a typical West Virginia winter. PVTA tested the usability of EVs in recent years, proving their unsuitability for the region.

"This project is so important for our region as the infrastructure moves forward for the Hydrogen alternative," Pixler noted, then added that, "for rural public transit to be out front and ahead of the curve is imperative."

SKYWARN Class

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element. "We have some great remote observing platforms, but they all have weaknesses," Kredensor shared, adding that "reliable high quality surface observations, like those taken at airports, are widely scattered and thus it's easy for impactful weather events like thunderstorms to pass between them."

Additionally, satellites cannot show the internal structures of developing storms. Radar works best at shorter distances where the beam can reach the most vital parts of a storm cloud to evaluate. At longer distances, the beam goes to higher elevations relative to the curvature of the earth.

Where a radar station at Charleston can "see" the internal workings of a storm cloud a few thousand feet up, by the time the beam travels 120 miles (the distance to Clarksburg), it can only return information about activity 10,000 feet off the ground. This creates more problems in winter where conditions do not normally result in storm clouds rising to that elevation.

Trained SKYWARN spotters report what Kredensor calls "ground truth." No digital or mechanical device can equal the competence and capability of trained and focused human eyes and minds.

The National Weather Service welcomes reports from anyone, but "we tend to give a bit more weight" to those trained by the program. Meteorologists and other officials rely on spotter reports when, for example, they need to decide if a developing storm requires a special warning.

Reports after the fact also have strong influence over NWS decisions. "We use them internally to gauge how well we are doing," Kredensor said, also stating that "the reports can be used in writing storm data summaries that then become part of the 'official' climate record of the United States."

Additionally, FEMA, insurance companies, and others cite these reports to assess post event damage.

Gillespie adds that local emergency responses also rely heavily on the accurate information provided. He explains that SKYWARN "assists us by giving us trained eyes, providing real-time alerts and factual information. It allows us to respond in a more detailed, prepared way."

In one incarnation or another, the SKYWARN program dates back to the 1950s. The United States Weather Bureau, as NWS was once known, forged partnerships with amateur radio clubs to create a "weather net." Eventually the federal government invited any interested individual to participate.

SKYWARN training will take place between 6 and 8 p.m. on Sept 27 at the Pendleton County Board of Education office.

County Commission

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community building is fully operational."

Commissioners then approved a request to assign the name "Duncan Drive" to a currently unnamed thoroughfare in the airport area. They consented after confirming no opposition to the change.

Rick Gillespie, emergency services coordinator for Pendleton County, requested that the county commission consider funding the purchase of a drone. "I recently completed the Federal Aviation Administration course," he reported, and added that Bruce Minor, Franklin Town councilman and emergency responder, had also earned his certification.

Gillespie suggested that the county tap Title III funds, which reimburse local governments for spending on emergency response equipment that would be used at least in part on national forest lands.

The drone would offer upgraded equipment, such as night vision capabilities. Gillespie noted that "it's like having a multi-use helicopter hovering around and you don't have to wait for it."

The drone itself costs almost \$11,000, but also requires extra battery packs and monitors that elevate the cost to near \$15,000. "It's a tool of the modern age we need to take advantage of," Gillespie added, also stating that "this could save a lost child or a law enforcement officer's life."

Elise White, county clerk, responded, saying that the funds must be prorated somehow, since the equipment would only be used in the national forest part of the time. Hevenor proposed that the county pay for the drone, half with Title III and half with other funds to account for that.

White also discussed with the commission a new state policy to not take its share of property transfer tax funds. It now allows counties to put the increased revenues into funds allocated to shore up election infrastructure. Although other county clerk offices around the state saw their county commissions cut their budgets accordingly, the Pendleton commissioners assured White that would not happen here.

Letters to the Editor

The Silent Majority Will Not Remain Silent Much Longer

Editor, the Times:

A recent White House event featured disrobed people frolicking on its lawns, while our sacred American flag was displayed subordinately to the transgender flag — a breach of formal protocols.

Until a few years ago, the application of Title IX gave college women equal rights in sports. They enjoyed the same privileges as male athletes: scholarships, PR opportunities, and pathways to pro sports. But "progressive" administrators now allow under-performing male athletes to compete against women.

The most notorious example, Lia Thomas (formerly known as William Thomas), had been ranked as the nation's 462nd male swimmer. As a "woman," he instantly shot up to first place by smashing records set by real women.

If that were not enough, Thomas was allowed into the women's locker rooms. Accomplished women's swimmer Riley Gaines detailed the trauma she endured, "The NCAA forced me and my and my [fellow] female swimmers to share a locker room with Thomas, a 6'4", 22-year-old male, equipped with and exposing male genitalia." "We were forced to take off our swimsuits in front of a man" she continued.

Thomas robbed the dreams, accomplishments, dignity, and privacy of these women. Civilization itself requires that we guarantee safe spaces for anyone needing them — whether they be children, female athletes, or the disabled.

On June 24 at Elkins City Park, a drag-queen "story hour" for kids was held (as well as a witchcraft convention). Just three years ago, this would have been unthinkable. Sexualizing children in any circumstance is something we should abhor, but in Elkins, it can now occur in broad daylight.

The agenda of a craven or confused minority has invaded our backyard. It is no longer just about internet memes or rumors of what college professors teach. It has arrived.

Whether the issue is shielding the integrity of locker rooms, or shielding kids from grooming and moral relativism, it is time for decency and common sense to make a comeback. The silent majority must cease being silent and start taking a stand.

Delegate Elias Coop-Gonzalez

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Thanks and appreciation to Pastor Cindy Skinner and JD Wilkins for a lovely service.
We're grateful to Grant County Rehab and their hospice program for their excellent care and for the kindness of the friends and family who were able to visit Dot during her stay.
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Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan for Potomac Highlands Ready for Governor

By Stephen Smoot

At the last meeting of the Region 8 Planning and Economic Development Council, the assembled group approved an update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (or CEDS) to be sent to the Governor's desk. This nearly hundred-page document, accessible online, outlines economic development in the Potomac Highlands in the past, present, and future with an eye toward identifying and overcoming challenges.

The document contains vital information, including an inventory of regional assets and a strategic evaluation of economic development potential. For example, it details the growth of oil, coal, and natural gas extraction as slow compared to the remainder of the state. It also describes the growth of wind energy production in Grant and Mineral counties, but reports that "sponsors" have abandoned "a proposed project in Pendleton County that encountered substantial public resistance."

Also, the report examined housing. Of all the incorporated municipalities in the region, Franklin had the lowest percentage of housing constructed before 1939, approximately 21 percent. At a recent Region 8 meeting, members raised concerns that housing at all economic levels is currently in a shortage and cannot currently meet the needs of economic growth.

It should be noted that in recent years many of the older homes in Franklin have enjoyed modern restoration. This work not only has added good housing stock for the needs

of higher end owners, it has also highlighted architectural gems on Franklin's Main Street and elsewhere in town.

Additionally, the CEDS reports that the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority has invested strong effort into marketing "the county's unique assets," but does not include in its analysis the recent merger of Pendleton and Grant's economic development offices.

The strategic evaluation section outlines challenges and opportunities. It shares that "recent economic uncertainty has created broad concern for the future." The introduction, however, also states that "this concern is typical of recessionary times and reflects neither the Potomac Highlands' potential nor the challenges it faces in reaching this potential."

Region 8 identified three "economic clusters" that help to drive the regional and local economies. These include wood products, poultry products, and "defense related transportation equipment." From this group, wood production faces the most economic elasticity. That means that wood is more sensitive to rises and falls in national and global economic fortunes because it is used in products that people tend to purchase less of in hard times.

Although not included in the report, defense industries north of Keyser have seen stepped up hiring in recent years. The Russo-Ukraine War likely has helped to drive production of munitions and related products at Northrop Grumman's Rocket Center facility.

The report recommends that the region work on several challenges and obstacles to pave the way for growth in the region, especially in and near the larger municipalities of the

area. These include expanding broadband and less powerful, but still usable internet access, developing and improving highways, supporting entrepreneurship, "locating utilities to promote sound land use development," using cleaned up brownfield sites for development, adding enterprise park acreage, "adopting land use management tools," and adding education opportunities.

Action at the federal, state, and local level in the past year has given communities tools to work on these issues. Last month, Senators Manchin and Capito announced funding for the restoration of brownfields sites, which are former industrial areas that have significant soil contamination.

Additionally, the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority, with support of the Pendleton County Commission, the Pendleton County Board of Education, Pendleton County Library, Shentel, Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone, and other entities, has worked to expand broadband and internet access through participation in a number of programs.

Pendleton County has also worked to develop supporting infrastructure for aspiring small business owners, especially those involved in value added agriculture and tourism, particularly the adventure style.

The CEDS conclusion states that "addressing these issues will allow the Potomac Highlands to maximize the development potential of its economic growth clusters and centers by removing obstructions to growth while creating an atmosphere where entrepreneurs and individuals can succeed."

Mild Winter Depresses State Maple Production

By Stephen Smoot

Warmer than normal temperatures in the core months of last winter brought significant drops to production of maple, a crop that figures greatly in local value added agriculture planning.

"We always hope for the best conditions possible," wrote Kent Leonhardt, State Commissioner of Agriculture, "but sometimes Mother Nature doesn't cooperate."

Maple sap flows best when winter nights turn cold and daytime temperatures remain at least below 40, preferably below freezing. During last winter, daytime temperatures reached the 70s on several days in most of the state. They reached the 60s in the peak production mountain regions.

According to a report from West Virginia Public Broadcasting, maple production in 2023 "dried up in mid-February," but producers innovate to squeeze more sap from a less productive winter. When the La Nina weather phenomenon faded, March temperatures became more seasonal. Some producers re-tapped trees, something that they had never previously tried. This helped many to eke out a few more gallons of syrup.

Retail prices for syrup in

2022 hit more than \$58.00 per gallon.

State production dipped from 13,000 gallons in 2022 to 11,000 this year. Producers also tapped 69,000 trees, approximately 8,000 less than last year. Yield from sap even dropped. It took 64 gallons of sap to make one of finished product in 2023, up one gallon of sap from 2022.

Another issue that confounded lower elevation producers came with the flavor of the finished product. The blog of the West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers Association reported that "there were challenges with off-flavored syrup." The writer shared that "I produced a whopping 36 ounces of syrup, and it was all off flavor with metabolism."

According to The Maple News, metabolism affects final product taste and quality during warmer winter temperatures. "This can be present at any time during the sugaring season," the article stated, adding that "usually a change to colder temperatures reverses its effect on the finished syrup."

The Maple News also stated that reports of metabolism affecting flavor are mostly anecdotal at this point, with more research needed to determine the overall cause.

"A metabolism off-flavor robs the product of most of its maple flavor," however, and "the resulting flavor has been described as woody, peanut butter, or popcorn. An almost cardboard like flavor may be present. A chocolaty smell may be detected."

The West Virginia State Maple Syrup Association blog reported, however, that "I think the upper elevations did well, and hopefully everyone did well early on."

Oddly, though the average price per gallon dropped between 2021 and 2022, retail, wholesale, and bulk prices of maple all rose substantially. Reduced production of quality syrup in 2023 should push prices of finished product even higher if demand remains the same or rises. National maple production dropped 15 percent over 2022 totals.

Leonhardt remains bullish on West Virginia maple production and sales. He urged consumers to continue to avoid the "maple flavored corn syrup you find in big box stores." If buyers compare that to the real product, "I guarantee that you'll reach for pure West Virginia maple syrup every time."

Town of Franklin Discusses Grant and Funding Opportunities

By Stephen Smoot

Like most communities in the Potomac Highlands region, the Town of Franklin struggles to find means to fund critical services and maintenance projects. In last week's meeting, Rick Gillespie discussed with council the potential of federal, state, and other funding opportunities.

First, however, the council approved minutes from the May meeting. Then discussion turned to the 18-page financial report. The council accepted the report "as presented."

Next, the council heard from Gillespie on "water systems and fire system capabilities." He praised the council's efforts, saying that "you guys have done a bang up job considering the resources."

Gillespie came to the meeting "as a resident of the area and a resident of Entry Mountain" to "encourage you all" to find ways to access "billions of dollars in grant infrastructure opportunities."

While the federal and State of West Virginia governments issue grants to help communities every year, larger communities with more resources have a built in advantage. They can employ both grant "hunters," as well as grant writers who have experience in the process of finding and obtaining such

funds, as Bruce Minor, Franklin town councilman, explained.

Other local governments have the good fortune to have residents with grant experience willing to give time to help navigate the Byzantine methods of getting assistance.

Gillespie urged the town to "get aggressive" in their pursuit of additional grant opportunities, but repeatedly explained, "I'm not here to be critical. I know how hard it is. It's not easy."

Mayor Bob Horan responded, saying, "We respect you very much and we listen to you. We will make a concerted effort to go after some of this." The mayor added that it's essential for the town government and council to find expertise in the field that can help the town find and apply for funding.

Gillespie then shared that he had observed that some street lights had stopped working, then noted that the town loses money paying for power that does not get used. Minor replied with "we'll work on that because that's money down the drain."

Gillespie added that "I'm a firm believer in the 'broken windows' concept." This ideal, most often identified with the suc-

cessful New York City administration of Rudolph Giuliani, expresses that governments should focus on fixing even seemingly minor issues. Ignoring minor problems will often lead to a slippery slope in which decline becomes inevitable.

He finished with "I've taken more of your time than I deserve, and if I can help you, let me know. I know everybody's trying."

Minor then proposed that the county and town governments could save money through collaboration on issues of mutual interest.

The Town of Franklin is also gearing up for its third annual Summer Fun Fest in the Park. Elizabeth Scott shared that the celebration is a "board of parks sponsored event that has something that day for the entire family."

The Fun Fest always takes place on the third weekend in July. This year, it falls on July 15.

Scott stated that "we do need some help with the raffle table, bounce house, and working in the concession stand." Those who wish to volunteer, sponsor, or want more information can call Scott at 304-358-7525.

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Applications may be picked up at the Pendleton County Courthouse from Karen Pitsenbarger, County Administrator or requested by email at karenp@pencowv.com

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FHS Class of 1963 Holds 60th Reunion



The Franklin High School class of 1963 held its 60th class reunion on June 3 at the South Fork Ruritan Building in Oak Flat. The theme was Rock n' Roll. Those attending were, from left, front row, Judy Simmons, Sharon Moyers, Jane Kimble Huffman, Mary Grace Dahmer Vandevander, Jamie Cayton Thompson Dimarco and Alice Vint Hale; and back row, Herman Hevener, Larry Hedrick, Richard "Corky" Carson, Nathan Warner, Ronnie Gilkeson, Walter Alexander, Robert Howdyshell, Gene McConnell and Dwight Kimble.

Residents Warned Of Jury Duty Scam

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is warning consumers about a phone scam in which a person receives a call threatening arrest or other punishment for missing jury duty.

The Attorney General's Office received a report from the Administrative Office of the Courts for the West Virginia Judiciary regarding scam calls for the circuit courts in Putnam, Preston, Nicholas and Wood counties.

"These calls can be unnerving," Morrisey said. "No one wants to get tangled up in legal issues, however it's crucial to call local authorities when you receive such a call."

In those cases, the scammer would call consumers, claiming they have missed jury duty and payment needs to be made to avoid arrest.

"Scammers are constantly devising new schemes to scare consumers into giving them their money," Morrisey said. "If you get a suspicious call, even if it comes from a number that looks legitimate, don't feel pressured to act immediately. Pause and give our office a

call—it might save you from potentially being scammed."

Scammers have been known to pose as federal marshals and/or local law enforcement. They often attempt to boost their credibility by spoofing official phone numbers, stealing badge numbers and misrepresenting themselves as named police officers.

•Consumers can do a few things to avoid falling prey:

•Be wary of any demand for payment via prepaid card or wire transfer.

•Never share personal information without verifying the identity of the recipient.

•Don't trust a name or number just because it appears on caller ID.

•Be suspicious of off-hour phone calls and those from an unidentified number.

•Listen for inaccuracies as scammers may misrepresent a judge's title and/or indicate the court is located where none exists.

Residents who receive a call like this should call their local circuit clerk's office, sheriff's office and/or federal courthouse to verify if they missed a jury summons.

Anyone who believes they may have been affected by this scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808, or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

Ways To Protect Personal Information

By Tony Stutts, Social Security District Manager in Petersburg

Identity theft affects millions of people each year and can cause serious harm. Protect oneself by securing personal information, understanding the threat of identity theft, and exercising caution.

Here are 10 things a person can start doing now to protect one and others from identity theft:

1. Protect your Social Security number by keeping a Social Security card in a safe place at home. Don't carry it with one or provide the number unnecessarily.

2. Be careful when speaking with unknown callers. Scammers may mislead a person by using legitimate phone numbers or the real names of officials. If they threaten one or make a person feel uneasy, hang up.

3. Create strong, unique passwords so others can't easily access one's accounts. Use different passwords for different accounts so if a

hacker compromises one account, they can't access other accounts.

4. Never give one's personal or financial information in response to an unsolicited call or message, and never post it on social media.

5. Shred paper documents that contain personal information, like one's name, birth date, and Social Security number.

6. Protect a mobile device from unauthorized access by securing it with a PIN, adding a fingerprinting feature, or using facial recognition. A person can also add a password and adjust the time before the screen automatically locks.

7. Regularly check financial accounts for suspicious transactions.

8. Avoid internet threats by installing and maintaining strong anti-virus software on all devices—including a mobile device and personal computer. Use a virtual private network to stay safe on public Wi-Fi. Do not perform certain activities that

involve sensitive data, like online shopping and banking, on public Wi-Fi networks.

9. Protect oneself on social media by customizing the security settings and deleting accounts no longer used. Also, double-check suspicious messages from one's contacts, as hackers may create fake accounts of people one knows.

10. Never click on any link sent via unsolicited email or text message - type in the web address. Only provide information on secure websites.

Social Security encourages everyone to create their own personal my Social Security account to track one's earnings record. For more information, please read the publication, Protecting Personal Information, at oig.ssa.gov/files/21-540_Protecting_Personal_Information.pdf. Contact Social Security if a person sees suspicious work activity on one's record - one could be a victim of identity theft.

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