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## Pendleton County Historical Society Ready for Franklin Fire Centennial

By Stephen Smoot

Late last month, Franklin and surrounding fire response and rescue units went screaming up Mitchell Mountain, then to several other locales as violent spring winds whipped up fires across the region.

The raging infernos in the South Branch and Shenandoah areas gave a macabre context to the plethora of preparations undertaken by the Pendleton County Historical Society to mark the 100th anniversary of the April 17, 1924, fire that ravaged the heart of what is now the historic downtown of Franklin.

Franklin in the 1920s was a bustling town with rows of large fine newer homes and a busy downtown. Under President Warren Harding, then Calvin Coolidge, the Great War was receding in the national rear view mirror and prosperity was the word of the day. Depression and World War II lay far over the horizon in the future.

Like in any era, Franklin debated how much to invest in vital infrastructure. The town had faced a major scare in 1905, according to an upcoming book by local historian and author Brenna Mitchell. A prisoner in the town lock up named Barto Rimel attempted the novel approach of escaping his condition by setting the jail on fire.

Mitchell explained that the fire consumed the jail and could have spread to the entire town.

A month later, as Mitchell notes, "the Rockingham Register reported that 'Franklin is suffering from a water famine. The town supply of water is totally inadequate for the needs of the people.'"



Local businesses partnered with the Pendleton County Historical Society to create a dramatic remembrance of the fire centennial.

Infrastructure failing to keep up with a growing town is an age-old issue. In December of 1923, only five months prior to the major conflagration, the problem of water popped up again. Franklin's Main Street Garage, along with 19 cars stored within, burned to the ground.

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Roger Dahmer, Pendleton County Commissioner, leads attendees at the PCER annual dinner in an opening prayer. More than 100 people joined to celebrate another year of the hard work of saving lives.

## Local Rescue Squad Celebrates Another Year of Saving Lives and Property

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County Emergency Rescue has seen tremendous highs since a year ago last spring, but have also seen their resources stretched to the limit as they worked to protect lives and property. All volunteer services notched a victory in Charleston with the passage of an aid package aimed at helping to improve the stipends provided for first responders.

Tina Eye welcomed the large crowd into the community building's main room, then asked Roger Dahmer, county commissioner,

to give the invocation. Dahmer thanked God for "providing all that is needed," and finishing with "we thank You and praise You."

Eye shared that the regular caterer had taken sick and could not provide the food. She then praised T&K Markets for standing in and ensuring that the evening kicked off with a great dinner. The buffet style meal featured smoked brisket, two styles of ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, fried chicken, and a breathtaking array of desserts.

The dinner alternated between featuring a festive and fun celebration of the dedication

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### Community CALENDAR

#### Family Support Center in Franklin Sponsors Activities

Upcoming activities sponsored by the Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin are Party for Prevention from 3 to 5 p.m. April 16 and seed planting from 4:30 to 6 p.m. April 18.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

#### Candidate Forums Scheduled at Senior Center

Pendleton Senior and Family Services in Franklin is hosting three town hall forums. Magistrate candidates will speak at 10 a.m. Tuesday with candidates for board of education talking at 1 p.m. April 26 and sheriff candidates at 10:30 a.m. on April 29.

Each candidate will be given an allotted amount of time to speak with an open question and answer session to follow.

All forums are open to the public.

#### Commemoration Of Franklin Fire To Be Held Sunday

The Pendleton County Historical Society will hold a public meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday in the basement of the Presbyterian Church

Following the short meeting, there will be a presentation on the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Franklin Fire, followed by a walking tour of the burned district.

The historical society will have a reception following the walking tour at the William McCoy House. The reception is being hosted by Jared and Katie VanMeter.

## Experts Urge Calm In Face of Avian Flu Transmission from Cattle to Humans

By Stephen Smoot

Warnings from both the United States Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia Agriculture Commissioner about the transmission of avian flu from cattle to humans have raised concerns.

Industry experts, however, have urged calm.

The office of the West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture released a statement last week from Kent Leonhardt "strongly urging farmers to enhance biosecurity practices on their farm, especially relating to wild birds in proximity to cattle."

Though the disease is named "Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza," the release stresses that the threat to humans remains low. As of last Thursday, one farmer in Texas was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control as having contracted the disease. He had eye redness and no other symptoms "and is recovering."

"CDC indicates the overall risk to humans remains low," it added.

Leonhardt stated that "we want to ensure West Virginia consumers that our pasteurized milk and products made from pasteurized milk, are all safe for consumption." The Food and Drug Administration reported no disruptions of supply.

A release from the USDA stated that "because of the limited information available about the transmission of HPAI in raw milk, the FDA recommends that industry does not manufacture or sell raw milk or raw/unpasteurized milk cheese products made with milk from cows showing symptoms of illness, including those infected with avian influenza or exposed to those infected with avian influenza."

The pasteurization process effectively destroys contaminants such as viruses. Additionally, "milk from impacted

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service from the USDA detected "the first known case of HPAI in cattle in New Mexico, and that adds to the two detections in Texas that were first announced on Monday, March 25." USDA researchers confirmed other cases in Kansas and Michigan.

Leonhardt confirmed that no cases have been found in West Virginia as of yet.

Researchers speculate that the Eurasian lineage goose seems to have introduced the pathogen in these cases.

The Ag Web journal of farming shared that expert Scott Vatilek of the cattle brokerage firm Kooima Kooima Varitek said, "The uncertainty regarding High Pathogenic Avian Influenza has caused fund selling and long liquidation." Also "he says the hope is the market can find the answers it needs to stabilize, but there should be no fear for consumers about consuming milk or meat."

Additionally, "looking at the science, it is clear that the market has overreacted to the news."

The Food and Drug Administration stated that "at this time, there continues to be no concern that this circumstance poses a risk to consumer health."



The Pendleton County Commission welcomed Toniue Dyer and Edna Mullenax from Eastern Action's Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center to hear a proclamation from Governor Jim Justice recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. The family support center recently moved operations to Main Street in Franklin.

## Commission Recognizes First Responders, 911 for Exemplary Service During Wildfires

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Commission in its first meeting of April spent much of its time considering and approving resolutions and proclamations, each of which touched on a vital issue for the community.

Prior to the meeting's opening, Roger Dahmer, commissioner, read a proclamation from Governor Jim Justice marking April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The statement from the Governor stated that "children are the key to the state's future success," and also urging that "preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility."

After reading the proclamation, which

needed no approval, Dahmer opened the meeting with the customary invocation. His prayer asked, "Lord be with us, guide us, protect us."

Next, commissioners read and approved resolutions expressing appreciation and praise for the work of both Pendleton 911 and area first responders. The resolutions honored their tremendous efforts during the wildfires of March 20 through 24.

Additionally, Terry Ryan and Bryson Gribble were on hand, along with Diana Mitchell, Pendleton 911 director. Ryan, Gribble, and Mitchell were staffing the 911 center during the rash of fire calls between 12:14 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. on March 20, with another call

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## Chamber of Commerce Keeps Eyes on the Future While Remembering the Past

By Stephen Smoot

The fire that wiped out downtown Franklin in 1924 left long memories and community scars that took decades to heal. With the centennial anniversary of the disaster approaching, many individuals and organizations have come together in their own ways to ensure that the memory and the history remain in the minds of the community.

The Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce has worked to plan its own memorial to the fire and in its own way. After months of deliberation, Elizabeth Scott, executive director, and the board decided to combine the remembrance with a candidates' forum.

The highlight of the event will be a video made by the late Woodrow Hartman. The venerable citizen reached his 107th birthday last year. Although he did not live in Franklin at the time, Hartman experienced what happened and shared his memories of both the

fire and the times. The chamber had originally considered asking a historian to provide a presentation, but decided that letting someone who witnessed the history would make the event more meaningful.

Also, part of the presentation will be artifacts and images lent by Sherry Crigler and others.

The presentation is planned for 5 p.m. on April 17, the date of the fire itself, at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. Scott explained that she "looked for a moderator who could be impartial, but still knows the issues." Bill Loving, CEO of Pendleton Community Bank, agreed to fill the role.

Scott estimated that the event would likely take approximately two hours.

Details of how the forum will be structured are still being worked out, but Scott shared that she hoped that the candidates take the opportunity to share their views on key issues in front of the voters and the community.

# OBITUARIES



Mr. Adamson worked at the Huttonsville Correctional Facility as a corrections officer until his passing. He will be missed by his community, friends, family, co-workers and peers alike.

His wife, Dorothy Adamson, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Alexandria Zoll Adamson of Massachusetts and Sabrina Mitchell and husband, Tyler of Petersburg; a son, Ellis Deweese and wife, Sarah of Mississippi, and their son, Connor; brothers, Jay Adamson and wife, Patty, and their son, Hunter, and Larry Adamson, all of Maryland.

He was also proceeded in death by a sister, Catherine Pearl Adamson.

A memorial service will be held at his home on May 18 with his family and friends. All are welcome to attend and celebrate his life.

**Gary Martin "Marty" Adamson**

On Feb. 27, 2024, at 0357 a.m., Gary Martin "Marty" Adamson went to be with the Lord. He would have been 66 years old on April 12.

A son of the late John and Shirley Adamson, he was originally from Onego, but resided in Moorefield.

# PVCD Local Work Group Meeting Scheduled

The Potomac Valley Conservation District in cooperation with United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service will hold a local work group meeting to discuss conservation programs and provide guidance for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. April 18 at the Farm Credit Building located at 550 South Main Street in Moorefield.

The local work group includes representatives from cooperating federal, state, and local conservation organizations and is open to all farmers, agricultural producers, and forest owners/managers. If a person has thought about applying for one of the programs NRCS has to offer or have questions about what might be available, this meeting is a great opportunity to learn more. As part of NRCS's locally led process

of administering programs, public comments will be sought from attendees on how to best prioritize USDA dollars for the local area.

The Potomac Valley Conservation District covers Grant, Hardy, Pendleton, Mineral, and Hampshire counties. Sarah Taylor-Goldizen, NRCS district conservationist, and her staff work from the NRCS field offices in Petersburg, Moorefield, and Franklin and Lee Haggerty, district conservationist, and his staff work in Keyser and Romney NRCS field offices.

If a person needs an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Nan Kimble at 304-284-7546, or by e-mail at NRCS.WVStateOffice@usda.gov.

For more information contact, Taylor-Goldizen at 304-703-8624 or Haggerty at 304-822-3020, ext. 101.

# Discovery Center Is Seeking Artists and Artisans

Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, in cooperation with the Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association, seeks artists and artisans to exhibit their traditional Appalachian crafts or contemporary artwork related to Monongahela National Forest during the 2024 season. Also, in addition to visual artists, the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center seeks individuals or groups who demonstrate performative arts, like traditional dance, spoken word or short theatrical performances.

"We love showcasing the talents of local artists and artisans at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Artists have a special way of connecting visitors to the landscape and cultural heritage of the Appalachians," said Mandy Harmon, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center assistant director.

All artists are asked to submit a small portfolio of their work with up to five attached images or a link to an online portfolio. For more information or to submit one portfolio, contact Harmon at mary-aramanda.harmon@usda.gov.

The Seneca Rocks Discovery Center is open through May 12, Friday - Sunday. The center will be open daily May 17 - October 27. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Seneca Rocks Discover Center is located at 13 Roy Gap Road. Entrance to the main parking lot is off U.S. 33, just south of the U.S. 33/State Route 28 intersection in Seneca Rocks.

For more information about Monongahela National Forest visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> or <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>.

# USDA's Local Agriculture Information Dashboard Now Extended to All 50 States

By Stephen Smoot

The information age just got updated, at least in terms of what is available to farmers in Pendleton County and across the nation.

The United States Department of Agriculture recently announced the availability of the dashboard for the first time in all 50 states. The program started in Iowa as a pilot project in January 2023. Last October, it added West Virginia and 38 other states.

According to the USDA, it launched the dashboard because "as you run your farm operation, you may need different types of data and information that are scattered across numerous online sources." Some of those sources were scattered across the vast USDA website while others came from different organizations and agencies entirely.

"Some data may be tough to find or difficult to analyze," the release stated, "especially for beginning farmers and ranchers that are starting a farm business or are new to USDA."

The dashboard provides state and county specific information, including news from the Farm Service Agency and Natural

Resources Conservation Service. Recent releases on the dashboard include notices about conservation partnerships and a hay insurance deadline.

Cattle farmers have access to the latest information on pricing from the Joplin Regional and Oklahoma National stockyards. The front page features basic pricing. At the time of writing, the Joplin Regional Stockyard offered a price of \$284.52 and the Oklahoma National Stockyards showed \$284.43.

Each stockyard price also allows anyone to look at pricing details, including the latest auction reports, feeder cattle prices over the past month or so, and more.

The dashboard also contains forecasts from the National Weather Service, as well as temperature and precipitation data over the past decade. This includes averages for each month.

Information on past storm events, also available on the dashboard, can, according to the USDA, "be used as a reference when applying for crop insurance from the Risk Management Agency (RMA) or USDA disaster assistance programs."

A number of farming resources, such as drought data, state level contact information, and other helpful tools, are available as well. The dashboard can be accessed at [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov).

The USDA also indicated that it welcomes feedback from users about any aspect of the dashboard, whether it be positive or constructive criticism.

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- Be at the Senior Center at 10 a.m.
- Visit Christian Assistance Network Food Pantry
- Have Lunch at Korner Shop
- Travel Around the County
- Have Dinner at AGK at 5 p.m.
- Meet and Greet at Pendleton County Library  
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**10 Years Ago**  
**Week of March 20, 2014**

## SUGAR GROVE

*Which Types Of Bed Coverings Have You Used?*

People sleep under blankets, bed rugs, coverlets, comforters, counterpanes and quilts. The terms bedding and bed clothes describe these items placed over a person in bed. Perhaps a quick look at bed coverings in general would be appropriate.

**Bed coverings** — Bed coverings were all those items mentioned that people placed over themselves as they slept.

**Blankets** — These were the least expensive form of a bed covering.

**Bed rugs** — In the late 1700s, bed rugs, spelled ruggs, were often homemade. They were wool or linen blankets onto which wool yarn was sewn on the top surface in running stitches of needlework.

**Comforter** — The name comforter first meant a heavy, woolen scarf used to wrap around the neck. By the 1840s the meaning had changed to a heavy covering for the bed.

**Coverlet** — A coverlet is a woven covering usually for a bed. Coverlets were one of the earliest forms of weaving in America.

**Counterpane** — Counterpanes can be considered whole-cloth unquilted bed covering.

**Summer spread** — This is a lightweight bed covering used during warm weather.

**Quilts** — The quilt word is derived from a Latin word meaning a “stuffed sack.” More than likely, the early American quilts were similar to those of the English...a whole cloth quilt being put together on a solid top, a backing and a filling layer in between.

**Week of March 27, 2014**

## SKSRT Responds To School Messenger System Problem

The general manager of Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone Inc. (S K S R T), Vickie Colaw, says that the School Messenger robo-calls problem in the North Fork Valley this winter is “not unique to SKSRT.” Colaw additionally told the “Times,” School Messenger is a California-based company engaged by the county school system to inform students and school personnel of cancellations and delays. This past winter, the system has not worked in the North Fork Valley, where the service provider is SKSRT. In past years, School Messenger’s system functioned county-wide.

## Coyote Contest Sets Record

It was the largest attendance ever for the county predator control board’s annual coyote contest drawing, and the number of coyotes harvested because of the contest was a record number, as well.

Forty-four people were on hand for the drawing announcement of the contest

winners and a meal featuring pizza and chicken.

The number of registered coyote harvests from Sept. 7 through March 1 was 127. Last year’s contest coyote harvest was 78.

Herman Hevener recorded the most coyotes harvested—13, all of which were snared. Jackie Thomas, wife of the head of the county trappers association, John Thomas, trapped 10 coyotes.

The purpose of the contest is to try to get more people involved in the hunting and trapping of coyotes,” commented Jerry Warner, a member of the predator control board.

The other board members are Mae Waggy, Audra Arbogast, Jerry Ruddle, David G. Warner, Vickie Hartman, Kevin Gonshor and Terry Bennett.

The M-44 method used by Wildlife Services captured 801 coyotes in fiscal year 2013 out of a total of 931 harvest. The remainder was snared or trapped (104) or shot (26).

## SUGAR GROVE

### Death Customs In Appalachia Represent a Sacred Life

Many early burial rites and customs were practiced to protect the living, by appeasing the spirits who were thought to have caused the person’s death. Many of these rites continue to be practiced in some form or other. The custom of shutting the eyes of the deceased is believed to have begun this way, done in an attempt to close a “window” from the living world to the spirit world. Covering the face of the deceased with a sheet comes from pagan beliefs that the secret of the deceased escaped from the mouth. In the nineteenth century in America, the dead were carried out of the house feet first, in order to prevent the spirit from looking back into the house and beckoning another member of the family to follow.

Mirrors were covered, usually with a black crepe, so the soul would not get trapped and not be able to pass to the other side. Family photographs were also sometimes turned face-down to prevent any of the close relatives and friends of the deceased from being possessed by the spirit of the dead.

Death customs in the Appalachians represent the core belief of society, that life is sacred. Death does not always have to mean sadness and no doubt the departed would smile to know that he/she was remembered with laughter. Cemeteries were the final step on the earthly journey. Therefore, tombstones often-times had various inscriptions carved in them. Usually, they would carry only the name of the deceased with the birth and death date, and perhaps the marital status. Often-times, in the early 1700s and 1800s, the Germans inscribed hand cut designs, such as the Tree of Life, a heart, an arrangement of three flowers grown from an urn, the six-pointed star, a series of concentric circles, a spiral pat-

tern, weeping willow and the pointed hand.

Because hardships were experienced by the early settlers, epitaphs or verses were often found on the tombstone. The act relays a message to the living—information about the deceased and to memorialize the deceased.

**20 Years Ago**  
**Week of April 8, 2004**

## Fate of Golf Course Rests with State EDA

Rob Locklin, a Franklin land developer and former member of the county development authority (EDA), is fond of quoting Yogi Berra these days.

“Well,” Locklin said on Monday, “as Yogi used to say, ‘It ain’t over till it’s over.’”

In other words, he is awaiting a decision from the West Virginia Economic Development Authority as to whether or not he will receive a \$3 million loan which will be used to develop a golf course and upscale housing in Deer Run on Troublesome Valley Road about a quarter of a mile from US Rt. 33.

Locklin said the loan will help him attract another \$5 million in private investment capital.

“Pendleton County,” Locklin observed, “could be the gateway to tourism in West Virginia. That may be a marketing ‘brand’ the local Chamber of Commerce could use to promote the county—almost heaven’s gateway, the gateway to wild, wonderful West Virginia.”

## Folklore Surrounding Easter Celebration Recalled by Writer

Easter is here, a special day for many people. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon marking the arrival of the vernal equinox — spring. The “moveable” date could mean Easter falls as early as March 22 and as late as April 25. There are many strange customs and bits of folklore that surround Easter. It used to be widely believed that rain on Easter morning foretells rain on the next seven Sundays. The natives of Kentucky who live in the Ozark Mountains swear that an Easter-morning dip in an icy stream eases rheumatism pain. Austrian farmers ride horses about their fields on Easter morning in the firm belief that bumper crops will follow. The modern day Easter sunrise services probably evolved from medieval times when people believed that the sun “danced with joy” on Easter morning, and if one got up early enough one could see it. Much of the customs which were brought to America have remained unchanged over the years — the going to church, the exchange of gifts and cards, the Easter parade, the bonnet and the coloring of eggs.

**60 Years Ago**  
**Week of April 16, 1964**

## 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.**

## Forrest Wins Battle; Carolina Town Falls

The hard-pressed Confederacy welcomed two victories 100 years ago this week.

Neither was crucial, but both were decisive and added to the morale of Confederate troops and citizens. The first was won by Bedford Forrest, the fighting cavalry leader in Tennessee. The other occurred in North Carolina where a makeshift Confederate ironclad and a division of troops recaptured Plymouth, N. C., from the Federals.

Forrest’s victory came first, on April 12, following a series of spectacular exploits. In March, Forrest had raided up through western Tennessee, capturing a garrison at Union City, then attacked Paducah, Ky., on the banks of the Ohio, occupying that city. Then, as Federal troops tried to catch him, he circled back and on April 12, fell on Fort Pillow on the Mississippi River about 40 miles north of Memphis.

Seldom has such a short battle been so bloody. Although controversy still exists about what happened, these basic facts are agreed upon:

Forrest appeared before the fort with about 1,500 men, drove the Union troops from their rifle pits into the fort and demanded surrender. Maj. Lionel Booth, commanding the fort and about 557 troops—about half of Negroes, refused. Whereupon, a bugle sounded, and Forrest’s men charged, yelling loudly.

It was a near massacre. The Federals were cut down by the score. Booth, himself, was killed. Some began retreating toward the river, hoping for help from a Federal boat nearby. Forrest’s men caught them in an enfilade, killing still more. Other Union troops fell into the river and drowned.

Within 20 minutes it was over. Forrest, in a report on the battle, described the scene: “The river was dyed with blood of the slaughtered for 200 yards.” Of the 557 Union troops, more than 400 were casualties, and a high proportion were killed.

The victory at Plymouth came six days later and followed a spectacular river fight.

On April 17, a Confederate division surrounded the river front and fort from its land side and opened infantry and artillery fire on 3,000 Union troops holding the city.

Next day, the “Albemarle,” an iron-clad that had just been built from scrap metal in a cornfield up the Roanoke River, descended the river to Plymouth and attacked Federal ships. She first dashed into the Federal gunboat “Southfield,” smashing her bow 10 feet into the gunboat’s side and sending her with some of her crew to the bottom.

The Federal gunboat “Miami” then fired a heavy shell

at the ironclad. The shell hit the ironclad, bounced back and killed the “Miami’s” skipper. The “Miami” then retreated.

Next morning, the “Albemarle” opened fire on the town and its fort, while Confederate troops attacked. Within hours, the Union troops surrendered.

Next week: Preparations for spring.

## County May Get Farmers Market

A representative of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture will arrive here today to study the possibility of establishing a Farmers Market in Pendleton County.

The representative will meet with county farmers, businessmen and other interested persons in an open meeting to be held at the courthouse in Franklin tonight at 7:30.

The purpose of the meeting is to determine whether local residents want a market, and to explain the operations of such a market. Also the Agriculture Department representative is expected to make a report on a study which has been made in the area for the purpose of determining whether there is sufficient production in the area to justify the establishment of such a market.

Farmers markets provide a collecting point for farm produce and often results in higher prices to farmers for their products.

Since Pendleton County is largely an agricultural county, it is felt by many that such a market would be an important stimulus to the local economy.

All farmers and interested persons are urged to attend the meeting tonight.

**70 Years Ago**  
**Week of April 8, 1954**

## Military Rites For Pfc Eugene Moats To Be Held Sunday

A military funeral will be conducted by Our Five Boys Post, VFW, at Moyers Sunday at 2:00 p.m. for Pfc. Eugene Moats, who was killed in action in Korea July 8, 1953. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moats of Moyers.

## SIX TO BE INDUCTED IN MILITARY SERVICE

The local selective service board announced yesterday that six Pendleton County registrants have been called for induction into the armed forces this month. They will report for duty at the Armed Forces Induction Station at Fairmont April 20.

Those who have received their calls are the following: Ray Walter Ratlief, Ft. Seybert (volunteer); Arthur Webster Hahn, Brandywine; Berlie Cletus Sponaugle, Cherry Grove; James Price Arbogast, Circleville; Herman William Alt, Mozer; Charles Edwin Merritt, Dayton, Ohio.

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## Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

It’s that time of year to get out the mowing equipment to make sure it’s working. The grass is starting to grow and is getting greener.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Reva Hartman, Larry Moyers, Mary Alice Simmons, Sandy Washburn and Sandra Vandevander; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Tristan Hartman, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Pam Rexrode, Nancy George, Neal Eye, Margaret Wimer, Donald Burns, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Ruby Gail Roberson, Ruth Bauer, Anna Mauzy, Linda Maxwell Looney, Bennie and Mary Alice Evick, Gloria Moats, Martha R. Kimble, Jimmie Bennett, Ruthalene Judy, Wayne Kimble, Stanley Propst, Leann Britton, Patsy Bennett, Jimmy Mitchell, Kathy Puffenbarger, Wanda Pitsenbarger and Sheldon Bowers.

Prayer thought: “Ask, seek and knock are all action words. God wants to be found and wants an intimate relationship with each of His beloved, us, but it takes effort on our part.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for April 1 through April 7, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: April 1 - 63°, 50°, .01” (71°, 44°, .55”); April 2 - 73°, 49°, .41” (55°, 37°); April 3 - 52°, 41°, 1.15” (72°, 38°); April 4 - 43°, 37° (82°, 47°); April 5 - 42°, 35° (83°, 52°, .12”); April 6 - 45°, 34° (77°, 50°) and April 7 - 61°, 27° (49°, 35°, .04”).

Rainfall for March was 2.89”, compared to 2.15” in March of 2023.

Year-to-date rainfall is 8.6”, compared to 5.02” for the same time period in 2023.

Snowfall for March was .25”, compared to .75” in March of 2023.

Year-to-date snowfall is 15.75”, compared to 2.25” for the same time period in 2023.

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# Blind Man Shared His Musical Talent in Area

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

More than likely, most readers have never heard of Warren Reff Ross, the Blind Man, who was the son of Joseph William and Phoebe E. Hoover Ross. (Phoebe had been born and grew up in the Brandywine community, where she had many Hoover relatives). Reff was born in 1884 in the Hinton community of Rockingham County, Virginia. His father came to Rockingham County as a section hand on the railroad and later worked at the Houck Tannery in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He was buried in 1899 in the Cherry Grove community of the same county, having contracted typhoid fever and pneumonia. The family had difficulty paying \$5.00 for his coffin, so the Church of the Brethren and the Overseer of the Poor helped the family out.

Reff Ross was born blind and the 1900 census shows him living at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, Virginia. He could neither read or write; however, he did learn to read Braille and write while living at the VSDB. In 1910, he was with his grandmother, Betty Hoover, in the Bethel District of Pendleton County. He was known as a musician, playing the guitar at the Hoover reunions, according to Naomi Hoover Michael. She notes that he was a very kind man and could really play the guitar along with her husband, Ray. Reff reported that he was a self-employed musician in the Harrisonburg, Virginia, area.

Reff was required to register for the World War I draft in June 1917. He claimed an exemption for the draft due to his blindness, being explicit that his "sight in both eyes are gone." His physical description was that he had blue eyes, fair hair and was of medium build.

In the 1920 census, Regg was living in the Brandywine area with Robert and Jane Simmons, along with their household of six children. He listed that this was a family cousin and that he was a music teacher.

Whenever Reff entertained, he had a card with a poem of the Little Orphan Girl available for people to take and to encourage donations of "any amount."

"The Little Orphan Girl  
No home, no home, cried a little girl,  
As she stood at the princess' hall,  
As she trembling stood on the polished steps,  
And leaned on the marble wall.  
My father, alas, I never knew;  
The tears in her eyes shone bright.  
My mother, she sleeps in the new made grave,  
'Tis an orphan that begs tonight.  
Her clothes were thin, her feet were bare,  
The snow had covered her head,  
Oh, give me a home she feebly said  
A home and a crust of bread.  
The rich man sleeps on his velvet couch,  
And dreams of his silver and gold,  
While the poor little girl on her bed of snow  
Murmured, so cold, so cold.  
The night was dark and the wind was high,

The rich man closed his door;  
His proud lips curled as he scornfully said  
No home, nor bread for the poor.  
The morning dawned and the little girl  
Still lay at the rich man's door,  
But her soul had fled to its home above,  
Where there is room and bread for the poor."  
Much of this information came by way of Dale MacAlister who writes the Shenandoah Folklore Valley Society newsletter, Naomi Michael, and the late Gertrude Mitchell.

Life's important instructions to live by include the following:  
1. Learn to admit a mistake  
2. Take time to get to know an older person, interview them.  
3. Learn how to sew on a button  
4. Take note of the needs around one, and plan to address them.  
5. Learn how to do laundry.

This past week has been quite an interesting April week. Rain was cruel and relentless. Minor snow showers, along with hail, were introduced later on in the week. The mountain winds kept everything and everyone shivering. Fireplaces and furnaces have been a respite to the freezing temperatures.

Quotes for the week are as follows:  
"Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadows of April showers." — Byron Caldwell Smith  
"Ever look at someone and think, "Why has no one hit you with a shovel yet?" — Lucielle Ball  
"Oh, the lovely fickleness of an April day." — W.H. Gibson  
"April is the time to turn over a new leaf." — Terri Guillemets

"April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks, 'Go!'" — Christopher Morley  
Sitting by the fireplace is a good place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Karla and Jim Moats, along with their children, Tuesday and Brian, and Montana and Troy, have returned from a Portugal vacation. Their grandson, Cedar, made the trip extra special for them all.

Saturday evening, St. John Lutheran Church hosted a sleepover for the church youth and friends. The action-packed evening came with pizza, games, bounce house, crafts, prizes, critters, movies, popcorn, lots and lots of laughs, and little ones mustering up the courage to stay all night (and they did-Yay!). Sounds like everyone had lots of fun!

Justin, April, Chloe and Colby Simmons enjoyed Easter weekend in Charleston. While there, they attended the baseball games.

Cleo Smith Simmons celebrated her 100th birthday with a Sunday party at the Brethren church social hall in Staunton, Virginia. Even though she insisted not to have a party, she really enjoyed the time spent with family, after it was all said and done. Cleo was one of 12 children, and all of her siblings' families (except one) were represented at her wonderful celebration. Those attending from this

neck of the woods were Delbert and Betty Rexrode, Erma Moats, Evelyn Varner, Karen, Ronnie and Wanda Pitsenbarger, Joann Moyers, Sandra Simmons, Violet Eye, K.D. Puffenbarger and Phil Downs.

Eugene Varner also attended the Easter dinner last Saturday at the home of Joyce and Robin Marshall in McGaheysville, Virginia.

Joyce Marshall brought her granddaughter, Alli Kesterson, to visit her great-grandmother, Evelyn Varner, Sunday afternoon.

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

•The ancient Egyptians invented the 365-days a year calendar to predict the yearly floodings of the Nile River.  
•Australia is home to 21 of the world's 25 most venomous snakes.

•There is alleged to be a 30-40 foot long "monster" in Lake Erie named Bessie. The earliest recorded sighting goes back as early as 1793.

•Bamboo is the world's fastest growing plant, growing 35 inches a day.

•There are more trees on Earth than stars in the Milky Way.

More April birthdays to check on: Dakota Grogg and Brody Wimer, 16th; David Thornberry and Brenda Propst, 17th; Phil Rader and Anna Mauzy, 18th; Paul Cunningham, 19th; Mike Propst, 20th; Evelyn Varner, Gary Nesselrodt and Linda Simmons, 22nd; Ronald Pitsenbarger, 24th; Sherri Chambers, 26th; Jackie Koontz, 27th; Myrtle Hoover, Marcus Smith and Carl Simmons, 29th; and Jim Rexrode and Justin Simmons, 30th.

Concerns for this week are as follows: Bob Adamson, Rick Adkins, John Ashley, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Lynn Beatty, "Bo" Boggs, Jane Conrad, Marie Cole, Christian Dasher, Benny Evick, Isaac Eye, Linda Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Neal Eye, Carl Gant, Loralee Gordon, Lola Graham, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, the Woodrow Hartman family, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, Tim Hively, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Doris Hoops, Adelbert Hoover, Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie and Enos Horst, Lisa and Mike Jamison, Jessica Janney, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Ruthaleen Judy, Marsha Keller, Kim Kline, the Jack Koontz family, Ginger Knight, Tracie Knight, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Ronnie Lambert, Rex Landis, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Ed May, Gary McDonald, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tom Mitchell, Barbara Moats, John Morford, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Alda Propst, John O. Propst, Kathy Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Stanley Propst, Tom Rader, Brandon Reel, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Jerold "Jerry" Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Dennis Riggelman, Donna Ruddle, Jenny Ruddle, Brittany Shriver, Annie Simmons, Phyllis Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Donnie Smith, Stanna Smith, Tina Stuben, Steve Stump, Elizabeth Terry, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Raymond Varner, Amy Vaus, Rene White, Judy Williams, Ann Wimer and Margaret Wimer.

# Local Rescue Squad Celebrates Another Year of Saving Lives and Property

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and commitment of those who serve now and have served in the past and recognizing the deadly serious work for which they volunteer their precious time and effort.

Eye introduced Justin Spratt as the main speaker for the event. Spratt serves as medical director for PCER. He opened his talk by admitting "I hate giving speeches," but used his time to emphasize the vital need for continued communication.

"It's an open line of communication to me. Just reach out," he implored.

Spratt then celebrated some of the squad's accomplishments over the year, including sharing that "we've gotten better with our call response times this year" and credited the state's incentive plan for helping.

"Things seem to be looking up," he commented.

Dahmer then expressed his appreciation for the work of PCER, stating that "both myself and the county commission . . . appreciate your hard work and dedication."

Mike Alt, PCER training officer, expanded on Spratt's comments concerning

response times. He said of bringing the average times under 40 minutes, "We haven't done that in several years." Alt added that he liked seeing crews coming back together and "squads mixing and matching."

He added that he appreciated the support from the county commission and finished by touching on the fact that "new rules are coming out that we'll be briefing everyone on."

Charlotte Hoover then came to the podium, laughing and saying, "I have no idea why Tina made me go first." Hoover shared a fortune that she had received in a cookie recently. It read "enthusiasm is infectious, stimulating, and attractive." She smiled and added, "A little enthusiasm goes a long way."

Hoover kicked off the part of the evening where "awards" were granted to responders who endured unusual or awkward situations. Recipients shared stories of funny events on different calls. Attendees laughed, clapped, and enjoyed the stories from different responses.

Eye said, "It's all in good fun, folks, all in good fun."

With the fun and games prizes done, Eye turned to the work of honoring those who have performed outstanding service. She first introduced Dave Ellis, the recently retired captain of the rescue squad who also served as a medic for school sporting events.

Ellis served from 1999 to 2023, filling several different vital roles during his tenure of service. "Thank you for all of your years of service," she stated.

Next, she honored Alt "for all his commitment and dedication to PCER." Eye explained that "a lot of you don't know how much he does behind the scenes," particularly in administration, insurance matters, and billing.

Eye then shared that PCER had an unfortunate backlog where years of service had not been publicly recognized. She started with 2021 to name all who had achieved recognized benchmarks.

In 2021, Mark Verdoni completed five years of service. Donna Bowers, Larry "Bucky" Evans, Samantha Long, and Bruce Minor each had completed 10. Amberly Bennett, Delmas Bennett, and Melanie Evans each had completed 15 years of service. Dale Kile had 20 years in with Tammie Bowers 25, Teresa Bowers 30, and Diana Mitchell completing her 35th year at that time.

Next, Eye presented awards to those who reached service benchmarks in 2022. Will Hedrick and Tim Hook had completed 10 years and Amy Warner 15. Amanda Mowery, Cathy Mullens, and

Alt had each reached the quarter century mark, while Hoover completed her fourth decade of service.

For the year 2023, Lyle Hartman, Stephanie Hartman, and Kim Hulmes each finished five years of service. Jimmie I. Bennett completed 10 while Ricky Bennett, Seth Bowers, and Eye each finished 15. Darren Hedrick, John Manly, Kristi Manly, and Willard Martin each completed two decades with PCER. Jerry Bowers and Trent Alt each were recognized for 25 years in service.

In 2022, PCER created bronze, silver, and gold categories based on the number of calls worked by individual volunteers. The bronze list for 2022, which listed all who took part in between 50 and 100 calls, included Will Hedrick, who responded on 53 calls, Angie Ellis (58), Delmas Bennett (60), Amberly Bennett (70), Eye (73), Lyle Hartman (78), and Dave Ellis (85).

The silver group, who were on between 101 and 201 calls, included Minor (101), Doug Rupe (124), Bobby Davis (125), and Bob Grimm (181). Gold level responders were Ruby Crown with 210 and Hulmes with 309.

The 2023 bronze category listed Angie Ellis with 58, Eye (65), Will Hedrick (68), James Ryan (68), Minor (82), Davis (85), and Mike Alt (92).

Those earning the silver designation were Crown (108), Doug Rupe (137), and Dave Ellis (197).

Grimm with 249 and Hulmes with 316 earned gold status.

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# Wildcats Honor Wagoner, Then Put on Legendary Performance to Sink Vikings on the Road



Legendary coach Rick Wagoner was honored for his contribution to high school and youth baseball last weekend. Pictured, from left, are Sam Yokum, Pendleton County head coach, Wagoner, A. Scott Rohrbaugh, Keyser head coach, and Rohrbaugh, and Mike Landis, Petersburg head coach.

By Stephen Smoot

Last year, the Viking baseball ship fearlessly plowed the waters of regional rivals in the Potomac Highlands, pillaging and plundering their way to a solid season.

This spring, the Wildcats have roared early on. Last weekend, Petersburg hosted the Legends tournament that also always includes Pendleton County and Keyser. The Wildcats took on Petersburg in the opening game of the day under overcast skies and braving temperatures in the upper 30s, accompanied by winds that made it seem much colder.

During the tournament, longtime Franklin and Pendleton County High School baseball coach Rick Wagoner was honored as one of the legends. He coached for 28 years, the first five at Franklin. The venerable coach played a role in approximately 500 wins, including regional and a state title. Wagoner also coached Babe Ruth baseball for 17 years.

Pendleton County head coach Sam Yokum was quoted during the ceremony calling Wagoner "a true legend" who "goes above and beyond." Yokum praised him as a "coach who is totally committed to Pendleton County baseball."

Pendleton County bats remained hot despite the chilly day. Allden Rexrode led off the game with a one ball and two strike pitch hammered past the center-fielder to the wall. He walked into second easily.

Viking pitchers stuck to a game plan of putting pitches over for strikes early in the count. Patient Pendleton County hitters in the first innings fell behind early in counts and often hit their way out of trouble.

Rexrode went to third on a balk. With one out and Rexrode in scoring position, James Vincell drew a walk. Two batters later, Dillon Smith came to the plate. Though he struck out, a passed ball allowed Rexrode to score the first run of the game for the Wildcats.

Chase Owens started the game for Pendleton County and got the first hitter to fly out in foul ground. The next Viking hitter hustled his way to first, bunting for a base hit. He then stole second during the next at bat. A ground ball to first scored the run for the home team to tie the game.

The Wildcats quickly struck again in the top of the second. Caleb Armentrout drew a one out walk on

four pitches. Dusty Smith in the next at bat bunted back to the pitcher, who could not get his footing and allowed both runners to reach safely. Josiah Kimble then drove a two strike pitch into deep left center, scoring a run and helping his team regain the lead for good.

That brought the top of the order back around. Rexrode grounded to short, but his sacrifice added a third run. Owens followed by earning a walk with two outs in five pitches to put runners at the corners for Vincell. Vincell knocked a two out single to center-field, scoring another run.

Still in the second, still with two outs, Cashton Kisamore came to the plate. Jonas Turner came in to run for Vincell and Petersburg brought in a new pitcher. Turner promptly stole second. Behind in the count, Kisamore hit the ball to short, scoring a run. A throwing error allowed him to reach second.

Dillon Smith followed with Kisamore in scoring position. He hit the ball sharply to third, but the Viking player there made a diving stop that even Wildcat coaches praised. His throwing error, however, brought in another run for Pendleton County.

When the smoke cleared, the Wildcats had taken a commanding 7-1 lead.

Petersburg opened the next inning with a single, followed by a well-executed sacrifice bunt. Owens forced the Vikings to strand the runner at scoring position by striking out the next two batters on a total of nine pitches.

Scoring settled down until the top of the fourth. Rexrode drew a leadoff walk and stole second during Owens' subsequent at bat. Owens' sacrifice moved Rexrode to third, where he was knocked in by Vincell on a sacrifice run batted in.

Pendleton County kept piling on runs. In the top of the fifth, Dillon Smith hit a stand up double on a one ball and two strike pitch and then advanced to third on a passed ball during the at bat of Will Smith. Will Smith's sacrifice sent Dillon Smith home.

Dillon Smith in the next inning batted Owens in on a sacrifice.

In the bottom of the sixth, Pendleton County lifted Owens in favor of Cole Harper. Petersburg scored one run on a one out single in the sixth and picked up three more in the bottom of the seventh for a final of 10-5.



Wildcat varsity baseball players cheered contestants in the inaugural children's race at PCMHS.

# Town of Franklin and PCMHS Combine For Opening Day Children's Race

Keely Smith, Franklin recreation director, in conjunction with Jackee Propst, Pendleton County Middle/High School athletic director, hosted the first ever youth race during the first home baseball game of the season.

As a part of her new position, Smith reached out to Propst to see if there was anything that she could do to help with the athletic department at PCMHS. Attendance to the baseball games was highlighted in their discussion. Smith came up with an activity not only to increase attendance to baseball games, but also to involve the youth of the county in a recreational activity to support the community.

"I think it is important for our youth to be involved and encouraged to participate in recreational community events, so they feel valued and appreciated. This is a great way for children to build a sense of pride in our community," says Smith.

The race was inspired by a tradition at the Minor League baseball games in Charleston where kids run for fun from the right to left field in between innings. "I have been to several Dirty Birds games, and I see how the kids get so much enjoyment out of being able to participate in activities during the games. I thought having a race during our baseball

game would bring enjoyment to our children as well," Smith stated.

The entry for the race was \$5 with the gate fee waived. Half of the money went to the PCMHS athletic department while the other half went to the Franklin Board of Parks. A total of 23 students were able to partake in the race.

There were two heats, first-and second-grade students, then third- through fifth-grade students. The first place winners from each heat won a season pass to all home middle and high school softball and baseball games. The second place winners from each heat won a day pass to the Franklin Pool.

First place winners were Carson Mitchell and Bentley Wimer. Second place winners were Abby Cayton and Braxton Beachler. Also, all participants' names were put into a raffle to win four box seat tickets to a Dirty Birds baseball game or a prize package from James Madison University Athletics, including money for concessions and t-shirts to attend a baseball game.

The winner of the Dirty Birds tickets was Kinley Minor, and the winner of the JMU prize package was Mia Dudley.

"We hope to be able to host the race again next year including kindergarten and sixth-grade students," Smith said.

# Vincell Earns First Win as Pendleton County Caps a Successful Week



The "bomb squad" of Avery Townsend, Kate Hedrick, Baylee Beachler, and Susan Vincell powered the offensive onslaught at Hampshire, belting four home runs in one game.

By Stephen Smoot

It took long enough for the wind and weather to clear enough to allow play, but ever since, the Wildcats have remained on the hunt. In addition to beating Frankfort, Pendleton County also easily handled rival East Hardy while pummeling Hampshire twice.

Pendleton County 8 East Hardy 0  
Last week, the Wildcats handled the East Hardy Cougars in a run shortened game. Baylee Beachler, who finished the game with 11 strikeouts, walked the first batter, but got the next two batters to strike out looking. The third out came from a baserunning error.

In the bottom of the first, the Cougars put the first two batters on. Avery Townsend was hit by a pitch, followed by Jenna Smith taking a walk on four pitches. A passed ball sent Townsend to third, where she scored on a sacrifice fly to centerfield by Beachler.

The Wildcats scored next in the bottom of the third. Lizzie Alt drew a one out walk, followed by Kate Hedrick getting a free pass on five pitches. Two passed balls during the at bat sent Alt to third. Susan Vincell came to the plate next. Although she struck out, a passed ball during her at bat allowed Alt to score.

Later in the same inning, Smith collected two runs batted in on an inside the park home run that also put Townsend across the plate.

The rest of the Wildcat runs came in the bottom of the fifth. Jaiden Mitts started the action by singling to right field, followed by walks earned by Nataley Hedrick, then Jessica Parker. Madison Arbaugh stepped in as a pinch runner for Parker.

The sixth run came when Mitts stole home plate. Nataley Hedrick stole third and Arbaugh second on the same play. Townsend's double to centerfield brought in the seventh run.

With Isabella Lockard in as a runner for Townsend, a Smith sacrifice scored the final run needed for the eight-run mercy rule to kick in, ending the game.

Pendleton County 11 Hampshire 0 (Game One)  
On another April day featuring late season football style weather, Pendleton County made the 90 minute trip north to Romney to play a double header.

In the first game, Allie Vance scattered three hits over five innings, striking out five. Pendleton County also launched four home runs against the Trojans, courtesy of Kate Hedrick, Townsend, Beachler, and Vincell.

Scoring started in the top of the first for the Wildcats. Smith reached second on an error. Beachler in the next at bat picked up a run batted in as another error allowed Smith to score.

The Trojans held the Wildcats at bay until the top of the third. Townsend led off the inning by driving a home run over the centerfield fence. Smith reached on an error, but was picked off in the next at bat. Beachler then drove a line drive over the right field fence.

Still in the third, Parker tripled and Kate Hedrick hit her own line drive home run to right, giving her team a 5-0 advantage.

The top of the fourth saw another explosive inning. Vincell led off with a double to left field, followed by a walk earned by Nataley Hedrick. Two batters later, Smith singled to load the bases, setting the table for Beachler, who belted a triple to centerfield, scoring three more runs.

Still in the fourth, Parker hit a sacrifice fly to center, scoring Beachler. Kate Hedrick drew a walk and was driven in on a double to left field hit by Alt.

In the bottom of the fourth, Hampshire had no answers for Vance's control and stamina. She struck out the first batter, then got the next two batters to hit into outs on only two pitches.

A lead-off Vincell home run to center provided the lone scoring in the top of the fifth. In the bottom of the inning, Hampshire could not muster any offense against Vance, only securing a two out walk before the Pendleton County pitcher shut the door on Hampshire.

Pendleton County 9 Hampshire 1  
Vincell earned her first varsity victory as a pitcher, combining with Lockard to limit Hampshire to only two hits and a single run during the second outing of the day.

The freshman pitcher made an early statement, setting down the Trojans in order to open the game. When the Wildcats took the field in their half of the inning, Smith drew a lead off walk, then advanced to third during the next at bat on an error. A sacrifice fly to right field by Townsend sent Smith home to collect the first run of the game.

Beachler then doubled. Parker knocked her in on a line drive single to left field. Two batters later, with two outs, Alt drove in Parker with a line drive triple to right field to set the score at 3-0. Vance helped her squad pick up the last run in the inning by knocking in Alt with a single.

In the top of the second, Vincell had another one-two-three inning, keeping the Trojan offense silent. Hampshire returned the favor in the bottom of the inning.

In the bottom of the third, Beachler hit a triple and was subsequently driven in on a sacrifice ground ball by Parker.

Hampshire picked up their sole run of the game in the top of the fourth, cutting the lead to 5-1. Vincell got revenge of sorts by hitting a leadoff double in the Pendleton County half of the inning, followed by a walk from Mitts. Lockard came in to run for Vincell.

Smith then had a sharply hit ground ball to center to score Lockard and send Mitts to second. Townsend knocked in Mitts and Smith with a line drive triple to right. Townsend then scored on a Beachler sacrifice fly to close down scoring for the game.

In Hampshire's half of the fifth, Wildcat pitching set the Trojans down in order to win the game.

Townsend, Beachler, and Alt all hit triples in the game.

# Wildcats Crush Competition in State Capital



After a dominating weekend in Charleston, the Pendleton County Wildcats take a team photo at Appalachian Power Park.



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# Beachler Strikes Out 13 As Chilled Out Wildcats Ground Falcons on the Road

By Stephen Smoot

It was a miserable day for outdoor sports when Pendleton County traveled to Short Gap last week for a date with the Frankfort Falcons. Just a half hour to the west, snow would soon blanket the mountaintops. At the game, cold temperatures and an unforgiving wind sprinkled with spitting rain, snow, and sleet greeted the squads.

Frankfort brought an even record into the game. They beat Martinsburg, split with Spring Mills, and lost to cross-county rival Keyser.

Neither team put a runner on in the first, but the Wildcats brought the power in the second inning. With two outs, Kate Hedrick hit a screaming line drive over the center field fence. The very next batter, Allie Vance, lofted a home run to left center to set the score at 2-0.

In such blustery conditions, hitting can be tough. Pendleton County relied on Baylee Beachler to keep the Falcon bats at bay. She carried a no hitter through three and two thirds, only giving up a walk on a hit batsman until then.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats worked hard to manufacture runs. The Frankfort pitcher used accuracy instead of speed to keep Pendleton County hitters off balance. Not until the top of the fifth did Pendleton County put more runs on the board.

Jessica Parker led off with a one ball and one strike base hit to left field. Susan Vincell followed her to the plate. Parker stole on the first pitch as

Vincell worked the pitcher. Parker stole third on the seventh pitch of the at bat and Vincell walked.

Julia Mongold came up next. A passed ball to her brought Parker home for the third run of the game for the Wildcats. The fourth run in the inning came on an Avery Townsend sacrifice fly.

In the bottom of the fifth, Frankfort started to get traction against Beachler. They led off with a double and a walk. She settled in and restored order, however, by striking out the next batter in four pitches. The rest of the order fell to strikeout as well.

Pendleton County looked as if they might break the game open in the top of the sixth. Lizzie Alt reached on an error and Hedrick followed with a line drive. The next batter, however, hit into an inning ending double play.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Falcons finally put a run on the board. The leadoff batter picked up a single to centerfield. She stole second, then scored on a sacrifice.

The Wildcats did add an insurance run in the top of the seventh. Parker led off with a hard hit line drive to the left field wall, which her hustle turned into a stand up triple. Nataley Hedrick came up next. A passed ball during her at bat let Parker score the fifth run of the game for her team.

Beacher closed the game with 13 strikeouts in the complete game win, scattering three hits over seven innings. Parker led the team in hitting, going two for two.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**CHICKEN BARBECUE** Saturday, April 13, 7 a.m.-? Pick up at Summit Bank, beside Franklin Florist and Brandywine General Store. Benefit PCHS football team. 1c

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the authority under that certain deed of trust executed by William E. Wright and Tiffany B. Shirk, to Jeffrey S. Bowers and J. Stuart Bowers, II, Trustees dated March 27, 2013, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 140, at page 586, by which trust was conveyed to said trustee(s) the hereinafter described real estate to secure the payment of a certain promissory note set out and described therein, and default having been made in the payment of said note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) having been appointed Substitute Trustee by an Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated June 13, 2023, and having been requested in writing by the holder of said note, will sell to the highest and best bidder on April 25, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at the front door of the courthouse of Pendleton County, West Virginia, the real estate conveyed by said deed of trust and situate in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, together with easements, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and at the time of the signing of the Deed of Trust it was reported that the address was 16 Vealey Cir., Franklin, WV 26807 and being

more particularly bounded and described therein as follows: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 5/8" rebar set in the line of a parcel owned by Eastern Allegheny Council for Human Services, Inc. (Tax Map 28A, Parcel 38, Deed Book 149, Page 157) and being South 41° 25' 00" East 110.04 feet from a 5/8" rebar found, corner to said parcel; thence with said line South 41° 25' 00" East 72.77 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; thence with a new division line through the lands of Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity (Tax Map 28A, Parcel 36, Deed Book 190, Page 383) South 48° 50' 39" West 107.33 feet to a 5/8" rebar set on the northern right-of-way limits of Vealey Circle (thirty foot right-of-way); thence with said limits North 42° 56' 39" West 65.06 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; corner to another parcel owned by Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity (Tax Map 28A, Parcel 35, Deed Book 191, Page 35); thence with a line of said parcel North 44° 47' 00" East 109.30 feet to the beginning, containing 0.171 acres, more or less.

Reserving to other for the right of ingress and egress is an easement over a fifteen foot common driveway and an eleven foot common driveway.

The above described parcel and easements are shown on a plat dated January 10, 2013.

Being a part of the lands described in a conveyance by Craig E. Thompson to Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity, Inc. by deed dated May 14, 2012 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Pendleton County, West Virginia in Deed Book 190, at page 383.

This sale is made subject to any special assessments, unpaid taxes, easements, conditions, reservations and restrictions affecting the aforesaid real estate.

The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights of ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

Pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust, the Substitute Trustee(s) may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated for the sale. The West Virginia Housing Development Fund or its designee may purchase the property at any sale.

The Substitute Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of the sale.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2024.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

BY: Richard A. Pill, Member 304-263-4971 foreclosures@pillwvllaw.com 4-11-2p

### WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 07, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):

Call 014 Contract 2020000229R2 State Project S336-1/2-0.01 00 Federal Project NFA-2023(260)D

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Greenawalt Gap Bridge  
COUNTY: PENDLETON

**BRIDGE: 11771**  
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STRUCTURE STEEL:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The advertisement, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. 4-4-2c

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PENDLETON COUNTY,

### WEST VIRGINIA

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF T.G.A.

Case No. 24-A-9

### TO: ANY INTERESTED PERSON(S):

The purpose of this notice is relative to the Adoption of the above referenced minor child, namely, T.G.A. (DOB: June 21, 2023, age 9 months).

Any interested persons may appear before the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, to protect their interest(s) in said Adoption when this matter is heard before the Honorable C. Carter Williams, in the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Pendleton County Courthouse, located in Franklin, Pendleton County, West Virginia at 100 S. Main Street, Franklin, WV 26807.

Any interested person(s) may also serve upon the Petitioner's attorney, namely, Nathan H. Walters, Esquire, at his office address and is of record in the

P.O. Box 119/204 N. Elm Street, Moorefield, WV 26836, any Answer(s) you may have in the above referenced matter.

If you fail to so appear, any interest you may have, shall be forfeited.

Entered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, on this the 13th day of March, 2024.

Shalee Wilburn  
Pendleton County  
West Virginia  
Circuit Clerk

### 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, April 4, 2024

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, June 3, 2024

Decedent: Ruthie Kate Smith, Baltimore County, MD  
Filed by: James Paul Geary, II, Attorney, Petersburg, WV

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 29, 2024.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 4-4-2c

### MUNICIPALITY OF FRANKLIN, WEST VIRGINIA Regular Current Expense Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>CLASS I</b>		
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	0
<b>CLASS II</b>		
Real Estate	\$ 21,639,840	25.00
Personal Property	29,568	74
Total Class II	\$ 21,669,408	\$ 54,174
<b>CLASS IV</b>		
Real Estate	\$ 12,144,860	50.00
Personal Property	6,582,597	32,913
Public Utility	2,389,146	11,946
Total Class IV	\$ 21,116,603	\$ 105,583
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 42,786,011</b>	<b>\$ 159,757</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations, & Uncollectable Taxes. ....	5.00%	7,988
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate) .....	2.00%	3,035
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable).....		0
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection.....</b>		<b>\$ 148,733</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund .....	2.00%	2,975
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes .....</b>		<b>\$ 145,759</b>

### 2024-20245 Fiscal Year LEVY ESTIMATE — BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF FRANKLIN

In accordance with Code 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

**REVENUE SOURCE**

Assigned Balance (July 1).....	\$ 25,000.00
Property Taxes .....	145,759.00
Gas and Oil Severance Tax .....	6,000.00
Excise Tax on Utilities.....	45,000.00
Wine and Liquor Tax .....	20,000.00
Animal Control Tax .....	250.00
Hotel Occupancy Tax .....	20,000.00
Fines, Fees & Court Costs .....	1,000.00
Licenses .....	5,000.00
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Franchise Fees .....	3,000.00
IRP Fees .....	35,000.00
Refuse Collection.....	85,000.00
Gaming Income.....	12,000.00
Interest Revenue.....	2,500.00
Video Lottery.....	500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue.....	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND).....</b>	<b>\$413,009.00</b>

**COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND**

**REVENUE SOURCE**

Unassigned Balance (July 1).....	\$ 50.00
Coal Severance .....	2,500.00
Interest Income.....	70.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND) .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,620.00</b>

**ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES**

	General Fund	Coal Severance
Mayor's Office.....	5,700.00	
City Council.....	10,500.00	
Recorder's Office.....	3,480.00	
City Clerk's Office.....	53,000.00	
Dues to Regional Council.....	800.00	
Elections .....	1,200.00	
City Hall.....	207,079.00	
Fire Department .....	1,000.00	
Emergency Services .....	1,000.00	
Streets & Highways.....	16,000.00	
Street Lights.....	20,000.00	
Garbage Department .....	72,250.00	
Parks & Recreation .....	10,500.00	2,620.00
Visitor's Bureau .....	10,000.00	
Library.....	1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>413,009.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,620.00</b>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF PENDLETON MUNICIPALITY OF FRANKLIN I, CHARLES FRANKLIN WEHRLE JR, CLERK OF SAID MUNICIPALITY DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORDS OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE SAID MUNICIPALITY ON THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

CHARLES FRANKLIN WEHRLE JR. 4-4-2c

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
The administration of the following estates is pending in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, 100 S. Main Street, P. O. Box 1167, Franklin, West Virginia 26807. The names of the personal representatives are set forth below.

**WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE, which ever is later.**  
All creditors of the decedent(s) and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate(s) must file their claims with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

Deborah A. Turner, Executrix;  
Mary E. Mick Estate - April Davis, Executrix;  
Naomi Wilfong Mitchell Estate - Gary A. Sheffer, Executrix;  
Jeffrey Hal Evick Estate - Rosie Thomas, Executrix;  
Linda Louise Propst Estate - Michelle Y. Dent, Administratrix;  
Michelle Lynn Martin Estate - Freddy Martin, Administrator;  
Ivanell Thompson Estate - Shirley Lea Warner, Executrix;  
Woodrow W. Hartman Estate - Heidi Hartman, Executrix.

**ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.**

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 4, 2024. Deadline for claims is June 3, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 29, 2024.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 4-4-2c

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:**  
All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Commission are required to file their objections with this Commission Boyd Kimble Estate -

# Youth Spring Gobbler Season Set for April 13, 14

Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced that turkey hunting will return on April 15 when the spring gobbler season opens in West Virginia.

"As a lifelong hunter and outdoorsman, I am thrilled to announce the opening of West Virginia's spring gobbler season and promote the springtime beauty and abundant natural resources of our incredible state," said Justice. "I want to encourage both residents and visitors to get their hunting license, grab their gear and head into the woods for a turkey hunting adventure."

During the season, which will run for five weeks until May 19, hunters may harvest one bearded bird per day with a season bag limit of two. All hunters 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license, unless they are hunting under resident landowner privileges, and must carry a valid form of identification while hunting. A West Virginia hunting license can be purchased at WVhunt.com.

"With the changing season and challenge of calling in a gobbler, the upcoming spring turkey season is one of the most exciting times of year for hunters in West Virginia," said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director. "As hunters prepare for their hunts in the coming week, we want to urge them to take advantage of the youth season because it's a great opportunity to introduce young ones to the joys of hunting and make lasting memories with loved ones."

West Virginia's two-day youth spring gobbler season is

set to open April 13. During the season, youth hunters ages 8 - 18 may harvest one bearded bird, which counts towards their season bag limit of two. Youth hunters 8 - 14 must be accompanied by a licensed and unarmed adult, who must remain close enough to render advice and assistance. Youth hunters 15 - 17 must comply with all licensing requirements.

WVDNR officials remind sportsmen and women that hunting turkeys over bait and killing hens without beards are illegal during the spring season. Turkey hunters are encouraged to report any such activity to their local Natural Resource Police Officer or call 911 to report the violation. In addition, the West Virginia Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation pays a \$100 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone killing a turkey illegally.

Justice also encouraged hunters to participate in the WVDNR's spring gobbler survey, which helps the wildlife biologists gather information for managing the state's wild turkey population. The survey will run for the duration of the spring gobbler season. Hunters have the option to complete the survey by filling out a paper form or online through the Survey123 mobile app. To learn more about the survey, visit [WVDnr.gov/surveys](http://WVDnr.gov/surveys).

For more information about the youth and regular spring gobbler seasons, check page 42 of the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at [WVDnr.gov/hunting-regulations](http://WVDnr.gov/hunting-regulations).

## MENU Pendleton Senior & Family Services

- FRIDAY, APRIL 12**  
Pork Chops  
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- MONDAY, APRIL 15**  
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Hashbrown Casserole  
Carrots  
Orange Dreamsicle
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**  
Liver/Onions  
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- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**  
Beans/Ham  
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# Adopt-A-Highway Spring Cleanup Set for April 27

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection is now accepting registrations for the 2024 Adopt-A-Highway Spring Statewide Cleanup set for April 27.

Co-sponsored by the WVDEP and the state Division of Highways, the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the WVDEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan and improves the quality of the state's environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter.

Individuals, families, churches, businesses, schools, civic organizations, government agencies and communities can register to pick up trash on almost any state-maintained road, back road, or main route. Private roads and interstate highways cannot be adopted.

The Adopt-A-Highway program provides garbage bags, work gloves and safety vests to volunteers, and takes care of disposing of collected trash. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate. One-time cleanups are encouraged but must be registered.

Groups must register in advance by April 17 and inform

their local DOH garage if they need supplies. Supplies may be picked up during normal business hours at the local DOH Garage.

To register, call 1-800-322-5530 or send an email to [dep.aah@wv.gov](mailto:dep.aah@wv.gov). If a person reaches the REAP voicemail, please leave one's name, phone number, group name, date of cleanup, number of participants, and the county where the adopted road is located.

The 2023 Adopt A Highway spring cleanup saw nearly 3,000 volunteers from more than 300 groups and removed more than 85,000 pounds of litter from more than 600 miles of roadway.

REAP, whose motto is "Keeping WV Clean and Green," was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts.

More information is available on the REAP webpage.



**Correction Related to Trout Fest**

In a previous edition, this paper stated that the top prize at Trout Fest would be \$5,000.

The actual top prize is \$1,000.

We apologize for any misunderstanding or inconvenience that this may have caused.

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Thorn Spring Park

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WVU Extension Office  
Thorn Spring Park  
PO Box 96, Franklin, WV 26807

**Application Deadline: April 26**

**WANTED TO HIRE**  
Full Time  
**Maintenance Director and Assistant**

Must be at least 18 years of age, hold a valid driver's license, and be able to pass a random drug test.

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**USED CAR Specials**

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2021 RAM 1500 CREW CAB SHORTBED 4X4 "Bighorn Pkg."	E-Torque V-6, auto., ldd., red, 55K miles, like new	\$34,900
2020 JEEP GLADIATOR 4X4 CREW CAB TK.	V-6, auto., ldd., silver, 39K miles, very sharp	<b>SPECIAL \$44,900 \$37,500</b>
2018 CHEVY COLORADO Z-71 EXTRA-CAB 4X4	3.6 liter V-6, auto., ldd., white, 60K miles	\$26,900
2017 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW XLT 4X4	5.0 liter V-8, auto., ldd., silver, 106K miles, sharp truck	\$23,900
2015 FORD F-250 SUPERCAB SHORTBED 4X2	6.2 liter gas V-8, auto., ldd., white, 175K miles, ex. cond.	\$17,500
2011 FORD F-250 REGULAR CAB LONGBED 4X4, XL pkg.	6.2 liter gas V-8, auto., ldd., 168K miles, custom fiberglass cap.	\$18,900
2007 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW SHORTBED 4X4	V-8, auto., ldd., black, rust free and a sharp truck	\$7,995
2004 FORD F-350 CREW CAB LARIAT DUALY 4X4	6.0 diesel, auto., ldd., maroon, only 79K miles	\$34,900
1997 FORD E-350 CONVERSION SUPERCAB DUALY 4X2	7.3 diesel, auto., ldd., maroon, 55K miles	\$13,900
1996 FORD F-250 S/CAB LONGBED 4X4	7.3 diesel, auto., ldd., bronze, 154K miles	<b>SPECIAL \$28,900 \$26,900 \$23,900</b>

**PASSENGER VEHICLES... SALE**

2021 CHEVY EQUINOX AWD 1LT PKG.	4-cyl., auto., ldd., dark blue, 85K miles, very clean	\$19,500
2021 FORD BRONCO SPORT "FIRST EDITION" AWD SUV	2.0 Ecoboost, auto., ldd., sharp cyber orange color w/only 8,900 miles	\$39,500
2021 KIA RIO S 5-DR HATCHBACK	1.6 4-cyl., auto., ldd., white, only 7K miles, like new cond.	<b>SPECIAL \$19,900 \$18,500</b>
2020 NISSAN ROGUE SL AWD	4-cyl., auto., ldd., leather, moonroof, navigation, etc. silver, only 48K miles	\$25,900
2019 DODGE JOURNEY GT AWD	V-6, auto., ldd., 56K miles, black, very sporty 3rd row SUV	<b>FOR ONLY \$24,900</b>
2018 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN	V-6, auto., ldd., charcoal, 106K highway miles	<b>SPECIAL \$17,900 \$15,900</b>
2018 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM AWD	2.0 4-cyl., auto., ldd., blue, 102K miles, very sharp	<b>SPECIAL \$19,900 \$17,500</b>
2015 FORD EXPLORER SPORT AWD	Ecoboost V-6, auto., ldd., black, 137K miles, in excellent condition	\$17,900
2014 TOYOTA CAMRY LE 4-DR.	4-cyl., auto., ldd., green, local trade w/89K miles	\$13,900
2014 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD	3.5 liter V-6, auto., ldd., blue, 132K miles	\$12,900
2013 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DR. UNLIMITED 4X4 SPORT PKG.	V-6, auto., ldd., orange, 132K miles	\$16,900
2007 FORD MUSTANG GT PREMIUM	V-8, 5-spd., ldd., blue, only 56K miles, super clean car	\$15,900

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**SGR328A** 0.30 Acres w/Duplex. 2-1 bed, 1 bath units w/shared laundry. Newly Rehabbed. Located at South Fork Crossing. Some Restrictions. Purchase separately at **\$69,900.00 per unit or purchase both units for \$135,000.00.**

**SGR327A** 0.44 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Rancher. Located in Brandywine. **Under Contract** Newly rehabbed. Some Restrictions. **\$109,900.00.**

**SGR326A** 141.74 Acres, Raw Land, Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$399,000.00.**

**SGR323A** 35.31 Acres w/1289 sq. ft. 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath Log Cabin, Mountain View Electric Baseboard & Wood Heat, Cistern, Septic. Hidden Valley. **NEW LISTING \$249,000.00.**

**SGR322A** 49.07 Acres, more or less, located in Mill Run District. **NEW LISTING \$129,000.00.**

**SGR320A** 2.75 wooded acres, Lot #13, Yeager Ct., Highland Estates Development, Milroy District, Grant County, WV. **NEW LISTING \$63,250.00.**

**SGR318A** 14.47 Acres Raw Land, Buck Ridges Development, Franklin District. **\$49,900.00.**

**SGR316A** 10.35 Acres, Entry Mountain, Some Covenants & Restrictions. Nice View. **\$89,900.00.**

**SGR315A** 3 Bed, 2 Bath Ranch on 2.02 acres located in Upper Tract. **SOLD** Metal Roof & Gutters 2020. Franklin District, Pendleton County. **\$255,000.00.**

**SGR313A** 7.46 Acres in Upper Tract, Mill Run District, Pendleton City. **SOLD** on property. **NEW LISTING \$35,000.00.**

**SGR309A** 0.44 Acres w/4 bed, 2 bath home in Franklin. Two car garage w/bonus room. **NEW LISTING \$229,000.00.**

**SGR308A** 10.04 Acres, Raw Land, Lot #26, Blackthorn Mtn. Estates, Sugar Grove Dist. Great View Potential. Perc. tested. **\$60,000.00.**

**SGR303A** 18 Acres w/Unfinished 3-Story Cabin, another Older cabin and Hunting Blindhouse w/Spectacular view of Dolly Sods. Located in Clearing Creek area, Union Dist. Septic avail, but not hooked up. Spring, Electric, Phone/Internet. **NEW LISTING \$279,000.00. REDUCED \$239,000.00.**

**SGR302A** "The Hollow" Restaurant, fully furnished, at the corner of US RT 220/US RT 33W, Franklin. Property adjoins neighboring motel. **NEW LISTING \$425,000.00 REDUCED \$320,000.00.**

**SGR300A** 599.19 Acres, more or less, off of Sandy Ridge Rd. Hunting, Food Plots, Timber, Catfish Pond, Mtn. Views, Roads throughout. Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$1,795,000.00.**

**SGR295A** 1.5 Acres w/3 Bed, 1.5 Bath home located Franklin District. **SOLD** Spring & Well. Some covenants & restrictions. **NEW LISTING \$249,000.00.**

**SGR271A** 1.84 Acres of Old Farm Property in Franklin District. **UNDER CONTRACT \$14,000.00.**

**SGR258B** 3.42 Acres, w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home. Sugar Grove District, Falcon Lane. **\$259,000.00. REDUCED \$229,000.00.**

**SGR252A** 81.01 Acres, more or less, Lot 7, Seneca Lookout, adjoins National Forest. Spring on property, North Fork hiking trail crosses. Union District. Covenants & Restrictions. **\$519,000.00.**

**SGR246** 242.36 Acres, more or less, w/5 Bed, 2-1/2 Bath Contemporary Home as well as a Farmhouse on property, Pond, Magnificent Views. Conservation Easement. **\$998,700.00.**

**SGR236** World Class View Overlooking Germany Valley! Log Cabin, 70.08 Acres, 2 bed, 2.5 Baths. Seneca Lookout. Some Restrictions. **\$799,000.00.**

**SGR223 A** 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2000 sq. ft. home located in town of Franklin. **\$299,000.00.**

**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.**

**SGR441 Residential lots**, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte.33 East of Franklin. Lots from **\$20,760.00.**

**SGR247 Residential lots** with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from **\$14,630.00.**

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