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Adkinses Seek New Pinnacle for The Highlands at Fisher Mountain

By Stephen Smoot

He hails from the low lying hills along the Mid Ohio Valley in Wayne County, just west of Huntington.

She spent her childhood halfway across the world, in the highlands of myth shrouded Transylvania.

Together, Will and Lavi Adkins bring a love of mountains, beautiful countryside, good times, and, of course, a spectacular golf experience to their dream and goal of fully developing The Highlands at Fisher Mountain.

Throughout the summer, Troublesome Valley's most famous center of recreation and fun has seen a hornets nest of activity. Work trucks and earthmoving equipment have made tangible the promises of investments and upgrades in the same year that an NBC Sports story highlighted the course as the second best in the nation.

Will Adkins, along with his brother, Mark, who own North Carolina based Waterfront Group, explained that "we've upped the budget to renovate the course and the clubhouse." Much of the initial work has gone into renovating the clubhouse. "We want to bring it up to date," Lavi Adkins shared, "It has good bones. It just needs some TLC."

The Adkins' plans for the course cleared a major hurdle recently. Will Adkins stated, "We recently signed an agreement with the county to get water out there." That will enable the facility to expand in a number of ways to best attract and keep the attention of tourists and locals alike.

One of the first steps lay in removing a stone fireplace that dominated the room, but blocked spectacular views of the course from many parts of the space. The bar area has been extended by several feet and will receive a complete



Will and Lavi Adkins seek to bring a luxurious, yet affordable, feel to Fisher Mountain.

aesthetic modernization. A new fireplace will grace the corner opposite the bar by the front door. Much of the room, however, will keep the "focus on the golf course and views."

Plans also include giving guests better access to the pro shop by providing a large entranceway from the clubhouse.

Those used to squinting into the distance to see a ball hit on the driving range will appreciate an addition coming soon. Will Adkins described the TopTracer computerized

driving range system. According to the company that builds it, the engineer who designed the system struggled to see his golf ball after he hit it. Consequently, he "spent the next several years tinkering with a new kind of camera with sensors that could detect a golf ball flying through the air."

As the device improved over a decade and a half of use, it offered data and analytics to help golfers improve both their swing and their strat-

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Pendleton County officials remain optimistic that the right tenant will come to the former base at Sugar Grove.

Sugar Grove's Eight-Year Search to Find the Right Fit Goes Unanswered

By Stephen Smoot

In 2015 the Sugar Grove Naval Base, long a target of conspiracy theories and jokes (the gullible often heard claims that it was a submarine base) closed down. The passing of U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd, a pit bull in defense of its service, helped to spell its end. Federal law also eliminated the mandate that intelligence facilities be paired with military bases, thus ending the last reason for its existence.

Then came the national press attention as the United States Department of Defense put the base up for auction. Time magazine described it as a city for sale in the heart of the West Virginia mountains. As many ideas floated around for its potential use as there were individuals willing and able to imagine.

In December 2015, the first buyer of the base at auction backed away from the purchase. The buyer was uncomfortable with the liabilities or potential Superfund complications. Superfund sites are chosen

by the Environmental Protection Agency for remediation due to contaminated land from decades of use or emergent environmental emergencies.

Prior to the second auc-

tion, current base owner Matt Roiz remembers that "I'd just finished up a three-year stint as an executive in a drug and alcohol rehab." Roiz recounted how

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Tri-County Fair
(Pendleton, Grant and Hardy counties)
Schedule Of Events

Saturday, July 29

7:30 p.m. — Lone Star Championship Rodeo

Sunday, July 30

4 p.m. — Livestock Exhibitors' Meeting/Clinic
6 p.m. — Vespers To Follow Meeting
7 p.m. — Greater Vision

Monday, July 31

8 a.m. — Gates Open
10 a.m. — Breeding Cattle Show
1 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Feeder Calf Show
3 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Beef Showmanship
PeeWee Showmanship To Follow
4-H/FFA Beef Skill-a-Thon
4 p.m. — Exhibits Open, Main Exhibit Building
6 p.m. — Rides Open
7 p.m. — Pig Scramble
7:30 p.m. — Queen Scholarship Pageant

Tuesday, August 1

8 a.m. — Gates Open
10 a.m. — 4-H/FFA Market Lamb Show
1 p.m. — Breeding Sheep Show
4 p.m. — Exhibits Open, Main Exhibit Building
6 p.m. — Mutin' Bustin' Rides Open
7 p.m. — Pig Scramble
8 p.m. — Davisson Brothers Band

Wednesday, August 2

8 a.m. — Gates Open
9 a.m. — 4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship
PeeWee Showmanship To Follow
4-H/FFA Sheep and Goat Skill-a-Thon
2 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Goat Showmanship
PeeWee Showmanship To Follow
4 p.m. — Exhibits Open, Main Exhibit Building
6 p.m. — Parade
Rides Open
8 p.m. — WV Axeman
9 p.m. — Parade Awards

Thursday, August 3

8 a.m. — Gates Open (Kids' Night - \$1 Admission for Everyone)
10 a.m. — 4-H/FFA Market Goat Show
4 p.m. — Exhibits Open, Main Exhibit Building
5 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Market Steer Show
Pedal Power Contest
6 p.m. — Power Wheels Derby (ages 3-5)
Rides Open
6:30 p.m. — Power Wheels Derby (ages 6-10)
7 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Market Hog Show

Friday, August 4

8 a.m. — Gates Open
9 a.m. — 4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship
PeeWee Showmanship To Follow
2 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Swine Skill-a-Thon/Ag Olympics
4 p.m. — Exhibits Open, Main Exhibit Building
5 p.m. — Master Showmanship Competition
6 p.m. — Rides Open
7:30 p.m. — Lamb/Goat Costume Contest
8 p.m. — Rodney Atkins

Saturday, August 5

8 a.m. — Gates Open
10 a.m. — Pet Show
11:30 a.m. — 4-H/FFA Livestock Awards
1 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale
2 p.m. — Exhibits Open, Main Exhibit Building
6 p.m. — Rides Open
7 p.m. — Demolition Derby

Contractors Pass on Former Sugar Grove Naval Base in Site Selection Decision

By Stephen Smoot

Eight years ago, a chapter closed in the history of the former Sugar Grove Naval Base. As hard as those working to write the next have labored, bringing in a new tenant to open a new story in using the base has faced barrier after barrier.

The most recent opportunity developed over spring and summer of this year, but never came close enough to fruition to even issue a major announcement.

Two federal contractors, Exeter Government Services LLC

and Parsons Corporation (no connection to the town) together took a close look at the Sugar Grove facility. Their goal lay in finding facilities capable of taking in 13- to 17-year-olds who illegally crossed the border, "have no support structure," and landed in federal custody. Stays at Sugar Grove, should the site have been approved, would have been very short term before transfers to other federal sites.

Those brought to Sugar Grove would have been placed in open sleeping facilities in the warehouses, not in barracks or other base housing. Children in the facility would have been quarantined on the base with as little contact as possible between them and locals.

This has been the latest in a series of efforts by Matt Roiz, part of the ownership group for the base, to find a tenant for the base that will both defray some of the staggering costs so far incurred while also bringing a tenant that would bring maximum benefit and a minimum of problems to the area.

Exeter Government Services opened discussions with Roiz 18 months ago as it explored using the Sugar Grove facility.

A federal request for proposal was issued in April. Since then Exeter, along with Parsons, worked with Roiz to learn more about the base and plan for potential operations there.

On July 12, Parsons met with local officials, State Senator Robert Karnes, and Delegate Bryan Ward to discuss their plans on how to utilize the facility. They described a one-year lease with four options coming behind it. Company officials described it as "a five-year project."

Karnes told Parsons representatives that "I think it's a great facility. I've been bugging people all these years to find something." Karnes asked questions about effects on local infrastructure, particularly the school system's ability to handle the children of incoming staff.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, stated in the meeting that "it will breathe new life into all those structures and improve future marketability." Throughout the process, Gillespie was working to gain support for county emergency services due to the fact that they might have to respond to

issues related to the base and its tenant.

Company officials also discussed community support, such as patronizing local businesses for goods and services, sponsoring a golf tournament at Fisher Mountain, and other ideas.

When Karnes asked about obstacles that such a facility might have to overcome, officials responded by saying the main problem lay in "language, having bilingual people," but he added that they had "new software that instantaneously translates. We're still exploring it."

Parsons representatives discussed at the July 12 meeting plans for how many to accept in the first 30 days, that they already had "identified and measured the spaces" and made sure that the facility was compliant. He said of Roiz' maintenance efforts that "I have to give it to the owner. They've done a lot of work to keep it maintained."

Within a week, however, Parsons informed Pendleton County officials and Roiz that Sugar Grove would no longer be considered for site selection.

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Community Calendar

Wayside Baptist To Host VBS

Vacation Bible School is being held from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Wayside Baptist Church. All children ages 4 to 15 years old are welcome to attend. To pre-register, contact Wayside Church on Facebook.

OBITUARIES



Ona Franklin Smith

Ona Franklin Smith, 87, of Hammondsport, New York, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2023, at the Bath VA Medical Center in Bath, New York.

He was born Nov. 7, 1935, in Sugar Grove, a son of the late Roy M. and Mertie (Grogg) Smith.

Mr. Smith was a 1954 graduate of Franklin High School and a United States Air Force veteran. While serving in Japan, he developed a love for and raced motorcycles. Recently, his family and friends arranged for him to take one last ride. He was a member of the Roswell-McDaniels American Legion Post 407 in Hammondsport, New York. He had great affection for country music, gardening, John Deere and Farmall tractors, but most important to him was the love for his Lord, family, friends and country.

His employment through the years included Mercury Aircraft and supervisor at Gold Seal Winery, both in Hammondsport, New York. He had a Knapp Vineyard and driving tractor trailers for Conley Trucking and Shaw Trucking.

Prior to the onset of declining health in 2019, he and his family traveled to Virginia and West Virginia each summer for reunions where he took advantage of every opportunity to do what he loved...singing along with musicians, his brother or anyone who would join him. His favorite song, seemingly, was "One Day at a Time," a motto by which he definitely lived. During those visits, he always requested gathering for a meal at the Thomas House Restaurant in Dayton, Virginia. Never forgetting his West Virginia roots, Sugar Grove and Big Stoney Run, specifically, held a very special place in his heart.

He was the beloved husband to his wife of 62 years, Carol L. "Jones" Smith, who predeceased him on Oct. 12, 2019.

He is survived by his children, Carol M. Smith, Gary M. Smith, Deborah (Pete) Carlsen and Dawn Smith (Brian Hefler); grandchildren, Craig (Rebecca) Carlsen, Kristen (Jake) Hurd, David Smith, Brandi (Jason) Wahl, Jackie Hefler, Cole (Stephanie) Schehr and Kaylee (Trevor) Tutthill; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Donnie (Judy) Smith of Bridgewater, Virginia; sisters, Leta Billiot of Marrero, Louisiana, Evelyn Varner of Sugar Grove and Patricia (Jr.) Sacra of Mt. Sidney, Virginia; and many treasured nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his infant daughter, Jacqueline Kay Smith; grandson, Ryan Schehr; sisters, Mabel Susan (infant), Ethel Caricofe and Viola Rye; and brothers, Aubrey, Calvin and Orville.

A funeral service with full military honors was held July 3 at Fagan's Funeral Home in Bath, New York, followed by interment July 6 at the Bath National Cemetery.

Due to the loving care provided to Mr. Smith these last nearly four years, the family requests that those wishing to do so may make a donation in his memory to the Bath VAMC, 76 Veterans Ave., Bath, NY 14810.



Roland Calhoun Miller

Roland Calhoun Miller, 91, of Petersburg went to be with the Lord on July 18, 2023, at Valley Health Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia.

He was born on June 8, 1932, in Kline, the son of the late Roy Washington and Lillian (Calhoun) Miller.

Mr. Miller attended school in Mozer and the First Baptist Church in Petersburg.

He joined the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War. Upon his honorable discharge, he began working for his Uncle Johnny hauling chickens to Pennsylvania, then becoming a parts manager and driving a wrecker for Petersburg Motor Company. He also worked for Ours Chevrolet and Wagner Chevrolet as a parts manager. He continued his career working for Adell Polymers before retiring from the Petersburg Oil Company.

He was a former member of the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Company. He enjoyed gardening, especially caring for his roses, cutting firewood, and acting as a "shade tree" mechanic. He could fix anything a person brought to him. Above all, he loved his family and spending precious time holding the grandbabies.

On July 23, 1955, he married Arvella (Erick) Miller, who preceded him in death on April 25, 2010.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories three daughters, Karen Kesner and Rhonda Miller, both of Petersburg, and Debra Rexrode (Donald) of Mayville; a son, Roger Miller of Petersburg; three sisters, Shirley Riggleman (Brooke) of Mt. Crawford, Virginia, Sue Knotts (Willis) of Bridgewater, Virginia, and Charlotte Miller of Mozer; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and one more on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Charles Lee "Bud" Miller; a sister, Anna Lynn Westfall; and a granddaughter, Danielle Rebekah Miller.

Funeral services were held on Sunday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Lynn Durbin officiating. Interment was in the South Branch Valley Memorial Gardens in Petersburg with military honors bestowed by the U.S. Army and the Grant County Veteran Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Company, 49 S Main St., Petersburg, WV 26847. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



Robert Joseph Fisher, Jr.

Robert Joseph Fisher, Jr., 78, of Brandywine passed away July 24, 2023, at his home.

He was born Jan. 21, 1945, at Camden, New Jersey, and was the son of the late Robert Fisher, Sr. and Miriam Fisher, and the stepson of the late Doris Fisher.

Mr. Fisher was a veteran having served in the U.S. Navy for 10 years. He was one of the first group of sailors to be stationed at the Sugar Grove Naval Radio Station, arriving there in 1968. He worked as a cook at the Navy Base for 30 years.

He was a life member of the South Fork Rescue Squad and South Fork Volunteer Fire Department. He was an EMT, a CPR instructor and a hunter's education instructor. He worked for Pendleton County 911 as a dispatcher from April 23, 2001, to March 15, 2015.

He was a member of St. Paul Independent Church and loved to sing hymns and share his faith with others. He loved to fish, and his joy in life was spending time with his grandchildren and teaching them how to play poker.

On Sept. 26, 1970, he married the love of his life, Brenda Kiser Fisher, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robby (Linnea) Fisher of Brandywine; two grandsons, Logan Fisher and Michael Fisher; a sister, Carol (Bob) Baals of Cape May, New Jersey; two brothers, Glenn (Bonnie) Fisher of Washington and Paul Fisher of Mexico; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Edwin and Mildred Kiser.

His body has been cremated, and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the South Fork Rescue Squad, PO Box 55, Sugar Grove, WV 26815 or the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 297, Brandywine, WV 26802.

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

Arrangements were entrusted to Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.



Ruth Ellen Simmers

Ruth Ellen Simmers, 69, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, passed away July 8, 2023, at Kent General Hospital in Dover, Delaware.

She was born Sept. 5, 1953, in Dover, Delaware, to the late John Gorman and Beulah Lambert Gorman.

Mrs. Simmers worked as a licensed practical nurse, proudly serving the emergency room department, labor and delivery, drug and alcohol rehab, mental health, and assisted living. She worked in Harrisonburg, Virginia, Wilmington and Dover, Delaware, and Franklin. She enjoyed serving others so much that it was nothing for her to pick up someone who was injured on side of the road and take them to the hospital or stay after her shift to be with a family who was losing a loved one. She was a woman of great strength and wrote her own story, defying all odds. In September 2020, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and fought the hard fight for almost three years. After two oncologists told her that there was nothing more that could be done, less than one year from diagnosis, she said, "That is not how my story goes." So, she went for that third opinion and was blessed with another two years of life.

Surviving are a daughter, Kehris Snead and husband, Chris of Harrisonburg, Virginia; sisters, Karen Whitaker and husband, Bill, Barbara Cool and Kathy Ravis, all of Dover, Delaware, Patricia Tieman and Anna Gorman, both of Hartly, Delaware; brothers, Sheldon Gorman of Hartly, Delaware, and William Gorman and wife, Florence of DeFuniak Springs, Florida; and grandchildren, Adisyn and Alexa Snead.

She was also preceded in death by brothers, Elwood Lambert and John "Butch" Gorman, Jr. A celebration of life will be held Sept. 23 in Franklin. Details will be shared at a later time. Memorial contributions can be made to Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Letters of condolence may be sent, and guestbook signed at www.torbertyfuneral.com.



Jimmie Brooks Warner

Jimmie Brooks Warner, 82, a resident of Pendleton Manor in Franklin for almost nine years, passed away July 21, 2023, at Pendleton Manor.

He was born Aug. 11, 1940, on Hunting Ground to the late Verlie and Ona L. (Sponaule) Warner.

Mr. Warner retired from painting and carpentry work in 2004, and was Presbyterian by faith. He enjoyed traveling and had been to Florida, Texas, Wisconsin and Maine. He had two dogs, enjoyed deer and squirrel hunting and bowling. At Pendleton Manor, he enjoyed playing bingo regularly, reading, watching westerns, listening to country music and eating ice cream.

Surviving are two sons,

Jimmie Brooks Warner II (Carrie) of Texas and Eric Brooks Warner (Amy) of Fredericksburg, Virginia; two daughters, Deborah Lynn (Warner) Brewer (Mike) of Georgia and Jamie Lynn (Warner) Sellers (Aaron) of Stafford, Virginia; 11 granddaughters; two great-grandsons; a great-granddaughter; four sisters, Mildred Reisler of Florida, Geneva Hudson of Pennsylvania, Frances Bright of Florida and Carolyn Teets (Robert) of Seneca Rocks; a brother, Kermit Warner (Nancy) of Waldorf, Maryland; two aunts, Anna Jo Sponaule Hartman and Mary Lou Sponaule Lambert (David) of Maryland; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by five brothers, Olin, Jearl, Johnnie, Gale and Dennis; a sister, Hilda; and two wives.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin where a funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Fletcher Hutcheson officiating. Private inurnment will be at the Warner Cemetery.

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

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Wednesday, August 9 • 7 - 9 p.m.

**Pendleton County Board of Education
Central Office - Meeting Room**

125 North Main Street, Franklin

If possible, RSVP for planning purposes
by email to rosalie.santerre@wv.gov

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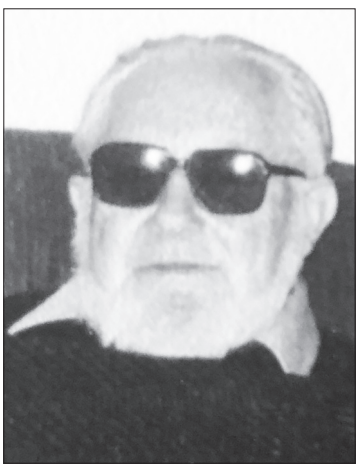
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We will be raffling off a 100"x110" (queen) Maple Leaf Star Quilt.
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Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.



OBITUARIES



Edwin Roy Hinkle

Edwin Roy Hinkle, 90, of Franklin passed away July 22, 2023, at Valley Health Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia.

He was born Nov. 20, 1932, at Riverton and was the son of the late Teddie Hobert Hinkle and Mona Zella Landes Hinkle.

Mr. Hinkle was an auto mechanic for Kline Motor Sales and Gene's Repair Service and was a member of the Franklin Seventh Day Adventist Church.

On Dec. 24, 1951, he married Barbara Marie (Turner) Hinkle, who preceded him in death on July 7, 2014.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Hinkle of Franklin; two sons, Jim Hinkle of Circleville and Tom Hinkle of Franklin; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Jeff Kuykendall of Franklin.

His body has been cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Arrangements were entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

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Clarence August Hoten

Clarence August Hoten, 81, of Beckley passed away July 19, 2023, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1941, in Chesaning, Michigan, the son of the late Shier and Esther (Verga) Hoten.

Mr. Hoten graduated from Chesaning Union High School in Michigan.

He was a member of Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren and he enjoyed fishing and coin collecting. Being a history buff, he also enjoyed storytelling, blue grass music, and a good cigar. He retired in 2004 from Cargill Poultry.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he served as a maintenance

supervisor/head mechanic and was honored to have serviced Air Force One that carried the president of the United States.

His wife, Rebecca Ann (Gillispie) Hoten, preceded him in death on Feb. 2, 2012.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory a daughter, Jennifer Hoten of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a son, C.C. Hoten (Sara) of Beckley; a sister, Deborah "Debbie" Spencer (Terry) of Chesaning, Michigan; two brothers, Bruce Hoten and Kurt Hoten, both of Chesaning, Michigan; and two grandchildren, Aaron "Bubbi" and Airidesa Hoten.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Judith Hoten.

Funeral services were held Monday at Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren in Brandywine with Pastor Mark Bowser officiating and military honors conducted by the US Air Force.

Memorials may be made to Raleigh County Committee on Aging, c/o Crystal Foley, 1614 S. Kanawha St., Beckley, WV 25801.

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

Contractors

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The call came on the morning of July 18, before the regularly scheduled county committee meeting. During the meeting Laura Brown, executive director of the combined Pendleton and Grant County economic development authority, shared that "Sugar Grove was not selected for phase two" and that the EDA would continue to work with the owners of the base, although there were no additional leads at the time.

Later that day, county officials held a call with Roiz to discuss the aftermath. He said, "I just heard it myself yesterday and I was more than a little surprised," and said, "Maybe Parsons didn't want the headline risk." Roiz also confirmed that the number of children that the facility would have

held are already in decline.

Brown shared that Parsons Corporation had a high opinion of both the Sugar Grove property and of Pendleton County in general. She said Sugar Grove "is still at the top of the list" and that Parsons "appreciated the county's support," saying "delegates and senators were easy to work with."

She later added that after "very in depth discussions . . . Matt and the other owners are committed to bringing something that not only fits in our community, but something that the people can be proud of."

Roiz said, "I wish I had more concrete answers. Everyone did everything on this call right."

Sugar Grove Unoccupied

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he had expanded its operations from a single facility in Los Angeles to multiple locations in California and Washington.

Roiz described the perfect scenario as "making money and helping people. It's the double bottom line." Then he saw Sugar Grove and concluded, "This would be a great spot for drug and alcohol rehabilitation." At the time, the Mountain State had some of the highest rates of addiction and abuse, but only 127 beds for recovery.

Almost immediately the base entertained two suitors. The State of West Virginia's Department of Corrections saw a chance to move the women's prison from Lakin, touting its facilities as opportunities to develop skills training to help inmates upon release. KVC, a non profit that works with foster children, saw Sugar Grove as a campus for its program to educate children coming out of foster care and other problematic environments.

The prison remains in Lakin and KVC chose the former campus of West Virginia Tech in Kanawha County for its needs.

Gene McConnell, former Pendleton County Commission president, noted that "political posturing" and concerns over available workforce contributed to the prison not relocating. He said if an organization can neither build a workforce in the area nor entice sufficient workers to move, "the location is not considered."

As Roiz searched for tenants for the base, his company continued to pay the steep costs of maintenance, as well as annual property taxes. His mission lay in finding an entity, or combination of entities, that would use the entire base,

not just parts of it.

Another promising potential tenant was Meridian Health, based in Tennessee. Roiz explained that their CEO, Wes Mason, "had a lot of experience with government contracts." Meridian put together a plan that would also involve Highland Hospital in Charleston and the Gersh network of autism academies. The base would serve a dual purpose with Meridian running behavioral health and addiction related treatments.

Gersh, which now operates autism academies in New York State, Washington State, and Puerto Rico, would operate an educational facility on the base.

After a year, unfortunately, as Roiz described it, Mason was "over his head." With all other facilities run by Meridian being relatively small, "he'd never been on the hook like this before."

Roiz said of Kevin Gersh, who ran the network of autism facilities, "his dedication was always there." The company CEO even lived in base housing. Eventually, resources grew scarce and the entire project fell through.

He then turned his attention away from behavioral health, addiction recovery, and education to looking at government contractor, saying, "I've solicited everyone you can imagine." The growth of cybersecurity as a government focus opened some potential opportunity. A Utah based cybersecurity company looked closely at the base, as did the federal government searching for a cybercommand facility.

The facility received the backing of Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito and a plan emerged to have the West

Virginia National Guard assume ownership with a federal cybercommand facility put in place. "All of a sudden, cybercommand went silent," Roiz said, then added, "I'm not sure what happened at all."

Meanwhile, Roiz continues to invest money into maintenance, saying also, "We're paying property taxes every year with no revenue coming in."

Eighteen months ago, the call came for the most recent potential option to utilize the base.

Ownership of the base with no paying tenants comes with a high cost. Roiz estimates that "our costs average \$30,000 a month, plus interest expenses and mortgage." He added, "That's with no repairs, but there are always repairs." One recent repair cost came from paying \$20,000 to replace the streetlights.

McConnell, who worked on trying to find a base tenant for several years, said, "The greatest obstacle in getting a tenant there has been, and still is, the location."

Laura Brown, executive director of the combined Pendleton and Grant County Economic and Community Development Authority, said that "Just this year, the EDA has brought visitors from the state to tour the base." She added that the EDA is also putting together an event for state economic development and elected leaders to experience the base.

Moving forward, Roiz and county officials continue to work on ideas and seek out tenants. He said that the base is well-regarded and that, in terms of the ability to compete for tenants, "I don't want people to think that Pendleton is too small to count."

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10 Years Ago
Week of July 25, 2013

30 Years Ago
Week of July 29, 1993

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He has five counties in West Virginia—Mineral, Hampshire, Hardy, Grant and Pendleton, and selected accounts in Allegany and Garrett counties.

Asked what he would do with the money, Pfarr said, "Well, I'm too young to retire, so the only thing to do with that kind of money is to invest it."

60 Years Ago
Week of August 1, 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.

Southerners In Gloom After July Defeats

July, 1863, had been a great month for the Union but a catastrophic one for the Confederacy, and as the month came to an end 100 years ago this week, a pall of gloom spread throughout the South.

The losses of the month had been momentous. General Robert E. Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania had been hurled back with terrible slaughter at Gettysburg. Vicksburg, and 30,000 Confederate troops, had surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, cutting the Confederacy in two. General John Hunt Morgan, the guerilla fighter, had marched north from Tennessee and invaded Indiana and Ohio, only to be captured and to lose all but 250 of his 3,000 men. And in Tennessee, Gen. Braxton Bragg had been forced to abandon the central part of the state to the Federals and fall back to Chattanooga, next to the Georgia line.

"The momentary gloom, hanging like the pall of death over our affairs, cannot be dispelled without a decisive victory somewhere," wrote John B. Jones, the Confederate war clerk in Richmond, in his diary of August 2.

Jones' diary entries as July ended and August began told a vivid story.

"Lee is falling back on this side of the Rappahannock (in central Virginia)," he wrote on August 4. "His army has been diminished by desertions." And on August 3, he wrote: "More than a thousand deserters from Lee's army have crossed (the James River near Richmond) within the last fortnight. This is awful..."

On July 31, Jones noted a letter from a Confederate congressman in Mobile, Ala.: "Mississippi is nearly subdued, and Alabama is almost exhausted... Our recent disasters, and Lee's failure in Pennsylvania, have nearly

ruined us."

And on July 29, Jones noted a report "that Western and Middle Tennessee are in the hands of the enemy, and that about half the people in East Tennessee are sympathetic with the North!"

There were still other woes. Federals were hammering away with big guns on historic Fort Sumter at Charleston, S. C. In North Carolina, 33-year-old Governor Zebulon Vance was arguing heatedly against Confederate policies and was showing signs of Union sympathy. There also was growing Union sympathy in Arkansas. On July 27, Jones had written: "Nothing but disasters to chronicle now. Natchez and Yazoo City, all gone the way of Vicksburg..."

Two deaths that week heightened the sadness. The famous Sam Houston, former president and governor of Texas, died July 26. (This was no blow to the Confederacy however; Houston had opposed secession consistently). In Alabama, William L. Yancey, Confederate senator and former Confederate diplomat, died the following day.

In the western war theater, Gen. Joseph E. Johnston had become a thorn in the side of President Davis and finally had asked to be relieved of command of the Department of Tennessee and given command only of the forces in Mississippi. The request was granted.

And in Virginia came an even more momentous request: Lee asked Davis to be relieved of command of the Army of Northern Virginia so that "a younger and abler man than myself" could take over. Davis found that request impossible to grant.

Next week: War shifts to Tennessee.

Lawrence Frye Is New Pastor of EUB Charge

The Rev. Lawrence Frye has accepted the pastorate of the Franklin EUB Charge which includes the three churches at Franklin, East Dry Run and Harper Chapel.

Rev. J. Wilson Rowe Will Be Local Presbyterian Pastor

The Rev. J. Wilson Rowe, Jr., of Union has accepted a call to become pastor of the Franklin, Ruddle and Upper Tract Presbyterian churches and will assume his new duties Sunday.

70 Years Ago
Week of July 23, 1953

EDITORIAL

ONE EYED JACKS ---

In the last few years, kings, queens and jokers have been flying about the presidential mansion in Washington. Now don't misunderstand us — we're speaking of playing cards, not of people

President Truman was considered quite a card "shark" at poker, but few details of these games got into the newspapers since

the president's favorite card companions were members of the White House press club. The reporters, being good "Joes," didn't snitch.

President Eisenhower is reputed to be an expert bridge player and bridge has replaced poker as the White House card game. Bridge and poker, unquestionably, require a certain amount of skill, but they are partially games of chance.

High officials in Russia and most of the officers in the Russian army play the ancient game of chess. As a matter of fact, the Russians are the world's experts at this game of military strategy that was played by Napoleon and even Ghengas Khan.

Could it be possible that the hours spent in recreation by officials of both countries indirectly influence the diplomatic and military moves made in their governments? Some of the moves made by Russia in the past few years very much resemble basic principles of good chess strategy; and many of the cards played by the American government cannot help but remind one of moves made by persons accustomed to a game of chance — a bridge game, perhaps, in which America is playing "dummy." The phrase "calculated risk" in Washington communiqués has come to be part of our diplomatic vocabulary.

If there is a correlation between these games and diplomatic moves, let's hope that our poker-playing and bridge-playing officials have an ace in the hole.

Week of July 30, 1953

Two County Boys, POWs, May Be Released By Reds

Two county families of "known" prisoners of war in Korea were jubilant Sunday over the signing of a truce but pangs of heartsickness, worry and fear continued to hover over relatives of servicemen reported missing in action since the outbreak of hostilities 37 months ago.

The communists have promised to return 3,313 American prisoners to the UN Command. Within three days to a week the POWs will begin to flow homeward.

In December, 1951, the Reds released a list containing the names of more than 3,000 prisoners, but the Department of Defense said there was no way of verifying the report and that it was not official.

Included in the list were two county men, Pfc. Paul T. Sites, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Sites of Kline, and Pvt. Theodore W. Willis, son of William Willis of Franklin.

The UN Command said Monday that the Reds promised on July 22 to free the 3,313 GIs at Punmonjon.

Com Tower Erected

A huge crane was brought in last Thursday by Digging & Rigging, a crane rental and heavy hauling firm out of Clarksburg, MD, and, in short order, a 180-foot-high communications tower was erected at the 9-1-1 center/State Police barracks on Rt. 33 between Oak Flat and Franklin.

It is the fifth and last of the new communication towers to be erected in the county on grant funding from the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

The other towers are on North Mountain, Cave Mountain, Long Mountain and the Hunting Ground.

20 Years Ago
Week of July 24, 2003

SUGAR GROVE

Fireflies Light Up Summer Nights

The July evenings reflect a mood of simpler times, when summer days roll by without a worry. The night sounds rise from the surrounding forests, with the air being soft and still. Around dusk, the lightning bugs appear flashing like stars flung to earth. Then groups of fireflies blink on and off in unison with the effect being charming. These lightning bugs are beetles that live as glowworms in the ground for a year or two.

When they emerge as adults from the soil, they possess the ability to produce a living light reaction in their abdominal lanterns. That flashing action is their courtship. Males fly and flash with the females responding — a very simple communication system. Females flash when males are not flashing. Usually the series of six or so flashes are in unison which are then followed by an eight- to 10-second pause of darkness.

This pattern begins around 9:30 p.m. and continues noticeably until near midnight. This ensures that local members of the species can locate proper species, then mate, lay eggs and die within a few days. The fantastic light show brings magic nights. Isn't it fun to watch and marvel at the fireflies?

Make Sun Safety Your Style

Grant Memorial Hospital, Petersburg, staff reminds everyone to "Make Sun Safety Your Style."

Avoid the direct sun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Apply a generous amount of sunblock with an SPF of 15 or higher on exposed skin before heading out. But never rely on sunblock alone. Wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses with UV protection, as well as long-sleeved, tightly-woven clothing, will also help one stay safe in the sun. Enjoy the summer more by being sensible about the sun.

DAHMER

The public auction of the personal property of the late Jessie B. Black of Seneca Rocks attracted many with 241 signing the register. Miss Jessie, 91, never married and died March 13, 1993, at Grant County Nursing Home where she had lived since June 1989. She was the daughter of E. E. Black and Minnie Goldizen Black and was preceded in death by six brothers, Ira, Hendron, Ollie, Dewitt, Claude and Haven.

The late John Dahmer and the writer visited the Black home on the North Fork around 55 years ago. A memory is hay shocks in their yard. Ira Black stated that they had the best yard in that section because they made hay on it three or four times a year.

40 Years Ago
Week of July 21, 1983

Raspberries, Blackberries Benefit From Summer Care

Summer care of brambles — raspberries and blackberries — involves a few simple cultural practices. Because of variation in growth habits, each bramble crop cannot be handled in the same way.

Summer topping of black raspberries, purple raspberries and erect blackberries consists of pinching off the top three to four inches of new shoots when the shoots are three to four feet high. By the time harvesting begins in mid-July, the topping operation should be completed. The summer topping encourages growth of strong fruitful side shoots, and produces stronger plants.

Summer topping is not recommended for red or yellow raspberries, because it does not improve their fruitfulness or cane growth.

The canes of brambles characteristically die shortly after they have produced a crop. So when picking is completed, cut out the old fruiting canes and destroy them. They should be cut off close to the ground.

Cane removal after harvest improves growth of new shoots that will bear next year's crop. This improves air circulation and eliminates sources of disease infection.

Week of July 28, 1983

Man Receives \$100,000 Award For Suggestion

A Cumberland, Md., man who services computers and calculators in Franklin recently was presented a \$100,000 award by the Burroughs Corporation for a suggestion he submitted for modifying machines so they would require less time to be serviced.

Recipient of the award was Milton J. Pfarr, Jr., 48, who services computers at Pendleton County Bank and the Board of of Education office and a calculator at the

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

This is the last full week of July, and soon August will begin just like the kids returning to school. As one goes into stores, they already have back-to-school supplies. Doesn't time fly by.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Ruby Propst, 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, Tristan Hartman, Becky Hedrick, Joshua Shirck, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Olin Hoover, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Jimmie Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Nancy George, Margaret Wimer, Harry Allen Warner, Sherman Bennett, Wendell Nelson, Pete Keplinger, Donald Burns and Abby Sites.

Prayer thought: "Let's praise and thank God for comforting, convicting and partnering with us. Thank you for the gift of your spirit to help me believe in Jesus."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for July 17 through July 23, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: July 17 - 83°, 63° (80°, 62°, .58°); July 18 - 84°, 61°, .01 (84°, 64°, .01); July 19 - 81°, 61° (89°, 65°); July 20 - 89°, 59°, .02° (87°, 60°); July 21 - 79°, 52°, .3° (88°, 65°); July 22 - 80°, 53° (90°, 61°) and July 23 - 82°, 54° (93°, 60°, .32°).

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Mother's Sayings Once Quipped Are Lost to the Past

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

As a child, one may have thought that mother invented certain words. In fact, they were thought to be hers alone as one never saw them on spelling bees, on English tests, or even heard teachers use them.

Some of those words were dawdle, lollygag and dilly dally. One was never told what they meant and they didn't sound like dictionary words.

Dawdle...an easy meaning. Charlie Chapman dawdled. It looked funny. People might get the wrong idea about oneself.

Lollygag...Mae West was definitely a lollygagger. Can one imagine her saying, "Come on up and lollygag sometime." It actually means "loiter or lag."

Dilly-dally...this can mean lots of things. The best meaning is to "procrastinate."

Then there was "rambunctious." Were one to hear mom say not to get too rambunctious, one would stop doing whatever one was doing.

When being cantankerous, one would usually be pernickety or having a hissy fit. That, or monkeyshines.

Then there were these phrases.

If not racing around like a bat out of he**, then perhaps one was slower than molasses in January. Ears were not just dirty; they could grow potatoes in them. When swallowing watermelon seeds, they would grow in the stomach. Sound like a regular farmer's market. Then when not eating because hunger wasn't in the cards, one would be told that "an empty sack wouldn't stand up." "It's a sick bird that can't carry its own feathers" was said when not wanting to wear a coat.

At one time, these words and phrases were in a common place in this community. Not too much anymore, sad to say.

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Leave everything a little better than one found it.
2. Keep it simple.
3. Have a firm handshake.
4. Don't expect life to be fair.
5. Be there when people need one.

This week's quotes are as follows:



Two sons of Dr. Virgil Ray (May 20, 1895 - May 1, 1952) and Leafy A. Mitchell Homan (Oct. 19, 1899 - Sept. 14, 1981) were, from left, Richard Wilson Homan (Jan. 14, 1923 - June 21, 2010) and Morris Mitchell Homan (Oct. 18, 1921 - Jan. 15, 1992). Other children were James Reid (Sept. 18, 1924 - April 25, 2017), Virgil Ray, Walter Byrd (Oct. 15, 1932 - June 8, 2001), and John Franklin (July 28, 1937 - April 11, 2021).

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Our phones have created what I like to call SADD - social attention deficit disorder." — Dan Levy

"Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance!" — Phyllis Diller

"Each of us is responsible for everything and to every human being." — Simone De Beauvoir

"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand." — Source obscure

The porch swing is a great place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Phil Downs has returned to his home following a three-week stint in Northern Virginia house sitting for Tara Kelley while she and Amelia Gibson toured Europe with the school band. While there, he vis-

ited with old friends in the area, toured Gunston Hall (George Mason's home) and visited his mother's and father's gravesites.

Colby Simmons celebrated his 14th birthday at the pool with his friends. Happy birthday, Colby!

On Friday, "Pidge" and Charles Anderson went to Levels in Hampshire County to get peaches and apples. They had a good trip and enjoyed it.

Ben Puffenbarger, son of Wesley and Becky Puffenbarger, visited London, Paris, and several places in Italy including Pompeii. The members of the travel club of Pendleton County High School had a cooking class making desserts. They also enjoyed other excursions along the way. He, along with his group, under the leadership of Karen Propst, who engaged the ET Travel tour, had such a wonderful and memorable time.

Visiting Rosalee Grogg were Marleta and Junior Wimer, Diane Kuykendall of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Madison Grogg and Anthony and Asher Mauzy.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- A sapphire from Montana is in the Crown Jewels of England.

- New Jersey has the most shopping malls in one area in the world.

- President Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear in Mississippi. That's how the teddy bear got its name.

- Sumter County in South Carolina is home to the world's largest ginko farm.

- Leonardo Da Vinci designed a model helicopter almost 55 years ago.

August birthdays include Dustin Via, David Puffenbarger and Lonnie Conley, first; Tracy Armstrong, second; Nancy Enyart, third; Brittany Gumm, Junior Bolton and Sklyer Frame, fourth; Charlotte Hoover, Doris Hoops, Paula Price, Steve Stump, Carter and Colby Hott, fifth; Pastor Jerry Smith, Junior Wimer and John Rexrode, sixth; Amanda Rexrode, Karen Peer, Carl Hevener and Gary Smith, eighth; Dolly Rexrode, ninth, Cerrigan and Corrine Hedrick, Sherman Bennett, Margaret Kiser and Derrin and Sara Olke, 10th; 11...Brandon Mitchell and Patsy Smith, 11th; Sandy Bennett, 13th; Moni Harman, 14th; Denise Neil, Bobby Shanholtz and Ina Evick. 15th; and Lynn Nelson and Wanda Rexrode, 16th.

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, the Bob Fisher family, Donna Fleisher, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Jackie Hill, Virgil Homan, Jr., Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, the Clad Hoten family, 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, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, the Larry Neil family, 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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Potomac Valley Conference Releases Baseball and Softball All-Conference

By Stephen Smoot

Although the memory of games played on the diamond are starting to give way to speculations of how schools will soon fare on the gridiron, volleyball court, and cross country circuit, the Potomac Valley Conference completed its last order of business for the school year and released its baseball and softball all-conference squads.

Pendleton County, who went 14 and 10 overall and 10-7 in the region, placed three on the all-conference squad, Clayton Kisamore, James Vincell, and Chase Owens.

Kisamore led the team in on base percentage with .506, 14 stolen bases, and a solid earned run average of 3.43. He also hit for a batting average of .397 and scored 29 runs while getting 27 hits, all team leading statistics. As Sam Yokum, head baseball coach, describes, "Clayton was a tremendous leader by example," and added that "he had tremendous character off the field."

Vincell earned a spot due to his exceptional hitting and also steady play behind the plate at catcher. "James is a little bit more of a vocal leader. In your catcher, you want that," Yokum

explained. Vincell led the team in batting average at .422, fielding percentage at .961, runs batted in with 36, and also led the team in doubles and triples. "As a competitor, he helped us in a number of ways," Yokum stated.

"With Chase," Yokum said, "you didn't have as vocal leadership as a freshman. But he became a young man we could depend on in a number of different positions." The coach added that Owens became dependable in pressure packed positions, such as shortstop and pitcher. Owens was second on the team with stolen bases, grabbing seven. He also boasted a 4.40 ERA, second on the team, and scored 23 runs while getting 22 hits.

Overall, Yokum praised his team's leaders, saying that "you didn't have to worry about drama and issues. They'd be there every day to compete."

Petersburg, whose team made a deep run in the state tournament, had the player of the year in Bumby Van Meter. Peyton Tingle and Ethan Taylor also were named from the Vikings. East Hardy placed Evan and Mason Hamilton, as well as Shayne Sisler. Mason Kisamore represented Tucker County and Kaden Moore was named from Tygarts Valley.

Mike Landis, the Viking coach, was named coach of the year.

In softball, the Wildcats placed two on the all-conference list, Avery Townsend, and Baylee Beachler. Townsend led the team in eight statistical categories, including batting average (.457), on base percentage (.516), home runs (five), stolen bases (27), runs (41), hits (37), RBIs (22), slugging percentage (.987), and triples (11). In the same fashion as baseball Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson, Townsend combined speed and power, which made her double trouble from the leadoff position.

Beachler led the team in doubles with 11, had a .425 on base percentage, scored 23 runs, and had 20 RBIs. She also served as a starting pitcher for the Wildcats and always brings ferocity to every sport she plays, whether it be volleyball, basketball, or the softball diamond.

The PVC has not yet selected a player or coach of the year. East Hardy placed Emma Heisman and Gabbreanna Miller. Petersburg is represented by Samantha Colaw, Braylee Corbin, Ella Chew, and Addie Kitzmiller. Paige Shaffer and Kate Simmons were named from Tucker County.

(All statistics were drawn from Max Preps.)

Convention and Visitors Bureau Selects Officers, Reviews Grant Ideas at Annual Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau met last week to discuss a range of issues, each of which will help to expand the impact of its efforts.

The board first heard reports from the grants, then the marketing committees.

Annie Humes and Lindsey Kazarick both spoke on behalf of the grant committee. Humes opened by discussing the board's conversation concerning Appalachian Forest Natural Heritage Area grant opportunities. With the deadline looking at the end of July, the committee encouraged urgency.

Humes suggested that "we concluded it would be best to write a grant to plan." A planning grant seeks funds that will help an organization to lay the foundation on which a project can be built. Funds can help with research, organization, technology, and infrastructure, as well as outlining future projects that might use the planning grant product as a base. Planning grants help to organize and focus activities of the intended project.

A CVB planning grant, Humes added, would help to determine the scope of work and skill building, as well as "to be well-informed and strategically implement plans."

Kazarick agreed, explaining that "this is very common to do

with a grant project. We (Future Generations University) do this a lot for work out in the field." She added that "we are going about this project with more intention and not just go out willy-nilly."

The planning grant will also help the team to vet various ideas that the CVB has developed to see what will serve as the best use of resources, starting with a goal "to learn and listen" to other individuals and groups.

Amber Nesselrodt, executive director of the CVB, suggested that "we could leave it to the discretion of the grants committee to pursue more information." Subsequent discussion focused on possible training options that could be funded by the grant, including for part time professional interpreters.

Kazarick explained that FGU will be certified to work with interpretive guides next spring, whether they are seasonal, part time, new hires, or volunteers.

Next the board heard from members of the marketing committee and reviewed the draft of the Adventure Guide. Brian Williams, board member, exclaimed, "This is the best promotional material I have ever seen for Pendleton County."

Discussion then moved to businesses and other entities that are and are not represented in the guide. Nesselrodt echoed a suggestion from Mike Alt, chief of the Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department, that local hospitals and other medical estab-

lishments be included.

Williams then asked, "Does this talk at all about lack of cell phone service?" Nesselrodt responded that in most areas lacking service, one could still make an emergency call, but suggested identifying places that have service available to the public with a Wi-Fi icon.

Janice Lantz, outgoing board president, implored the group to "promote the uniqueness of Pendleton County. There's a lot of little details that are important," and added that "we need to be as thorough as we can." She gave examples, such as adding more information related to fishing on the North Fork. Lantz also said, "Falls of Seneca is a unique place and it's on the State Waterfall Trail."

Finally, as required by law, the board held its annual meeting component of the day. Nesselrodt explained that "every year, for the CVB to be accredited, we need an annual meeting to review the code of conduct and board responsibilities."

After Nesselrodt reviewed the required materials, the board discussed the slate of officers that will govern the board over the next year. Kazarick will replace the outgoing Lantz as board chair. Sam Wood will serve as vice chair. Humes stated that she would accept a combined secretary and treasurer position.

Gillespie Reveals New Emergency Response Asset at County Commission Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

The second July meeting of the Pendleton County Commission opened with an invocation from Roger Dahmer, county commissioner. He prayed that God would "give us what we need in the season that we need it."

Karen Pitsenbarger, county administrator, reported that the rescue squad requested help in replacing tile flooring in their facility. Diane Mitchell, county 911 coordinator, warned that some of the tiles could contain asbestos, with Carl Hevener, county commission president, responding "we just need to go down there and take a look at it."

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, followed up by proposing the hiring of a new 911 telecommunicator. "He comes to us with the majority of his qualifications from his service in Grant County," Gillespie added that "applications are still open" and "would love to hire additional

people, both full and part time."

Gillespie then discussed the drone purchased to support emergency services. He explained that the \$9,000 drone will serve as "our own air wing." It can more efficiently and with less cost serve many of the same functions as a helicopter in emergency response situations. Gillespie said that it would be much more reliable as well, since occasionally helicopter requests go unfulfilled.

"They're pretty impressive with all you can do with them," he explained to the commission. The drone's capabilities include extreme zoom capabilities on the camera, the latest night vision technology, infrared capabilities, sensors to prevent crashing into objects or the operator, navigation lights, and more. The state fire marshal's office currently uses them in fire investigations.

Federal Aviation Administration rules require that operators maintain a line of sight and Gillespie speculated that teams of spotters could give the drone added latitude there.

Commissioners also heard a report from Barbara Fortner, who runs the Senior Community Service Employment Program for Region 8 Planning and Economic Development. She shared that her program is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and benefits individuals 55 and over, low income or unemployed.

Despite the title, Fortner explains that "it's considered training. It is not an employment program." Seniors in the program perform roles with government or non-profit organizations to learn new workforce style skill sets. Her clients perform tasks for up to 15 hours a week at the Grant County Airport, Mineral County Courthouse, public housing, and other organizations in the area.

MENU
Pendleton Senior & Family Services

FRIDAY, JULY 28
Open Face Pork Sandwich
Mashed Potatoes
Brussel Sprouts
Strawberries

MONDAY, JULY 31
BBQ
French Fries
Slaw
Berry Cobbler

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
Chef Salad
Beets
Yogurt
Blueberries

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2
Beans/Ham
Stewed Tomatoes
Cornbread
Peaches

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
John G. Ours
Prosecuting Attorney
Grant County
State Bar No. 2791
P.O. Box 515
Petersburg, WV 26847
304-257-2323 7-27-2c

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of the authority under that certain deed of trust executed by William E. Wright and Tiffany B. Shirk, to Jeffrey S. Bowers and J. Stuart Bowers, II, Trustees dated March 27, 2013, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 140, at page 586, by which was conveyed to said Trustee(s) the hereinafter described real estate to secure the payment of a certain promissory note set out and described therein, and default having been made in the payment of said note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) having been appointed Substitute Trustee by an Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated June 13, 2023, and having been requested in writing by the holder of said note, will sell to the highest and best bidder on August 10, 2023 at 12:40 p.m., at the front door of the courthouse of Pendleton County, West Virginia, the real estate conveyed by said deed of trust and situate in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, together with easements, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and at the time of the signing of the Deed of Trust it was reported that the address was 16 Vealey Cir., Franklin, WV 26807 and being more particularly bounded and described therein as follows:
All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia and being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a 5/8" rebar set in the line of a parcel owned by Eastern Allegheny Council for Human Services, Inc. (Tax Map 28A, Parcel 38, Deed Book 149, Page 157) and being South 41° 25' 00" East 110.04 feet from a 5/8" rebar found, corner to said par-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MATTER OF B. H., Infant Male
CASE NO. 22-JA-43
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown Father of B. H., Infant Male

You are hereby notified of the above style action pending in the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia. An unknown male has been identified as the father of B. H., born November 7th, 2022, to Casey Kimble. The action pending is an abuse and neglect case which can result in the termination of parental, custodial and/or guardianship rights to the above child which is the subject of these proceedings. You are advised that every parent, custodian and/or guardian is entitled to and has a right to counsel at every stage of this proceeding.

An Adjudicatory/Accelerated Disposition hearing is currently scheduled in this matter for September 15th, 2023, at hour of 10:30 a.m. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Grant County Courthouse, 5 Highland Ave., Petersburg, West Virginia. You should appear at this hearing to protect and defend your interests. You can obtain a copy of the Petition filed in this matter and further information about the case from the Grant County Circuit Clerk's Office, telephone number 304-257-4545, or from Nathan Bennett, an attorney that has been appointed for you at 304-851-8531. Failure to appear and/or file a response to this action can, and probably will, result in the loss of your rights to said child.

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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 ex-

cel; thence with said line South 41° 25' 00" East 72.77 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; thence with a new division line through the lands of Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity (Tax Map 28A, Parcel 36, Deed Book 190, Page 383) South 48° 50' 39" West 107.33 feet to a 5/8" rebar set on the northern right-of-way limits of Vealey Circle (thirty foot right-of-way); thence with said limits North 42° 56' 39" West 65.06 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; corner to another parcel owned by Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity (Tax Map 28A, Parcel 35, Deed Book 191, Page 35); thence with a line of said parcel North 44° 47' 00" East 109.30 feet to the beginning, containing 0.171 acres, more or less.

Reserving to other for the right of ingress and egress is an easement over a fifteen foot common driveway and an eleven foot common driveway.

The above described parcel and easements are shown on a plat dated January 10, 2013.

Being a part of the lands described in a conveyance by Craig E. Thompson to Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity, Inc. by deed dated May 14, 2012 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Pendleton County, West Virginia in Deed Book 190, at page 383.

This sale is made subject to any special assessments, unpaid taxes, easements, conditions, reservations and restrictions affecting the aforesaid real estate.

The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights of ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

Pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust, the Substitute Trustee(s) may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated for the sale. The West Virginia Housing Development Fund or its designee may purchase the property at any sale.

The Substitute Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

TERMS OF SALE:
Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of the sale.

DATED this 11th day of July, 2023.

Pill & Pill, PLLC,
Substitute Trustee

BY:
Richard A. Pill, Member
304-263-4971
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peritise, 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 1974, Section 3 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

electd 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 fore-close 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, situated 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.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the 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 allowing 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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