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## After Months of Work, Franklin Town Pool Opens

By Stephen Smoot

Although cold weather and other issues kept the pool from opening as planned, the first days that felt like summer saw kids diving and splashing as sunbathing parents looked on. The pool serves as a centerpiece for town sponsored recreation and a spot for kids to socialize safely.

Not every town in the area, however, has enjoyed enough good fortune to open a pool this year.

As Frank Wehrle, Franklin town administrator, explains, a successful pool operation starts with the right people, especially the recreational

director. Not only does this official oversee the pool, he or she also must take charge of park activities. This includes keeping the concession stands running during the spring baseball and softball seasons, among other important tasks.

"It's a frenetic pace," Wehrle said.

When first starting the planning process, Wehrle stated that "our priority was the pool, to get it open." Advertising for a new recreational director generated "quite a bit of interest." Candidates quickly learned, however, that "it's not easy."

The perfect candidate, said Wehrle, was self-motivated,

determined to see the park and the pool succeed, has a background in recreation, and has lifesaving experience to fill in for lifeguards. Another hiring obstacle lay in finding a person whose schedule fit the seasonal limitations of the job. Schoolteachers and other educational staff serve as the best pool of potential applicants.

"Literally the week before games started, we had a lifeguard from last year express interest," he said. Although underage, her mother and grandmother also joined the team to fulfill the legal requirement that she work with an adult.

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Warm weather finally greeted kids coming to the town pool last week.



Attendees who came by the May Fly Project received a quick course on how to tie flies while learning more about how it helps kids.

## US Forest Service Hosts 'Discover Nature' Event at Seneca Rocks

By Stephen Smoot

"We pack in a whole lot of nature in a short amount of time." So says Alison Bailey, the former assistant director of Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, who now works as a support service specialist for the United States Forest Service. She described the

"Discover Nature" event that entertained and educated countless children, parents, and even their canine friends.

Bailey explained the impact of "Discover Nature" on kids. "It literally gets them closer to nature," she stated, then added that "it's one thing to hear about snakes, but to see

them up close in a controlled and safe environment, you get an appreciation."

Smokey the Bear was on hand to help greet attendees to the event that featured numerous education booths operated by the US Forest Service, various State of West

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## Fertilizing Young Minds with Soil Conservation Education



Sam Urban from the West Virginia Conservation Agency explained soil dynamics at the Pendleton County Farmers Market.

By Stephen Smoot

Sam Urban, from the West Virginia Conservation Agency, has a dirty job.

And he travels around the state spreading a little of that everywhere he goes, often to the delight of kids, parents, teachers, and others. Last Saturday, he brought

the WVCA's soil tunnel education trailer to the Farmer's Market in Franklin to help educate on the importance of soil health.

Although one of the jobs of the WVCA lies in "managing and maintaining flood control dams across the state," the core of its mission lies in teaching the concept that

soil is a precious resource that can be lost through lack of care.

When the back of the trailer opens, it reveals a mock-up of what lies beneath the feet of farmers and their families. Urban explains that the point lies in showing "what it looks like to go" *Continued on Page 6*

## Community Calendar

### Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at the post home in Sugar Grove. New officers will be installed.

### Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 14 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

## Quilters To Meet Monday

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild members will gather for their annual picnic at 6 p.m. Monday at Ruddle Park. Attendees are asked to bring either a salad or dessert.

Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to attend.

## Food Handler's Classes Scheduled

The Pendleton County Health Department has scheduled food handler's classes. Classes will be held as follows:

Pendleton Community Building in /Franklin — 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. on June 21 or 5 p.m. on July 19.

Clinton Hedrick Community Building in Riverton — 5 p.m. on June 28 or 2 p.m. on July 6.

Zoom Class — 6 p.m. on June 15.

To schedule a class, call 304-358-7565.

## Partnership for Prevention Event Shows the Connections Between Drug Abuse, Stressors and Child Abuse

By Stephen Smoot

"Our biggest thing is to raise community awareness," said Toniue Dyer from the Partnership for Prevention. The organization held a child abuse awareness and prevention event last Saturday in Franklin Town Park.

The event included a free day at the pool, limited free food, and a pavilion filled with resources provided by agency representatives.

According to Psychology Today, as of last year one in five children grow up in a home where parents abuse drugs or alcohol. These children have a far greater likelihood of developing their own substance addictions, either modeling behaviors they see or escaping from their results.

More tragic, one in three of these children will see physical abuse, sexual abuse, or profound neglect.

"Early exposure to a home divided by drug use," according to the Addiction Center website, "can cause a child to feel emotionally and physically neglected and unsafe. As a result, they can become more mentally and emotionally unstable." All too many of these children turn to substances themselves to self-medicate through these problems.

The Partnership for Prevention seeks to intervene in the cycle before children experience the damage caused by dysfunction caused by drugs or other family stressors such as poverty, instability, and other issues.

For this purpose, the Town of Franklin granted use of the pool and surrounding grounds. Partnership for Prevention then brought together vital community resources that families could use.

Dyer and Brenda Witt manned the greeting table. Although they had a tent, the weather cooperated perfectly with the event. The expected scattered showers never came and temperatures remained pleasantly in the mid 80s.

"When you don't have a strong family base," Dyer said, "a lot of times the children suffer for it. Most of the agencies and resources at the event focused on family aid and resiliency."

One key challenge for low income working families lies in finding reliable and safe child care. Mountain Heart Community Services attacks the problem from both the supply and demand side. "We really need child care providers in this area," said Edna Mullenax, one of the event organizers.

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Eye.  
Surviving are two sons, Jack Eye, Jr. and Christopher Queen (Mallory); two brothers, Dennis R. Eye (Carmen) and Clinton Eye, all of Brandywine; and six grandchildren, Dominic, Skyler, Macy, Ava, Kylie, Jack, Ciara and Collin.

He was also preceded in death by two grandchildren.

In honoring Mr. Eye's wishes, his body has been cremated.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date, with inurnment of ashes at Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandywine.

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

## Jack Eldridge Eye

Jack Eldridge Eye, 67, of Brandywine passed away June 1, 2023, at Sentara RMH in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

He was born on July 1, 1955, in Newark, New Jersey, the son of the late Allen and Betty (Siner)

## Jason Charles Vaughn, 80

Jason Charles Vaughn, born May 11, 1943, in Phillipsburg, Kansas, passed away on May 12, 2023, at age 80 due to complications of esophageal cancer. He battled cancer two other times in his life and won, but sadly this time, he could not win the fight.

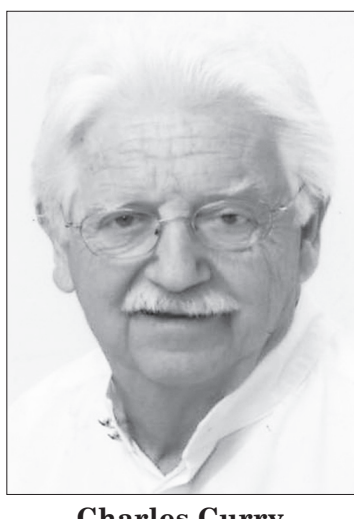
He was the son of the late Sarah M. and J. Aaron Vaughn and grew up in Athol, Kansas, with his three sisters (Mary, Lorena and Leota). He also spent much of his time on his uncle Clifford Reece's farm, doing the typical home and farm chores. He had good memories of learning how to drive a tractor and spending time with his uncle. He attended Athol Grade school in a two-room schoolhouse and graduated in 1961 from Smith Center High School. He always enjoyed school and was an avid reader and learner.

Mr. Vaughn attended Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, for a year, but realizing he would be drafted into the army, joined the U.S. Navy. He worked as a crypto technician and finished his career designing and install-

ing computer systems for the Navy. This was to be his career for the next 28 years, until his retirement in 1988 as a senior master chief – the highest level for enlisted sailors. He worked as a civilian doing consulting work on communications systems for the Navy for many more years until he completely retired from work.

He married in 1964 while stationed in England and was divorced in 1976. He had a daughter (Alicia) in 1969 and a son (Jason) in 1973. His military service took him all over the world (Vietnam, Iceland, England, Scotland, Spain, Germany, and other locations) and though he had to leave family, he kept in close contact with his kids. He always sent birthday and holiday cards, letters and gifts and phone calls. When he was stateside he would take his annual 30 days leave in the summers and have his children stay with him for the entire time. They have fond memories of road trips to Kansas and Colorado to see extended family and going camping and fishing.

Though he could be a reserved and private person, he had another side for close family and friends and enjoyed telling stories and jokes. He was an avid reader (westerns, science



## Charles Curry Pennybacker

Charles Curry Pennybacker, 86, of White Burch Estates in Harrisonburg, Virginia, passed away May 31, 2023, at Sentara RMH Medical Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

He was born March 29, 1937, to the late Winfield Scott and Treva Mae (Moyers) Pennybacker of Franklin.

Mr. Pennybacker worked several different jobs, but his most rewarding one was when he purchased The Thomas House Restaurant in Dayton, Virginia, which he successfully ran for 25 years. He made many friendships serving numerous meals of good homemade food. He was a

fiction), liked bird watching and living in his home in the mountains of West Virginia. He spent many years lovingly crafting his mountain home to his liking, including hand crafting the cedar staircase and wall paneling. He enjoyed his craftsmanship. He believed strongly in being a good neighbor, a good person and doing what was right. He passed this belief on to his children as well, not by telling, but by doing. The family would also like to thank all the people who were good neighbors and friends to him during his lifetime.

Surviving are two sisters, Lorena Parks of Dighton, Kansas, and Leota Marr of Commerce City, Colorado; his two children, Alicia (Bruce) Vaughn Cummings

very generous man to his family and friends.

Surviving are his brothers, William "Bill" Pennybacker and wife, Diana, and Carroll Pennybacker and wife, Jackie; nieces, Debbie Woolf, Robin (Sherwin) Garrett, Valerie (Brad) Rodgers and Heidi Green; nephews, Shawn Pennybacker and Matthew Pennybacker; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Propst.

A service celebrating his life was held Sunday at the Johnson Funeral and Cremation Service in Bridgewater, Virginia, with Pastor Gary Monroe officiating. Burial followed at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice, or do a good deed for someone.

The family would also like to thank White Birch Estates for the excellent, compassionate care given to him and to Johnson Funeral Service for their professional services.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.johnsonfs.com](http://www.johnsonfs.com).

of Dixon, California, and Jason (Jannika) R. Vaughn of Huntington Beach, California; three grandchildren whom he loved dearly, Sarah Cummings (18), Theodore Vaughn (3) and Emiliana Vaughn (8 months); and 13 nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Bader of Cawker City, Kansas.

The date of services is still to be determined with interment at Meyers Cemetery in Athol, Kansas.

For those who would like to remember him, please consider a donation in his name to these charities: The Disabled Veterans of America, American Cancer Society or charity of one's choice.

# PCM/HS Honor Roll Announced

Ali Judy, Pendleton County High School counselor, has released the following honor roll for the fourth-nine weeks grading period.

## Principal's Honor Roll (All A's)

Seventh grade — Jax Bennett, Sam Eason, Dylan Eye, Alaena Fertig, Lukas Halterman, Mason Harper, Katie Heavner, Katie Keyser, Chloe Kisamore, Phoebe Pownell, Lauren Sisson and Danielle Warner;

Eighth grade — Alex Adams, Zander Adams, Cole Harper and Ty Heavner;

Ninth grade — Madison Arbaugh, Mason DiFalco, Corbin Dove, Larissa Greathouse, Dakota Huffman, Cashton Kisamore, Gena Lambert, Orrin Merrick, Leah Nesselrodt, Chase Owens, Emily Poling, Vivian Pownell, Sadie Rowe and Carolyn Varner;

Tenth grade — Elizabeth Alt, Caleb Armentrout, Leah Bennett, Emma Hartman, Lydia Heavner, Ila Jones, Aubree Keiter, Jacob Mitchell, Titus Nulph, Addison Rexrode, Jenna Smith, Makayla Tingler, Avery Townsend, James Vincell and Zykijah Wright;

Eleventh grade — Kaylee Arbogast, Claire Cooney, Natalie Evick, Tanner Huffman, Myra Mitchell, Kacie Simon and Megan Smith; and

Twelfth grade — Alexandria Perry, Hannah Rexrode and Rowan Witt.

## Regular Honor Roll (B/3.0 Average)

Seventh grade — Bella Alt, Natalie Arbaugh, Ty Armentrout, Mattingly Beachler, Shayne Clutter, Susan George, Jordyn Gibson, Jasmine Hester, Aubriana Holloway, Kaden Kile, Candace McQuain, Alanna Miller, Marleigh Moyers, Travis Owens, Alessandra Piel, Benjamin Puffenbarger, Albert Ramos-Rivera, Allison Reuss, Colton Roberson, Jonah See, Cooper Smith, Alyssa Swain, Kaylee Teter, Lexy Tingler and Cameron Wyatt;

Eighth grade — Cayson Armstrong, Spencer Hartman, Callie Judy, Cain Nulph, Jessica Parker, Liam Simmons and Susan Vincell;

Ninth grade — Jestani Atkins, Breana Bowers, Landen Champ, Evelyn Ditch, Tildon Graham, Laikyn Hanna, Garrett Hartman, Kiera Heavener, Makinley Hedrick, Jaydon Hess, Braylin Hull, Ruby McClanahan, Kaitlyn McQuain, Jameigh Miller, Jaiden Mitts, Kammron Redman, Taylor Roberson, Lindsay Simmons, Madison Simmons, Jonas Turner, Ronald Vanmeter, Brynlynn Waggy, Henry Warner, Cheyanne Whetzel and Isabelle Zirkle;

Tenth grade — Sawyer Apple, Kinsley Armstrong, Baylee Beachler, Hannah Bennett, Kacy Bennett, Timothy Bogan, Breathy Bowers, Madisen Brooks, Jacob Buck, Abigail Engle, Michael Gill, Cortlyn Hartman, Benjamin Hartwell, Gabriel Harvey, Hannah Harvey, McKenna Hedrick, Ashton Hess, Josiah Kimble, Isabella Lockard, Paigelyn Long, Gracie Lough, Julia Mongold, Andrew Mowery, Jaida Reel, Nicholas Rhodes, Laney Sites-Woods, Johnnie Tidd and Lucas Vandevander;

Eleventh grade — Cameron Beachler, Kaylee Callison, Margaret Connor, Allie Cooper, Gabby DePue, Wyatt Franklin, Katelyn Hedrick, Nataley Hedrick, Kinley Hinkle, Riley Howard, Seneca Johnson, Ashlyn Judy, Bailee Kiger, Baylie Kirby, Emily Medzius, Colton Pennington, Hanna Pennington, Dillon Poling, Ashley Reuss, Dillon Smith, Dusty Smith, Marcus Smith, Ally Vance, Abigail Vanmeter and Breanna Wolfe; and

Twelfth grade — Riley Apple, Glenna Burns, Jakob Campbell, Ryleigh Cook, Emma Daughtry, Blake Harris, Selena Hedrick, Kamron Kirk, Clayton Kisamore, Landan Mason, Reagan McConnell, Braden McCoy, Camden Miller, Lilly Phillips, Lukas Redman, Jordan Reed, Ayden Roberts, Adam Ruddle, Alex Ruddle, James Ruddle, Serenity Simms, Lindsey Smith, Joclyne Souza, Kaleb Steinbrecher and Ariana Young.

## Many Thanks from the Judy Family

The family of Harlan Judy wishes to extend our many thanks and deep appreciation for all the acts of kindness and help during the loss of our loved one—Husband, Father and Grandfather.

Thanks for the flowers and other memorable items, the cards, visits, phone calls and prayers.

Many thanks to all of those who helped and prepared food. Thanks to Pastor Theodore and Janet Bennett for all their prayers and visits in the nursing home and the beautiful service and music.

Thanks to the nursing home for their help, kindness and care.

Thanks to Jeremy Marple, Eber Dale Sponaugle and Danny Warner for help digging the grave, to the pallbearers and Kimble Funeral Home.

We also thank God for all our blessings, and may He bless all of you.

Amanda, Marilyn and Chuck, Wesley, Katherine and Dan and Kristen

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# The Story Behind the State of West Virginia's Recognition of Juneteenth as a Holiday

By Stephen Smoot

Since 1863, West Virginians have celebrated June 20 as independence day for the state and its people. West Virginia broke free of a Commonwealth of Virginia government that spent decades prioritizing the Tidewater and Piedmont over the mountains, valleys, and hills. Since 1863, the Mountain State has plotted its own course, often maligned, stolen from, held back, and even ridiculed.

Now, West Virginians will have an opportunity to celebrate another independence day one day prior to the state's own. The holiday of "Juneteenth," a combination of the words "June" and "nineteenth," dates back almost as far back as West Virginia's own.

On that day in the year of 1865, 2,000 Union soldiers landed at Galveston Bay. They came three months after the burning of the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, and two after Robert E. Lee renounced his country's struggle and signed Ulysses S. Grant's terms of surrender.

One can imagine the war weary soldiers suffering in their deep blue woolen uniforms, deployed to an unfamiliar and harsh environment, well after the rest of the country had celebrated the end of the conflict. That said, they came to accomplish a historic mission.

General Gordon Granger and his troops brought a powerful message, written up in General Order Number Three. This document, for the descendants of freed slaves, serves a similar purpose as the Declaration of Independence in that it establishes both the condition of freedom while also referencing the hopes and dreams of the liberated.

It read, in part, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

The order also carried a message whose meaning faded in the succeeding years, that "this involves an absolute equality of rights, and rights of property between former master and slave."

No slaves received immediate freedom directly from President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, issued almost two years prior. It was a war measure designed to excite rebellion and impress foreign governments, worded to free slaves in Confederate, not Union, controlled areas.

June 1866 saw the freed slaves gather to celebrate the day that they achieved independence from bondage. Over the years, the idea of celebration grew. Black churches across Texas, then the country, served



Jill Upson, head of the Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs, has worked to raise awareness of the traditions of Juneteenth.

as hubs of celebration.

The holiday served as "an occasion for gathering lost family members, measuring progress against freedom, and inculcating rising generations with the values of self-improvement and racial uplift," said Potomac Highlands native and Harvard professor Henry Louis "Skip" Gates, Jr. in a CNBC interview.

He later shared with CBS News that "one of the reasons that I think Juneteenth stuck is that we're all charmed by the poetic brilliance of the name 'Juneteenth.' What better name for June 19 could there possibly be? It's great. It's fetching, you know? It's catchy."

Former slaves and blacks who lived outside of bondage in the South moved north during the Industrial Revolution. They found manufacturing and food processing jobs in growing cities like Detroit and Chicago. Others followed advertisements beckoning them to come to the "Free State of McDowell," the nickname of the West Virginia county where those who had known bondage and oppression could find both work and the right to vote.

Wherever they came from and wherever they went,

they took the ideals of Juneteenth with them.

Last month, in recognition of the tradition, Governor Jim Justice declared Juneteenth a state holiday, ordering that the date "shall be treated as if it were an official holiday, and the public employees of this state may be excused from their work duties on that day without charge against accrued annual leave." It does not apply to the private and non profit sector, nor "public employees who may be called upon to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare" of the state and its people.

Jill Upson, former Republican member of the House of Delegates and Justice's selection to head the State's Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs, shared that "Governor Justice's recognition of the day that freedom finally became available to all Americans demonstrates his advocacy for black history and culture."

She added that Governor Justice has strongly supported her work at the HHOMA and that his recognition of the holiday "speaks to his appreciation and understanding of the various backgrounds and cultures that knit together our beautiful West Virginia family."



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**10 Years Ago**  
**Week of June 6, 2013**

## Manchin, Dept. of Defense Brass Visit Navy Base

by Joan Ashley

Sen. Joe Manchin “not speaking for anyone else,” considers the Sugar Grove Navy Base a wonderful site for a “wounded warrior” or military rehabilitation facility.

“It’s my personal evaluation this unbelievably beautiful site would provide great value as a transition base for those wounded in service to their country in their progression back into private life,” Manchin told high level military personnel and local political business leaders who toured the base Friday to discuss efforts at finding a new tenant for the facility.

“Hopefully we can keep it open, if not, it will close Oct. 15, 2015, but that’s not our intention, and we don’t want to let it happen if we can help it.

The base, manned by 192 active duty personnel, employs 122 civilians.

The 51 Navy-connected students at Brandywine Elementary School, the closest to the base, total 38.64 percent of that student body. Throughout the school system, 10.06 percent of the students have parents employed at the base.

**20 Years Ago**  
**Week of May 29, 2003**

## Tips Listed To Reduce Stress

How often does one intend to do something but ends up putting it off another day, or indefinitely? If procrastinating is a routine practice, it’s a pattern that can be changed, like any pattern or habit.

Cyndi Seidler, author, columnist and organizing expert, suggests that procrastination is the primary cause leading to stress. She offers six tips in getting things done:

1. Make a list of all the activities one is currently putting off that one strongly wants to complete. Prioritize these and write a deadline date next to them. Mark the calendar with these deadlines, and incorporate the “due” tasks into one’s daily to-do-list. Make the decision to do the task that day.

2. Structure the day to get small tasks done and out of the way quickly. Control one’s activities using a routine agenda. Be flexible, but be firm in one’s commitment to carrying out scheduled activities.

3. Set clear goals of what one wants to achieve. Make one’s action plans align with these goals, and focus on one commitment at a time.

4. Get organized, especially with finding ways to manage regular affairs such as bill paying, handling mail, returning calls, and so on.

5. Make decisions to keep reasonably active on one’s goals. Do this by identifying

the purpose for the activity and establishing a good estimate for accomplishing them.

6. Identify procrastinating patterns and examine them. Imagine going through the steps to doing something, particularly the things one has put off. This productive stimulation helps bring about change.

**Week of June 5, 2003**

## The Bear Facts — They’re Moving In

On May 24, Lester Harper, who lives up on the Thorn Creek Road, went to the hospital.

He got out three days later and returned home to find his house in an absolute state of disarray.

Food was strewn throughout the house and into the front yard. A TV stand was destroyed and so were a cabinet and refrigerator.

A recliner chair had been chewed up—by a bear that broke into his house through a window.

Local DNR officers advised Harper to find a safe haven in which to stay until the bear could be trapped, so Harper, after cleaning up the mess left behind by the bear, stayed in Franklin.

That same Saturday night, however, the bear came back and “did the same thing again,” as officer Greg Chambers put it.

The refrigerator had been hauled out of the house and temporarily, into the yard.

But the determined bear “drug it down the hill a few yards and chewed out the insulation,” said Chambers.

The culvert trap used by officer Chuck Waggy was “tied up,” Chambers said, and couldn’t be set and baited with doughnuts until Sunday afternoon.

On Monday afternoon, DNR officers found the offending animal in the trap, and they promptly removed it from the county.

Chambers said he and fellow officers are “pretty sure” they got the right bear since there have been no more incidents at Harper’s house.

“It’s a male bear, two- to three-years old, that 98 percent of the time gets into trouble,” said Chambers.

Chambers also reported that David Townsend, shot a 200-pound bear on the evening of May 18, when the animal was trying to break into his home through a glass door.

## West Virginia — An International Tourist Destination

by  
Governor Bob Wise

This week I announced some numbers that point to a trend that is becoming very clear. West Virginia is quickly becoming an international tourist destination with a reputation for hospitality, adventure and value.

The numbers stand out as a bright spot in the otherwise lean economic times we are

experiencing. In 2001, 22.3 million people visited West Virginia for leisure. Last year, 22.9 million travelers took their vacations in the Mountain State. As more people discover the treasures of our state and tell their friends and family, those numbers are sure to increase even more. As more people choose to visit West Virginia, they also are staying longer, enjoying a wider variety of activities on spending more money.

West Virginia has benefited from a recent increase in car travel and close-to-home vacations. Located within a day’s drive of most of the East Coast, our wonderful recreation and relaxation opportunities are almost as accessible to folks from Philadelphia or Charlotte as they are to those of us in Morgantown or Beckley. We have taken advantage of this proximity by focusing on highway travelers; our world-class Welcome Centers, which greeted a record 4.3 million guests last year, showcase the attractions, products and friendly people that visitors will find during their stay in our state.

We are working hard to give our guests even more than they expect. One might come to West Virginia expecting thrilling whitewater rafting, and our outfitters’ expeditions won’t disappoint. What might surprise the first-time visitor, however, is the opportunity to get out of the boat and enjoy an elegant meal at a world-class restaurant within a few hours, or to get up early the next day for a round of golf at one of the nation’s premier courses.

More people than ever before took their vacations here last year. This year, as we celebrate such varied milestones as the 25th anniversary of New River Gorge State Park and the 70th year of Wheeling radio station WWVA’s Jamboree USA, we will again greet old friends with new adventures and new ones with a warmth that will compel them to return year after year. West Virginia is one of America’s best-kept secrets and the word is spreading.

**30 Years Ago**  
**Week of June 3, 1993**

## SUGAR GROVE

### Flags Mark Soldiers’ Graves At Sugar Grove

Flags fluttered in the breeze at the Sugar Grove Cemetery this Memorial weekend. The VFW placed a flag by each courageous soldier’s gravesite. Many memories linger for those who fought for our freedom. Gertrude Mitchell recalls tales of the Civil War era at the Mitchell mill. A number of Yankee soldiers arrived at the Mitchell household early one morning. They aroused Mrs. Benjamin Mitchell from bed and ordered her to make a breakfast of pancakes in her linsey petticoat — she

was not allowed to even dress! The Union camp was across the river, along the late Jake Mitchell farm bottom. The soldiers would take fence rails to keep fire at the camp. Gertrude recounts how the Mitchells and Puffenbargers held their sympathies with the south while the Wilfongs had theirs with the north. Her grandfather Wilfong was cook for the camp. One evening, he decided to fix rice for the soldiers. In time, the iron kettle overflowed with rice.

**60 Years Ago**  
**Week of June 13, 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.**

### Lee Enters Maryland; Vicksburg in Agony

The Civil War raged on two fronts 100 years ago this week, moving swiftly toward what would become the war’s turning point: the battle of Gettysburg in the East and the simultaneous fall of Vicksburg in the West.

In Virginia, General Robert E. Lee’s army of 80,000 swept rapidly northwestward, heading for a fateful invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Lee’s men outdistanced their enemy, smashed into the Shenandoah Valley town of Winchester and captured it from the Federals and then moved on to the north.

But if the Confederates were happy over Lee’s successes, their happiness was stilled by the events in Mississippi. There, Federal General Ulysses S. Grant tightened his grip around the trapped Confederate city of Vicksburg until his trenches were at places within 100 yards of the Confederate lines. Inside the city, Confederate General John Pemberton looked on in dismay as the city’s starving inhabitants began eating mules, then cats and finally rats to keep alive.

Lee’s movements met success at every turn as his army stretched itself out through the Virginia farmland toward Maryland. On June 9, Lee’s opponent, “Fighting Joe” Hooker, sent a band of cavalymen across the Rappahannock River. They surprised Lee’s cavalry commander, “Jeb” Stuart, and caused a fierce skirmish at Brandy Station, but Stuart finally sent the Federals scurrying back across the river.

Next day, Richard Ewell, commanding one of Lee’s corps, moved swiftly through the Blue Ridge to the northwest, attacked Winchester on the 14th and thoroughly routed Federal Gen. Robert Milroy, capturing both troops and the town. Next

day, his men moved on to Martinsburg, W.Va., and began splashing across the Potomac into Maryland.

Hooker, meanwhile, began moving northwestward too, trying to stay between Lee’s army and Washington. He received a typically humorous instruction from President Lincoln: “If the head of Lee’s army is at Martinsburg and the tail of it on the plank road between Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, the animal must be very slim somewhere. Could you not break him?”

No, Hooker had to admit, he could not without running too great a risk. Instead, he slipped northwestward toward a town called Gettysburg.

At Vicksburg, the war was misery. Federal shells rained on the city day and night, and women and children moved into caves for their protection. Water, as well as food, was in short supply.

Outside the city, Confederate troops manned their defenses under a burning sun, living in dug-outs, continually ducking Federal shells, slowly losing strength simply for lack of food. Ammunition, too, was running out. The Federal siege inched closer to the city each day—so close that Federals and Confederates often spoke to each other across the lines at night.

The Vicksburg Confederates had only one hope: that Gen. Joseph E. Johnston dilly-dallied, and gradually those in Vicksburg began to realize that their last hope was dimming. The end for Vicksburg appeared near.

Next week: West Virginia Becomes a State.

**70 Years Ago**  
**Week of June 4, 1953**

## EDITORIAL — — —

News was received Monday from Nepal, a little country in the Himalayan mountains, that a British expedition had scaled Mt. Everest. Everest was the last great challenge to adventurers. Darkest Africa, the Arctic, Outer Mongolia—all had given up their secrets. Everest was the last great adventure. And now word comes from that remote region in Asia that the challenge has been answered.

Expeditions from many countries had attempted the assault on the peak. Many died in trying to scale her icy heights. George Mallory, a professor at Cambridge University in England, and perhaps the greatest mountain climber who ever lived, got to within 200 feet of the top and vanished into a cloud never to be seen again. A myth existed about the mountain that the peak was a sacred place and that those who attempted to reach the top would die.

Those who conquered this highest mountain in the world have gained immortality along with Byrd, Livingstone, Lindberg and the world’s greatest adventurers.

## Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Be careful when driving because four-legged friends, fawns and bear cubs, are coming out on the roads. The small ones don’t react as fast as their mommas.

Residents can burn 24/7 now but make sure the area being burned is in a safe place. Make sure one calls the 911 Center to let them know one is burning.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Shuky 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 and Sandra Vandevander; 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 and Sarah Thomas.

Prayer thought: “Beautiful Savior, I praise You for the gift of my salvation. Your love lasts forever and I love you for the blessing.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for May 29 through June 4, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: May 29 - 68°, 55°, .66” (83°, 54°); May 30 - 71°, 56°, .06” (86°, 57°); May 31 - 79°, 49° (89°, 58°); June 1 - 81°, 45° (88°, 55°); June 2 - 83°, 46° (82°, 58°, .03°); June 3 - 84°, 51°, .02” (76°, 57°) and June 4 - 64°, 52°, .05” (77°, 45°).

Total rainfall for May was 5.13”, compared to 8.49” in May of 2022.

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# No Transportation Was Available For South Fork HS Students

**Sugar Grove**  
By Paula Mitchell

History records the high schools in Pendleton County as being situated in the South Branch Valley at Franklin, with the other in North Fork at Circleville. There was no high school in the South Fork and since there was no transportation from Sugar Grove to Franklin, the students had a choice when they completed eighth grade and wanted to continue on to high school. They could attend the Franklin High School and pay for room and board by living at Franklin, or they could attend a high school in Virginia. Practically all the students from the Sugar Grove community chose attending a high school in Dayton, Virginia, or Bridgewater, Virginia. The latter was most often chosen by some parents who could not afford room and board.

Bridgewater High School was located in a beautiful farming area and some of the farmers gave room and board to students for their help. Some names mentioned who did this were Ralph and Elmer Waggy, as well as Gordon Todd. They would get up early in the mornings and with the help of milking machines, would milk about 40 cows. Then, they would get ready and walk, a mile or so, to school returning by way of the mile walk to milk the 40 cows. Following the washing of the milking machines, supper was eaten and then studying took place.

The former teacher, Leona Rexrode Mitchell, who taught at Brandywine School prior to her retirement, was a student whose parents were fortunate to be able to pay her room and board. Because of this, she was able to take extra classes in order to graduate in three years. Mr. Suter, her principal said to her, "I don't understand it. You boys and girls come over from West Virginia and some of you graduate in three years while others work on the farms in the early morning and in the evening and still you make better grades than most of our local students."

In time, transportation allowed the South Fork students to attend Franklin High School. Students were then able to stay at home and work on their own farms.

Life's daily instructions that mean a lot include the following:

1. Vacuum behind furniture.
2. Volunteer to help without being asked.
3. Clip a news story for a friend who'd be interested.
4. Wipe the kitchen sink every morning.
5. Pass along a book one loves.

Moisture in the nature of less than a shower fell Sunday morning. Monday morning was on the cool side.

The last full moon of spring or the first of summer is called the Strawberry Moon. This particular moon was named by the Native American Algonquian tribe as June is the time of great abundance of strawberries to mark its ripening.

Quotes for the week are as follows:  
"My mother shed her protective love down around me and without knowing why people sensed that I had value." — Maya Angelou

"Never explain - your friends do not need it and your enemies won't believe you anyway." — Elbert Hubbard  
"Joys come from simple and natural things: mists over meadows, sunlight on leaves, the path of the moon over water." — Sigurd F. Olson

"A friend is what the heart needs all the time." — Henry van Dyke

"Cheerfulness is the atmosphere in which all things thrive." — Jean Paul Richter

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

Emma Puffenbarger and the Pendleton County Minor softball team ended their season on Saturday. Everyone had a fun time learning "the ropes" of playing softball.

Phil Downs attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the VFW park. He also attended Jim and Sharon Puffenbarger's cookout where Austin and Carter Puffenbarger, Brian and Loretha Bland, Beth McNulty and son, Kyle, and friend, Tia, Tim and Danita Kiser, Tracy, Bobbie, Kinsley, and Connor Armstrong, K.D. Puffenbarger, and Bob Puffenbarger were all in attendance.

Thursday overnight guest of Phil Downs was Rose Smith of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.

Marleta and Junior Wimer, along with Terri Grogg and Claude Castleberry, were visitors of Rosalee Grogg. Congratulations to Willard and Judy Rader on their 63rd wedding anniversary.

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

- French perfume factories employ people with noses so sensitive, that some can distinguish at least 7,500 different odors.

- The doughnut hole was invented in 1846 by a sea captain, Hanson Gregory.

- Only three people in a hundred are naturally red-headed.

- Hair grows faster in the morning than any other time of the day.

- Natives of New Guinea sometimes wear ceremonial masks that are 19 feet high.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, the Debbie Beal family, 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, the Charles Pennybacker family, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Sheldon Propst, Steve Propst, K.D. Puffenbarger, 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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# Activities Set at Discovery Center

Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, in cooperation with Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association, announces its programs for the month of June at the Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater.

- June 10, 7:30 – 9 p.m. — Music with Evan Hill and Fred Stalnaker from the mountains of West Virginia who love the sound of their Martin guitars. Covering a variety of country artists from Willie Nelson to Tyler Childers, the chemistry they share on stage will leave the listener satisfied.

- June 17, 7:30 – 9 p.m. — Music with Jason Hall, a local artist from Beverly. He performs a soulful blend of Americana music, including classic country and rock, with a robust, rich voice reminiscent of Johnny Cash.

- June 24, 7:30 – 9 p.m. — Music with Dakota Karper (fiddle, banjo and vocalist) was born and raised in rural West Virginia where she grew up around traditional Appalachian music. She apprenticed under master fiddler/banjo player Joe Herrmann and renowned musicians like Amy Alvey and Rachel Eddy.

In case of inclement weather, programs will be moved to the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center.

Everyone is welcome to attend the programs. All programs are free of charge, and one does not need to be a guest of the campground to attend. All programs are subject to change or cancellation at any time.

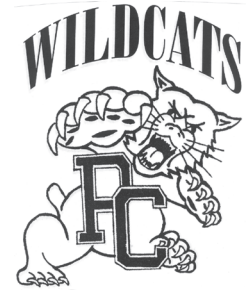
The Discovery Center is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday, closed Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information call 304-567-2827.

# County Students Named To Eastern's Honor Lists

Pendleton County residents achieved academic honors during the spring semester at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorfield.

Earning President's List honors, which requires completing 12 or more credit hours with a 4.0 grade point average, were Deanna Helmick, Victoria Hyndman and Micah Redman.

Dean's List recipients, earned for completing nine or more credit hours with at least a 3.5 grade point average, were Judith Bendel, Selena Hedrick and Lindsey Smith.



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Lettuce/Tomato  
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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**  
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Mashed Potatoes  
Spinach  
Melon

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15**  
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We also want to extend our gratitude to the Potomac Highlands Recreation Center for providing a safe place for the students. Thank you to Shirley, Robert and Paul for providing drinks and food for everyone all morning. Thank you, Charles, Jennifer, Ryleigh and Brenda Cook for all your help decorating, cleaning up and etc. Travis and Amanda Rader thank you for serving as chaperones for the night. A huge thank you to the parents for allowing your children to attend and to the students for making it such a fun and memorable night.

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# SKSRT Rewards Students for Perfect Attendance



Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone, Inc. awards students at North Fork Elementary School for their perfect attendance throughout each school year. Each child receives a certificate and \$25.00 from SKSRT. Students earning the award were, from left, McKenzie Vandevander (sixth grade) daughter of Eric and Jessica Vandevander, Brooklyn Vint (second grade) granddaughter of Norma Vint, Kayden Warner (sixth grade) son of Natasha Day, Kinley Bennett (fifth grade) daughter of the late Jeremy Propst and Sherri Bennett, Tommy Waybright (third grade) grandson of Norma Vint, Tori Heavner (fourth grade) daughter of Ben and Becky Heavner, Darek Greathouse (second grade) son of Clarence Martin & Lindsey Vandevander, Aaliyah Martin (third grade) daughter of Clarence Martin and Lindsey Vandevander, Caroline Vandevander (fourth grade) daughter of Eric and Jessica Vandevander and Jena Miller, general manager of SKSRT.

## McConnell, Witt, Wimer Named PCH/MS Students of the Month

Reagan McConnell, Rowan Witt and Brody Wimer have been named outstanding students of the month for May at Pendleton County High/Middle School.

McConnell, a senior, is the James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month. She enjoys hunting, fishing, and helping on the farm. She is a member of FFA and National Wild Turkey Federation. She earned her Greenhand Chapter Degree in FFA. She plans

to continue with agriculture but also pursue a degree in ultrasonography. She is the daughter of Davy McConnell and Kathy McConnell.

A senior, Witt is the May Academic Students of the Month. She is the daughter of Joshua Witt and lives with her grandparents, Michael and Brenda Witt. She is the valedictorian of the class of 2023 and is on the A Honor Roll. She enjoys reading, cooking, walking and hiking.

She is a member of Upward Bound, National Honor Society and the PCHS soccer team. She plans to attend West Virginia University to become a geologist.

The Pendleton County Middle School Student of the Month is Brody Wimer. His parents are Joy and Mike Bennett. He enjoys fishing and hunting when he is not at school. In the future, he plans on joining the Army.



PCH/MS May students of the month are, from left, Rowan Witt, Brody Wimer and Reagan McConnell.

## BES Students Earn Academic Honor

Ryan Lambert, principal at Brandywine Elementary School has released the honor roll for the fourth nine-weeks grading period.

**Principal's Honor Roll**  
First grade — Cailee Armstrong, Hunter Bowers, Carson Mitchell and Bethany Teagarden;

Second grade — Adalynn Brown, Thomas Connor, Grayson Gilbert, Vianca Henderson, Kendalynn Hoover-Bartley, Aubrey Pitsenbarger and Elizabeth Wheeler;

Third grade — Harley Bowers, Michelina Browder, Harper Marsh, Macie Mitchell, Corina Simmons and Addison Williams;

Fourth grade — Logan Bowers and Owen Champ;

Fifth grade — Antho-

ny Bowman and Cayden Hensley; and

Sixth grade — Ava Bowers, Laney Bowers, Kinley Price and Carolina Kimble.

**A-B Honor Roll**  
First grade — Lucas Hanna, Faith Hough-Lachica, Fletcher Puffenbarger, Vencen Rawson and Chloe Simmons;

Second grade — Logan Bowman, Piper Hanna and Bentley Schell;

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

Fourth grade — Kinsley Johnston, Austin Ruddle and Levi Wimer;

Fifth grade — Bailey Hough-Lachica, Emma Puffenbarger, Ellie Redchen and Aniayah Spencer; and

Sixth grade — Marley Champ, Yaslin Cruz, Anthony Henderson and Lauren Williams.

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## Girl Scouts Report on Activities

Tanya Wright from WIC was the guest speaker at the Girl Scout meeting on April 19. She spoke to the girls about general nutrition and making healthy choices for snacks. Healthy snacks were made and shared.

On April 23, the girls volunteered to clean the flower beds at the Brandywine Elementary School. The girls also learned about Earth Day where they discussed taking care of the world and keeping it bright and beautiful for everyone. They made bird feeder and planted veggie seeds for an ongoing project. The meeting ended with the girls enjoying yummy milk shakes made with Adventureful Girl Scout cookies.

Several people and businesses, including Sum-

mit Community Bank, the Potomac Headwaters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Nancy Boyer-Rechin, contributed funds to help purchase new uniforms.

Several businesses and individuals donated cookies to send to active-duty service members and the fire departments that were keeping the brush fire under control. Those donating cookies included Yokum's Store, Bowmans Hardware, Potomac Hardware, Tiny Tots Day Care, Bowers Used Auto Sale, Franklin Florist, Lisa Herrit-Faust and other friends of the Girl Scout Troop.

All the special guests, volunteers, and donors make it possible to provide the best

experience possible for the girls.

There is an adventure-filled summer planned, and it is hoped that more girls will join in on the fun. The next meeting will be held from 6 – 7:30 p.m. May 31 at Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin.

If a child is interested in registering to become a girl scout, the spring registration is underway. A discounted registration fee will be available until May 31. A troop for the girls in the Seneca area is going to begin. For more information on registration or to be a volunteer in the Seneca Rocks troop, contact Rosa Propst, Cheryl McClanahan, Angel Bodkin, Jessica Hedrick, or Christina Kimble.

## Soil Conservation

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underground.”

The soil tunnel trailer emerged from the research and work of Aimee Figgatt with the WVCA. She spent years painstakingly carving models of plant and animal life that rely on the soil for sustenance and, sometimes, also helps to return nutrients to the ground.

Carvings reflect both the sight and texture of what a person could expect to experience if they walked into this underground world. Figgatt also placed explanations of each item to explain not only what they are, but also their role in preserving the soil.

While the display covers mostly “soil health,” it also educates on pollutants, water quality, and the soil ecosystem as a whole, especially the interconnected nature of the activities of plants, animals, and human beings.

The soil tunnel trailer frequents the Potomac High-

lands region, stopping recently at the Mineral County STEM festival and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Romney.

Urban shared that different students experience the trailer in different ways. Middle school students get excited about the visuals of creepy crawly worms, the feeling of “roots” that hang from the ceiling and brush the heads of taller individuals. He explained that the students at the Schools for the Deaf and Blind, which also include children with profound learning and physical disabilities, enjoy the tactile sensations from the precisely carved exhibits.

The main purpose behind the trailer lies in playing a part in keeping West Virginia's agriculture economy robust through protecting the two resources that farmers cannot do without, fertile soil and clean water. Urban said that it helps to “keep it

sustainable, keep the water clean, and keep the soil clean.”

Another aspect of the trailer's mission east of “the mountain” lies in promoting stream health in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Unlike every other state in the federally defined Chesapeake Bay Region, West Virginia focused on incentives and education to sell farmers on adopting best practices, rather than the punitive laws promoted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and adopted by other region states.

Now, through programs like the soil tunnel and help from non-profits like Trout Unlimited, West Virginia year after year meets or exceeds Chesapeake Bay mandates and guidelines for stream health and pollution reduction.

“It's a win-win when we implement these programs,” Urban said.



# Discover Nature' Event at Seneca Rocks

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Virginia agencies, and several non profits. His message of fire safety resonated loud and clear in a facility that lay close to one of April's wildfire sites.

Forest service staff manned a number of tables. Children were invited to make ornaments for the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, scheduled for a visitation to Upper Tract in November. Children got an opportunity to learn more about trees while using markers, crayons, pens, glue, and other art supplies to create their treasures.

Another table invited children of all ages to examine a fish tank and make wishes. Forest service staff and an AmeriCorps volunteer stood by to answer any questions and explain the connections between healthy fish and clear streams. The fish came from the nearby North Fork. Children could guess what type of fish or the total number.

The West Virginia Departments of Natural Resources and also Environmental Protection brought a number of opportunities to teach about how water shapes the environment, and how human activity can shape stream health.

For the most part, exhibitors used dynamic dioramas with moving parts and interactive features to hold the attention of children at their stations. The West Virginia Youth Environmental Program demonstrated first how pollution gets into streams, then the Chesapeake Bay and ocean. The demonstrator placed droplets of oil, glitter, and other objects that represent normal pollution on a representation of forests, rivers, towns, and the ocean.

The first attempt showed how stormwater can sweep pollutants into the ocean. Sponges were placed in strategic areas to represent rain gardens and other stormwater barriers. Children could then see the difference that even a small level of added infrastructure could make. The DNR exhibit demonstrated the power of water to carve out hollows and valleys while crafting the landforms found in the state.

Those who stopped at this booth also learned how improperly placed culverts can catch debris and cause flooding, while also preventing the downstream migration of game and other fish.

The fire and law enforcement team from the forest service includes the "Bark Ranger" program. Seneca Rocks Discovery Center always allows dogs to come into the facility, but this

program teaches dog owners how to be respectful of the trail, wildlife, and other patrons. Those who experience it can get a free collar or bandana.

They also discussed fire safety and prevention in the wilderness while demonstrating equipment.

At the edge of the field behind the Discovery Center, tables were manned by Future Generations University and Trout Unlimited. Representatives from FGU, who partnered with the Mission to Mars program, brought information on the moon's various landforms and how they were created. Their point in bringing the moon to Seneca Rocks lay in the idea that kids in elementary school today will likely have the opportunity to travel to the moon for work or pleasure in their lifetimes.

Trout Unlimited shared with attendees details about the May Fly Project. This program establishes a mentorship program where children get hooked on fly fishing. Mentors work with the kids to teach them fishing, share values, and model the right conduct when in the wilderness.

Becca Myers described her excitement at the impact of the project, saying "one of my favorite parts of my job is working with Pendleton County kids." She said that many have limited opportunities to get away from home and have adventures in the area.

The event helped considerably to bring visitors from outside Pendleton County to enjoy the fun. Jerry Utterback brought his family, including six children, from Wardensville. He said of the event, "it keeps them busy, lets them learn about nature, keeps them out of the city." Utterback shared that "if you give them something to do here, they won't go there."

Meanwhile, one could hear the delighted shouts of children in the auditorium watching a live bird demonstration, featuring owls and other fine feathered friends.

Those who missed out in 2023 need not worry, however. "This is an annual event," Bailey said, "We'll see you again next year!"

## Town Pool Opens

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According to town officials, one individual who did make it look easy was Robrietta "Frisky" Lambert. Lambert ran the pool in the 1970s until taking a job as a schoolteacher.

In 2010, Lambert came on as the recreational director. Wehrle explained that "she wrote the book on what to do," creating a set of processes and procedures that promoted effective and efficient management.

Some of the biggest challenges come from the human factor. A director must serve as the public relations face of the facility. "Patrons come in," Wehrle said, "a lot have memberships." A director must continually engage customers to "take the temperature of the public."

Additionally, expectations have continually risen. In the early days of public pools, many of which in the Potomac Highlands date back to a 1970s era government initiative, no one complained of cold water. Despite the 2006 installation of a heater by then Mayor Pam Waybright, even still, the weather must cooperate to produce comfortable water temperatures.

A director must also manage lifeguards and other staff, usually teenagers and also usually working their first official job. This requires special abilities and flexibilities.

Over and above hiring the right people, every year the pool opening offers challenges. Some "faced pretty much every year," include leaks and other normal maintenance issues.

While Franklin continues to enjoy use of the town pool, others are not so fortunate. Some towns, such as Keyser, that have struggled to keep their pool open, succeeded in doing so this year.

Others, such as Romney, could not. A post on the The Romney Community Pool Facebook page stated that "the numerous challenges that the pool facility faces means that we need to come up with a long-term plan for how to bring the pool back to life, keep it affordable for local residents, and make it financially sustainable." It then listed the financial and other issues that prevented the opening, but described plans to open and renovate in the future.

## Child Abuse

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Mountain Heart recruits qualified individuals who can pass a background check to undergo state mandated training to serve as an independent child care provider. They then refer parents with child care needs to them. Payment required for child care is charged on a sliding scale based on household finances.

Potomac Highlands Guild sent Raj Masih and his wife, Barbara, to spread the word about the importance of prevention. Masih is the lead coordinator with the West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy.

Masih shared that the state is developing a predictive system that analyzes drug activity and traffic as illicit substances move from out-of-state hubs into high demand areas of West Virginia. Masih said that the system provides "spike alerts" when overdoses on the most dangerous substances rise quickly and dramatically. Research shows that "spikes" follow the established traffic patterns of drug sales.

He explained that "child abuse is unfortunately part of the acknowledged ripple effects" of drug abuse and how it changes a family, but the damage done to children can be reversed. Masih said that victims of abuse need caring adults who both teach and model values. Most importantly, he shared that the stigma attached to drug addiction and related behaviors can inhibit addicts, especially children, from seeking help.

Children need to hear that "your experience doesn't define you. They need to hear that said out loud along with positive support and empathy." Masih shared that West Virginia performs much better than most states in terms of the stigmatization of drug addiction and recovery. Part of this comes from the fact that many, if not most, families in the state have experienced a drug related tragedy.

He pointed out that Pendleton County based Future Generations University's masters programs in drug treatment are unique in the state and possibly the nation. Masih praised Pendleton County as a whole for its practical approach in combating the drug crisis.

Eastern Action, representing six area counties, also shared its mission. One key issue in social services often lies in the "silo" effect of agencies working individually without much communication. Eastern Action serves as the "hub" for such organizations in the region. As their representative explained, "most folks call us, say what they need, and we get contact information out to them." This helps many in need save tremendous amounts of time and frustration seeking needed services.

Several other agencies participated. T. J. Dawson represented the On Track coalition that has focused efforts on acquiring and eliminating unused addictive prescription drugs, partnering with the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department, among other agencies. Tanya Wright, a representative from the WIC program, was on hand to explain the core mission of providing foods essential in nutrition for mothers and children. A recently added program sets aside part of the monthly allowance to purchase fresh produce that is a vital part of a healthy diet.

Health insurance provider, The Health Plan, also came to tout its incentive based programs to reward healthy choices with gift cards.

Perhaps the best news of the day came from Dawson from On Track. He reported that opioid use in the region has started to decline. Although that represents a key win on this field of battle, which should have a positive effect on child abuse and other issues, all present would agree that winning the war will take more hard work and support from the community.

## Bonnie's Bus

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criteria to have some or all of the cost covered by grant funding. Basic criteria includes having a permanent residence in West Virginia and being over 40. Those who have not yet reached their 40th birthday may need to meet additional criteria.

Hudson said, "The whole point" is "to make sure we have health care in rural areas."

Additionally, services provided on Bonnie's Bus are limited to screening. They cannot provide diagnostic or other more involved services or treatments.

Pendleton Community Care, as a Federally Qualified Health Center, has a mandate to serve those with the least access and highest barriers to health care service. As Hudson describes, FQHCs focus on "providing quality care, getting required screenings, encouraging them to get preventative health care, and being there if they need something more acutely."

These centers receive funding to work with "underserved areas or populations" to provide preventative care. Low income patrons can qualify for discounted services and/or medications on a sliding scale until they reach 200 percent of the poverty line.

Partnering with mobile health care facilities represents a logical extension of those mandates.

Later this year, PCC will provide flu shots to immunize those who desire them. COVID immunizations may be available, depending on government guidance on them. Hudson said, "We never know what the recommendation will be on COVID."

In an effort to maximize health care resources, PCC recently collected survey information that was sent to every potential patron of the clinic. "We want to find out if they used this facility or not, and if they didn't, find the reasons why they didn't. If they did, are there other services that they needed," Hudson said.

"Sure, there are things we can't do, but we will be reviewing all of the suggestions." She said that the board will then "see what can be done."

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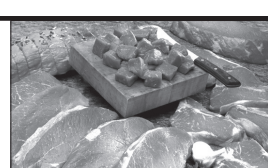


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# Free Fishing to Take Place Saturday, Sunday

West Virginia's Free Fishing Weekend will be Saturday and Sunday. In his announcement, Gov. Jim Justice encouraged anglers and their families to plan a trip.

The free fishing weekend is part of a nationwide effort to make fishing more accessible to the public. During these two days, residents and nonresidents are able to fish for free in West Virginia's public lakes, streams, and rivers without having to buy a license.

"As a lifelong angler, I know firsthand that fishing in West Virginia is one of the most joyous things you can do in this world," Justice said. "I want to encourage everyone to take

advantage of this opportunity to try fishing out or to introduce someone you know to the sport we all love so much."

West Virginia's Free Fishing Weekend isn't limited to giving new anglers a chance to try the sport out. People who have fished in the past but haven't renewed their license in years are encouraged to participate.

"Whether you're a seasoned angler or a beginner, our free fishing weekend is a great time to cast a line and have some fun," Brett McMillion, WV Department of Natural Resources director, said. "We hope this event will encourage people to try fishing for the first time or to rekindle their

love for the sport."

As part of free fishing weekend, the WVDNR will host its annual fishing derby for kids at Little Beaver State Park on Saturday. The event gives children an opportunity to receive basic fishing instruction and to enjoy time outdoors with friends and family. The event is free to attend, but anglers will need to register to participate. Registration will take place on-site from 9-10:30 a.m. on the day of the derby.

Anglers who enjoy free fishing days and want to continue fishing after this weekend can purchase or renew a fishing license at WVfish.com.

# Middle School Football Summer Camps Planned

The Pendleton County Middle School Wildcat football staff has announced three weeks of summer practice to prepare for the upcoming season.

The camps are scheduled as follows: camp #1: 6 - 8 p.m. June 26 - 29 (Monday-Thursday), camp #2: 6 - 8 p.m. July 10 - 13 (Monday-Thursday) and camp #3: 6 - 8 p.m. July 24 - 27 (Monday - Thursday).

The camps are voluntary. The coaches encourage anyone who is not sure whether or not they may want to play tackle-football to come out to the free summer camps and practice with the team. All a student needs to bring

are shorts, t-shirt, cleats or sneakers, and some water.

The Wildcats' middle school football team is open to any sixth, seventh, or eighth grader who is interested in joining.

"Football is a great way for kids to stay active and learn important life skills like teamwork and sportsmanship," said Lannie Redman, head coach. "We welcome anyone who wants to come out and give it a try."

The Wildcats' season is set to start on Aug. 7, and the team is still looking for more players to join them on the field. Coach Redman is excited about the upcoming season and is eager to

get his team back on the field. "We are returning a great group of players, and I can't wait to see what they can do this year," Redman said.

If a student is interested in joining the Pendleton County Middle School Wildcat football team, contact Redman at 304-668-1305, Coach Jeff Rhodes at 818-398-2705 or Coach Chris Mason at 304-668-9473.

The team is dedicated to promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and a love of the game. Led by Coach Redman, the Wildcats are committed to helping players develop their skills on the field and off.

# Sweetwater Farm and Trail Labs Open Miles of Bike Trails and Other Adventure Opportunities

By Stephen Smoot

While much of the Pendleton County tourism discussion centers around adventure sports and recreation in the North Fork area, Sugar Grove can now boast of similar opportunities as well.

At Sweetwater Farm, Experience Learning and Trail Labs have combined to create experiences that offer both adventure and educational experiences. The two organizations held an open house and ribbon cutting to officially open their new trail system May 26.

"We are stoked to announce that development of the Sweetwater Farm Trail Center is underway," said the organizational website.

At the open house, tourism and economic development leaders from around the county joined together to celebrate the launch of the new trails. Laura Brown, the executive director of the newly combined Pendleton and Grant County economic development authority, came, along with Pendleton County EDA board president Dayne Davis.

Amber Nesselrodt, executive director of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau also attended, along

with CVB board member Jeff Munn. Dr. King Seegar, who works with Experience Learning, came to the festivities as well.

Beautiful blue skies and 70 degree temperatures greeted the attendees. The trail system opens near the Experience Learning community building. Newly dug trails ascend in a series of switchback turns up the hillside by the building entrance. On this day, a few enthusiasts already had their traditional and e bicycles ready for action.

The dream of a trail system for the eastern part of the county started in 2021. Experience Learning engaged a firm called Appalachian Dirt to help with design and construction. Funding came from generous donors and grants.

As the website describes, "with stands of cedar in open, mellow grazing land dappled by white pine and veins of exposed limestone the low terrain is perfect for interesting cross-country riding, trail running, and hiking along. Higher locations on the property (3,230 feet elevation with 730 feet of relief) offer up mature oak forest with rugged sandstone outcroppings and no shortage of rocky rugged terrain."

David Martin, executive director of Experience Learning,

emphasized that while fun remains the focus, learning remains a key goal. "We're interested in youth development," he explained, then added that they concentrate on "how kids are going to be members of communities."

The program will develop the themes of adventure education, science education, and school centered events along with summer camps.

"Our goal is for this place to be a real community asset and development tool," he said.

The journey to adventure trails and educational opportunities proved difficult. Experience Learning acquired the property in 2016, then worked on deciding how best to use the land. Martin said, "We cast around to try to do something." They experimented with small scale agricultural projects and other programs before settling on the current model.

Martin praised Experience Learning and its previous incarnations under other monikers, saying, "I have been affiliated with these organizations since 1993. I've met a lot of good folks and had a lot of good times."

Experience Learning has ambitious plans to eventually develop 25 miles of trails on the property

# Wildcats Go for Championship Experience in Hiring New Girls' Basketball Coach

By Stephen Smoot

"I'm just as excited now as I was 43 years ago," said Donnie Kopp, a Pendleton County magistrate judge who also happens to have two state girls' basketball titles to his credit.

Kopp has assumed the head coaching job after the resignation of Micah Bailey. Bailey led the team to the state tournament this year, only to bow out against the highly accomplished squad from Cameron.

Though born and raised in Clarksburg, Kopp admits that his heart has always loved Pendleton County. He said, "When I was 12 years old, an old man brought me here fishing and I said, 'I'll live here one of these days.'"

He grew up in a political household with his father, Don, serving more than 30 years in the West Virginia House of Delegates, including as Speaker Pro Tempore. His father encouraged him to run for office, but "my two passions were teaching and coaching."

Kopp played high school basketball, then traveled to then Salem College to serve as a student assistant on the coaching staff. Afterwards, he confronted a unique choice. Join Jim Boeheim's staff at Syracuse and dive into the early formative years of Big East Conference basketball, or serve as head coach of Franklin High School.

"I really didn't want to go to Syracuse at that time," Kopp recalled.

Kopp would take Franklin to the state tournament,

but ran into a bit of controversy along the way. The school board in 1982, as the team prepared to compete in the state tournament, declined to rehire Kopp due to accusations that he dipped snuff on school time. In the very next meeting, approximately 250 showed up to support the coach.

The board not only rehired Kopp, but also rescinded its snuff rule.

Not long after, Kopp found himself in a dilemma. He received a job offer from Washington Irving, a high school in his home county of Harrison. "It was a hard decision," he recalled, "but I went back."

Over the years, Kopp gravitated toward his father's political aspirations for him. He was elected as Harrison County circuit clerk and magistrate. He later returned to Pendleton County and won election as magistrate judge in 2020. Kopp said, "I retired and I wanted to move back here."

All the while, he remained connected to the sport that was always his true passion. For nearly three decades, he worked high school and college games all over north central West Virginia as an official.

In April, the resignation of Bailey left open the opportunity for Kopp to return to coaching. Kopp, among several others, submitted a resume. "I threw my hat in the ring," he joked.

Kopp's first decision lay in putting together a staff. He selected Dan Miller to serve as junior varsity coach and Jeremy Townsend to assist with the varsity.

Townsend shared that "I was excited to be asked to

help with girls' basketball." Also an assistant with the softball program, Townsend said, "After talking with Donnie and hearing his plans and ideas for the girls' basketball program, I am looking forward to working with Donnie Kopp, Dan Miller, and the girls this fall."

Kopp admits that over the years "the game has really changed," but "I'm excited. I think we'll have fun."

He plans to implement a suffocating full court defense, relying on Pendleton County's speed, athleticism, skill, and, most of all, aggression. Kopp explained that "I like the way they play and they seem to have a wonderful attitude."

Also, he noted that though experienced, his team is "so young."

"It's called 'the system,'" he said. The team will model the approaches most recently seen at Glenville and West Liberty. "We'll run and press and play. I'm going to go full platoon. We'll go as hard as we can."

The goal with unrelenting pressure is "we want teams to dread the pressure of not being able to make entry passes." He added that "if they buy in, I'm convinced they'll be successful."

Kopp also brings passion and intensity to the game. Even when talking about games that will not happen until next year, the excitement becomes contagious.

"I'm tickled to death," Kopp admitted, "I'm so excited."

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# NFES Recognizes Accelerated Reader Winners



North Fork Elementary School has announced the top Accelerated Reader winners for the school year. Students earning recognition were, from left, front row, Oliver Cook (71 points) first place, Vera Selman (65 points) second place, and Jace Ours (63 points), third place, all first graders, and Andelyn Vance (137 points) first place, Darek Greathouse (103 points), second place, and Haley Warner (87 points), third place, all second graders; middle row, Declan Shane (173 points) first place and Levi Arbaugh (96 points) second place, both third graders, and Callen Kismore (143 points) first place, Tori Heavner (123 points) second place and Addy Huffman (111 points), third place, all fourth graders; and back row, Vaylee Harper (254 points) first place, Alayna Huffman (116 points), second place and Azalea Waddell (101 points) third place, all fifth graders, and Isabella Jameson (105 points) second place, and Abigail Judy (100 points) third place. Absent from photo are Sadie Wimer (68 points) third grade and Mason Miller (129 points) sixth grade. Top reader in the school was Vaylee Harper with 254 points.

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