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FFA Members Celebrate Achievements, Induct Honorary Members

FFA members put a significant amount of effort and determination into what they do while trying to develop their potential for premier leadership, career success and personal growth through agricultural education.

FFA members are encouraged to give it all until there is nothing left. They are to go all out as they live their lives, motivate themselves and put everything they have into everything they do. Members are to be determined, know no bounds and to take action.

Whether serving as a chapter officer or participating in community service, every FFA member strides to make a positive difference to those around them. Learning to live and living to serve is the legacy FFA members preserve.

Pendleton County FFA members shared their accomplishments with parents, guests and fellow FFA members at the organization's annual banquet held Sunday at Pendleton County High School.

After McKenna Hedrick led the invocation, FFA members and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal provided by Deans Gap Farm.

Pendleton County FFA officers, Kaylee Callison, president, Lydia Heavner, vice president, Jenna Smith, secretary, Caleb Armentrout, treasurer, Gena Lambert, reporter, and Hedrick, sentinel, and Ron Hudson, FFA advisor, opened the meeting.

After a video presentation of the year's highlights, special awards and presentations were made.

Honorary membership is bestowed upon individuals who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding services. Honorary chapter memberships were presented to Lucas Moreland and Tim Johnson.

Moreland has been involved in various clubs and organizations, 4-H, National Honor Society, National



Kaylee Callison, chapter president, congratulates new honorary members, Lucas Moreland, left, and Tim Johnson.



Outstanding Pendleton County FFA members recognized were, from left, Ty Heavner, Gena Lambert and Jameigh Miller.

Technical Honor Society, Italian Exchange Program, National German Honor Society, and the Hampshire County FFA, during his high school years.

While in FFA, he competed in several contests including the FFA Creed, entomology, and poultry. He served the organization as chapter parliamentarian for two years, the West Virginia Northeastern Regional president and in 2020-21 as the Northeastern Regional State vice president. Chapter recognition included being the outstanding freshman, Star Greenhand Award, Star Chapter Farmer Award and many chapter proficiencies and was awarded the Golden Eagle Award. In 2021, he received his American FFA degree, the highest FFA degree.

He attended West Virginia University Potomac State College in Keyser and WVU in Morgantown. Recently, he was awarded first place for his research while at WVU and had the

opportunity to present and represent the university at a national event in North Carolina.

He continues to serve WVU as a student ambassador and Hampshire County as an FFA alumni member and is a member of the Hampshire County Farm Bureau.

During the 2023-2024 School year, Mooreland has had the opportunity to work with Hudson and the students of Pendleton County as an agriculture education student teacher.

Johnson has supported the Pendleton County FFA Chapter – students, advisor, and families – for the past eight years. He attended WVU in Morgantown and received his bachelor's degrees and master's degrees in physical education and health and a bachelor's degree in anatomy and physiology.

His professional career started at WVU Physical Therapy. He then went to work at WVU Medicine Chestnut Ridge Center where he met his wife, Lori, who was employed there.

He and his family returned to Mineral County, where he was hired as the physical education and health teacher

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Chamber of Commerce Features Hartman In Special Community and Political Event

By Stephen Smoot

Elected officials and those aspiring to fill those roles gathered at the community building last week, invited by the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce to share their ideas with voters. Yet the most important figure at the event was someone who could not have come, but filled the room with his memories.

The event took place on the exact date of the Franklin fire that consumed the town's business center a century ago. As attendees filed in, they saw the face of Woodrow Hartman, who lived to 107 before passing recently. His voice, urged on by his interviewer, Bob Horan, mayor of Franklin, filled the room with memories of life a hundred years ago.

Hartman lived far from town as a child, recalling that the family normally came to the county seat about twice a year. He remembered "very

few cars on the road," and that "a lot of people would ride to town on horseback."

Some of those trips helped to put food on their table. Hartman said that "my dad split wood, put it in the wagon, and we would take it to town. The family charged customers \$4.00 for a load of wood." His father also worked at a sawmill, earning a dollar a day working from six to six. For Horan, this represented his first experience giving an interview. "I had no idea if I had done anything right or anything wrong," he said, adding that "I think he really enjoyed it."

The conversation covered a much wider scope than just the time of the fire. Hartman stated that although he lived far from town, the family home perched high on a hillside. "I was eight years old," he shared, also stating that "I remember hearing it on the telephone." The smoke from the fire rose high above the ridgetops, giving an idea of

the destruction in Franklin.

He also explained that the family did not make it into town until six months later, but "they were already building back."

Frank Wehrle served as cameraman for the occasion and shared that "Bob came up with the idea. Woodrow was an obvious choice." Horan added, "I'm always impressed with Woodrow. He knows so much."

Horan noted that the interview started with Hartman asking, "What do you want to know?" Horan answered that he was asking, "What do you know? What do you remember?" He added that Hartman's memory remained precise and that all it took was a simple question to unlock a treasure of memories from older times.

The interview, as the good ones do, came out as a conversation between friends more than a series of questions and answers. Horan simply asked questions out of curiosity and Hartman's words painted a picture of times past.

Hartman remembered the late 30s as "some of the best times of my life." He came into adulthood as military production for the nations fighting in the opening of World War II started to pull the nation out of the Great Depression. He remembered "a dollar would buy something. I'd buy a gallon of gas for 75 cents."

After a long, entertaining, and informative conversation, the talk ended. Horan closed with "we certainly appreciate you letting us do this."

After the playing of the video, the candidates had their say. Elizabeth Scott, executive director of the chamber of commerce, praised her team, saying, "It was very well-organized. I really appreciate Mr. Loving (Bill Loving, president of Pendleton Community Bank) for being the moderator. He did a really good job."

The forum lasted approximately two hours, with candidates running for offices from magistrate to state senate each getting their say in front of more than 100 attendees.

The Locally Loved Mushrooms That 'Just Scream Luxury'

By Stephen Smoot

Some of the world's most sought after foods in 2024 can come right from a West Virginian's back yard. Last month saw the rise of ramps as the winter cold dissipates into the warmth of spring.

Starting in April come the morel mushrooms. Food Network star and famed chef Simon Majumdar says of them "that I know will bring a teary look of appreciation to just about every chef I encounter, and that is the morel mushroom. So much so that when I reached out to Iron Chef Alex Guarnaschelli for her opinion of the morel, she referred to it as the 'sacred mushroom.'"

Morels, along with ramps, come with the onset of spring. They appear for a few weeks each spring and have a distinctive honeycomb shape, as well as a hollow interior. Majumdar notes that morels are a close genetic relation to high priced and in demand truffles.

French cooking features both, but morels also appear often in native Appalachian fare.

Jeff Munn, who along with his wife, Teresa, own the historic Annanias Pitsenbarger Farm, Dry Run Distillery, and Loafer's Glory bed and breakfast in Dahmer, has cultivated and observed growth of these delicacies on his property for years.

Munn recommends to those considering mushroom hunting that they purchase and use what he calls "the Bible of hunting mushrooms, which is the book entitled



Jeff Munn of Dahmer demonstrates one way to identify a morel mushroom, slicing it open to reveal a hollow center.

Mushrooms of West Virginia and the Central Appalachians."

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Community Calendar

Prom Walk-In Set for Saturday

The Junior-Senior Prom Walk-in will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Saturday at the John M. Dice Fieldhouse main gym. The public is invited to come watch as students are announced as they enter into their Night Under the Lanterns prom. Doors will open to the public at 6:30 p.m.

Early Voting Begins May 1

Early voting begins May 1 in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse. Voting will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on two Saturdays, May 4 and 11. The last day to early vote is May 11.

Reminder: No campaign materials of any kind are allowed on courthouse property during early voting.

Clothing Closet Open Saturday

The North Fork Baptist Church in Riverton will sponsor a free clothing closet from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 304-567-2098

National Day of Prayer Program To Be Held May 2

The public is invited to attend a National Day of Prayer event at 4 p.m. May 2 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin.

Spring Fling Party Planned

Spring Fling Party in the Park will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Ruddle Park in Upper Tract. This event will be fun for all ages and will include a family scavenger hunt, cornhole, a concert at 5 p.m. by The Larry Delawder Family and other fun activities. There will be food and prizes. Bring a lawn chair. This free event is being hosted by Christ Central Community Church.

Whitcotton Updates BOE on Student Improvement During the School Year

By Stephen Smoot

In the wake of COVID lockdowns and other disruptions, Pendleton County Schools, along with almost every school system in the nation, faced significant challenges. Despite the best efforts of education professionals, given the restrictions imposed during the pandemic, student skills and achievement dropped significantly.

Related to the lockdowns and intertwined with the issue of declining scores lay the low motivation of some students to attend school – and of a small percentage of parents or guardians to make them.

Facing vital student achievement indicators starting to dip in the wrong direction, Charles Hedrick, Pendleton County Superintendent of Schools, and the county board of education created a new position, school

improvement coordinator. They appointed Barbara Whitcotton, an education veteran who served as superintendent for Hardy County Schools, to serve in that position.

Last week, Whitcotton attended the regular second meeting of the month of the board of education to report on student progress and how staff and faculty worked to facilitate it.

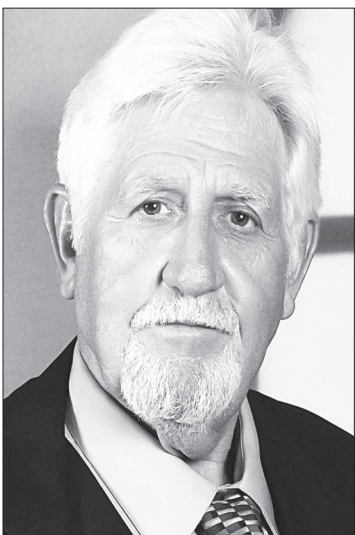
She commenced after J. D. Wilkins, president of the school board, gave his customary invocation, which included "almighty God, we thank You for bringing us together tonight."

"I asked Charles Hedrick if I could have three hours," Whitcotton joked. "He said 'no.'"

Taking pains to say that she was not refer-

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OBITUARIES



Micheal (Mike) Vernon Blankenship

Micheal (Mike) Vernon Blankenship, 75, was welcomed into his heavenly home on April 15, 2024 from his home in Franklin.

He was born Sept. 22, 1948, in Portsmouth, Virginia, and was the son of the late Leonard Douglas Blankenship and Alice Perthenia Black Millan. He was raised on the family farm in Upper Tract by his maternal grandparents, Walter William and Olena Dahmer Black.

Mr. Blankenship was a devout Christian, a friend and helper to all. He worked hard all his life until the day he passed when he was working on a project with his eldest son, Mick.

He loved his family and was so proud and supportive of their accomplishments, especially his grandchildren. He tried to attend every recital, play, sporting event and ceremony that his grandchildren participated in up until his passing. He enjoyed being outdoors, lending a helping hand to a neighbor in need, offering advice on any project, singing, playing his guitar, and living with the Lord. He was a talented speaker and writer.

He was a faithful member of Christ Central Community Church since 1979, where he was a lay leader for many years. He officiated several weddings and performed funeral services for many of his friends and family members. He completed a Walk of Faith with Rainbow Via De Cristo in Frederick, Maryland. He led a Wednesday prayer group at James Madison University for many years.

He graduated from Franklin High School in 1966. After high school, he studied engineering at Potomac State College, Columbia Institute of Technology and Northern Virginia Community College.

He was an accomplished engineer, designer and business owner. He started his career in the metro Washington, DC, area where he was head engineer on many projects for more than 10 years. He built the first high rise in Tysons Corner, Virginia. He was the head engineer on the Crystal City Complex in Arlington, Virginia. One of the highlights of his career was the Washington, DC, temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Kensington, Maryland.

He moved his family to West Virginia where he established the Micheal V. Blankenship, Inc. construction firm. Some of the projects he completed were the Lovegrove Complex, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and the Reeds Creek Fish Hatchery addition. He was a Scholz Home builder where he built multiple houses in the area. Two homes stood out to him that he completed. One multi-home project was the renovation of his friend and "brother" Larry Rexrode and wife, Beverly's, home, Maple Manor, along with the relocation of a home from the current location of the Franklin Subway. The other home is the one he built for his friend and "brother" Mike Hammer. He designed and built a home for his family that was completed in 1988. He worked for Pendleton County Schools for five years as the maintenance director, working with another

dear friend, Doug Simmons, where he completed the school bus garage on Route 33 near the state police barracks.

In 1989, he began his career as a capital outlay project architect/engineer at James Madison University. His first project at JMU was Bures Hall. His notable projects he oversaw were Plecker Athletic Performance Center, the entire CISAT Campus including the bridge over Interstate 81, the Warsaw Street Parking Deck and the Forbes Center for the Performing Arts. After retirement from JMU, he oversaw construction projects at Bridgewater Retirement Community and was clerk of the works for the construction of the new Franklin Elementary School and projects at Pendleton County Middle/High School and North Fork Elementary School.

Mr. Blankenship was a friend and mentor to many throughout his life. He never met a stranger. He leaves behind a legacy and testaments to his expertise through his projects at JMU, the Blue Ridge Valley, Northern Virginia and Washington, DC, but most of all the guidance and knowledge he passed on to all who crossed his path.

His dear friend, Eli Zugay held a special place in his heart and for the last 50 years, Zugay visited West Virginia and spent two weeks with the Blankenships. He also held a special place in his heart and dearly missed his hunting buddies, Harvey Mitchell and Delbert Mowery.

He and his wife had a passion for traveling, and they only lacked seven states to have been to all 50 states. They enjoyed many trips to Canada, Mexico, Western, Eastern and Southern Caribbean. The two of them had traveled extensively with a senior bus group in Romney. His mother, Alice, initiated the travel bug in them in the early years of their marriage as they traveled many places with her in her motorhome. The Blankenships, their children and grandchildren ventured on many trips and cruises together, including their yearly vacations to Massanutten, Virginia, to their "mountain home" (a tradition started by his mother in the 80s, where he had been on the board of directors and the planning committees), to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (which they had a great love for), Branson, Missouri, numerous trips to Disney, including California with Nevin and his family, the entire Atlantic Coast (they love the ocean), the Pacific Coast with Nevin and his family during a 21-day trip out west together and to Hawaii with Mick and his family.

On June 28, 1969, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life for 54 years, Nancy Mitchell Blankenship, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons that he was so proud of and adored, Micheal (Mick) Vernon Blankenship, II, and wife, Teresa Conley Blankenship of Hinton, Virginia, and Nevin Jason Blankenship and wife, Vickie VanMeter Blankenship of Harrisonburg, Virginia; three grandchildren who called him "Paw Paw," Jerica Blankenship of Hinton, Virginia, and Alexis Blankenship and Jathan Blankenship, both of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Blankenship; and a brother, Larry Blankenship.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Christ Central Community Church in Upper Tract. A graveside service followed at Kline Cemetery in Upper Tract.

Memorial donations may be made to Paw Paw's Bridge to Education Fund through Pendleton Community Bank, c/o Nancy Blankenship. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com.



Jerri Lee Campbell

Jerri Lee Campbell, 82, passed away at home in Franklin, surrounded by her family on April 20, 2024.

She was born July 8, 1941, in Huntington and was the daughter of the late Faye Louise Price Childers and John Calvin Childers. She spent most of her childhood with her grandparents, the late Lillian and Mansfield Price, where she learned to love gardening and cooking.

Mrs. Campbell earned a double major in psychology and sociology with a minor in archaeology at Marshall University. During her senior year, she met her forever husband, Thomas Earl. They married on Aug. 17, 1963, and began their life together.

As a military wife, she oversaw numerous moves across the United States and the early child raising years on her own, while her husband was away on military missions. She had a passion for animals, raising and showing German Shepherds. There was always a houseful of puppies and children to keep her busy. How she found time for her many talents and crafts like knitting, basket weaving, sewing and gardening is still a mystery to all.

She owned and operated a florist/jewelry store named the Catch Penny, was an award-winning realtor and owned and operated a successful pet store for many years.

Once her children were grown, she decided it was time to move back to her West Virginia roots, where she and her husband spent 29 happy years. She loved sitting on her porch and watching her birds and was able to spend her last moments here.

Her beloved husband of 60 years, Thomas Earl Campbell, survives.

She also leaves behind two daughters, Regina Watson of Franklin and Rebecca Dugan and husband, Keith of Hollywood, Maryland; two sons, Thomas E. Campbell II and wife, Gina of Panama Beach, Florida, and John Mansfield Campbell and wife, Kimberly of Merritt Island, Florida; nine grandchildren, Lauren Glass and husband, Davis, Emily Campbell, Hannah Campbell, Brianna Nash and husband, Zachary, Jessica Boyd and husband, Gareth, Mary Laviolette and husband, Caleb, Shane Dugan, John Campbell and wife, Amanda, MacKenzie Smith and husband, Cody; and seven great-grandchildren, Juniper Glass, Connor and Madeleine Nash, Eden, Avner and Theodore Boyd and Elijah Campbell.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, George Thomas Watson.

Her body has been cremated, and the family will commemorate her life privately at a later date.

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



Sharon "Sherry" Lee White Jordan

Sharon "Sherry" Lee White Jordan, passed away on March 26, 2024, in Mapleton, Utah, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1960, in Salisbury, Maryland, the daughter of the late Virginia Lee Lambert and Southey White.

Mrs. Jordan enjoyed her younger years living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, spending time with friends on the beach in Ocean City, Maryland. In her teens and in high school, she moved to Seattle, Washington, to live with her uncle and aunt, Dale and Bonnie Lambert.

She graduated from Roosevelt High School in Seattle, Washington, one of the premier high schools in the city. In 1977, her mother joined her in Seattle, Washington. She went to Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, and after graduation continued her education at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where she earned her bachelor of arts degree. There she met her first husband, Mack Owens.

After many years in a variety of different positions, she later returned to BYU, earning her master's degree in teaching. She worked for several years, teaching at the elementary school level for the Everett Public Schools. During this time while teaching, she met her second husband, Don Jordan, the love of her life. They had a home for many years in Edmonds, Washington, until her husband's passing, and then with her mother before moving to Mapleton, Utah.

She was a devoted cat mom to several cats over the years, and a generous aunt and cousin to those closest to her. She loved spending time at the ocean, especially Cannon Beach, Oregon, going to brunch with friends, joining her husband while he "treasure hunted" at yard sales, or going for long drives. She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served in many important callings within the church.

Surviving are half brothers, Gary and Jerry; many beloved nephews and nieces; an uncle, Dale Lambert of Seattle, Washington; aunts, Madeline Hoover and Mary Jane Santelli, both of Franklin; and many cousins, all who love and miss her.

She was also preceded in death by two half brothers, James Ryan (Dewey) and William "Bill" Ryan (Dewey); and a half sister Peggy Ryan.

Per her wishes she was cremated with her ashes released into the Atlantic Ocean in Ocean City, Maryland.

Special thanks go to Jerry, Cheri, Jared, and Emily Emerick for their special care and attention to Mrs. Jordan in her hours of need.



Sheila "Dee" Rose (Sites) Garrick

Sheila "Dee" Rose (Sites) Garrick, 89, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2024, in Melbourne, Florida, surrounded by those who loved her dearly.

Mrs. Garrick will always be remembered for her kind, gentle, and curious nature, which captivated everyone she encountered. She took a genuine interest in everyone and everything — she truly loved learning — and could hold a conversation with anyone about anything. She had a lifelong love of all types of music, was always reading a book, and enjoyed completing daily word puzzles. She also loved keeping up with a variety of sports and had a guilty pleasure fascination with several reality TV shows.

The love she had for her family and friends knew no bounds. She was incredibly special and will be deeply missed by those left behind. She wanted everyone to "remember the good times we had—all the laughter and love!"

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Martin (David); granddaughters, Rachel Sboto (Sean), Lauren Garrick-Keyes, and Jeri Martin; grandson, Evan Martin; great-grandson, Lincoln Sboto; her sister, Diana (Sites) Alt; and many nieces and nephews, all of whom she cherished.

She is now forever reunited with many loved ones, including two of her three cherished children, Joseph Lincoln and Lee Ann Garrick; husband, James Edward Garrick; mother and father, Olivia Elizabeth and Joseph Edward Sites; sisters, Olivia Sites and Patricia (Sites) Siswender; and brothers, Michael, Joseph & James Sites.

A private celebration of life will be held this summer in her hometown of Upper Tract.

"Country roads, take me home, To the place I belong, West Virginia, mountain Mama, Take me home, country roads."

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Learn To Laugh at Life's Follies

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

April is such a beautiful month, bringing much joy and blessings to the eye of the beholder. Laughter is a gift to enjoy along with the beauty. A dear friend of the writer passed the "Summary of Life" to her, and she thought it would be best shared with her readers. So, it goes like this:

"Little children have learned: No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats; when your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair; if your sister hits you, don't hit her back...they always catch the second person; you can't trust dogs to watch your food; the best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

Adults have learned: Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree; wrinkles don't hurt; families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts; today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground; laughing is good exercise...it's like jogging on the inside; middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

Growing old is mandatory...growing up is optional; forget the health food...I need all the preservatives I can get; when you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there; you're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster; it's frustration when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions; time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician; wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

The four stages of life: You believe in Santa Claus; You don't believe in Santa Claus; You are Santa Claus; You look like Santa Claus.

And then there is Success: At age 4 success is...not piddling your pants; at age 12 success is...having friends; at age 17 success is having a driver's license; at age

35 success is having money; at age 50 success is having money; at age 70 success is having a driver's license; at age 75 success is having friends; and at age 80 success is not piddling in your pants."

The writer hopes that the reader has had some laughs when reading all of the above.

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Get organized.
2. Avoid distractions.
3. Get regular checkups.
4. Be kind.
5. Don't sweat the small stuff.

Monday morning temperatures were 26 degrees with frost. A great way to begin Earth Day.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"One of the most beautiful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides." — W.E. Johns

"April is a moment of joy for those who have survived the winter." — Samuel Johnson

"Despite the forecast, live like it's spring." — Lilly Pulitzer

"April is the month of dreams come true." — John Baillie

"Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil." — Bishop Reginald Heber

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

•Hummingbirds travel alone for up to 500 miles at a time.

•There are more than 10,000 varieties of tomatoes.

•Thomas Jefferson was famous as a skilled violinist and collected lots of instruments.

•Of all the Great Lakes, Lake Erie is surrounded by the most industry.

•The Egyptian hieroglyphs are among the oldest writing systems in the world. The symbols were used for more than 3,000 years.

Life is better by the front porch to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Last Sunday, there was a huge gathering in Franklin to commemorate the 100th

anniversary of the Franklin Fire. Brenna Mitchell's presentation was outstanding, as well as Michelle Sites' town walk. So many persons assisted in making this a wonderful anniversary celebration.

The Sugar Grove/VFW worked diligently to have the chicken barbecue.

Enos Horst of Brandywine, Christene Bowers, and Pidge Anderson have been the first to sight the beautiful hummingbirds. Time to get out the feeders.

Monday was Earth Day, and with that several community volunteers are "gearing" up to pick up the trash along the highways. Bouquets of flowers to Wesley and Becky Puffenbarger's 4-H group for picking up five bags of trash from the Nash homestead to Falcon Lane, near the county line, which is less than a mile. Even though the state highway department workers cleaned out the ditches, there was this much trash to pick up. Truly amazing how a few persons, who apparently lack responsibility, can make such an unsightly mess to behold! It seems to the writer that it would be easily taken care of by simply putting a Walmart bag in the car.

Karla, Jim, Montana and Troy Moats/Hise made a trip down to North Carolina to move Brian, Tuesday and Cedar Simmons into their "hopefully won't be moving for a long time" new home in Wake Forest, North Carolina. A great time and a lot of work was had by all.

A great-niece of Jesse Carrol Propst of the Thorn Creek Road, was featured in the sports section of the Daily News-Record last Wednesday. Turner Ashby's senior first baseman is Harleigh Propst named after her grandfather, the late Harley (Carol) Propst. Her parents are Tony and Michelle Propst of Dayton, Virginia. Harleigh is a dual-sport athlete in softball and volleyball, and is working in the hopes of a state championship in the softball division at the season's end. Congratulations, Harleigh for making Pendleton County very proud of you.

Steve Stump sure has some beautiful red and yellow tulips adorning his yard.

The May birthdays include the following: Betty Kimble, Dave Basagic and Krista Simmons, third; Connor Hedrick, fourth; Judy Rexrode and Sandy Simmons fifth; Linda Fay Rexrode, Ashlyn Wimer, Shalee Wilburn and Dwight Moyers, sixth; Bobby Bodkin, seventh; Grey Cassell, Jean Hudson, Kay Simmons and Donna Evick, eighth; Linnea Fisher, 10th; Willard Rader, Susan Kiser and Juanita Scott, 11th; Jean Ann Homan, 13th; 14th...Dinah Beverly, Adelbert Hoover, Orville Harper and Missy Harrison, 14th; Liam Simmons and Lori Lambert, 15th; and Tina Via and Reagan McConnell, 16th.

Concerns for this week are as follows; Bob Adamson, Rick Adkins, Bill Arrington, John Ashley, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Lynn Beatty, the Mike Blankenship family, "Bo" Boggs, Jane Conrad, Marie Cole, Christian Dasher, Benny Evick, Isaac Eye, Linda



Pictured are Philip Wilfong (July 13, 1835 - Feb. 24, 1914) and Eliza Jane Lamb Wilfong (July 13, 1835 - Aug. 20, 1904). Philip's parents were Joseph Wilfong (Oct. 9, 1814 - Jan. 1, 1896) and Lavina Simmons Wilfong (May 12, 1814 - April 1, 1891). Eliza's parents were Michael W. Lamb and Barbara Lamb. Philip and Eliza Jane's children were George William (June 20, 1861 - Aug. 20, 1935), Joseph Henry, (Jan. 25, 1875 - Sept. 7, 1947), David Arthur, (Jan. 8, 1877 - Nov. 24, 1934), and Sarah Frances (Jan. 11, 1873 - Dec. 21, 1907). Both Philip and Eliza Jane are buried at the St. Michael Cemetery.

Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Neal Eye, Carl Gant, Lorelee Gordon, Lola Graham, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Amanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, Jim Hiner, 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, 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, Gloria Moats, John Morford, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger, 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, Jackie Smith, Stanna Smith, Tina Stuben, Elizabeth Terry, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Raymond Varner, Amy Vaus, Estelle Wagner, Rene White, Judy Williams, Ann and Jerry Wimer and Margaret Wimer.

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The Politics of Perversion

Editor,
West Virginia House of Delegates District 67 encompasses the western half of Pendleton County and in Randolph County most of Elkins and the Glenmore area, north to the Tucker County line and east to Pendleton County. Republican Elias Coop-Gonzalez was elected in 2022 ousting Democrat incumbent transgender supporter Thompson.

During the 2021 regular session, H.B. 3293 was passed. The bill, in summary, states that at the time of enrollment in sports, the sex on the birth certificate determines what single sports the student can participate, defining male and female based solely on the individual's reproductive biology and genetics at birth. Simply stated, born a boy, boys sports, born a girl, girls sports.

The vote was partisan with Republicans voting for and Democrats voting against. All local legislators, including Senators Hamilton and Karnes and Delegates Ward, Hott, Nestor and Hanna voted for the bill. Thompson voted against the bill.

Quoting Thompson from a 3-28-21 article in the Inter Mountain, "I'm personally appalled and disgusted that a little girl could potentially have to show a stranger her genitalia to prove want sex organs she has. Would you feel comfortable with your daughter, trans or not, being subjected to that? I wouldn't, it's disgusting" Verbal feces at its best!

Since males have infiltrated female sports, serious injuries are all too common. For example, in North Carolina, a female volleyball player was spiked in the face by a male. She was knocked unconscious and suffered a concussion. Another female athlete was struck in the face by a male. Her nose was broken, teeth knocked out and she is in the process of facial reconstructive surgery.

More coaches of female teams are forfeiting games because of males on the opposing teams. While these coaches are protecting their players, some have been called before school officials and promptly fired!!

These atrocities are displacing gifted and hardworking born female athletes and in the process obliterating historic achievements and records of the past.

Too many parents, coaches, professional athletes, and school and college boards have either condoned or remained silent as born female athletes are humiliated and robbed of their years of hard work by biological males.

When preferred guidance comes not from doctors, but propagated by activists like Thompson, this guidance is nothing more than mutilation, which can include cross-sex hormones, double mastectomies and various treatments, starting as young as 5 years, all of this with the approval of sick, sick parents!! Sticking the label "trans" on this does not change the gruesome reality.

Tennis legend Martina Navratilova summed up this desecration of female sports when she said "Women's sports is not a place for failed male athletes." And a quote I have found that has been used extensively by past Presidents and members of Congress "You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig."

There is no place in the West Virginia Legislature for a George Soros ACLU (American Civil Liberties Upours) backed "trans" supporter.

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FFA Members

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at Keyser High School. During this time, he earned his educational leadership master's degree.

In 2016, he was hired as assistant principal at Pendleton County Middle/High School. He then was employed by Pendleton County Schools as the director of transportation and facilities. In 2022, he became principal of PCMHS.

Johnson will be retiring at the end of June. His wife's plans for him include traveling to visiting their four children and seven grandchildren, as well as purchasing a new Harley in his wife's favorite color - red.

FFA Greenhand Degrees were awarded to Alex Adams, Claire Adkins, Alyssa Bennett, Olivia Gonshor, Cole Harper, Ty Heavner, Summer Hull, Ella Johnston, Callie Judy, Cain Nulph, Jessica Parker, Vivian Pownell, Emily Shell, Hannah Shell, Colby Simmons, Trace Lambert, Gabriella Trail, Charles Wehrle and Brody Wimer.

Ty Heavner was presented with the FFA Star Greenhand Award. He participated in tractor driving, the FFA Creed contest, selling fruit, riding in the parade, and the bow shoot. His SAEs include working for Brushy Mountain Tree Farm, showing goats and sheep at various fairs and shows, and raising and selling sheep. He is the son of Travis and Teresa Heavner of Franklin.

Recipients of the Chapter FFA Degree were Madison Arbaugh, Barrett Cook, Logan Fisher, Cashton Kisamore, Gena Lambert and Jameigh Miller.

Awarded to a FFA member who excels in the field of agriculture, the FFA Star Chapter Farmer Production award went to Miller. She has two different SAE programs, ham bacon hog and Tri-County Fair lamb. She has earned almost \$2,000 throughout her SAEs. She has participated in FFA activities such as tailgates, the Treasure Mountain Festival parade, the annual Christmas party, the Ham and Bacon Sale, and FFA Week activities. She is the daughter of Rebecca and Dan Miller of Ruddle.

The FFA Star Chapter Agribusiness Placement Award, which is given to an individual who excels in the field of agricultural business, was presented to Gena Lambert. She works at Country Blessing Farm and has gained 205 hours of experience by working with horses, gardening, and farm work. The FFA activities she has participated in are the Treasure Mountain Festival parade, annual Christmas party, parliamentary procedure, and Food for America. She is the daughter of Kathy Warner of Circleville.

FFA members eligible to receive their State FFA degrees are Armentrout, Callison, Lydia Heavner, Hedrick, Bailee Kiger, Smith, Makayla Tingler and Lucas Vandevander.

The Farm Credit Award, which is presented to an FFA member who maintains outstanding records, was earned by Callison. The award was presented by Trey Keyser.

J. D. Heavner presented the annual Brandon Waggy Memorial Scholarship to Callison.

Ten FFA members participated in the annual South Branch Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale. Members participating in the show/sale were Armentrout, Callison, Lydia Heavner, Hedrick, Kiger, Miller, Pownell, Tingler, Smith and Vandevander.

The Smith Golden Orange Award was presented to Lydia Heavner, who sold more than 116 units of fruit.

Earning first place in the FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event were Ty Heavner (freshman creed) and Ella Johnston (upper classman creed). The event is designed to recognize outstanding FFA members for their ability to deliver the National FFA Creed from memory and respond to three questions.

The Poultry Evaluation CDE tests students' skills in the production, processing, and marketing of chickens, turkeys, processed poultry products, and eggs. This year's participants were Armentrout, Callison, Lydia Heavner, and Vandevander. Armentrout placed first in the state with the team placing fifth in the state.

Chapter leadership awards were presented to Harper, Ty Heavner and Parker, ninth grade, Arbaugh, Lambert and Miller, 10th grade, Armentrout, Lydia Heavner and Hedrick, 11th grade, and Callison, Kiger and Tanner Rodgers, 12th grade.

Community service awards were presented to Lydia Heavner (58 hours), Vandevander (54 hours) and Kiger (39 hours).

During National FFA Week, members traveled to the county schools where they talked about the importance of agriculture and handed out seeds to the younger children to plant. Coloring contest sheets were also given to preschool through third-grade students.

Winners of the annual coloring contest were awarded a medal at the banquet. Receiving this honor were pre-kindergarten - Alyssa Deavers, Brandywine Elementary School, Olivia Seymour, Franklin Elementary School and Ivy Huffman, North Fork Elementary School; kindergarten - Dylan Hensley, BES, Carlea Hedrick, FES, and Cambrie Ours, NFES; first grade - Cooper Wimer, BES, Lane Nesselrodt, FES, and Nathalie Caroll, NFES; second grade - Nakiyah Perez, BES, Mason Mowery, FES, and Vera Selmon, NFES; and third grade - Adalynn Brown, BES, Branson Purpell, FES, and Darek Greathouse, NFES.

Locally Loved Mushrooms

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Mushroom hunters must take special care to correctly identify which mushrooms can be consumed safely. Munn warns that "there are mushrooms that will flat out kill you." He goes on to explain that poisonous mushrooms "can attack your liver and kidneys and take days to produce symptoms." Often by the time symptoms appear, the disease has entered a terminal phase.

On Munn's property, the morels cluster around the bases of the historic farm's remaining stands of old apple trees and also tulip poplars. "We find a lot in tulip poplar groves," he shared, adding that "we always look at them after the apple trees." He said that "morels love apple trees. They bond with the roots."

Munn shared facts not always commonly known about mushrooms. Each individual mushroom does not represent an individual plant, but the "fruit" of a much larger underground fungal organism. This organism lives in a symbiotic relationship with the trees in which its "spider

web of connective tissue," as Munn calls it, intertwines with roots. That means that both organisms operate almost as a good marriage, both gaining from each other while not bringing harm.

Mushrooms expand their domain by putting off spores. Munn said that he always carries his harvest in wicker baskets or mesh bags that allow spores to drop onto the ground and, hopefully, create fresh stands of them next spring.

Morels come in two distinct types, yellow and black. While the yellow version, Munn jokes, "looks like a little Christmas tree made out of brains," he says black morels "are ugly as sin" but "taste pretty good."

This spring, after an outbreak of illnesses at a restaurant in Washington state, the Centers for Disease Control issued a warning to thoroughly cook morel mushrooms before consuming them. The morels used at the Washington restaurant came from China and were served almost raw in sushi. Morels from the same batch, used at

a California establishment, but thoroughly cooked, offered no ill effect.

Munn stated that one of his favorite ways to eat morels lies in stuffing their hollow centers with cream cheese and other delicious flavors, then cooking them like poppers. They also add tremendous flavor to soups and stews.

Morels can be strung up, dried, and stored for decades in that state before rehydrating and eating. "Run a leather strap through the stalks," Munn explains, "then hang them up over the fireplace." In his own living room, Munn has dozens of dried morels hanging over the wood stove, waiting to be added to a delicious meal.

He cautioned all, however, to not regard him as "a mushroom scholar." Munn said "I just know what I've been told that's been passed down by my family and others." He emphasized repeatedly to study proper identification of mushrooms before hunting and/or go out with someone experienced in identifying the right fungi.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

With these nice warm days and the temptation to start the garden, it might be a mistake. The ideal day to plant is May 15. The area has been known to have a frost or freeze before that date. Last year, there was a frost on May 5 and the year before on May 9. There have been days after that the area had frost.

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, Wayne Kimble, Leann Britton, Bennie and Mary Alice Evick, Martha R. Kimble, Jimmie Bennett, Ruthalene Judy, Stanley Propst, Patsy Bennett, Kathy Puffenbarger, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Sheldon Bowes, Gloria Moats, Tim and Dee McCormic, Judy A. Simmons and the family of Micheal Blankenship.

Prayer thought: "Dear Jesus, please help me to follow your example and extend kindness when I've been wrong."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for April 15 through April 21, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: April 15 - 76°, 62°, 01" (72°, 49°); April 16 - 75°, 46° (77°, 53°, 45°); April 17 - 79°, 58° (53°, 40°); April 18 - 80°, 54° (60°, 43°); April 19 - 69°, 46° (77°, 47°); April 20 - 65°, 43° (84°, 50°) and April 21 - 53°, 37° (83°, 46°).

BOE Update on Student Improvement

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ring to her own hiring, but of the creation of her job, Whitecotton said that it was "possibly one of the best decisions that you made . . . it needed to be done."

She added, "I took on the task of school improvement and we've made some gains."

Those gains showed themselves in the benchmark testing results for math and reading. Between Aug. 18 and Sept. 29, in mathematics, 19 percent of all students tested below the 25th percentile, 22 percent scored between 25th and 49th, 25 percent between 50th and 74th, and 34 percent above 75 percent.

Four months later, 12 percent tested below 25 percent, 23 percent between 25th and 49th, 26 percent between 50th and 74th, and 39 percent over 75 percent.

In reading benchmark testing, after the first month of school, 28 percent scored under 25 percent, 29 percent between 25 and 49th, 22 percent between 50th and 74th, and 21 percent at 75 percent or better.

The first month of 2024 showed that 17 percent scored under 25 percent, 26 percent between 25th and 49th, 28 percent between 50th and 74th, and 29 percent over 75 percent.

Whitecotton, who has nearly five decades of education experience, emphasized that the numbers tended to show gradual improvement during the school year, in response to changes made in policy at the state and county level, and also by faculty and staff. "Gains came," she said, "in scores, but also in data analysis, benchmarking, and implementing the strategic plan that 'focused on student achievement.'"

"One of the standard expla-

nations for student challenges, COVID, no longer resonates with younger students," Whitecotton said, adding that "some have asked 'is this COVID?'" She said that in terms of the younger grades, "We're past COVID," but also stated that the motivation of children in older grades "may be permanently affected" by the impact of closures and lockdowns.

Younger grades, however, are "showing the changes we want to see," she commented.

She aimed praise at the West Virginia State Legislature for passing statutes geared toward improving achievement in reading and mathematics.

The Third Grade Success Act, originally House Bill 3035 from 2023, "codifies the definition of 'science of reading' as evidence-based reading instruction." Research done worldwide indicates that "phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, plus writing" serves as the basis for reading instruction.

Whitecotton described this as "not a program, but a bucket of research . . . to find out what is the best way to teach children to read."

While the new standards for reading education "came down on July 1, 2023, with no guidance," Whitecotton said "Over the year we've made progress. The schools have been helpful. They've been asked to do things they didn't understand."

Similarly for math, goals for third grade rely on a philosophy called "Unite with Numeracy."

Another change that Whitecotton described lay in the creation of "support frameworks for academics, behavior, and mental health." The West

Virginia Tiered System of Support, or VWTSS, establishes a three-tiered system to serve as guidance on when or if to move challenged students from the classroom.

"The best place is the classroom," Whitecotton began. Tier 1 refers to the traditional classroom and instructional environment. Students falling behind academically, or struggling because of behavior or mental health issues, will advance to the subsequent tiers.

Tier 2, Whitecotton explained requires "a little bit more help with behavior or mental health issues." Teachers and administrators team up to work together to combine input on students to determine the best solution to meet the needs of the student and classroom.

If students reach Tier 3, they almost always have exhibited mental health problems that prevent them from functioning in class. Whitecotton warned the board that students reaching Tier 3 often have problems that school counselors are ill-equipped to address.

New structures came as a response to not only problems stemming from COVID, but also the impact of the breakdown of the traditional family. Sometimes students grow up in less than ideal environments that cause them to act out in school or develop debilitating mental health problems.

"The battle is worth it," Whitecotton noted.

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Weary Wildcats Withstand Wind and Whale of an Effort by Yellow Jackets for Well-Earned Win

By Stephen Smoot

In 1908 the great Washington Senators pitcher Walter Johnson, purchased for a grand total of \$9.00, took the mound for the first time against the New York Highlanders, now called the Yankees.

In Johnson's first game, on a Friday afternoon, he shut out New York with six hits. The following day, manager Joe Cantillon marched him right back out and pulled off the same feat. Teams back then mercifully had to take Sunday off, so the three-game series concluded on Monday, with Johnson once again taking the win, earning a two-hit shutout.

Even the incomparable Walter Johnson, however, would have marveled at the stretch faced by Pendleton County and its pitchers as they played nine games in six days, knocking out some of the best teams in their division in the process.

As head coach Eric Crites pointed out, the fifth ranked Wildcats started their season three weeks late, but have played more games than most other teams in the West Virginia Metro News single A top 10.

Into Franklin last week traveled Moorefield, whose squad sits on the cusp of the top 10. They still remembered the corporal punishment applied in Pendleton County's opener, when the Wildcats swatted the Yellow Jackets 15-6 in Moorefield.

Moorefield was full of vinegar, fresh and ready to play. Pendleton County always remains prepared to compete, but felt the soreness and fatigue from their packed week of games.

And it showed.

Under a bright sunny sky that brought sustained gusts of wind, Moorefield trotted out their ace pitcher, Amber Williams. Against Williams went the rapidly improving Susan Vincell. Vincell faced the top of the order, getting the first batter to pop out, but then allowing a single to centerfield.

The rest of the order hit outs to the defense, including one made by the pitcher herself.

Avery Townsend led off and collected a single on a molasses speed slow roller toward third. She used her speed to beat the play. Jenna Smith followed and saw Townsend steal second during her at bat. She then tapped a ground ball toward third and made it safely when the Yellow Jacket fielder tried and failed to get the lead baserunner, Townsend, out.

The Wildcats found themselves in an odd hitting pattern. Often they would hit the ball sharply, but right into the defense. Baylee Beachler bashed a screaming line drive directly

to the third baseman, who knocked it down and made the play on the lead runner. During Beachler's at bat, Smith and Townsend repeatedly teased the double steal attempt to get the Moorefield hurler off-balance.

Two batters later, Kate Hedrick came up with baserunners at first and second. This time, they executed the double steal. Hedrick then drove the ball to the left field fence, driving in two runs and walking into second herself.

The inning ended there, however.

Vincell faced the middle of the order in the next half inning. The first grounded out, but the second hitter doubled. With a runner in scoring position, the next hitter drove the ball into the ground in front of the plate, where it caromed backwards and struck the hitter, resulting in the second out of the inning. A fly out ended the frame.

In the top of the third, the Yellow Jackets got their first run. They led off the inning with a triple. Two batters later, with one out, they doubled the run in to cut the lead in half. Vincell got the final two batters to hit into outs to end the threat.

An inning later, mindful of the fatigue factor, Crites pulled his pitcher who had done a capable job battling the motivated Yellow Jackets. In came Beachler.

Moorefield got the lead runner on, with the batter hitting a slow motion ground ball and outstutling the throw. On the next at bat, the Yellow Jackets tied the game with a passed ball on a strikeout and a series of uncharacteristic errors that allowed the baserunner to reach home.

Such are how the wages of fatigue, mental and physical exhaustion translate to the field.

Beachler, however, righted the ship and got the final two outs.

In the bottom of the frame, Lizzie Alt launched a double, but could not get driven in. The entire game, Williams placed pitches precisely and almost always got the first pitch over for a strike. Crites implored his team to swing more aggressively as a counter.

In the top of the fifth, Moorefield seized a 3-2 lead on Wildcat errors. As Crites took to the mound to settle his squad, the Moorefield dugout chanted taunts at the mistakes of Pendleton County.

This may have been a mistake, because from that point on, a more focused and determined Wildcat squad competed for the win. Both teams brought their own brand of boisterous support to their hitters all game long, underscoring the importance of this game to both rival teams.

With one out in the same inning and a runner on first, Smith drifted way back to snag a pop out in shallow left, then faked a throw to keep the runner from tagging and running. Beachler then struck out the next batter in three pitches.

Julia Mongold opened the bottom of the inning by pouncing on a one strike pitch and rocketing it to deep centerfield, barely missing a home run, but striding into second standing. Nataley Hedrick pushed Mongold to third with a perfectly executed sacrifice bunt. Townsend followed by working a three balls and one strike count, then pulling a shot deep to right, going into third on a triple and tying the game. Smith then lofted a sacrifice fly that allowed the runner to get home and allow Pendleton County a 4-3 lead.

The Wildcats clung to a one run lead entering the Moorefield half of the sixth. Beachler struck out the first batter, then got the next hitter to ground out. The Yellow Jackets, however, got a two out single. On the next at bat, that runner made it to third, but the hitter made a fatal error by bunting foul with two strikes, ending the frame.

Pendleton County could not get a runner on against Williams in the bottom of the sixth, keeping the margin for error narrow as Moorefield came to the plate.

Beachler got the first batter to ground out on the second pitch. The next batter, however, drew a walk on nine pitches.

The Moorefield dugout erupted in a frenzy of cheers and chants, anticipating a triumph over their rival and their rival's powerful pitcher. Those cheers got louder when the next batter singled and pushed the tying run to scoring position and the go-ahead run on base.

With runners at the corners, Moorefield's star, Williams, came to the plate. She got ahead one ball and no strikes, but Beachler got the better of her over the next four tosses, before striking her out swinging with the fifth.

In the meantime, the runner on first stole second. The go-ahead run would score with a single.

Beachler played it textbook. First pitch over for a strike, then the second with the same result. She fired the third pitch seemingly down the middle with no swing. Crites actually leapt out of the dugout, anticipating a strike that did not come.

Beachler shook off the disappointing call and got the hitter to strike out swinging, helping her team earn a great win against a great team, even when the exhausted Wildcats could only muster a less than great performance.

And that is the mark of a team with the potential to do much more in the near future.

Early Season Postponed Games Leads to an Exhaustive Late Season for Wildcats

By Stephen Smoot

"These are the times that try men's souls." These words come from Thomas Paine's "The American Crisis" during the American Revolution. Only a year before, Paine had trumpeted early victories in his works. At the time of the publication of this piece, American arms had faced the worst that Britain could muster. Paine did not know for sure that the tide would soon turn, but he did know the hearts of those fighting, which gave him faith in the future.

Like many spring sports programs in the mountains, forsaken by decision-makers in warmer climes, Pendleton County had to postpone much of its early season and cram a full slate of games into a few weeks' time. Teams who have to adjust to this see rigorous wear and tear on key players, especially pitchers and catchers who can both wear out arms when forced to play more often than normal.

For single A teams, add in the fact that most players have competed continuously in one sport or another since August.

The Wildcats came into the week with tired arms and weary bodies. At this point in the schedule, Pendleton County has already consumed the appetizers and is moving on to the meat and potatoes – the heart of an intentionally rigorous set of game tests.

Between April 6 and 22, the team played 13 games in 16 days.

After a tough loss to Tygarts Valley on the 17th, the Wildcats hosted East Hardy, one of the strongest teams in single A. On this night, Pendleton County honored champions from the past, including players from Circleville and Franklin high schools.

The Cougars picked up three runs in the top of the first. Caleb Armentrout helped to shorten the inning with a bang bang play from second, fielding a difficult ball, then quickly and accurately firing it to first for the out.

James Vincell answered in the bottom of the inning. Although the pitcher quickly got ahead in the count, Vincell fired a one ball and two strike pitch over the fence to put his team on the scoreboard. He also took a first pitch fastball to

the wall for a stand up double in the bottom of the third.

In the top of the second, the Wildcats saw Cam Beachler appearing on the mound. He has had limited action this season due to an injury. Beachler appeared with no outs and runners at the corners, but shut down the Cougars effectively.

An inexperienced Cayden Boone came in relief for the Wildcats as a pitcher. Boone quickly showed himself adept at precisely placing pitches while changing speeds. Boone doesn't beat a batter with velocity, but with the other vital fundamentals of the position. After he laid down the Cougars in order in the top of the fourth, his teammates leapt from the dugout to greet him.

East Hardy took the game 16-5.

The very next day, Pendleton County traveled almost three hours for a double header at surging South Harrison.

In this game, Allden Rexrode gave head coach Sam Yokum exactly what the team needed, four innings without allowing an earned run. The Hawks, unfortunately, capitalized on miscues to take a 2-0 lead early, but the Wildcats fought valiantly.

Those four innings passed quickly as both pitchers held the bats at bay. Pendleton County succeeded in putting runners in scoring position, such as in the top of the fourth when Chase Owens drove a pitch to the wall for a double. Excellent situational pitching by South Harrison, however, prevented a lot of potential scores.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Hawks led off with a single to left field. This was followed by a ground ball play where Spencer Hartman's hustle and good decision-making allowed the Wildcats to eliminate the lead runner. This was key in that the Hawks next hitter got a base hit.

With one out and runners on first and second, the Hawks hit a deep fly ball to left. Dusty Smith caught it for the out, then surged forward to prevent the runner on second from tagging and advancing.



Cam Beachler returns from injury to deliver a pitch against the East Hardy Cougars.

In the top of the sixth, down 6-0, Pendleton County struck. Owens earned a one out walk, followed by Cashton Kisamore driving a missile to the left field wall to collect the first run batted in of the game. Dillon Smith's stand up double on the next at bat drove in the second Wildcat run.

With two outs and a runner on second, Josiah Kimble made a gutsy call and surprised the Hawks with a perfect slow rolling bunt down the third base line, allowing all to reach safely. This brought up Rexrode who drove in the third run, not with a mighty shot, but with a hit directly in front of the plate that died in no man's land.

The late game heroics kept the game alive, allowing a full seven inning performance, but the Wildcats lost 8-4. An exhausted Pendleton County squad subsequently dropped the second game 15-5.

This week, the Wildcats should return to their winning ways. The schedule is still demanding in terms of the number of games expected, but the competition level does ease somewhat.

WV TROUT FEST 2024

TROUT RODEO WITH CASH PRIZES!!

Friday, May 3, 2024

2:00pm-6:00pm Book Sale @ Pendleton County Library basement

4:00pm-8:00pm Vendors will be open at TMF Craft Building and grounds

4:00pm -6:00pm Trout Dinner @ Community Building

4:00pm-8:00pm Rodeo Registration in TMF Building

6:00pm-8:00pm Spencer Hatcher & the Ol Son Gang on Main Stage

Saturday, May 4, 2024

6:30am-11:00am Rodeo Registration in TMF Building

7:00am-10:00am Breakfast served @ Pendleton Senior Center

8:00am-12:00pm Trout Rodeo

10:00-1:00 Kids Care Conservation Area

10:00am-8:00pm Vendors will be open at Craft Building and grounds

10:00am-3:00pm Book Sale @ Pendleton County Library basement

11:00 am Trout Fest Bingo at Senior Center

11:00am-12:00pm Raymond's Gymnastics on Main Stage

12:00pm-1:30 pm Justin Hensley on Main Stage

1:30pm-2:00pm Trout Rodeo Awards

2:00pm-3:15pm Cameron Simmons on Main Stage

3:00pm to 4:00pm Home Run Derby at the Town Park ages 5-14

3:15pm-4:45pm Nat Frederick on Main Stage

4:45pm-5:15pm Bryer Moyers on Main Stage

6:00pm to 8:00pm Jack & Davis Reid Music on Main Stage

Foes On the Field, But Friends in Prayer



After Moorefield and Pendleton County battled on the field, the teams joined in prayer over the loss of a Yellow Jacket student-athlete who passed in a car accident coming back from a track meet in Keyser.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Circuit Court Judge Division 1



H. Charles Carl, III

H. Charles Carl, III, current chief judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit (Hampshire, Hardy, and Pendleton counties), is announcing his candidacy for re-election to a second full term. Carl has been a circuit judge since 2013 and will appear on the ballot running in Division I of what will now be designated as the 26th Judicial Circuit beginning in 2025.

He is a native of Springfield in Hampshire County. Before becoming judge, he practiced law for 25 years in Romney, primarily handling criminal, civil, and domestic litigation matters, but also handled other matters in the general practice of law, and served as general counsel and director for The Bank of Romney. He was president of the South Branch Valley Bar Association for many years.

Carl has presided over criminal, civil, abuse and neglect, juvenile, and other cases in all three counties. He has also been assigned to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia on several occasions when a justice was recused. He served a full seven-year term as one of seven judges in the Business Court Division, exercising statewide jurisdiction to preside over complex civil cases involving business disputes. He is also judge of the South Branch Valley Drug Court.

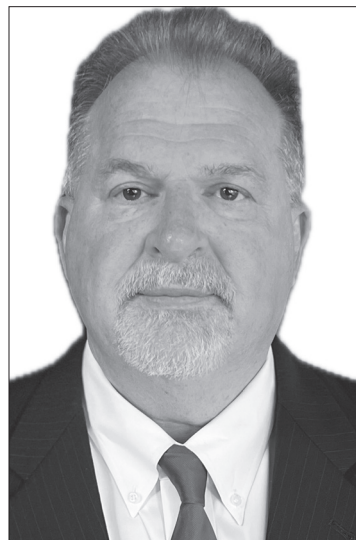
Carl has been very active in the judiciary statewide, having served as president of the West Virginia Judicial Association, where he chairs two committees and serves on the education committee for judicial training and education, including new judges' training. He was honored as a West Virginia Bar Foundations Fellow in 2022, is a member of the WV Judicial Association, American Bar Association, and former member of the American College of Business Court Judges.

In seeking re-election, Carl stated, "I am extremely proud to have served as circuit judge these past 10 years, and would be very honored if re-elected. Applying over 36 years of experience as a lawyer and judge, I will strive to provide the very highest levels of professionalism, fairness, honesty, and integrity in carrying out my responsibilities and duties, which I take very seriously."

He enjoys hunting and sports, is a member of the Hampshire County Athletic Hall of Fame, and has coached youth basketball and other sports.

He and his wife, Lisa, have three daughters and two granddaughters and reside near Romney.

Circuit Court Judge Division 2



John Treadway

In seeking election as circuit court judge, John Treadway pledges to serve with the legal expertise, honesty and integrity the public deserves. He is committed to the onerous system of justice and is well-practiced in upholding a person's fundamental right to be treated fairly by the court.

Treadway is both an experienced judicial officer and courtroom attorney. Since 2006, he has had the honor of serving Hampshire, Hardy and Pendleton counties as mental hygiene commissioner. He previously served for seven years as drug court judge for the circuit. As an attorney, he has extensive experience in civil and criminal cases, property, and in the general practice of law. He is also considered to be one of the most distinguished gun law attorneys in the State of West Virginia.

Throughout his 20 years of serving the public, he has put integrity and honesty at the forefront of his practice. His years of military service in the United States Army ingrained in him the importance of these values. Military service taught him strong leadership skills and a sense of duty to protect the safety and rights of all people. He believes a judge must be an honorable, positive role model, especially to the youth in the communities. He is especially honored to have the endorsement of the West Virginia Sheriffs' Association.

After earning his juris doctorate degree from West Virginia University's College of Law, he became a member of the West Virginia State Bar in 2002. Previously, he has served as president of the South Branch Valley Bar Association.

Currently, he serves as a director on the Board of EA Hawse Health, and has served as president of the Baker Ruritan Club for many years.

Treadway is a member of the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame, having earned All-American Honorable Mention and twice having earned First Team All-Conference Honors as a member of Shepherd University's football team. Throughout his youth, he was a member of 4-H actively showing cattle and judging livestock for many years. Prior to becoming an attorney, he was a leader in the propane industry and served as an officer of both the West Virginia Propane

Association and the West Virginia Propane Education and Research Council and the manager of Southern States Petroleum in Moorefield. He is a Certified NRA Instructor and an enthusiastic hunter.

He and his wife, Wendy, have one daughter, and they live in Baker.



C. Carter Williams

Judge C. Carter Williams is running for re-election to a second term as circuit judge for Pendleton, Hardy and Hampshire counties. He is a Republican running for the non-partisan position of circuit judge.

Williams is a native and lifetime resident of Hardy County. He graduated from Moorefield High School in 1984, and the West Virginia University College of Law in 1991. He has served as circuit judge since 2017, and has nearly three decades of public service. Prior to taking the bench, he served as a state assistant attorney general for 18 years where he appeared or practiced in more than 30 of the state's circuit courts, and argued or appeared in dozens of cases before the West Virginia Supreme Court. He was also formerly an assistant prosecuting attorney in Hampshire County for three years. He was also employed by the Bowles Rice Law Firm as a trial/litigation associate.

In 2019, he was selected by the chief justice of the West Virginia Supreme Court from among approximately 75 of the state's circuit judges to serve as chairman of the West Virginia Court Improvement Program oversight board, and is one of only a handful of judges appointed to the West Virginia Juvenile Justice Commission. In these roles, he leads and promotes the mission of promoting positive outcomes for children and juveniles in the court system. He is also on the South Branch Valley Community Correction Board, and a member of the West Virginia Judicial Association.

As quoted from Williams: "My parents instilled in their children the values of working hard and caring about the quality and product of your work. This is the same code that we strive to carry out and attain every day in our local judicial system and I will continue to carry out my tasks and endeavors as your judge as a product of hard work, diligent research, careful consideration and deliberation of applicable law and fairly established facts, and attention to excellence. You, the public, deserve no less effort."

He lives in Old Fields with his wife, Tona, and two daughters, and a whole bunch of pets. He is a member of Duffey Methodist Church, a church youth group leader, and a member of Beans Settlement Ruritan Club.

House of Delegates District 67



Elias Coop-Gonzalez

The majority of so-called conservatives in Charleston do not govern like conservatives and need to be held accountable. This is why Elias Coop-Gonzalez is on the ballot on May 14th.

West Virginia needs unapologetic conservative leadership, and he has not been afraid to bring that to his constituents.

This past session, the legislature killed every pro-life bill, increased the size of the government, and failed to push back on federal overreach. That is unacceptable. He wants to continue fighting back against the rapidly spreading moral decay and Godlessness in this country. He proudly defeated a radical liberal when he took this seat, and he will be happy to beat him again. The other side is determined to kill unborn children, implement gun control, and attack Christianity in any way they can.

Coop-Gonzalez will defend the Constitution no matter what and rely on God for wisdom in representing his people. He thinks the choice could not be clearer.



Cody H. Thompson

Cody H. Thompson is running for the House of Delegates 67th District.

He previously served in the House of Delegates representing the old 43rd District. He currently serves as an Elkins City Councilman, representing the 5th Ward. He graduated from Harman School in 2005, Marshall University in 2011 with a bachelors in secondary social studies education, and West Virginia University in 2018 with a master's degree in multi-categorical special education. He taught with Randolph County Schools from 2012 to 2022. He is currently an executive director for DATS that facilitates IDD wavier for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

During his time in the legislature, Thompson served as minority vice chairman of the education committee and minority chair of technology and infrastructure, and cur-

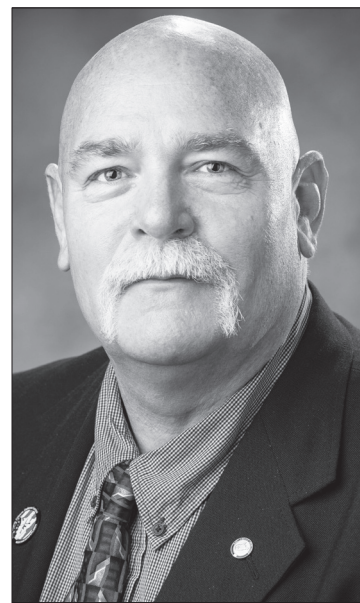
rently on council he serves on the personnel committee.

Thompson will fight for the whole district and both counties to have the funding needed for the school systems, to have roads fixed and most importantly improved, to bring high-speed internet to the many unserved and underserved areas of the counties. He will fight for the farmers and small businesses owners to be able to work the land and run their businesses without the government getting in the way. He will work to lower the taxes for the hard-working men and women of the district and encourage responsible government. He grew up on a family farm, and his parents have run a small business for many years. He knows the struggles and hard work it takes to make them work.

During his time serving the people of the 43rd district, he built a reputation of working with members of both parties for truly good legislation and would vote solely as a representative and voice for the constituents.

God bless.

House of Delegates District 86



Bryan C. Ward

Bryan C. Ward is seeking re-election to serve the West Virginia House District #86.

He lives with his wife of 32 years, Cheryl, and their 19-year-old daughter, Marissa, in Fisher, where they operate a small family farm.

In 1993, he began serving as a deputy with the Hardy County Sheriff's Office and finished the last eight years of his 28-year law enforcement career as the twice elected sheriff/treasurer in Hardy County. He also worked a second full-time job as a firefighter/paramedic for the city of Cumberland, Maryland, until retiring in 2011.

During the past four legislative sessions, Ward was assigned to serve on the following House committees: judiciary, fire departments and emergency medical services, agriculture and natural resources and technology and infrastructure. As West Virginia's "Citizen Legislature" convenes for only one 60-day regular session annually, delegates and senators meet monthly, throughout the year, for "interim" joint committee meetings. His interim committee assignments also include oversight on the Regional Jails and Correctional Facilities Authority.



Sandie Huffman Smith

Hello citizens of Pendleton County. Sandie Huffman Smith is a current candidate for Pendleton County Assessor

in the upcoming 2024 election.

Many people already know her as a familiar face in the assessor's office as she has been working there 28 years. During these years as a public servant, she has experienced all aspects of what it takes to make the assessor's office work efficiently. Her day-to-day work load for decades has involved deeds, taxes (real and personal property), data collecting, mapping, cost studies, county modifiers, farm evaluations and appraisals. She has served responsibly as the current assessor for the past four years. Throughout it all she has been attentive to what is fair and equal taxation for landowners and residents of Pendleton County.

Smith's ultimate goal is to serve the taxpayer with competence, respect and professionalism.

For those who have never met her, she is a lifelong resident of Pendleton and believes The Potomac Highlands to be the finest West Virginia has to offer. Danny and she have been married 36 years and live within eye-shot of where she grew up on the eastern slope of beautiful North Mountain. Her parents are Mary Huffman and the late Richard Huffman. She also has two adult daughters, Breanna Hartman and Lacey Bowers, who are also local residents, and her extended family agrees that Pendleton is the best.

Christian by faith, she feels supported by loving folks at Wayside Baptist in Franklin, and attending Solomon Chapel in her youth remains a cherished memory.

With the hope of good health for all, Sandie.

Prosecuting Attorney



April Mallow

April Mallow is running unopposed for re-election to the office of prosecuting attorney for Pendleton County.

Prior to being elected as Pendleton County Prosecuting Attorney in the 2020 election, Mallow served as assistant prosecuting attorney in Hardy County from June 2013 through October 2017, and as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Randolph County from July 2018 through December 2020.

Since being sworn into office in January 2021, Mallow handles all prosecutions in the county for felonies, misdemeanors, abuse and neglect cases, juvenile delinquency cases and status offense cases. She also prosecutes cases in other counties as special prosecuting attorney, as assigned by the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute.

She works with the Pendleton County Commission and provides legal guidance when needed. As the sole prosecutor in the county, she handles any emergency hearings necessary and is available when law enforcement officers need guidance on cases, whether that be during, before, or after business hours.

During Mallow's time as Pendleton County Prosecuting Attorney, she has prosecuted or is in the process of prosecuting more than 90 felony cases, more than 60 abuse and neglect cases, several hundred misdemeanor cases, several juvenile offenses, and special prosecutor out-of-county cases.

It will be her honor to continue to serve the people of Pendleton County for the next four years.

Friends of Pendleton County Library
Trout Fest Used Book Sale

Friday, May 3 • 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturday, May 4 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Library Community Room
 Franklin

**Come Fish
 for a Book!**

Most books \$1 or less
\$2 Bag Sale • Saturday, 2 - 3 p.m.



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JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR A COUNTY PORTABLE STAGE!!

2 **BINGO** **FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED BY FRANKLIN BOARD OF PARKS**

Bring lots of \$1's and \$5's and come join us

TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH
 DOORS OPEN AT 5PM
 GAMES BEGIN AT 6PM

AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING IN FRANKLIN, WV

3 **20 GAMES | 50/50 RAFFLE** **14**

Games 1-9 and Games 11-19 will be \$1 per square; winner will take 1/2 the pot

Game #10 and Game #20 will be \$5 per sheet of 3 squares; winner will take 1/2 the pot

HOSTED BY THE PENDLETON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Save the Dates!
 Dixie CEOS Bingos!

"Something for Everyone" Spring Bingo

Saturday, April 27 • 5:30 p.m.
 Clinton Hedrick Community Building
 Riverton

"Something Fishy" Trout Fest Bingo

Saturday, May 4 • 11 a.m.
 Franklin Senior Center

20 Games for \$25

•Extra Boards •Raffles •Cover-all •Daubers
 •Refreshments will be sold
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 Nancy Watson - 304-567-4627(Riverton Bingo)
 Senior Center - 304-358-2421 (Franklin Bingo)

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(take up begins at 6 a.m.)
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Regular sales scheduled for first and third Wednesday each month.

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 Contact Barry Wilkins 540-607-6032

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Chicken

BBQ

Sunday, April 28
 Starting at 11 a.m.
 Circleville Fire House

Meal: Half Chicken
Potato Salad • Baked Beans
Homemade Bread • Dessert
Coffee or Tea \$10⁰⁰
Half Chicken \$5⁰⁰

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY		
Pendleton County, WV	Primary Election	May 14, 2024
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER To vote you must darken the oval (●) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.	STATE TICKET	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS
	FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
NATIONAL TICKET	<input type="radio"/> KEN REED Hedgesville Morgan Co.	<input type="radio"/> HALEY BUNN Charleston Kanawha Co.
FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> KRIS WARNER Charleston Kanawha Co.	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/> BRIAN WOOD Winfield Putnam Co.	Write-in, if Any
<input type="radio"/> RYAN L. BINKLEY Dallas, TX	<input type="radio"/> DOUG SKAFF JR. South Charleston Kanawha Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)
<input type="radio"/> RACHEL HANNA MOHAWK SWIFT Hagerstown, MD		<input type="radio"/> CHARLES S TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co.
<input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP Palm Beach, FL	FOR AUDITOR (Vote for ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> NIKKI R. HALEY Kiawah Island, SC	<input type="radio"/> ERIC L. HOUSEHOLDER Martinsburg Berkeley Co.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> DAVID STUCKENBERG Tampa, FL	<input type="radio"/> CALEB L. HANNA Charleston Kanawha Co.	Write-in, if Any
FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> TRICIA JACKSON Harpers Ferry Jefferson Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
	<input type="radio"/> MARK HUNT Charleston Kanawha Co.	<input type="radio"/> MYCHAL S. SCHULZ Charleston Kanawha Co.
<input type="radio"/> BRYAN BIRD Beckley Raleigh Co.	FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co.
<input type="radio"/> JANET McNULTY Martinsburg Berkeley Co.	<input type="radio"/> LARRY PACK Charleston Kanawha Co.	<input type="radio"/> ELGINE HECETA McARDLE Wheeling Ohio Co.
<input type="radio"/> ZANE LAWHORN Princeton Mercer Co.	FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> ALEXANDER X. MOONEY Charles Town Jefferson Co.	<input type="radio"/> JOSHUA KURT HIGGINBOTHAM Charleston Kanawha Co.	Write-in, if Any
<input type="radio"/> JIM JUSTICE Lewisburg Greenbrier Co.	<input type="radio"/> ROY RAMEY Lesage Cabell Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 26TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
<input type="radio"/> BRYAN McKINNEY Inwood Berkeley Co.	<input type="radio"/> KENT LEONHARDT Fairview Monongalia Co.	<input type="radio"/> H. CHARLES CARL III Romney Hampshire Co.
<input type="radio"/> DON LINDSAY Lost River Hardy Co.	FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/>
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> CAROL MILLER Huntington Cabell Co.	Write-in, if Any
	<input type="radio"/> DERRICK EVANS Prichard Wayne Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 26TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)
STATE TICKET	<input type="radio"/> JOHN "JB" McCUSKEY Charleston Kanawha Co.	<input type="radio"/> JOHN H. TREADWAY, JR. Baker Hardy Co.
FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)	FOR STATE SENATOR 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> C. CARTER WILLIAMS Old Fields Hardy Co.
<input type="radio"/> KEVIN "KC" CHRISTIAN Chloe Calhoun Co.	<input type="radio"/> ROBERT LEE KARNES Helvetia Randolph Co.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> MITCH ROBERTS Poca Putnam Co.	<input type="radio"/> ROBBIE MORRIS Elkins Randolph Co.	Write-in, if Any
<input type="radio"/> MOORE CAPITO Charleston Kanawha Co.	FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 67TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE) ONLY Precincts: 3, 5, 8, 13 14	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 25TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
<input type="radio"/> PATRICK MORRISSEY Harpers Ferry Jefferson Co.	<input type="radio"/> ELIAS COOP-GONZALEZ Elkins Randolph Co.	<input type="radio"/> JEFFREY R. ROTH Petersburg Grant Co.
<input type="radio"/> CHRIS MILLER Huntington Cabell Co.	FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 86TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE) ONLY Precincts: 2, 7, 9, 11	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> MAC WARNER Charleston Kanawha Co.	<input type="radio"/> BRYAN C. WARD Fisher Hardy Co.	Write-in, if Any
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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS	OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For Not More Than THREE) Maximum eligible to be elected from each district: Eastern Dist. (2); Central Dist. (1); Western Dist. (1)
<input type="radio"/> REVEREND JAMES YOUNG Seneca Rocks	<input type="radio"/> PAT GODFREY Sugar Grove Eastern Dist.
<input type="radio"/> MORGAN M. BASAGIC Franklin	<input type="radio"/> SONNY O'NEIL Seneca Rocks Western Dist.
<input type="radio"/> JEREMY BODKIN Upper Tract	<input type="radio"/> CHARLES BURGOYNE II Franklin Central Dist.
Write-in, if Any	<input type="radio"/> JAMIE DIFALCO Franklin Central Dist.
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> BETTY M. KIMBLE Brandywine Eastern Dist.
<input type="radio"/> KEVIN E. PUFFENBERGER Upper Tract	<input type="radio"/> WILMA "MISS PITS" PITSENBARGER Franklin Central Dist.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> WESLEY PUFFENBARGER Sugar Grove Eastern Dist.
Write-in, if Any	<input type="radio"/>
COUNTY TICKET	Write-in, if Any
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE) Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> ROGER DAHMER Franklin Central Dist.	Write-in, if Any
<input type="radio"/> TRAVIS A. MOYERS Franklin Central Dist.	Write-in, if Any
FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for ONE)	OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT
<input type="radio"/> APRIL D. MALLOW Upper Tract	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR Potomac Valley District (Vote for ONE)
FOR SHERIFF (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> LOIS KISAMORE CARR Seneca Rocks
<input type="radio"/> JOSHUA TODD NESSELRODT Franklin	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> BRADLEY D. KIMBLE Franklin	Write-in, if Any
FOR ASSESSOR (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
FOR SURVEYOR (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
	VOTE BOTH SIDES

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 PENDLETON COUNTY, TO-WIT:

We, Charlotte Thompson, Wendy Gilbert-Putz and Elise M. White, ballot commissioners of Pendleton County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete Official List of Candidates to be voted at the Primary Election to be held on May 14, 2024 as the same was prepared from the certified list furnished by the Secretary of State and the Official List of Candidates. Given under our hands this 16th day of April 2024.

Charlotte Thompson
 Wendy Gilbert-Putz
 Elise M. White

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE MOUNTAIN PARTY

Pendleton County, WV		Primary Election	May 14, 2024
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER To vote you must darken the oval (●) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.			
STATE TICKET		NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS	
FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 67TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE) ONLY Precincts: 3, 5, 8, 13 14		NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 25TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED		<input type="radio"/> JEFFREY R. ROTH Petersburg Grant Co. <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in, If Any	
FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)		FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 86TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE) ONLY Precincts: 2, 7, 9, 11	
<input type="radio"/> JILL STEIN Lexington, MA		NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)		NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED		NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)		<input type="radio"/> HALEY BUNN Charleston Kanawha Co. <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in, If Any	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED		NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
STATE TICKET		NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	
FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)		<input type="radio"/> CHARLES S TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co. <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in, If Any	
<input type="radio"/> CHASE LINKO-LOOPER Saint Albans Kanawha Co.		NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE)		NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 26TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED		<input type="radio"/> MYCHAL S. SCHULZ Charleston Kanawha Co. <input type="radio"/> S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co. <input type="radio"/> ELGINE HECETA McARDLE Wheeling Ohio Co.	
FOR AUDITOR (Vote for ONE)		<input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in, If Any	
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FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)		<input type="radio"/> H. CHARLES CARL III Romney Hampshire Co.	
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We, Charlotte Thompson, Wendy Gilbert-Putz and Elise M. White, ballot commissioners of Pendleton County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete Official List of Candidates to be voted at the Primary Election to be held on May 14, 2024 as the same was prepared from the certified list furnished by the Secretary of State and the Official List of Candidates. Given under our hands this 16th day of April 2024.

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To prevent human-bear conflicts around the state, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is reminding residents to take extra precautions by removing bear attractants from their property.

"Deliberately feeding a black bear is illegal in West Virginia, but many people don't realize that they are unintentionally feeding bears, which can cause serious problems for people, their property and our state animal," said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director.

Common bear attractants include bird feeders, pet food and food scraps and unsecured trash. Bear activity increases and peaks in May and June, but the WVDNR starts receiving reports of human-bear conflicts in April when high-energy food sources such as serviceberries, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries are scarce.

"Once a bear becomes food conditioned and habituated to humans, they often have to be humanely killed for safety reasons," said Colin Carpenter, black bear project leader for the WVDNR. "That is why we remind people every year to take responsibility for their property by removing or securing food attractants before a bear finds them."

Residents can help prevent nuisance bear activity by following what Carpenter calls the bearwise basics, which are never feed or approach bears, secure food, garbage and recycling, remove bird feeders when bears are active, never leave pet food outdoors, clean and store grills and alert neighbors to bear activity.

To learn more about black bears and how to prevent human-bear conflicts, visit WVdnr.gov/bearwise-tips

Region 8 Planning and Development Council is seeking applications for the position of Senior Community Service Employment Program Director (SCSEP)

The SCSEP Director is responsible for developing and overseeing the program in an eight-county area, including Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan and Pendleton Counties. The position requires a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university and two years related experience. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered in substitution of a bachelor's degree.

Fringe benefits for the position include health insurance, retirement vacation and sick leave.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and resume to: Region 8 Executive Director, SCSEP Position, Region 8 PDC, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847.

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Criminal Charges Filed Against AWP Executive Over Failed Payments for Timber

By Chris Lawrence, West Virginia Metro News

The former president of the now defunct Allegheny Wood Products has been hit with criminal charges in Hardy County Magistrate Court over failed payment to a pair of independent loggers.

A criminal complaint, filed March 25 by Hardy County Sheriff Steve Dawson, charged John W. Crites Jr. with two felony counts of obtaining goods by means of false pretense.

Court documents indicated loggers Mark Rexrode and Victoria Dyer each delivered loads of logs to the Allegheny Wood Products yard near Moorefield. The checks used to pay both individuals bounced because the account with United Bank had been frozen.

The sheriff wrote he consulted with employees in the company's business office who told him the accounts were frozen without warning after the checks were issued. Rexrode is still owed \$26,182.70 and Dyer is owed \$10,858.89, according to documentation filed with the court. Dawson explained in the complaint he received a detailed accounting from both Dyer and Rexrode of

their timber deliveries to the AWP log yard.

Dawson further wrote in the criminal complaint he visited the log yard at Moorefield March 5 to see what logs were on the property. When he arrived he observed tractor trailers hauling logs away from the property and machinery actively loading additional trucks with logs on the ground.

"From what this officer observed it is clear this company is liquidating the logs they had at the yard, which includes what they had not paid for," wrote the sheriff in his court filing.

Dawson said at that time he spoke to a log purchaser for AWP who indicated the company kept detailed records in their computer of all logs bought, who they bought them from, and the prices. He further indicated in the past weekend there had been a large log sale at the Hardy County yard. However, the purchaser advised the sheriff he had no access to any of the records because his employment with AWP had been terminated with the shutdown of the operation.

Dawson indicated he learned through the West

Virginia Secretary of State's office John W. Crites and John W. Crites II were directors of AWP. Crites II was also identified as incorporator and president of the company.

Dawson wrote in the criminal complaint he spoke with John Crites II and another company official identified as Christopher Deweese about the failed payment for log deliveries and their apparent resale.

"At the time Mr. Crites and Mr. Deweese maintained the position that the company was in Receivership since March 6, 2024 by order of the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia. It was Mr. Crites' and Mr. Deweese's position the logs and all property of Allegheny Wood Products was considered as collateral of United Bank and could legally be sold," Dawson wrote in the criminal complaint.

Crites' attorney Isaac Sponaule issued the following statement about the case to MetroNews:

"While I cannot go into great detail about an ongoing case, I can say that these charges came as a complete surprise. The bank forced Allegheny Wood Products to shut down. The bank declared a default and froze its operating accounts. For valid reasons, people are angry. Yet, a company not paying bills after a bank seizes its money doesn't rise to the level of a criminal case. This is a civil matter. Creditors are trying to use the criminal justice system to skip line in the federal civil action. The criminal charges should be dismissed," Sponaule said.



Cheyenne Whetzel, Madison Simmons, and Ruby McClanahan mind the store during the FFA spring greenhouse fundraiser sale.

Future Farmers of America Hold Sales at High School Greenhouse

By Stephen Smoot

The Future Farmers of America exists to train tomorrow's agriculture sector in both production of food and the business skills needed to thrive in the field. Participants have unique opportunities to travel across the country to learn and share, while growing into leaders and capable citizens.

All this takes money, which is why FFA chapters across the state and nation rely on different fundraisers to support these important opportunities. One such money maker is taking place now as students sell plants they raised themselves in the high school greenhouse.

Funds raised also go to-

ward funding the Brandon Waggy Memorial Scholarship Fund.

"We get them from when they were just itty bitty," notes Pendleton County FFA member Cheyanne Whetzel. She then pointed out the large banks of flowers, hanging plants, and other colorful options for sale and said "Now they're really massive."

Students work on the garden themselves, planting, adding nutrients, watering, and finally even selling. "Everything here takes a lot of work and a lot of time, but everyone loves doing it," Whetzel said.

"We learn a lot of work skills here," explained Madison Simmons, who also participates in FFA. She added, "Teamwork is a big thing here. It teaches life skills."

Students run the entire operation, including the decisions on which items to grow and sell. They also design the hanging baskets, determining which types of flowers would both grow and look best together.

Simmons shared that the project also teaches customer service skills, saying, "They come in and we greet them. We have a mailbox to put money in."

The greenhouse, located behind Pendleton County Middle/High School, operates on the honor system. Students assist patrons, but do not handle money. Prices are posted and payment is put through a slot in a mailbox.

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SGR330A 3.69 Acres, Raw Land, 2 New 12x24 Buildings w/Metal Roofs, Rain Gutters, 200AMP service, Bethel District. Close to National Forest. **NEW LISTING \$99,900.00.**

SGR328A&B 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 **\$64,900.00 per unit** or purchase **both units for \$125,000.00.**

SGR327A 0.44 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Rancher. Located in Brandywine. Newly rehabbed. **UNDER CONTRACT \$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, Metal Roof & Gutters 2020. Franklin District. 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, Metal Roof & Gutters 2020. Franklin District, Pendleton County. **\$255,000.00.**

SGR313A 7.46 Acres in Upper Tract, Mill Run District, Pendleton Cty. **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 Cabin house w/Spectacular View of Dolly Sods. Located in Roaring Creek area, Union Dist. Septic avail, but not hooked up. Spring, Electric, Phone/Internet. **NEW LISTING \$279,000.00. 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** on property. **NEW LISTING \$249,000.00.**

SGR271A 1.84 Acres, Potomac Highlands, 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 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.**