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## One Man's Toss-Away Became Senior Center Treasure in Pallet Art Contest



Eight entries into the first annual Pallet Art Contest were displayed during Treasure Mountain Festival by Pendleton County Senior and Family Services.

By Stephen Smoot

The legend of Treasure Mountain shares how Killbuck and his Delaware Indians left in the woods a cache of treasure that sits somewhere in the surrounding ridges waiting to be found.

Pendleton County Senior and Family Services didn't sit and wait for someone to find

it, but called on area artists to manufacture their own for the ultimate benefit of those who rely on the center's services every day.

Months ago, Janice Lantz and center staff worked to come up with ways to supplement the center budget to support services. Since 2021, inflation in food, fuel, labor, and other costs have hit non-profit social service agencies as hard as small businesses, farms, and

families. As Lantz explained, "Senior centers across the state are all struggling with the nutrition program."

She added that "it's a lot based on the fact that we've gotten no funding increase," and that every county has had to work creatively to make up the shortfalls.

They came up with the pallet art contest as a way to raise money and also further

involve the community in the activities and success of the center.

Earlier in the year, they announced the contest through social media and the Pendleton Times. "In our first year, we were hoping for 10 and got eight. They ranged from very rustic to very refined."

Lantz added, "Each of them has their own

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## Pendleton County Commission Examines Maintenance Needs in Regular Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Commission held its second regular meeting during the month

of September and primarily discussed issues related to construction projects and maintenance.

Roger Dahmer, county commissioner, opened with a prayer in which he shared, "Lord, thank you for your blessings."

Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator, gave the maintenance report, which opened with "the parking lot at the community building has been paved," but "a few minor things need to be dealt with." She shared that the public questions whether the lot will be lined, including special designations for handicapped parking.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, suggested that the commission at least line spaces adjacent to the sidewalk. He added that the reduced height of the curb may cause people to trip and suggested that it also be painted for improved visibility. Pitsenbarger said,

"We can get all that done at the same time."

She also related that concerns had been expressed about the electrical outlets in the community building "not being up to par." Plugging two items in at the same time, in some cases, blew out the breaker. Pitsenbarger shared that she had previously researched the cost of replacing the affected outlets and described it as "astronomical." She then mentioned that floor samples for the rescue squad had been dropped off for examination.

Gillespie also stated that he would like to see the installation of a gravel apron adjacent to the building for emergency coordination vehicles "so we don't have to park them in the grass or the mud." He estimated the cost of a gravel space to be between \$1,500 and \$2,200.

Pitsenbarger also passed on a request for a power washing

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## Autism Training Held for Parents, Professionals at Pendleton County Library

By Stephen Smoot

Last weekend, parents and school professionals gathered at Pendleton County Library to learn more about autism spectrum disorder (or ASD) related techniques and resources.

Cara Reel, a Marshall University autism specialist based in Moorefield, shared

that "I travel the entire Eastern Panhandle." Reel added that their program had not yet served anyone from Mineral or Pendleton counties, so she made it a priority to come to Pendleton to share information.

"I asked Miss Wendy if I could do a training here, and she said yes," Reel said.

According to Reel, one of

the program's roles lies in being "a bridge between home and school" for kids with ASD, but she said that their client ages ranged between three and 77.

Her presentation started with a discussion of how the diagnosis and evaluation has changed in recent years. This includes a rise in the number

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### Library Friends To Meet Tuesday

The Friends of the Library will gather at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the meeting room at Pendleton County Library in Franklin.

### Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Pendleton Community Care will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" for 60+ Seniors Friday at the Franklin Senior Center. Meals will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To reserve a free lunch, call 304-358-2421 today.

### Amateur Radio Association Plans Workshop

The Franklin Fire Department and the Potomac Headwaters Amateur Radio Association will hold a workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday to assist people who intend to take the amateur radio test, get registered with the Federal Communication Commission and obtain their FRN number.

If a person plans to test for their first amateur radio license at the Oct. 28 test session, one must register with the FCC and get a FRN prior to the testing.

For more information, contact Mike Turner at [wv8mt@icloud.net](mailto:wv8mt@icloud.net).

## State's BUILD WV Program to Promote Local Housing Construction

By Stephen Smoot

"We have an interest in West Virginia. We have got to build houses in West Virginia, people. That is all there is to it. So I am going to try some way to create something called Build West Virginia, some level of tax credit, a tax credit for builders to incentivize them to try to go out and build homes."

Governor Jim Justice

shared these ideas in his 2022 State of the State Address. His reasoning lay in the fact that over 2.5 million people visited the Ascend WV website and 10,000 had filed applications for the program designed to encourage remote workers to relocate to West Virginia.

Pendleton County had earlier qualified for the Ascend WV program. Now a zone centered on Franklin, but

covering most of the county, has been cleared to be a part of BUILD WV.

"It's a big deal," says Laura Brown, executive director of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority. "It's the state government's way to address a shortage of housing."

Additionally, she explained that the application "had to be signed by three

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## Nationwide Emergency Alert Test Planned for Oct. 4

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission, will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts.

The national test will consist of two portions, testing WEA and EAS capabilities. Both tests are scheduled to begin at approximately 2:20 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Oct. 4.

The WEA portion of the test will be directed to all consumer cell phones. This will be the third nationwide test, but the second test to all cellular devices. The test message will display in either English or in Spanish, depending on the language settings of the wireless handset.

The EAS portion of the test will be sent to radios and televisions. This will be the seventh nationwide EAS test.

FEMA and the FCC are coordinating with EAS participants, wireless providers, emergency managers and other stakeholders in preparation for this national test to minimize confu-

sion and to maximize the public safety value of the test.

The purpose of the Oct. 4 test is to ensure that the systems continue to be effective means of warning the public about emergencies, particularly those on the national level. In case the Oct. 4 test is postponed due to widespread severe weather or other significant events, the back-up testing date is Oct. 11.

The WEA portion of the test will be initiated using FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, a centralized internet-based system administered by FEMA that enables authorities to send authenticated emergency messages to the public through multiple communications networks. The WEA test will be administered via a code sent to cell phones.

This year the EAS message will be disseminated as a Common Alerting Protocol message via the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System-Open Platform for Emergency Networks.

All wireless phones should receive the message only once. The following can be expected from the nationwide WEA test:

- Beginning at approximately 2:20 p.m. ET, cell towers will broadcast the test for approximately 30 minutes. During this time, WEA-compatible wireless phones that are switched on, within range of an active cell tower, and whose wireless provider participates in WEA, should be capable of receiving the test message.

- For consumers, the message that appears on their phones will read: "THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed."

- Phones with the main menu set to Spanish will display: "ESTA ES UNA PRUEBA del Sistema Nacional de Alerta de Emergencia. No se necesita accion."

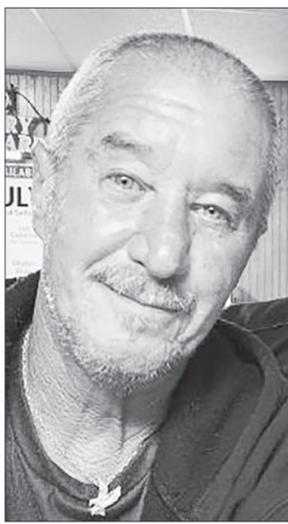
WEA alerts are created and sent by authorized federal, state, local, tribal and territorial government agencies through IPAWS to participating

wireless providers, which deliver the alerts to compatible handsets in geotargeted areas. To help ensure that these alerts are accessible to the entire public, including people with disabilities, the alerts are accompanied by a unique tone and vibration.

Important information about the EAS test:

- The EAS portion of the test is scheduled to last approximately one minute and will be conducted with the participation of radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers and wireline video providers.

- The test message will be similar to the regular monthly EAS test messages with which the public is familiar. It will state: "This is a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, covering the United States from 14:20 to 14:50 hours ET. This is only a test. No action is required by the public."



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of the community building in Riverton, adding that “we need to see who is interested in doing that.”

Next, she informed the commission that \$30,000 in grant funding came through to purchase a metal detector for the Pendleton County courthouse. When delivered and installed, the courthouse will allow only a single entrance for public use.

Diana Mitchell from 911 reported that “Treasure Mountain Festival went well for us, which is always a relief.” Gillespie followed her and informed the commission that they should expect the cost of a contract with Motorola to increase going forward. This contract connects Pendleton County emergency communications with the state siren system. Pendleton is one of only a small number of counties that have joined with the state on this.

Gillespie noted that when the system was sold to the county, both the state and Motorola stated that they would continue to pay for certain features and other related costs. Now, the state has backed away from that commitment.

Gillespie said that the cost of “divorcing” from the state system would bring considerable costs and “we’d be paying some other vendor anyway.” Another option lay in “finding a law firm capable of taking on Motorola.” Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, suggested that the body table discussion of the new contract until April Mallow, Pendleton County prosecuting attorney, could examine it.

Next, Gillespie sought approval to use Title II funding to purchase rescue equipment. Title II funding exists to help the county purchase equipment that might be used in emergency situations within national forest lands. The equipment that he requested would help to facilitate the removal of injured people from rugged terrain. Each fire department, the PCER tactical team, and climbing school staff would receive the equipment.

Gillespie included the climbing school, because they are not only located near Seneca Rocks, they can often get to the injured more quickly. He stressed that equipment in their possession and use would remain county owned. The county commission approved up to \$10,000 to purchase the equipment.

The commission then recognized Scott Somerville, speaking on behalf of the Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County. He opened with “last time, I got all excited and you all were very patient.” He then shared his thoughts on the creation of a county planning commission. Somerville related that precedent had been set for one with a similar body that had served late in the last century.

He also pointed out that public donations could defray any potential cost to the taxpayers.

Mallow, in her capacity as legal advisor to the county, shared information from the state code that, if a planning commission was formed, the county would have to find a way to provide an office, as well as space for storage of documents.

Finally, Morgan Basagic, chief tax deputy for Pendleton County, shared information from a recent state conference. A common problem under the law is that if the county receives a check for tax payment that is not the exact amount, the county must return the check and ask for a new one.

Basagic noted that “75 percent” of checks received are slightly over the assessed amount. He shared that many counties have gone to a “plus or minus discrepancy” system. Since the county cannot pass credits to the next tax bill, if the check is over the amount billed by \$5 or less, the county distributes the overage. If under \$5, the county simply “eats” the underage.

He stated that counties that have adopted this policy have seen reductions on outward bound mail. Hevener responded by saying, “I don’t want to cheat the taxpayer, but I don’t want to be cheated, either.” Dahmer said that with the rest of the commission’s agreement, that whether the law required it or not, that the county needed to publicly inform taxpayers if the policy was adopted.

Hevener suggested that the proposal be tabled until the next meeting so that commissioners could discuss it further.

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uniqueness.”

Eight artists constructed very different works, mostly from discarded wooden pallets. June Padgett constructed a coffee table. Her husband Charlie crafted a soaring eagle design. Suzanne Brubek created two pieces – a rendition of Christ on the Sea of Galilee and a mountain scene. Corrie Bjorkgren presented a leaping fish and Floyd Propst made a sled with a snowman riding. The artist of Foghorn Leghorn, the rooster, requested to remain anonymous.

Susan and Jim Warner submitted the popular vote winner, a gold and blue West Virginia themed planter.

The second stage of the contest comes late this year when the center will open up online bidding for each work of art. Many expressed interest already in which ones they would want to have and they will have a chance to bid on their favorites.

Funds used to purchase the pieces will go toward supporting center programs, particularly the vital nutrition program.

The bidding will take place in conjunction with the center’s participation in the town’s Christmas in the Park celebration, planned for Dec. 9. As Lantz describes, the center is working with the chamber of commerce to expand its participation. “We hope to have some of the activities in the senior center this year.” This could include breakfast with Santa and things that had been held outside to “move them in where it is warm.”

This reflects the senior center’s strong involvement in other town celebrations and festivals, such as Trout Fest and Treasure Mountain Festival.

Although potential bidders may have to wait until the snow falls to bid on, and claim their treasures, those who rely on the senior center will reap the rewards of their generosity.

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## Roger “Alan” Huffman

Roger “Alan” Huffman, 70, of Seneca Rocks passed away Sept. 18, 2023, at Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown.

He was born on May 1, 1953, the son of the late Ward and Betty (Haren) Huffman.

Mr. Huffman attended school in Seneca Rocks and Circleville High School.

After 44 years of service, he retired from Greer Lime as a heavy equipment operator. Upon retirement, he stayed busy with his love of hunting, especially with his family and watching West Virginia University football and NASCAR. However, his greatest pleasure was his family. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He will be remembered as a loving husband, family man, and friend.

On June 24, 1972, he married his loving wife, June D. (Reed) Huffman who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeremy Huffman of Circleville; a sister, Judi McCoy (Tom) of New Creek; three brothers, Bradley Huffman (Vickie) of Riverton, Dan Huffman (Liz) of Seneca Rocks and Tom Huffman (Kathy) of Petersburg; two grandchildren, Dakota and Alayna Huffman.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Frankie Huffman.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Tom Shaum officiating. Interment was at the North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o the Basagic Funeral Home, PO Box 400 Petersburg, WV 26847.

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

## Ruby Alice Turner Corwin, 87

Ruby Alice Turner Corwin, 87, of Rivesville, passed away Sept. 22, 2023, at the Fairmont Regional Medical Center in Fairmont.

She was born June 16, 1936, in Seneca Rocks, a daughter of the late Woodrow Wilson Turner and the late Iva Susan Hedrick Turner Reed.

Her husband, Richard Edward Corwin, preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1998.

Services were held at Ford Funeral Home, DeGarmo Chapel, 207 Second Street, Rivesville. Private interment was held at Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens in Westover.

Online condolences may be made to [www.fordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fordfuneralhomes.com).

## David Lee Williamson

David Lee Williamson, 61, of Franklin passed away Sept. 22, 2023, at his residence.

He was born Oct. 8, 1961, at Aberdeen, Maryland, and was the son of the late Lee Reece Williamson and Franziska Rosa Vanek Williamson.

Mr. Williamson was a heavy equipment operator, a member of the Civil Air Patrol and a member of the Franklin Moose Lodge #769.

On June 29, 1997, he married Naomi Elizabeth “Pat” Rawlings Williamson, who survives.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Kathy Henry (Bill) of Pylesville, Maryland; a stepson, Larry Eycler of Edgewood, Maryland; a sister, Kristine Laing (David) of Florida; two brothers, Willie Williamson (Judy) of New Hampshire and Randy Williamson (Susan) of Dublin, Maryland; 14 step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren

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

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# Foster Care Families Reminded of Available Support

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources reminds residents of support available for caregivers of children in foster care. Through programs administered by DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance, foster families may be eligible to receive help meeting nutritional needs, child care, school clothing, and more.

"Foster care families provide critical support to West Virginia children and youth, and these resources can help them address potential financial concerns so that they can continue their important work," said Janie Cole, commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program provides monthly benefits to qualifying families that can be used for the purchase of food. Cash benefits are available for qualifying caretaker relatives through WV WORKS, West Virginia's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, which also provides supportive services to help with the cost of caring for a child. Applications for SNAP and WV WORKS can be made at [wvpath.wv.gov](http://wvpath.wv.gov) or at a DHHR county office.

Foster families in which both parents are engaged in work or education may qualify for assistance with child care costs. Assistance is available for foster families with assets of less than \$1 million. Foster families are encouraged to contact their local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency to apply and for help with locating a high quality child care provider.

West Virginia is one of only three states nationwide that provides a School Clothing Allowance for qualifying families, including foster families. This annual benefit of \$200 per eligible child is automatically provided to the parents or guardians of children in foster care and families with children receiving benefits under the WV WORKS program, as well as to families with school aged children receiving SNAP that qualify by income.

Foster families may find additional support through Family Support Centers, which are funded by DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance. Services at each center vary, but typically include support groups, play groups for children, parenting education classes, respite services, and more. Family Support Centers also can help with nutritional and hygiene needs.

Foster and kinship families can also utilize Mission WV for assistance with legal and financial resources, kinship navigators, and clothing assistance.

In addition to financial resources, DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance coordinates with DHHR's Bureau for Public Health - Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health and Bureau for Medical Services (WV Medicaid) to ensure high-quality comprehensive healthcare for children in foster care. Mental and behavioral health support for West Virginia children is also available.

Many of these resources are highlighted in a recent survey of foster caregivers.

Those interested in foster care opportunities can contact Mission WV at 866-CALL-MWV.

# Anti-Vaping Campaign Launched in Schools

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health and West Virginia Department of Education are partnering to launch an anti-vaping campaign in West Virginia schools. Gov. Jim Justice announced the West Virginia's Clear Future: Don't Let Vaping Cloud It initiative, which will offer the evidence-based, peer-led CATCH My Breath vaping prevention curriculum to every county in the state over the next three years.

"Vaping is a huge problem all over the country, and now we're setting out to actively educate our students about the extreme dangers associated with e-cigarettes," Justice said. "Vaping is very harmful for all users, but especially kids, making it a massive issue for our schools. Our goal is to educate our students early and prevent them from falling into this dangerous vaping trap. This proactive approach will move the needle and I'm very proud to see it come to fruition."

"The use of e-cigarettes is a significant issue facing West Virginia youth, with approximately half of all high school students reporting using e-cigarettes in 2021," said Dr. Matthew Christiansen, state health officer and commissioner for DHHR's Bureau for Public Health. "This curriculum has been shown to effectively increase knowledge of the dangers of e-cigarettes and reduce nicotine vaping and overall tobacco use among students."

The primary focus in year one is West Virginia middle schools, as data indicates the optimal time to prevent e-cigarette experimentation is by the age of 14 when most e-cigarette initiation occurs.

"E-cigarette use in West Virginia schools can have profound impacts on the future of young people," said Michele L. Blatt, state superintendent of schools. "Together with our partners, including school teachers and counselors, we aim to decrease vaping among our students, and empower them to make informed decisions so they can lead healthier lives."

Teachers and counselors who agree to serve as facilitators of the CATCH My Breath program will receive a free two-day, six-hour, online professional learning course to prepare them to effectively present the CATCH My Breath curriculum. These individuals will then act as facilitators to deliver four 40-minute sessions to students over a four-week period.

DHHR's Division of Tobacco Prevention is working in collaboration with the American Lung Association and Partners in Health Network to identify and contact schools. Other partners include the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

To learn more about CATCH My Breath, visit <https://catch.org/program/vaping-prevention/>.

# Pendletonians Earn Special Awards at Tri-County Fair

Three Pendleton County exhibitors were named special award winners in the farm products, applied arts and flower departments at the Tri-County Fair in Petersburg.

Tia Heavner of Franklin captured the hickory nut kernel sweepstakes award given in memory of Clyde and Cora Davis by Maple Croft Farm.

The best of show quilt award, sponsored by the Highland Star Quilters Guild, was won by Teresa Heavner of Franklin.

A cactus dahlia, exhibited by Cassie Boner of Upper Tract, earned the best dahlia award given by the flower committee members in memory of Imogene Brake.

# Archery, Crossbow Seasons Open Sept. 30

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced that the state's archery and crossbow seasons for white-tailed deer, black bear and wild boar will open on Sept. 30.

These popular seasons, which last through Dec. 31, coincide with the state's fall foliage season and give hunters a unique opportunity to enjoy West Virginia's scenic beauty. Hunters who want to get the most out of their hunting adventures are encouraged to purchase their license and stamps at [WVhunt.com](http://WVhunt.com) before the seasons start and visit [WVtourism.com/fall](http://WVtourism.com/fall) for trip inspiration.

"In just a few weeks, the thrill of our archery and crossbow seasons and the beauty of West Virginia's fall color will come together and give everyone a chance to connect with nature and enjoy incredible outdoor adventures," said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director. "Whether you're an experienced hunter or just starting out, I encourage you to get your license and stamps early so you don't miss out on this season."

## White-Tailed Deer

Hunters may harvest one deer on their base license during the archery and crossbow season and may take up to two additional deer if they purchase a Class RB or RRB stamp before the season starts on Sept. 30. Depending on the county, one or two additional deer may be taken during the season. Resident landowners hunting on their own property and Class DT license holders are not required to purchase additional archery stamps.

Hunters may take up to two deer in one day, but may not take more than one antlered deer in a day. Hunters may not take more than three antlered deer during the regular deer seasons and the following Mountaineer Heritage season combined.

In nine counties or portions thereof, hunters must take an antlerless deer in any regular deer season before harvesting a second antlered deer in that county. In West Virginia's four archery-only counties (Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming), hunters may not take more than two deer during the archery season and one deer must be antlerless.

Hunters are reminded that all deer must be electronically registered and legally tagged, but the first deer doesn't need to be checked before harvesting a second deer on the same day.

## Black Bear

Hunters may harvest two bears in a year if at least one bear is taken in Boone, Fayette, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Nicholas, Raleigh or Wyoming county. The daily bag limit is one.

Unless they are exempt from having to purchase a license, resident bear hunters are required to buy a base license and Bear Damage Stamp (Class DS) to hunt bear. Nonresident bear hunters are required to purchase a Bear Hunting License (Class EE), Conservation/Law Enforcement Stamp (CS/LE) and a Bear Damage Stamp (Class DS) or the Nonresident Lifetime License License (Class EE-L). Nonresidents hunting on National Forest land also need a National Forest Stamp (Class I).

Hunters are also reminded that they are required to check their game online at [WVhunt.com](http://WVhunt.com), by calling 1-844-WV-Check or by visiting a license agent. Youth hunters, even if exempt from purchasing a license, are required to check their game on their own account. For more information about electronic game checking, visit [WVdnr.gov/electronic-game-check-faq](http://WVdnr.gov/electronic-game-check-faq).

For more information about these seasons, hunters are encouraged to consult the 2023-24 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary available at [WVDNR](http://WVDNR) offices, license agents or at [WVdnr.gov](http://WVdnr.gov).

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**Wednesday, October 11**  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. ONLY

**Wednesday, October 18**  
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**Wednesday, November 1**  
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

### SUGAR GROVE

What is a pie safe? This piece of furniture tended to be found mainly in the Appalachian region, and in time, they later moved west with the settlers as they peopled the new frontiers. Pies were an important part of the German-American diet and a secure place was needed for pie storage. Pie safes also stored baked goods, such as cakes, breads and jellies and jams. To be more useful, they were most often positioned on a cool, back porch, or in the kitchen or summer kitchen.

**20 Years Ago**  
**Week of September 18, 2003**

### Hunters Reminded To Sight in Guns Before Going into Woods

With the opening of small game season just about a month away, the Wildlife Resources Section would like to remind all hunters that now is a great time to visit the public shooting ranges and sight in hunting guns and don't forget to take a youngster.

So get the kids, the guns, the ammo, pack a lunch and head out to the range to spend a day reviewing safety rules, sighting in one's various firearms, and just to enjoy some shooting. It can be great recreation.

### Eastern To Offer Computer Class At Old Circleville School

Eastern WV Community & Technical College will station its mobile computer training center—its "classroom on wheels"—at the old Circleville High School to offer a two-session "Introduction to Microsoft Word" on consecutive Saturdays, Oct. 4 and 11. The site is located on state route 28, and there are 14 seats available for this course.

### Portable Heaters Conserve Energy And Provide Comfort

Cool days and even cooler evenings are the hallmarks of autumn's approach. But are you ready to turn the whole house's heating system on?

Instead of raising the temperature—and energy bills—in your home unnecessarily, use a portable heater to make the room you're in more comfortable. You can turn the thermostat down and keep the rest of the house cooler, saving energy without sacrificing comfort.

**30 Years Ago**  
**Week of September 23, 1993**

### DAHMER

### Many Visited One Room School

Eight hundred nineteen registered people visited the one-room school on display during the Treasure Mountain Festival at Pendleton County Library in Franklin. This number would be very much higher, but a lot did not sign the

book. Signing the registry were people from fifteen states, not including West Virginia: Maryland, Virginia, Indiana, Massachusetts, Florida, Tennessee, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Michigan, North Carolina, Delaware, Maine, Nevada. Even England and Germany were represented. Many came twice or more bringing friends or other members from their family for many expressed it brought back many memories.

**40 Years Ago**  
**Week of September 29, 1983**

### Fall Is Good Time To Start Improving Soil

Repeated failure of your vegetable garden to produce good plants may be traced to problems with the soil.

Other things can cause a disappointing garden, but poor soil is one of the most common. This fall is a good time to start doing something about the problem.

You should understand at the outset that the task may be similar to that of correcting the national economy—it can't be done quickly. Although it is a long-term task, it produces results that should add as much to your gardening enjoyment as anything you can do.

Start by removing those bothersome foreign objects—rocks, pieces of wood and other debris—that interfere with preparing a nice, smooth seedbed.

Do you have any topsoil, or is your gardening site a victim of erosion or bulldozing? If the only thing you have is subsoil, you need to begin building it up by adding organic matter.

You can add leaves, peat moss, old sawdust, chips, bark, grass clippings, composted material or animal manure. Any or all of these will help improve the water-holding capacity of the soil and reduce soil crusting and erosion.

This is the long-term part of your garden soil improvement project. It will take several years of adding and working in organic materials to bring the soil into good tilth.

Until you bring the soil to the proper condition of workability, try to avoid planting small-seeded crops in it. You will have better results with large-seeded types such as beans, corn and vine crops. Or you can use transplants, such as tomatoes, peppers, cabbage and such.

Any garden with low, poorly drained spots is going to present problems. If this is a problem in your garden, consider doing some leveling or filling in, or install a drainage pipe.

**50 Years Ago**  
**Week of September 27, 1973**

### DAHMER

In now what is Pendleton County, Jacob Zorn was the first white person to die. John Vanmeter, as far as known, was the first white man to set foot on our soil and Abraham Burner, a hunter, built the first cabin near Brandywine.

### Panther Fans 'Must Face Facts'

BY THE PANTHER

This Panther's spirit is heavily laden, as low as the grass on Snowy Mountain in mid-January. Sometimes we wish we were hermits living high atop Spruce Knob with no problems.

The reasons we are low, our Cubs are taking a beating every Friday night and we admit we are hard losers. Next, we heard through our sources that a few people criticized our last week's article because of its bad taste. Sometimes people who refuse to face the facts would rather gaze at a rose than at a thorn, even though the thistles are a part of life.

The easiest thing according to our critics would be, not to face reality, it will go away, just bleed a lot and let life's tide slowly ebb away.

**60 Years Ago**  
**Week of September 26, 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.**

### Rosecrans Digs In To Hold Chattanooga

"Old Rosy" Rosecrans, thanks to General George H. Thomas, had extricated himself from disaster at Chickamauga Creek, only to find his army in a trap at Chattanooga 100 years ago this week.

After the Battle of Chickamauga, much of Rosecrans' Army of the Cumberland—and Rosecrans himself—had streamed in panic and defeat from the battlefield back into the streets of Chattanooga, while Thomas, playing the role of the "Rock of Chickamauga," held back the Confederate tide at Missionary Ridge. The day after the battle—September 21—Rosecrans began regrouping his men as Thomas slowly fell back closer to the city, holding his line and keeping Braxton Bragg's Confederates at bay. Then Rosecrans took stock.

His army still existed, at least. His casualties—16,000 men—were not as numerous as Bragg's 18,000. And he still held Chattanooga, the vital railway center.

But what to do now? Bragg's Confederates were just to the south, along Missionary Ridge, on Lookout Mountain and in the valley between. On the 23rd, Bragg occupied the head of Lookout Mountain, whence his men controlled the Tennessee River west of the city—Rosecrans' supply line. Rosecrans was trapped.

Behind the city to the north loomed the Tennessee, and beyond that the barren Cumberland Mountains.

Unless relief came, Rosecrans' army would starve in Chattanooga. Or it could abandon the vital city and try to beat it across the Cumberlands to the north.

Rosecrans decided to hold on at Chattanooga. He lined his men up—now reduced from 60,000 to 35,000 effectives—and put them to work. A defensive line was drawn, three miles across the southern end of the city ending on each side at the Tennessee River. Rifle pits were dug. Earthen breastworks were erected. Heavy guns were mounted.

If Rosecrans was in trouble, so was Bragg. Bedford Forrest, Bragg's aggressive cavalry leader, climbed a tree after the battle, saw the Union army's demoralization and urged a Confederate advance. Bragg, watching the burial of his many dead and the pitiful state of his wounded, refused.

Bragg's other top generals became bitter. James Longstreet, who had done more than any other to win at Chickamauga, felt Bragg should be removed for his refusal to take the offensive. Daniel H. Hill agreed. Bragg filed charges against Leonidas Polk, the fighting bishop, for an alleged failure by Polk during the battle, and he quarreled with Forrest, finally removing him as cavalry commander. Bragg was fighting his own generals more than his opposing generals.

Back in Richmond, meanwhile, rejoicing over Bragg's victory was tempered by the fact that Chattanooga still was held by Federals. And in Washington, the Lincoln administration slowly began to realize that Rosecrans' defeat was not all bad. "We were worsted, if at all, only in the fact that we, after the main fighting was over, yielded ground," Lincoln wrote to his wife.

Then Lincoln and his administration turned to the next problem: how to reduce Rosecrans.

Next week: To the rescue.

### Pulpwood Collection Yard at Brandywine Will Aid Local Economy

The Brandywine Pulpwood Company, owned and operated by Robert Nesselrodt of Petersburg, has recently established a pulpwood collection yard at the gravel pit three miles south of Brandywine across the road from Willie Swadley.

Nesselrodt is presently one of the largest pulpwood producers in Grant County, with a production of over 300 cords per month. He is extending his operation into the South Fork area to tap resources which heretofore have been little touched because of the area's distance from a pulpwood market.

**70 Years Ago**  
**Week of September 24, 1953**

### Sunday Thieves Get More Hams

The State Police reported today that Dice Armstrong of the Doe Hill section had about \$150 worth of meat stolen on Sunday, September 13, while he was attending church.

Five hams, three shoulders, and an undetermined amount of side meat were reported missing. This is the second theft of meat reported on Sunday, September 13. Hugh Moyers, of Moyers, reported a theft on the same day while he and his family were attending church.

### Let's Preserve West Virginia's Beauty

The Farm Women's clubs of the county have as a project this year, the theme: Let's preserve West Virginia's beauty. Our state has great natural beauty. Hardly a year goes by without a national magazine running an article describing in words and pictures, the color, the breath-taking views, the inherent beauty of our state. Just this month, "Holiday" magazine printed such an article.

Along the highways the beauty of our state is marred, however, by signboards, trash, dumps and other "eye sores." We can do little about the signboards—all the states have this problem. But the trash and junk scattered along the roads and dumped over the banks is another matter.

The Town of Franklin has leased a dump for the past five years on the John Harman farm at Propst Gap. Though it was leased exclusively by the town for town trash collection use only, the Harmans have not refused anyone permission to use the spot.

This privilege has been abused by some people—not always intentionally. Some have dumped the trash in the wrong place; others overloaded their trucks and scattered paper, glass and tin cans along the road to the dump and in the fields leading to the dump. The broken glass is dangerous to the livestock that runs in the pasture.

Some people—their number is declining—continue to dump their trash anywhere along the highway that is convenient for them. Nothing detracts more from the beauty of our county and state than do these trash piles. There is no excuse for them. The people of Franklin have an excellent place to deposit their trash. Other sections of the county are realizing the need for community dumps and are taking necessary steps to find such places.

The Brandywine Farm Women's club has an article in this issue outlining the steps they have taken to provide a community dump.

The Farm Women's clubs have chosen an admirable project and one which will certainly be beneficial to Pendleton county.

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## Smith Creek/Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

A new month starts Sunday. Bow and arrow season starts on Sept. 30. With each day, there will be less daylight in the mornings and evenings until winter begins.

Burning law begins Oct. 1. A person can burn from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m.

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: "Heavenly Father, please continue to show me what good works you've prepared for me to do and give me the faith to do it."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Sept. 18 through Sept. 24, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Sept. 18 - 69°, 52° (79°, 59°); Sept. 19 - 72°, 48° (74°, 54°); Sept. 20 - 74°, 43° (81°, 56°); Sept. 21 - 71°, 48° (87°, 54°); Sept. 22 - 67°, 46° (72°, 50°, .25"); Sept. 23 - 58°, 51°, .73" (62°, 40°) and Sept. 24 - 64°, 52°, .07" (75°, 46°).



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# Society Is Losing the Art of Conversation

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Conversations are supposed to be fun. Keeping a conversation going is something of an art, and one which many folks now seem to lack. It can be difficult with its emphasis on “broadcasting” and its “me” focus.

One should remember that the most important rule of a conversation is that it is not all about one, or not all about the other person. A monologue is not conversation. Try to achieve a balance between talking and listening to a conversation. Everyone likes to be listened to, and to be asked for their views.

Smiling and being nice will take one a long way in conversational terms. Don't say unpleasant things about someone. The person may not appreciate discussion about someone behind their back. Until the person to whom one is talking is known better, sticking to neutral ground in the conversation is the best practice. Take time to listen and observe body language. When a conversation is flowing well, it moves naturally from one person to the other. The key is sharing appropriate information.

The “yesterdays” found families sitting by the fireplace and sharing the day's happenings, as well as passing down to their children, stories from the past. This oral tradition served well in those days. Oral storytelling is telling a story through voice and gestures. The oral tradition can take many forms, including epic poems, chants, rhymes, songs, and more. Not all of these stories are historically accurate.

The writer thinks that something important was lost when the humble campfire, and fireplace, was replaced by technology. Families and neighbors no longer gather around campfires, or fireplaces in the evenings. Instead, many families go their separate ways in the evenings, each to their respective televisions or computers or smart phones or whatever — substitutes for campfires, stuff that robs one of opportunities to have conversations and share the stories that shape the next generation.

The challenge is to put down the iPhones, and other forms of technology, and practice good old conversation, just like the “good old days.”

Life's little lessons include the following:

1. Don't flush urinals with one's hand — use one's elbow.
  2. Remember the three most important things about buying a home: location, location, location.
  3. When a person arrives at one's job in the morning, let the first thing one says brighten everyone's day.
  4. Make the bed when a person is an overnight visitor in someone's home.
  5. Lock the car even if it's parked in one's own driveway.
- Fall arrived this week, and there is a definite change in the air. Humidity has hurried on to its next location, thank goodness. Just like that the September calendar told the hummingbirds to head south for the winter. Be sure to wash the feeders before putting them away until spring. Showers brought about 55 hundredths in this area.

This week's quotes are as follows:

“September tries its best to have us forget summer.”

— Bernard Williams

“I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion.” — Alexander the Great

“All happiness depends on courage and work.” — Honore de Balzac

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — Mahatma Gandhi

“Take rest. A field that has rested gives a bountiful crop.” — Ovid

Upcoming October birthdays include Carson Mitchell, Lindsay Propst and Liz Bodkin, first; Nathan Puffenbarger, third; Rosa Lynn Tichenor, Billy Eckard, Daryl Bodkin and Mary Jane Bolton fourth; Ryan Mitchell, fifth; Angie Nelson, sixth; Rodney Kiser, seventh; Patty Bolton, V.R. Homan, Jr., and Galen Crummett, eighth;



The family of James Marshall Pitsenbarger (Feb. 18, 1858 - Feb. 6, 1928) and Martha Frances Dove (Feb. 5, 1857 - Feb. 15, 1915) are pictured. They are, from left, front row, daughters, Emma (Jan. 17, 1885 - Feb. 6, 1975), Carrie Luella “Lula” (Dec. 30, 1887 - June 12, 1982), and Minnie (March 28, 1894 - Nov. 28, 1986); middle row, Amanda Fultz, James Marshall and Frances Pitsenbarger; and back row, Ida Rader Mitchell (1901-), Waldo Fultz, Columbia Rader (Dec. 10, 1871 - Sept. 6, 1967), Osborne Bowers and Edna Mitchell (March 22, 1907 - Sept. 6, 1957). James' second wife was Lou Hively of the Loy Hively family.

Stanley Simmons and Jim Schulz, ninth; Travis Owens and Marie Simmons, 10th; Braden McClanahan and Kathy Eye, 13th; and Ann Thompspon, 16th.

Clickety-clacks for the chin wagggers are as follows:

- An average hummingbird weighs about the same as a penny.
- All race horses celebrate their birthday on New Year's Day.
- Cobras can't hear the snake charmer's music. They're deaf to sound in the air.
- Primitive combs were used by stone age men about 5,000 years ago.
- Over a million earths would fit in a sphere the size of the sun.

Sitting inside is the best place to hear the “Talk of the Grove.”

Mary Frances Wadsworth was on an expedition ship in the remote Canadian Arctic and Northwest Greenland taking in God's northern beauty of glaciers, icebergs, polar bear, walrus, seals, whales, etc. She was traveling with ladies she had met pre COVID in the remote Russian Arctic. Amazing places and scenery for sure, but there's no place like her adopted home...Almost Heaven West Virginia!

Nice to see that Neva Rexrode celebrated her 95th birthday. She had a wonderful time.

Following her brother's (Barry Simmons) funeral, Rose Smith of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, spent several days visiting with Phil Downs.

“Pidge” and Charles Anderson are happy to report that they are now proud great-grandparents to Okley Dawn. She is the daughter to C.J. Anderson, and granddaughter to the late Allen Anderson.

Evelyn Varner is also a great-grandmother to Remi Ann Kesterson. Remi is the daughter of Kelsey and Hunter Kesterson; and granddaughter to Joyce and Robin Marshall of McGaheysville, Virginia, and Cincy and Kevin Sponaule of Brandywine.

Big sister, Ali, is excited to have a little baby to play with.

Mary and Eldon “Butch” Puffenbarger are pleased to announce another granddaughter's birth. Ella Maze, the daughter of David and Tabitha Puffenbarger, was born on Sunday.

Visitors of Rosalee Grogg this past week were Marleta Wimer, Shannon Simmons and Bill and Diane

Kuykendall.

Karla and Jim Moats enjoyed sharing their grandson's, Cedar's, birthday this past weekend. A great visit with family was had.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon “Fuzzy” Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, Nila Bland, “Bo” Boggs, Marie Cole, Jeff Craig, Norma Propst Cunningham, the Maurice Davenport family, Bethany Eye, Mary Eye, Neal 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, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Willard May, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Tucker Minor, Carrol Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Barbara Parker, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, John O. 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, Connie Sulser, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Evelyn Varner, Amy Vaus, Sheldon Waggy, Judy Williams, Junior Wimer, Margaret Wimer, Dana Yokum, and the fire victims of Maui, Hawaii and earthquake victims in Morocco.

## Propst Clan Gathers For Family Reunion

The Cleveland Propst family reunion was held Aug. 6 at Ruddle Park.

Those in attendance were Boyd and Leta Kimble, Clemmitt and Sandra Smith, Sheila Torrance, Debbie and Tom Turner, Mark and Jessica Bagdon, Tyler and Alexis Evans, Ricky and

Pam Smith, Raven, John and Baylor Siciliano, Jennifer, Paul and Maverick Marando, Johnny, Becky Maggie and John Jesse Bilheimer, Nancy and John Bilheimer, David Meadows and Roy Midkiff.

The next reunion will be held Aug. 4, 2024, at Ruddle Park.

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## September Is Suicide Prevention Month

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 For people aged 10-34 years, suicide is a leading cause of death.

**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:

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Gabby DePue rifles a shot back at Riverview as Pendleton County defeated Riverview last weekend to take the silver bracket championship at the Volley in the Valley Tournament. Photo courtesy of Robin Alt.

## Buccaneers Can't Buck Pendleton County and Wildcats Win Tournament in Greenbrier

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County's volleyball squad rolled to the western end of Corridor H, then rolled over the squad from triple A Buckhannon-Upshur.

At the start, the contest looked like it would fall in favor of the larger school. Although the Wildcats fought for an early 2-1 lead, the Buccaneers surged ahead to a 15-8 lead. This came after an eight to two run by the home team.

Pendleton County showed their claws in the second half of the first set, making a run of their own at the end, outscoring Buckhannon-Upshur 6-8, but falling 25-17 at the close of the set.

The momentum established at the end of set one carried forward, however. The Wildcats pounced on their opponents behind Carolyn Varner's seven serves to open the set. These included two aces. Lizzie Alt found an opening on the far side that she worked to exploit the rest of the game. Varner also contributed by appearing to perform her customary set, only to send the ball directly to the middle for a score after Gabby DePue created the opportunity for her.

Pendleton County posted the first six points. Buckhannon-Upshur responded, only to run into an Avery Townsend spike and a Baylee Beachler ace to extend the lead to 9-2. The Buccaneers closed the lead somewhat, only to see the Wildcats successfully spike the ball, followed by Kate Hedrick blocking the opponent's return for an 11-5 advantage.

Emma Hartman ran off five straight serves to help her team build the lead to 14-6. Within that run, Buckhannon-Upshur made crucial mistakes while Townsend scored another spike. The Buccaneers regained the serve briefly, then Breana Bowers' run serving the ball broke the set wide open. Hedrick scored another spike, while Varner set up a spike from Alt.

The second set ended as Beachler softly tapped a ball to a hole in the middle of the

Buckhannon-Upshur defense for a commanding set victory of 25-10.

Also active was Allie Cooper, chasing down well hit shots, diving on the floor, and saving seemingly impossible plays from her knees. Often, hers were the first hands on the ball to set up returns or spikes. She also fired difficult shots back at the middle and back lines of the Buckhannon-Upshur defense.

Set number three started with a Buccaneer ace to give them the early lead, but Beachler took the serve back by using her precision game to find another open spot in the defense. With Varner serving, Pendleton County quickly pushed in front.

Hartman's serves once again fueled a long run. She started her run with an ace, followed shortly thereafter by a Hedrick spike. Another ace by Hartman put her team up 12-3. After the Wildcats briefly lost the serve, Bowers locked it down for six more serves, taking the lead out to 19-6.

In weekend action, Pendleton County competed in the Volley in the Valley tournament, hosted by Greenbrier East.

The Wildcats initially lost to Woodrow Wilson two sets to none. Pendleton County lost the first set 25-10, but closed the gap significantly in the second, 25-21. Woodrow Wilson lost to eventual gold bracket champion George Washington.

Next, Pendleton took one set and lost one to Parkersburg. They lost the first 25-17, but prevailed in the next 25-14.

The Wildcats also split with Pikeview, taking the first set 25 to seven, but losing the second 25-22.

Pendleton County then defeated Princeton and Riverview to take the silver bracket championship.

After a weekend of competing with some of the largest schools in the state, the Wildcats returned to action on Tuesday, traveling to East Hardy. They will travel Tuesday to Elkins and host Tucker County on Oct. 5.

## Wildcat Harriers Continue To Excel as First Four Races Of the Year Are in the Books



Continuing to make improvement strides in every race are, from left, Thunder Gill, Titus Nulph, and Cain Nulph.

By Stephen Smoot

"They have continued to get better nearly every race, and that's largely due to their work ethic," says Mary Beth Hebb, head coach of Pendleton County's cross country squad of Thunder Gill, Titus Nulph, and Cain Nulph.

The three young men representing their school on the long trails and steep hills have shown determination in the face of competing weekly against programs with more numbers, deeper traditions, and powerful reputations.

And therein lies the beauty of the sport. At the end of the race, talented and hard-working individuals can outpace all of those intangibles.

At the first meet, the 30th annual Frankfort Invitational, Gill tread the up and down course for a 20th place finish and a time of 19:19.10. At the Broadford Invitational, his time dropped tremendously to 18:27.9 as he claimed fourth place honors.

The next week, at the western end of Mineral County at the Open Meet in Keyser, Gill took fifth place while dropping his time to 18:57.

While every course is different and varying conditions, such as temperature, humidity, and rain, can also affect results, course time represents one of the best benchmarks of improvement. Place in a race, however, is much more subjective. A 20th place finish at the Frankfort Invitational is not as far from a fifth-place finish at Keyser as one might think, because the Frankfort race includes a larger number of athletes from top schools traveling from three states.

Hebb praised Gill's ethic, pointing out that he has set



Wildcat runner Titus Nulph has consistently posted strong times this year.

"big goals this season." He still seeks to break 18 minutes in course time. More importantly, he seeks to appear in state championship competition.

"He was so close last year (missing by just one place)," Hebb explained, adding that this year, he "is in a much stronger position to qualify."

Gill edged closest to beating the 18-minute mark in the Bearcat Classic. Against strong competition from the central part of West Virginia, he posted an 18:03.

Hebb described all three of her runners as "hard workers," but noted that Gill and fellow veteran runner Titus Nulph continually push each other to excel.

Titus Nulph also performed well at the Bearcat Classic, coming in under 20 minutes in what Hebb called "a good cross country milestone." She described the Taylor County course as "one of the faster ones," but added that it also contains a "long, steep hill toward the end that can be pretty demoralizing." Titus Nulph, however, runs hills exceptionally well and used that skill to pass other competitors.

He finished with a time

of 19:42 at the Bearcat. His opening time of the season at Frankfort was 20:04.70, while scoring 20:18 at Broadford.

The least experienced member of the team, Cain Nulph, has taken the biggest strides. At Frankfort, he ran for a 35:08.90, but lopped four minutes off of that time at Broadford. Keyser saw his time dip again to 29:42. He continued to show strong improvement in the last race, with a time of 29:06.

"Cain has been taking huge chunks of time off each meet, which is a rewarding part of a first season," Hebb explained. She added that "it gets a lot harder to do that after you really start training in the off-season and get some experience at racing."

Overall, Hebb shared that "it's been rewarding to watch all of them improve and learn to fall in love with the sport and with racing this season, whether it's for the first time, or all over again."

The team will take to the trails next on Oct. 10 at the Potomac Valley Conference championships at Keyser High School.

## Team Thompson Wins Slusher Scramble



Despite the weather conditions, 21 teams competed in the annual Slusher Scramble. Pictured are, from left, Drew Clements, grandson of Leo Slusher and tournament organizer, David Thompson, Johnny Thompson, Dennis Shifflett, Cathy Slusher, daughter of Leo Slusher, and Chris Thompson.

The Slusher Scramble was held Sept. 17, at the Highlands Golf Club in Franklin.

The winners were Team Thompson of Franklin heritage. They were followed closely by Team (Dr. Elmer) Kennel as number two in the tiebreaker and Team Harrisonburg OBGYN as number three.

Despite the rain, the day was a wonderful success,

with 21 teams finishing with great attitudes.

The proceeds of this tournament fund the annual Leo Slusher Award, which benefits a Pendleton County High School senior. Seniors can apply for this award in the spring, which spotlights community service and athletic support, either as a player, manager, or coach. Leo Slusher put his heart into the ath-

letic program of PCHS and the former Franklin High School. He was a strong servant to the Pendleton County community, including being a charter member of the Treasure Mountain Festival committee. This award was established to celebrate youth who demonstrate those qualities during their high school years and help them achieve their future goals.

## Wildcat Middle School Golfers Earn All-Tournament Squad



Pendleton County's middle school golf team placed second at Cacapon State Park for the PVL Championship. Dylan Eye earned second place honors, and Landon Davis placed fourth. Both made the all tournament team. Members of the team are, from left, Charlie Burgoyne (coach), Landon Davis, Dylan Eye, Lucas DiFalco, Beckett Aumann and Mike Eye.

# Drop the Shovel, Grab the Phone

By Charlotte Lane, Public Service Commission chairman

Does a person know that even before one digs a garden or plants a shrub, one needs to find out if a utility line is buried in the path? Any digging requires a person to contact West Virginia 811 to get clearance ahead of time.

It's easy to do. Simply dial 811 or go online to WV811.com. The Public Service Commission partners with this service for one's safety and that of the utilities. State law says that a person may be held responsible for damage done to a utility line if one doesn't clear a dig request with WV811 ahead of time.

Not long ago, the writer called 811 herself to verify that it is a simple procedure and that the message is easy to understand and to follow. She can verify that it is. After a brief informational message, one will be connected to a person who will take the information and help one through the process.

Calls must be made at least 48 hours, but not more than 10 days, before one begins digging. Remember to take weekends and holidays into account.

All calls to the center are recorded. At the end of the message, one will be given a 10-digit code. Be sure to write it down because that is proof that one did call about a planned dig.

The person doing the excavation must make the call and the authorization is not transferrable. That means one person cannot get the authorization and then pass on that approval to a second person.

The call center advises the caller to identify the proposed excavation site with white paint or little flags. They use the information to advise utility operators that they need to mark any buried utility lines on one's property within the area a person has outlined. The 811 center says up to eight utility operators are notified about each request that is made. A person needs to give the utility operators a few days to send out the locators to mark their lines.

Respect the boundary markers to avoid cutting into an underground utility line. If there is a conflict, contact 811 again and ask for a re-mark. Also, contact the service if the dig will take longer than expected.

Making this simple, free call is good for oneself and good for the utilities. And it's the law.

# Baker Named to JMU Honor List

Jennifer Baker of Brandywine has been named to the president's list at James Madison University for the summer 2023 semester. Baker is majoring in Individualized Study – bachelor of interdisciplinary studies.

Students who earn president's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above.

# Autism Training

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of people diagnosed and a larger percentage found to have it. Reel discussed possible reasons, including better diagnostic tools and understanding.

For example, the West Virginia Department of Education reports that during the 2022-23 school year, 82 percent of the 3,140 students receiving ASD related services were male. Reel discussed how "girls are more likely to camouflage behaviors than boys." Because "girls kind of blend in," ASD is harder to observe in them. Girls may seem "awkward, but interacting."

She also shared that ASD comes in tiers of severity. Those who have high functioning, or level one, autism, with proper support, can communicate reasonably well. Their repetitive behaviors, again with support, are not as noticeable. People who have level two autism will sometimes present communication difficulties and repetitive behaviors even with support in place.

People with level three autism, even with significant support, experience communication and behavior problems that significantly impair daily life.

Additionally, professionals adhere to the level system and do not use older names for certain conditions, such as Asperger's Syndrome. Diagnosis also now comes from standards defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health.

Reel stressed that those with ASD cannot all be treated in the same way. "All of our children with autism learn things differently," she said, adding that when trying to instruct, give them "direct, clear language," and use visual cues whenever possible.

She shared from her own experience about telling a child with ASD that "it's raining cats and dogs outside." Because a child with ASD struggles to think in any terms other than literal, when she went to the window and only saw water, her brain could not overcome the processing and communication challenge and she had a meltdown.

The process for getting involved with the program is to first perform an intake. Step two involves a phone call, after which families will be categorized as to which tier the client is on. Because of limited resources, the next necessary step for most lies in going on a waiting list for services until a spot opens with a specialist in their area.

Reel stated that she had nine in her caseload and seven on a waiting list. "Once you start services," she said, "you are always in our system." The specialist will identify the most challenging behavior or aspect presented by the client and make that a priority. Reel added that they also do consult work with schools.

Beyond working with parents, Reel stated that the autism training center has worked with the West Virginia State Police, county sheriff's departments, and local city and town police departments, as well as correctional officers. "The next step," she explained, "is to train first responders, dispatchers, and EMTs. We want to give them an idea of what autism is and what they should prepare for."

After a detailed presentation that shared detailed information, Reel shared information on how to register with the program. For more information, she can be reached at (304) 257-6210 or cara.reel@marshall.edu.

# BUILD WV

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Cabinet secretaries" including Chelsea Ruby, secretary of tourism, Mitch Carmichael, secretary of economic development, and James Bailey, secretary of commerce.

The program, which when spelled out is officially called Better United In Long-Term Development West Virginia, offers developers three types of tax credits to spur construction. According to a March release from Governor Justice's office, these could include "a sales tax exemption on building materials, a 10-year property value adjustment refundable tax credit, and a potential municipal B&O [business and occupation] exemption."

Projects that qualify for the program must come from either an investment of \$3 million or more, or include at least six houses or residential units. Other requirements for participation include creating both significant and positive economic impact, improve the chance for the region to attract new business, and provide added opportunities for employment.

While the state has worked to address low income housing, many areas have started to see shortages of middle to higher end residential units, which are key to attracting new residents.

In a Region Eight Planning and Development Council meeting last April, Luke McKenzie, Mineral County administrator, said that the housing shortage has hurt economic development and that his county, among others, required more middle to high end housing. He explained that high salary employees at Northrop Grumman and other area businesses struggled to find residences meeting their expectations.

As David Reitz, CEO of Stella Construction in Marion County, shared with West Virginia Public Broadcasting, "All those costs, municipal fees, B&O tax, all contribute to what the buyer is paying on the back end. Those costs just get passed on. The beauty of this bill is that it's able to slate some of those expenses and make it more affordable and make it more appealing to do houses in that median price point."

Letters of support for the area came from the Pendleton County Commission, Pendleton County Schools, the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Workforce for Teachers, and others.

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| <b>1</b>                                   | <b>2</b> MS Volleyball<br>Moorefield 6:00 (A)<br>JV Football 6 p.m. (A)<br>Greenbrier West            | <b>3</b> HS Volleyball<br>Elkins 6:00 (A)<br>MS Volleyball<br>East Hardy 6:00 (H)    | <b>4</b> MS Football<br>East Hardy<br>6:30 (A)                                                                                                      | <b>5</b> HS Volleyball<br>Tucker County<br>6:00 (H)                                                                                                 | <b>6</b> HS Football (H)<br>Tygarts Valley 7:00<br>Homecoming/<br>Senior Night<br>Social Media Safety<br>Program           | <b>7</b> <b>HOME COMING</b><br><i>Dance</i><br>8-11                                   |
| ← 2023 Homecoming Week →                   |                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                       |
| <b>8</b>                                   | <b>9</b> School Picture<br>Day<br>Grades 7 - 12                                                       | <b>10</b> HS Volleyball<br>Tygarts Valley<br>6:00 (H)<br>Cross Country<br>Keyser (A) | <b>11</b> MS Football<br>Capon Bridge 6:30 (H)<br>PSAT Grades 9 - 11<br>8th Grade Night for MS<br>Football, Cross Country,<br>Golf and Cheerleaders | <b>12</b> HS Volleyball<br>East Hardy<br>6:00 (H)<br>Jostens:<br>Graduation and<br>Class Rings                                                      | <b>13</b> HS Football<br>Pocahontas County<br>7:00 (A)                                                                     | <b>14</b> Cheerleading<br>Keyser<br>5:30 (A)                                          |
| <b>15</b>                                  | <b>16</b> MS Volleyball<br>Petesburg High<br>School 6:00 (A)<br>JV Football<br>Moorefield<br>6:00 (H) | <b>17</b> HS Volleyball<br>Union<br>6:00 (A)                                         | <b>18</b> MS Football<br>Petersburg<br>6:30 (A)<br>Raze Conference<br>7 - 8 Grade Students                                                          | <b>19</b> HS Volleyball<br>Tygarts Valley 6:00 (A)<br>MS Volleyball<br>Romney 6:00 (A)<br><b>End 1<sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks</b><br><b>EARLY RELEASE</b> | <b>20</b> MS Volleyball<br>Capon Bridge<br>6:00 (H)<br>8th Grade for Volleyball<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><b>FOR STUDENTS</b> | <b>21</b> HS Volleyball<br>Frankfort<br>TBA (A)                                       |
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| <b>29</b>                                  | <b>30</b>                                                                                             | <b>31</b> National FFA<br>Conference<br>Oct. 31 - Nov. 4<br><b>HALLOWEEN</b>         |                                                                  | MS - Middle School<br>HS - High School                                                                                                              | Pendleton County Schools<br>is an Equal<br>Opportunity Provider                                                            |  |

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# Fall Events Scheduled at Discovery Center

The Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, in cooperation with Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association, is pleased to announce the fall programming schedule. The center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday and closed Tuesday and Wednesday. All programs meet at the Discovery Center until otherwise noted.

## Daily Programs:

- Junior Ranger Station — Stop in between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for a variety of programs for children.
- The Sites Homestead — Open daily for tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturdays and Sundays:
  - Beginner Birding Hike — 10 a.m., discover the basics of birding as a person goes for a morning stroll. Binoculars provided.
  - Discover the Forest Guided Hikes — 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Get better acquainted with the national forest while hiking along the 3/4-mile Watershed Discovery Loop.

• Ranger Talks — 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Dig deeper into the history and science behind the scenery at the Discovery Center.

## Select Weekends:

• Artisan Exhibits — Visitors may purchase handmade originals and watch visiting artisans demonstrate their craft. For a complete schedule of artisans, or to become a visiting artisan yourself, contact alison.bailey@usda.gov.

## Special Events:

- Sept. 30 — Military History Weekend. Learn about the military history of the area from the Revolutionary War and World War II to today. A display of original uniforms will be featured from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sites Homestead.
- Oct. 7 — Local Author Reading. Listen to selections from

David Umling's fiction and non-fiction works from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Sites Homestead.

Oct. 21 — Rock-tober. Enjoy rock games, rock crafts and rock talks at our celebration of all things geology. Enjoy a special evening program at 7:30 p.m. with Dr. Joseph Lebold, one of the authors of "Roadside Geology of West Virginia."

Oct. 28 — Bat Carnival and Farewell Party. Try one's luck at the bat-themed games in honor of International Bat Week. At the Sites Homestead, visit with costumed interpreter, Cathy Milton, as she brings the story of Dorothy Sites to a close with her "Farewell Party."

Seneca Rocks Discovery Center and Sites Homestead will close for the season at the end of the day on Oct. 29. All programs are subject to cancellation or change. For more information call 304-567-2827 or email alison.bailey@usda.gov.

## Ginseng Harvest Season Open Until Nov. 30

The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) has announced that the ginseng 2023 harvest season is now open and will continue through Nov. 30.

Observing the legal season and regulations helps preserve Appalachia's threatened and endangered wild ginseng. Harvesting pulls up the ginseng root, ending the plant's ability to replace itself with new generations. To help the herb's seeds grow, the hunter must, by law, plant them at the site where the root was taken.

Before the plant can be legally harvested, ginseng must be at least five years old and its seed-bearing berries bright red. The slow-growing plant needs to mature for at least five years to reproduce. The plant's age can be determined by looking at the base of the plant stem, where bud scars occur. A five-year-old ginseng root will have at least four scars.

No ginseng may be taken from West Virginia state forests, state parks or other state-owned land and harvesters must have written permission to dig on private property.

Ginseng harvesters must have a current forest service permit to dig and collect from national forest lands. Hunters should contact the national forest office in their area regarding ginseng permits and regulations. Currently, national forests based in West Virginia still allow ginseng hunters who have purchased current permits to dig on designated national forest lands.

This year, other national forests have found their ginseng populations too depleted to allow sustainable harvesting. The U.S. Forest Service announced that in 2021, no ginseng permits will be issued for North Carolina's Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests and the Cherokee National Forest. The herb's decline is attributed to poaching, overharvesting, and harvesting without planting seeds to produce a new crop.

Harvesters have until March 31, 2024, to sell their ginseng to a registered West Virginia ginseng dealer or to have roots weight-receipted at one of the West Virginia Division of Forestry weigh stations. Regulations prohibit possession of ginseng roots from April 1 through Aug. 31 without a weight receipt from the Division of Forestry. A weight receipt is a record of the ginseng harvested during the current year and the individual who wants to hold it over to the next season.

The law requires all harvesters to provide a government-issued photo identification to sell ginseng to a registered dealer. Fines range from \$500 up to \$1,000 for a first offense and \$1,000 up to \$2,000 for multiple offenses.

Details on ginseng are available on the Division of Forestry website, <https://wv-forestry.com/ginseng-program/>. The site includes how to identify mature ginseng plants, rules for harvesting and resources such as lists of West Virginia ginseng dealers and weigh stations.

## Pendleton Exhibitors Excel In Mountain State Series

The Mountain State Series is a series of shows held throughout the year to promote an environment that will allow market lamb and goat exhibitors to be actively involved in an ethical, practical, and educational series of shows that culminates with a show season ending rewards program based on performance while making the entire experience enjoyable for the participating exhibitors and their families.

This year, several Pendleton County exhibitors participated and excelled in the Mountain State Series. One must show in at least four of the eight shows that are included in the Mountain State Series to qualify for awards. These shows are held for several months at different locations throughout the state. There is a scoring system based on how each exhibitor shows, and then the points are tallied for an overall grand score at the end of the show season. Awards were presented at the State Fair of West Virginia.

Pendleton County was represented well in the award ceremony with several overall winners.

PeeWee Goat — Gracie Hedrick, third, and Brynleigh Ruddle, fourth;

Junior Goat — Tia Heavner, reserve champion;

Senior Goat — Braden McCoy, fourth;

PeeWee Sheep — Maddie Grace Nesselrodt, reserve champion, and Hedrick, third;

Junior Sheep — Katie Keyser, reserve champion, Phoebe Pownell, third, Kallie Keyser, fourth, and Heavner, fifth;

Senior Sheep — Braden McCoy, fourth, and

Trina Mallow, fifth; and

Road Runner Award (given to exhibitors who attend all eight shows in the series) — Tia Heavner, Ty Heavner, Nesselrodt and Pownell.

Other county exhibitors participating in the Mountain State Series were Tori Heavner, Jaylynn Hedrick, McKenna Hedrick, Aubriana Holloway, Brantley Propst, Braylee Propst, Aiden Whetzel and Colton Whetzel.

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# All DMV Offices Offering Appointments

West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles customers may now make appointments, including same-day appointments, at any of the 26 regional offices across the state.

"We are happy to be offering appointments in all offices again," said Everett Frazier, DMV commissioner. "For a while, only the offices in some of West Virginia's largest population centers were offering appointments with walk-ins, while the smaller area offices were walk-in only. Now, all 26 offices will offer both. The best part about this new scheduling program, though, is the possibility of a same-day appointment for our customers."

Appointments may be made for transactions such as driver's license knowledge testing - including Class E, F, and CDL - applying for a new driver's license or identification card, changes to a driver's license or ID card, driver's license transfers from out-of-state, and vehicle work including titles and license plates. Additionally, customers who take advantage of the REAL ID HeadStart program through DMV's online services portal may also use the appointment scheduler to make an appointment once their documents have been approved.

Customers may visit the appointment scheduler at <https://telegov.egov.com/wvdmv>.

According to Frazier, "Walk-ins are still welcome at every office, but having an appointment will give customers more opportunity to receive fast and efficient service and not have to wait in line as long. This is just another example of how we continue to look for new ways of providing good customer service."

For more information, including regional office and kiosk locations, the online services portal, and appointment information, please visit the DMV website at [dmv.wv.gov](http://dmv.wv.gov).

# Farm Credit Pays Dividends To Local Customers

The Moorefield branch of Farm Credit of the Virginias, a customer-owned financial cooperative with more than a 100-year legacy of support for rural communities and agriculture, announced they paid just over \$1 million in cash to their customer-owners in the form of a patronage dividend.

Due to Farm Credit of the Virginias' cooperative framework, the association returns a portion of its profits back to customer-owners on an annual basis. During 2022, increased input costs, supply chain disruptions and rising interest rates made it difficult for their customer-owners to carry out their goals for the year. Nevertheless, Farm Credit of the Virginias' financial position remained strong and their board of directors elected to return 70 percent of their net profits to their customer-owners, with the hope that this patronage distribution would allow their customer-owners to feel more confident in navigating the economic headwinds currently impacting the agricultural industry and their rural communities.

The patronage program effectively lowers the cost of borrowing from Farm Credit of the Virginias. This

year's combined \$30 million distribution equates to having an interest free loan for three and a half months and represents approximately 30 percent of the interest accrued on loans.

Farm Credit of the Virginias chief executive officer, Brad Cornelius, said, "We're pleased to be able to share our patronage with our customer-owners, especially in times when returning and reinvesting money in our rural communities is so vital."

Cornelius continued, "We're committed to being here for our customer-owners when they need us, and as they need us. Patronage dividends are our way of saying we're here and we're going to keep working to make sure that we're always here, through good times and bad. Patronage is just one of the many benefits of doing business with a customer-owned cooperative."

To discover the benefits of being a customer-owner, visit the FCV website at [www.farmcreditofvirginias.com](http://www.farmcreditofvirginias.com) or call 1-800-919-FARM (3276) to learn more from a local representative.

The Moorefield branch is located at 550 South Main Street in Moorefield.

# Simmons Brothers Face Challenges During World War II

By Charles Teter

Since I have been writing a few articles about veterans in the past wars, it has been brought to my attention there are a couple of men of World War II that I have missed. After reading of their exploits and deeds of bravery, I thought it would be nice to let the public know these two men.

These two men were brothers, Curtis Simmons and William A. Simmons. Curtis served in the United States Army and was killed in the Battle of the Bulge. William served in the United States Navy and spent his time in the South Pacific. Both men were awarded several medals and were buried in the Harper/Simmons Cemetery located on the North Fork.

I would like to tell a story from Bill Simmons' experience during the Battle of the Bulge. He was sleeping in a fox hole

with seven other men. During the night his company moved out and the other men in his fox hole went with them. They didn't wake Bill up. When Bill woke up because he was cold, no one was in the fox hole with him. He crawled out of that hole scared to death. As he crawled through the snow, he fell into another fox hole, found a warm boy, curled up beside of it and went to sleep. Bill said he never found out who the other soldier was. He also said his friend was killed, and he was never the same since.

Bill was in the same Glider Infantry Division as Clinton Hedrick. All the men are heroes and should be recognized.

These little cemeteries are located throughout Pendleton County. Why don't organizations make it a project to clean up these cemetery lots? The main reason this should be done is for what these men gave us—Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness.

# 10 Prescription Drugs Selected for Medicare Price Negotiations

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) applauded the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' selection of the first 10 prescription drugs for Medicare price negotiations, as directed by the Inflation Reduction Act. This new authority will reduce drugs prices for West Virginians and Americans through the first-ever direct negotiations between Medicare and pharmaceutical manufacturers over a set of medicines.

"Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, drug costs for millions of families across the country are on their way down. In addition to allowing Medicare price negotiations for drugs like Eliquis and Xarelto, representing over \$30 billion in annual Medicare Part D spending, the IRA capped Medicare recipients' insulin cost at \$35 a month which is a significant savings for more than 400,000 West Virginians and millions of Americans. No family should have to choose between life-saving medication and putting food on their table or a roof over their heads. I

will continue working to ensure the IRA is implemented correctly to reduce costs for folks across the country," said Manchin.

Prescription drugs selected for Medicare price negotiations are Eliquis, Jardiance, Xarelto, Januvia, Farxiga, Entresto, Enbrel, Imbruvica, Stelara and Fiasp, Fiasp FlexTouch, Fiasp PenFill, NovoLog, NovoLog FlexPen and NovoLog PenFill.

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