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## Volunteers Step Up, TMF Scheduled for Sept. 14 - 17



Treasure Mountain Festival royalty crowned on Aug. 26 and 27 were, from left, front row, Phoenix Griffin (Tiny Miss), Julianna Hibbard (Little Miss) and Nataleigh Riggleman (Junior Miss); and back row, Bella Eye (Miss Pre-Teen), Londyn Thompson (Mini Miss), Glendoria Hatfield Armentrout (Ms.), Keyra Fisher (Miss), Hadlee Stump (Miss Baby) and Madelyn Johnson (Miss Teen).

Will this be the last Treasure Mountain Festival? Earlier this year, members of the festival association expressed concerns about the continuation of the Treasure Mountain Festival due to a lack of volunteers to help make the festival happen.

"We are thankful that new volunteers have stepped up to the plate to help this year. A safety committee was formed to advise on installing fire extinguishers and using walkie talkies to call for help in emergencies. A parade committee formed to help make this year's parade one of the best ever," said Carolyn Simmons, association president. "Other committees were formed with the committee chair being responsible to report at meetings what is happening. We will be electing officers for next year at the end of this year. When new officers take over in January, it is my hope that even more volunteers will help make next year even better."

The 55th annual Treasure Mountain festival officially kicks off at 6 p.m. Sept. 14 with the coronation of the festival queen. Festival royalty was chosen in contests held Aug. 26 and 27 at Pendleton County Middle/High School.

Festival attendees will notice some changes in events this year.

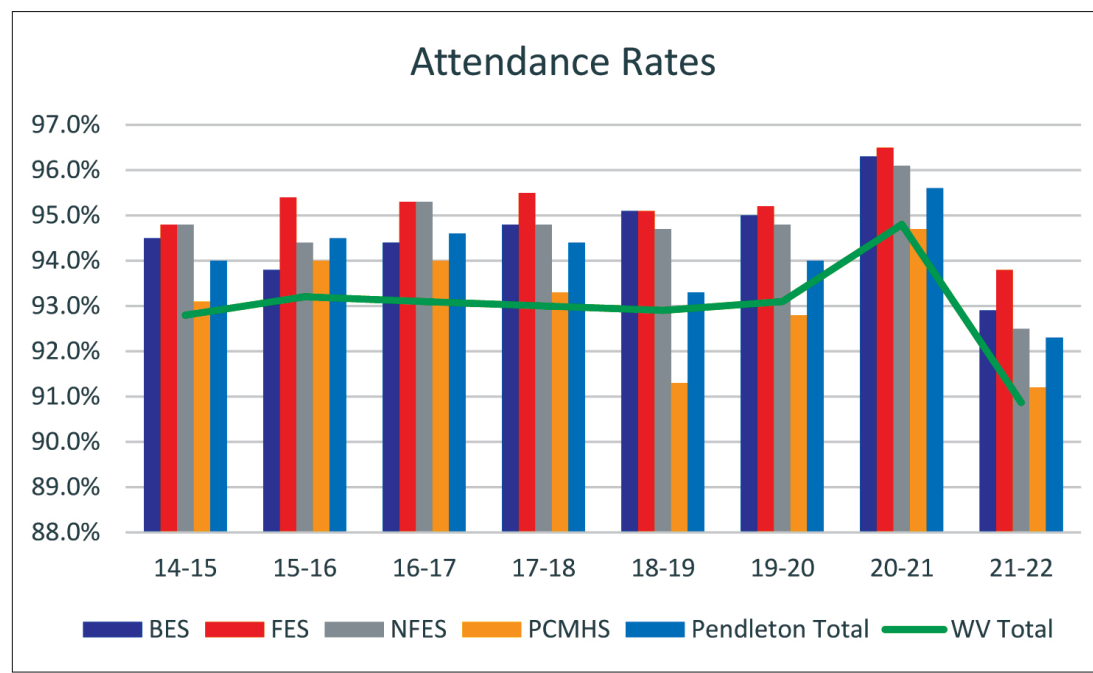
One of the big differences in activities this year is the parade route. Line-up will be at Pendleton Middle/High School with the parade starting at 3 p.m. on Sept. 16. The parade will pass by Pendleton Manor, allowing residents to watch the parade. At the spotlight, the parade will proceed down Main Street to the courthouse and then go down the hill to where festival activities will be taking place.

Due to renovations at the courthouse, the beard and mustache contest will be held at the McCoy House, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 15.

The Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the treasure hunt on Sept. 16. Clues will be posted at the TMF craft building and the TMF headquarters located in the town parking lot. Keys must be brought at 5:15 p.m. to the main stage to claim prizes. No keys will be allowed to be claimed after the ceremony.

Following the children's games on Sept. 16, younger children, ages 4 - 10, can go to

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## School Officials Stress Importance Of Regular Classroom Attendance

Hallways were bustling and classrooms chattering with the return of students to school on Aug. 18. Most classroom seats were filled every day throughout the first week of school with students eager to begin a new year. Attendance rates for each school were high, which is typical for the start of the school year. In fact, Brandywine Elementary School shared online that on Aug. 25 they had a 100 percent attendance rate. Every student and all staff members were present at school.

As the school year progresses, attendance rates across the county and state typically begin to decline with some students experiencing chronic absenteeism. Pendleton County Schools hopes to encourage families to make attendance a priority by highlighting the importance of regular school attendance.

September is National Attendance Awareness Month. To bring about awareness,

Pendleton County Schools will be sharing information and resources with families throughout the entire month. According to the West Virginia Department of Education, chronic absenteeism is prevalent and concerning across the state with preschool through third grade experiencing a chronic absence rate of nearly 12 percent.

So, what is chronic absenteeism? This is when students miss 10 percent or more of the school year which equates to just two days per month. These absences, regardless if they're excused or unexcused, translate into missed learning time resulting in a lack of fundamental reading and math instruction, lower proficiency rates, and a higher chance of being retained or dropping out of high school as students get older.

Absences occur for a wide variety of reasons, but it's important to note that excused

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## Solar Powered Hydrogen Fuel Production Discussed by Local Emergency Planning Committee

By Natasha Dyer

After introductions, review of previous minutes, and a quick update from around the room the Local Emergency Planning Committee jumped into the area of new business. In June it was announced that of the \$25,852,107 awarded to the state of West Virginia from the U.S. Department of Transportation, \$4,570,000 would go to the Potomac Highlands Hydrogen Fuel Initiative in Grant County.

Through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program, the WV Division of Public Transit, in partnership with the Potomac Valley Transit Authority, will be using the funding to build an eight-acre solar powered hydrogen fuel production center in Grant County.

According to the state senate's website, "This project will design a solar-powered hydrogen fuel plant in two main phases. Phase I will include the construction of a

photovoltaic array to provide the electricity for an electrolysis hydrogen production plant. Phase II will include the development of facilities that will support the compression and storage of hydrogen on site and its delivery to onsite stations for hydrogen fuel cell powered transit vehicles."

In their search to find sustainable and clean fuel sources, the PVTVA initially explored the possibility of electric vehicles; however, it was determined that this technology would not fair well in this area's mountainous terrain and cooler climate.

Hydrogen fuel has many pros in its favor: the only emissions are water vapor, fuel economy is double that of gasoline, and hydrogen is an abundant renewable energy. The only con is that the technology to refine the hydrogen is expensive. Having a solar powered plant would curtail some of that production cost.

According to the WV Infrastructure Hub,

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## Smoot Wins Editorial Awards

The Pendleton Times reporter, Stephen Smoot, received three awards in the editorial category at the West Virginia Press Association Convention held Aug. 11 and 12 in Charleston.

His article titled "FGU Researches Walnut Syrup," which was published Nov. 3, 2022, received first place for best business, economic or labor reporting.

"Forever Young — Wildcat Star Scores 53

in 77-36 Romp over Bulldogs," which ran Dec. 20, 2022, finished in second place in the best sports news and feature reporting division.

Placing third in the best news feature category was Smoot's article about the Alt-Kimble Reunion which was printed in the Sept. 1, 2022, newspaper.

The WVPA competitions included 31 newspapers with 2,232 entries and were judged by the Nebraska Press Association.

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### Community CALENDAR

#### Community Building Parking Lot Closed

The parking lot at the Pendleton County Community Building in Franklin will be closed and blocked off today through Sunday morning.

#### Quilters To Meet Monday

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild members will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Franklin Main Street United Methodist Church. Plans will be finalized for the guild's quilt show at Treasure Mountain Festival.

Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to attend.

#### Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the post home in Sugar Grove.

#### Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

#### Morrissey's Staff To Visit Tuesday

A representative from Attorney General Patrick Morrissey's office will meet with residents from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Pendleton Senior and Family Services Center in Franklin.

## Sun Sets on Second Cutting



The smell of fresh harvested hay filled the air throughout last week in the North Fork valley. Ample rains over the last six weeks helped farmers to enjoy a fall hay cutting that some feared during drier months wouldn't happen.

# OBITUARIES



**Robert Thomas  
"Tom" Vandevander**

Robert Thomas "Tom" Vandevander, 70, of Keyser went to be with his Lord Jesus on Aug. 24, 2023, at the Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

Born on Nov. 23, 1952, in Baltimore, Maryland, he was the son of the late Robert and Mabel "Judy" (Mallow) Vandevander.

Mr. Vandevander worked for Chattanooga Glass Company in Keyser for many years and accepted job transfers to North Carolina, California, and Delaware, while making many friends along the way.

After eventually settling back home in Keyser with his wife, Nicole, he began his first battle with cancer in 2011 while working at Cumberland Pipe and Steel. After retiring and living cancer free for many years, he began working at Aging and Family Services of Mineral County, where he delivered meals and provided transportation to many residents in the area.

He was an avid pool player and was a member of the West Virginia 8-Ball League, where he shot pool with some of his closest friends. He also enjoyed yearly trips to the beach, and his favorite moments were those spent with family. He was a friend to many, had a great sense of humor and was always willing to help however he could. He will be terribly missed by his wife, family, and the many friends that loved him.

His loving wife of almost 40 years, Nicole (Athey) Vandevander, survives.

Also surviving are his precious children, Erin Stopyro and husband, Zach of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Robert "Clint" Vandevander of Fisher, Matthew Vandevander and wife, Rachel of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and son, Pascal Crites and wife, Becky of McHenry, Maryland. He also leaves behind many grandchildren that he loved with all his heart, Courtney Gaskill and husband, John, Logan Wolfe, Gabriel Carvajal, Charlie Vandevander, Gwen Vandevander, Ezra Vandevander, Elijah Crites, Nathaniel Crites, Isaiah Crites and Lincoln Paxton, and great-grandchildren, Asher Wolfe and Maxine Wolfe.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Lucien Paxton.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel, with Pastor Pascal Crites officiating. Interment was in the Potomac Memorial Gardens in Keyser.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Aging and Family Services of Mineral County, 875 S. Mineral Street Keyser, WV 26726.

Condolences and personal reflections to the family may be left after Mr. Vandevander's obituary at [smithfuneralhomes.net](http://smithfuneralhomes.net).



**Constance "Connie"  
Isabel Roach Waggy**

Constance "Connie" Isabel Roach Waggy, 92, of Franklin passed away at Pendleton Manor on Sept. 3, 2023.

She was born on March 4, 1931, in Charlotte, North Carolina, and grew up in Richmond, Virginia. She was the oldest daughter of the late Leo A. Roach and Willie Paris Roach.

Mrs. Waggy graduated in 1952 from Madison College (James Madison University) with a bachelor of arts in education and in 1968, she received a master of arts degree in education from Madison. While she was at Madison, she was a loyal member of the Sigma, Sigma, Sigma sorority. Her teaching career included teaching third grade, sixth-through eighth-grade language arts and reading specialist. She also served as interim principal for two years. She retired in 1992 after a 30-year career.

She was a member of Franklin United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and was a member of the United Methodist Women. She was also active in the Pendleton County Nursing Home Auxiliary and served as president for many years. Other community organizations included participating in Relay for Life, serving as president of the Friends of the Library board, organizing the first art show and book sale for Treasure Mountain Festival, and being part of the Smith Creek Playhouse.

On June 7, 1952, she married Warren Reid Waggy, who preceded her in death.

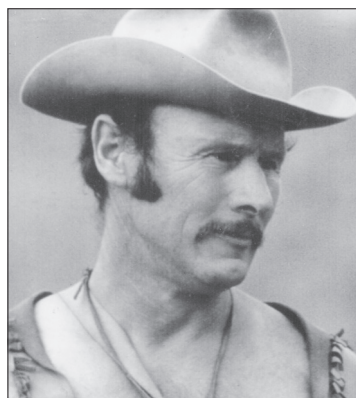
Surviving are a son, Michael Waggy (Marilynn); daughters, Susan Gilkeson (Donald), Rebecca Miller and Mary Bowers (Gregory); eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Jane C. Roach; and a cousin, Judy R. Jackson.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Ellen R. Price; two brothers, Jon A. Roach and Leo A. Roach, Jr.; a brother-in-law, Herbert K. Price; and a sister-in-law, Virginia P Roach.

Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Pastor Michael Loudermilk will conduct a funeral service at 11 a.m. Friday at Franklin United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Franklin United Methodist Church, PO Box 67, Franklin, WV 26807 or Pendleton Manor, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807 or to a charity of choice.

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



**James Edward  
"Jed" Conrad**

James Edward "Jed" Conrad, 85, of Fort Seybert passed away Aug. 29, 2023, at the home of his daughter in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he had resided for the last nine months.

Born Sept. 10, 1937, in Fort Seybert, he was the son of the late Paul Fairbanks and Neva Elizabeth (Miller) Conrad.

Mr. Conrad was a farmer most of his adult life, first in partnership with his father. He later worked with Eddie Edwards Signs for numerous years.

He was a graduate of Franklin High School, class of 1955. He attended West Virginia University and Potomac State Collage, majoring in agriculture.

He was community oriented and served on many committees and organizations throughout the years. He followed in his father's footsteps and was an avid bear hunter and belonged to the Bear Hunter's Association.

Mr. Conrad was a collector of many things and had accumulated a large selection of die-cast collectables, which included Matchbox and Corgi. He was a fun-loving guy, with a keen sense of humor, and in his prime was always ready for a volleyball competition with friends and neighbors. He delighted in proving his dare-devil skills while riding his dirt bike with his cousin, Tom Conrad, and others. He was fiercely competitive in anything he endeavored. He was an outstanding member of his community and was the one to call on when there was a need.

Back in the day, his many young nieces and nephews, at the time, remember him as their hero at family get-togethers. He was the man that would bring a brown paper bag, filled with candies, and disperse them out to every kid-o, and they were convinced there was nothing he could not do.

Treasure Mountain Festival has been his greatest pleasure and achievement for many years. He has been active in its success since the very beginning, living for it from one year to the next, and making plans what could be done to make it even better. He was honored to host the muzzleloader shoot, knife and tomahawk throwing competition, the burning of the fort - an outdoor drama of the Indian Massacre of Fort Seybert - and the primitive campsite, which is held at the Killbuck Rifleman Range, where it has expanded, and is a main attraction of the festival, attracting hundreds of participants and visitors each year. What could be more fitting than this beautiful setting for the live reenactment of the Massacre of Fort Seybert on the grounds where it actually occurred, with the beautiful Shenandoah

Mountains rising high in the foreground. Each year he set up tepees for the pleasure and experience for him and his family. He was noted for his delicious fried bread, which he prepared over the open campfire, for those who gathered around. He handcrafted many tomahawks and throwing knives, each bearing the Jed Conrad logo, "Thundercloud," and generously gave many to family members and friends. Several years ago, he was chosen to be the Treasure Mountain Festival "Mountain Man" and he surely lived up to that reputation. He always felt he had been born out of his time. Mr. Conrad is a true legend, indeed.

To his credit, he has worked diligently toward building a replica of the fort structure - as near to the original as can be determined - on the same grounds where it all began. To this date, the main building, a blockhouse with lookout, has been constructed out of logs, with the generous help of friends, and was open at last year's festival to the public, equipped with items from the past, for visitors to get a glimpse of what life may have been like living in 1758 when the massacre occurred.

Surviving are four beloved daughters, Susan Elizabeth Melendez and husband, Alex of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Sara Ann Ferrell and husband, Joe of Mt. Crawford, Virginia, Andrea Leigh Cunningham and husband, Jim of Buckhannon and Aimee Dawn Conrad Rodriguez of Harrisonburg, Virginia. He is also survived by his former wife and the mother of his children, Frances (Warner) Conrad Morgan, and his sister-in-law, Carol Crawshaw Conrad.

His pride was also his seven grandchildren, Alesha Lehman and husband, Nevin, Catalina Melendez, Reece Melendez, Maya Ferrell, Joely Ferrell, Carmelo Rodriguez and Kathryn "Wren" Cunningham; and step-grandchildren, Alex Melendez, Jr., Joseph Ferrell III, Trevian Rodriguez and Julius Rodriguez; and step-great-grandchild, Jonahliz Rodriguez. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was also predeceased by his only sibling, William Jacob "Jake" Conrad; a son-in-law, Max Rodriguez; and Melendez twins, a granddaughter and a grandson.

A memorial service will be conducted Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. at the Killbuck Rifleman Range at Fort Seybert, a place very dear to his heart, near his lifetime home. Officiating will be Pastors Danny Arbogast and Greg Adamson. His cremated remains will be privately dispersed on the land that has remained in his family since 1809, the place he always wished, and will, remain.

If one wishes to make a memorial donation, it is requested to consider the Fort Seybert Foundation, funds going toward the building of the Fort Seybert replica, c/o Susan Melendez, 2481 Autumn Lane, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Condolences may be shared at [kygers.com](http://kygers.com).



**Charlotte Rose  
Crummett Kuykendall**

Charlotte Rose Crummett Kuykendall of Waynesboro, Virginia, passed away on Aug. 30, 2023, which was her 84th birthday.

She was born at home in 1939 to the late Archie Samuel and Elvira Jane Dahmer Crummett in Sugar Grove.

Mrs. Kuykendall graduated in 1957 from Franklin High School and in 1961 from Berea College. She taught typing and shorthand for two years at Wilson Memorial High School but spent the majority of her career as a "domestic engineer" on the home front.

She loved to travel and was proud to have visited all 50 states and attend 49 National Guard conferences across the country where she served on many auxiliary committees.

She was a former member of Smith Creek Church of the Brethren and was a current member of Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church. She was known for her gifts of service and hospitality, serving faithfully at church and with Massanetta Springs on various committees.

She appreciated the outpouring of so much love and support over her lifetime, and especially these recent years.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband, Robert P. Kuykendall, with whom she recently celebrated

her 62nd wedding anniversary; children, Rene (Stephen) Law of Clifton, Virginia, David (Laura) Kuykendall of Hiawatha, Iowa, and Robbie Kuykendall of Waynesboro, Virginia; beloved grandchildren, Ariel (Tyler) Perry of Mooresville, North Carolina, Joseph Kuykendall of Charlottesville, Virginia and Robert and Jacob Law of Clifton, Virginia; and grand-dog Sindy. She also treasured her great-grandsons, Barrett, Wyatt, and Rhett Perry who brought her great joy. She is survived by a brother, Johnny (Joni) Crummett of Bend, Oregon, and sisters-in-law, Libby Dickson of High Point, North Carolina, and Joyce Kuykendall of Littleton, Colorado.

She was proud of her Dahmer and Crummett roots and being part of the Kuykendall family. She leaves behind many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, dear friends, and memories of family members that preceded her in death.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the entire staff of Summit Square, Augusta Health, and University of Virginia Cancer Center for the care given to her during her stays.

A service of remembrance will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Dr. Fred A. Holbrook officiating. The family will welcome friends and family for visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at McDow Funeral Home in Waynesboro, Virginia.

Memorial donations may be given to the Catherine Elizabeth Blair Memorial Foundation, which funds research for the pediatric cancer neuroblastoma ([www.blairfoundation.org](http://www.blairfoundation.org)), or to the Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church Fellowship Ministry.

Family and friends may share memories and condolences at [mcdowfuneralhomeinc.com](http://mcdowfuneralhomeinc.com).



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# OBITUARIES



**Betty Jo Thompson**

Betty Jo Thompson, 86, of Riverton passed away Sept. 2, 2023, at Berkeley Springs Healthcare Center in Berkeley Springs.

She was born May 23, 1937, at Riverton and was the daughter of the late Wilbur Nelson and Christena Evelyn White Nelson.

Mrs. Thompson was a homemaker, worked as a cashier for 7-11, worked at Doubleday Book Company in Berryville, Virginia, was a companion at Home Instead and a desk clerk at Econo-Lodge in Winchester, Virginia.

She was Presbyterian by faith.

On July 21, 1956, she married Kenneth H. Thompson, who preceded her in death on March 13, 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Charlotte Saville (Lowell) of Bunker Hill and

Charlene Chesney (Fred) of Winchester, Virginia; a son, Kenneth Thompson (Cynthia) of Richmond, Virginia; four sisters, Kathleen Vandevander of Bartow, Macie Simmons of Elkins, Violet Bowman of Verona, Virginia, and Genevieve Schwab of Dover, Ohio; a brother, Gale Nelson of Baltimore, Maryland; three grandchildren, Kenneth Cooper (Kris), Virgil Saville, Jr. (Tasha) and Michael Virts, Jr. (Mandy); and four great-grandchildren, Virgil Saville, III, Michael G. Virts, Justin Virts and Michael W. Saville.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Ronald Earl Nelson; two sisters, Ruth Kimble and Gay Johnson; and two sons-in-law, Virgil Saville and Joe Chesney.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. today at the North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton with Gale Nelson and Kelly Lorenz officiating.

Memorials may be made to ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

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



**Hazel B. (Bennett) Zickefoose**

Hazel B. (Bennett) Zickefoose, 85, of Medina (Cleveland), Ohio, passed away Aug. 26, 2023, at Hospice of the Western Reserve in Medina, Ohio.

She was born Oct. 30, 1937, in Cherry Grove, the daughter of the late Vinza and Mary (Johnson) Bennett.

Mrs. Zickefoose was a 1957 graduate of Circleville High School. Following graduation, she moved to Cleveland, Ohio. She retired in 1995, from Modern Tool & Die, where she had worked as an assembler, attaching the

wheels to lawn mowers and snowblowers.

Her husband, Bernard Abel Zickefoose, preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 2004.

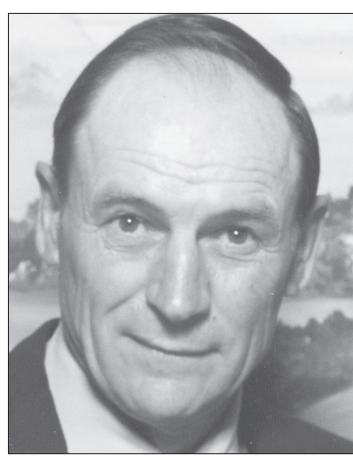
She leaves behind to cherish her memory a daughter, Barbara Duran (Jerome); twin grandsons, Christopher Duran and fiancée, Sarah Richter, and David Duran (Mackenzie), all of Medina, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Stella Price (Buck) of Elkton, Virginia; and stepson-in-law, Donnie Curry of Durbin.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Glen D. Johnson and wife, Irene; and a stepdaughter, Theresa Curry.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Fletcher Hutcheson officiating. Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

The family requests a donation in her name be made to a favorite charity, or plant a tree on her behalf.

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



**Jacob Keith Kisamore**

Jacob Keith Kisamore, 94, of Seneca Rocks passed away Sept. 3, 2023, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

He was born Oct. 4, 1928, at Seneca Rocks and was the son of the late Martin McKinley Kisamore and Pearlie Jane Sites Kisamore.

Mr. Kisamore was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He had worked on the

pipelines and was a member of the Pipeliners Local Union 798.

His wife, Nellie Mullenax Kisamore, preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Loretta Berg; four grandchildren, Jeremia "PJ" Jacob Kisamore, Emily Lewis and husband, Brandon, Kerri Kisamore and Corey Kisamore; and two great-grandchildren, Tobias and Ezra Lewis.

He was also preceded in death by nine brothers; a sister; a son, Kerry Lynn Kisamore, and a stepson Johnny Mullenax.

His final wishes to be cremated and have a private funeral service were honored.

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

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

## Treasure Mountain Festival

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the Pendleton Community Building to make crafts. The activity will be held in the room to the left as one enters the building.

Attendees may have a scone and one's favorite tea in an Old English setting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15, 16 and 17 at the tea room located inside the craft building.

One schedule change has occurred. Triad, instead of the Fly Birds, will be providing musical entertainment from noon until 2:30 p.m. and from 4:14 to 5:15 p.m.

on Sept. 16 at the main stage.

Church services will be held at 11:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at the town parking lot and main stage.

This year, there will be new food vendors with more being located at the town parking lot and at Pendleton Community Bank's parking lot on South Branch Street.

The Reenactment of the Fort Burning in Fort Seybert, a big festival attraction, will begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 16. The event is sponsored by the Killbuck

Riflemen Club and is held 10 miles east of Franklin on the Sweedlin Valley Road. A pickin' and grinnin' session will follow the reenactment.

The festival association will be holding a meeting at 6 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the craft building. "We will be addressing things that went right as well as those things that need work," Simmons commented. "If you would like to offer your help to correct situations or praise for what has been done, all are welcome to attend and voice their opinions."

## School Attendance

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absences are just as detrimental to a student's education as unexcused absences. In preschool through third grade, students are setting the foundation that will serve as the base of their learning for the rest of their schooling career. When absences occur, holes begin to form in the foundation, and it becomes extremely difficult for students to catch up. Additionally, some students experience anxiety and feel ill from missed instruction and make up work which in turn leads to additional absences.

While instruction was difficult and students across the country experienced some learning loss during the COVID-19 pandemic, schools and students have made great strides to close that learning gap. Regular attendance is a crucial and integral part of ensuring that the gaps are closed.

According to Attendance Works, a nonprofit initiative aimed at breaking down the root causes and problem solving for solutions to chronic absenteeism, there are five areas that students need in order to be engaged in school and attend regularly. These include physical and emotional health and safety, a sense of belonging,

connection, and support, academic challenge and engagement, adult and student well-being and emotional competence and positive relationships which are essential to positive conditions for learning.

The old saying goes, "it takes a village to raise a child." Everyone in the community can support and encourage regular attendance whether families and parents, businesses, healthcare providers, or elected leaders. Visit [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) or contact a local school for ideas on how to help improve attendance rates and reduce chronic absenteeism.

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"This is a significant win for the state. The project affords West Virginia the opportunity to be on the front lines of researching developing hydrogen fuels. In addition to all the environmental benefits, this project provides the state with economic competitiveness and opportunity as well. The hydrogen production plant is predicted to create high quality paying jobs, and PVTA has already planned to collaborate with the local community college to provide training in the new technology's manufacture and use."

The question of hydrogen's safety could be raised, but in doing so it's important

to compare it to the safety of other conventional fuels like gasoline, propane, and diesel. None of which are 100 percent safe. However, hydrogen has been shown to be safer than these fuels in many different regards.

Hydrogen is not toxic or carcinogenic, unlike the other fuels mentioned. As water vapor is the only emission, it's a necessary step to neutralize the carbon emissions of the current technology.

Hydrogen is 14x lighter than air and 57x lighter than gasoline vapor, meaning if there were to be a leak, the hydrogen would rise and disperse rapidly reducing any risk of ignition at ground

level.

Hydrogen has a lower radiant heat than conventional gasoline and has a higher oxygen requirement for explosion than all the other fossil fuels. While gasoline can be volatile at concentrations of 1-3 percent oxygen, hydrogen requires 18-59 percent.

This initiative shows West Virginia's ability to adapt and prevail in the ever-changing world. Having been put on the forefront of adopting safer, carbon neutral technology, the state has risen to every occasion it has been afforded. West Virginians will continue to show the world what mountaineers are made of.

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The weather seems to be a favorite topic of conversation these days. The following are some weather wisdoms passed down by way of folklore:

- A sunshiny shower won't last half an hour;
- Rain before seven, fair before eleven;
- The south wind brings wet weather; the north wind wet and cold together; the west wind always brings us rain; and the east wind brings it back again.
- March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers;
- Evening red and morning grey set the traveler on his way; but evening grey and morning red, bring the rain upon his head;
- Rainbow at night is the sailor's delight, rainbow at morning, sailors take warning;
- If bees stay at home, rain will soon come, if bees fly away, fine will be the day; and
- When clouds appear like rocks and towers, the earth refreshed by frequent showers.

**This Fall, Make**  
**Relaxing a Goal**

Let relaxation work for one this fall. No matter how frantic one's life may be, relaxation breaks can help one return to one's chores at hand with renewed energy, focus and determination. Try a short walk, deep breathing exercises, stretching or visualizing a peaceful scene. Take a class in that special interest one has, whether it is yoga or yodeling. This fall, try relaxation breaks.

**30 Years Ago**  
**Week of September 2, 1993**

**New Plantings**  
**Most Sensitive During**  
**Times of Drought**

Recent drought conditions have many West Virginians concerned about the health of their trees, shrubs, lawns and gardens.

The following tips from the West Virginia University Extension Service may help you maintain plant health without wasting water.

Put your watering needs in priority. New plantings are the most sensitive to drought damage. Make sure all young and newly planted trees receive one inch of water per week. Water the planting hole and two feet beyond to encourage root development.

Vegetable and flower transplants will need a thorough soaking several times the first week or two. Once the roots begin to grow, reduce watering to about one inch per week. It is better to apply this in one or two waterings than in light, daily sprinklings.

Established trees have large root systems to obtain moisture from the soil. They can tolerate the drought

conditions for a while. Provide one inch of water to the area under the tree if the drought continues. Stressed, sick or young trees should receive at least one inch of water every 10 to 14 days.

Lawns usually can tolerate summer drought. The brownings are just a sign that the lawn is dormant. Unwatered lawns should remain dormant until regular watering can begin. Those who have planted a new lawn, or who insist on a lush, green appearance, need to supply one inch of water per week.

Keep lawns two to three inches tall during drought. Taller grass shades the roots and weeds while developing a larger, more drought-tolerant root system.

Remember to water early in the morning to reduce the amount of water lost to transpiration and to avoid disease problems and scorch. Applying a mulch to plants and gardens will reduce moisture loss and weed competition.

**40 Years Ago**  
**Week of September 1, 1983**

**205 Employed to Operate**  
**County Schools this Term**

Pendleton County schools will open today with 100 classroom teachers and principals and 13 special education teachers employed for the 1983-84 term.

Employed in addition to the teachers are 17 teachers' aides, seven secretaries, 10 cooks, 10 custodians and 36 school bus drivers.

The administrative staff of 12 persons brings the total number of personnel engaged in the operation of Pendleton County schools to 205 persons.

Unusual this year is the fact that all teaching positions have been filled and no vacancies exist on the first day of school.

**60 Years Ago**  
**Week of September 12, 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.**

**Little Rock Falls;**  
**Sumter Repels Attack**

Another important Confederate city—Little Rock, Arkansas—was captured by Federal troops 100 years ago this week.

The fall of Little Rock came under an onslaught of attacking Federals who heavily outnumbered the Confederates defending the city. But during that same week, Federal sailors and marines made another attack—a dramatic night attack in boats—on Fort Sumter at Charleston, South Carolina, and could show nothing for it but their dead

and wounded.

The two attacks seemed to be representative of the Civil War during the early years—victory in the west, defeat in the east.

The attack on Little Rock had its origin back in July, when Vicksburg and Port Hudson had been captured and the Mississippi River had been cleared of Confederates. Once the job was done, Federal General Fredrick Steele was dispatched from Vicksburg to Helena, Arkansas, to join forces with Gen. John Missouri. The two got together on the White River and moved straight west for Little Rock with 14,500 men.

That was more than enough. At Little Rock, Confederate General Sterling Price, the former Missouri governor, had only 7,500 men to defend.

Davidson and Steele approached the city on September 10, moving along the Arkansas River, Davidson on the south bank, Steele on the north. Davidson made the first attack against 1,200 Confederates at Bayou Foruche, just east of the city.

There wasn't much to the fight. Davidson attacked on two roads, while Steele opened an enfilading artillery fire from across the river. The Confederates, in a hopeless position, fell back through the city. Price, who had been across the river to oppose Steele, realized his plight, crossed back into the city, burned eight steamers and then retreated for Arkadelphia. It was as easy as that; total casualties numbered only 200 for both sides.

The Federal attack on Sumter was more dramatic but less successful.

Sumter had been reduced by artillery fire to rubble in recent weeks, and Federal Admiral John A. Dahlgren figured it would be a simple matter, to seize the historic but now useless fort. On September 8, he ordered 400 sailors and marines to attack the fort in boats, telling them they would find "nothing but a corporal's guard to oppose you."

The "corporal's guard," however, turned out to be more than 400 well armed Confederates, sent to the fort on suspicion of an attack. The Federals came in boats, pulled by a tug; 800 yards from the fort, the tug turned them loose, and the Federals swiftly rowed through the night toward the island fort.

Suddenly, a shout went up from the fort; a rocket shot into the air, and missiles rained in from all sides on the luckless Federals from nearby Confederate land batteries and gunboats. From Sumter's crumbling parapets, Confederates poured musket fire and grenades into the boats. Two boats landed on the fortress island, and their occupants were captured.

The others fled, and when the night was over, 124 of the 400 were dead, wounded or missing.

Next week: Chickamauga.

**Randolph Ruddle**

**Opens Market**

Randolph Ruddle announced today that he has acquired the Ruddle Meat Market property in Franklin and that he is opening a meat market and grocery store.

Ruddle said he acquired the property last Saturday and that he began his new business venture Monday.

The building is located on Spruce Street back of the E. Bowman and Brother store. The building was built in 1924 by Ruddle's father, the late Early Ruddle, who ran a meat market in Franklin until his death in 1958.

Ruddle was employed by Dayton Distributors of Dayton, Va., until Monday when he opened his market here.

**70 Years Ago**  
**Week of September 10, 1953**

**EDITORIAL**

**BACK TO SCHOOL ---**

Last week school children all over the county picked up their pencils, tablets and books and started for the old "diploma mill." This year a new 12-year plan will swing into high gear in the West Virginia school system. The object of the plan is to encourage more pupils to remain in school until high school graduation, and to adopt a course of study whereby the entire free school education of the pupil will be unified and follow a continuous plan without any breaks or interruptions.

School officials report that many pupils feel that their education is complete when they are given a diploma on completion of the eighth grade. The new plan will eliminate this feeling to a great extent.

Repetition of many phases of learning and of some studies has also created a need for a new program. Though repetition is a prime factor in learning, educational directors feel that in many cases, studies are repeated which do the pupil little or no good—perhaps even harm, for it tends to bore him and may affect his attitude toward other studies.

The new plan sounds reasonable and it may work. Goodness knows our school system needs a "shot in the arm." Many people, even educators, have been wondering in recent years if our educational plan hasn't missed the boat. Teachers blame the parents, the parents blame the teachers and the teachers and parents blame the system. The truth is that it isn't the fault of any one group or factor but the fault of all the factors.

The future citizens of our communities should get the best education possible if we are going to build a strong and vital America.

Our hopes and dreams for tomorrow rest with a better informed, more useful, wiser citizenry.

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**Smith Creek/ Friends Run**

by Dave Ellis

This Saturday is the official start of hunting season. Squirrel season starts Saturday, but being this warm is not good. The 2023-2024 hunting regulation books are available. Hunters need to make sure of hunting season dates and the latest changes.

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, Vada Bible, Keith George, Ruby Gail Roberson and Gary Hess.

Prayer thought: "As we aim to do good and great things for Christ, may we seek His wisdom and direction, humbly serving others as He did so well."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Aug. 28 through Sept. 3, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Aug. 28 - 75°, 63°, .13" (87°, 60°); Aug. 29 - 76°, 65°, .01" (89°, 61°); Aug. 30 - 77°, 60°, .09" (84°, 58°, .35°); Aug. 31 - 75°, 52° (79°, 60°); Sept. 1 - 79°, 46° (81°, 50°); Sept. 2 - 86°, 51° (83°, 54°) and Sept. 3 - 90°, 58° (84°, 58°).

Total rainfall for August was 3.71", compared to 2.94" in August of 2022.

Year-to-date rainfall is 25.74", compared to 28.5" for the same time period last year.

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# Loyal Pillar of Community Will Be Missed

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

A Sugar Grove legend has passed on. When she first arrived, an onlooker at the store said, "Sugar Grove will never be the same."

Clinton Ann's parents, Minnie Bell Gordon Johnson and Clinton Anthony Johnson, were married Dec. 31, 1928. Her father worked for the Atmospheric Nitrogen Corporation where they lived in Hopewell, Virginia. Her father tragically passed away April 14, 1930, prior to Clinton Ann's birth on Oct. 4, 1930. Her mother then married Spencer Howard Smith, several years later, and to this union Clinton Ann had two stepsisters, Helen and Elizabeth.

In 1947, she graduated as valedictorian from Stafford High School. She then graduated in 1951 from Madison College (James Madison University) with a bachelor's degree in education and economics (and it is to be noted that she was in a beauty pageant). It was there she met John Roy Bowers on a blind date, eloping two years later, Jan. 26, 1951. (JMU had a long-standing rule that one couldn't get married whilst attending college, so to Hagerstown, Maryland, they went).

Several years later, they moved to Sugar Grove, making the old pool room into a four-bedroom home. Life was different here, but it wasn't long before Clinton Ann befriended the locals, even learning to understand the "Dutch" that was spoken by a lot of the store customers.

Clinton Ann had an infectious personality. She was very comfortable with greeting everyone, interested and engaged in their well-being. Her sunny disposition greeted each day, feeling truly blessed along the way. She served her community by being postmistress of the Sugar Grove Post Office for 34 years, beginning that charge in 1996. She also had contacts in the political arena, namely U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd and Senator Jaye Spears. In 1987, she was instrumental in having Jennifer Mitchell Hoover (daughter of Tom and Paula Mitchell) and Carrie Jo Howard Fox (daughter of Donna and Marshall Harper) be Page for a Day in the West Virginia Senate.

She distinguished herself all of her life, with many goals set in place. Never one to lay idle, she became a member of Francis Asbury United Methodist Church, where she was a driving force. Children soon learned the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd Psalm, Ten Commandments, etc. under her tutelage. Her faith was important to her.

She continued giving back to the community in various other ways...serving 12 years on the Pendleton County Board of Education, serving as a board director at Pendleton Manor, the first Tractor Parade Queen, was instrumental in organizing the South Fork Rescue Squad, being one of the first three EMTs, and supporting her husband's membership of the Lion's Club, where he was a charter member. She imparted this passion to her children, Diana, Clinton (Donna), Maria (Richard) and Roy (Teresa), who also have become involved in various ways. Her life reflected a very disciplined mind. In honoring her wishes, she donated her body to West Virginia Medical Science to benefit the studies of children. This was her last service in helping others.

Clinton Ann loved antiques of which she refinished many pieces, selling them in the Sugar Grove store. She also collected sugar shakers, and stamps. She was a meticulous dresser of style.

She loved to have fun, and she was fun to be around. Halloween parties, which she always attended, trick or treaters which she delighted to see, and a joke or two along the way was delightful to her. Her quick wit and humor were exemplified in this particular happening, as told by Steve Conrad, "Clinton Ann was at a sale, so was Frederick Rexrode. William Conrad overheard this conversation between the two of them. Clinton Ann had purchased a chamber pot, after which Frederick asked Clinton Ann if she was going to use that 'piss pot' (what it was commonly called). Clinton Ann responded without a beat, 'I'm not sure I can wait until I get home!'"

She loved to travel and took each of her grandchildren to a destination, being an excellent tour guide for them. One such trip was when she, along with John, their daughter, Maria, and Ellen and Cary Mitchell took off to Biloxi, Mississippi, to attend a five-day horticulture convention associated with the 4-H club (having won state), where the girls demonstrated, "An Apple a Day, Keeps the Doctor Away." They all had a fabulous time with John and Clinton Ann as excellent tour guides.

Reading for Clinton Ann was something she really enjoyed, especially in her late years, until she was no longer able to do that. She aged with dignity, even taking time to check on friends who were ill, sending cards and notes, picking up the phone to take part in conversations, and delivering food to family who had lost a loved one. Visits from her four children, 13 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren were especially meaningful to her. She certainly enjoyed life to the fullest knowing how well she had been blessed along the way.

A favorite hymn of Clinton Ann's was sung by her granddaughter, Susanne, at her memorial service Sunday, which was pastored by Pastor Judy Vetter.

"When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall



Clinton Ann Bowers

bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!"

Yes, "Sugar Grove will never be the same." Another legend is gone. Sympathy is extended to the family during this difficult time.

Life's little instructions to help along the way include the following:

1. When receiving a gift, always, always, always send a thank you.
2. Ask questions and interview grandparents. They will not be around for a person to do this at a later time.
3. Volunteer to help without being asked.
4. Dance at weddings, even just a little.
5. Close one's mouth when chewing.

Friday was a day to enjoy and wish that it lasted all year long. There was no humidity; the skies were cloudless and blue, and the temperatures very refreshing. The "tree frog" continues to hoot for rain. There is no guarantee for that to happen anytime soon. When traveling around the county, one will notice that the trees are beginning to show their color — a mark signifying that fall is soon on the way.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"Summer's lease hath all too short a date." — William Shakespeare

"Just remember when you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed." — Charles M. Schulz

"You will always be 'too much' for some...too loud...too soft...too this...too that. But you will always be perfect for the people who really love you." — Katherine Hepburn

"Don't let yesterday use up too much of today." — Will Rogers

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary." — Vince Lombardi

Sitting by the porch swing to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Dover, the Emu, seems to have made his home in the field adjacent to St. John

Lutheran Church at Sinnett's Lane. He seems undaunted with the traffic that slows down to see about his well-being.

Charles and "Pidge" Anderson dug potatoes Saturday. They got about 28 bushels, making for a good crop this year.

Weekend visitors of Rosalee Grogg were Marleta Wimer and Diane Kuykendall and friend of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Phil Downs enjoyed the weekend visits of Tara Kelly and Amelia Gibson of Springfield, Virginia, and Judy O'Keefe of Louisa, Virginia. They all attended the Gordon and Lula Smith reunion which was held in Staunton, Virginia. The oldest attendee was 99-year-old Cleo Simmons, with Case Smith being 1 year old. Everyone enjoyed the company, delicious food, and the time reminiscing with each other.

Clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:

•As little as 6,000 years ago, the vast Sahara Desert was covered in grassland, pocked with rivers, lakes and forests, that received plenty of rainfall, but shifts in the world's weather patterns abruptly transformed the vegetated region into some of the driest land on earth.

•Ordinary house mice have been known to sing and whistle and even warble like canaries.

•Perhaps the most interesting musical sounds were once played in China by pigeons flying overhead with whistles tied to their tails.

•The 1970 calendar is day for day exactly the same as the one used in 1801.

•Benjamin Franklin suggested setting the clocks ahead an hour, or "daylight saving time," as a joke.

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, the Clinton Ann Bowers family, Marie Cole, the Jed Conrad family, Jeff Craig, Maurice Davenport, Mary Eye, Donna Fleisher, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Jackie Hill, Edsel and May Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adelbert Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Danny Kimble, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, the Charlotte Rose Crummett Kuykendall family, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Willard May, Neil McLaughlin, Tucker Minor, 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, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Robbie Sites, Steven Smoot, Connie Sulser, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Sheldon Waggy, Judy Williams, Junior Wimer, Margaret Wimer, Dana Yokum, and the fire victims of Maui, Hawaii.

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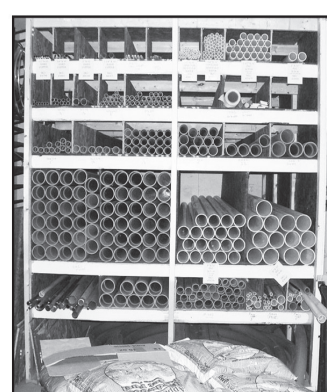


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### 5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain:

- Ask: "Are you thinking about killing yourself?"
- Keep Them Safe: Reduce access to lethal items or places.
- Be There: Listen carefully and acknowledge their feelings.
- Help Them Connect: Save the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number 1-800-273-8255.
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# Treasure Mountain Festival Royalty Announced

The Treasure Mountain Festival Preteen, Teen, Ms, Miss and Little Treasurers pageants were held Aug. 26 and 27 in the Michael Roberts Auditorium at Pendleton County Middle/High School.

Keyra Fisher of Moorefield was crowned the 2023 Miss Treasure Mountain Festival queen and crowd favorite. She is the daughter of Mark and Kristin Reel and Joshua Dingess. McKenzie Arbaugh had the honor of first runner-up and Miss Photogenic. Arbaugh is the daughter of Derek and Roxanne Arbaugh of Circleville. Ashton Hess was awarded second runner-up and tied congeniality with Miranda Gum. Hess is the daughter of JD Hess of Franklin, and Gum is the daughter of Brian and Stacy Gum of Cass.

Petersburg resident Madelyn Johnson was crowned Miss Teen Treasure Mountain Festival and Miss Photogenic. Her parents are Amy Bensenhaver and Michael Johnson. Leah Nesselrodt of Franklin, daughter of Josh and Amber Nesselrodt, was chosen as first runner-up. The second runner-up was Rileigh WingField, daughter of Dusty and Miranda WingField of Elkins. Kelsey Bogan, daughter of Jeremy and Mary Crites, was presented with Miss Congeniality. Teen crowd favorite was presented to Gabriella Trail of Brandywine, the daughter of Travis and Brittany Bogan.

Crowned Miss Preteen Treasure Mountain Festival and crowd favorite was Bella Eye, daughter of Jonathan and Shanna Eye of Sugar Grove. First runner-up and Miss Photogenic was Raelyn Davis, daughter of Seth and Ashley Davis of Petersburg. Sydney Adkison of Cowen was selected as second runner-up. She is the daughter of David and Katie Adkison. Miss Congeniality was Jennifer Taylor and Paige Errington. Taylor is the daughter of Jonathan and Jessica

Taylor of Green Bank, and Errington is the daughter of Terry and Erica Errington of Franklin.

Glendoria Hatfield Armentrout of Milton was crowned Ms. Treasure Mountain Festival and Miss Photogenic. First runner-up was Olivia Taylor of Moorefield. Brittianna Davis of Keyser was chosen as second runner-up and Miss Congeniality. Crowd favorite was Kristin Reel of Moorefield.

The Miss Treasure Mountain Festival Pageant was also lucky to have Bryer Moyers sing a few songs and hand out roses to the young ladies in the evening gown competition. Moyers is the six-year-old son of John and Melanie Moyers of Franklin. Silas Flanigan and Catherine Eye also handed out roses to the girls. Flanigan is the six-year-old son of Shawn and Savanna Flanigan of Franklin, and Eye is the four-year-old daughter of Jonathan and Shanna Eye of Sugar Grove.

The second annual Little Treasures Pageant was held on Aug. 27. Junior Miss Treasure Mountain Festival was Nataleigh Riggleman of Petersburg, the daughter of Channing Taylor and Hunter Riggleman. Arianna Taylor of Moorefield was selected as the first runner-up. She is the daughter of Olivia Taylor. Second runner-up was Dani Hoover of Sugar Grove, the daughter of Jamie and Danielle Hoover. Miss Photogenic was Sydney Demers, daughter of Justin and Andrea Demers of Franklin, and crowd favorite was Sicily Flanigan, the daughter of Shawn and Savannah Flanigan of Franklin.

Petersburg resident Juliana Hibbard was crowned Little Miss Treasure Mountain Festival. Hibbard is the daughter of Shawn and Lindsey Hibbard. First runner-up was Paisley Hott, daughter of Michael and Brooke Hott of Brandywine. Haileigh Rohrbaugh of Petersburg was chosen second

runner-up. She is the daughter of Billy and Michelle Rohrbaugh. Photogenic was awarded to Zoie Markwood, the daughter of Caleb and Kelly Markwood of Purgitsville, and Kaylee McNeill, daughter of Edward and Ashley McNeill of Old Fields, was crowd favorite.

Crowned Tiny Miss Treasure Mountain Festival was Phoenix Griffin of Core, the daughter of Jay and Stephanie Griffin. First runner-up went to Charlie Fout of Old Fields who is the daughter of Brandon and Brittany Fout. Charlee Hoover, daughter of Jamie and Danielle Hoover of Sugar Grove, was the second runner-up. Miss Photogenic was Kylie Ours of Petersburg, the daughter of Derek and Karey Ours. Camaiyan Vance was crowd favorite. She is the daughter of Cam Vance of Petersburg.

London Thompson of Romney was crowned Mini Miss Treasure Mountain Festival and Miss Photogenic. Thompson is the daughter of Clarence Thompson and Ashley Bohrer. First runner-up was Lainey Goldizen of Maysville, the daughter of Anthony and Samantha Goldizen. Huntlee Kessel, the daughter of Robert and Shaylee Kessel of Maysville, was awarded second runner-up. Idalena Buckley was crowd favorite. She is the daughter of Robert and Nicole Buckley of Maysville.

Rounding out the pageant with the Miss Baby Treasure Mountain Festival was Hadlee Stump of Maysville, the daughter of Jesse and Haley Stump. From Franklin, Adalynn Wagoner was first runner-up. She is the daughter of Triston Wagoner and Kaley Kimble. Roselynn Hendrix of Petersburg, the daughter of Billy and Tara Hendrix, was second runner-up and crowd favorite. Miss Photogenic was Rosalee Wayne of Jane Lew, the daughter of Mac and Sophia Wayne.



Chosen to reign as Miss Treasure Mountain Festival 2023 was Keyra Fisher. Members of her court are Ashon Hess, second runner-up, left, and McKenzie Arbaugh, first runner-up.



Madelyn Johnson was selected as Miss Teen Treasure Mountain Festival. Rileigh WingField, left, was named second runner-up with Leah Nesselrodt the first runner-up.



Miss Preteen is Bella Eye with Sydney Adkison, left as second runner-up and Raelyn Davis, first runner-up.



Charlee Hoover, left, was crowned second runner-up in the Tiny Miss division with Phoenix Griffin being queen. First runner-up, Charlie Fout, is not pictured.



Dani Hoover, left, was named second runner-up in the Junior Miss competition. Nataleigh Riggleman was chosen queen, and Arianna Taylor, not pictured, first runner-up.



Crowned Little Miss was Julianna Hibbard with Haileigh Rohrbaugh, second runner-up and Paisley Hott, first runner-up.

## Wildcat Sports News...

The Pendleton County High School volleyball team traveled to Keyser last Wednesday and defeated the Golden Tornadoes in three matches. The Lady Wildcats hosted

Union on Tuesday and will travel today to Moorefield. They will host Petersburg on Sept. 13 and travel to Tucker County on Sept. 14.

The East Hardy Cougars came to Franklin last Friday and defeated the Wildcat football team, 32-13. The Wildcats will host Petersburg Saturday. Game time is 6 p.m.

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# Upper Tract Producers Close Out the 4-H Year

The Upper Tract Producer's 4-H Club members have enjoyed many fun and educational activities.

Members used their hands for larger service with the completion of hand-tied blankets donated to "Project Linus" of the Eastern Panhandle. Older members shared visual presentations, such as rabbit care, woodworking, family genealogy, hiking essentials, and more.

Members also learned a lot from Kim Seymour and her Belgian sheepdog, Burr, who demonstrated his ability to detect scents

hidden around the room.

Twenty-five club members attended county 4-H camp in June. Most recently, Addie Rexrode and Jameigh Miller made their first trip to state Alpha I 4-H camp at the historic Jackson's Mill 4-H camp. County and state campers enjoyed making new memories and friends.

The poultry and horticulture judging teams were very successful in July. The Tri-County Fair and State Fair of West Virginia were busy with 4-H members showcasing various species, such

as horses, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and rabbits. Showing and selling their livestock earned many members awards and prizes.

Lastly, the club completed a successful year's end fundraiser to support upcoming events and activities by selling concessions at the 89th annual Alt/Kimble reunion.

The new 4-H year will begin in October. For more information on joining the Upper Tract Producers or any county club, contact Brooke Alt at the West Virginia Extension office.

# Gibson Attends Junior Leadership Summit

Ethan Gibson joined teens from Ohio and West Virginia June 25 - July 1 for the Youth Leadership Association's Leadership Summit at YLA Camp Horsehoe in Tucker County.

During the week, campers engaged in hands-on activities designed to develop and strengthen their leadership skills. They also participated in Model United Nations simulation.

Gibson said that he would definitely recommend the

Summit to others. "It's gonna be the time of your life," Gibson said. He is an eighth-grade student at Pendleton County Middle/High School.

Tony Antonini, YLA executive director, said, "YLA is open to all. Schools, organizations, and communities find YLA prepares their youth for more effective civic responsibility. Everyone is welcome. Call YLA at 304-478-2481 to get involved."

YLA Leadership Partners include schools across West Virginia and Ohio, U.S. Forest Service, chambers of commerce, local civic organizations, business, labor, donors, and foundations.

For more information or to get involved, call 304-478-2481 or visit ylaleads.org.

# Four Generations Get Together in Alaska



Four generations of Nashes gathered recently when Helen Nash of Sugar Grove visited son, Robbie Nash, granddaughter, Savannah Putnam, and great-granddaughter, Marley Putnam in Alaska. Savannah Putnam is the daughter of Robbie and Jenny of Palmer, Alaska, and Marley Putnam is the daughter of Savannah and Brogan of Wasilla, Alaska.

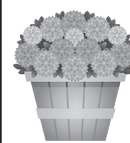
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# Pendleton's FFA Chapter Earns National Award

The Pendleton County FFA chapter at the Pendleton County Middle/High School has been recognized as a three star chapter in 2023 National Chapter Award program from the National FFA Organization.

The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a program of activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building

communities, and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

Chapters that received star ratings during judging this summer will be recognized Nov. 1 - 4 at the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 945,000 student members as part of 9,163 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

# Betzler Celebrates Milestone Birthday

Mary Maxine Huffman Betzler, a graduate of the Franklin High School Class of 1941, celebrated her 101st birthday on Sept. 3.

She is the daughter of the late Gordon Dayton Huffman (1894 - 1982) and Calcie Marie Huffman (nee Harman) (1896 -1983), both born and raised in Pendleton County. Her parents had deep roots in the county and raised their own nine children until 1942 when they moved to Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Betzler attended several rural grade schools in the county and completed her degree at the Business College in Fairmont, prior to working in Washington, DC, during the World War II. She met Robert E. Betzler, whom she married in 1948, and together the couple raised three children. Her husband passed away in 1999. She has six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She currently lives with her daughter and son-in-law in Loveland, Colorado. In October, she plans to return to Pendleton County for a reunion with Harman cousins and Huffman families.



Mary Maxine Huffman Betzler

# Special Legislative Session Concludes

The first 2023 special session adjourned sine die on Aug. 9. According to the press release from Delegate Elias Coop-Gonzalez, R-Randolph, Governor Jim Justice provided 32 minutes notice to the legislature. However, most members were already present at the capitol for the scheduled August interim meetings.

Forty-four bills were introduced, and 35 passed. Most significant were the aid bills to West Virginia jails/prisons and volunteer fire departments.

Senate Bill 1005 will provide 21.1 million dollars for correctional of-

ficers' pay increases. SB 1003 and SB 1004 will give bonuses to correctional facility workers, including nonuniformed employees.

SB 1021 and 1022 will create three funding streams for volunteer fire departments. Six million dollars will be available to county volunteer fire departments at large, and two three-million dollar streams administered by the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security will be divided to county commissions and counties based on population.

Many other bills were

considered, including infrastructure, economic development, Department of Health and Human Resources, higher education, and more.

"We did some important things for fire departments and jails/prisons—providing some relief—albeit temporary, Elias Coop-Gonzalez said. "Other than that, we considered the Governor's broad wish list—much of which I voted against. Some bills were plainly bad and others just not properly vetted. In my opinion, a lot of taxpayer money was wasted."

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*A Special Birthday Thanks*

I want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, gift cards, gift certificates and Facebook messages. Thanks to Linda for the party and to the friends that came from Virginia, Roger for the breakfast and Moose International.

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Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the PCECDA, Attn: Sherry Mongold, PO Box 602, Franklin, WV 26807, or the EDA office located at 47 Maple Avenue, Franklin, WV.  
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The administration of the following estates is pending in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, 100 S. Main Street, P. O. Box 1167, Franklin, West Virginia 26807. The names of the personal representatives are set forth below.

### ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Commission are required to file their objections WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE, whichever is later. All creditors of the decedent(s) and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate(s) must file their claims WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 7, 2023.

### Deadline for claims is November 6, 2023.

**Stefanie Hone Estate - Bill Sites, Executor; Stanley Lee Dahmer Estate - Margaret J. Dahmer, Executrix; Gary S. Judy Estate - Debra A. Judy, Executrix; Joseph Niles Berg Estate - Frances Propst, Administratrix; David Arlin Hedrick Estate - Wanda Joan Hedrick, Administratrix; Clarence A. Hoten Estate - Jennifer Hoten, Executrix; Stephen L. Feagans Estate - Charlotte L. Feagans, Executrix**

Subscribed and sworn to before me on September 1, 2023.

**Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission** 9-7-2c

### NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before Pendleton County Commission at 100 S. Main Street, Franklin, WV 26807.

That no appointment of administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the decedent has been filed with the Pendleton County Commission, and is of record in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must be filed with the Pendleton County Commission within 60 days after the date of first publication or within 30 days of the serving of this notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

First Publication Date: Thursday, August 31, 2023

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, October 30, 2023

Decedent: Lewis Shay Propst, Carroll County, MD  
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**Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission** 8-31-2c

## Tip Listed to Prepare Older Adults for Emergencies

What steps is a lack of access to at least one person taking to be cell phones and internet access and port network has prepared for disasters and emergencies? This September, join the Federal Emergency Management Agency during National Preparedness Month in preparing for disasters and emergencies.

National Preparedness Month is an annual opportunity to reinforce the message that taking a few simple steps can go a long way in being ready for all kinds of hazards that are common to one's region, including hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, fires, and more.

Preparedness is for everyone, but this year's National Preparedness Month campaign is focused specifically on preparing older adults and their caregivers. Some of these tips include:

- Plan for transportation if a person has specific needs after a disaster.
- Include items that meet one's individual needs, such as medicines, medical supplies, batteries and chargers, in an emergency kit. Make copies of Medicaid, Medicare and other insurance cards.
- Make sure at

son in one's support network has an extra key to the home, knows where one keeps emergency supplies, and knows how to use lifesaving equipment or administer medication.

"A growing body of evidence shows that older adults are disproportionately impacted by weather-related emergencies and natural disasters," said MaryAnn Tierney, FEMA Region 3 regional administrator. "Now is the time to consider what you can do to be prepared, or help a friend, neighbor, or loved one take steps to get prepared too." FEMA's Ready campaign has restoring information on one's services to inform first responders and others how to communicate with a person.

• Don't forget one's pets or service animals. Not all shelters accept pets, so plan for alternatives. Consider asking loved ones or friends outside of one's immediate area if they can help with the animals.

For more information, visit [ready.gov/older-adults](http://ready.gov/older-adults) and ready.gov/es/adults-mayores.

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# Heavener Designs Winning Entry in Art Contest

This year's Tri-County Fair coloring/art contest was packed with 113 entries and coming out on top were winners from Grant, Hardy and Pendleton counties.

The annual contest, sponsored by the Grant County Press, had the following results:

Ages 10 - 15 (original art with theme "Fair Animals") — Kiera Heavener, first and best of show, McKinley Stump,

second, and Lelia Brafford, third;

Ages 6 - 9 — Aaralyn Martin, first, Darah See, second, and Gracie Hedrick, third; and

Ages 5 and under — Brysen Keplinger, first, Ella Houston, second, and Haley Van Meter, third.

All entries were displayed in the exhibit hall at the fair and first place winners were given gift cards.



Kiera Heavener of Circleville earned first place and best of show in the original art category.



In the 5 years old and under category, the winner was Brysen Keplinger of Moorefield.



First place winner in the 6- to 9-year-old category was Aaralyn Martin of Maysville.

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