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Katelyn Gratian, North Fork Elementary School music teacher, led the student body of preschool through sixth grades in patriotic songs to honor veterans.

North Fork Elementary School Puts On Performance to Honor Veterans

By Stephen Smoot

Veterans and their families packed the Harold Michael Community Building in Circleville last Thurs-

day. Students, faculty, and administrators took time out of the school day to show appreciation for those who defended freedom.

The school staff decorated the gym in patriotic style, with ribbons, bunting, shiny red, white, and blue stars,

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Veterans Visit BES to Explain Importance of the Holiday



Brandywine Elementary School staff and students honored and observed Veterans Day last Thursday. George Armstrong, Steve O'Toole, Larry Flinn and Alicia Johnston visited all BES classrooms to discuss the importance of the holiday and why military veterans are celebrated. Students learned valuable lessons from these local veterans and their experiences.

US Capitol Christmas Tree Makes Historic Visit to Upper Tract



Last Sunday, the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree made a stop in Upper Tract on its tour through much of eastern West Virginia. The Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, along with Swilled Dog, Pendleton County Farmers Market and Grant County Convention and Visitors Bureau, worked together on the months-long planning of the visit. Amber Nesselrodt of the Pendleton County CVB also thanked local law enforcement, fire and rescue units, T&K Markets, Hubbard Construction, Potomac Hardware, Pendleton Community Bank, and Summit Community Bank.



This team did much of the work to make the visit a reality. From left are Lauren Hagman (Swilled Dog), Sam Wood (CVB board member and owner of Shreve's Store), Annie Humes (Pendleton County Farmers Market), Amy Albright (United States Department of Agriculture), Ronnie Fein (United States Forest Service), and Amber Nesselrodt (executive director of the Pendleton County CVB).



Before the official visit at Upper Tract, the crew hauling the tree called ahead and ordered Yokum's famous West Virginia style hot dogs. The iconic tree parked beneath the iconic landmark.

Pendleton County, US Forest Service And Others Tangle with Brush Fire

By Stephen Smoot

Seven months after one of the worst wildfires in county history, dry, warm, and windy conditions led to another conflagration, this time in the South Fork area.

Before dawn, around 5:32 last Tuesday morning, Pendleton 911 issued a call of a brush fire that plagued the area for almost a week. According to Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, "South Branch Volunteer Fire Department, Franklin, Circleville, and Upper Tract VFDs and Virginia based support from McDowell and Highland VFDs, as well as Rockingham and Clover Hill, responded."

They were backed up by Pendleton County Emergency Rescue for EMS standby, Pendleton Office of Emergency Management for coordination and West Virginia Division of Forestry personnel. Officials established a county command post at Brandywine Lake.

By mid-morning, firefighters had to battle the blaze in mid-seventies temperatures, a steady warm breeze, and no rain in sight. The fire broke out near West Side Road, near Heavener Mountain, which rises more than 2,800 feet and also serves as the official namesake of the blaze.

With the fire breaking out and spreading at the edge of the George Washington National Forest, the U.S. Forest Service moved in federal units to relieve West Virginia and Virginia based

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Wildcats Stampede First Seed Bisons



The Wildcats sprinted on the floor to celebrate a historic upset of the Buffalo Bisons.

Pendleton County Issues Grand Jury Indictments

By Stephen Smoot

The grand jurors of the State of West Virginia, in and for the body of the County of Pendleton, meeting in the November 2023 term of the court issued the following indictments.

Indictments by a grand jury mean that the body decided that there is enough evidence for the case to go to trial by petit jury. They do not indicate a verdict of guilty or not guilty at this time. Defendants retain the presumption of innocence under the law.

Grand jurors indicted Lawrence "Grasshopper" Puffenbarger on seven total counts of sexual abuse in the first degree, a felony. The counts allege that on seven separate occasions, he "did unlawfully and feloniously, being eighteen years of age or older at the time, subject another person to sexual contact who was at said time younger than twelve years old . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The Pendleton Times cannot ethically print further details from these indict-

ments because they involve minor child victims.

Grand jurors issued four total counts against Paul Joseph Locastro. The first count alleges that "Locastro, on or about December 11, 2022 . . . did unlawfully, feloniously, and burglariously break and enter . . . with the intent to commit a violation of the criminal laws of this state . . . with the intent to commit Wanton Endangerment Involving a Firearm . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

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Community CALENDAR

Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Two anonymous Navy sailors will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" for 60+ Seniors on Nov. 22 at the Franklin Senior Center. Meals will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. To reserve a free lunch, call 304-358-2421 before Nov. 21.

Baptist To Host Camo Sunday

Camo Sunday will be held Sunday at First Baptist Church in Brandywine. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m., followed by worship service at 11 a.m. A wild game potluck will be held at noon. Attendees are asked to wear camo or blaze orange. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Skywarn Basics Class Planned For Dec. 6

The National Weather Service has rescheduled the previously postponed Skywarn Basics Class. The class will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Pendleton County Board of Education conference room (Lovegrove Building), in Franklin. The class should last approximately two hours. To register for the class go to <https://bit.ly/pendletonbasics>.

Morrisey's Staff To Visit Tuesday

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

North Fork Baptist To Host Free Thanksgiving Meal

The North Fork Baptist Church in Riverton will be hosting a free Thanksgiving meal from noon to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. This meal is free to folks of all ages in the community who have no Thanksgiving Day meal plans. Come and enjoy a time of food and fellowship.



Thanksgiving Deadlines

The Pendleton Times will be published Tuesday of next week, a day early, so that mail subscribers can receive their papers before the holiday.

Display advertisements and news releases should be at the Times office by noon on Friday, Nov. 17, and classified advertisements and correspondents' letters should be submitted by 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, in order to be published in next week's paper.

OBITUARIES



Earl Alden "Babe" Roberson

Earl Alden "Babe" Roberson, 91, of Franklin passed away Nov. 9, 2023, at his home in Ruddle.

He was born Feb. 23, 1932, at Ruddle and was the son of the late Mack C. Roberson and Eva Hedrick Roberson.

Mr. Roberson had worked for Ruddle Lime and as a United States mail carrier in the Franklin, Ruddle and Upper Tract area for 53 years, driving for 45 of those years without missing a day.

He was a lifelong farmer, loved to hunt and fish and work in his garden. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was a member of the Ruddle Presbyterian Church, where he had served as a deacon and elder.

On June 18, 1955, he married the love of his life, Ruby Gail Thompson Roberson, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Tommy Roberson (Frankie) and Randy Roberson (Janet), all of Franklin; a daughter, Vickie Hartman (Mark) of Upper Tract; a sister, Elma Roberson of Upper Tract; four grandchildren, Chris Roberson (Lisa), Rebecca Miller (Daniel), Emily Mongold (Logan) and Katie Hartman; seven great-grandchildren, Cayden, Colton and Cooper Roberson, Jameigh, Alanna and Adelynn Miller and Nolin Mongold; two step-grandchildren, Jennifer Harper (Adam) and Tracy Kimble (Rebekah); and seven step-great-grandchildren, Rylee, Madelyn, Luke, Ava, Jake, Tessa and Beau.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, Arlin Hedrick, Roy Roberson, Henry Roberson and Edwin Roberson; two sisters, Eula Black and Retha George; and a special granddaughter, Rachel Roberson (March 20, 2010).

A celebration of life service was held Saturday in the chapel of the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Deborah Beam officiating. His body has been cremated.

Memorials may be made to the Pendleton County Rescue Squad, PO Box 727, Franklin, WV 26807 or the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 902, Franklin, WV 26807.

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



Ivanell Mallow Thompson

Ivanell Mallow Thompson, 79, of Riverton passed away on Nov. 11, 2023, at Davis Medical Center in Elkins.

She was born on Jan. 1, 1944, at Riverton, the daughter of the late Herbert Lester and Viola (White) Mallow.

Mrs. Thompson attended Dixie Schoolhouse and was a homemaker. She was a member of Riverton United Methodist Church and attended Lighthouse Community Church.

She loved traveling, gardening, canning and cooking and enjoyed spending time with her family.

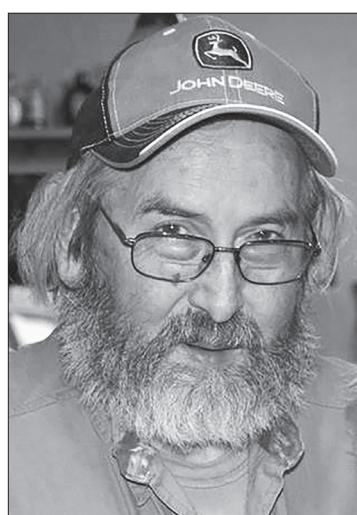
She was twice married. On Feb. 2, 1961, she married Russell "Chub" Thompson, who preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 1986. On Dec. 5, 1987, she married Jack H. Thompson, who preceded her in death on May 15, 2015.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a daughter, Shirley Lea Warner of Circleville; a son, Russell Lee Thompson (Peggy Hinkle) of Riverton; two step-daughters, Judith Lambert of Matthews, North Carolina, and Jacalyn Privette (Richard) of Indian Trail, North Carolina; a stepson, James Thompson of Charlotte, North Carolina; a sister, Juanita Vandevander of Riverton; three brothers, Delmar Mallow (Lucille) of Bartow, Herbert Lee (Stacy) of Maysville and Charles R. Mallow (Anna Marie) of Riverton; five grandchildren, Kevin Ed, Erica N., Cody Lee, April D., and Billy Junior Thompson; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Tracy Lee Thompson; an infant brother; and three sisters, Arvella Kline, Mary Judy and Freda Hedrick.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Basagic Funeral Home chapel in Franklin with Pastor Theodore Bennett officiating. Interment was in the John Ed Mallow Cemetery on Roots Run Road in Riverton.

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



Harry Allen Warner

Beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Harry Allen Warner, 76, of Smith Creek Road in Franklin, passed away on Nov. 8, 2023, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg.

He was born at home on May 30, 1947, the son of the late Virgil and Evelyn (Vandevander) Warner.

Mr. Warner graduated from Franklin High School in 1965 and was a Christian by faith. He was a lifelong farmer, had worked at Hanover Shoe for almost 30 years until they closed and then Allegheny Wood Products in Petersburg until his retirement.

In the fall of 1968, he met the love of his life, his wife of 54 years, Marcia Whetzel Warner. They were married April 4, 1969, in Petersburg.

He became an amazing dad to four children. Being a kind and dependable father, grandfather and husband was of the utmost importance to him, and he certainly did not disappoint when it came to wholeheartedly loving his family.

He was a life-long farmer and was hard-working and compassionate towards everyone. He taught his family many things, but most importantly he taught them to love the Lord. His love was unconditional and this is something his family will forever cherish. His kindness and generosity will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his four children, LeeAnn Shreve (Richard) of Franklin, Allen Warner of Beaver, Alisa Warner of Petersburg, and Anthony Warner (Laura) of Monterey, Virginia; four grandchildren, Curtis Shreve, Adrienne Zajicek (Cody) and Autumn and Levi Warner; two great-grandchildren, Lucy and Owen Zajicek; a sister, Rachel Ruddle (William); a brother William Warner; and sisters-in-law, Peggy Nichol森, Betty Lawson and Donna Miller.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Doris Bennett (and husband, Milford) and Shelda Warner; a brother, Wilson Warner (and wife, Rebecca); sisters-in-law, Judy Coffman (and husband, Dewayne) and Lisa Warner; and brothers-in-law, Gary Whetzel, Bob Nichol森, Tommy Lawson and Harold Miller.

In honoring his wishes, his body has been cremated with no public services.

Memorials may be made to any Pendleton County Rescue Squad.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com.



Stanley M. Lough, 97

Stanley M. Lough, 97, of Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away Nov. 7, 2023.

Born May 23, 1926, he was the beloved husband of Myrtle

Kimble Lough.

Services were private.

Arrangements were under the direction of Vorhis and Ryan Funeral Home in Lockland, Ohio.

Woolly Bear Winter Prediction Announced

by Robin Kile

This makes the 11th year for the woolly bear snow prediction in Pendleton County. The caterpillars had planned on retiring after their 10th year of weather predicting, but thanks to a friend who captured 22 of the little guys, the 2023-24 winter snow prediction has been made. The caterpillars were released back into the wild after making their prediction.

According to the black bands on the caterpillars, Pendleton County is going to have 79 days with snow falling from the sky. This is the largest number of snowy days the woolly bears have ever predicted.

Last year's prediction was for 71 days, and according to county snow watchers, the county only had 61. It will be interesting to see if this year's prediction is more accurate. October had five days with snow. There have been two in November, so only 72 more snowy days to go!

Correction:

We apologize for unintentionally leaving out Minnie Moats, Patty Moats, Penny Moats, Stanford Moats and Kennie as members of the Moatstown Choir in our story last week.

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- Provide proof (scale house ticket) they have properly disposed of their garbage at the transfer station at least once every 30 days.

The Solid Waste Authority is a public agency that operates the transfer stations near Romney and Petersburg, West Virginia. The waste hauling companies in the region are private businesses that are regulated by the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

- Please DO NOT throw trash out of your vehicle.
- Please make sure that trash is properly bagged when it is being put out at the curb for pickup or covered by a tarp or net when it is being transported to the transfer station in an open truck or trailer.
- Please consider becoming a volunteer under the Adopt-A-Highway program sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Highways. Call (304) 926-0499 to volunteer.
- Please report illegal dumping to the Region VIII Solid Waste Authority (304) 257-2644 or the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (304) 822-7266.

Call the Region VIII Solid Waste Authority at (304) 257-2644 if you have any questions.

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County Commission Hears Letter from Alt About Lifesaving Teamwork, Appoints New Sheriff

By Stephen Smoot

The first county commission meeting of November opened with Commissioner Roger Dahmer giving the invocation, praying that the “Lord, lift up Bruce Minor as he recovers from his injury.”

Karen Pitsenbarger then read a letter from Mike Alt concerning another close call, but successful rescue. Alt addressed the letter to Carl Hevener as Pendleton County Commission president.

The letter described a 911 call to respond to a possible heart attack at the West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles office near Franklin. Though Pendleton County Emergency Rescue has a strong reputation for fast response, Alt shared that they got vital assistance from an individual already at the scene.

Darren Taylor, director of the South Branch Valley Day Report Center, jumped in and, as Alt stated “initiated life-saving intervention.” He praised “this kind of response and teamwork,” adding that “we want to recognize Mr. Taylor.”

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, could not attend due to being part of the Brandywine area brush fire response, but reported that his office and the PCER “hope to have a proposal for an operational plan in the near future.”

Later in the meeting, Gillespie informed the commission that “we received notice of a \$25,000 grant from Homeland Security” to help to defer the cost of replacing the “obsolete radios” used by local law enforcement.

Laura Brown, executive director of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority, provided an update on their work in developing a comprehensive plan through the Mon Forest Towns program.

She explained that SRRDA received both approval and encouragement in developing the plan from the West Virginia Economic Development Authority. Funding for creation of the plan will come from Benedum Foundation and involve the West Virginia University Land and Law Clinic’s professional expertise in the field.

“A multi-county regional or joint planning authority can put together a comprehensive plan,” she noted.

Each plan must address 13 different areas, including land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, and more. A crucial part of its goal lies in “preserving and enhancing unique qualities of life and culture.” The plan will also include “preferred development areas” that take into account the current growth potential.

The process will not be speedy, Brown said, explaining that “it’s a 12 to 18 month process to just get started.”

Later in the meeting, the commission approved the appointment of Nathan Hartwell as the incoming sheriff. He replaces Chad Bowers on Dec 4. Bowers announced his retirement last month.

Hartwell’s experience includes Roanoke County police, Virginia Department of Corrections, and other law enforcement experiences.

After Hevener said “Sheriff Hartwell, congratulations,” the new sheriff responded with “thank you for the support. Thank you for the opportunity.” Hartwell then introduced his wife, Jenny, and added, “Behind every man is a good wife and I truly believe that.”

Commissioners also approved changing the time of the county courthouse staff Christmas luncheon. County offices will close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 7 so that staff can celebrate.

Budget revisions accounting for higher than expected receipts of gas and oil taxes, plus the receipt of federal grant money, were approved.

During the public comment period, Scott Somerville rose to



County commissioners congratulate Nathan Hartwell on his appointment to replace outgoing Pendleton County Sheriff Chad Bowers. Pictured, from left, are Roger Dahmer, Jenny Hartwell, Nathan Hartwell, Carl Hevener and Jimmie Bennett.

speaking about his ideas for planning and regulation. He opened by saying that he was “very excited” about SRRDA’s progress in producing a comprehensive plan, then proposed once again that a county planning commission be created to undertake the same work.

Somerville argued that a county planning commission could give elected officials authority to ban wind turbines. Brown replied that “there is nothing different” in the regional plan and that the development authority effort “follows the same code you are talking about.”

He laid out a written resolution for the county commission to approve or disapprove and stated, “I won’t have a hissy fit if you don’t vote for it.”

Hevener pointed out that two separate strategic plans by two different bodies could be problematic “and we’re back to square one.” Dahmer moved that the commission table the proposal “until we see what is in the other plan.”

Dahmer, who once again reiterated his strong opposition to wind turbines, then took the time to respond to Somerville’s plan to run a candidate against him in the next race. He firmly stated, “You’ve called me out specifically. I will not be held hostage by any special interest group.”

Then he added that “I am not in anyone’s back pocket, including yours.” Dahmer went on to say, “You say you can raise \$250,000 against me. I took no campaign funds . . . I was elected to serve the whole county.”

Somerville explained that “I can go either way” on wind turbines, but merely feared “divisiveness” coming from a public debate on the subject. He then told Dahmer, “I will be trying to find a candidate to replace you in the coming year,” despite also saying “I am so glad that you three are serving us right now” to all commissioners – including Dahmer.

Hevener also disputed another Somerville proposal to pack a planning commission with one pro turbine and one anti turbine advocate.

Brown said, “Legally, you can’t do a comprehensive plan based on windmills.” Hevener added that county commissioners are the only elected officials who can face civil suits based on wrongful use of taxpayer funds. He told Somerville that his latest idea “is a lawsuit waiting to happen” and added that “I’m

not going to lose my land over this.”

He concluded with “we’re not doing this today. We’re going to take it step by step and do it correctly.”

Almost Heaven Governor’s Art Exhibition Entries Sought

Gov. Jim Justice, the West Virginia Department of Tourism, and the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History invite all West Virginia students in grades Kindergarten-12 to participate in the 2024 Almost Heaven Governor’s Art Exhibition.

Entries are currently being accepted, and the deadline for submissions is Dec. 13 (hand-delivered or postmarked no later than Dec. 6). Only one entry may be submitted per student.

Designed to showcase student creativity and the arts, this year’s exhibition is a call for one-of-a-kind postcard designs illustrating star gazing at one’s favorite West Virginia park or public lands. Selected postcard artwork will later be used by the Department of Tourism to personally invite travelers to Almost Heaven.

Awards will be given out to first, second, and third places in three categories: elementary school, middle school, and high school. Winners will receive Blick Art Materials gift cards in the amounts of \$100, \$50, and \$25.

Artwork can be standard postcard size, 5” W x 3-1/2” H or 6” W x 4-1/4” H with a maximum of 11” W x 6” H and weigh no more than 3 pounds. Painting, printmaking, digital art, drawing, photography and mixed media are all acceptable mediums. All artwork must include a submission form.

Artwork and submission form should be dropped off or mailed to: WVDACH, Attn: Rachel Keeney, The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25305.

An exhibition of all selected entries will be on display at the State Capitol in Charleston beginning Jan. 10, 2024.

If you have additional questions, please contact Rachel Keeney, WVDACH exhibits coordinator, at 304-558-0220 or Rachel.M.Keeney@wv.gov

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Region 8 PDC is updating the regional Hazard Mitigation Plan which identifies natural hazards that negatively impact the region like the horrible Election Day flood of 1985. Please take 5 minutes to complete the short survey and give us your thoughts on natural hazards within the region. There are no right or wrong answers and all responses are anonymous. Utilize the QR Code or link below to access the survey.



November 5, 1985 Election Day Flood

Public Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/Y26owJbFLpvbWiKF7>

Survey link is also included on the homepage of Region 8 PDC’s website: www.regioneight.org



Thank you for your participation!

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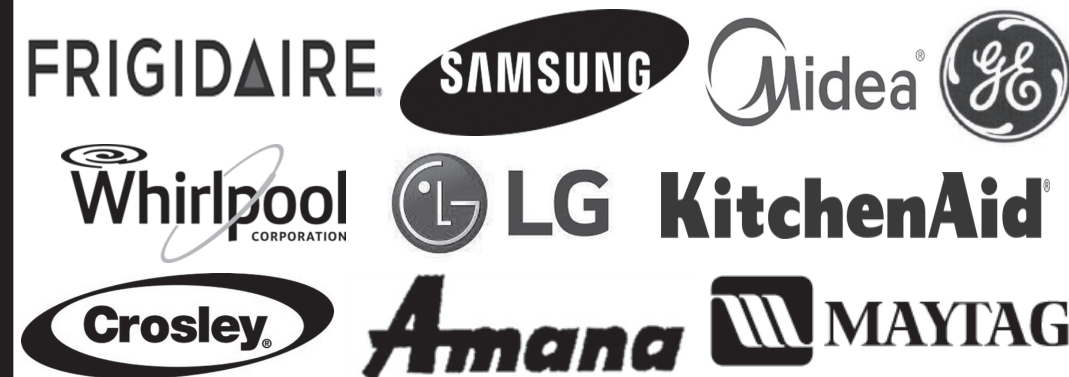
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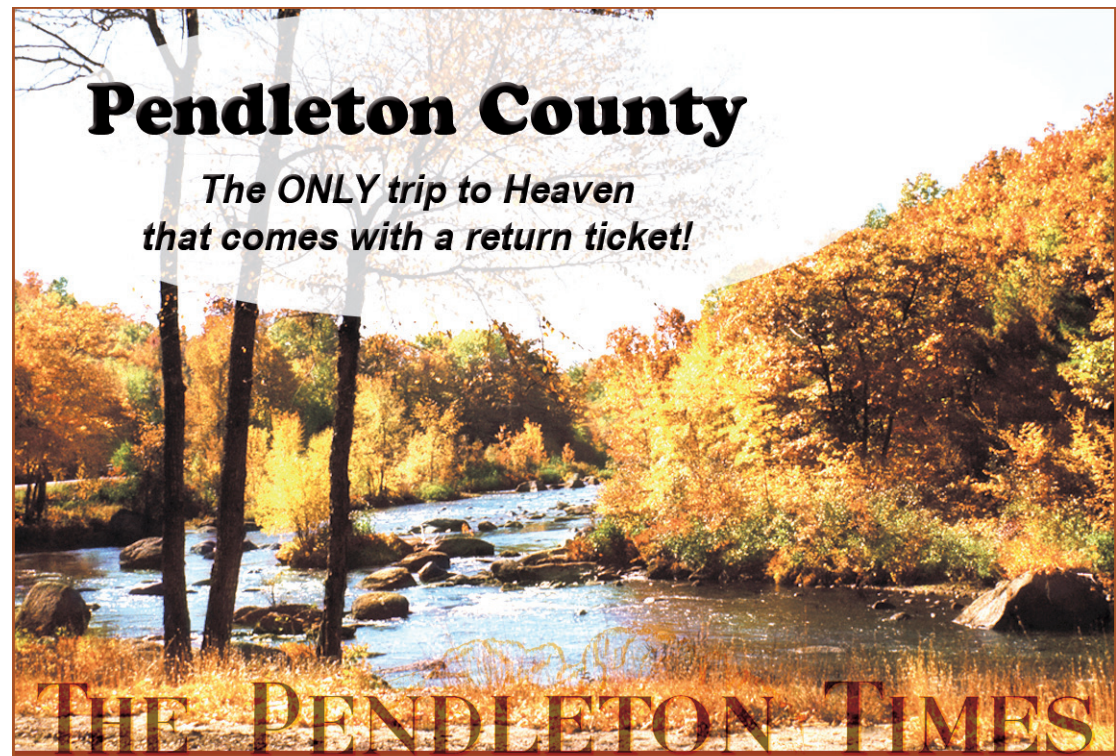
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30 Years Ago
Week of November 4, 1993

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**Roads Blocked
By Rail Fence
As Halloween Prank**

The most mischief that the writer can recall on Halloween that was done here was in the fifties at the top of the Capito Hill. The rail fence on both sides of the road was used to build two fences across the roadway. Two gates were taken off. The old school bus building was turned over in the road on its top and along the road bank a big chestnut log was rolled in the road, almost impossible to move. Hendren Propst moved it with his horses and dragged it home for wood. At Dahmer Gap, the Dry Run Road was blocked by building a rail fence across and using some big rocks, too. At Mill Lane (now Hanover Shoe), the road was blocked with bundles of corn fodder, stacked in the middle of the road.

SUGAR GROVE

**Giving Thanks
Preceded Pilgrims**

In the United States, we think of the Pilgrim's feast as the first Thanksgiving. Actually, the custom of giving thanks for harvests or other good fortune goes back thousands of years. One of the oldest known thanksgiving festivals goes back to the days before Christ. The Bible tells of the Hebrew Feast of the Tabernacles, or tents. For seven days in the fall, the Hebrews lived in tents made from boughs. The shelters were decorated with fruits, palm leaves and other branches. The people fasted and thanked God for the harvest. Actually, the holiday was more than a harvest festival. It was also in memory of the Hebrew's 40-year search for the Promised Land. During their wanderings in the desert, the Hebrews had also lived in tents or tabernacles. Today, good harvests have always been very important. They were even more important in early times when canning or freezing food was unknown. Then, when crops failed, starvation lay ahead. That is why a good harvest was a reason for celebration.

Week of November 11, 1993

**Local Artists
Help Decorate
White House
Christmas Tree**

Two Pendleton County artists are helping decorate the White House for the Christmas holidays. Creations of Janet Underwood and Alice Hartman, both of Franklin, will be admired by thousands of visitors to the White House this Christmas season. Mrs. Underwood, who has developed an extensive reputation for her artistry in quilt making, was asked by the White House to provide a quilted block representing West Virginia for the Christmas tree skirt.

Mrs. Underwood's contribution will be one of 50 blocks contributed by skilled artisans in each of the 50 states. Her block is an appliqued, multi-color map of West Virginia on a green velveteen background. Mrs. Hartman's contribution is a Victorian style Christmas tree ornament made of crazy quilt patchwork with elaborate embroidery work. Nancy Clarke, director of the White House Flower Shop, is in charge of the Christmas decorations. The decorations are for the Christmas tree in the Blue Room. The artists' works have been widely exhibited, including exhibitions at the Renwick Gallery, the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival at Williamsburg, the West Virginia Cultural Arts Center and Pendleton County's Treasure Mountain Festival.

SUGAR GROVE

In the New World, Indian tribes had Thanksgiving feasts. The Iroquois held celebrations for the spirits of the strawberry, raspberry, bean and corn. Their final celebration included thanks for all the crops and also prayers for the future harvests. Corn was the Indians' most important crop. Along the eastern seacoast, all the Indian tribes held a Green Corn Dance. This feast lasted several days. When the Pilgrims invited the Indians to their first harvest Thanksgiving, the redmen were not at all surprised. They, too, were used to celebrating harvest festivals!

40 Years Ago
Week of November 10, 1983

**Open House
Of Operating Rooms
Sunday**

There will be an Open House to show the operating rooms at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg, Va., Sunday, November 13, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited. Featured at the open house will be tours of the operating and fracture room, equipment and operating instruments and displays of pace-makers, eye surgery and ear surgery. "There will be something of interest for all ages, including children," commented Mrs. Lillian Hilbert, an R.N. and staff member of the operating room. In announcing the open house Mrs. Hilbert said, "We want to give people a better idea of what is involved with our operating rooms—like the equipment, our staff, and of course, the costs." Mrs. Hilbert noted that only half of the operating rooms will be on tour because of the need to be prepared for an emergency operation.

50 Years Ago
Week of November 8, 1973

**Leaves Give Landscape
Beautiful Fall Colors**

WHOSE WOODS ARE THESE . . .

(A Weekly column of Wilderness Lore by The Woodlands and Whitewater Institute Staff, Spruce Knob Mountain)

Autumn, in the yearly cycle of growth and life, is a time when things begin to slow down, a time when nature in an almost premeditated fashion prepares for a period of rest. But autumn is also a time when nature refurbishes her resources preparing for spring and rebirth. These preparations are clearly seen in both the plant and animal kingdom. In the fall of the year, trees and other woody perennials go through a series of very complex changes in order to enter a frost proof winter rest period. These winter alterations are necessary to insure that the sap will run again in the spring and that new life will surge into the forests. The shortening autumn days cause these changes, two of which are the dropping of seeds and the shedding of leaves. Both of these have beneficial effects necessary to the perpetuation of plant and animal life. Fallen leaves, while providing an insulating blanket for many plants and seeds during the winter are also going through a degradation process to form future top soil. Seeds produced by mature plants lay dormant during the cold winter months but if conditions are right, growth and active life begin in the spring.

The major theme in the animal world is hibernation. As was true with plants, this is a time of changes permitting the animals to survive the winter. Nut grubbing squirrels, chipmunks and field mice scamper about fat jowled, with cheek pouches and dens full of acorns and seeds enough to see them through the winter. Beaver go efficiently about the business of storing bark and tender branches of nearby birch, poplar and maple in the muddy pond bottoms close to their hutches. The larger mammals from skunks to the black bear accumulate as much fatty tissue as possible. This extra weight will provide warmth and energy to den up and weather the harsh winter. Hibernation is a period of rest but contained in the concept is the belief that activity and life will resume in the spring.

Autumn is a time of changes, a time when the old is divested in anticipation of the new. Fallen leaves whirl and eddy in the breeze, dislodged from the branches which held them aloft for almost a year. New leaves will grow on these same branches in the spring. Brown grass rustles against the trunks of ancient trees. Green grass will grow from the same roots. Fern fronds are found curled up close to the ground, brown and lifeless. With the first true warmth of spring these ferns will unfurl and meadow and forest alike will sport those green harbingers of warmer weather. Autumn is a time of maturity and decline but through this maturity and decline the groundwork for spring and rebirth is laid.

**W. Va. Marijuana Crop
Destroyed**

\$80 MILLION WORTH

"The estimated price of

marijuana which has been destroyed in West Virginia to date would exceed \$80 million on the street market," Agriculture Commissioner Gus R Douglass stated today.

When asked how marijuana originally came to being in West Virginia, Douglass explained that marijuana was originally planted in the state during World War I. The fibers from hemp or marijuana were used to make rope. Planting was discontinued after the war. "However," Douglass added, "uncontrollable spreading of marijuana had occurred since the original plantings. This resulted in vast acreages of marijuana growing primarily in the South Branch River Valley."

60 Years Ago
Week of November 14, 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.

**Sherman Joins Grant;
Plan Major Battle**

General William Tecumseh Sherman, the hard line Federal fighter who had helped win the Vicksburg campaign, came marching into the area of Chattanooga, Tenn., 100 years ago this week to help win a new campaign.

His arrival was enough to do that, too. For Sherman came at the head of four crack Federal divisions, veterans of Vicksburg. They had come all the way from Memphis and they arrived at a time when their strength spelled the difference between victory and defeat.

Sherman's men swelled the forces at Chattanooga under Gen. Ulysses S. Grant to 60,000. There was the Army of the Cumberland under George H. Thomas, the army that had been beaten at Chickamauga; there was the army of "Fighting Joe" Hooker which had come a-running from Virginia to Chattanooga; now there was Sherman's army of the Tennessee.

Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg once had had nearly 60,000 troops, too, but he had wasted fully a fourth of them. Before Sherman's arrival, Bragg had sent 15,000 men under James Longstreet to Knoxville to beat down a little Federal Army there. Now, Bragg found himself outnumbered 60,000 to 40,000.

Grant fully realized his advantage and hastened to capitalize on it. Sherman reported to Grant on November 15; Grant immediately explained his plans to Sherman and his other generals, and by next morning, Sherman's men were on march for battle.

Grant's plans were as follows: he would send Sherman around behind Chattanooga to the east where he could off Longstreet and be in position to strike Bragg's left at Missionary Ridge.

Hooker and his Easterners were to strike Bragg's right at

Lookout Mountain. Thomas' Army of the Cumberland was to hold the center, keeping pressure against Bragg while Thomas and Hooker advanced.

While Grant's men moved into attack formation, Longstreet was busy in his little campaign against Knoxville. Even as Sherman arrived at Chattanooga, Longstreet arrived at Loudon, Tenn., 90 miles to the north. There he crossed the Holston River and moved on the army of Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside.

Grant wired Burnside to "hold Longstreet in check," and Burnside acted accordingly. He withdrew slowly before Longstreet's advance, pulling back toward Knoxville.

On November 15, Longstreet caught up with a portion of Burnside's army at Campbell's Station, 15 miles south of Knoxville, and attacked. Burnside repulsed the attack long enough to get his army back to the city's defenses. Longstreet came on and began a siege of the city.

Time was passing—and that was what Grant wanted. It allowed him to organize one of the great battles of the Civil War.

Next week: Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

**Kennedy Signs Bill for
Project at Sugar Grove**

President Kennedy signed a bill last Friday authorizing \$1,642,253,380 for construction at 400 military bases in the United States during the current fiscal year which ends next June 30.

The measure includes \$3.8 million for construction of a radio installation for the Navy at Sugar Grove in Pendleton County.

**36 from County
Attending WVU**

Pendleton County ranks 37th among the state's 55 counties in the number of students attending West Virginia University this year. There are 36 students from Pendleton County as compared with 1,460 from Monongalia which is in first place. Total enrollment at the beginning of the fall term at WVU this year was 8,656.

70 Years Ago
Week of November 12, 1953

**Franklin Gets
TV Spotlight**

An NBC camera crew was in Franklin Tuesday filming scenes of the business section and the Pendleton Times to be used in the "Big Story" TV show of the two Washington boys who were rescued from Trout Rock Cave last February. The program will be telecast over a national hookup on NBC TV Friday, November 20, at 9 p.m.

The post office, court house, fire house, Main Street and the Pendleton Times were among the scenes filmed.

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**Smith Creek/
Friends Run**

by Dave Ellis

This is the weekend that traffic in the county picks up as deer hunters arrive. Monday morning will be the rush as the orange clothed hunters go into the woods. Good luck hunters. Be careful and think safety as one goes into the woods.

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, Reva Hartman, Mary Alice Simmons, Sandy Washburn, Larry Moyers, Sandra Vandevander and Woodrow Hartman; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Tristram Hartman, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Olin Hoover, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Pam Rexrode, Nancy George, Harry Allen Warner, Margaret Wimer, Sherman Bennett, Wendell Nelson, Donald Burns, Neal Eye, David Bowers, Vada Bible, Ruby Gail Roberson, Gary Hess, Ruth Bauer, Jeff Evick, Linda Maxwell Looney, Gloria Moats, the family of Harry Allen Warner and the family of "Babe" Roberson.

Prayer thought: "Dear Father, help me gather my strength from you as I face what's ahead in my life today. We can gather up God's strength for what we're facing."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Nov. 6 through Nov. 12, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Nov. 6 - 65°, 31° (73°, 40°, .15"); Nov. 7 - 71°, 48° (69°, 45°); Nov. 8 - 74°, 39° (52°, 29°); Nov. 9 - 73°, 43°, .09" (62°, 28°); Nov. 10 - 43°, 34°, .83" (64°, 37°); Nov. 11 - 54°, 28° (56°, 52°, 2.59") and Nov. 12 - 52°, 29° (58°, 43°, .01").

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Mt. Olive Church History Shared

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Does anyone recall the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church which was once located about eight miles south of Franklin on U.S. Rt. 220? The church deed for 5/8 acres was given on April 27, 1908, by Henry Judy, Solomon Howard Rexrode and Floyd Rexrode to the church trustees (Howard Rexrode, George D. Hammer, Kenna Judy, Kenna Simmons and Floyd Rexrode) for the church to be erected there. This church needed to be erected within a two-year period, otherwise the land would revert back to the granters.

A Professor Spielman of Tennessee gave the Mt. Olive name to the church which was dedicated Nov. 6, 1908. He gave the dedicatory service. Families attending this church were Moyers, Rexrode, Judy, and Hammer. Rev. Kuhlman officiated at the wedding for Paul Rexrode and Virginia Judy. The Mt. Olive Cemetery, presently owned by Barbara Rexrode Dolbec, has the following members buried there: Catherine Eye, Bessie Fleisher, George, Henry, Ida, Rachel and Valeria Hammer, Hannah and Harvey Hoover, Henry, Myra, and Sarah Judy and Mattie Propst.

Records of Rev. Kuhlman state that Henry Dice Hammer was buried in the cemetery on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1939. Harry Lee Knicy II was baptized Oct. 23, 1939. The Lutheran Standard subscriptions were for Phoebe Rexrode, Mrs. Floyd Rexrode, Hugh Moyers, Lizzie Judy, and Kenna Simmons.

In February 1940, the following church officers were voted: Leslie Moyers and Ray Eye, (joint vestry), Leslie Moyers (elder), T. Floyd Rexrode and Kenna Simmons (deacons) and Ray Eye (secretary/treasurer).

Mt. Olive seeded to be the logical successor of the old "Judy Church" which was located very near this location. The age of the church is unknown. Remnants of this church were visible until about 1945.

Pastors having served this congregation were Abraham Reck, John P. Daggy, George Henry Reimenschneider,



Friends Run Church of the Brethren

and Orville Lueck. The congregation then moved to Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin, following its closure in 1950. The church was then disassembled with pieces numbered so that they could be reassembled correctly to become the Friends Run Church of the Brethren. This church holds a sizeable congregation and is situated on U.S. Rt. 33 west.

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Use the right tools.
2. Set reasonable guidelines.
3. Give hugs.
4. Laugh often.
5. Avoid clutter.

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

- Horseradish was once thought to be a cure for baldness.
- A newborn blue whale gains about 200 pounds a day.
- American Indian folklore held that water lilies were fallen stars.

- There are 5,000 different kinds of ants.
- Gloves were once worn as a social rank.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Learn to say no; it will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin." — Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"The greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together." — Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

"Service is the rent we pay for our room on earth." — Unknown

"A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world." — Bendixline

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Bob Adamson, Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Lynn Beatty, "Bo" Boggs, Boyd Kimble, Kim Kline, Marie Cole, Jeff Craig, Norma Propst Cunningham, Christian Dasher, the family of Ina Jean Evick, Bethany Eye, Isaac Eye, Marie 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 and Enos 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, Bruce Minor, 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, Sheldon Propst, Mary Puffenbarger, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Phyllis Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Robbie Sites, Connie Sulser, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Evelyn Varner, Amy Vaus, Sheldon Waggy, Judy Williams, Ann Wimer, Junior Wimer, Margaret Wimer, Dana Yokum and the Israeli nation.

BES Honor Roll Announced

Ryan Lambert, principal at Brandywine Elementary School, has released the following honor roll for the first nine-weeks grading period.

Principal's Honor Roll

First grade — Wyatt Calhoun, Lucas Cruz, Wyatt Hevener, Annabelle Lockner, Geneva Mongold, Romeo Perez, Alani Shockey, Benjamin Weaver, Jacob Wheeler and Cooper Williams;
Second grade — Hunter Bowers, Carson Mitchell, Vencen Rawson and Bethany Teagarden;

Third grade — Thomas Connor, Vianca Henderson, Aubrey Pitsenbarger, Trevor Redmond and Elizabeth Wheeler;

Fourth grade — Harley Bowers, Harper Marsh, Macie Mitchell and Addison Williams; and

Fifth grade — Landon Bowers, Owen Champ and Ava Davis.

A-B Honor Roll

First grade — Skylar Hottle, Lukas Kiser, Hunter Marston and Colton Turner;

Second grade — Nakiyah Perez, Chloe Simmons and Brody Whitlock;

Third grade — Logan Bowman, Adalynn Brown, Grayson Gilbert, Piper Hanna, Kendalyn Hoover-Bartley, Treyvin Puffenbarger and Bentley Schell;

Fourth grade — Michelina Browder, Bryce Kimble and Corina Simmons;

Fifth grade — Kinsley Johnston, Austin Ruddle and Levi Wimer; and

Sixth grade — Anthony Bowman, Cayden Hensley, Bailey Hough, Noah Kobetic, Ellie Redmond and Kynleigh Sponaugle.

NFES Students Earn Academic Recognition

North Fork Elementary School has announced the honor roll and attendance for the first nine-weeks grading period.

A Honor Roll

First grade — Allison Nelson, Benson Harper, Marley Kimble, Makenna Bell, Delaney Thompson, Gaige Eye, Hunter Kimble, Lyndi Clements and Nathalie Carroll;

Second grade — Karlee Arbaugh, Oliver Cook, Jace Ours, Vera Selmon, Kinsley Shane and Jaden Warner;

Third grade — Haley Warner, Darek Greathouse, Andelyn Vance, Ariat Ewald, Noah Jo Nededog and CJ Carroll;

Fourth grade — Declan Shane and Sadie Wimer;

Fifth grade — Skye Dahmer and Elaina Raines; and

Sixth grade — Mackenzie Day, Alayna Huffman, Azalea Waddell, Jacob Thompson and Kinley Bennett.

A/B Honor Roll

First grade — Braxton Barkley, Israel Martin, Oakley Dahmer, Ellie Huffman, Aniah Hedrick, Nicholas Jameson and Easton Johnson;

Second grade — Leland Dove, Jayson Jameson, Kaden Kimble, Hannah Sponaugle and Layla Warner;

Third grade — Eli Nelson, Taylor Arbaugh and Brooklyn Vint;

Fourth grade — Dakota Vandevander;

Fifth grade — Jakob Dove, Tori Heavner, Addy Huffman, Ally Jameson, Avery Kile, Callen Kisamore, Nolin Nededog and Liam Nelson; and

Sixth grade — Ava Sherman, Ty Johnson, Miley Kimble and Kathryn Raines.

Perfect Attendance

First grade — Benson Harper, Ellie Huffman, Makenna Bell and Hurikane Thompson;

Second grade — Hannah Sponaugle and Braylon Warner;

Third grade — Andelyn Vance;

Fourth grade — Dakota Vandevander, Tommy Waybright and Sadie Wimer;

Fifth grade — Addy Huffman, Callen Kisamore, Elaina Raines and Chelsea Hedrick; and

Sixth grade — Kathryn Raines.

Faithful Attendance

Kindergarten — Waylonn Bell, Cambrie Ours and Jayden Swain;

First grade — Braxton Barkley, Allison Nelson, Oakley Dahmer, Mason Simmons, Aniah Hedrick, Nicholas Jameson, Delaney Thompson, Easton Johnson, Gaige Eye and Nathalie Carroll;

Second grade — Karlee Arbaugh, Leland Dove, Jayson Jameson, Kaden Kimble, Jace Ours, Vera Selmon, Jaden Warner and Gavin Watring;

Third grade — Brooklyn Vint, Haley Warner, Eli Nelson, Ariat Ewald, Noah Jo Nededog, Taylor Arbaugh and CJ Carroll;

Fourth grade — Levi Arbaugh, Emilee Morris-Hedrick, Declan Shane, Kimberly Sponaugle and Keaton Swick;

Fifth grade — Chloe Barkley, Skye Dahmer, Jakob Dove, Nick Harper, Tori Heavner and Ally Jameson; and

Sixth grade — Ava Sherman, Kyley Hedrick, Mackenzie Day, Alyana Huffman, Aubree Simmons, Miley Kimble, Azalea Waddell and Jacob Thompson.

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Pendleton County Makes State Tournament History, Shocks Number One Seed Buffalo-Putnam



The Pendleton County Wildcats clawed their way past stampeding #1 seed Buffalo, but exited in the second round.

By Stephen Smoot

As veteran broadcaster Chris Berman used to say about upsets by the lowest seeded team of the highest, "it's why they play the game."

Buffalo came into the opening round against Pendleton County with a staggering 42 wins and had no regular season losses since Oct. 12. They shared two opponents with the Wildcats - Frankfort and North Marion. Both schools won two sets to none against those teams.

The Bison advanced to the state title game last year, while the Wildcats fell in the first round to the Bisons. Neither would see the same results in 2023.

Pendleton County and Buffalo played the second game of the day on the single A court, after watching East Hardy fall to Ritchie County three sets to one. Carolyn Varner opened the game by serving an ace, also serving notice that the Wildcats chose to not put much stock in tournament seedings.

Gabby DePue followed up with a block and the Bison hit two balls out of bounds to give the Wildcats an early 4 to 0 lead. Buffalo cut the lead in half, but another DePue block and a tip by Baylee Beachler helped to give their team a 7 to 2 lead.

Sensing trouble, Buffalo quickly called time out.

Throughout the first set, Buffalo tried to push back into the game. Pendleton County continued to hold them at arms' length. Blocks by DePue and Kate Hedrick, followed by a Beachler ace, put the lead at seven and threatened to blow the game wide open, but Buffalo stubbornly inched back.

They came within two, with the Wildcat lead at 16 to 14. Head coach Rod Cooper called a timeout. Beachler scored a spike, followed by a Lizzie Alt ace to push the lead back to four. Late in the set, Alyssa Bennett gave her team a 23 to 19 lead with a spike, then Buffalo committed two errors, allowing the first crucial set to go to the Wildcats.

Both crowds stayed active and raucous the entire time. The

Bisons brought several rows worth of students while the Wildcats enjoyed support from students and parents.

In the second set, the Wildcats took the initial point with a spike by Alt. Varner followed with an ace. Buffalo quickly knotted the game at two, then forged a 5 to 3 lead. Hedrick made two key plays at the net to tie the game at seven. Buffalo earned a point, then a Bennett spike tied it again.

The Wildcats took a slender lead, but could not put distance between themselves and the Bison. Late in the set, Buffalo took the lead with precise serving, opening up a four point lead, then winning the set by five.

In the third set, Buffalo seized the momentum early, taking a 2 to 0 lead. Beachler scored on two spikes and an ace to tie the game at three. Shortly after, Hedrick made a block at the net to take a 5 to 4 lead.

The Bison tied the game at eight, then saw the Wildcats surge ahead with a five to nothing run. Shortly after, a Varner ace to the back line gave her team a six point advantage. Buffalo quickly closed within two, but a DePue hit to the back line, followed by a Hedrick block widened the comfort zone for the Wildcats.

Late in the set, Alt smashed a spike to the back line for a 23 to 18 lead. A Beachler tap gave the Wildcats the set win at 25 to 19.

In the fourth set, Pendleton County scored first, but the Bison showed why they were the number one seed. Though the Wildcats took a 4 to 2 lead, the Bison stampeded back and opened a 12 to 6 advantage.

Pendleton County players sacrificed themselves the whole game. Allie Cooper, Emma Hartman, and Breena Bowers patrolled the back line relentlessly, diving when needed. Cooper dove late in the game and hit the ground hard, but bounced up, shook off the pain, and played as if it never happened.

The back line players kill the spikes and shots fired hard at them. They keep volleys alive to set up the big spectacular plays on the front line. Just as a quarterback and running back need

the guys working hard up front, volleyball players at the net rely on the hustle of those fighting for every ball behind.

Later, the Wildcats clawed back within one as Varner set up a vicious Beachler spike to put the score at 15 to 14, Bison lead. They continued to build the lead and won the set by seven.

This set up the decisive fifth contest. With all other second round games completed, the dueling chants of Wildcat and Bison fans reverberated throughout the Charleston Civic Center Coliseum.

Carl Holcomb, Moorefield Examiner sports editor, stayed around after the East Hardy loss and even donned Pendleton County colors in a show of South Branch solidarity, cheering alongside the Wildcat faithful.

"Last year, we were just happy to be here," Coach Cooper explained later in the day. This year, he said, "the girls knew why we were here. They came with a purpose."

They showed that purpose in set number five

Varner led off with an ace, followed by a Beachler shot to the back line. The two point lead soon turned into a 4 to 2 deficit, but the Wildcats kept their claws out. Two Buffalo errors tied the game at four.

Pendleton County took the lead as two back line players dove and popped the ball up, leading to a well-placed Alt hit to the middle and a score. Hedrick followed with two blocks to set the lead at eight to five.

Buffalo called time out, seeing their season slipping away. They tried to right their ship, coming back within one, but DePue fired a spike off the outstretched hands of a defender.

Buffalo scored again to set the game at 9 to 8. They then committed an error, followed by a timely ace from Bowers to put the score at 11 to 8. Varner then set up a powerful Hedrick spike. Cooper took the serve.

A Varner set of a Beachler spike put the score at 14 to 11 and a Buffalo error ended the set, the game, and the Bison's season.

Ritchie County Rebels End Wildcats' Historic State Tournament Run

By Stephen Smoot

Before Pendleton County's long and epic struggle to knock off Buffalo, the Ritchie County Rebels posted a somewhat less grueling victory over season long Wildcat nemesis East Hardy. The Little Kanawha Conference representatives brought a team laden with experience, including four juniors and four seniors.

While Pendleton County mirrors East Hardy in many ways, Ritchie County relied on a solid, if not spectacular approach. They keep plays alive, hit spots precisely and rarely seem to make mistakes.

The Wildcats gave up the first score in the opening set, but established a strong early lead. Kate Hedrick scored on two big plays at the net, followed by a Baylee Beachler spike to give the Wildcats their widest lead of both the set and the game at 8 to 3.

Ritchie County gradually ground away at the lead. They came within 15 to 13, but Beachler and Gabby DePue combined on a block, followed by a big play by Alyssa Bennett at the net. A four to one Rebel run tied the game, but DePue edged the Wildcats ahead with a hit to the middle.

The Rebels shortly thereafter took the lead, with Lizzie Alt tying it at 20, but Ritchie County scored the rest to take the first set.

Pendleton County continued to battle. In the second set, an ace from Varner, combined with plays by Hedrick, DePue, and Beachler, established a 5 to 3 lead. Once again, the machinelike Rebels went to work, going on a six to nothing run.

They pushed out to a 16 to 10 lead. An Alt ace brought the Wildcats within two at 20 to 18, but the Rebels took the set, 25 to 19.

Ritchie County ran an effective maneuver of spiking the ball diagonally cross court to the middle of the far sideline. Though difficult to execute precisely, they hit their spots accurately and rarely fired the ball out of bounds. No team had performed this against the Wildcats this year. Plus, the experience of the Rebels



Gabby DePue and Baylee Beachler rise to block a play at the net by the Rebels.

showed in their efficiency and nearly mistake-free play.

Regardless of all of that, regardless of seeing themselves down two sets to none and regardless of the mental and physical exhaustion, Pendleton County showed their mettle in set number three.

Ritchie County opened up a wide 12 to 6 lead quickly. The Wildcats and Rebels then traded scores for a time until Ritchie County enjoyed a 16 to 9 advantage.

Then DePue spiked a ball, followed by a Hedrick block. Beachler fired two straight aces. Suddenly, the Rebels found themselves reeling and called a time out up 16 to 13.

Pendleton County kept coming, unwilling to concede. Breena Bowers' accurate and powerful serves helped her team to close the gap to one. The Rebels scored two to extend the lead to 20 to 17. Alt then tapped the ball to the middle, followed by a Rebel error to set the score at 20 to 19.

A Varner set of a Beachler shot later closed the score to 24 to 21, but the Rebels prevailed on the next play.

Though the team did not accomplish all they wished, they did score a major coup over a powerful opponent. Assistant Coach Madison Day praised the team's leaders and how they impacted the younger players who had never experienced a Charleston playoff atmosphere. "The returners did a good job of keeping our newbies contained," she noted.

The "newbies" contributed mightily to the big win. Carolyn Varner, Bowers, Bennett, and Emma Hartman gave their team reliable play through serves, plays at the net, and holding down the back line. Nerves showed at times, but they rebounded, adjusted, and performed admirably.

Alt and Beachler gave possibly their best games of the year. They played both the back and front lines almost flawlessly, channeling their aggressive styles effectively.

Of the three seniors, Hedrick, DePue, and Allie Cooper, Coach Rod Cooper said, "It will be hard to replace them. They're great girls. They bring a lot to the table."

Cooper remained relentless in playing the back line and playing exceptional defense. DePue and Hedrick showed a knack through the entire post season of making big plays to stop scoring runs by opponents. "We will have to work hard through the spring and summer to fill their shoes," their coach praised.

With the pieces coming back, Wildcat volleyball gives the area a lot to get excited about in 2024.

NFES Veteran's Day Program

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and more, honoring both military veterans and also America.

Students started filing in around 1:20 p.m. for the 1:30 p.m. event. Most wore patriotic colors on their clothing. One young lady wore a red T-shirt that read "America is awesome" while a preschool aged boy sported a smart red, white, and blue sequined derby style hat that perfectly matched the sentiment of the day.

Lisa Roberson, principal of North Fork Elementary School, opened the event, saying, "Thank you all so much for coming. We are excited to have so many with us."

She then introduced the special veteran guests. These were Bob Hoops - Navy, Jack Bowers - Navy, Nancy Kimble - Navy, Roger Walters - Army, Anthony Lambert - Army, Dick Vance - Army, Charlie Teter - Army, John Lambert - Army, Tom Faust - Air Force, Pete Keplinger - Army, Don Johnson, Jr. - Army, Roger Crocker - Navy, Shawn Turner - Army, John "Wade" Sites - Army, Jimmy "Chief" Warner - Army, Gene McConnell - Air Force, Morris Ruddle - Army and Dr. King Seegar - Army.

Sixth graders then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by students singing patriotic songs under the direction of

Katelyn Gatian, the music teacher. Fourth- and fifth-grade students sang "America the Beautiful," followed by first graders performing "Thank You, Veterans."

That song included lyrics such as "if you love your country, thank a vet. If you cherish freedom, thank a vet."

When each child sang "thank a vet," their right hand went to their foreheads in salute.

Next, sixth grader Alayna Huffman read her essay called "How Can We Honor Our Veterans?" Huffman said that "you have to be pretty brave to be a veteran" and to "thank them, pray for them . . . do something to make their day."

She concluded with "we owe them a lot."

After Huffman finished, the second and third graders joyfully and boisterously belted out "Grand Old Flag." Their voices carried over the sound of a sudden rainstorm pelting the roof of the gym.

NFES students last year helped to fund playground equipment by running a fundraiser called "Change for a Cause." This year, they decided to use it to support the local veterans' charity Mountain Cajun Getaway. This organization provides paid excursions for veterans and their families to disconnect from the outside world

and reconnect with themselves and each other.

Each grade competed to raise the most money. The fifth grade won, tallying \$1,031.20, as shown on the traditional giant check. Their prize was to share pie and coffee with the invited veterans and listen to their stories and wisdom."

Rhiannon Phares accepted the donation on behalf of Chris and Melissa Grimes, who run Mountain Cajun Getaways. "This gift is truly amazing and appreciated," she said. She added that the Grimeses will be working with the fourth grade in conducting a maple study.

The last part of the musical ensemble saw every child waving a flag, singing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA." Their voices rose even more when they sang "I'm proud to be an American"

The day ended with each class giving gifts to the veterans. Preschoolers fashioned "Army men" out of construction paper, complete with camouflage fatigues, helmet, and small flags. Other grades made Veterans' Day cards and thank you signs.

As the children filed out to "America the Beautiful," veterans and their families stayed behind to talk and take in the patriotic moment provided by the leaders of tomorrow and their teachers.

FES Students Earn Academic Recognition

The faculty at Franklin Elementary School has released the following honor rolls, citizenship awards and top five Accelerated Readers for the first nine-weeks grading period.

A Honor Roll

1A (Ruddle) — Anasen Bishop, Trenton Bowers, Aubreigh Brooks, Payton Demers, Emma Humphrey, Kinley Minor, Jase Mitters, Braylee Propst and Maci Raines;

1B (Nicely) — Solomyn Bowers, Charles Caplinger, Charli Hiatt, Eve Hott, Paisley Hott, Bryer Moyers, Charlize Piel, Evealynn Severance, Jonah Seymour, Kylan Shriver, Ciara Smith, Madelyn Trenton and Cash Varner;

2A (Mowery) — Madison Borrer, Abigail Cayton, Sloane Donnelly, Madison Mongold and Nathanael Vincell;

2B (George) — Keylan Bailey, Brinleigh Bishop, Lola Brooks, Mia Dudley, Madalyn Griffin, Hunter Hedrick, Urban Jones, Ariel Martin, Mason Mowery, Maddie Grace Nesselrodt, Emmett Sisson, Rylan Stager and Colton Whetzel;

3A (Kimble) — Gracie Hedrick, Landon Mallow, Sunny Milstead, Eowyn Propst, Ava Rose and Adalynn Severance;

3B (Dove) — Lukas Baldwin, Sydney Demers, Greyson Eckard, Sicily Flanigan, Stella Halterman, Dallis Hull, Luke Kimble, Adelynn Miller, Jaedynn Severance and Zaidex Somerville;

4A (Griffin) — Bristol Bowers, Ella Dudley, Riley Hawk, Wyatt Hott and Connor Raines;

4B (Eye) — Tinley Basagic, Raelynn Bergdoll, Olivia Caplinger, Bella Kimble, Gracelyn Mongold and Deken Somerville;

5A (Triplet) — Braxton Beachler, Kamden Hawk, Cambri Hiatt, Breyman Keesecker, Chevelle Noble, Roscoe Pownell and Marion Williams;

5B (Plaugher) — Carlee Alt, Sadie Armentrout, Eli Boyer, Alaina Hedrick, Madison Kirk, Leigha Maxson, Tucker Minor, Emma Nesselrodt and Acie Tilley;

6A (Shreve) — Cali Alt, Allison Barbour, Vaylee Harper, Daisy Hartman, Parker Hedrick, Tegan Johnson, Maiya Mongold, Lacey Mullens, Carmella Paugh, Chase Rohrbach, Journey Rowe, Lainey

Simmons, Branson Smith, Aniyah Spencer and Lori Wehrle; and

6B — Beckett Aumann, Weston Boyer, Kya Brogan, Bella Eye, Kallie Keyser, Alivia Smith, Josie Verdoni, Aiden Whetzel and Makynna Whetzel.

AB Honor Roll

1A (Ruddle) — Hendrix Bogan and Jameson Scritchfield;

1B (Nicely) — Kane Gill, Lane Nesselrodt and Bryson Rexrode;

2A (Mowery) — Everly Bowers, Dani Hoover, Kaci Keller, Rosalyn Nesselrodt and Ryan Thompson;

2B (George) — Jaycee Jameson and Leah Wheeler;

3A (Kimble) — Chase Bennett, Krislee Hammer, Vince Herb, Charlotte Kimble and Leah Puffenbarger;

3B (Dove) — Hunter Price;

4A (Griffin) — Greyson Alt, Julian Jackson, Bentley McLane, Destiny Michael and Brynleigh Ruddle;

4B (Eye) — Russell Eckard, Hyrum Hartman, Brantley Hess, Clair Kimble and Brantley Propst;

5A (Triplet) — Cambree Alt, Blayke Bennett, Emily Boggs, Kenden Champ, Adalycia Davis, Wyatt Haynes and Addison Shreve;

5B (Plaugher) — Alexis Hedrick, Garrett Lambert, Cooper Roberson, Cambria VanMeter, Cayli VanMeter and Bentley Wimer;

6A (Shreve) — Shane Lamaster, Cheyenne McLane, Cole Puffenbarger, Jayden Rexrode and Jace Shreve; and

6B — Jada Alt, Kolton Bland, Greyson Bogs, Carly Braham, Eulaila Dahmer, Paige Errington, Jordyn Ferris, Remington George, Michael Haynes and Hannah Heavner.

Citizenship

KA (Flanigan) — Ellanore Hoover and Macie Kirk;

KB (Edwards) — Silas Flanigan and Richard Spillers-Auville;

1A (Ruddle) — Alastor Propst;

1B (Nicely) — Charles Caplinger and Charli Hiatt;

2A (Mowery) — Sloane Donnelly and Madison Mongold;

2B (George) — Mia Dudley and Kylie Raymond;

3A (Kimble) — Leah Puffenbarger;

3B (Dove) — Stella Halterman and Remington Kimble;

4A (Griffin) — Ella Dudley and Vincent Haynes;

4B (Eye) — Tinley Basagic and Connor Judy;

5A (Triplet) — Kamden Hawk and Cambri Hiatt;

5B (Plaugher) — Sadie Ar-

mentrout and Garrett Lambert;

6A (Shreve) — Daisy Hartman and Branson Smith; and

6B — Weston Boyer and Kallie Keyser.

Top 5 Accelerated Readers

KA (Flanigan) — Silas Kain (4 points), MaKinley Simon (3.1 points) and Ellanore Hoover (2.1 points);

1A (Ruddle) — Jase Mitters (38.99 points), Emma Humphrey (24.9 points), Kinley Minor (23.5 points), Braylee Propst (22.59 points) and Maci Raines (16.8 points);

1B (Nicely) — Paisley Hott (46.5 points), Eve Hott (41.1 points), Cash Varner (32.3 points), Madelyn Trenton (28.7 points) and Charles Caplinger (27.3 points);

2A (Mowery) — Abigail Cayton (35.4 points), Nathanael Vincell (24 points), Mattox Ayala (20.2 points), Sloane Donnelly (18.1 points) and Rosalyn Nesselrodt (16.8 points);

2B (George) — Maddie Grace Nesselrodt (33.6 points), Lola Brooks (32.4 points), Brinleigh Bishop (22.9 points), Colton Whetzel (19.6 points) and Madalyn Griffin (19.1 points);

3A (Kimble) — Sunny Milstead (70.4 points), Gracie Hedrick (21.6 points), Adalynn Severance (15.9 points), Eowyn Propst (12.6 points) and Ava Rose (12.1 points);

3B (Dove) — Sydney Demers (35.9 points), Dallis Hull (31.5 points), Sicily Flanigan (25 points), Luke Kimble (23.5 points) and Zaidex Somerville (23.2 points);

4A (Griffin) — Wyatt Hott (24.4 points), Bristol Bowers (18.3 points), Riley Hawk (16.6 points), Destiny Michael (15.5 points) and Vincent Haynes (15.1 points);

4B (Eye) — Deken Somerville (85.6 points), Olivia Caplinger (29.6 points), Raelynn Bergdoll (20.9 points), Bella Kimble (16.7 points) and Brantley Hess (14.9 points);

5A (Triplet) — Cambri Hiatt (59.9 points), Braxton Beachler (18.5 points) and Breyman Keesecker (16.5 points);

5B (Plaugher) — Eli Boyer (65.3 points), Alaina Hedrick (35.5 points), Cambria VanMeter (28.7 points) and Emma Nesselrodt (19.1 points);

6A (Shreve) — Lainey Simmons (170.3 points), Lori Wehrle (61.2 points), Vaylee Harper (31.7 points), Journey Rowe (14.7 points) and Branson Smith (14.4 points); and

6B — Weston Boyer (88 points), Aiden Whetzel (85 points), Bella Eye (21 points), Jordyn Ferris (10 points) and Kallie Keyser (9.5 points).

Brush Fire in South Fork Area

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units. By 3:50 p.m., the forest service relieved all non-federal personnel and their incident command officials assumed control.

By Thursday, forest service officials reported that the fire had burned 900 acres and firefighters had contained 10 percent of it. According to Stephanie Chapman from the U.S. Forest Service "approximately 70 firefighters and support staff, including two 20-person crews and two dozers," and other equipment, including "a large helicopter with bucket" worked to fight the blaze. Pendleton County Emergency Management and

South Fork Volunteer Fire Company remained present in a cooperator role.


By Sunday, the forest service reported 100 percent containment with federal fire crews coming from Colorado, California, Oregon, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Crews surrounded the 1,000 plus acre fire with a 30-foot perimeter line constructed with dozers "and hand crews," according to Gillespie.

On the same day that the Heavener Mountain fire broke out, West Virginia Metro News reported that "the West Virginia Division of Forestry is battling more than 80 fires across

the state." One of the more serious, the Steep Valley Fire within the New River Gorge National Park, had burned nearly 2,000 acres.

Kanawha County alone had three separate fires that each burned 2,000 or more acres. State Forester Charlie Spencer told Metro News Talkline that "a lot of these 2,000-acre fires, we've got anywhere from three to six people working on it. You go over to Virginia when they have a 1,000-acre fire, they've got 100 people working on it. It's just a difference in resources."

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.



Annual
Hunter's Dinner
Sunday, November 19
5 p.m.
Totten Chapel United Methodist Church
Black Thorn Road in Moyers
Freewill Donation

BUCKWHEAT/PANCAKE DINNER
Friday, November 17 • 4 - 7 p.m.
Franklin Ruritan Building
 Buckwheat Cakes, Pancakes
Sausage and Sausage Gravy
Eat In or Take Out!
Freewill Donations



South Fork Rescue Squad
Ham/Turkey Dinner
Saturday, Nov. 18 • 4 p.m. - ?
South Fork Rescue Squad Building
Sugar Grove
Adults - \$12 — Children (5-12) - \$6
Under 5 - FREE
Raffle Drawing after Dinner

Upper Tract VFD Auxiliary's Annual
Hunter's Meal
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with all the fixings and dessert
Saturday, Nov. 18 • 4 p.m. - ?
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South Fork Ruritan Club
HUNTERS DINNER
Monday, Nov. 20 5 - 7 p.m.
South Fork Ruritan Building, Oak Flat
Menu:
BBQ Beef or BBQ Pork Sandwiches
Macroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,
Assorted Desserts and Drinks
Adults - \$12.00
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Sunday, November 19
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THANKSGIVING DINNER
Sunday,
November
19
11 a.m. - ?
Clinton Hedrick
Community Building
Riverton
Baked Ham or Turkey
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Green Beans, Salad
Homemade Bread
Lots of Desserts, Coffee or Tea
Adults - \$12; Children - \$6
Meal Sponsored by High Rock Church
Carryouts Available

Buck, Pennington, George Named Grand Jury Indictments

PCH/MS Students of the Month

Jacob Buck, Colton Pennington and Susan George have been named outstanding students of the month for September at Pendleton County High/Middle School. Buck is the September Academic Student of the Month. He is the son of Toniue Dyer and Joseph Buck, Jr. He is a member of the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department and Wayside Baptist Church. He is taking many honors classes

that include AP Anatomy, Trigonometry/Precalculus, and College English 101 and 102. He plans to attend Potomac State to study law. The James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month for September is Colton Pennington of Circleville. He is an active member of FFA, where he has earned his Greenhand and Chapter degrees. He plans to finish his pilot license and become a helicop-

ter tree saw pilot. He is the son of Christina Arbaugh and Rusty Pennington. The Pendleton County Middle School Student of the Month is Susan George. She is an eighth-grade student and is the daughter of Anna Pence of Brandywine. She is a member of the PCMS Penny Club, and her hobbies include art and playing basketball. She hopes to become an artist in her future.



PCH/MS September students of the month are, from left, Colton Pennington, Jacob Buck and Susan George.

Summit Reports Third Quarter Earnings

Summit Financial Group, Inc. has reported financial results for the third quarter of 2023, highlighting robust core operating performance marked by continued notable strength in its net interest margin. The company's continued success underscores its position as an exceptional community bank, reflecting a sound strategy and solid operational execution. The company, which serves commercial and individual clients across West Virginia, the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, Virginia, Kentucky, the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware through Summit Community Bank, Inc., reported net income applicable to common shares of \$16.1 million, or \$1.09 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2023, as compared to \$7.98 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2023 and \$14.2 million, or \$1.11 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2022. Higher earnings in quarter three 2023 were driven primarily by lower

provision for credit losses and acquisition-related expenses compared to second quarter 2023 as quarter two included significant acquisition-related expenses attributable to the acquisition of PSB Holding Corp. and its bank subsidiary, Provident State Bank, Inc. ("PSB") and higher provision for credit losses recorded on purchased non-credit deteriorated ("non-PCD") loans from PSB and on a nonperforming commercial real estate participation loan. "We are extremely encouraged by our achievements in the third quarter of 2023, as our strategic initiatives have continued to bear fruit in several critical areas," stated H. Charles Maddy III, president and chief executive officer of Summit Financial Group. "Our core operational performance was robust, demonstrated by favorable net interest margin and a marked growth in our core deposits, reflecting the strong confidence our customers place in us." Maddy continued, "A piv-

otal highlight of this quarter was the announcement of our merger of peers with Burke & Herbert Financial Services Corp. (Burke & Herbert) headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, a renowned financial institution located in one of the best banking markets in the United States. This significant step forward is not just a growth strategy but a commitment to expanding our service excellence and community impact. We anticipate this consolidation to be a cornerstone event in our history, positioning us for substantial opportunities in 2024 and beyond." He concluded, "Looking ahead as we edge closer to the culmination of our two strategic merger with Burke & Herbert, we remain committed to enhancing shareholder value, driven by our foundational strengths and synergistic growth plans. With our dedicated team, resilient strategies and community trust, we are optimistic and geared up for the opportunities and challenges ahead."

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The second and third counts allege "Wanton Endangerment Involving a Firearm, a Felony." According to the indictment, he "did unlawfully and feloniously and wantonly perform an act with a firearm which created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to another person . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

In the fourth count, it is alleged that Locastro committed "Destruction of property, a Misdemeanor." It says he "did unlawfully destroy, injure, or deface property, real or personal, that was not their own, to wit: a kitchen door and garage door . . . having a value of less than \$2,500, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

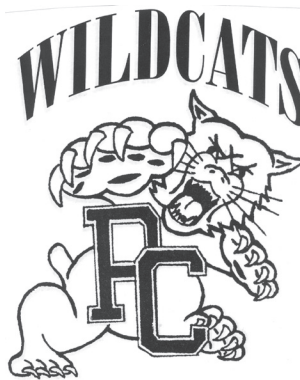
Grand jurors indicted Marilyn Elizabeth Propst Seay on one count of "Burglary, a Felony." The count

alleges that she "did unlawfully, feloniously, and burglariously break and enter . . . with the intent to commit a larceny . . . in violation of the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

Grand jurors indicted Michael Andrew Webb on a total of four counts. The first count alleges "Fleeing in a Vehicle with Reckless Indifference, a Felony," saying that "the Defendant did unlawfully, feloniously, and intentionally flee . . . in a vehicle from Deputy B. H. Raines, a law enforcement officer from the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department . . . showing a reckless indifference to the safety of others, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The second count against Webb alleges "Fleeing from an Officer by Any Means Other than the Use of a Vehicle, a Misdemeanor" from "Deputy B. H. Raines . . . and said Defendant knew . . . that the officer was trying to arrest him, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."

The third count alleges that Webb committed "Destruction of Property, a Misdemeanor . . . to wit: a metal gate . . . having a value of less than \$2,500, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia." In the fourth count, Webb is accused of "Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Misdemeanor . . . (and) did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally possess a controlled substance . . . to wit: Amphetamine against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia." Grand jurors indicted Larry Gibbs Miller on three counts of "Delivery of a Controlled Substance . . . to wit: Methamphetamine . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia."



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- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**
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Fruit/Milk
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**
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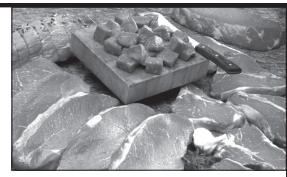
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SENECA ROCKS
Regional Development Authority

JOB POSITION: COMMUNITY PROJECTS MANAGER

Job Summary:
To perform a variety of administrative duties in support of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority (SRRDA). The position will monitor project progress across SRRDA under the direction of the Executive Director while supporting the staff administrative and clerical duties at the SRRDA offices. The community projects manager works as an essential part of the SRRDA team to further organization objectives and goals. This position may be used to fill a full time or part time position.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Oversee day-to-day operations of the Petersburg SRRDA office.
- Carry out day-to-day organizational tasks and facilitating efficient communication.
- Assist in tracking grants and submitting applicable reporting to funder.
- Work with other agencies and community organizations to further SRRDA.
- Provide support to businesses that seek SRRDA assistance by connecting them with applicable programs.
- Assist in planning and coordination of company events.
- Manage commercial property listings for the SRRDA internal and external listings as well as property management.
- Answer phones and general email inquiries with relevant information.
- Secure bids for equipment and vendors for identified building projects and working with the executive director and/or operations manager in required administrative paperwork.
- Maintain office supplies inventory in Grant County.
- Prepares SRRDA Board meeting agenda, board minutes, maintenance records, documentation and files meetings paperwork with the Grant and Pendleton courthouse offices.
- Continuing education/training.
- Must be willing and able to travel. Less than 5% overall weekly time.
- Professional dress.
- Must keep office open as times designated by the SRRDA.
- Performs other related duties as assigned by the SRRDA.

Skills/Core Competencies:
Self starter.
Excellent written skills and verbal communication skills.
Project management and organizational skills.
Good understanding of technology, including proficiency in Microsoft Office.
Ability to learn new software.
Multitasking capability.
Problem solving.
Excellent attention to detail.
Capacity to prioritize tasks.

Education and Experience:
In addition to the above, the candidate should have an enthusiastic personality and willingness to take on more duties as the organization grows. Business administration work or a related field of 5+ years of experience is preferred. Residency in one of the counties represented by the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority (Grant or Pendleton) is required.

Physical Requirements:
Prolonged periods sitting at a desk and working on a computer.
Must be able to lift and carry up to 15 lb.
Must be able to use steps.

The Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority will be accepting resumes for the position of 'Community Projects Manager' for the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority. Resumes along with a cover letter must be received or hand delivered, mailed or emailed to: Grant County Commission, Attention Michelle Sites, 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847, administrator@grantcountywv.org. Any questions may be addressed to Michelle Sites at 304-257-4422.

Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Shame On You

To the ones that went up to the North Fork Cemetery and stole two flag poles and flags off of Tony Sites' grave and took the heavy statue off of its base and took it behind his tombstone and threw it face down on the ground and the flowers also, we know who you are. He is my brother and we, his family, do not need permission from you or anyone to put things on his grave.

SHAME on you. **It is a crime to steal!**

Gae Arbaugh and Family

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POSTED NOTICES

POSTED NOTICE
There absolutely will be no hunting, no trespassing, no dog running or training and no 4-wheelers on the Larry Thomas property on North Mountain and on the Cataloochee, LLC property on Middle Mountain and Town Mountain. All hunting rights have been sold and no permits will be issued. Land will be patrolled. I will not be responsible for any accidents or actions taken by law enforcement officers.

Larry V. Thomas
11-16-6c

POSTED NOTICE

NO TRESPASSING, ATVs, UTVs, hunting or dog running on our lands located in the Chestnut Woods area, which includes Simmons, Bobs and Ruleman Mountains, Wagner and Panther Knobs, Goshen and Goshen Ridge **except by written permission in possession from the landowner.** Chestnut Woods Assn. Larry Hargrove Mullenax/Riggleman Families 11-16-2c

POSTED NOTICE
No trespassing or running of dogs on Linda Moyers property in Upper Tract. Not responsible for accidents. 11-9-4c

POSTED NOTICE
No hunting or trespassing on Kee Property on Rt. 33 West, Friends Run.
Mike Kee
11-16-3c

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

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

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, January 16, 2024

Decedent: James A Keplinger, Cecil County, MD
Filed by: Patricia A. Chambers, Sister, Middletown, DE

Subscribed and sworn to before me on November 9, 2023.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 11-16-2c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pendleton County Schools will conduct mandatory public hearings for community comment on the 2024-2025 public school calendar. The second hearing will be held on December 5, 2023 at the Pendleton County Board of Education meeting at North Fork Elementary School following the school's presentation at approximately 6:00 p.m. 11-9-2c

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

107 Walnut Street, Franklin, WV 26807

In a Deed of Trust dated August 15, 2008, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 121, at page 518 Ida Stumbo did convey unto Direct Settlement Services, Trustee, certain real property. The beneficial holder of that Deed of Trust has elected to appoint Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. as substitute trustees by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Default having occurred under the Deed of Trust and the beneficial holder having instructed the undersigned Trustees to foreclose, this real property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Pendleton County Courthouse, Main Street, Franklin, West Virginia 26807 on:

January 10, 2024 At 12:00 PM

The property for sale as described by the Deed of Trust is as follows:

The following described tract or parcel of real estate, together with improvements thereon and all rights, privileges, appurtenances, easements and right-of-ways thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining, lying and being situate on the south side of Walnut Street within the corporate limits of the Town of Franklin, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the South side of Walnut Street or the Dirty Run Road on the North edge of the side walk, corner of Stanley Walton Propst and Mary Jane Propst property, thence N. 72 W. 60 feet running with the North edge of the sidewalk at the edge of the road to

Bear Season Runs Concurrently With Buck Firearms Season

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is reminding deer hunters that there will be a concurrent bear season in all or parts of 42 counties open to buck firearms hunting.

The concurrent bear season is without dogs and will run from Nov. 20 to Dec. 3. Hunting is legal on both public and private property.

"Concurrent bear hunting during deer season takes advantage of a time of year when the maximum number of hunters are in the woods," said Colin Carpenter, black bear project leader for the WVDNR. "This helps manage bear populations by increasing the number of harvests, but also provides a unique opportunity for hunters who may have never hunted bears to harvest one."

The best-producing mast crops of 2023 were in the red oak family, and hunters should find bear feeding activity in the same places as deer.

"The fact that both bears and deer will be seeking red, black and scarlet oak acorns should give hunters a good chance to harvest either species during the upcoming season," Carpenter said.

Due to spotty acorn production, hunters are encouraged to scout immediately prior to the season to find the most recent feeding activity.

Bear hunting opportunities continue after the buck-gun season as well. All or parts of 26 counties will be open for bear hunting with or without dogs from Dec. 4 - 31. In addition, all or parts of 35 counties will be open for bear hunting without dogs from Dec. 4 - 31.

Successful hunters are required to submit a first premolar tooth from each harvested bear. Hunters who harvest a female black bear are encouraged to save the reproductive tract or all the entrails. Reproductive tracts and entrails should be kept cool or frozen. Hunters should contact their nearest district office or Elkins Operations Center to arrange a drop-off. The WVDNR will offer hunters who submit a complete reproductive tract a \$20 gift card for their effort.

Data obtained from tooth samples and reproductive tracts are used for black bear population monitoring. Information on how to collect and submit a black bear first premolar tooth and reproductive tract can be found on pages 37 - 38 in the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVDnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Hunters are reminded to purchase their hunting license and bear damage stamp at WVhunt.com. For more information about bear hunting, check pages 34 - 40 in the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

a post, Shrader's corner; thence S. 18 W. 2.5 poles to the middle of Dirty Run thence following the middle of Dirty Run to the south easterly direction for a distance of 2.64 poles to the corner of William Harvey Pitsenberger, Jr.; thence S. 78 E. 10 feet down the run in corner of Stanley Walton Propst and Mary Jane Propst property in the middle of the run; thence with said Propst line N. 21 W. 40 feet to the beginning, containing 9 square rods, more or less, and being the same real estate conveyed unto Dorothy M. Sites by deed bearing date on the 6th day of August, 1969, from John Harman and Pauline R. Harman, which deed is of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 88, page 26, to which deed reference is herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

The purchaser will take the property subject to all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes of record, if any, pertaining to said real property.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any transfer stamp, excise taxes, and recording costs associated with recording the Trustee's Deed into their name.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any unpaid property taxes owed to the Sheriff of Pendleton County prior to or following the sale directly to the Sheriff.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance having priority over the deed of trust referred to herein.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance that is junior ("junior claims") to this Deed of Trust and to which sufficient notice was not given. In that case, unless such right to notice is waived, the chain of title shall not merge with this Deed of Trust as to those unnoticed deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and other encumbrances and will be subject to a further noticed and published sale under this Deed of Trust pursuant to W.Va. Code 38-1-4, in which bidding shall resume at the last highest bid given. In the event of a surplus of such sale, the mortgagors and noticed junior lienholders are hereby on notice that if such surplus is less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), then the Substitute Trustee will disburse those proceeds to the most senior interest holder as it sees fit, unless an objection is made in writing.

The Trustees do not guarantee or represent that the boundaries described above are accurate, are not encroached upon, or

that any particular structure located on the property is contained within the described boundaries. The property is therefore sold subject to an accurate survey at purchaser's expense.

The Trustees reserve the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, by announcement at the time and place of sale described above or any adjournment thereof. Such adjournment will be noticed by posting a notice at the front door of the county courthouse or where such notices are traditionally posted at the county courthouse. Such notice will include the date and time when such sale will reconvene.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids for any reason.

The Trustees make no representations as to the condition of the property. The property will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

The Trustees make no representations as to whether the property is occupied. The purchaser is responsible for gaining access and possession of the property. Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

The purchaser may assign its rights prior to the delivery of the trustee's deed by a signed request in writing to the trustee; the assignee of the purchaser shall be bound by all terms and conditions applicable to the purchaser.

The Trustees will deliver a trustee's deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code §38-1-6. The Trustees make no representations and warranties about the title of the real estate to be conveyed. If the Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title to purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.

TERMS OF SALE: Purchaser must bring \$3000 cash in hand at the time of sale as a deposit in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to "Stern & Eisenberg, PC, counsel for Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc." Those appearing without their deposit will not be allowed to bid. The balance of the successful purchaser's bid must be proffered in cash within 30 days of the date of the sale. Purchaser shall pay for transfer stamps and recording fees. Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale.

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PUBLICATION BY SHERIFF OF PROPERTY CERTIFIED TO STATE AUDITOR TAX YEAR: 2022

List of real estate certified to the state, November 1, 2023, for nonpayment of taxes thereon for the year of 2022.

PERSON CHARGED WITH TAXES, DESCRIPTION

CIRCLEVILLE DISTRICT

COOPER HUBERT R TRUSTEE .235 AC ELK MT..... .00
UPP JACQUELINE W REVOCABLE & LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT 183.57 ACS TRACT #1 NORTH FORK..... .00
UPP JACQUELINE WILKINS TRUSTEE DYER MYRTLE C ESTATE NORTH FORK 9.25 AC..... .00

FRANKLIN DISTRICT

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JOHNSON ELVIN & JOHNSON ALFRED G JR LOT 3 THORNY MEADOW 0.62 AC..... .00

MILL RUN DISTRICT

GAYLE MICHAEL ANTHONY BIG MT 109.9 ACS PARTITION DEED..... .00
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SUGAR GROVE DISTRICT

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The owner of any real estate listed above, or any other person entitled to pay the taxes thereon, may, however, redeem such real estate as provided by law.

Given under my hand this 1st day of November, 2023.
Chadwick L. Bowers
Sheriff of Pendleton County
11-9-2c



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Pendleton County Middle and High School Students Challenged to 'Get a Life' by West Virginia Treasury Personal Finance Education Program

By Stephen Smoot

According to a recent study by Ramsey Education, almost nine in 10 Americans did not feel "fully prepared" to face real world financial questions and challenges. Fewer than 20 percent of students experienced financial education in school and almost three-fourths of American adults feel that a personal finance class would have helped them handle money decisions better.

The State of West Virginia is working to roll back those discouraging numbers with both programs and legislation.

Last week, Pendleton County eighth, tenth, and eleventh graders participated in the "Get a Life" program put together by the West Virginia Office of the Treasurer.

"You guys are going to experience two lives today," said Katie Holstein, a representative sent by the West Virginia Treasurer's Office.

The first "life" puts students into a realistic financial situation for most young adults start out with no skills training or other forms of higher education. The "lives" are detailed on a sheet handed out at the start of the program.

One life situation sees the student as "sole provider for your family" with a spouse as a full-time student and related costs of that at \$200. Take home pay for this "life" sits at \$1,812 per month.

Another life features the student as a single parent/sole provider for a family of two children, with day care a substantial cost for the monthly take home pay of \$1,643.

"Some of you might be paying child support," Holstein advised. "Some of you might be paying for child care."

Students then must go to stations to purchase housing, transportation, and other basics such as insurance, gasoline, groceries, health care, and more. "Don't buy the most expensive home," students were warned by Holstein. "It will break your budget right off the bat."



The "Green Reaper" and Penny stalked the Get A Life program to hand out typical examples of unexpected major adult life expenses.

"I would encourage you to get insurance," she said. Though students had to buy home, car, and health insurance, dental and vision remained optional, though risky.

Lurking and making her way through the students was the "Green Reaper," complete with neon green cape and a skull mask. Almost every adult has tangled with the Green Reaper in their time. Sometimes she makes one's transmission go out, other times she makes the refrigerator and freezer stop running, bringing the double expense of replacing an appliance and replacing lost food.

Students soon tried to sprint away when they saw the "Green Reaper" coming, even though she had Penny the service dog happily in tow.

Holstein explained, "It's very eye-opening for the students. They don't know how much things cost in real life. They realize

that it might take two minimum wage jobs."

The 90 minute program has two parts. In the second round, students get a much higher take home pay to show the beneficial impact of learning a trade or obtaining a college degree.

Sonny O'Neil, Pendleton County Board of Education member, ran the "gas station." He said of the program, first introduced in 2008, that "this is a really nice thing for kids. It's a little shot of reality."

"They have to choose how their lifestyle is, based on what job they want," explained Elizabeth Scott, a Town of Franklin administrator and executive director of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce. Other community leaders who came to help with the experience included Jennifer Taylor-Ide, Annie Humes from the Pendleton County Farmers Market, Brooke Alt from the WVU Extension Office, and Lesley Cook from Communities in Schools.

Cook said, "We love it. It's the third year I've coordinated it. The staff is very supportive."

In addition to the State Treasurer's Office program, the West Virginia State Legislature mandated that a half credit of personal finance education form a part of every high school student's experience. Many counties are working to embed the requirement into the senior level civics class.

"My office's Get a Life program walks West Virginia students through realistic budgeting challenges to equip them with the skills and experience necessary to achieve success later in life," State Treasurer Riley Moore said, adding that "Financial literacy is an invaluable life skill, which is why it's imperative we introduce students to money management lessons as early as possible to ensure they are well-equipped to handle future financial situations."

NOTICE

PENDLETON COMMUNITY CARE
PARKING LOT UPDATE

The parking lot at our Franklin site will be unavailable due to resurfacing. This will begin on **Wednesday, November 8th** and could last until **November 22nd**.

Parking will be available in our Radiology Building parking lot as well as street parking on High Street.

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Thank you everyone who helped me in various ways on the evening of my accident and since.

Special thanks to Bob Grimm and Kim Hulmes, to Rescue 41 who transported me and to the Air Care crew who flew me to UVA.

Special thanks for all the compassionate care that I received in the UVA surgical trauma unit and afterwards.

Thanks for all the cards, flowers, gifts, lift chair, food, phone calls, visits, and especially, your prayers. Mostly I thank God for healing and the patience to wait on His timing.

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SGR306A 6.38 Acres, Raw Land, US RT 220N. Nice Building Site. NEW LISTING \$69,000.00.	SGR245 0.96 Acres w/2 Bed, 1.5 Bath 1900's Remodeled Cottage, Seneca Rocks. \$249,900.00 REDUCED \$234,900.00.
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SGR290A 0.82 Acres, Raw Land located in Bethel District along US RT 33 East. Public Water available. \$15,000.00.	SGR156 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, Electric nearby, Water available. Hardy County. \$95,000.00. REDUCED \$89,900.00.
SGR287A 0.20 Acres w/3 Bed, 1.5 Bath Doublewide Home, close to amenities. Franklin Corp., Pendleton County. NEW LISTING REDUCED \$100,000.00 REDUCED \$89,900.00.	SGR128 2-3 Bedroom Ranch w/Full Basement on 0.6386 Acres, more or less, Sanders Gap Rd, Sugar Grove District. NEW LISTING \$160,000.00 REDUCED \$149,900.00 REDUCED \$145,000.00.
SGR282A 0.75 Acres, Store Front/Residence located in Brandywine. Needs some TLC. \$85,000.00 \$69,000.00.	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.
SGR277A 17.81 Acres w/4 Bed, 3 Bath Home, 2-4 Car Garages, Hiking/ATV, Well water w/deeded access to Spring. Sugar Grove District. Covenants & Restrictions apply. \$499,900.00 REDUCED \$469,900.00.	SGR042 Five Unit Townhouse property located in Brandywine. Each unit has 2 beds, 1.5 Baths, LR and Large Kitchen. Near National Forest for hunting and fishing. Perfect for retirement income, live in one and rent the others! \$399,000.00.
SGR271-A 1.84 Acres, Potomac Heights Subdivision, Williams Rd., Franklin District, Pendleton County, WV. \$14,000.00.	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.
SGR258B 3.42 Acres, w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home. Sugar Grove District, Falcon Lane. \$259,000.00. REDUCED \$229,000.00.	SGR247 Residential lots with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from \$14,630.00.
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.	