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## County Youth Exhibit Best of Show at State Fair



At the State Fair of West Virginia, two Pendleton County 4-Hers, Zander Adams and Jameigh Miller, were awarded the best of show ribbons for their exhibits. Adams displayed a basket of homegrown vegetables for his sixth-year gardening project. For her self-determined project, Miller exhibited a tree slab featuring her family tree arranged into the growth rings of the tree. West Virginia 4-H celebrated the 10 days of the state fair by highlighting the 10 best of show 4-H exhibits.

Grand champion market lamb at the State Fair of West Virginia was exhibited by Braden McCoy. Pictured are his parents, John and Terri McCoy, and contest judge, BJ Rule. More information about Pendleton County livestock exhibitors at the state fair will be published next week.

### HB 125 Resolves Vehicle Property Tax Credit Confusion

Gov. Jim Justice signed into law House Bill 125, an update to the West Virginia Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit. This bill resolves some confusion among taxpayers who choose to pay their property tax bill as soon as they receive it. The bill allows taxpayers to pay their entire vehicle property tax this year and receive full credit on the 2024 income tax return. "This is an example of good government," Justice said. "We recognized a problem and fixed it as fast as we could. This bill brings clarity and relief to West Virginia taxpayers and allows everyone to pay their full vehicle property tax this year without being penalized. We should never punish someone for paying their taxes on time, and this bill ensures that we are treating all taxpayers fairly.

What are the key takeaways taxpayers need to remember in order to get the dollar-for-dollar credit now?

- Pay one's personal property taxes timely. To be timely, taxpayers can pay the full ticket now or pay half in 2023 and half by April 1, 2024. Either way, every dollar of tax due in 2024 that is paid timely will be given back to the taxpayer as a rebate on their 2024 income tax return, even if the second half was paid in 2023.
  - File one's income tax returns every year in order to receive the credit. As a reminder, everyone is eligible for this credit except for motor vehicle dealers. If an individual leases their car, they should know that leasing companies are eligible for the credit and are required to pass the savings on to the consumer.
- Any taxpayers that do not owe West Virginia income taxes and are not required to file a WV income tax return will be able to file a claim for rebate in early 2025 of their motor vehicle property taxes paid without having to file a full return. Continue to check tax.wv.gov for more information and form requirements as they become available.

### Ruritans Provide Service To Community for 61 Years

South Branch Ruritan Club celebrated its 61st anniversary with community members Sunday at the Upper Tract Fire House.

Two of the last remaining charter members, Stanley Kile and Gerald Sites, were in attendance. Kile and Sites reminisced about club activities from the early years while Sites provided a detailed history of club members and activities over the last 61 years. Sites also presented Faye Kile, club president, with a \$250 donation.

The South Branch Ruritan Club was organized on June 1, 1962. Twenty-seven men from all walks of life...farmers, truck drivers, merchants, bus drivers, timber cutters and a poultry dealer...came together to organize a club which would provide service to the community. The club was sponsored by the Stonewall Club from Virginia. Later, the local club started the Landes Ruritan Club in Petersburg.

The club was responsible for starting the Upper Tract Fire Department. Jim Harold donated the land for building the fire house, which was built in 1965. Members of the Ruritan

club joined the fire department. Sites recalled paying \$3,500 for the first fire truck. Lawn parties, sponsored by the Ruritans and firemen, were held at the Schmucker Community Center to raise money to pay for the firehouse.

The Ruritans are very active and always looking for ways to serve residents in the Upper Tract area. They reach out to senior citizens with bingo and Christmas parties and honor veterans with a dinner on the first Monday in August. They also provide gas money for cancer patients and others going to doctor appointments and have assisted families that have lost their homes. Each year, a scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior at Pendleton County High School and gives funds to the county 4-H program.

Current officers serving the club are Faye Kile, president, Roger Dahmer, vice president, Pam Dahmer, secretary, Roger Crites, treasurer, and Macie Dahmer, Larry Dove and Barbara Seymour, directors.

The club meets the first Monday of each month at the firehouse in Upper Tract.



Members of the South Branch Ruritan Club attending the 61st anniversary celebration were, from left, front row, Stanley Kile, Gerald Sites and Doris Dove; middle row, Anna Lee Alt, Pam Dahmer, Helen Clark and Doris Dunn; and back row, Teresa Mowery, Barb Seymour, Roger Dahmer, Tammy Moore, Jennifer Martin, Faye Kile, Dan Moore and Larry Dove.

### Community CALENDAR

#### Onego Christian Church Plans Homecoming

The Onego Christian Church (formerly the Seneca United Methodist Church) will be having its annual homecoming Sunday. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship at 10:30 and a covered dish picnic at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### County LEPC To Meet Aug. 31

The Pendleton County Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold an annual open public meeting from 10 to 11 a.m. Aug. 31 at 335 Mill Road in Franklin.

#### Homecoming Set At Mt. Horeb UMC

Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church in Mozer will hold its annual homecoming beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday. Special music will be provided by Family Heritage. A covered dish lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### Capito's Staff To Be Here Monday

Members of Senator Shelley Moore Capito's staff will be available Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Senior and Family Services in Franklin. Staff will provide constituents one-on-one assistance with casework and other issues they may be experiencing with federal agencies. Appointments are not required but are encouraged, and they can be made by visiting Capito's mobile office page on her website capito.senate.gov/mobile.

### Accident Claims Life

On Aug. 17, Senior Trooper K.C. Raymond responded to a motorcycle collision on U.S. Route 33, near Franklin. During the course of an investigation, it was determined John R Liguori, 66, of East Patchogue, New York, was oper-

ating a motorcycle when he crossed the center line, exited the roadway into a ditch, and struck a tree. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

At this time, the investigation is still active.

### County Commissioners Hear Attorney General's Opinion on Zoning Moratorium

By Natasha Dyer

Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority and board members, county employee handbook updates, and an opinion letter from the Office of the Attorney General were the main focus at the most recent Pendleton County Commission meeting.

All three county commissioners – Carl Hevener, Jimmie Bennett, and Roger Dahmer – were present at the Aug. 16 meeting

at the Pendleton County Courthouse.

Laura Brown, Pendleton County Economic and Community Development director, requested a resolution to create the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority, which was unanimously approved by the commissioners. The commissioners then appointed seven board members to oversee the new authority.

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**Arthur Raymond "Ray" Simmons**

Arthur Raymond "Ray" Simmons, 94, of Quicksburg, Virginia, passed away on Aug. 14, 2023, at the home of his son, Kenny Simmons, near Franklin.

He was born Oct. 13, 1928, near Franklin to Oscar and Orpha (Propst) Simmons.

Mr. Simmons was a veteran, having honorably served in the U.S. Navy between World War II and the Korean War.

He spent many years working hard doing construction and driving a truck. He had a special knack for always figuring out a way to fix things and make them work. He was known for his

ability to make friends and chatted with everyone with whom he came in contact. He was a simple man and was always willing to give to and help everyone he met. He enjoyed working in his yard, gardening, tinkering on vehicles and spending time with his grandkids and his numerous cats.

In 1948, he married Juanita Dickenson in Pendleton County, and together they had three sons, Raymond Gary, Donnie Arnold and Daniel Russell Simmons.

In 1959, he married Vivian Gray Hockett, who preceded him in death. They had a son, Arthur Kenneth "Kenny" Simmons, and a daughter, Lisa Louise Simmons.

Surviving are three sons, Donnie Simmons (Carolyn) and Arthur "Kenny" (Judy) Simmons, all of Franklin, and Daniel Simmons (Donna) of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a daughter, Lisa Louise Simmons (Marc Morante) of Timberville, Virginia; a brother, Ona Richard Simmons of Kansas City, Missouri; 11 grandchildren, Cathy Bennett (Ricky), Joe Simmons, Jason Simmons, Thomas Hawk (Tricia), Lavana Dailey (Terry), Avery Hawk (Amber Naef), Terry

Simmons, Jashua Simmons (Emily Foster), Ariel Simmons, Anthony Simmons and Karizma Simmons; 18 great-grandchildren, Sophia Wayne (Mac), Priscilla Bennett, Joseph "Aaron" Simmons, Trevor Simmons (Becky), Ethan Hawk, Logan Hawk, Kamden Hawk, Riley Hawk, Heaven Dailey, Terry Dailey, Alden Dailey, Lakota Dailey, Kimimila Dailey, Nicholas Hawk, Kayleigh Hawk, MaKenna VanMeter, Snowden Simmons and Amara Simmons; several great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Edwin Guy and Marvin Russell Simmons; two sisters, Hazel Marguerite Simmons and Mary Geneva Propst; and most recently his son, Raymond Gary Simmons.

A graveside service was held Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery in New Market, Virginia, where he was buried next to his much-loved wife, Vivian.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.kimblefuneralhome.com](http://www.kimblefuneralhome.com).

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.



**Phyllis Sue Raines**

Phyllis Sue Raines, 84, of Circleville left this life gently on Aug. 19, 2023, at Grenich Care Home in Bunker Hill.

She was born on June 28, 1939, in Winchester, Virginia, and was the daughter of the late Eddie Brison and Myrtle Phares.

Mrs. Raines was a 1957 graduate of Circleville High School. She was a dedicated member of North Fork Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School and worked with the youth. She was a member of the Circleville Volunteer Fire Department and the Pendleton County

Homemaker Club. Sue worked as a social worker for the Pendleton County Committee on Aging until her retirement. She loved serving the senior citizens of the community.

She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and great-grandkids. She was proud of her family and was eager to share stories about everything her loved ones have accomplished, and continue to accomplish in life. She loved the Lord with all her heart and dedicated her life to serving him. She was a very generous person and would graciously help members of the community whenever possible. She especially had a heart for children. She looked forward to teaching the children's story every Sunday during the church service.

On June 14, 1957, she married her high school sweetheart, Charles Junior Raines, who preceded her in death on July 7, 2018.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy Smith (Lysle) of Riverton and Laura Nelson of Petersburg; two sons Doug Raines (Cindy)

of Hedgesville and William Raines of Inwood; 11 grandchildren, Isaiah Smith (Anna), Lindsey Thompson (Jason), Zachary Smith (Keely), Andrea Wyatt, Bardon Lee Nelson (Haley), Clayton Raines (Brenna), Chloe Butts (Jordan), Catherine King (Mitchell), Carson Raines (Julie), Kady Raines, and Daniel Raines; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Mary Ann Bennett; four nephews, Andrew Bennett, John Zacot, David Zacot, and Robert Zacot; and a niece, Sarah Fish.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Brandon; and a daughter, Debbiel.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the North Fork Baptist Church with Mike Hamilton and Jim Hedrick officiating. Interment was at the North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memorials may be made to any Pendleton County fire or rescue squad.

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

## Hartman Descendants Gather for Annual Reunion

The weather was perfect for a reunion on July 22 and 23 as the descendants and friends of the late Isaac and Lucy Vandevander Hartman gathered for their annual two-day reunion.

The blessing for the Saturday evening meal was given by Emilie Hott. The meal consisted of hot dogs and pork and was prepared by Jasper, Jay and Jacob Hartman, Joseph Calhoun and Darren Hedrick. Family members were assigned side dishes.

Evening entertainment was provided by Mika and Tiffany (Hartman) Ah Loe and family, doing the traditional dances of the Hawaiian Islands.

Attendance on Saturday was 183.

Brittany Amtower gave the lunch blessing on Sunday. The meal was potluck prepared by family and friends.

Joyce Calhoun, president, and Betty Kimble, vice president, shared their appreciation to everyone who had helped with any reunion preparation.

Adam and Katie Hott furnished the wagon for the main stage.

This was election year for the leadership positions. The attendees voted to keep the same members: Joyce Calhoun, president, Kimble, vice president, Natalie Chapman, treasurer, and Cindy Hartman, historian/secretary.

Rebecca Hedrick, family photographer, captured family group pictures and candid photos.

Cindy Hartman reported family updates for 2022-2023. There were 23 births, nine marriages and nine deaths.

The following people were recognized: Non direct line of Isaac and Lucy present — oldest male - Woodrow Hartman, 106, the nephew of Isaac Hartman, and oldest female - Ruth Warner, 83, great-niece of Isaac Hartman; and direct line of Isaac and Lucy present — oldest male first cousin - Garry

Simmons, 85, oldest female first cousin - Barbara Harman, 84, youngest female first cousin - Shelia Lundquist, 59, youngest male first cousin - Perry Simmons, 72, youngest baby male - Ronnie Milton Davies, two months, youngest baby female - Hazel Hartman, 10 months, longest married - Bobby and Pat Bodkin, 55 years, shortest married - Hunter and Makenzie Jones, four months, farthest traveled - Rob and Latrisha Frye and family of Nappa, California, and largest family present - Larry and Carla Hartman, 39.

A trivia game about the 14 children of Isaac and Lucy was played. This game was to help the family to know more about the siblings.

Raffle winners were Ronnie Kimble - Scentsy "Home" warmer, Emily Conley - two Scentsy warmers, "Along the Beach" and "Wonder of Nature," Cortlyn Hartman - Scentsy buddy "Kosie the Koala," Kinzley Hartman - Scentsy buddy "Shu Shu the Panda," (all Scentsy items were donated by Betty Kimble), Aiden Hartman - flashlight donated by Ronnie Kimble, Joyce Calhoun - decorative lantern donated by Hartman Homestead, Eric Frye - canvas print donated by Shelia Lundquist, Gretchen Ours - Yeti West Virginia cup donated by Betty Kimble, Erin Brumfield - air pods donated by Heidi Kimble, Stephanie Hartman - WV insulated tote donated by Hartman Homestead, Ryder Hartman - three picture tiles donated by Jodi Miller and canvas painting donated by Jordan Lundquist, Joyce Calhoun - quilt donated by Judy Simmons and Thirty-One tote with items donated by Betty Kimble, Lois Huffman - 14 children picture with copied signatures donated by Natalie Chapman; Rebecca Hedrick - red, white and blue wreath donated by Robin Caspell and Carolina Kimble - steel ladder ballgame donated by Heidi Kimble.

Treasures in the hay was provided for children ages 3-7

and 8-12, and items were furnished by Perry and Linda Simmons.

Kid water balloon toss winners were Bryce Kimble and Hyrum Hartman. Adult water balloon toss winners were Jacob and Jordan Hartman.

Kid egg toss winners were Taylor and Aubree Frye. Adult egg toss winners were Seth Chapman and Isaac Hartman.

This year, one of our younger generations got involved with the games. Carolina Kimble organized the cupcake walk. The winners were Olivia Lambert, Aubree Frye, Briley Geltz, Darren Kimble and Hyrum Hartman.

Attendance on Sunday was 191.

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# August Is National Immunization Awareness Month

As part of National Immunization Awareness Month, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health joins partners across the country to highlight the importance of routine vaccination for people of all ages.

Governor Jim Justice also proclaimed August as Immunization Month in West Virginia.

“Children and adults are encouraged to keep vaccinations up to date to protect themselves and vulnerable populations from vaccine preventable diseases,” said Dr. Matthew

Christiansen, commissioner for DHHR’s Bureau for Public Health and State Health Officer. “Vaccines are the safest way to protect against preventable illnesses, and routine well-visits with your physician help ensure you or your child do not fall behind on vaccines.”

Routine vaccinations protect against 14 diseases: polio, tetanus, flu (influenza), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, rubella, Hib (or its official name, Haemophilus influenzae type b), measles, whooping cough (pertussis), pneumococcal disease, rotavirus, mumps, chickenpox and diphtheria.

On-time vaccination throughout childhood provides immunity before children are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases. Vaccines are recommended for adults based on age, health condition, job, lifestyle, travel, and other factors. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Adult Vaccines Self-Assessment Tool (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pregnancy/resources.html#assessment-tool>) helps users determine when vaccines are recommended.

Learn more about vaccines for children and adults at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html).

## Youngsters Acquire Showring Experience

The PeeWee showmanship took place at the conclusion of each 4-H/FFA showmanship contest at the Tri-County Fair in Petersburg. This is the second year the event has been added to the showmanship lineup at the fair. Eligible exhibitors are those that have not met the age requirement for the 4-H/FFA junior shows. Exhibitors must use an animal that is currently being exhibited at the fair. Exhibitors can be accompanied by an adult.

PeeWee awards were sponsored by Misty Mountain Farm

(Hunter and Peggy Williams) and Whispering Brook Farm (James and Jessica Pitsenbarger).

Gracie Hedrick earned the grand champion overall PeeWee sheep showman and reserve grand champion overall PeeWee goat showman awards. She also won first place in the lamb obstacle course for 6- to 8-year-old division.

Jaylynn Hedrick was named reserve champion sheep showman in the under 6-year-old division.

Other county youth participating in the contests were as

follows:

Sheep — Korbett Hammer, Tuff Heavner, Jaycee Hedrick, Adelynn Miller, Scarlett Plaughter, Jonah Seymour, Olivia Seymour and Colton Whetzel;

Hogs — Ryker Lambert; and

Cattle — Norah Hubbard and Piper Hubbard.

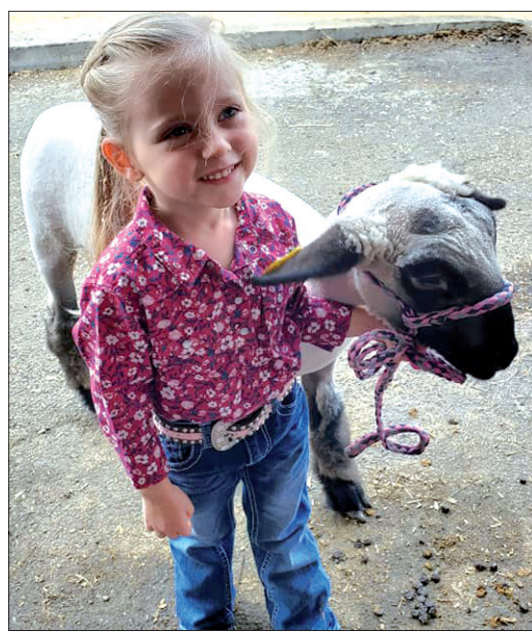
“Elvis and Showgirl,” Britlee Basagic, a member of the Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club, and her lamb, won second place in the lamb/goat costume contest.



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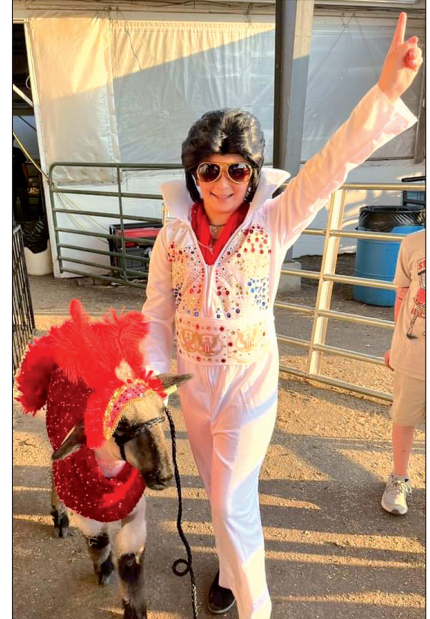
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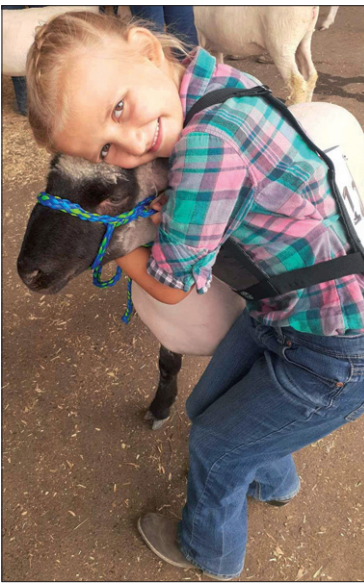
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**20 Years Ago**  
**Week of August 21, 2003**

## Franklin Eyes Annexation Of Painter Point

Current interest by the Town of Franklin in annexing Painter Point, a residential subdivision on the hill across from the low water bridge over the South Branch River, isn't really all that current, according to Mayor Genevieve Glover and customer relations supervisor Kim Pitsenbarger. In fact, it dates back 15 years.

Glover and Pitsenbarger say, and minutes of town meetings support them, that Franklin city government took initial steps towards obtaining a minor boundary adjustment from the county commission at council's July 5 meeting in 1988.

Mapping and surveying had also been completed prior to that meeting.

However, the matter was dropped, for reasons that now seem unknown, hazy or obscure.

It was the great flood of November, 1985, that led to the large-scale settling of Painter Point.

A number of mobile homes on Rt. 220 south of town were wiped out, and FEMA helped place those suddenly homeless individuals in temporary emergency housing (mobile homes) on Painter Point, which had very few residents before the flood.

(With the West Virginia Housing Authority involved in the relocation project as of June, 1986, the land was acquired by that agency from Bill Painter, thus the name of the locale which is legally registered as the "Potomac Heights subdivision.")

In time, Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity began to assist with the construction of homes on Painter Point on a significant scale.

Since starting work on Painter Point around 1992, Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity has built some 22 houses there and plans to construct one more at that location.

Altogether, there are about 43 homes on Painter Point, which, if it were annexed, would increase the population of Franklin by at least 100, giving the county seat a population of approximately 1,000.

According to Glover and Pitsenbarger, added benefits of being a town resident would include having a voice in town government, running for office and serving on such key committees as sanitary board and board of parks.

They also said that Painter Point residents would receive town services such as trash hauling and snow removal and said that being within town limits would increase property value.

**50 Years Ago**  
**Week of August 9, 1973**

## Zoning Law Needed in Pendleton To Prevent Development Slums

Josph Sterbutzel, county sanitarian, released today the following statement concerning the need for zoning

in Pendleton County. I do not believe that any developer or subdivider ever planned a slum, or at least, I like to think not. Trashy and unsanitary situations are rather a result of an absence of planning.

Capitalizing on the pristine beauty of Pendleton County, developers buy up large tracts of woodland. Then a few primitive roads are cut through the area with a bulldozer, and we have a recreational subdivision. The roads are the extent of the development that takes place.

The promotional phase of the project is more extensive. Brochures with color photographs of beautiful wilderness are assembled and distributed. "Own a wilderness hide-a-way in nearby West Virginia." "Just a few hours from downtown Washington and you are in beautiful Pendleton County, abounding with fish and game."

Middle and working class urban and suburban people are easy prey. They drive out, fall in love with the area and rush to pay a few thousand dollars for that wilderness lot. In a short time all of the lots are sold, the subdivider has turned his profit, and he is out of the picture.

The next time our buyer visits his lot, he begins to see changes taking place. Old school buses are rolling in to go up on blocks. Sewage facilities of various descriptions, both legal and illegal, are going in above and around him. Some wells are being drilled, and the last hard rain has rendered the road system impassable. The once attractive idea of freedom to do anything with his land has changed in complexion as his fellow man begins building offensive structures around the lot.

In the later stages of this process, piles of trash and garbage begin to appear nearby, the game has left the area, and the stream no longer supports the fish that were once abundant. A phase of reselling takes place at considerably lower prices and finally the situation is stabilized. Pendleton County has another recreational slum.

The only effective control for this kind of problem is a strong county zoning ordinance. I am exerting what control I can through the West Virginia Board of Health regulations, but the problem goes beyond my authority when it comes to the protection of property values and general land use planning for the general welfare of Pendleton County.

**Week of August 16, 1973**

## Dr. John Harman Begins Practice

Dr. John R. Harman of Franklin has recently been notified by the West Virginia Board of Optometry of his successful completion of the board examination and issuance of his license. He has entered into practice with Dr. B. F. Mitchell of Petersburg, who maintains offices in both Franklin and Petersburg.

Dr. Harman is a 1965 graduate of Franklin High School and he received his BA Degree in pre-medicine from West Virginia University in 1969.

He was awarded the

Doctor of Optometry Degree from Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee, in June of this year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harman.

## Drainage Ditch Will Eliminate Mud Puddles from Franklin High Gridiron

No more mud! No more water! Football fans, cheerleaders, and players will no longer have to wade through the standing mud puddles to reach the bleachers and sidelines during this season's games.

For a number of years, the sidelines of the Franklin High School football field have continuously been wet. This has been due to a filled up ditch running behind the bleachers that would not carry seepage and surface water away as it ran from the nearby hillside.

Mr. William Crites, football coach, and the Board of Education asked Harold Bailey from the Soil Conservation Service to look at the problem and suggest some solutions for solving it. After an on-site evaluation and survey by SCS personnel, it was recommended that drain tile be installed along the old ditch location.

Work on the 300-foot tile line began July 25 by boys employed under the Governor's Summer Youth Program. As the ditch was hand dug, 4-inch drain tile was laid and covered to the original ground level with limestone chips.

Installing the drain tile provided other benefits besides controlling water runoff and drying up wet spots. Local youth had an opportunity to work and earn money through the Governor's Summer Youth Program and Alvy Humphreys, one of the boys working on the project, stated, "Under Harold Bailey's supervision, we learned a lot about conservation practices, use of the level, and installing drain tile, besides ditch digging."

**60 Years Ago**  
**Week of August 29, 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.**

## Federals Cross River Near Chattanooga

The sun was rising on August 29, 1863, 100 years ago this week, when the Federal troops began appearing in increasing numbers along the western bank of the Tennessee River. The place was Caperton's Ferry in Alabama's northeastern corner; ten miles north was the Tennessee line; fifteen miles east was Chattanooga, Tenn., the Federal troops'

target. The Federal Army of the Cumberland under Gen. William S. Rosecrans was crossing into Confederate-held territory in a push to capture Chattanooga and destroy the Confederate Army of Gen. Braxton Bragg.

Daylight had just begun when the Federal troops went down to the wide, rain-swollen river hauling large pontoons that they had built several days earlier. The soldiers, most of them from the Midwest, pushed the pontoons into the water, jumped on them and set out across the river. They met minor resistance from Confederates on the opposite shore but quickly dispersed them. Then they got to work, and by late afternoon, the 1,250-foot span was up and Federal troops, cavalry and artillery were pouring across it.

The strategy of the crossing appeared near perfect. While the troops crossed at Caperton's Ferry—they composed the corps of Gen. Alexander M. McCook—other sections of the army crossed at three other points.

At Bridgeport, Ala., 15 miles upstream, Phil Sheridan had built a bridge, and the traffic grew thick as soldiers crossed it. A few miles further up, John M. Brannan's men crossed on makeshift rafts and in dugouts at the mouth of Battle Creek, and still farther up, in Tennessee, Joseph J. Reynolds' men captured some boats and floated across at Shellmound.

Still other troops tied their clothes to their heads and swam across, and some cavalrymen swam their horses. As the crossing progressed, Gen. Thomas Crittenden made demonstrations across the river from Chattanooga to confuse Bragg and his men. In all, nearly 60,000 Federals were involved in the crossing.

Bragg appeared slow in comprehending what was happening. The next day, even though his men had witnessed the crossing, he wrote Richmond: "The enemy's forces are apparently moving for a union on the other side of the river..."

Bragg called for reinforcements, and the 9,000 men under Gen. Simon B. Buckner moved down from Knoxville and joined him at Chattanooga. Still, Bragg waited with his army behind the city, offering practically no resistance to the crossing.

By September 4, Rosecrans' crossings were complete; his men were swarming out across Sand Mountain toward Chattanooga, and battle had become inescapable.

Next week: Knoxville captured.

## 4-H Poultry Judging Team Places First in State at Fair

CHARLES CALHOUN  
HIGH SCORER

Only seven points separated the two top poultry judging teams participating in the annual State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest held at

the West Virginia State Fair, Ted R. Hash, state extension poultry specialist, West Virginia University, announced today.

Top honors went to the Pendleton County team, which scored 936 out of a possible 1,200 points. Runner-up was Hardy County, with 929 points.

The Pendleton team was represented by Charles Calhoun, Stephen Rexrode, and Dennis Mowery, and was coached by John W. Hammer, Sr., Pendleton County Extension Agricultural Agent.

The winning team will represent the Mountain State 4-H'ers in the 17th annual Northeastern 4-H Poultry Judging Contest to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., during the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council Exposition on October 8.

The highest scoring individual in the state competition was Charles Calhoun with 360 out of a possible 400 points. Gary Barr, Wendell Cochran, and Ervin Wilkins, all of Hardy County, and Dennis Mowery of Pendleton, tied for second place with 309 points each. Third place went to Stephen Rexrode of Pendleton with 266 points.

**70 Years Ago**  
**Week of August 27, 1953**

## Over 1,000 Attend Lambert Reunion

The third Lambert Reunion, held recently at Seneca Caverns, was attended by more than 1,000 relatives and friends.

The chairman, M. V. Lambert of Huntington, presided. The Sunday School lesson was taught by Herman Lambert.

## Bob Pope Signs With Washington

Lefty Bob Pope, who has won 51 games and lost 18 in four seasons, and pitched the Franklin Free Staters to two pennants in the Alleghany Baseball League, is now the property of the Washington Senators, having been signed up a few days ago by Ossie Bleuge, veteran Senators' scout.

He will report to Charlotte, N. C., the Senators' farm club, next spring. Pope, 21, won 13 out of 17 in 1950, posted a 10-5 record in 1951, scored 17 wins against 3 losses last year, and his record for the current campaign in the South Branch Valley League is 11-6. Leo Skidmore, manager of the Free Staters, who pitched for the Cumberland Colts and in the Blue Ridge and International Leagues and the American Association, has schooled Pope and helped him to get a better contract than other major league clubs had offered. Bob, who is married and has two children, lives in Brandywine.

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## Smith Creek/Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Only one month of summer left before fall takes over. This week is going to be a hot week as summer is going to show its strength. There is going to be a dry spell to go along with the heat.

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, Vestyl Bible, Mary Alice Simmons, Reva Hartman, Sandy Washburn, Sandra Vandevander, Jean Landes and Larry Moyers; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Tristan Hartman, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Olin Hoover, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Jimmie Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Nancy George, Abby Sites, Margaret Wimer, Harry Allen Warner, Sherman Bennett, Wendell Nelson, Pete Keplinger, Donald Burns, Neal Eye, David Bowers and Vada Bible.

Prayer thought: "There will be times in life when we fear what lies ahead. But we know this, our God who walks with us, knows the way. I know you'll take care of me and guide my steps."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Aug. 14 through Aug. 20, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Aug. 14 - 83°, 62°, .56" (70°, 59°, .51"); Aug. 15 - 82°, 63° (64°, 57°, .06"); Aug. 16 - 79°, 58° (69°, 56°, .07"); Aug. 17 - 81°, 56° (74°, 57°); Aug. 18 - 78°, 57° (78°, 51°, .16"); Aug. 19 - 83°, 46° (79°, 52°) and Aug. 20 - 91°, 58° (82°, 58°).

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# Basic Life Skills Instill Valuable Lessons

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

The yellow school bus is rolling down the highway, carrying precious cargo for the new school year. With that, there are life skills that parents can teach and work with their children to make these skills beneficial for their future.

- Teach them good manners...say “please” and “thank you,” learn to set and clear the table, learn to use good table manners, learn how to appropriately use napkins and utensils and put away all devices and learn to have conversations with family around the table.

- Learn how to ride a bike...it teaches balance and focus.
- Keep room organized...sweep, vacuum, and dust.
- Learn to show gratitude.

- Do laundry chores by having kids match the socks, fold laundry, and make the bed.

- Work on learning how to snap, zip, button jackets and tie shoelaces.

- Having face-to-face conversations helps the child in life with job interviews and work. Answering the telephone in a congenial way is so important also.

- Being able to cope with failure. This skill will help to prepare one’s life emotionally, mentally, and socially.

Learning these life skills has so many benefits for the child. Over time, the skills will come naturally.

Be sure to wave at the kids on the school bus. They get so excited, and it just may “make their day.”

Life’s little instructions may be little, but they will mean a lot.

1. Have clean fingernails.
2. Purchase clothes one never has to iron.
3. Put surprise notes in a child’s backpack.
4. Call home just to say “hi.”
5. Pick fresh flowers for no reason.

Mornings are rather cool, inspiring one to open windows for a good night’s sleep. However, the days are such that one looks quickly for cool spots. Most farmers are finishing up their second round of haymaking for the year. The river is below normal, not very conducive for gigging. In other words, the community is in bad need of rain.

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

- Alice in Wonderland was inspired by a real girl named Alice.

- Sept. 9 is the most common birthday in the United States.

- A grizzly bear’s bite can break a bowling ball.

- Barbara Walters, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Anne Frenk were born in the same year.

- There are two escalators in Wyoming.

Sitting on the porch swing with a fan is where The Talk of the Grove is interesting:

Glenn and Sue Sivak of Youngstown, Ohio, spent the weekend with Tom and Paula Mitchell. Both couples attended the Walter Mahlon Pitsenbarger funeral at McDowell/Monterey Virginia. Saturday evening found them dining at the Brandywine Family Restaurant with Dinah Beverly and Mike Eye.

Becky and Emma Puffenbarger had a girls’ camping weekend. They camped at Brandywine Lake.

Bill and Donna Arrington had a big birthday party Sunday for their grandson at the VFW. There was a bounce house and a water slide for the children’s fun.

The Lions district governor, along with the zone chairman and their respective wives, enjoyed the Lions annual family dinner Friday evening at the VFW pavilion.

Visitors of Rosalee Grogg were Marleta and Junior Wimer, Leana Leap, Hendrix Bogan, Terri Grogg, Claude Castleberry, Evelyn, Raymond and Kelly Varner, and Peggy Vandevander and friend, Shelby of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Celebrating her birthday and beginning college on Wednesday was Amelia Gibson. She and her mother, Tara Kelly of Springfield, came to spend the weekend with Phil Downs. Amelia’s request in the culinary department was to enjoy macaroni salad and sweet tea.

Saturday visitors of Evelyn Varner were Joey Judy and girlfriend, Hiroko. Sunday found Evelyn enjoying the company of Cory, Rachel, and Marcus Giaz from Timberville, Virginia. Janet Judy and Terri Grogg also were visitors.

On Aug. 5, Gary and LaDonna McDonald celebrated their 50th anniversary with family and friends. Their journey began in McCoole, Maryland, in a small church on

Aug. 5, 1973. The couple is looking forward to many more celebrations. Gary and LaDonna reside at Brandywine.

Quotes to inspire one and all are as follows:

“All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing.” — Edmund Burke

“Order is the sanity of the mind, the health of the body, the peace of the city, the security of the state.” — Robert Southey

“A good name is a sound inheritance.” — Unknown

“People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.” — Joseph Fort Newton

“It is my belief that every man has the divine right to work.” — Ernest Lundeen

September birthdays are coming up on the horizon: Loretta Blankenship and Gail Bowers, first; “Butch” Puffenbarger and Shirley Sisson, second; Trent Alt, third; Elinor Simmons and Ralph Parker, fifth; Nila Bland, Sandy Smith and Mike Eye, sixth; Don Frame, seventh; Kelly Sites and Allen Sisson, eighth; Lorena Hoover and Liz Somerville, ninth; Cara Mitchell and Jed Conrad, 10th; Braxton Grogg, 11th; Mary Simpson, 12th; Brenna Mitchell, Barbara Woodward, Kyler Kiser, Karrie Homan and Laura George, 13th; and Brian Harper, 14th.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon “Fuzzy” Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, “Bo” Boggs, Marie Cole, Jed Conrad, Jeff Craig, Maurice Davenport, Mary Eye, Donna Fleisher, Lola Graham, Jordan Great-house, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Jackie Hill, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adelbert Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Danny Kimble, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Willard May, Neil McLaughlin, Barbara Moats, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Barbara Parker, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Harley Propst, Mary Puffenbarger, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Erin Simmons, Robbie Sites, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Judy Williams, Junior Wimer and Margaret Wimer.

# Motorcyclist Safety Is Everyone’s Safety

The West Virginia Governor’s Highway Safety Program emphasizes that “Motorcycle Safety is Everyone’s Safety.” This messaging is shared in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Safe riding and driving practices, and cooperation from all road users, will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our highways.

“We know motorcyclists come to West Virginia to enjoy our scenic motorcycle routes across the state. We want to ensure their safety throughout the riding season,” said Gov. Jim Justice.

In 2022, Justice announced the first in a series of designated tourist routes under the West Virginia Mountain Rides program, a collaborative partnership between the West Virginia Department of Transportation and the West Virginia Department of Tourism to designate and promote the state’s most scenic country roads to drive by car or motorcycle.

“Six years ago, we were so ashamed of our roads. We couldn’t get to the convenience store without destroying our cars,” Justice said. “Now here we are marketing our roads, and it can go on now for decades to come.”

To date, three Mountain Rides routes have been dedicated and opened to the public – Seneca Skyway, Capitol Circle, and Cranberry Corridor. The routes offer safe, smooth travel through some of the Mountain State’s most beautiful countryside.

Unfortunately, data shows that motorcyclists are often over-represented in traffic crashes and fatalities each year, and that speed and alcohol are large contributing factors. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data, there were 5,579 motorcyclists killed nationwide in traffic crashes in 2020, an 11% increase from 2019 (5,044). In West Virginia, 38 motorcyclists were killed in a crash in 2020, accounting for 14% of all statewide traffic fatalities that year.

The GHSP points out that it’s everyone’s responsibility — both the motor vehicle driver and the motorcyclist — to practice safe habits on the road and, ultimately, to share the road.

One of the primary contributing factors to motorcyclist fatalities is speeding. According to NHTSA, 34% of all motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2020 were speeding. Motorcycle riders 25 to 29 years old involved in fatal crashes had the highest speeding involvement at 45%.

Alcohol impairment also plays a significant role in motorcycle-involved crash fatalities: 41% of the 2,158 motorcycle riders who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2020 were alcohol-

impaired. In 2020, motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes had higher percentages of alcohol impairment than any other type of motor vehicle driver. Forty-five percent of those killed in single-vehicle crashes on weekends were alcohol-impaired, and those killed were almost three times more frequently found to be alcohol-impaired at night than during the day (40% and 14%, respectively).

Safe driving and riding practices from all road users — drivers and riders alike — will help reduce the number of crashes, fatalities, and injuries on our highways. Motor vehicle drivers and motorcyclists should keep the following in mind when on the road.

Tips for Motorcyclists:

- Always complete rider education courses and ride with a current motorcycle license. According to preliminary data, in 2022, two-thirds of motorcyclists killed on West Virginia roadways did not have their Class F Endorsement. To sign up for a class, visit [msf-usa.org](http://msf-usa.org).

- Drive and ride defensively.
- Never ride while impaired or distracted. It is not worth the risk of killing or injuring oneself or someone else. A DUI costs \$10,000 on average, and can lead to jail time, loss of one’s operator’s license, and higher insurance rates.

- Obey the speed limit.
- Observe all traffic laws and always obey the speed limit.
- Wear personal protective gear and a DOT-compliant helmet with a “FMVSS No. 218 Certified” label. NHTSA estimates that helmets saved the lives of 1,872 motorcyclists in 2017. An additional 749 lives could have been saved if all motorcyclists had worn their helmets. Learn how to identify a safe, DOT-compliant helmet at [nhtsa.gov/motorcycle-safety/choose-right-motorcycle-helmet](http://nhtsa.gov/motorcycle-safety/choose-right-motorcycle-helmet).

Tips for Motorists:

- Allow more follow distance — beyond three to four seconds — when behind a motorcycle. This gives them more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.

- Always use a turn signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- Drive alcohol- and drug-free.
- Drive defensively.
- Obey the speed limit.

- Remember, motorcycles are smaller than most vehicles and difficult to see. Their size can also cause other drivers to misjudge their speed and distance.

- Though a motorcycle is a small vehicle, its operator still has the same rights of the road as any other motorist. Allow

the motorcycle the full width of a lane at all times.

- When driving, avoid distractions that place motorcyclists and other road users at risk.

- Yield to motorcyclists, especially while turning at intersections.

“Motorcyclists should always be aware of their surroundings,” said Mary Jarrell, GHSP motorcycle safety training coordinator. “It is imperative that you have the correct license to ride a motorcycle in West Virginia. Always wear your DOT-approved helmet. Make sure you dress for the slide, not just for the ride.”

Jarrell continued, “Motorists need to look out for motorcycles since they are small and harder to see.”

“Since it is grass cutting season, please do not blow grass clippings onto the roads and streets because it is dangerous for motorcyclists. Driving on grass clippings is very slick, like driving on ice,” Jarrell concluded.

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

## County Commission

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Bruce Minor, floodplain manager, informed the commissioners about a floodplain complaint regarding fill dirt which had been placed near the river, across from the Moose Lodge. The parties involved were concerned that the river might shift and cause potential flooding on their property.

The commissioners agreed that a letter should be drafted and sent to the Moose Lodge about the concern and outlining the county’s floodplain code, which would have them do a study to show the addition of the fill dirt will not impact the flow of the river or the current floodplain.

April Mallow, prosecuting attorney, reviewed the opinion of the Office of the Attorney General that she received regarding enacting a moratorium on the building of industrial wind turbines in Pendleton County. The letter states that the county would need to follow the procedure set in West Virginia Code §8A-7-5 for enacting a zoning ordinance. Their recommendation being that the county should have a planning commission, although it is not mandatory. They would also have to adopt a comprehensive plan and then enact a zoning ordinance following the procedures in WV Code §8A-7-5. The process would be time-consuming and costly. On motion by Dahmer, vote unanimous, the commission moved to not take any action on a moratorium at this time.

The commissioners also, without dissenting vote or comment, approved the estate settlements, exonerations, and fiduciary appointments.

The minutes from the Aug. 1 meeting were accepted unanimously by the commissioners.

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# Wildcats' Bleachers Get Facelift



With high school football season beginning, a new sign on the bleachers at Pendleton County High School will welcome Wildcat fans. This summer, Kelson Thorne, an art junkie from Petersburg, designed and painted the "Home of the Wildcats" sign. The Wildcats will open their season at 7 p.m. Friday on the road against Greenbrier West. On Sept. 1, they will host the East Hardy Cougars. Game time is 7 p.m.

# WVSSAC Bringing Changes to Football Ranking System for 2023

By Stephen Smoot

The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission made key changes that will affect how high school football squads are rated for playoff contention. As Wayne Ryan, assistant director of the WVSSAC explained, the organization had discussed these rule changes for some time, but COVID forced a deferral of their implementation.

Officials wished to reward schools that schedule quality opponents.

In the previous system, point bonuses came from playing schools in a higher class. A win over a Class AAA team was 12 points. Class AA teams rated nine points and Class A wins were worth six. Teams could also earn bonus points for wins by the opponent.

As Ryan explained on Metro News, "It used to be if you beat the team you receive bonus points for games they won. Now every team you play, it is a competitive strength of schedule component. Any team you play now, you will receive bonus points for every game they win in their class and above. That would be based on 1.2 for AAA, 0.9 for AA and 0.6 for A."

For example, Pendleton County narrowly lost to James Monroe in the opening game last year. The Wildcats, under the system starting this year, would have earned six bonus points from James Monroe's 10 total wins.

Powerhouse programs, such as Keyser, have had to schedule games far from Mineral County since regional teams often

hesitated to play them. Now teams have more incentive to play tougher competition, which should help to strengthen the weaker programs while also giving them a better shot at the playoffs.

The WVSSAC also approved moving to a four class system for all sports, starting in 2024-25.

Zac Smith, head football coach of Pendleton County, agreed that a change to a four class system is overdue. Some schools had "four hundred kids and are still in single A. Ours is 230 to 240. You're talking another 15 kids coming out for football for those schools."

Smith also pointed out that private schools enjoy a powerful advantage over other single A programs. He explained that "Wheeling Central's enrollment is very small, but the area they recruit from is enormous." With a 100 mile recruiting radius "they have no business being in single A."

He also speculated that under the new system that Moorefield and its rising enrollment "won't stay single A for long."

# DNR's New Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide Features Changes

By Stephen Smoot

As West Virginia hunters and trappers look forward to the 2023 seasons, the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources has released its new regulations guide. Some important changes have been made since last year.

First, Potomac Highlands deer hunters must remain aware that the West Virginia Chronic Wasting Disease Containment Area, which includes Grant, Hardy, Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson counties, still has restrictions. All counties have baiting and feeding restrictions for deer in the wild. Every county in the area, except for Grant and Jefferson, forbids the removals of carcasses from the area except under certain conditions.

Deer from those counties can only be transported out if meat has been boned out, the meat has no part of the head or spinal column attached, the hide is clean with no head attached, a clean skull plate with antlers attached, and antlers with no meat or tissue. Finished taxidermy mounts can also be removed from the region.

Hunters of deer in four counties, Upshur, Barbour, Mason, and Jackson, have all been asked to bring deer harvested on November 20 and 21 to Biological Game Examination Stations, often set up at conveniently located gas stations or stores. These stations are open between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

According to Stephen Roush from the WV DNR, "we initiated a five-year whitetail deer telemetry study" with 2023 being the third year. As he explains, the study provides informa-

tion on the deer population. It will help to answer questions concerning the deer range and population. Much of it focuses on "specific mortality" of how deer are killed, not only from hunting, but also roadway deaths, natural predators, disease, and more.

Roush adds that "this is the biggest study that wildlife resources has ever done, especially with whitetail deer. Data will be used to assist in better herd management statewide."

The WV DNR in many areas adjusted the season schedule and also established different bag limits for different counties. In Pendleton County, hunters will see archery and cross-bow seasons extending from Sept. 30 to Dec. 31 with a maximum bag limit of three, among other restrictions and privileges. Buck firearms season lasts between Nov. 20 and Dec. 3 with a maximum season bag limit of two.

Additionally, antlerless firearms season in the county has four periods open, Oct. 26 to 29, Nov. 20 to Dec. 3, Dec. 7 through 10, and Dec. 28 to 31. The maximum season bag limit is three. Finally, muzzleloader season lasts from Dec. 11 to 17, with a maximum bag season limit of two.

Hunters traveling to other counties should check the guidebook to make sure they comply with the specific rules for each county.

Bear hunters will also see some changes, starting with a special split youth season. Young hunters, ages eight to 17, can participate if they hold a Class Q or Class XS license. The first segment occurs on Sept. 16 and 17 "in all or parts of 26 counties open to bear hunting with or without dogs."

The second segment takes place on Oct. 21 and 22 in the 51 counties open to "a firearms deer hunting season." Dogs may only be used when tracking a mortally wounded bear. The state considers this action an extension of hunting and all applicable laws and regulations apply.

Wild turkey season has seen adjustments in open counties and dates during the fall. Pendleton County's season takes place between Oct. 14 and 22 and also Oct. 30 to Nov. 19.

Some changes in the laws and regulations came from acts passed by the West Virginia State Legislature in the last general session.

First, HB 3122 allows that those legally entitled to hunt "may hunt with a rifle using an encapsulated propellant charge that loads from the breech, with the bullet loaded from the muzzle, during any muzzleloader season," but not "during Mountaineer Heritage Season." The rifle must have a bore diameter of .38 caliber or larger.

Also, SB 733 created non-resident lifetime licenses. Applicants may contact WVDNR offices, license agents, or go online at WVDNR.gov.

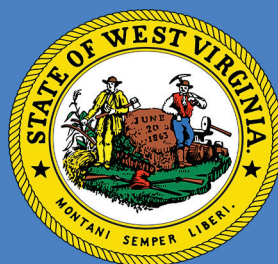
# Gordon Earns Master Degrees



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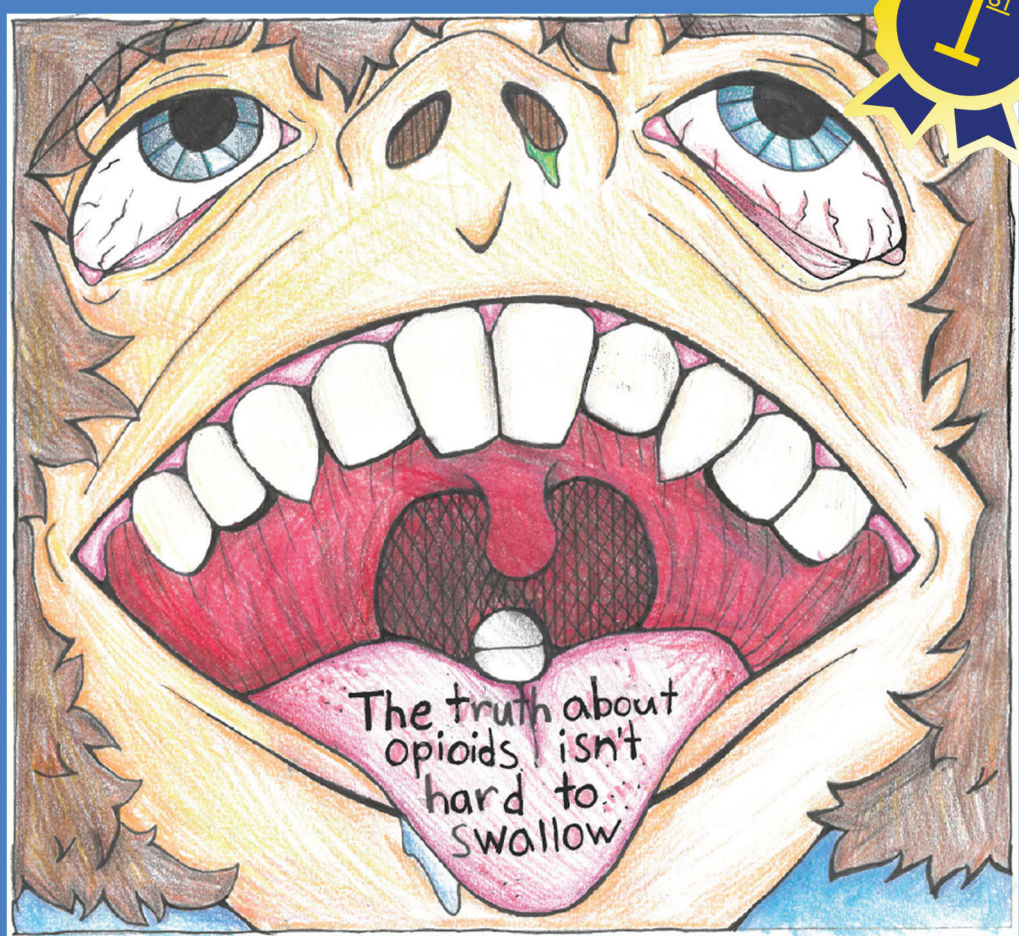
Graham A. Gordon of Orange, Virginia, received his master of public policy from Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, Germany, and his master of international relations from Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

He is the son of Barry and Katherine Gordon of Gordonsville, Virginia, and the grandson of Loralee Gordon and the late Rodger Gordon and Mary and Luther Baldwin, all of Brandywine, and the late Vernon and Hilda Gordon of Cherry Grove.



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# Board Approves Revised Educational Leave Policy

The Pendleton County Board of Education members and school staff gathered last week for their regular meeting. Concerns with issues regarding Pendleton County High School girls' softball were brought before the board by Kara Townsend, Robin Alt, Kalee Woodward, Barbara Mitchell, Amanda Smith, Avery Townsend, Jenna Smith, Lizzie Alt, Katelyn Hedrick, Julia Mongold, Baylee Beachler and JB Smith.

Carrie Nesselrodt presented the school system's educational leave plan for approval. Board members unanimously approved the plan.

Beginning with this school year, important changes were made to the county's policy regarding educational leave for a student. A parent or guardian must fill out county forms and the leave must adhere to the following stipulations:

- Obtain prior approval detailing objectives and activities from the school administrator 10 school days prior to the trip.
- Student must be passing all core courses at the time of the request.
- Student must not have more than three unexcused absences and/or five tardies for a nine-week period prior to the dates of the requested leave. If the request falls within the first nine weeks, grades and attendance from the previous year will be used to determine approval.

• The leave must not exceed five days, and there must be verification of implementation of the education plan upon the student's return.

• A leave that extends more than five days requires Pendleton County Board of Education approval.

Travis Heavner presented a facilities update. "The summer cleaning crew worked hard getting the buildings ready for school," Heavner commented. The sidewalk connection at Pendleton County High/Middle School is complete with a new crosswalk and drainage around the Kline building. Bleachers were installed at Franklin Elementary School, and carpeting was completed at Brandywine Elementary School. The biggest issue at the time is getting the alternative education building moved to PCM/HS where the site is ready for the building.

Heavner also reported that the opening day for staff was a good day that included training with lots of training occurring throughout the week.

J.P. Mowery presented information regarding the bids to purchase a new county vehicle. The board unanimously approved purchasing a Chevrolet Traverse LS for \$34,126.74 from Timbrook Chevrolet in Keyser.

Nesselrodt reported 16 in-county transfers for the upcoming school year. Six of those transfers were within the county with 10 being out-of-county requests.

The board unanimously accepted the resignation of Hay-

den Fox, assistant high school junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball coach, and Brooke Glover, substitute teacher and substitute aide.

Personnel employed by the board were Travis Huffman - cook/custodian at PCM/HS, Corrie Wagoner - extra-curricular elementary music instructional coach, Josh Owens - extra-curricular middle school boys' basketball coach, Taylor Townsend - extra-curricular middle school girls head softball coach, Dolly Rexrode - job exploration coordinator through the West Virginia Guidepost to Graduation Grant and Samantha Puffenbarger - substitute aide.

As the new school year was scheduled to begin, the local school system, like other systems throughout the state, still had openings. Openings included a fifth-grade teacher at FES, two extra-curricular kindergarten instructional coaches, middle school girls' assistant softball coach, five drivers for activity bus runs and substitute teachers, cooks, custodians, secretaries and bus drivers.

Contracts for the purchase of planning periods for Tracy Rightsell and Sandy Simmons were approved. Amy Eason was approved for a professional contract service.

Ronda Redman was approved as a volunteer/chaperone at PCMHS.

The next board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at the board office on Main Street in Franklin.

## DMV Introduces the 'Parent's Supervised Driving Program'

Gov. Jim Justice joined West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Everett Frazier to introduce the "Parent's Supervised Driving Program," a new initiative to help parents teach their teens to drive.

"This program is designed to get kids interested in getting their driver's licenses," Justice said. "I remember counting down the days to get my permit and then my license. That was an important time in my life. Nowadays, kids have so many things going on, and we want to give them a reason to get excited about getting their licenses. This program is one of the innovative ways we're encouraging kids to learn how to drive."

The "Parent's Supervised Driving Program" offers expert-guided, quality curriculum providing parents and guardians with a simple, easy-to-follow plan designed to help teens develop safe driving habits. In addition, the program includes the popular RoadReady® mobile app for iPhone and Android.

"Keeping all West Virginians safe on the road is a priority

to me, and as a parent myself, I value the knowledge and guidance this program provides," said Frazier.

Teens who test for their Level 1 or Level 2 GDL across the state will be provided a copy of the guidebook. The program is also available online, via digital curriculum as well as pdf download, at PSDPonline.com. One can download the free app from a phone's app store by searching RoadReady. The RoadReady app logs and manages hours spent behind the wheel so families can easily keep track before testing for their driver's licenses. Nationally, the app is downloaded more than 1,000 times per day. The guidebook itself is divided into lessons that make it easy to focus on specific skills that become more advanced as time goes on.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, crashes are still the leading cause of teen deaths. The organization recommends that parents become familiar with the restrictions placed on a teen's license and encourages parents to be more involved as their teen learns to drive. Also important is establishing ground rules for teens

by restricting night driving and passengers, requiring seat belt use at all times, and prohibiting any use of cell phones or other electronic devices while driving.

"Parents are the key to ensuring the safety of teen drivers," said Emily Stein, Safe Road Alliance president. "The more involved the parents are at this important phase when teens are learning to drive, the more likely that these teens will avoid being in a crash once they are driving on their own."

"The Parent's Supervised Driving Program," now in use in 24 states (including Washington, DC) nationwide, features a high quality, magazine-style printed instruction guidebook. More information about Graduated Driver's License and the program is available online. The RoadReady mobile app provides a fun and useful way to track the required 50 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience; available for iPhones at the App Store and for Android on Google Play.

For more information, please visit the WV DMV website at [dmv.wv.gov](http://dmv.wv.gov).

## Resolution Passed to Form New Regional Development Authority

The Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority held its regular board meeting on Aug. 9. Attending the meeting were Carl Warner, Dayne Davis, Jamie DiFalco, Carl Hevener, Jeremy Harper, J.P. Mowery, and Joan Ashley, board members, Laura Brown, executive director, and Sherry Mongold, office administrator.

After approving financial statements and previous meeting minutes, the board unanimously approved a second reading of the new bylaws.

The resolution, operating agreement, and memorandum

of understanding between the PCECDA and Grant County Development Authority for the newly formed Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority was discussed with all documents passing on a unanimous vote. The new regional board will consist of seven members appointed by the PCECDA commission. The regular Pendleton County EDA board will also stay in place for the time being.

A discussion was held to construct a private restroom for a tenant in the Pendleton County Industrial Park Shell #2 building. A decision was made that bids would be taken for this project with no further action taken at this time.

The board approved the Pendleton County EDA Business and Tourism Development Grant Incentive program application. The application period opened Aug. 10 and will close Oct. 4. For the third year, the Pendleton County EDA has appropriated up to \$5,000 in available grant funds for the annual grants' incentive program. The purpose of this business development grant incentive program is to encourage growth and success of small businesses located in Pendleton County. The grant program is designed to provide a mechanism for the Pendleton County EDA to award incentives to local businesses.

## West Virginia Kids Thrive Newsletter Available

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and Mission West Virginia has announced the publication of a new quarterly electronic newsletter, West Virginia Kids Thrive, for West Virginia's foster parents, adoptive parents, and kinship caregivers. The newsletter includes helpful parenting information, important dates, available resources, and answers to submitted questions.

The West Virginia Kids Thrive newsletter is an extension of the Kids Thrive Collaborative, an ongoing effort by DHHR to involve its bureaus, community partners and stakeholders to help ensure home and community-based services are available and accessible statewide to reduce the risk of out-of-home placement in institutional or other settings. The Kids Thrive Collaborative offers the Resource Rundown, an informational video for parents and caregivers to share information on community-based mental and behavioral health services.

"DHHR is committed to helping kids and families thrive

in their home by improving access to community-based mental health and social services," said Cammie Chapman, DHHR's deputy secretary of children and adult services. "We realize that parents and caregivers appreciate receiving timely and helpful information in various formats, and hope the West Virginia Kids Thrive newsletter meets this need."

The July newsletter includes positive parenting tips for the teenage years, adoption subsidy continuation information for families with an adopted youth turning 18, strategies for summer, addressing obstacles for older youth in foster care, and statewide resource links. To subscribe to the West Virginia Kids Thrive newsletter go to <https://subscribepage.io/KidsThrive>.

Mission West Virginia, a long-time DHHR partner, promotes positive futures by recruiting foster families, providing life skills education, and creating community connections. To learn more about Mission West Virginia

or to ask questions about foster care or adoption in West Virginia, visit [www.missionwv.org](http://www.missionwv.org).

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 With love and gratitude,  
**Roger and Lenora "Skip" Mallow**



# DMC Increases Access To Behavioral Health

Davis Medical Center welcomes Dr. Lauren DeMarco, psychiatrist. DeMarco is providing outpatient behavioral health care at a clinic on the Davis Medical Center campus in Elkins.

Outpatient psychiatry is a new and highly anticipated specialty offered as part of DMC's overall behavioral health program.

"Nearly 1 in 5 persons living in rural America has mental illness," said Catherine Chua, D.O., and chief medical officer for Davis Health System. "Bringing access to a full range of behavioral health care is something the health system has been working hard to achieve. We are very fortunate that Dr. DeMarco has joined our team. She brings an invaluable breadth of experience in the field."

DeMarco is a native West Virginian and is relocating to Elkins from Rochester, New York, where she completed a fellowship in forensic psychiatry at the University of Rochester-Strong Memorial Hospital.

"I chose to work at Davis Medical Center because they have strong work values, ethics, and genuinely care about their patients and clients," DeMarco said. "Patients are at the forefront of everything they do, and this organization is very much somewhere I can see myself working for a longer period of time. I look



Dr. Lauren DeMarco

forward to making a positive difference in my patients' medical care during the most difficult times in their lives."

"Psychiatric disease has increased significantly over the last few years, and there is definitely a need for greater access to this care," said Chua.

In addition to her outpatient clinic, DeMarco will

serve as the medical director for DMC's inpatient geriatric behavioral health unit, Laurel Place. She will also oversee the outpatient group therapy programs at Broadus and Webster Memorial Hospitals.

For an appointment with DeMarco, or more information, call the patient access center at 304-637-3179.

# Summit Releases Second Quarter Financial Report

Summit Financial Group, Inc. has released reported financial results for the second quarter of 2023, showcasing strong core operating performance marked by notable strength in its net interest margin. The company's continued success underscores its position as a reliable partner in the financial services industry, reflecting a sound strategy and solid operational execution.

The company, which serves commercial and individual clients across West Virginia, the Washington, DC metropolitan area, Virginia, Kentucky, the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware through Summit Community Bank, Inc., reported net income applicable to common shares of \$7.98 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2023, as compared to \$13.9 million, or \$1.08 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2023 and \$11.8 million, or \$0.92 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2022. Lower earnings in Q2 2023 were driven primarily by sig-

nificant acquisition-related expenses attributable to the acquisition of PSB Holding Corp. and its bank subsidiary, Provident State Bank, Inc. and by higher provision for credit losses recorded on purchased non-credit deteriorated loans from PSB and on a nonperforming commercial real estate participation loan.

"We are pleased to report strong core performance in second quarter of 2023, characterized by significant revenue growth, an improved net interest margin and strategic balance sheet expansion," noted H. Charles Maddy III, president and chief executive officer of Summit Financial Group. "The completion of our acquisition of PSB Holding Corp. and Provident State Bank, Inc. is an important milestone for Summit, as it expanded our footprint to the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware, providing exciting growth opportunities in new markets," continued Maddy.

"Our net interest margin (NIM) increased by 6 basis

points from the linked quarter, driven by higher yields on interest-earning assets and effective management of funding costs," said Maddy. Furthermore, our loan portfolio showed positive momentum, with total core loan portfolio, excluding acquired loans, increasing six percent on an annualized basis during the quarter, and over nine percent since June 30, 2022.

"Despite the recent acquisition, our efficiency ratio remains below 48 percent, near its all-time record low, affirming our long tradition of optimizing operational performance," continued Maddy. "As we move forward, Summit remains steadfast in our growth strategy and optimistic about our future. Our solid financial foundation, coupled with a talented team, positions us well to create long-term value for our shareholders through organic growth and strategic initiatives."

# Letters to the Editor

## Resident Encourages Supporting Local Law Enforcement Officers

Editor, the Times:

I witnessed something recently that struck me as a direct affront to the insane efforts by some people in parts of the country to "defund" the police. My wife and I were having lunch in a restaurant in Harrisonburg, Virginia, when I overheard a waitress tell two customers at a table near us that they didn't have to pay. Their bill had been taken care of. They were very surprised and thanked her, but she said it was another customer who'd paid their bill on the way out and wanted to remain anonymous. I noticed that the customers were local law enforcement officers and I immediately thought of the "We Support Our Local Law Enforcement" signs in windows of some stores in the area, and thought, "I'm seeing someone actually doing it." This was showing that "support" different in a more profound way. A local citizen was making the statement, but in a heartfelt and personal way, which for me, was making those words on the signs come to life.

As the officers rose to leave, I asked them if that was what had happened and they confirmed it, seemingly as surprised about

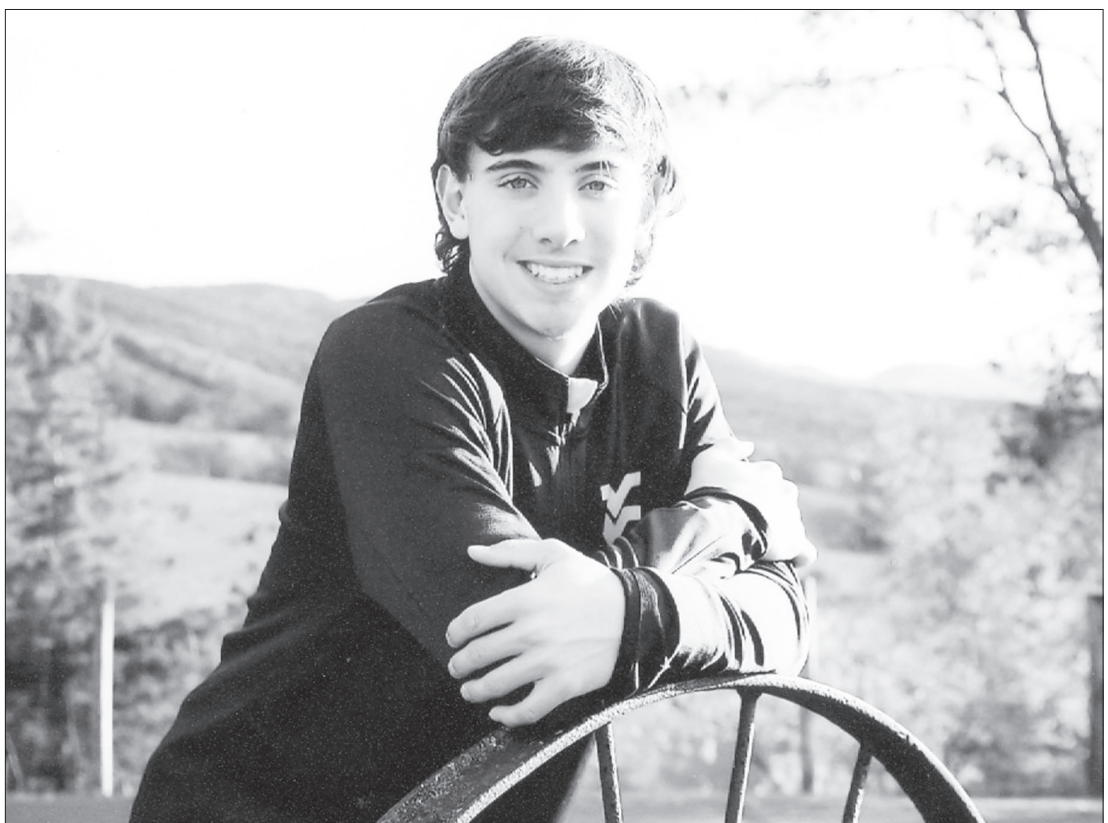
it as I was. I told them I thought that was "pretty cool" and congratulated them. They laughed and thanked me and said that they appreciated the gesture as well.

I thought about it on the way home, realizing that I could do the same thing. I decided to do just that whenever the occasion presented itself, but also thought it was something I should share with my friends and neighbors. Maybe they would see the value in doing something like that and consider doing it sometime themselves.

I would like our law enforcement officers to know they are valued by most citizens and that their work is greatly appreciated. I've had limited exposure to the work they do because of the 24 years I spent in the U.S. Navy, security police and a very short time with the Shore Patrol; however, civilian law enforcement is a much harder job fraught with more danger and frustration and I salute them. The least I can do is buy lunch for a few once in awhile. It's a small token of my appreciation and a discrete and anonymous, but somewhat public way of showing support.

Ralph Moyer  
Franklin, WV

## Kisamore Awarded Jefferson Read Byers Scholarship



Clayton Carter Kisamore

Clayton Carter Kisamore of Seneca Rocks was the recipient of the 2023 Jefferson Read Byers Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Kevin and Wendy Kisamore.

As a student at Pendleton County High School, Kisamore was a member of the National Honor Society and FFA and an honor roll student. He was also involved in sports, playing football, basketball and baseball.

His favorite recreational activities include sports and enjoying the outdoors with hunting and fishing as favorite pastimes.

Awarded each year to a graduating senior at PCHS,

the scholarship was established in memory of Jefferson Read Byers. He was a student at Franklin High School and tragically killed in an automobile accident on Feb. 9, 1973, when returning from an FHS basketball game in Wardensville at which time he was a team manager.

The scholarship is given each year to a student, who, upon recommendation by school faculty, has demon-

strated Christian character, ideals and values, has shown concern for others, enthusiasm and love of life, interest, steadfastness, fairness and a determination to do what is best in whatever is attempted.

Kisamore plans to attend Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College and study business management.

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**OLIVER PROPST Reunion** September 3 at Rodney Hoover residence on Thorn Creek Road. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. **1p**  
THE descendants of Phillip and Cordelia Kisamore Reunion, Sunday, September 3, at noon, Yokum's Campground, Seneca. Friends and family welcome. **8-10-3c**

the relief demanded in the Petition. A final hearing is set for 24th day of October, 2023 at 1:00 pm before Pendleton County Family Court.  
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**8-24-2c**

## Highlands Bankshares Reports Second Quarter Earnings

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. has announced unaudited earnings of \$1,559,000 for the first six-month period ending June 30. This represents a decrease of 25.97% from the \$2,106,000 earned during the same period in 2022. On a per share basis, net income was \$1.17 for the first six months of 2023, compared to earnings of \$1.58 per share for the first six months ended June 30, 2022. On July 11, the board of directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.45 per share to be paid on Aug. 4 to all shareholders of record as of July 28. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.21%.  
Jack H. Walters, chairman and chief executive officer of the holding company, stated "In-terest rates have run up in interest rates and speaks to an underlying strength in the economy." This has allowed us to improve our net interest margin. Unfortunately, those same higher rates also led us to sell certain security issuances at a loss due to credit concerns. These sales impacted re-earnings of \$1.58 per share for the quarter as compared to the linked quarter. On an encouraging note, we continue to see moderately strong loan demand, which has been somewhat surpris-



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# FHS Classmates of 1953 Attend Reunion



Classmates attending the reunion were, from left, front row, Grace Harman Hammer, Anna Lee Thorn Alt, Ada Belle Hedrick Huffman, Patsy Vandevander Ruble and Elaine Hoover Rexrode; and back row, T. E. Wimer, Jr., Glenn Dahmer, Ronald Swadley and Thomas Kline.

Members of the Franklin High School class of 1953 celebrated their 70th-year reunion July 22 at the First Baptist Church

in Brandywine. A country meal was served by the ladies of the church. Highlights of the reunion included reminiscing and

two special surprises by the hosts. Each classmate was presented their senior photo in a frame. Newspaper clippings of

the class's graduation ceremony were displayed. Plans are to have another reunion next year at the same location.

## Four-H'ers Showcase Projects

Pendleton County 4-H'ers exhibited their projects in July at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin and at the Tri-County Fair in Petersburg. All blue ribbon projects were on display at the State Fair of West Virginia in Lewisburg.

Thirty-seven purple ribbons were awarded to 4-H'ers with scores above 95 points in each project category. Seven blue ribbons were awarded to projects with scores between 90 and 95 points. Four projects with scores between 80 and 89 points received red ribbons. Four white ribbons were given to members with project scores between 70 and 79 points.

Forty-six 4-H'ers are enrolled in beef, goat, sheep, swine, and horse projects and will complete record guides after they have shown or sold their animal.

Thirteen green ribbons were awarded to Cloverbuds for project completion.

To complete a project, a 4-H'er must complete the project book, make an exhibit and fill out an activity record form.

In addition to ribbons, 4-H'ers receive premium money for their efforts in completing projects. Four-H'ers will receive \$4 for each purple and blue ribbon, \$3 for each red ribbon, and \$2 for each white ribbon on the county level and from the Tri-County Fair Association. All projects exhibited at the state fair

receive \$3.50.

Best of show winners for Pendleton County 4-H at the Tri-County Fair included Marion Williams (Exploring 4-H, Your Family, and the World of the Arts), Vivian Pownell (Theatre Arts), Ty Armentrout (Tree Identification), Hannah Heavner (Cooking 101), Hannah Bennett (First Aid in Action), Jameigh Miller (Self-Determined), Zander Adams (Take Your Pick), Branson Smith (Measuring Up, Year 1), Easton Boner (Measuring Up, Year 2) and Alex Adams (Skynet Junior Scholars, Year 2).

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**SGR303A** 18 Acres w/Unfinished 3-Story Cabin, another Older cabin and Hunting Bunkhouse w/Spectacular View of Dolly Sods. Located in Roaring Creek area, Union Dist. Septic avail, but not hooked up. Spring, Electric, Phone/Internet. **NEW LISTING \$279,900.00.**  
**SGR302A** "The Hollow" Restaurant, fully furnished, at the corner of US RT 220/US RT 33W, Franklin. Property adjoins neighboring motel. **NEW LISTING \$425,000.00.**  
**SGR300A** 599.19 Acres, more or less, off of Sandy Ridge Rd. Hunting, Food Plots, Timber, Catfish Pond, Mtn. Views, Roads throughout. Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$1,795,000.00.**  
**SGR297A** 6.59 Acres, Lot #21, Blackthorn Mtn. Estates, Electric available. Sugar Grove District. **\$45,000.00.**  
**SGR296A** 0.90 Acres w/1 Bedroom Townhouse w/Loft, Riverbend Gardens, Common area, HOA fee, Corner Unit. **NEW LISTING \$64,900.00.**  
**SGR290A** 0.82 Acres, Raw Land located in Bethel District along US RT 33 East. Public Water available. **\$15,000.00.**  
**SGR287A** 0.20 Acres w/3 Bed, 1.5 Bath Doublewide Home, close to local amenities. Franklin Corp., Pendleton County. **NEW LISTING REDUCED \$400,000.00 REDUCED \$89,900.00.**  
**SGR282A** 1.5 Acres, 2 Bath Home located in Brandywine. Needs some TLC. ~~\$85,000.00~~ **\$69,000.00.**  
**SGR277A** 17.81 Acres w/4 Bed, 3 Bath Home, 2-4 Car Garages, Hiking/ATV Trail, Well water w/deeded access to Spring. Sugar Grove District. Covenants & Restrictions apply. ~~\$499,900.00~~ **REDUCED \$479,900.00.**  
**SGR271-A** 1.84 Acres, Potomac Heights Subdivision, Williams Rd., Franklin District, Pendleton County, WV. **\$14,000.00.**  
**SGR258B** 3.42 Acres, w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home. Sugar Grove District. Falcon Lane. **\$259,000.00.**  
**SGR252A** 81.01 Acres, more or less, Lot 7, Seneca Lookout, adjoins National Forest. Spring on property. North Fork hiking trail crosses. Union District. Covenants & Restrictions. **\$519,000.00.**  
**SGR246** 242.36 Acres, more or less, w/5 Bed, 2-1/2 Bath Contemporary Home as well as a Farmhouse on property. Pond, Magnificent views. Conservation Easement. **\$998,700.00.**  
**SGR245** 0.96 Acres w/2 Bed, 1.5 Bath 1900's Remodeled Cottage, Seneca Rocks. ~~\$249,900.00~~ **REDUCED \$234,900.00.**  
**SGR244** 0.14 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath 1,008 sq. ft. Home, Bonus Room, Metal Roof, Mini-Splits. Franklin Corp. ~~\$149,900.00~~ **REDUCED \$146,400.00.**  
**SGR241** 60.24 Acres w/Cabin. Exceptional Views, Excellent Hunting w/Hunt Stands in place. Bathhouse, Electric Nearby, Cistern, Small pond. Close to National Forest. **NEW LISTING \$299,900.00 REDUCED \$259,000.00.**  
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**SGR193** 391.70 Acres, Hayfields, Pastureland, Native Brook Trout Stream, Marketable Timber, 360 deg. Views. Franklin District, Pendleton County. **\$1,399,000.00.**  
**SGR188** 22.72 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Hunting, Bldg. Sites. **\$179,900.00.**  
**SGR187** 8.87 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Bldg. Sites. **\$79,900.00.**  
**SGR156** 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, Electric nearby, Water available. Hardy County. ~~\$95,000.00.~~ **REDUCED \$89,900.00.**  
**SGR128** 2-3 Bedroom Ranch w/Full Basement on 0.6386 Acres, more or less, Moyers Gap Rd, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$469,000.00 REDUCED \$149,900.00.**  
**SGR056** Highland County property. Pasture, several year-round Springs, Hunting, High Speed Internet, Electric, 1.3 miles of public Road Frontage. Awesome view of Blue Grass Valley. **\$2,973,000.00.**  
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**SGR441 Residential lots**, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte 33 East of Franklin. Lots from **\$20,760.00.**  
**SGR247 Residential lots** with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from **\$14,630.00.**

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Lasagna  
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Grapes  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 28**  
Chicken & Dumplings  
Peas/Carrots  
Brussel Sprouts  
Fruit  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**  
Cheeseburger Deluxe  
Potato Salad  
Watermelon  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**  
Beef Stroganoff  
Noodles  
Mixed Vegetables  
Apple Walnut Cake  
Punch  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**  
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