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## Fireworks Light Up Franklin Sky



The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department's lawn party featured fireworks on Friday and a parade on Saturday. There was also homemade ice cream, pies and cakes, as well as music, games for the kids and food. Richard Nelson, chief of the fire department, said that he "thanks everyone in the community for their support. It means a lot." He also thanked all those who showed up despite the weather.



Work continues on completing the day room, designed to provide more light and space for Pendleton Manor residents.

## As Impact of Pandemic Recedes, Pendleton Manor Touts Major Upgrades in Facility and Care

By Stephen Smoot

Despite the impact of the pandemic and the Good Samaritan society's major retrenching in recent years, Pendleton Manor has embarked on a major program of upgrades and services designed to enhance both medical care and also quality of life for its residents.

"We continue to do a lot of updating around here," said R. J. Kropp, executive director of Pendleton Manor. While the pandemic "was tough on residents and families," improvements are designed to benefit both.

All the wings received a thorough renovation, 100 wing being the last completed. "We basically gutted it," Kropp explained, adding that "we rebuilt the rooms" to provide "more privacy in each room." Semi-private rooms received redesigns to "feel like a private room."

The 100 wing renovation capped a sustained effort between seven and eight years to modernize design and décor in each wing of the facility. Heating and air conditioning was also replaced in the process.

Improvements did not end there. As Kropp shared, "this spring we've been working on a new day room." He added that they "tore the old one down to the dirt. It should be complete by Labor Day."

The new room offers expanded space with a cathedral ceiling and more natural light. It opens onto "a very nice porch, a very usable space for our residents." Once completed, residents will have an outdoor space free of the elements to watch Pendleton County Wildcat football and baseball games on the fields next door.

Pendleton Manor once partnered with the Evangelical

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## Pendleton County Historical Society Gets Speleological at Circleville Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

Speleology. It's not a term that most people toss around in

their daily lives. The Pendleton County Historical Society, however, brought a large crowd to

historic Circleville High School to learn more about the topic, which is the study and exploration of caves.

Guest speaker George Dasher informed the attendees that "West Virginia is a cave state." Although Missouri claimed that nickname in 2017, the Mountain State has the third highest number of long caves in the United States with 127, behind Tennessee and Kentucky. He also shared that Pendleton County has the third highest number of caves in West Virginia, totaling 595 identified and documented, after Greenbrier and Randolph counties.

Dasher concluded that "West Virginia and Pendleton County are prime areas for people to go caving."

As an expert in the field, Dasher has spent almost a half century studying and exploring caves and cave systems. He is a fellow of the National Speleological Society and the West Virginia Speleological Society and is a geologist recently retired from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

"We owe our topography to Africa," Dasher explained, adding that what became the North American continent collided with Africa on three separate occasions. While the gradual violence of plate tectonics formed the mountains, ridges, and anticlines that dominate the Pendleton County landscape, it is water's effect on the native sandstone and limestone that creates both the spectacular rock formations and winding caves in the area.

Pendleton County caves have stories to tell that date back many millions of years before humans appeared on the earth. The bones of Ice Age mammals, such as saber-toothed tigers and mastodons, found their

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## Pendleton County Grand Jury Issues Indictments

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Pendleton County Grand Jury issued indictments. All those indicted should have reported to court at 10 a.m. on July 18.

Joshua Aaron Stonestreet received five counts against him. The first count alleges that "on or about April 14, 2023," he "did unlawfully and feloniously, transport . . . into the State of West Virginia . . . Methamphetamine, a controlled substance . . . against the

peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The second count alleges that "on or about April 14, 2023," he "did unlawfully and feloniously, transport . . . into the State of West Virginia . . . Marijuana, a controlled substance . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The third count alleges that "on or about April 14, 2023," he "did unlawfully and feloniously, possess with intent to deliver . . . into the State of West Virginia . . . Marijuana, a controlled substance . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The fifth count alleges that "on or about April 14, 2023,"

possess with intent to deliver . . . into the State of West Virginia . . . Marijuana, a controlled substance . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

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## Community Calendar

### Four-H'ers To Exhibit Projects

Pendleton County 4-H projects will be on display from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Community Building in Franklin.

### Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Alan Shelly, Basagic Funeral Home and the South Fork Ruritan Club will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" for 60+ Seniors Friday at the Franklin Senior Center. Meals will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. To reserve a free lunch, call 304-358-2421 today.

### Business Roundtable Planned for July 26

Alongside the Grant County Development Authority and Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Pendleton County EDA will be hosting a summer business roundtable at 6 p.m. on July 26 at Nocks in Circleville. Greer Lime Company will be one of the featured guests, along with staff from Senator Joe Manchin III's office.

Business roundtables are a time for local business owners and stakeholders to share information and discuss local and regional successes and challenges.

### Local Churches Hosting Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is being held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at **Christ Central Community Church** in Upper Tract. The theme is "Stompers & Chompers."

"Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light" VBS will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday at **Faith Lutheran Church** in Franklin. There will be lessons, fun and games. No preregistration is required. Everyone is welcome.

**First Baptist Church in Brandywine** will kick-off VBS with pre-registration at 6 p.m. Sunday for children ages 4 to 12. Bible School will continue from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. A light dinner will be served each night. "Jesus and Me" is the theme. For more information, call 304-249-5202.

A one-day VBS will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at **St. Paul Independent Church** in Moyers for little children through high school age. The day will be filled with fun, food, crafts and exciting learning opportunities. Lunch will be provided. The church is located on the Doe Hill Road. For more information, call Jerry Smith at 304-249-5443.

## Hevener Receives Recognition At Board of Education Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Pendleton County Board of Education got to interrupt its usual business to recognize the hard work and accolades of a vital staff leader.

Almost a month ago, the West Virginia Association of School Administrators honored Nicole Hevener as Associate Superintendent of the Year. She received the award on West Virginia Day. Charles Hedrick, Pendleton County Schools superintendent, handed her a plaque to commemorate the achievement.

Dayne Davis, president of the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority board, spoke about using the former board office annex. The EDA has discussed using the building as a Wi-Fi hub, but is still searching for funding options. Davis expressed his appreciation to the board for their support with broadband and



Nicole Hevener received the Associate Superintendent of the Year award from the West Virginia Association of School Administration.



# OBITUARIES

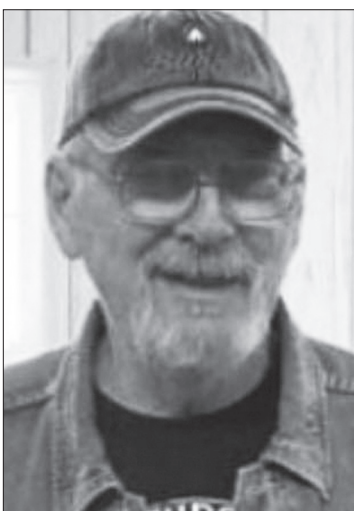


leton County Schools after more than 30 years of service, where she inspired many lives. She had a heart of gold and her passion was being "Grammie" and sharing her love with everyone, especially her children and grandchildren.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory and carry on her legacy a daughter, Melissa Wright (Ann) of Shenandoah, Virginia; a son, Chad Wright (Tanya) of Franklin; a sister, Valerie "Annette" Jacobs (Bruce) of Martinsburg; a brother, Charles Wright (Laura) of Hinton, Virginia; six grandchildren, Erin Simmons and Dreu, Zandra, Matt, Quincy, and Aliyah Wright; eight great-grandchildren, Hannah, Cameron, Kaden, Caiah, Easton, Hadleigh, Nikaela and Aerolynn; and a great-great-grandson, Kaison.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with her brother, Charles Wright, officiating.

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



**Dennis Wayne Beach**

Dennis Wayne Beach, 71, of Franklin passed away June 16, 2023, in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the result of an automobile accident.

He was born on Feb. 7, 1952, in Fredericksburg, Virginia, the son of the late Preston Orlando and Maryann (Farmer) Beach.

Mr. Beach was a member of Wayside Baptist Church. He had worked as a salesman at Potomac Hardware in Franklin and as a heavy equipment operator for Simmons Backhoe Service.

He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Franklin Moose Lodge #769, where he had served as past governor. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines and served during the Vietnam Era.

He lived life to its fullest and enjoyed being surrounded by his friends. He loved to fill hearts with joy and laughter, especially when he dressed as Santa Claus, the Easter bunny, and the Grinch for special occasions.

Surviving are a daughter, Nicole Reese; two sons, John P. Beach and Dennis W. Beach; a sister, Tammy Burrus; a brother, Terry Beach; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. on Aug. 26 at the Franklin Moose Lodge #769, with Pastor Tim Johnson officiating.

Memorials may be made to Potomac Valley Wounded Warriors.

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**Rebecca Lynn Schlaegel**

The family of Rebecca Lynn Schlaegel will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at Redeeming Grace Church in Franklin.

A celebration of life will follow at the church with Pastor Jason Boggs officiating.

Entombment of her remains were at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Virginia.

Mrs. Schlaegel, 64, of Franklin passed away July 4, 2023, at her home.

## Public Input Wanted For River Otter Project

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced the start of a new citizen science project to identify the distribution of river otters across the state and is asking members of the public to report sightings through an online survey.

The survey can be completed online or by using the Survey123 mobile application. To learn more about participating in the survey, visit [WVDnr.gov/surveys](http://WVDnr.gov/surveys) and scroll down to river otters.

As part of the survey, participants will be asked to report river otter sightings and provide details about the otter's location, the number of otters observed and what the otter was doing. Submitting a photo of the otter is encouraged.

The survey, which is similar to the box turtle and rattlesnake citizen science surveys the WVDNR have conducted, will provide updated information about the bodies of water river otters currently occupy. Data collected during the survey will help the WVDNR better manage river otter populations across West Virginia.

River otters, which were once extirpated in West Virginia, were reintroduced to the state by the WVDNR in the 1980s. Since then, river otter populations have stabilized and are increasing in certain areas.

To learn more about other citizen science projects and surveys, visit [WVDnr.gov/surveys](http://WVDnr.gov/surveys).

## How a Rate Case Works

By Charlotte Lane,  
Public Service Commission Chairman

With several rate cases pending before the Public Service Commission this year, the writer thought it might be helpful to explain what happens when a utility applies for a rate increase.

The original rate case filing consists of testimony from utility officials and documentation to justify the amount requested. That information includes an accounting of money the utility hopes to recoup and the estimated cost of future projects.

The commission orders the utility to publish a legal notice stating the proposed new charges. It then issues an order that suspends the proposed rates until a certain date, so the utility cannot change its rates until the commission rules on the case. The case must be decided by that date.

As soon as the case is filed, commission staff begins to audit the information provided. The commission's staff includes accountants, engineers and attorneys who have specialized knowledge of the ratemaking process. Engineers assess whether proposed projects are viable and review completed projects and works in progress. The accountants, who are referred to as utilities analysts, closely examine the utility's reported costs and projections. They analyze whether any

reported under- or over-recovery of revenue is accurate. Once the audit is complete, staff files their recommendations to the commission.

Meanwhile, the commission and other parties begin reviewing all of the materials filed. Staff, the Consumer Advocate Division and other intervenors ask the utility for more information and those questions and answers are reviewed by all of the parties. In some cases, a settlement may be proposed and considered.

During this phase of the process, the commission draws up a procedural schedule and arranges the time and place for any public comment hearings. Throughout the process, written and online comments from the public are received and read.

Finally, an evidentiary hearing is held. All the evidence is entered into the record and the witnesses for the utility and the other parties are questioned and cross-examined.

After all the information is received, the commission analyzes all of the testimony, staff recommendations, and public comments. All possible solutions are discussed and finally a decision is made that is set forth in the final order. If the rates change, the utility files a new tariff and the new rates go into effect.

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We will be raffling off a 100"x110" (queen) Maple Leaf Star Quilt. Quilted by local Amish women. Drawing will be July 28 at 8 p.m. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.



# Grant Memorial Hospital Officially Joins WVU Medicine

Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg officially became a full member of the West Virginia University Health System effective July 1.

"We are incredibly excited to officially welcome Grant Memorial Hospital into the WVU Medicine family. With our hub-and-spoke model of care, the residents of Grant County and the surrounding region will see an expansion of local services and easier access to our specialty and sub-specialty services in Morgantown," Albert L. Wright, Jr., president and chief executive officer of the WVU Health System, said. "While we hope that people never need our services, our pledge to the people of the Petersburg area is to provide them with the care they need close to home."

GMH signed a letter of intent to join the WVU Health System in October 2021. John Sylvia assumed the role of president and chief executive officer of GMH in January.

"I am very excited that this relationship builds upon the current quality and service of the hospital," Sylvia said. "With the addition of the health system's resources, Grant Memorial will be able to achieve even higher levels of care and bring additional programs

and services to the community."

GMH is a not-for-profit critical access hospital owned by the Grant County Commission and previously operated by the board of trustees appointed by the commission. It serves the valley of the Potomac Highlands, which includes citizens of Grant, Hardy, Pendleton, Hampshire, and Mineral counties. It has a combined 25 licensed inpatient beds and is a 501(c)(3) organization. The facility is supported by more than 350 employees and a medical staff of over 15.

"This year, Grant Memorial Hospital celebrated its 65th anniversary of providing healthcare to the residents of the Potomac Highlands. I can think of no better way to celebrate that anniversary than with the hospital becoming a full member in the WVU Health System," Scotty Miley, Grant County commissioner, said. "Not only is the hospital our local source of healthcare, it is also Grant County's largest employer, providing jobs to people from all over the region. It is a storied and much-needed pillar in this community, and we look forward to the future growth and expansion of services that being part of WVU Medicine will bring."

As a full member of the WVU Health System, GMH is part of a broad, integrated network of doctors, hospitals, clinics, and specialized institutes across West Virginia, Southwestern Pennsylvania, Western Maryland, and Eastern Ohio. The WVU Health System, which operates under the brand WVU Medicine, has more than 30,000 employees, more than 4,900 providers and more than 2.5 million patient visits annually.

"The board of trustees of Grant Memorial is committed to providing access to quality healthcare for the residents of the Potomac Highlands, and the partnership with WVU Health System is another step in retaining and strengthening our legacy to ensure healthcare at home for many years to come," Tammy Kesner-Martin, chair of the GMH board of trustees, said. "We are excited for the opportunity to expand services with the additional resources available through the system."

A celebration of Grant Memorial Hospital's full membership in the WVU Health System was held on July 11.

For more information about GMH, visit <https://wvumedicine.org/grant-memorial-hospital/>.



Receiving the 2023 Health Plan Hero award on behalf of Allegheny Wood Products were, from left, Terry Wilcox, co-founder and executive director of Patients Rising, John Crites, II, AWP president, Valerie Mongold, AWP benefits administrator, Tom Plaugher, AWP vice president of operations, and Jordan Bryant, AWP safety and human resources manager.

## Allegheny Wood Products Honored with National Award

Allegheny Wood Products received the 2023 Health Plan Hero award in a ceremony held June 12 in Washington, DC. Allegheny Wood Products' leadership was recognized for its outstanding employer-sponsored health program by national healthcare industry professionals.

John Crites, II, president of Allegheny Wood Products, was honored alongside 10 other winning businesses and participated in expert round table discussions with employees, human resource representatives, patient advocates, CEOs, and healthcare benefit design experts in Washington, DC.

The program, developed by the national non-profit organization Patients Rising, recognizes companies with innovative health plans that expand patient access to care, lower out-of-pocket costs, lower employer spending, and are competitive due to increased workforce health, productivity, and savings. Allegheny Wood Products was recognized for

its health plan that combines utilizing an independent third-party administrator, separate medical network, and a pharmacy benefit management service with a concierge approach and an on-site physician to provide all employees with accessible and affordable care. This plan helped the company save \$1 million for the 2022 plan year.

"From the very beginning of our company 50 years ago, we have always considered our employees to be our greatest asset. We strive every day to provide a safe workplace, an environment that challenges and encourages our employees to grow with the company, and provide quality benefits," said Crites. "I am humbled by receiving this award, and thankful for the employees at AWP whose efforts help make our benefits programs and our workplace something we can all be proud of and most important is indeed a benefit for our employees."

The award program was

launched last year in response to nationwide increases in health coverage premiums and deductibles. Family premiums have increased by an average of 22 percent from 2015 to 2020, and deductibles for single-covered workers rose by 25 percent during that same time period.

"Allegheny Wood Products and those honored today prove that it is possible to provide insurance that expands patient access to care while saving money for both employee and employer," said Terry Wilcox, chief executive officer of Patients Rising. "Employers are the biggest providers of health insurance in this country, and these companies show that by taking a hands-on approach to their health plans, they can not only save money, but also provide more affordable, accessible care to their employees. This is truly disrupting the way healthcare is delivered and paid for in this country."

## Voters Reminded to Update Mailing Address After Moving

Official election mail in the form of a postcard will soon be sent to 15,860 West Virginia voters who may have moved without updating or canceling their voter registration, according to Mac Warner, West Virginia Secretary of State. These potential movers did not notify the U.S. Postal Service of any changes of address but appear to have moved based on other available data.

When voters update their address at other agencies or move to a different state, that information does not automatically update or cancel a voter's old, abandoned registration. Nor do those changes always make it back to the secretary of state or county clerks. To identify those folks who may have slipped through the cracks, additional resources are used to identify voters who may have moved.

This program compares publicly available voter registration records with data from Experian's

"True Trace," which includes records from all 50 states, to find potentially abandoned registrations. Voters identified through the program will receive a reminder postcard at their current voter registration address with instructions for how to update or cancel their registration record if necessary. If a voter receives a postcard at their current address, then no action is required. If a voter does not respond, no action will be taken on their voter registration status. This postcard is merely a reminder, participation is voluntary, and it will have no effect on voters' ability to participate in upcoming

elections.

Prompting voters to keep their registration current between election cycles is a proactive measure to maintain clean voter rolls. Voters that receive a reminder and have moved to another address or state can update or cancel their abandoned voter registration by filling out the postcard and mailing it back to their county clerk using the return address printed on the card. Existing registrations can also be updated at any time by visiting [GoVoteWV.com](http://GoVoteWV.com) or the QR code included.

For more information regarding voter registration, voters are encouraged to contact their county clerk.

**Mickeyboy Is Lost**



He is a 2-year-old Chihuahua, weighs 4.5 pounds and has a broken cartilage on his right ear so it droops. He is very skittish and snaps if you get too close.

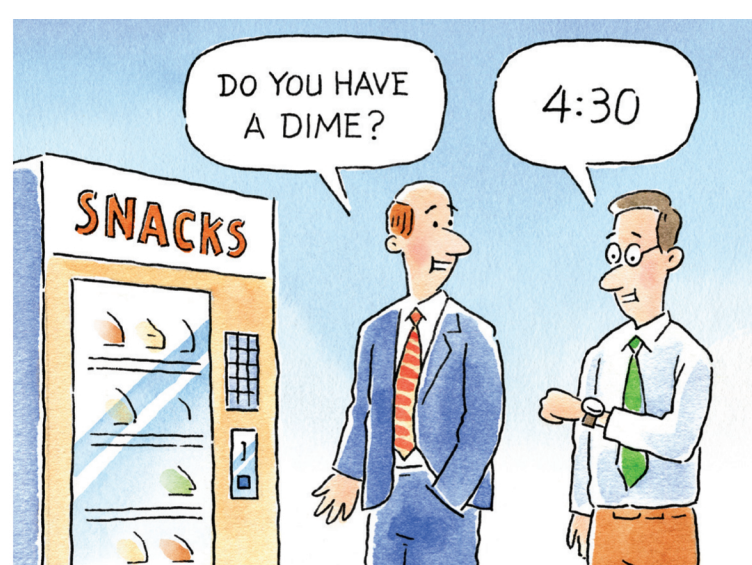
Ran away June 27 from his sitters house on Blue Gray, near the bus garage.

Last time seen or heard was June 30 at the bus garage.

If you see him please call or text me 214-417-4320.

I live on Main Street in Franklin.



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**10 Years Ago**  
**Week of July 18, 2013**

### Smoke Hole Canyon Eyed for Conservation Campaign

A private conservation group, the Open Space Institute, is reportedly prepared to invest substantial grant funds to promote environmental preservation within a one-million-acre section of the Potomac headwaters, with a particular interest in the Smoke Hole Canyon and Lost River areas.

In the Potomac Headwaters region, about 20 percent of the land is already protected by being part of the Monongahela National Forests or through inclusion in a state park or wildlife management area.

### SUGAR GROVE

### Compassion Is the Glue To Life's Experience

Everyone has their own unique personality. One person can make a difference. Nowhere is that more evident than with the story of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This story began in Tacoma, WA, in the mid-1980s, and it has spread throughout the United States, to Pendleton County and to the ends of the earth.

This relay for life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, fight back against the disease and remember loved ones lost. It represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

It is here that one can find healing, comfort and support from others who have faced cancer or who have lost a loved one to the disease. One can thank all the people who have done so much in the way of support through the personal cancer experience. One can gather together with friends, family and colleagues to laugh, cry and create lasting memories. One can thank the many team members, team leaders and Navy personnel who spend many countless volunteer hours to facilitate this event which culminates to a fun filled atmosphere of music and activities.

Cancer is indiscriminate and knows no boundaries. Compassion is the "glue" to the whole life experience. Compassion is commonly defined as a profound human emotion prompted by the pain of others. This feeling commonly gives rise to an active desire to alleviate another's suffering. The late Loy Hively's quote, "People will forget what you say to them, people will forget what you do for them, but they will not forget, be it good or bad, how you made them feel," gives rise to that note of compassion.

One soon realizes that each person "falls short" daily, and somehow this is forgivable once one recognizes the good in each person. It is so important

to let go of the grudges and seek to bring about a better day to those in passing, knowing full well that there is good in all, if only one takes the time to ponder this. Life is too short! There are five secrets to happiness, which is essential in the power of being positive (and many will add very importantly to the fight against cancer):

- Clear heart of all hatred;
- Clear mind of worries;
- Live simply;
- Give more, and
- Expect less.

Thanks to a reader who sent the following kindly cautions:

• Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. God made the one; the tailor made the other.

• Don't judge a man by his family relations, for Cain belonged to the best family.

• Don't judge a man by his speech, for a parrot can talk. The tongue is but an instrument of sound.

• Don't judge a man by his failures in life, for many a man had failed, whom God later exalted to the highest place of honor.

• Don't hit a man when he is down. Lift him up. You yourself may be down someday and need a friendly helping hand.

Each participant and volunteer can take pride in knowing that by working together, one ensures that this world is a better place, where this disease will no longer threaten the lives of loved ones or claim another year of anyone's life. Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the county having another relay for life success.

**30 Years Ago**  
**Week of July 15, 1993**

### Severe Drought, Heat Sears Pendleton County

A prolonged drought accompanied by unusually hot weather is taking its toll on the Pendleton County countryside and its residents.

The dearth of rain since April is creating major problems for farmers whose pastures are burning to a crisp and corn and other field crops are wilting under the searing summer sun.

George Hammer of Franklin, observer for the U.S. Weather Service, said today there has been only 2.59 inches of rain since April at his station a mile east of Franklin. He said 1.33 inches of rain fell in May and 1.26 inches fell in June. Even as the mid-west is experiencing the most severe flooding of the century, as of July 13, only 0.57 inch of rain had fallen at Hammer's weather station.

"This has been the driest 10 weeks during this period of the year we have had for many years," Hammer observed.

In addition to the lack of rain, Hammer said temperature readings this year have been unusually high with thermometer readings at or above 96 degrees in the shade on numerous days in recent weeks.

Many people are suffering both physically and psychologically from the drought and high temperatures. The extreme heat limits physical activity during the day, and the wasting crops and lawns is resulting in depression and discouragement.

**50 Years Ago**  
**Week of July 19, 1973**

### Pendleton Streams Are Cleaner

John Carl Hammer, County Clean Stream chairman, and Mark Shock, co-chairman, announced that a Clean Stream Program sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the Pendleton County Court has been initiated in Pendleton County.

The program is designed to beautify the county's streams and rivers by employing youth from the county to pick up the trash and debris that litter them.

Forty youth have been employed from Pendleton County to carry out this project.

The Clean Stream Program will run for seven weeks and it is hoped in that time the three major streams and their tributaries in the county can be cleaned of trash and litter.

### Cowger Buys Byrd's Restaurant

Byrd's Restaurant, one of Franklin's long established and well known eating establishments, has changed hands and now is operating under new management.

The restaurant has been purchased by Jesse Cowger, a native of Franklin who has lived in Charlotte, N.C., for the past nine years where he was employed by the circulation department of the Charlotte Observer.

### County Road Maintenance Program Being Reduced

Pendleton County's highway maintenance department is feeling the pinch of a new plan of distributing road maintenance funds among the counties throughout the state.

Eleven employees already have been discharged by the county office of the State Department of Highways and more will be leaving soon.

County road maintenance supervisor Lon Simmons said yesterday that the number of Department of Highways employees in Pendleton County must be reduced from 66 to 49 under the new plan.

**60 Years Ago**  
**Week of July 25, 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.**

### General Morgan Captured in Ohio Raid

Brig. Gen. John H. Morgan loved guerilla fighting, and in the first two years of the Civil War, the Confederate raider had proven himself a master at pestering Yankees in Tennessee. But Morgan's most famous raid—a breathtaking ride across the full width of Ohio—came to an abrupt end 100 years ago this week and his guerilla career came to a temporary end.

Morgan, after leading thousands of Federals on a wild chase through the Buckeye state, was captured.

Perhaps Morgan, himself, can be blamed for his capture, because he was disobeying orders when it happened. His full raid across Ohio, in fact, was done against the wishes of his commanding officer, General Braxton Bragg.

During the summer of 1863, Bragg was having his troubles in Tennessee. Having lost much of his army as re-enforcements for the Confederates at Vicksburg, Bragg decided to fall back from Tullahoma to Chattanooga, and he ordered Morgan to ride through Kentucky to throw the Yankees off balance while he withdrew his army. Morgan immediately asked to extend the raid into Ohio, but Bragg would not consent.

On July 2, Morgan and 2,460 men set out from Burkesville in southern Kentucky. Quickly, his men moved northward, skirmished at Columbia, Ky., fought at Tebb's Bend, Ky., captured a small Federal garrison at Lebanon, Ky., and then rode on to the Ohio River at Brandenburg.

There, Morgan then took matters into his own hands. He boarded his men onto two captured steamboats and moved them across the river into Indiana. Then, with Indiana militia and Federal troops from Kentucky hot on his trail, he headed east for Ohio.

At Corydon, Ind., he overpowered a militia detachment. At Lexington, Ind., he captured 400 militia and then crossed the Ohio state line. It was July 13.

Burning bridges behind him, Morgan and his men moved toward Hamilton, Ohio, pillaging freely and impressing fresh horses. Suddenly, they turned southward and passed silently through Cincinnati's northern suburbs under cover of night. They then turned east again, as their pursuers closed in on them in mounting numbers.

Across the state they rode at full speed until after dark. On July 18, they reached the Ohio River near Buffington Bar and Blennerhassett's Island, just south of Parkersburg, W. Va., where Morgan had planned to escape southward from the beginning.

Next morning, as his pursuers closed in from all directions, his men started across the river but were turned back by Federal gunboats and Federal troops coming in from south, west and north.

About 300 men escaped into

West Virginia that day, but many others were drowned, killed or captured. Morgan, with about half his force, failed to get across and, instead, eluded the net and headed for Pennsylvania.

Burning bridges again, his men made it 100 miles northward until July 26, near Salineville, Ohio, where 250 more of his men were captured. Later that same day near New Lisbon, Morgan and his last 364 men surrendered.

Next week: A lull.

**70 Years Ago**  
**Week of July 16, 1953**

### WILL DRAFT 23,000

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has issued a draft call for 23,000 men for September, the same as for July and August. All of the draftees will be assigned to the Army.

### Compressor Station At Mouth of Seneca Goes Into Operation About August 1st

In the shadow of Seneca Rocks is a revolutionary source of power being used to transmit natural gas through the 260-mile pipeline between Charleston and Rockville.

The Seneca Compressor Station of the Atlantic Seaboard Corporation, started in 1952 and nearing completion, was pressed into service during the cold months of the past winter.

Ground-breaking for the Seneca station was on August 21, 1952. In the following months skilled workers came from all over the country. Many additional workers were recruited from the surrounding area.

In many ways the Seneca installation will prove beneficial in future years to people of the area. Besides offering limited employment opportunities, it will mean additional taxes for Pendleton county.

### New Water Mains Bring Lower Rate

Work was resumed again Monday on the new 1200 foot six-inch water main that was started last summer in Franklin. About 850 feet of pipe was laid last summer and an additional 350 feet will be laid this year.

The project is expected to be completed in about a week. "There may be some interruption of water service for a day for some people," B. J. Aulde said, "but everything is being done to cause as little inconvenience as possible."

A reduction in fire rates has been promised from 8th class to 7th class when the project is completed. This should reduce the insurance rates for about everybody in town. The new main will provide enough water to supply both fire engines going at full capacity as far north as Ernest Bowman's residence.

It also will provide the north end of town with enough water for household use.

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## Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

It is the first month of summer and what a change. Afternoon thunder storms are so isolated with some areas receiving rain. Since summer started, there is less daylight in the mornings and evenings.

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, Jean Landes and Vestyl Bible; 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, Barry Simmons, Cameron Beachler, Wendell Nelson, Nancy George, Sarah Thomas, Pete Keplinger, Donald Burns and Abby Sites.

Prayer thought: "Retreating to a quiet place to be refreshed in God's presence equips us to go forward in His renewing strength."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for July 10 through July 16, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: July 10 - 78°, 61° (74°, 61°); July 11 - 80°, 52° (82°, 52°); July 12 - 87°, 56° (88°, 59°, .25°); July 13 - 88°, 63°, .34° (89°, 61°); July 14 - 83°, 62°, .03° (84°, 56°); July 15 - 90°, 60°, .12° (82°, 58°) and July 16 - 82°, 66° (81°, 59°).

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# Snapping Turtle Yields Seven Distinct Types of Meat

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

The common snapping turtle is found in this county. Many of them have initials carved into their shell. They tend to do a lot of roaming, even though they are slow in getting there. Oftentimes they die as they make an attempt to cross roads.

The common snapping turtle is noted for its combative disposition when out of the water with its powerful beak-like jaws and highly mobile head and neck. In water, it is likely to flee and hide underwater in sediment. It ranges in size from 8-14 inches with a weight ranging from 10-35 pounds. Their color varies from tan to dark brown. The common turtle in this area has long tails and necks and rough shells with three rows of carapace keel.

Almost the entire turtle is edible except the lungs, gallbladder, skeleton, nails and skull. The legs and tail are particularly esteemed, but remove the skin before eating. The meat has a lot of protein with very little fat and almost no carbohydrates. It is a source of selenium, Vitamin B12, iron, potassium, thiamine, zinc, and riboflavin.

The seven distinct types of meat are reminiscent of beef, shrimp, veal, fish, goat, pork and chicken.

The following is a recipe for turtle soup:

- 1-1/3 pounds turtle meat
- 4-1/2 cups water,
- 2 medium onions
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1-1/4 teaspoons salt
- 5 tablespoons butter, cubed
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons tomato puree
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/3 cup chicken broth
- 2 hard-boiled large eggs, chopped
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- Chopped fresh parsley (optional).

Directions:

In a heavy 4-qt. saucepan, bring turtle meat and water to a boil. Skim off foam. Chop 1 onion and set aside. Quarter the other onion; add to saucepan along with bay leaf, cayenne pepper and salt. Cover and simmer for 2 hours or until the meat is tender. Remove meat with a slotted spoon and cut into 1/2-in. cubes; set aside. Strain broth and set aside. Rinse and dry saucepan; melt butter over medium-high heat. Cook chopped onion until tender. Add flour; cook and stir until bubbly and lightly browned. Whisk in reserved broth; cook and stir until thickened. Reduce heat; stir in tomato puree and Worcestershire sauce.

Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Add chicken broth, eggs, lemon juice and meat. Simmer for 5 minutes or until heated through. Garnish with parsley if desired. Pretty tasty!

Life's daily instructions include the following:

1. Tell one's wife often how terrific she looks.
2. Eat all of one's food and don't waste any.



Camden "Cam" Mitchell (June 12, 1904 - Feb. 22, 1999) was born to Emanuel and Jemima Simmons Mitchell. He was a veteran of WWII-PFC in the Army Air Corps. His siblings were Myra Alice Simmons, Mervin, Lou Erma Wilfong, Laurence, and Ralph Pence.

3. Always respect the flag and country.
4. Be neat and clean
5. When a person needs to apologize to someone, do it in person.

The rains have given pause that has been refreshing. It has given balm to the soul to sit in and smell the wonderful smells that nature has provided in the way of the summery flowers. Now the homeowners are busy getting their yards immaculately cut.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all! By uniting we stand by dividing we fall." — John Dickinson  
 "Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." — Earl of Chesterfield

"All men desire by nature to know." — Aristotle  
 "Train up a child in the way he should go and walk there yourself once in a while." — Josh Billings  
 "Pride is the master sin of the devil." — Edwin Hubbell Chapin

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

Justin, April, Colby, and Chloe Simmons enjoyed a fun family day Saturday at the Grand Caverns. Cary and George Hevener, and Tom and Paula Mitch-

ell have returned from an Alaskan cruise. Accompanying them were Cynthia and John Hughes.

On July 4, Diane Healey, Dan Wheeler, and Norman Wilfong attended a luncheon at the home of Helen and Rhonda Nash in celebration of Independence Day. This past weekend the Nash ladies traveled to Spotsylvania, Virginia, for the annual Kan Jam/corn hole tournament at the home of daughter/sister, Terri Lowery, and husband Greg. Although neither Rhonda nor Helen tossed any frisbees nor bean bags, Helen was content to observe the goings-on from the shade of the covered deck, and Rhonda enjoyed water games in the pool with the younger crew. They both delighted in the abundance of summertime dishes and the sweet time spent with a multitude of family members and friends.

Visiting with Rosalee Grogg this past week were Marleta Wimer, Terri Grogg, Claude Castleberry, Steven Grogg and Diane and Bill Kuykendall of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Traveling to Staunton, Virginia, last Tuesday to visit with Cleo Simmons were Evelyn Varner, Erma Moats and Wanda Pitsenbarger. Visiting Evelyn last Wednesday afternoon was Richard Marshall of McGaheysville, Virginia. Saturday evening visitor of Evelyn was Shoeey Lotts.

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

Muskrats can stay under water for 15 minutes. Pharmacist John Pemberton of Georgia made the first vat of Coca-Cola in 1886.

Some birds use stars for navigation during migration. Colorado was the only state to turn down the Olympics in 1976.

Indiana is the home to Santa Claus, Indiana, which gets a half million letters to Santa every year.

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, Mary Eye, Donna Fleisher, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Jackie Hill, Virgil Homan, Jr., Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, the Dick Hueter family, 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, the family of Larry Neil, 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, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Judy Williams, Margaret Wimer and the Anna Wright family.

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# Pendleton County Grand Jury Indictments

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he “did unlawfully . . . belong to a conspiratorial group consisting of two or more persons, conspire with Krystal Marie Hey to commit the offense of Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) . . . in an amount greater than five (5) grams . . . but less than fifty (50) grams . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

James Daniel Perkins Jr. received one count of malicious assault. It alleges that he “did on, or about April 18, 2023 . . . unlawfully, feloniously, and maliciously . . . strike the victim . . . multiple times in the head or body with an approximately three-foot long metal crow bar, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Krystal Marie Hey received six counts. The first count alleges that “on or about April 14, 2023,” she “did unlawfully . . . transport, or cause to be transported into the State of West Virginia . . . Methamphetamine . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges that “on or about April 14, 2023,” she “did unlawfully . . . transport, or cause to be transported into the State of West Virginia . . . Methamphetamine . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges that “on or about April 14, 2023,” she “did unlawfully and feloniously possess with intent to deliver . . . Methamphetamine . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The fourth count alleges that “on or about April 14, 2023,” she “did unlawfully and feloniously possess with intent to deliver . . . Methamphetamine . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The fifth count alleges that she “on or about April 14, 2023 . . . did . . . feloniously . . . conspire with Joshua Aaron Stonestreet to commit the offense of Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The sixth count alleges that she committed a “Misdemeanor . . . on, or about April 14, 2023 did unlawfully . . . obstruct Deputy M. J. Komyko . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

David J. Arrigo received three counts for offenses committed. The first count alleges that “on, or about April 25, 2023,” he “did . . . feloniously, and burglariously break and enter . . . with the intent to commit Kidnapping . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges that “on, or about April 25, 2023,” he “did . . . feloniously attempt to seize . . . a child under sixteen years of age . . . and said defendant was a person other than the father or mother . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges that “on, or about April 25, 2023,” he “did . . . feloniously . . . steal . . . an Apple Watch . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

David J. Arrigo also received three counts for offenses committed. The first count alleges that “on, or about May 6, 2023,” he “did feloniously and knowingly refuse . . . or fail to provide notice of a change in his Snap Chat account, having a screen name of Boston100 and a user ID of Guesswho102621 . . . having previously been convicted of . . . ‘Indecent Assault and Battery on a Person Fourteen or Over,’ and having previously been convicted of Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender . . . in the Circuit Court of Pendleton County . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges that “on, or about May 6, 2023,” he “did feloniously and knowingly refuse . . . or fail to provide notice of a change in his TikTok account, having a screen name of DavidArigo . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges that “on, or about May 6, 2023,” he “did feloniously and knowingly refuse . . . or fail to provide notice of a change in his Instagram account, having a screen name of David. . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Wesley Shane Haggerty received two counts. The first alleges that “on, or about October 21, 2021,” he “did . . . feloniously possess with intent to deliver a controlled substance . . . Metham-

phetamine . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges that “on, or about November 19, 2015,” he “did . . . feloniously possess a firearm, being a person prohibited from possession of a firearm . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Haggerty also received a second set of counts from the grand jury. The first count alleges that “on, or about November 17, 2022,” he “did . . . feloniously, and burglariously . . . break and enter . . . with intent to commit a larceny . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count of the set alleges that “on, or about November 17, 2022,” he “did . . . unlawfully . . . steal a coffee can containing US currency of \$100.00 in change and dollar bills . . . a .22 caliber pistol . . . and US currency in the amount of \$500 . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Ronald Wayne Forbus II received two counts. The first count alleges that “on, or about April 6, 2023, he “did . . . feloniously . . . fail to provide notice . . . having previously been convicted of a qualifying offense . . . requiring registry for life for convictions of ‘Sexual Abuse in the First Degree’ and two counts of ‘Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree’ . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges the same offense, also considered “felonious” by the court.

Tyler Scott Rader received two counts. The first count alleges that “on, or about March 19, 2023,” he “did . . . feloniously . . . steal . . . a . . . GMC Top Kick Dump Truck, having a total value of \$16,000 . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges that “on, or about March 19, 2023,” he “did . . . feloniously . . . deface a GMC Top Kick Dump Truck . . . causing a loss in the value of the property of \$2,500 or more . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Joe Don Stumbo received five counts. The first four counts allege that “between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2019,” he “did . . . feloniously . . . abuse a child and by such abuse did cause the child bodily injury . . . by other than accidental means . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The fifth count alleges that he “did . . . feloniously . . . conspire with Brittany Arnelle Simmons Ryan to commit the offense of Child Abuse Resulting in an Injury . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Stumbo received a second set of counts related to offenses committed “on, or about May 22, 2022.” The Pendleton Times will reveal no further details from this count.

Stumbo received a third set of counts related to offenses committed “between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2009.” The Pendleton Times will reveal no further details from this count.

Brittany Arnelle Simmons Ryan received six counts. The first five relate to offenses committed “between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2019,” where she “did . . . feloniously . . . abuse a child and by such abuse did cause said child bodily injury . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The sixth count alleges that “between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2019,” she “did . . . feloniously . . . conspire with Joe Don Stumbo to commit the offense of Child Abuse Resulting in an Injury . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

April Walker received four counts alleging that she “did . . . feloniously deliver a controlled substance . . . Methamphetamine . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.” Count one allegedly happened “on, or about April 8, 2022,” count two on May 9, 2022, count three on June 16, 2022, count four on July 5, 2022.”

All defendants have a constitutional presumption of innocence until they plead, or are found guilty by a petit jury. All indictments have the signature of April D. Mallow, Prosecuting Attorney for Pendleton County, West Virginia.

# Project To Focus On Forest Farming Business Ventures

Future Generations University has announced their participation in a new partnership, led by Virginia Tech, with nine other organizations across the Appalachian region. This partnership project will expand and accelerate value-added, agricultural clusters of Appalachian communities that implement sustainable forest farming practices with the support of an ARISE award from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

“I strongly believe that the key to transforming Appalachia’s economic vitality can be found in vision and collaboration across state lines,” said Gayle Manchin, ARC federal co-chair Gayle. “I’m encouraged by the way our newest ARISE grantees have come together to forge plans that will greatly increase workforce development and business ventures in ways that will positively affect the entire region.”

“Accelerating Forest Farming in Central Appalachia” focuses on improving the economic viability, social well-being, and the resource sustainability of individual and collective forest farming business ventures across Central Appalachia. This project additionally increases the long-term viability of the value-added and sustainable Non-Timber Forest Products supply chains.

“Appalachia is a global icon in understory woodland product trade. From tree barks and gourmet food to the world’s largest spectrum of salable medicinal botanicals, the region is rich in marketable raw material derived from its biodiverse forests,” says John Munsell, project director for the planning grant, Virginia Tech associate professor and forest management extension specialist. “However, these products and associated producer communities have long been undervalued and underserved. Forest farming is an agroforestry practice involving the intentional production and stewardship of understory woodland crops such as mushrooms, plants, and sap that ensures product quality, reduces market volatility, enhances local enterprise, and increases sustainable commerce, all of which can improve the recognition and reward that Appalachian producers and their communities deserve.”

This award presents an opportunity to formalize relationships between institutions of higher learning, community development, research advancement, and sustainable farming and agroforestry in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, and North Carolina in an effort to grow an emerging forest farming industry for the Appalachian region. Entities in each location have been partnering and implementing practices to bolster the forest farming economy and will now have the opportunity to expand upon this existing work.

“The Yew Mountain Center is excited to be collaborating with partners across the region to expand opportunities related to cultivating non-timber forest products in Appalachian forests,” Erica Marks, director of The Yew Mountain Center stated. “Our sought-after native botanicals thrive in healthy forests just as our communities are enriched when we manage this resource for sustainable income potential and for conservation.”

The benefits of this new partnership include: 1) Development of a 5-year Implementation Project focused on valued-added marketing and technological innovations along with enterprise-based community development; 2) Producer, land and business owner education related to best practice findings; and 3) Programs and services to deliver a broad spectrum of market-centered opportunities for Appalachians, their communities, and the region’s natural woodland bounty.

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#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

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#### THURSDAY, JULY 27

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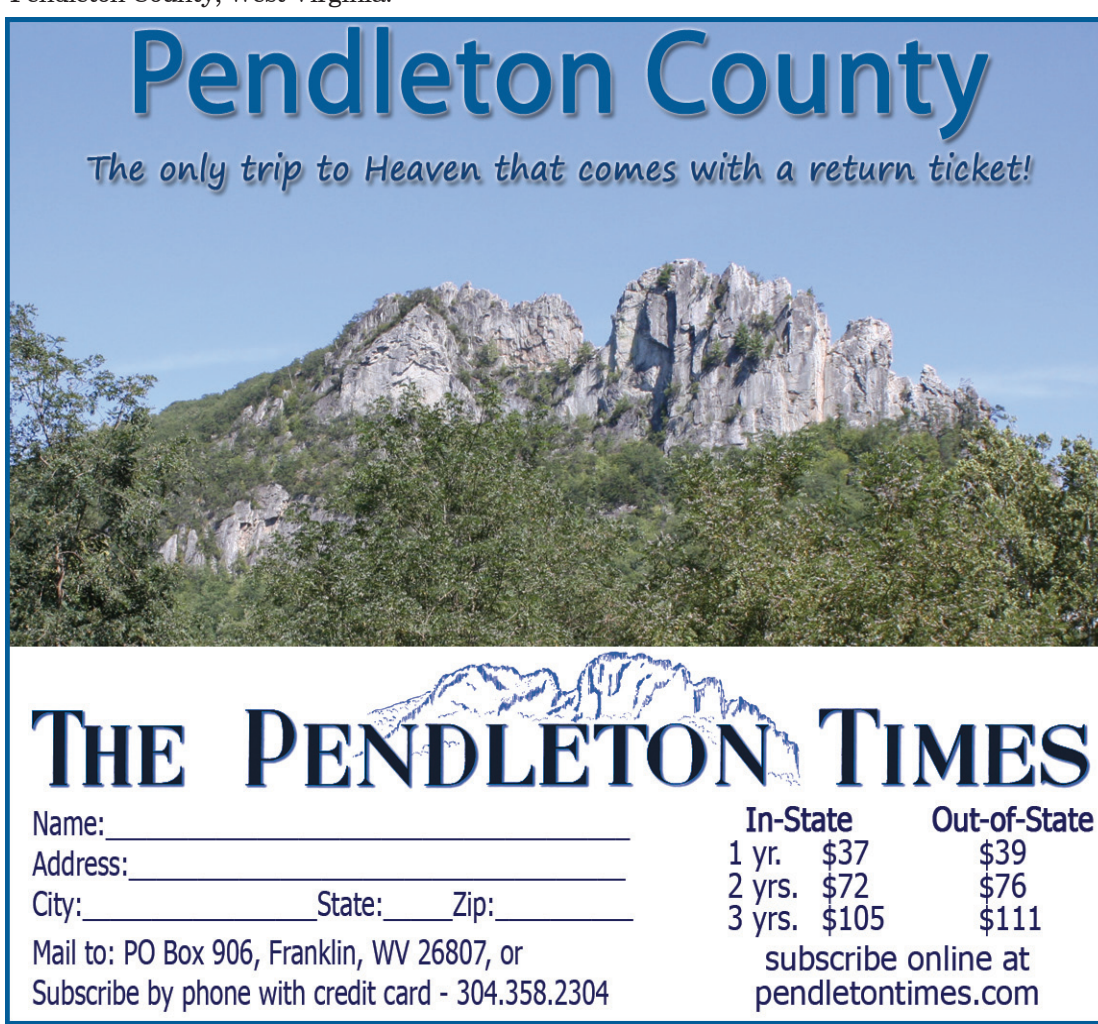
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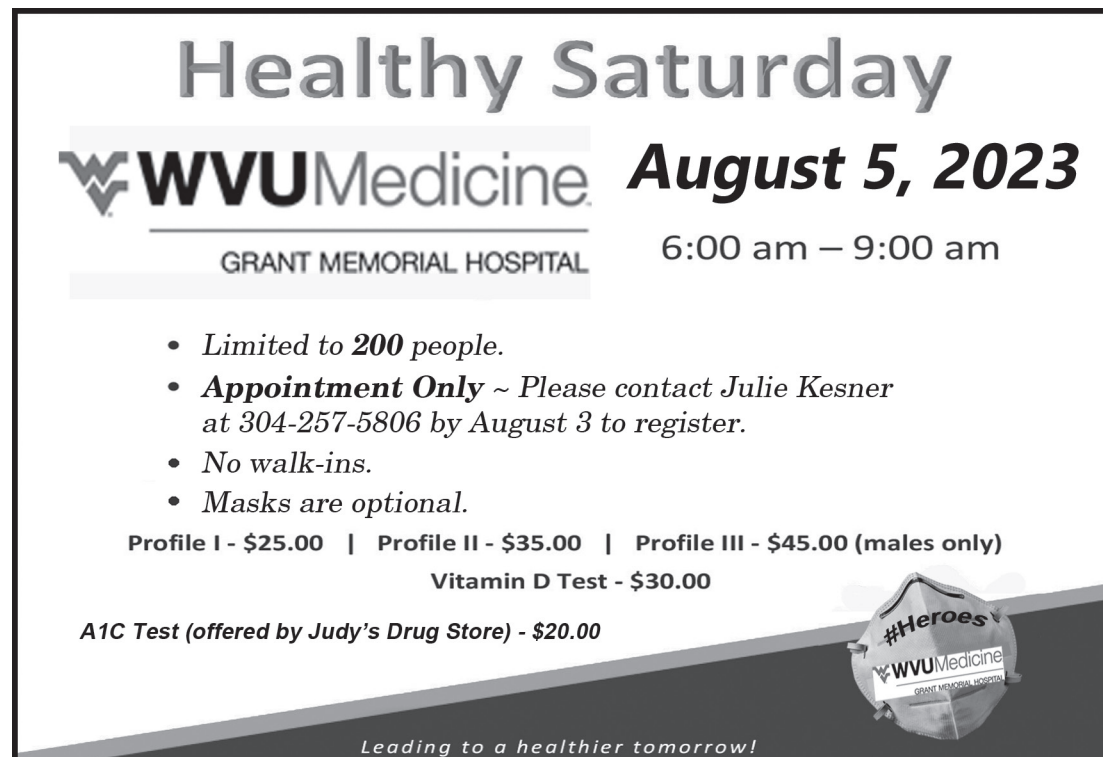
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# Pendleton Manor

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Lutheran Good Samaritan, but last January Nate Shema, president and CEO of the non-profit organization, announced that “the Good Samaritan Society is consolidating services and investments in seven core states,” then added that just under 70 percent of the seniors served live within those states.

They decided to disengage with facilities they supported in West Virginia and 14 other states, saying that “a consolidated footprint will best enable us to focus resources and investments.” They closed or sold 40 buildings in those states, and also pulled administrative support from Pendleton Manor on March 31.

Not only did Pendleton Manor need to find new services, they also had to replace technology owned and removed by the Good Samaritans when they pulled out.

Kropp stated that they then had to operate “entirely independently” and will complete that transition by August.

As both non-profit and independently owned, Pendleton Manor is part of a minority of skilled nursing facilities nationwide. A U.S. Department of Health and Human Services study released last December noted that just under three-fourths of nursing homes are for profit. Non-profit facilities make up 22.5 percent while the government owns 5.7 percent.

Only 33.8 percent of skilled nursing facilities across the country are, like Pendleton Manor, independently operated. The percentage of beds run by independent nursing homes was just under 33 percent.

While the DHHS study claims that “chains may have advantages over independent facilities in their ability to more successfully brand and acquire market share and keep costs down,” Kropp says what makes Pendleton Manor succeed is how closely the facility intertwines with the community.

He explained that the staff and board members often personally know patients at the facility. “Many of the staff have been here for years,” Kropp noted, also saying, “It’s a real community feel, They know these residents.” Many staff and board members have family, friends, even former teachers at the facility. “They have a very caring attitude because these are people they’ve known all their life.”

“It brings a different level of care,” Kropp added.

Community caring also flows the other direction. “We bought a new minivan last year,” Kropp said, then stated that 95 percent of the money for the vehicle came from local contributions. “We’re extremely grateful for community support. You have to be wise with dollars and give results.”

Pendleton Manor also offers services beyond those of a traditional nursing home. Those aspiring to become certified nursing assistants can receive their training at the facility. Kropp describes it as a community service, saying of program graduates, “most apply for a job here, but others go somewhere else and that’s fine.” The board also gives scholarships for those looking to attend nursing school.

Along St. Luke Drive, running south from Pendleton Manor are six cottages for seniors who need assistance in living, but not as much intervention and care as many of the patients. The single cottages and duplexes are all designed for senior needs, especially bathroom showers.

Overall, as Kropp describes, Pendleton Manor’s mission lies in being a full service facility for the community, not just a nursing home.

“We try to cover what isn’t covered here,” Kropp concluded.

# Historical Society

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way deep into the ground. New Trout cave has the northernmost location of vampire bat remains as well.

Indians of the Seneca Nation, one of the Five Nations of the Iroquois League, used caves in the area for their purposes. One of the first frontiersmen to discover and explore caves in what became Pendleton County was Bishop Francis Asbury of the Methodist Church. He described caves he saw as “solemn, and awfully grand. There were parts we did not explore – so deep, so damp, and so near night. I came away filled with wonder.”

Early American munitions makers also prized area caves which held substantial deposits of saltpeter, an important component in making black powder. Twenty such cave/mines have been identified in Pendleton County, but records for many are poor or non-existent. Materials mined from Pendleton County helped to produce black powder for over a century, starting with the French and Indian War and, with a few exceptions, ending with the American Civil War.

By the late 19th and early 20th centuries, those with interest in science, adventure, and profit took the most interest in the caves. Dasher described how Reverend Professor Arthur Krause of St. John’s Academy in Petersburg organized expeditions to study Hellhole, one of the most dangerous caves in the area.

Organizations such as the District of Columbia Speleological Society and others explored the caves, mapped them, and noted their interesting characteristics. They discovered fossils and formations, and developed even more precise maps of the world beneath Pendleton County.

The presentation’s final slide contained three vital pieces of advice for cave enthusiasts so that the careful work of millions of years of natural processes can be enjoyed for generations to come. “Take nothing but pictures. Kill nothing but time. Leave nothing but footprints.”

The event opened with a short business meeting led by Paul Clayton. He reminded the group that “the mission of the historical society is to record the history of the county,” then introduced the board members. Clayton followed by stating that “the historical society subsists on donations and sales of books.”

He then showed some of the books available for sale, including Brenna Mitchell’s well-researched Boys of ’17, a volume about Pendleton County soldiers in World War I and the society’s book containing data from the county’s approximately 800 cemeteries. A 2023 edition with updated information is available for sale.

The next public meeting and presentation will take place on Oct. 15 at the old Presbyterian Church in Upper Tract. The topic will be Pendleton County and the Civil War.

# Hevener BOE

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other EDA projects and programs.

The board then took up the business on the agenda. First, the board approved two job postings. The first will advertise the position of “extracurricular therapy dog handler” at a rate of \$2,500 per semester. Two contracts for kindergarten instructional coaches will also be posted.

Hevener also requested from the board that employees who worked over 200 days should receive supplemental pay. She recused herself from further discussion and the vote, which approved the supplement unanimously.

Travis Heavner then provided a facilities update. Cleaning at Pendleton County Middle/High School concluded, with the work moving to Franklin Elementary School next, followed by North Fork Elementary, then Brandywine Elementary. The annex building is now completely cleaned out and will be vacated by July 31.

He also reported that he located a mover to transport the new alternative education buildings. The county schools participated in a program that allowed Huttonsville inmates to construct mobile structures to replace the now-demolished old alternative education classroom. Delays in construction hamstrung the project initially. Then it was discovered that only a specialized truck could move the completed building units out of the prison gate.

Heavner reported that the Town of Franklin completed work to improve handicapped access near PCHMS. Additionally, the PCMHS gym painting project was completed and new bleachers were ordered for Franklin Elementary School.

J. P. Mowery reported that only one bid was received for school zone lights at Franklin Elementary School. West Virginia Signal and Light put in a bid for \$22,500 and that was approved.

Hedrick then gave his superintendent’s report, opening by welcoming Carrie Nesselrodt as the new attendance and special education director. He followed that with good news, sharing that Pendleton County placed in the top 10 of West Virginia systems sending students on to college with 52 percent moving on to higher education.

The board will hold a special personnel meeting on July 25. The next regular meeting will take place on Aug. 1.

## SINCERE THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness during our time of loss. We appreciate the visits, phone calls, meals, comforting words, and prayers. We are grateful for the continued support that is given.

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**All entries must be submitted no later than July 25.**

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 Gift cards and ribbons will be awarded to the winners of all three age groups.



# Deluge of Water Issues Dominate Town of Franklin Council Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

Seventy-five percent of the world is covered by water.

Franklin's town council meeting last week was likely also at least three fourths about issues related to the same topic.

Frank Wehrle, town administrator, first discussed the water plant restoration project. He reported that the water tank phase was "mostly completed" and that the "renovation of the water plant will start in a couple of weeks." The council approved Wehrle's request to draw down approximately \$244,000 to pay for the work done thus far.

A representative from Thrasher also came to provide more details on the project. In addition to what Wehrle shared, the representative explained that the tank work was substantially complete and ready for service. They repaired pitting, rusting and corrosion, did painting and filled the tank to the appropriate level with chlorine.

The painting of the tank was not for the purposes of aesthetics. According to a Mountain Empire Community College based site, "a corroding water tank works in the same way as a battery. A battery has an anode and a cathode. The anode is an area which gives off electrons (negatively charged particles which make up a current). The electrons flow from the negatively charged anode (-) to the positively charged cathode (+)."

This dynamic eats away at the interior surface of the tank. Painting the interior of the tank blocks the reaction and helps to preserve the tank's function and integrity.

Next, Thrasher will commence the renovation of the water plant. They informed the council that work had to be delayed until the 31st so

that the supervisor and needed materials could get on site before any other work started. They also indicated that they wished to discuss the Entry Mountain project further and perhaps work it as a separate project.

Council members also discussed the problem surrounding collapsing culverts on Dogwood Lane. Decades ago, a group of neighbors organized and put in a home-made culvert to replace ditches that ran between their property and the road. They were able to extend their usable land, but used less than ideal materials to construct the culvert.

Since then, development farther up the hill put more stress on the jerry-rigged system and the materials used have been degrading for some time.

Bob Horan, mayor of Franklin, noted that people have reported to him that "in a heavy rain, you can hear rocks going through it."

Residents have come to council to share their concerns. One actually had a hole open beneath him while mowing his brother's lawn.

Wehrle told the council that the town would likely pursue a federal stormwater grant, but warned that it was "very competitive." He added that stormwater "is often the fourth wheel behind roads, water, and sewer." Also, the town would have to secure landowner permission to rectify the problem.

The council then turned to a third water-related discussion, this time concerning an order issued by the West Virginia Public Service Commission. Charlotte Lane, director of the PSC, "ordered that on or before July 28, 2023, all public utility owners of fire hydrants or that serve private fire hydrants shall provide the information

requested in Attachment A."

Attachment A is a questionnaire that asks 27 questions of public and private operators of fire hydrants. They mainly inquire about ownership, maintenance, and pressure. Wehrle said that "any utility that operates hydrants in the state conduct a survey and report back to the PSC" by the end of July.

Hydrants require occasional flushing and other maintenance.

Wehrle speculated that the PSC focused on hydrants due to a Charleston fire whose impact was exacerbated by lack of hydrant pressure. "Since it's Charleston," he explained, "people take notice, as opposed to smaller towns where whole water systems collapse." He added that "hopefully, this will result in grant money from the state."

Bruce Minor, Franklin town councilman, said that "it's simple technology" to test the hydrants, then suggested that "maybe the fire department could help to flush these." Wehrle stated that the proper opening and closing of hydrants during fires would help to relieve some of the pressure problems, then added that training of firefighters in that could help considerably.

Minor replied that "maybe we can work out a deal."

The council then turned to other issues. Kristen Dingess, town council member, discussed the upcoming Summer Fun Fest planned for the following weekend. Jarred Rawson, council member, raised the issue of driver confusion regarding the "exit only" sign in the post office parking lot.

It was suggested that the issue be presented to the United States Postal Service, since they own the lot and posted the sign.

# West Virginia State Beef Production Defies 2023 National Predictions So Far

By Stephen Smoot

Although the United States Department of Agriculture forecasts a dip in beef production this year, West Virginia has experienced robust production thus far.

At the Agricultural Outlook Forum in late February of this year, USDA officials predicted that red meat and poultry production would fail to match the 2022 record set of 107.5 billion pounds. The report indicated that the sector would continue "to face challenges to both supply and demand from a wide range of factors." It went on to explain that "shortages of labor and constraints on logistics continued to limit the ability of the sector to manage throughput, and rising costs of inputs, including feed and energy, reduced the profitability of the industry."

The American Farm Bureau in January of this year described beef production in 2022 as being "filled with mountains for U.S. cattle producers to climb." Additionally, "the West and Southern Plains experienced some of the worst drought conditions in recent history."

"On Oct. 30, 2022, 64 percent of the cattle in the U.S. were in re-

gions where more than 40 percent of pasture and rangeland conditions were rated as poor to very poor," the Farm Bureau reported, adding that "these conditions were among the top reasons we saw contraction in the cattle industry in 2022."

Due to the challenges, the USDA expected producers to be cautious and pull back on production. Additionally, cattle production declined for the fourth straight year. On Jan. 1, total cattle on all feedlots totaled about 14.2 million, a four percent decline from last year. Total cattle off of feedlots on the same date had dropped nearly three percent from the previous year.

The USDA predicted higher levels of imports to meet demand, but in a tightening global market.

The latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service numbers for West Virginia red meat production, however, run counter to national expectations in February.

In May, commercial red meat production for West Virginia reached approximately 800,000 pounds, a 26 percent jump over last May's numbers. Commercial cattle slaughter also rose

by the same percentage for May 2023 over May 2022, totaling 1,174,000 pounds live weight.

Expanded production in West Virginia has remained a theme for the year. In March, production expanded by 17 percent over March 2022 numbers while commercial cattle slaughter was up by 13 percent.

Nationally, so far in 2023 beef production has increased to 27.1 billion pounds, based on current slaughter data and "a faster pace of marketings expected later in the year." Also "higher anticipated feeder cattle placements in third-quarter 2023 are expected to raise fed cattle marketings in early 2024, which minimally raises the beef production forecast next year to 24.8 billion pounds."

The USDA still expects an overall decline in production in 2024 nationally due to an eight percent "decline in per capita disappearance of beef." The term disappearance, according to the USDA, is "often used as a proxy for consumption." Domestic production is cited as the main cause and "beef production is forecast to decrease more than eight percent as U.S. cattle supplies tighten."

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**YARD SALE** beside Faith Lutheran in Franklin, July 21 & 22, 8 a.m.-? Toddler boys and girls clothing/toys, teen boys and girls clothing. Household items and more! 1c

### SPECIAL NOTICES

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

### POSTED NOTICES

**POSTED NOTICE** No trespassing, no hunting or trapping of any kind and no running or retrieving of dogs on any of my lands on Snowy Mountain. Not responsible for accidents. August 24, 2023 at 12:00 PM  
Frances Warner  
1-3-eow

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING PROPOSAL

The Town of Franklin, Pendleton County, West Virginia, is in the process of obtaining engineering services to develop, design, and provide construction administration and resident project representation for a wastewater improvement project.

Professional services will include (1) preparation of bidding and contracting documents, (2) participation in the evaluation of bids received, and (3) monitoring and inspection of construction activities to insure compliance with plans and specifications. Procurement of said services shall be in accordance with Chapter 5G of the Code of West Virginia. Contracts are to be awarded on proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management/staffing capabilities and related prior experience.

The aid of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly technical qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents will be interviewed and the firm judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a final proposal which would include fees for said services.

Please submit all requested information no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 3, 2023, to Kim Ruddle, Region 8 Planning and Development Council, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847. Interested firms should contact the Region 8 PDC at www.regioneight.org/projectopportunities, for a copy of the proposal format.

Attention is directed to the fact that the Town will undertake the project with State and Federal funds. The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to records provisions and all other requirements as related to federally funded projects.

The Town will afford full opportunity for minority/disadvantaged business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, sexual identification,

age, handicap, or national origin in the contract award.

Robert Horan, Mayor  
7-20-2c

### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated May 27, 2000, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Book No. 79, at Page 151, and modified by Corrective Affidavit recorded in Book No. 174, at page 518, Anna Wright and Valery Wright and Charles Wright did convey unto Stephen L. Thompson, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2018-RPL3 Trust to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Pendleton County Courthouse in Franklin, West Virginia, on

August 24, 2023 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 03 - Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract of parcel of real estate, lying and being situate 425 feet West of W. Va. Secondary Route 220/6, the Entry Mountain Road, approximately 1.2 miles West of the Town of Franklin, adjoining the land of E. E. Hott on the North and on the South, East and West by the Lands of Marion Wright, Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and is more particularly described by its metes and bounds as follows:

**BEGINNING** at a 1/2" iron pipe located S. 89 30' W. 57.9 feet from a steel jack stand, corner of Marion Wright and Eldon E. Hott, thence S. 89 30' W. 104.36 feet with the line of Hott to a 3/4" iron pipe; thence S. 0 30' E. 104.36 feet to a jack handle witnessed by a cap in the 5" oak in a clump of four oaks at 2.70 feet; thence N. 89 30' E. 104.36 feet to a 3/4" iron pipe; thence N. 0 30' W. 104.36 feet to the beginning and containing 0.25 acre or 10,891 square feet as surveyed and calculated by Edward Paul Morton, Sr.

**BEING** the same property conveyed to Valery Wright, Charles Wright and Anna Wright by deed from Marion Wright, dated March 15, 1976, recorded May 13, 1978 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 99, page 340.

A 30 foot right-of-way through the 1.6 acre and 0.75 acre tracts of Marion Wright is also conveyed. It runs from the Northwest corner of the 0.25 acre tract to the East boundary of Marion Wright's 0.75 acre tract and is described as follows:

Beginning at the 3/4" iron pipe N. 89 30' E. 57.9 feet; thence S. 66 E. 40.39 feet; thence S. 34 E. 103.10 feet; thence S. 54 E. 95.13 feet to the East side of Marion Wright's 0.75 acre tract.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: Entry Mountain Rd, Franklin, WV 26807.

## Speeding Wrecks Lives, Slow Down

The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remind motorists and motorcyclists to slow down and obey posted speed limits when traveling on West Virginia's roads. Speeding is a dangerous, illegal, and aggressive behavior responsible for more than one-quarter of all traffic-related fatalities nationally and nearly one-quarter of roadway fatalities in West Virginia.

The GHSP and NHTSA are working to put an end to this unsafe and preventable driving behavior during a nationwide speed prevention campaign taking place this month. Targeted high visibility enforcement began July 14 and will continue through July 30.

Speeding has become a focus of highway safety professionals both nationwide and in West Virginia due to an increase in risk-taking and careless driving over the past few years. In 2021 alone, 12,330 people were killed in speeding-related crashes nationwide. That same year, 64 people died on West Virginia's roads due to crashes involving speeding.

Speed limits are not a suggestion; they are the law. Obeying posted speed limits keeps drivers and passengers safe.

Speed limits are set for clear, sunny weather and dry road conditions. If roads are wet, snowy, or icy, drivers should reduce their speed to maintain safe control of their vehicle. Although improvements in vehicle safety and passenger protection have made incredible strides over the past few decades, it is still the driver's responsibility to control their speed and maintain control of the vehicle when behind the wheel.

Much like impaired or distracted driving, speeding is a selfish choice that can have deadly consequences for the driver, other drivers, vehicle passengers, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

The message is clear: Speeding Wrecks Lives. Please slow down.

To learn more about speeding, go to [nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/speeding](https://nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/speeding).

For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit [highwaysafety.wv.gov](https://highwaysafety.wv.gov) or call 304-926-2509.

recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp) to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

**TERMS:** \$3500.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

**FEDERAL TAX LIEN:** In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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### "NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on July 27, 2023, at 9:30 am to discuss the **Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan** for the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund Program (DWTRF). A part

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

**Contact**  
Katheryn Emery  
WV Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water & Waste Management  
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Charleston, WV 25304  
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Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov

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### WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](https://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until August 08, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):

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Description  
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**BRIDGE:** Bridge  
**Bridge Class**  
**SPANS(S):**  
**STRUCTURE STEEL:**

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on [www.bidx.com](https://www.bidx.com).

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. 7-13-2c

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# West Virginia Department of Agriculture Warns of Invasive Species' Potential Impact On Maple, Walnut and Forestry Productions

By Stephen Smoot

They may be breathtakingly beautiful in their adult form but according to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, the spotted lantern fly, as well as other flying invasive species, spread pure ugliness in their wake.

Spotted lantern flies are easy to spot. Their brilliant colors are similar to those seen in the Maryland State flag. The pests first established themselves in eastern Pennsylvania through accidental introduction and have spread from there since 2019.

"The spotted lantern fly causes issues with both agriculture and forestry," states James Watson from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. He added that the pests live by sucking sap from plants and out of certain trees, specifically the maple and black walnut trees used by many local landowners to produce syrup and other related products. They also target apple, cherry, plum, and peach trees and can devastate grape vineyards.

Watson advised that "one of the best ways of reducing numbers is to identify and treat with herbicide their preferred host, another invasive species called the tree of heaven." He explained that these trees boost populations of the spotted lantern fly, forcing them to subsist on vegetation more important to affected agricultural producers.

He also said that "there's an aesthetic component to a spotted lantern fly infestation as well." Watson described how swarms of them near residences and businesses will leave "lots of excrement," which attracts a "black sooty mold," but will not directly harm humans or pets.

Scott Hoffman, from the New Creek office of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, reports that they are well established in Jefferson and Berkeley counties and spreading into Morgan, Hardy, Hampshire, and eastern Mineral counties currently. Hoffman explains also that "they like to hitchhike on vehicles," and "we cannot detect them."

Though none have been officially seen in Pendleton County yet, Hoffman says "they're a big nuisance" anywhere they can get established. The West Virginia Department of Agriculture requests that if anyone sees a spotted lantern fly in the wild, to photograph it, record any details such as location, visible damage, etc., and send the information to [bugbusters@wvda.us](mailto:bugbusters@wvda.us). The state also works with the USDA APHIS program to slow the spread as much as possible.

Unfortunately, the state lacks money and staff to aggressively attack the spotted lantern fly problem. Being proactive with seeking out and destroying trees

of heaven before they arrive in large numbers could also help to minimize the potential impact if or when spotted lantern flies make their way across the Hardy County line.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture also is seeking out participants for its program to attack the problem of the pest commonly called the gypsy moth, but referred to by government agencies as the "spongy moth."

Government agencies changed the pest's nomenclature due to concerns over the word "gypsy," historically used as a slur against the Romani people of Eastern Europe.

This pest has a long and destructive history in West Virginia and other parts of the nation. Adult gypsy moths were first trapped in the United States in 1972 with the first caterpillar seen in 1978.

Many may remember several years ago when swarms of gypsy moths left mountain ridges bare of foliage in summertime. Since then, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture has worked diligently to protect state forests from infestations of gypsy moths.

The state uses two treatments to protect trees against the destruction of gypsy moths. One uses a fungus and the other a virus. Hoffman explains that they "reduce the population and cause it to collapse, so it's not as much of a problem now."

From now until Aug. 31, landowners can register to have a gypsy moth egg mass survey done on their property. While there is a 50-acre minimum, landowners can combine together to request a survey. The WVDA requests a \$1 per acre deposit with a maximum of \$500. The deposit is non refundable, but can be applied to the cost of the treatment. Properties with at least 500 egg masses per acre qualify and treatments should be effective up to 1,000 to 1,200 masses per acre.

Landowners can have one of two possible treatments. Mimic will cost property owners \$13 per acre. BT treatments will cost \$17 an acre. This year the state pays half the cost, but this cost sharing changes from year to year.

Once the WVDA completes the survey, the property owner receives a letter, a contract, and a deposit invoice that they can return if they choose to treat. Treatments will take place in the following year. Some wait until the spring to request help. Only in severe cases can the state help at that point.



Marion Williams

## Williams Participates In State Folk Festival

Marion Williams, a member of the Franklin Mountaineers 4-H Club, represented Pendleton County as a Junior Belle in June at the West Virginia State Folk Festival in Glenville.

She is the daughter of Martha Williams and Jason Smith of Sugar Grove.

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