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Penny, a Therapy Dog, Is Coming to PCM/HS

Penny, a female Yellow Labrador, will be arriving this fall at Pendleton County Middle/High School. Penny is one of the next seven therapy dogs that will be placed in schools across West Virginia as a part of the First Lady's Friends With Paws initiative. The official announce-

ment of PCM/HS receiving a therapy dog was presented at the Pendleton County Board of Education meeting last week. Board members, Katie Hott, Betty Kimble and Sonny O'Neil, J.D. Wilkins, were in attendance.

First announced in March 2022, the Friends With Paws program places certified therapy dogs in various Communities In School schools across the state, providing companionship and comfort for students in need of a boost. Therapy dogs are placed in schools within CIS counties where students are disproportionately affected by poverty, substance misuse, or other at-risk situations, and are in the greatest need of a support animal. The dogs serve as a healthy and friendly outlet for these students to address trauma and other social-emotional issues.

Richard Lough, Danny Wilburn, June Padgett, Richard Gardner, Vicki Hammer, Jodie Gardner, Amanda Rexrode, Rena Vance, Robin Alt, Amanda Smith and Charlie Padgett addressed the board regarding the high school girls' softball program. Letters from Dr. Greg Bowers, Kinzley Hartman and Keira Gardner were read.

Sept. 22 has been proclaimed West Virginia School Personnel Day. Charles Hedrick, superintendent, praised the county's service personnel for all the work they do within the school system.

The board approved the TeamTutor agreement as presented by Nicole Hevener. Under the agreement, tutors will be assigned to help students, either in person or online, with academic needs.

Carrie Nesselrodt pre-

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Community CALENDAR

Board of Health Meeting Rescheduled

The Pendleton County Board of Health meeting scheduled for today has been rescheduled for 5 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin.

Outside Driver's Tests Canceled Today, Friday

Due to the extra traffic in Franklin for the Treasure Mountain Festival, the Franklin Division of Motor Vehicles Regional Office will suspend outside driver skills testing on Thursday and Friday. The Franklin DMV will resume outside driver skills testing on Monday.

All other DMV transactions will be available at the Franklin office on Thursday and Friday.



Dixie Schoolhouse Photo Displayed

The Clinton Hedrick American Legion Post 183 has completed another project. The organization had a picture of the old Dixie Schoolhouse mounted on a frame and installed by Jared Hevener beside the schoolhouse bell. The history of the schoolhouse is also included with the photo. The post appreciates Hevener installing the sign.

Dry Fork Man Shot in Canaan Valley; Suspect Takes Own Life In North Fork Campground

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, a shooting claimed the life of Joseph M. Nelson, 46, of Dry Fork. This led to a series of events that culminated in the death of the alleged suspect, Daniel Lee Sanders, 41, of Tunnelton, Preston County.

According to the Tucker County Prosecuting Office Facebook page, a call reporting a shooting came into Tucker County 911 at 10:07 p.m. on Sept. 4. The location was identified as the 9000 address area of Appalachian Highway/West Virginia Route 32.

The West Virginia State Police Parsons detachment and Tucker County Sheriff's Office responded to the call.

Witnesses were able to provide significant detail to responding officers. As Sergeant V. J. Pyles, from the West Virginia State Police, told West Virginia Metro News, "They came upon a vehicle driving slowly, the vehicle brake-checked the victim and waved them around. When the vehicle went to pass, the vehicle sped away, then stopped at a wide spot in the road and waited for them."

Pyles went on to say that the suspect continued harassing Nelson. He also stated that there appeared to be no personal connection between the suspect and the victim.

Finally, as Pyles stated to Metro News, "the victim stopped in the road to confront the driver and exited the vehicle." Sanders remained in his truck and fired one shot from the cab. Pyles, as described in a West Virginia State Police release, responded quickly and tried to administer first aid, including CPR. According to the Tucker County Prosecutor's Facebook page, the victim "succumbed to his injuries" on the scene.

Witnesses gave law enforcement a description of the suspect's truck, which included after market modifications on his bumpers. The Tucker County Prosecutor's Facebook page indicated that on Sept 5, a relative of the suspect Sanders provided information as to the alleged shooter's identity. Using GPS phone information, law enforcement ascertained that Sanders had been at the scene of the incident.

Based on the information gathered on Sept. 4 and 5,

the Tucker County Magistrate Court issued a warrant for the arrest of the alleged shooter, charging Sanders with second degree murder. The suspect had, by now, turned off his phone, preventing direct tracking of him. Law enforcement officers, however, received information that placed the suspect at a campground described as an "alternative residence" near Seneca Rocks.

The West Virginia State Police Pendleton County detachment and Special Response team, backed by the Pendleton County Sheriff's Office, responded in an attempt to negotiate his arrest.

As the West Virginia State Police release stated, "Shortly after arrival and before entry could be made, the suspect barricaded himself inside the residence. Units on scene heard a gunshot from inside the residence." They determined that he likely died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. State Police then activated the "Troop 2" crime scene unit to gather additional information.

The investigation remains active.

Commission Hears Plea From Concerned Citizen

By Natasha Dyer

For the most part, the Sept. 5 Pendleton County Commission meeting was business as usual. Small updates to ongoing projects, or nothing to update at all. That is, with two exceptions: the previously proposed moratorium on wind turbines that the commission had previously tabled, and the repair work going on at the Pendleton Community Building parking lot.

"We will always listen to the people of the county who walk into this room," commissioner Roger Dahmer said.

And listen they did, as Scott Sommerville, a concerned citizen of Pendleton County, made a plea for the commis-

sion to reconsider the previously reported planning commission that the State Attorney General said would be required if a moratorium were to be put in place.

The concern around the room was that of more local government telling people what they can and cannot do with their privately owned property.

Sommerville placed a call on the people of Pendleton to come together to protect the beauty and unobstructed nature of the county's mountains and skylines. He even offered fundraising ideas to help offset the cost of creating a planning commission that would lighten the burden on taxpayers.

The commission listened

at length, taking in all the suggestions offered. Time will tell what the county decides to do regarding the plea of this concerned citizen.

As far as the parking lot, many residents may have noticed that it was blocked off this past week and crews were hard at work. The commission was able to put enough money into the project to do as much repair work as possible before the big events of Treasure Mountain Festival this weekend. While they were only able to do a patch job this go around, plans are in place to fully repave the area next year.

The next county commission meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19.

55TH ANNUAL TREASURE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

Schedule of Events
Thursday, September 14

- 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. — Country Store Open
- 9 a.m. — Campsites Open at Ft. Seybert
- Noon - 4 p.m. — Book Sale Open - Library
- Noon - 5 p.m. — Boggs House Open
- 6 p.m. — Coronation of Queen - Main Stage
- 6:30 p.m. — Mike Eye - Main Stage

Friday, September 15

- 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Flea Market Open
- 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Craft Building and Country Store Open
- 9 a.m. — Campsite Opens at Fort Seybert
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. — Book Sale Open - Library
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. — Boggs House Open
- 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Quilt Show Open - Community Building
- 11 a.m. — Bill Wellington - Town Parking Lot
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Tea Room Open - Craft Building
- Noon - 3 p.m. — Muzzleloader Shoot - Fort Seybert
- 1 p.m. — Bill Wellington - Town Parking Lot
- 1:30 p.m. — Historical Walking Tour - Courthouse Steps
- 2 p.m. — Bear Hill Bluegrass - Town Parking Lot
- 3 p.m. — Youth Heritage Pageant - Main Stage
- 4 p.m. — Raw Country - Town Parking Lot
- 5 p.m. — Raymond's Gymnastics - Main Stage
- 6 p.m. — Karl Behrens - Town Parking Lot
- 6 p.m. — Turning Point - Main Stage
- 6:30 p.m. — Beard and Mustache Contest - McCoy House
- 8 p.m. — Square Dancing - Town Parking Lot

Saturday, September 16

- 7 a.m. — Treasure Hunt - Craft Building and TMF Headquarters, Town Parking Lot
- 8 a.m. — 5K Trot - Pendleton County High School
- 8 a.m. — Antique Cars, Trucks, Tractors - Pendleton Senior Family Services Lot
- 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Flea Market Open
- 9 a.m. — Kids Fun Run - Pendleton County High School
- 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Craft Building and Country Store Open
- 9 a.m. — Hit & Miss Engines - Bowling Alley Parking Lot
- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. — Muzzleloader Shoot - Old Fort at Fort Seybert
- 9 a.m. — Horseshoe Pitch - Singles - Town Park
- 9 a.m. — Period Costume Contest - Main Stage
- 9:30 a.m. — Children's Games - Town Park
- 9:30 a.m. — Pumpkin Weigh-in Begins - Main Stage Area
- 10 a.m. — Eyes on Him - Town Parking Lot
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. — Boggs House Open
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. — Book Sale Open
- 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Quilt Show Open - Community Building
- 10 a.m. — Historical Walking Tour - Courthouse Steps
- 10:30 a.m. — Little Switzerland Cloggers - Main Stage
- 10:30 a.m. — Pumpkin Weigh-In Ends
- 11 a.m. — Pumpkin Painting Begins - Main Stage Area
- 11 a.m. — Maysville Express - Town Parking Lot
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Tea Room Open - Craft Building
- 11:50 — Pumpkin Contest Winners Announced - Main Stage
- Noon — Crafts for Children (ages 4-10 years)
- Noon — Triad - Main Stage
- 1 p.m. — South River Express - Town Parking Lot
- 1 p.m. — Final Set of Treasure Hunt Clues Released
- 3 p.m. — TMF Parade - High School to Courthouse
- 4:15 p.m. — Triad - Main Stage
- 4:30 p.m. — Cornhole Tournament - Town Park Ball Field
- 5 p.m. — Snowy Mountain String Band - Town Parking Lot
- 5:15 p.m. — Treasure Hunt Key Opening Ceremony - Main Stage
- 6 p.m. — Vapor 4:14 - Town Parking Lot
- 6:15 p.m. — Crandall Creek - Main Stage
- 7 p.m. — Reenactment of Fort Burning - Fort Seybert
- 7:15 p.m. — Bryer Moyers - Main Stage
- 8 p.m. — Crandall Creek - Main Stage
- 8 p.m. — Square Dancing - Town Parking Lot

Sunday, September 17

- 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Flea Market Open
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Craft Building and Country Store Open
- 9 a.m. — New Beginnings Church - Town Parking Lot
- 10 a.m. — Slusher Scramble - The Highlands Golf Course
- 10 a.m. - Noon — Quilt Show Open - Community Building
- 10 a.m. — Moatstown Choir - Main Stage
- 11:30 a.m. — Mountain View Church w/Vapor 4:14 - Main Stage
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Tea Room Open - Craft Building
- Noon - 3 p.m. — Boggs House Open
- Noon - 4 p.m. — Book Sale Open - Library
- Noon - 4 p.m. — Muzzleloader Shoot - Old Fort at Fort Seybert
- Noon — Horseshoe Pitch - Doubles - Town Park
- 1:00 p.m. — Owl Hoot/Turkey Call - Main Stage

OBITUARIES



Surviving are a son, Michael "Mickey" Cole of Henrico, Virginia; a daughter, Pamela Cole of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a sister, Virginia Kimble Flatgaard (Wally) of Bridgewater, Virginia; a brother, Keith A. Kimble (Barb) of Franklin; two grandsons, Ryan Cole of Richmond, Virginia, and Sean Cole of Henrico, Virginia; a cousin, Wayne Vandevander (Beverly) of Franklin, and their son, Fredrick Vandevander (Cassie), and their daughter, Laney of Petersburg; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Bryan (Butch) and Pat Sommerville (John), all of West Virginia; two nephews, Scott Sommerville of West Virginia and Kevin Hyre of North Carolina; and nieces, Kim Bryan of West Virginia, and Debbie Wright of Alabama.

The family received friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Kyger Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, Virginia. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. today in the chapel of the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Scott Thayer officiating. Interment will be the Ruddle Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Ruddle Presbyterian Church, 17 Vandevander Lane, Franklin, WV 26807 or the First Presbyterian Church, 17 North Court Square, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

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

Charlotte Marie Cole

Charlotte Marie Cole, 82, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, passed away Sept. 9, 2023, at The Laurels at University Park in Richmond, Virginia.

She was born Dec. 14, 1940, at Ruddle and was the daughter of the late John A. Kimble and Wilda R. Kimble.

Mrs. Cole was a 1958 graduate of Franklin High School, and a 1961 graduate of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

On Dec. 30, 1961, she married the love of her life, Dorsey James Cole, Jr., and moved to Alexandria, Virginia, where she worked as a nurse. She enjoyed being a homemaker, and she and her husband raised their two children.

She was a member of the Bush Hill Presbyterian Church. After retirement, they moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia, where she was a member of First Presbyterian Church on Court Square.

Her husband, Jim, preceded her in death on June 1, 2009.

Therapy Dog, PCM/HS

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sented 10 attendance waivers for board approval. The attendance waivers are for students who leave school early or come to school late due to employment. Students must be on track to graduate in order to apply for a waiver, and the waiver can be revoked if they start falling behind in their classes.

The board approved the special education camera letter as requested by Nesselrodt. Senate Bill 261 requires cameras to be placed in self-contained special education classrooms (classroom where special education students spend the majority of their day). These cameras record both video and audio. This year, there was an addition to the bill that requires audio recording of bathrooms that are attached to those classrooms. The special education camera letter is provided to the board of education, staff within the classroom, and parents of students within the classroom notifying them that recordings are taking place.

Hedrick stated that work is being done by Barbara Whitecotton and the leadership team on academic improvements and improving instruction for kindergarten through third grade, especially for students with a substantial reading or mathematics deficiency. He also reported that he has discussed with school principals about academic improvements.

The resignations of Manda Teter, substitute teacher, Wes Judy, substitute bus driver, and Lori Johnson, substitute secretary, were approved by the board.

Personnel employed by the board were Latasha Martin, long-term substitute fifth-grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School, Robert Bennett, long-term substitute custodian at the central office, Kim Keplinger, extra-curricular kindergarten instruction coach, Natasha Bowers, extra-curricular middle school girls assistant softball coach, Travis Rader, and Karen Propst, substitute teachers, Lucas Moreland and Katelyn Keckley, restricted substitute teachers, and Anissa Worthy and Alaina See, substitute aides.

Contracts for duty free lunch for Keely Smith, Kimberly Davis, Jennifer Willis, Kenna Hedrick-Champ, Cindy Rexrode, Sheila Evick, Sherry Howard, Marlene Simmons, Amy Gardiner and Corrie Wagoner were approved.

The board approved the following non-paid coaches: football - Ryan Boggs, Kent Gardiner, Chris Roberson and Gary Smith; volleyball - Natasha Bowers; and boys' basketball - Matt Sites.

A leave of absence was approved for John Connor.

Volunteers/chaperones were approved for the county's schools.

The next board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the board office on Main Street in Franklin.

DHHR Promotes Suicide Prevention, Awareness Month

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health joins partners across the country to promote suicide prevention awareness during National Suicide Prevention Month.

"Pulling away from people and things, low energy, and feelings of hopelessness are just a few signs that you or your loved one may be at risk for suicide," said Dawn Cottingham-Frohna, commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health. "This month provides an opportunity to highlight behavioral health resources and encourage individuals to get help if they are having a suicidal crisis or are in significant emotional distress."

The Bureau for Behavioral Health funds the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in West Virginia, which offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress including thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org for crisis support. 988 also serves as the Veterans Crisis Line (press 1 option).

Additional behavioral health resources include HELP4WV, which serves as a point of contact for all West Virginians who are seeking help for themselves or a loved one. Call, text, or chat: 1-844-HELP4WV or www.help4wv.com. The Children's Crisis and Referral Line, a separate source of support provided by HELP4WV, is also available 24/7/365 to assist with community-based resources and support specific to children and youth. Call, text, or chat: 1-844-HELP4WV or www.help4wv.com/ccl.

In addition, DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health, Office of Children, Youth and Families administers programs to promote the behavioral health of children and youth in West Virginia communities through primary prevention and individualized services for mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For additional information, visit dhhr.wv.gov/bbh.

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North Fork 4-H Club catered the Farm Bureau dinner on August 26 and would like to thank the following for either assistance or donations.

As a community service project, the club is donating the funds earned to the NF Cemetery for upkeep and maintenance. Many thanks for the members that served and for the support from the community with this labor of love!

If you have a child interested in joining 4-H for the upcoming year, please contact the Pendleton County Extension Office or a 4-H leader in the area!

Ann & Jack Bennett	Diane McMorrow
Susan & Jared Bennett	Jennifer Armentrout
Ashley & Matt Harper	Vicki Skavenski
Becky & Ben Heavner	High Rock Church Auxiliary
Lindsey & Jason Thompson	Country Décor & More
Vanessa & David Harper	The Gateway Restaurant
Penny Harman	T&K Markets
Lucy Kisamore	Pendleton Co. Extension Service

Arbaugh Joins Eastern's Staff

Lauren Michelle Arbaugh has been hired at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College as the Workforce Education Program coordinator. Originally from Gainesville, Florida, Arbaugh now resides in Hardy County with her husband, Sheldon, who also serves as vice chair on Eastern's board of governors.

"I adore my wonderful husband, Sheldon, and our beautiful daughter, Lauren Brooke. He has enjoyed a long career with Pendleton Community Bank," said Arbaugh, "and Lauren Brooke is entering her senior year at West Virginia University where she is majoring in health and well-being. We have two awesome dogs, Aslan and Gracie, and one energetic cat, Luna."

Arbaugh has spent more than a decade providing supplemental instruction, both live and online, for students in organic chemistry at numerous universities and colleges, including the University of Florida, Florida State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of Central Florida. "When I moved up to West Virginia, I worked with a residential building contractor where I served as interior project manager as well as the resource manager," said Arbaugh.

Although this is her first position at Eastern, she has volunteered her time in the past months to help at events like the annual Job Fair and Farm-To-Table, as well as serving on Eastern's board of trustees. She is active all throughout the community by serving on committees to better the region. She serves as a board member on the



Lauren Michelle Arbaugh

Hardy County Chamber of Commerce and is chair of the Celebrate Moorefield committee, where community events like the new farmers market, and food truck pop-ups have led her to interact with and support vendors from all over the Potomac Highlands region.

In her free time, Arbaugh likes to be with family, enjoy the outside and learn new things. "The most important part of life for me is time spent with my family, whatever the season may be; we love anything outside. Whether it is hiking, hunting, fishing, or sports, the competitions can be

epic," she said. "But I'm also active with gardening and building projects, so I continue to learn new things."

"I absolutely love that Eastern is a team of people who love serving students and their communities in ways that promote lifelong learning and furthering opportunities, no matter the background or time in life," said Arbaugh. "Everyone I have had the pleasure of working with so far has been incredibly positive and excited about all that is being accomplished."

76th WVDAR District Meeting Held Aug. 19

The 76th annual eastern district meeting of the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution was held Aug. 19 at the Cacapon Lodge, Cacapon State Park in Berkeley Springs, hosted by Ye Town of Bath Chapter. Seven members of the South Branch Valley Chapter attended.

Jane Larke, state regent, gave an update on her theme "West Virginia Blooms Through Friendship and Service," citing the ongoing digitization of the WVDAR history by Marshall University, promotion of technological advances by updating the WVDAR webpage and the future creation/updates of every state chapter's webpage to encourage further participation in the DAR, and to impact early childhood literacy in West Virginia by promoting reading.

Melissa Schod of Schod Family Apothecary presented a display of the styles of early 18th century garments, many of which she made herself. She has been a living historian for more than 30 years and is very knowledgeable on the subject, describing the early manufacturing of fabric in the United States and the limited availability of clothing.

Several chapters of the eastern district were recognized during the awards ceremony. South Branch Valley Chapter member Bonnie Myers was awarded for outstanding service, volunteer genealogists committee and outstanding support, lineage research committee. Judy Mathias was awarded outstanding service for volunteer, patriot records project committee. Other awards received by the chapter included most school

videos watched by members (states with 1-49 chapters) and blue ribbon for the chapter achievement award (chapters with 51-100 members.)

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a volunteer service organization dedicated to the preservation of history, promotion of patriotism and the education of children. Any woman, 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. DAR volunteers are available and willing to assist with guidance in genealogy research for women interested in becoming a member. For more information, visit the DAR website at www.dar.org, email inquiries to membership@dar.org, or contact Myers, chapter registrar, at khs7377@aol.com.

Special from Stephen Smoot's Desk

Over the past month, many of our readers have noticed my absence from the pages of The Pendleton Times. Some know that I had a health incident that mandated that I stay off from work for four weeks.

I am humbled and appreciative of all of the support, love, and most importantly, patience that you have had over this period.

Moreover, I am deeply grateful for The Pendleton Times team who all stepped up during my absence and helped us to continue to publish the kind of paper that our readers have come to expect.

A huge thank you to everyone, and I am very excited to get back to serving you all to the best of my ability.

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NOTICE
Region VII Workforce Development Board
Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, September 21
Meeting is being held via Zoom and will begin at 6 p.m.

For meeting information, contact Matt Martin at 304-530-3917 x9602.
An Equal Opportunity Program/Employer. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Everything Needs To Be Ear Tagged

Revival Services
Christ Central Community Church
Upper Tract
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22 and 23
7 p.m.
Sunday, September 24 • 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker:
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Music:
Friday - Tonya Nesselrodt
Saturday - Cameron Kisamore
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Sunday Buffet
September 17 • Noon - 3:00 p.m.
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10 Years Ago
Week of September 12, 2013

SUGAR GROVE

Message in a Bottle Sparks New Friendships

Sunday was a calm and serene day, much too beautiful to spend on morbid thoughts. The sky was an autumn blue with a few clouds drifting along. Crickets and grasshoppers were singing their melodies while hidden in the weeds. Canning and freezing vegetables has allowed the housewife to be quite busy lately.

There is a story to share, and it is quite fitting now that summer is coming to a close in a few short weeks. It is as if the famous author, Nicholas Sparks wrote in his book, "Message in a Bottle." "If you discovered something that made you tighten inside, you had better try to learn more about it." That's what happened to Bob and Judy Grimm this past June as they were vacationing at Nags Head, N.C. A favorite pastime for the two is to search for shells. Besides the shells, they spotted two bottles containing messages. They turned one in to the ranger station and kept the second one. Curiosity got the best of them, and upon opening the message in the bottle, they emailed the Simmons family immediately to alert them of their find.

Now it's time to back up a little to get the beginning of this story. James LeRoy Simmons had retired from his plumbing career to enjoy life. Shortly thereafter, he was diagnosed with lung cancer. He always enjoyed coming to Pendleton County, where he grew up. Quite often, he would return home with bottles. As a family, they would enjoy annual vacations on the Outer Banks, N.C. In 2012, Jim passed away. Their June 2013 vacation rolled around, and it occurred to the family members that it would be fun to use some of Jim's bottles to send messages out to sea. It would be an experiment, which would be different and fun, and which included the grandchildren, as well.

So, eight bottles were chosen, and each sat down to write a message that stated where they were from, where they were vacationing, an email address and telling a little about Jim and how they thought this would be nice to do in his memory. The Outer Banks Pier was where these eight bottles were tossed out to sea for the current to take them to who knows where.

So, imagine the excitement the Simmons family experienced when the email arrived from Bob and Judy Grimm, stating that they had found two bottles. (The purpose of this project was for persons to find the bottles and contact the sender.) After emailing and sharing family information, the two parties decided it was time to meet each other.

Late last month on a Sunday afternoon, they met in Harrisonburg, VA. Of course there were hugs, laughter,

much conversation and a photo opportunity. What clearly was quite an unusual meeting was the family connection that existed. Judy's aunt, Glenna, married Hobart Simmons, and it is through him that the families are connected. The odds of these two families connecting were in part due to luck or fate...or perhaps Jim had something to do with this! How else does something like this happen? Bob so aptly stated, "I almost feel like this was meant to happen." Whichever way one interprets this strange way to bring the two families together, the message in the bottle sure brought about a lot of excitement and a new family friendship.

(Some tidbits to add to this unusual story are that the first recorded messages in bottles were released around 310 B.C. by a Greek philosopher named Theophrastus. It was part of an experiment to show that the Mediterranean Sea was formed by the inflowing of the Atlantic Ocean. This certainly is a fun activity to do as a family project. It can also be a way to inform the receiver of dire circumstances, such as being shipwrecked, or dealing with war activities.)

20 Years Ago
Week of September 11, 2003

Tips Suggested For Making Farm Ponds Better Fisheries

By Kevin Yokum

Quality farm ponds are in high demand, but many times pond owners try to transition their ponds into super fisheries too quickly. As a result, the ponds never achieve full potential and the owner's management goals whether it be a trophy bass water or a pond where you catch a fish every cast, are never met.

Largemouth bass and bluegill are the two most popular farm pond fish. When properly balanced, these two species can thrive together producing both great sportfishing and delicious table fare.

Most folks build a pond and expect the fishing to automatically be superb. In an attempt to speed up the pond establishment, pond owners often transfer fish from another body of water into their pond. While this may provide a little short term excitement, sooner than later the balance of the pond will be out of whack. The instability will mean that either too many of one fish species (bluegill) or not enough of another (bass) are present in the pond. The result usually leads to lots of small bass in the pond, and once the pond is unbalanced, it is difficult to correct.

If a pond is started with the correct proportion of forage fish to sportfish, then it will provide good fishing for many years to come. In addition, the pond will be self-sustaining. The forage population will renew itself every year to feed the sportfish, and in turn, the sportfish will keep the forage population in check so it doesn't get over

populated. By starting with a balanced population, you are ensuring that your pond will have great fishing for the longest possible duration.

30 Years Ago
Week of September 9, 1993

DAHMER

Road Wagon Seat, Rickety, Brings \$70 At Moyers Auction

The auction sales attracted wide attention Saturday, with the Black family sale of 496 acres, and the estate of Nellie Vandevander's personal property and the real estate high bid of \$45,000.00. The personal property of the Curtis Moyers estate was a humdinger with 312 registering Saturday and 76 on Monday. Garry Propst and Dee Dee Alt were the auctioneers. A small road wagon made by Garry Propst's grandfather, Charlie Propst, sold for \$550.00, and Garry is the proud owner. A few other prices—road wagon seat (rickety) \$70.00; old cupboard \$710.00; Coca-Cola pop machine \$190.00; horse shoeing box \$35.00; 2 iron kettles \$70.00 and \$115.00; Oliver bottom plow \$35.00; road wagon running gear \$110.00; New Holland hay baler \$775.00; 2 fans—snuff advertisement \$31.00; one snuff fan \$17.50; cream can \$75.00; Tiger chewing tobacco lunch pail \$35.00; wooden candy bucket \$30.00; very small wooden table \$520.00; glass pitcher and six glasses \$100.00; old Kentucky muzzleloader \$300.00; Model 12 Winchester \$400.00; Marlin 24C \$180.00; Model 97 Winchester \$220.00; single shot \$180.00. These items were just a few of many articles sold on Saturday. The following is Monday prices—a little worn bear \$90.00; gray old jug \$47.50; gray color jug \$25.00; swing churn \$160.00; little Maytag can \$26.00; coffee pot blue and white ware \$105.00; school-child dinner pail \$24.00; wooden colburns spice box \$150.00, etc.

Robert Lambert, who married the late John Fultz's daughter, Ruby, had an experience he soon will not forget, when he was struck by lightning in his house, striking him on the shoulder, running down his hip and leg. He was still feeling the effects on Sunday. His daughter, Roberta, was laying on a bed and a hole was burnt in the cover. Luckily the house which is near Blue Grass, VA, did not burn.

50 Years Ago
Week of September 13, 1973

Falconry, A New 'Old' Sport

One of the new features of this year's Treasure Mountain Festival is the falconry demonstration to be conducted Friday afternoon at Champe Rocks and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons one mile south of Franklin.

Hawks or falcons are used to hunt game, the type of game depending on the type of bird used. Hawks indigenously to West Virginia hunt rodents and rabbits in their natural state, but some falcons hunt other birds and various kinds of animals.

Good Day's Hunt—6 Groundhogs and 33 Rattlesnakes

"We had a good day," said Harley Raines of Franklin as he and his son, Stanley, returned from an afternoon in the woods.

"We killed 33 rattlesnakes and six groundhogs."

The Raines men spent last Saturday visiting their old home place on Timber Ridge, now owned by Keith Lambert.

They were walking through the woods when a rattler lying under a large flat rock "rattled at us."

"We wiggled the rock a little with a pole and out came a 41-inch yellow rattler which we killed," Raines said. "While we're working on the yellow one, a 40-inch black rattler came after us and we then turned our attention on him." Both had nine rattlers and a button.

The men continued to pry up the rock, and little rattlers about 12 inches in length began coming out. At last count there were 31 little ones in addition to the two mean ones.

60 Years Ago
Week of September 19, 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.

27,000 Soldiers Fall At Chickamauga

Confederate soldiers waded across the creek during the first minutes of daylight and spread out for battle. From off to the right, Federal troops came running and shooting, and the bloody Battle of Chickamauga — "the Great Battle of the West" — was on.

It was September 19, 100 years ago this week, and the scene was along Chickamauga Creek, 10 miles south of Chattanooga in Georgia. In the brush and trees around the creek were 70,000 Confederates and 60,000 Federals, but when the battle ended two days later, 4,000 of them were dead; 23,000 more were wounded (many of those died later), and 6,700 more were missing. In all, one-third of those who fought became casualties.

The contest was between the armies of Federal General William S. Rosecrans and Confederate General Braxton Bragg, two old enemies in the Tennessee campaigns. But

when it came to fighting, the battle resolved itself to a duel between Federal General George H. Thomas, a Virginia native, and Confederate General James Longstreet, who had arrived at the battle the preceding day with 13,000 troops from Virginia.

Bragg had started the battle with an order of attack September 18, hoping to hit the left side of the Union line, at its northern end, turning the Federal army away from Chattanooga into deep South territory and liquidating it there.

So the Confederates came across the creek, moving in a westerly direction, only to find they were hitting the Union line below its northern end. In the confusion that followed, Thomas attacked, and the battle spread up and down the creek, and along Missionary Ridge, parallel to and just west of the creek.

Bragg hurled brigade after brigade into the Union left against Thomas, but none of them—not even Bedford Forrest's "horse infantry"—could crack the line. All day, the assault raged on the left as the dead piled up and Thomas yielded slowly. Rosecrans, meanwhile, moved more and more of his men to the left to help Thomas.

Next day, Bragg resumed his onslaught against the Union left. Rosecrans sent more of his men from his right and center to Thomas' aid until Thomas commanded two-thirds of Rosecrans' army. Then, without warning, Longstreet struck Rosecrans where it hurt the most—the center.

All that morning, Longstreet had prepared his attack, and about noon, his men slammed into the weakened Union center with a sledgehammer blow.

The Federal line crumbled, and Longstreet swept through. Eight brigades of Confederates swarmed through the hole, capturing prisoners and equipment and cutting the Federal army in two. Longstreet then wheeled his army to the right and began rolling up the Union line toward Thomas. Rosecrans, himself, was swept back by the Federal retreat and headed for Chattanooga figuring the day was lost.

But back on the Union left, Thomas, thereafter known as "the Rock of Chickamauga," held on. Seeing the catastrophe to his right, he pulled his men together, rallied men farther down the line, and formed them all into a horse shoe position. Stoutly, his men held on, fighting with bayonets and clubs, until Longstreet's attack began slowing down.

The re-enforcements—Gordon Granger's 4,000 men—arrived to help Thomas and to turn back Longstreet's last attack of the day. Granger, who had been ordered to stay in the rear, disobeyed those orders in hurrying to Thomas' rescue. Evening came, and the Federal army was saved.

Next week: Rosecrans digs in.

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Smith Creek/Friends Run

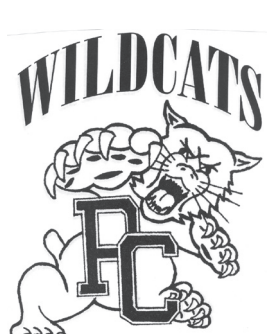
by Dave Ellis

This is the big weekend for the Town of Franklin. The yearly Treasure Mountain Festival draws lots of tourists and family reunions for the four-day event. Let's hope for a blessed, sunshine weekend.

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: "Taming the tongue isn't just about training ourselves to say the right things. It's about accepting the Holy Spirit's guidance so that our words generate kindness and encouragement."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Sept. 4 through Sept. 10, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Sept. 4 - 90°, 61° (85°, 59°); Sept. 5 - 91°, 59° (77°, 59°, 1.6"); Sept. 6 - 92°, 60°, .1" (78°, 60°, .4"); Sept. 7 - 85°, 63°, .12" (73°, 64°, .3"); Sept. 8 - 84°, 61°, .21" (76°, 61°); Sept. 9 - 81°, 58° (78°, 59°) and Sept. 10 - 74°, 60°, .61" (73°, 51°, .33").



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Families Should Realize the Value of Grandparents

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

The idea of having a Grandparents' Day was first suggested in the United States by 9-year-old Russell Capper in 1969. He sent a letter to President Richard Nixon to have a special day set aside as Grandparents' Day. With the concurrence of many other senators, Senator Jennings Randolph introduced a joint resolution to the senate requesting the president to issue annually a proclamation designating the first Sunday of September after Labor Day of each year as "National Grandparents' Day."

In February of 1977, Congress then passed the legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents' Day and, on Aug. 3, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation. The date's purpose was to honor grandparents, to show the bond between grandparents and their grandchildren, and to help children become aware of the information, strength, and guidance that older people can offer.

Grandparents' Day has become a secular holiday celebrated in various countries. Celebrating the occasion in this community was the receiving of the gentle rain of 1.75 inches. The area had become quite dry with farmers beginning to feed their cattle hay. However, it will take more than a gentle shower to allow the level of the river to return to normal, let alone the water table to be replenished.

Life's little lessons that mean a lot include the following:

1. Have a sense of humor in a bad situation.
2. Spend some time alone.
3. In disagreement with loved ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
4. Never ask a hairdresser if a person needs a haircut.
5. Encourage one's children to sing in the choir.

"Hats off" to Ronnie and Betty Kimble who have continued to water the beautiful flower pots at the Brandywine intersection. Tenessa Reedy Hoover has such beautiful landscaping at the corner of the intersection, also. Passersby can't help feeling very proud of the beauty that awaits them as they motor on by.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Forgiving is not forgetting. Forgiving is remembering without pain." — Celia Cruz

"September showed up right on schedule, and lasted a whole month." — Jenny Wingfield

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." — Thomas Edison

"Thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it is the lightning that does the work." — Mark Twain

"I didn't get there by wishing for it or hoping for it, but by



On Oct. 19, 1943, Leslie Hugh Moyers (1918 -), left, married Thelma Grace Colaw (1923 -) in Monterey, Virginia. They had one son, Martin Russell (1947 -).

working for it." — Estee Lauder.

Sitting in the house, with the air conditioning running, is the place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

The VFW Post 9666 held its annual family picnic Sunday at the VFW pavilion.

The residents have their eyes on the up-coming festivities of the Treasure Mountain Festival. The Sugar Grove Lions Club will once again have their booth for ham sandwiches and beans in a kettle with cornbread.

Sunday visitors of Rosalee Grogg were Terri Grogg, Claude Castleberry, Marleta and Junior Wimer, and Diane Kuykendall.

Visiting with Evelyn Varner this past week were Joyce and Richard Marshall of McGaheysville, Virginia, and Judy Costello of Verona, Virginia.

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

•During the Cambrian period, Antarctic was at the equator. Plant life such as ferns, seed plants, primitive insects and exotic flora existed.

•There is enough water in Lake Superior to submerge all of North and South America in one foot of water.

•Thomas Edison, with over 1100 patents, was perhaps the most prolific inventor of all time.

•The Vikings built a wooden ship as long as a football field.

•Cuba's Bee Hummingbird lays its eggs in a nest the size of an eight-cent postage stamp.

Continuing with the September birthdays: Brittany Lehman, 16th; Sarah Hedrick, 17th; Bill Rexrode, 18th; Travis Beachler, 19th; Tyler Grogg, 20th; Neva Rexrode, Jason Smith and Beth Moyers. 21st; Tammy Ruddle, 22nd; Woody Hoover 23rd; Ruthalene May and Lori Roberson, 24th; Robin Evick, 25th; Charles Anderson, 26th; Jim Kile and Emily and K.J. Simmons, 27th; Debbie Sites, 28th; Tammy Lambert, Julia Homan, Mary Puffenbarger, Ann Kiser and Chase Owens, 29th; Chuck Frame and Vickie Rawley, 30th.

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, Bethany Eye, Mary Eye, Donna Fleisher, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, Jackie Hill, Edsel and May Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adelbert Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Ruthlene Judy, Marsha Keller, Danny Kimble, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, 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, Carol Mitchell, 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, the Barry Simmons family, Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Robbie Sites, Steven Smoot, Connie Sulser, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Evelyn Varner, Amy Vaus, the Constance "Connie" Waggy family, Sheldon Waggy, Judy Williams, Junior Wimer, Margaret Wimer, Dana Yokum, the fire victims of Maui, Hawaii and earthquake victims in Morocco.

A Big Thank You
Near or far family and friends—Thank you to everyone who made my 85th birthday such a special one. Thanks for all the beautiful cards, phone calls, Facebook messages wishing me a Happy Birthday. I enjoyed reading them and for all the gifts. *God Bless You!*
Mary Hedrick

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Wildcat Defense Shines, But Vikings Claimed Victory in Franklin Friday



The Wildcat offensive line clears the way as quarterback James Vincell hands the ball to running back Dillon Smith. Photo by Allison Vincell.

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County hosted Petersburg on a rare Saturday evening battle that has, due to shortages of game officials, become another sign of the understaffed times. The fans attending the game enjoyed a victory of sorts. The National Weather Service had forecasted a deluge similar to that which drowned the game against Petersburg last year, but the gray clouds broke before the game. The field and stands remained dry.

The Vikings came into town with two huge wins in their pocket. They defeated double A Berkeley Springs 46-0 and Buffalo 39-0. Pendleton County, on the other hand, faced two of the top teams in single A. In both games, the Wildcats started well and fought hard, but were overcome in the end by tough competition.

The West Virginia Army National Guard marked this game as part of their statewide gridiron series that recognizes the contributions of both veterans and current military. Wildcat players wore dark combat fatigue style uniforms with black numbers. Although sleek and stylish, the color scheme sometimes made the Pendleton County players difficult to identify.

Chase Owens took the opening kickoff from the 10 and returned it to the 30. Petersburg called time out before the first snap of the ball and reset their defense. The Wildcats could gain no traction in their first drive, losing 15 yards in the series, and kicked a short punt out of bounds.

Petersburg's offense at the outset of the game appeared to pick up where they left off in their first two games. They started at the Wildcat 33, throwing a first down pass to the 20, followed by a seven-yard run. Two plays later, their running back took the ball into the endzone for the first score of the game. The kick was good, giving them a 7-0 lead.

Pendleton County again took the kickoff. Josiah Kimble took the kick this time, advancing from the five to the 23-yard line. Quarterback James Vincell then used a sharp count to draw the defense offside. With a more manageable yardage to first down, Dillon Smith ran off left tackle for a gain of six. After two incomplete passes, one tipped at the line, Vincell found Owens at the 45. Owens then drove up the field to the 20 for a total completion of 47 yards. Owens then took another pass down to the nine-yard line. Two plays later, a Wildcat ran off left tackle to earn a Pendleton County touchdown followed by a Gabe Harvey kick to tie the contest at seven.

The two teams traded punts through the rest of the quarter. As the game entered the second quarter, the offensive line for Pendleton County gained confidence and

blocked well. Vincell had time to find receivers downfield, while the backs found holes. Smith used his strength and speed to drag piles and accelerate through holes. Kimble, Owens, and Justus Kuykendall gave their quarterback great targets to hit in both short distance and downfield.

Petersburg's defense, however, remained disruptive. They forced a fumble with 8:07 left in the second quarter, and their linemen proved proficient at batting passes out of the air at the line of scrimmage.

The Wildcat defensive unit played very well after the first series. Over the course of the game, Viking backs found running room difficult. Petersburg's offense utilized misdirection, fakes, and different handoffs, but generally failed to fool the defense. Defenders also made big plays, such as when Harvey snagged a Viking pass with 6:49 left in the second.

Petersburg closed out the half with one of their most efficient drives of the game. They took the ball 40 yards in just over three minutes on 12 plays. The Wildcats only allowed one big play, a 37-yard pass that put them at the Wildcat 44 with about three minutes to go. Petersburg drove to the 30 where they had a fourth and eight. Owens broke up the pass at the 15 and the Wildcats kneeled to run out the last 22 seconds.

The Vikings took possession at the commencement of the third quarter. They started at their own 30, methodically working their way down the field. Pendleton County forced a fourth and nine just shy of midfield. Although the Wildcat coaching staff seemed to sniff out the fake, a precise pass split the defense at the home team 25. Four plays later, Petersburg ran up the middle for a touchdown. The extra point made it 14-7.

Exchanges of drives and punts left Pendleton County deep in their own territory at the five with 5:17 left in the game. Though limited to a touchdown in the game, the Wildcats, behind stout blocking by the offensive line, continued to move the ball. The high powered Viking scoring machine found touchdowns hard to earn against the stingy defense.

Petersburg's defense gained their team breathing room with about five minutes to play. They picked a pass and returned it to the endzone. The ensuing kick made it 21-7, which was the final score in the contest.

The final score did not reflect the closeness of the game, nor did it indicate that the Wildcats gained poise and confidence as the game wore on. Bad bounces and a few ill-timed mistakes made the difference.

On Friday, the Wildcats may likely earn some festive treasure of their own as the Richwood Lumberjacks come up into the mountains to Franklin.



Carolyn Varner sets up Baylee Beachler in the Wildcat win over the Union Tigers. Photo by Regina Smoot.

Wildcats Show Claws, But Fall To Yellow Jackets on the Road

By Stephen Smoot

With big victories under both of their belts early in the season, Pendleton County and Moorefield came into last Thursday's contest ready to prove their primacy in Potomac Highlands volleyball. Both teams brought complete effort with results closer than the simple set wins would indicate.

The Yellow Jackets opened the first set with the serve and inched out to a 2-0 lead. On their third serve, however, Allie Cooper received and popped the ball in the air. Carolyn Varner ranged underneath it and set up a strong Baylee Beachler spike to cut the slender lead in half. Varner then took the serve for Pendleton County. A Lizzie Alt block at the net tied the set at two.

Moorefield and Pendleton County are mirror images in style. Both schools attack the net, using sets and big spikes to intimidate the opposition. Both squads have superior athleticism and sufficient height. The Yellow Jackets had a slender edge in player experience, as well as the crucial home court advantage.

After the Wildcats tied it up at two, Moorefield went on a six-to-one run to gain an 8-3 lead. Pendleton County then went on a run of their own to pull within two, highlighted by sound serving by Beachler. Then, during serves by both Breena Bowers and Cooper, Alt and Kate Hedrick made big plays at the net to help take the lead at 12-11.

For most of the rest of the set, the two squads battled. Neither team could extend a lead farther than three. After Moorefield tried to take control, gaining a 19-16 lead, the Wildcats clawed back with a Hedrick block at the net and an Avery Townsend spike to get within one. Though Pendleton County kept the score tight the rest of the set, they could not break through to seize the lead again. Moorefield took the first set 25-22.

Set number two started off with a bang as Varner delivered a low trajectory serve whose return resulted in a Beachler spike. Moorefield responded with a spike of their own on the next serve to tie it at one. The Yellow Jackets extended their lead to 3-1, but a spike followed by a block at the net by Gabby DePue knotted the contest back up.

The next serve by Alt started a furious set of volleys ended by a Beachler block. Alt followed that by an ace to give her team a 5-3 advantage. The Yellow Jackets then unleashed their stingers and pushed ahead 9-6, their run halted when Varner dove at a ball, saved it, and placed it perfectly in the Moorefield back corner.

Moorefield appeared to take command shortly thereafter, running out to a 14-9 advantage, then another five point lead at 16-11. Varner then blocked a return at the net and followed that with an ace. Big plays by Beachler and Alt at the net brought their squad back to a tie game at 16.

Although the Yellow Jackets regained the lead, they could not pull away. They went up 24-21, then saw spikes by Townsend and Hedrick pull Pendleton County within one. Only a perfectly placed return to the back secured the set for the home team.

At this point, Pendleton County was down. They never are, however, out. In workmanlike fashion, they built an early 12-5 lead. DePue, Beachler, Hedrick, Alt, and Varner dominated the front while Cooper hustled in the back, often saving shots from the floor. Emma Hartman and Bowers contributed aces, as well.

The home team, however, relentlessly ground away at the Wildcat lead, tying the game at 18. Pendleton County retook the lead and worked to maintain it with crucial serves by Bowers and Cooper, as well as big plays at the net by DePue and Alt. DePue's spike put the Wildcats on the verge of a set victory.

With a 24-21 lead, Varner served the ball, which was returned toward Beachler. She leapt into the air as if to spike, but instead deftly tapped the ball to an open spot on the floor. This play, she made an art form last season. As the Wildcats celebrated an apparent set win, the official ruled the hit illegal and gave the point to Moorefield.

Given a second chance, the home team put the set and the hard-fought game to rest.

Visiting Tigers Overwhelmed by Wildcats

By Stephen Smoot

With big wins over double A Keyser and rival Petersburg to open the season and a trip to Moorefield coming later in the week, Pendleton County could have had a classic "trap" game against visiting Union.

The Wildcats, however, took the Tigers by the tail, although not without a fight.

Union opened the game with a serve, but witnessed Carolyn Varner issue a perfect set to Lizzie Alt, who placed a return perfectly to open the scoring for the Wildcats.

Varner played sparingly on varsity last year. On the junior varsity squad, she achieved one of the more rare feats in sports, however. She started a game serving and held it the entire game. Twenty-five serves led to the same number of points. This year, the Wildcats rely heavily on her steady serve and her sure handed sets.

Early serves by Varner, combined with Union miscues, took the score quickly to a 4-1 advantage for the home team. Then Alt took over serving, keying an 11-0 run punctuated by three aces, two Avery Townsend spikes, and spikes by Gabby DePue and Baylee Beachler.

Later in the first game, with Pendleton County cruising, Emma Hartman took the serve. Like Varner, she played as a reserve last year. She

opened her service in this game with an ace to extend the lead to 18-4.

Senior Allie Cooper then worked to close out the first stanza. The Union return of her first serve resulted in a Beachler spike. Cooper then helped her team score the next two points before the Wildcats turned over the serve.

Cooper helped to take the game point with a great set to Varner who tapped it over for a 25-8 result.

The second game saw other Wildcats step up to make big plays. Pendleton County once again jumped out to an early lead. A ball served by Beachler was returned by Union, only to see Alt set Varner, who placed the ball perfectly for a Kate Hedrick spike. A few minutes later, Breena Bowers put the ball in play for Pendleton County, leading to a Tiger return that resulted in yet another Hedrick spike for an 11-5 advantage.

Bowers' time serving brought her team four straight points. Beachler closed the second game out with an exclamation point ace and a final of 25-9.

Despite the athleticism and poise that controlled the contest for the home team, Union tried to respond as the game progressed. They improved at handling the aggressive spiking of the Wildcat front line. The Tigers also moved the ball better on their side and extended the number of volleys.

By the third game, they had stopped challenging the Pendleton County front line, getting better at finding open spots in the middle and back lines of the Wildcat defense.

While Pendleton County in the final game once again seized an initial lead, Union succeeded in putting together more relatively consistent runs. After a 9-3 start to the game, highlighted by spikes by Beachler and DePue, as well as an Alt ace, the Tigers scored two in a row. Then after an Alt spike put the lead at 17-5, Union rolled off a 4-0 run.

Though they never posed a challenge, the Tigers clearly showed improvement through the course of the game as they played one of the best teams in the area.

Bowers, Cooper, and Hartman played big in the second half of the final game. Hartman's serves, starting with the score at 11-4, helped her squad score four straight, including an ace, a Hedrick spike, and a Varner block.

Cooper's serving lifted the advantage to 20-9. The stat sheet did not reflect her diving for and chasing balls aimed toward the back, keeping many in play.

Bowers then returned to serve with the score at 22-11. Solid defensive play and an ace brought the Wildcats to the edge of a win. Union then seized back the serve and scored, but a Beachler block closed out the win, three games to none.

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offer for sale certain property described in that certain Deeds of Trust executed by Matthew C. Gilbert to George I. Sponaugle II and G. Isaac Sponaugle, III, Trustees, which Deed of Trust is described as follows: (1) that certain Deed of Trust bearing date October 15, 2014, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 146, at page 757, and given to secure Walter K. Campbell, Jr. and Sharon B. Campbell, the Beneficiaries, the payment of a certain indebtedness represented by a Note therein described; and which property is described as follows:

That certain real estate, together with all hereditaments and appurtenances hereunto belonging, and all buildings and improvements thereon, lying and being situate in Bethel District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT NO. 1: Beginning at a stone on a little flat; thence, S. 32 degrees West crossing a drain and up a bank 22 poles and 10 links, to a stone, present corner of fence; thence, S. 53 degrees E. 23 poles to the center of the public road a cedar in said line; thence, N. 34 degrees E. with the meanderings of said road 21 poles and 23 links, to a point in said road and corner of fence with said fence N. 54 degrees W. up a ravine 23 poles and 11 links to the beginning, containing **three (3) acres, more or less.**

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This conveyance is made subject to the following reservations contained in the deed of conveyance into Matthew C. Gilbert: "Further, Grantor, Donna J. Gilbert hereby reserves unto herself, her friends, family and invitees, for the remainder of her lifetime, the right to enter the property herein conveyed for the purpose of visiting the gravesite and garden on the property where her husband, Hugh D. Gilbert is buried."

Matthew C. Gilbert obtained title to the above described real estate by

that certain deed dated October 10, 2014, recorded October 16, 2014, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 196, at Page No. 22, from Donna J. Gilbert, to which reference is herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

The net acreage herein conveyed is 4-1/8 acres, more or less, and is carried on the Land Books of Pendleton County, West Virginia as Tax Map 28, Parcels 11 and 33 in Bethel District.

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SGR634 2.7 Acres +/-, near, Septic, Public Water avail. \$69,500.00 SOLD	SGR245 0.96 Acres w/2 Bed, 1.5 Bath 1900's Remodeled Cottage, Seneca Rocks. \$249,900.00 REDUCED \$234,900.00
SGR306A 6.38 Acres, Raw Land, US RT 220N. Nice Building Site. NEW LISTING \$69,000.00	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
SGR304A 9.91 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home, 1120 sq. ft., 2-Car Attached Garage. Located in Seneca Rocks area. NEW LISTING \$259,900.00	SGR241 60.24 Acres w/Cabin. Exceptional Views, Excellent Hunting w/Hunt Stands in place. Bathhouse, Electric, Cistern, Small pond. Close to National Forest. NEW LISTING \$289,000.00 REDUCED \$259,000.00
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 \$279,000.00	SGR236 World Class View Overlooking Germany Valley! Log Cabin, 70.08 Acres, 2 bed, 2.5 Baths. Seneca Lookout. Some Restrictions. \$799,000.00
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	SGR223 0.6673 Acres w/Spacious 3 Bed, 2 Bath Home, 2090 sq. ft., 1 Car Detached Garage. Franklin Corp. \$329,000.00 REDUCED \$299,000.00
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	SGR216 0.662 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath, 908 sq. ft. Cabin located in Seneca Rocks area, Seneca Rocks and National Forest. Sugar Grove District. \$79,900.00 REDUCED \$74,500.00
SGR297A 6.59 Acres +/- Lot #21, Blackthorn Mtn. Estates, Electric available. Sugar Grove District. \$45,000.00 SOLD	SGR197 557.7 Ac., Raw Land, Excellent Hunting, Joins National Forest, Potential Food Plots, Watering holes, Bldg. Sites w/Views. Milroy District, Grant County. \$1,749,000.00 UNDER CONTRACT
SGR296A 0.90 Acres w/1 Bedroom Townhouse w/Loft, Riverbend Gardens, Common area, HOA fee, Corner Unit. NEW LISTING \$64,900.00	SGR156 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, Electric nearby, Water available. Hardy County. \$95,000.00 REDUCED \$89,900.00
SGR290A 0.82 Acres, Raw Land located in Bethel District along US RT 33 East. Public Water available. \$15,000.00	SGR128 2-3 Bedroom Ranch w/Full Basement on 0.6386 Acres, more or less, Moyers Gap Rd, Sugar Grove District. NEW LISTING \$169,000.00 REDUCED \$149,900.00 REDUCED \$145,000.00
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	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
SGR282A 0.75 +/- Acres +/-, 100' wide Agency located in Brandywine. Needs some TLC. \$85,000.00 \$69,000.00	SGR042 Five Unit Townhouse property located in Brandywine, Each unit has 2 Baths, LR and Large Kitchen. Located in National Forest for hunting and fishing. Perfect for retirement income, live in one and rent the others! \$399,000.00
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	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
SGR271-A 1.84 Acres, Potomac Heights Subdivision, Williams Rd., Franklin District, Pendleton County, WV. \$14,000.00	SGR247 Residential lots with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from \$14,630.00
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	