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## Swilled Dog Earns More National Accolades from Craft Distillery Industry

By Stephen Smoot

Upper Tract's Swilled Dog keeps racking up both the sales and the hardware as they continue to operate as one of the more innovative producers of potent potables. The "majority female, family, and dog owned beverage company" has worked hard to stay ahead of the innovation curve in every aspect of their business.

And the industry has taken note.

In July of 2022, Swilled Dog earned a gold medal in the World Whiskies Award for its Sherry Cask Finished Bourbon and a silver in the same competition for the Double Oaked Series Bourbon. Kim Kirk, who is Swilled Dog's experience manager and who also was honored by The State Journal as part of their Generation Next, explained that part of the high quality of the finished product came from use of neighboring Pendleton County cornfields that eschew genetically modified materials.

Over the past two years, the awards for quality continued to roll in to Swilled Dog. Last month, however, Brooke Glover, CEO and founder, was selected by her peers for a far different honor.

"The award is in honor of a man named Dave Pickerell," Glover explained. The Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, as a WBOY news story about Swilled Dog shared, "has dubbed Dave Pickerell as 'the Johnny Appleseed of craft distilling' and spent 14 years as Master Distiller for Makers Mark before he passed away in 2018."

He also "was a very big advocate for the industry," Glover said. "This award honors him and goes to someone who is representing craft distilling,"



Brooke Glover, pictured with her beloved Lucy, has forged a powerful national reputation as CEO of Upper Tract's Swilled Dog.

she added.

Glover serves as a member of the DISCUS Craft Distiller Advisory Council. This puts her in a position to advocate for the entire industry to those who can have an impact on the industry—for good or ill. "I was voted onto that," she said, going on to add that "it's been an honor. I loved it and met a lot of great craft distillers."

She explained that the job included "doing Hill climbs on Capitol Hill" and "speaking to members of Congress."

Glover described the entire West Virginia congressional delegation as "willing to listen and help." She added that Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito were both very knowledgeable about the challenges faced by the industry.

At the state level, "the West Virginia legislators were very eager to meet with us and they took steps that they said they'd take," Glover said.

Glover's task lay both in representing the industry as a whole, but also specifically the needs of the smaller "mom and pop" operations. Regulations and other burdens that large firms can accommodate with larger economies of scale could strangle locally based distillers, such as those thriving in Pendleton County.

"Their needs are different than the large distillers across the country," Glover noted.

The award carries special weight because Glover's peers chose to grant it to her and Swilled Dog.

Glover added in a release from her company that "This accolade is a testament to our passion for the craft and our continuous efforts to contribute positively to the spirits community. Cheers to Swilled Dog and the entire team for this remarkable achievement!"

### Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 10 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

### Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 11 at the post home in Sugar Grove.

### Morrissey's Staff To Visit April 11

A representative from Attorney General Patrick Morrissey's office will meet with residents from 11 a.m. to noon April 11 at the Pendleton Senior and Family Services Center in Franklin.

### Schools To Be Dismissed Early On Monday

Pendleton County Schools will be dismissing at 12:30 p.m. on Monday beginning from Franklin Elementary School for student safety during the solar eclipse.

### Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Hartman's Service Station will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" for 60+ Seniors April 19 at the Franklin Senior Center. Meals will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. To reserve a free lunch, call 304-358-2421 no later than April 18.



Hundreds of area kids hunting Easter eggs helped to make Fisher Mountain's open house a popular success.

## Fisher Mountain Celebrates Its Rebirth as 'More Country Than Club'

By Stephen Smoot

Although The Highlands at Fisher Mountain has been in existence for a generation, the new owners from The Waterfront Group are excited to be a part of what comes next at the golf club in Deer Run.

"We want to be more country than club," said Brooke Dolan, who works in sales out of Waterfront's North Carolina office. She went on to explain that the facility is meant to be more than golf, to attract a broader range of patrons to a more expansive concept of recreation.

The grand re-opening served as kind of a coming out party for the vision of the new ownership led by Will Adkins, who grew up in Wayne County. To the event came a number of area people, including avid golfers, community, non-profit, business leaders, and families who brought their children for the Easter egg hunt, petting zoo, and more.

Butch Robinson, also from Waterfront Group, said that progress "is going amazing. We're really kicking off this year. Trout Fest is our first big event."

Robinson also grew up in the Wayne County city of Ceredo, only 15 minutes from Huntington.

Laura Brown, who recently joined the Waterfront Group team, served as a master of ceremonies of sorts. She

welcomed guests, announced when the food was ready, and choreographed the massive egg hunt on the back lawn beneath the back deck.

Meanwhile, guests enjoyed classic hits played on the back deck by Mike Eye and Justin Demers.

At about 1:30 p.m., children waited anxiously for Brown to release them in their search for plastic eggs. The youngest went first, then successively older ages. "Look up into the trees! There's lots of eggs!" she implored.

Finally, Brown gave the 11 and up age group permission to hunt, adding that "even if you're 40, you can go get eggs!"

Children of all ages also enjoyed a petting zoo, as well as face painting.

For lunch, attendees could eat from a buffet of fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, and a number of sweet treats. Since interest far exceeded the planned attendance, Brandywine Fox's was pressed into emergency service to provide 15 large pizzas to feed everyone.

Robinson praised the community's reception of the changes at Fisher Mountain. "From what I've seen," he stated, "it's been nothing but open arms." Thrilled with the turnout, he added, "It's nice to be able to let people see what we've been doing."

The clubhouse area was

opened up by removing the large stone fireplace that once sat in the middle of the clubhouse. Four big screen televisions grace the bar and seating areas where the interior décor was refreshed and updated.

Additionally, Robinson explained that "we've got a top tracer range coming in" which should create more opportunities for "family friendly" fun. The virtual range offers a variety of play options, especially for a "really avid golfer who can get stats."

It also helps Pendleton County High School's varsity golf team's players to have different ways in which to practice their game year round, rain or shine.

Although golf serves as the centerpiece, Dolan said, "We want it to not just be for the golfer." She went on to say that they want the families of those who come to golf to have fun activities to do as well, including trails on which to ride all-terrain vehicles.

The facility will include high end houses on lots ranging from one to seven acres, the construction of some visible through the trees on the hillside. Robinson explained that many will sell as second or vacation homes. "We want to show them (potential buyers from outside the area what West Virginia is all about, show them some Mid-South hospitality," he said.

## Community Calendar

### Black To Speak On Sunday

Re-Newed Vision Fellowship invites everyone to join them as they host Pastor Randall Black at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin.

### Blood Drive Set For Monday

A blood drive will be held from noon until 5 p.m. Monday at the Pendleton County Library in Franklin.

### Golf League Meeting Planned

An organizational meeting and registration to enter the 2024 Highlands Golf League will be conducted at 7 p.m. April 11 in the lounge at the golf course. Individuals interested in participating in the league are strongly encouraged to attend. Many items will be discussed. April 18 is the cut off date for entering the league.

For additional information, contact Bob Hoops at 304-249-5009.

## Viewers Urged to Take Precautions During April 8 Solar Eclipse

By Stephen Smoot

Those enthralled with all things astronomy will get a real treat next Monday as a total eclipse of the sun will make its way from Texas in the southwest to the Great Lakes. This gives Americans a rare opportunity to witness the spectacular event.

A solar eclipse occurs when the path of the moon's revolution around the earth puts it in the path of the light of the daytime sun. While the total eclipse field

will follow a narrow band across North America, West Virginians will still get to view a dramatic level of coverage.

According to an interactive map on TimeandDate.com, Pendleton County will see 90.07 percent of the disk of the sun blocked by the moon. The event will commence at exactly 2 p.m. and light will fade between then and the maximum occlusion at 3:17 p.m.

In areas of total eclipse, the sun's light will disappear.

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## Franklin Moose Lodge Holds 'Eggs'travaganza for Area Children

By Stephen Smoot

"It takes about an hour to put them down and maybe about five minutes for the kids to pick up all the eggs."

That's how Chris Roberson of the Franklin Moose Lodge described the morning of preparation and the frenzy of egg searching that took place Saturday morning at Franklin Town Park.

Perhaps about 100 children, accompanied by parents, grandparents, and other caregivers, tromped around designated areas of the park. Many climbed into the playground equipment to search, while others looked in the grass and around trees and

fenceposts.

Conditions could not have been more pleasant. A brilliant sun in a beautiful blue sky brought just enough warmth to make it comfortable to search. Egg hunters looked to put colored plastic eggs in their beautifully colored baskets. Every egg offered a prize inside. Most had candy or cash hidden inside while 50 lucky eggs contained gold dollar coins.

One tall dad sporting a thick beard proudly wore tall blue floppy bunny ears as he helped his children navigate the hunt.

Roberson explained that "we break it up into different age groups so the little ones don't get

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# OBITUARIES



**Michael Dale Bland**

Michael Dale Bland, 64, of Petersburg passed away on March 31, 2024, at Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg.

He was born on July 2, 1959, in Petersburg, the son of the late Harry Dale "Tootsie" Bland and Ethel Marie (Lambert) Bland of Riverton.

Mr. Bland attended Circleville High School and formerly went to the Riverton United Methodist Church. He was a supervisor for Advantage Foods and had also worked for Walmart and Pilgrim's Pride in Moorefield.

A true West Virginian, he enjoyed most outdoor sports, including hunting and fishing.

In his spare time, he could be found working on old vehicles and loved to be surrounded by his family and friends, especially his grandchildren.

On Oct. 12, 2002, Michael married Lora (Chapman) Bland, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, April Whetzel (Jeremy) of Petersburg; a son, Cody Bland (Sarah Keplinger) of Petersburg; a sister, Katherine "Kathy" Arbaugh of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a brother, Matthew Bland of Medley; six grandchildren, Adam and Jacob Whetzel and Christine, Ava, and Negan Bland.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Harry Alan Max Bland.

The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Michael Clements officiating. Interment will be at the Bland Family Cemetery in Riverton.

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

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



**Shirley Marie Sites**

Shirley Marie Sites, 84, of Seneca Rocks passed away March 27, 2024, at Mon General Hospital in Morgantown.

She was born on March 12, 1940, in Riverton, the daughter of the late Lester and Mary Rebecca (Mallow) Dice.

Mrs. Sites was a 1957 graduate of Circleville High School and attended North Fork Church of the Brethren. She was a lifelong farmer and homemaker that took pride in her family. She was a dedicated mother, wife and grandmother that had a passion for caring for the animals on the farm, especially the sheep and cattle.

She was twice married.

Her first husband and father of her children, Odith Vandevander, preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 2011. Her second husband, William Rex Sites, preceded her in death in 1990.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory two daughters, Donna Bennett of Seneca Rocks and Bonnie Vandevander (Galen Arbaugh) of Circleville; two sisters, Reva Arbaugh (Richard) of Circleville and Loretha Vandevander (Delbert) of Whitmer; three grandchildren, April Vandevander (Gary Jack), Derek Arbaugh (Roxanne), and Shawn Arbaugh; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant sister.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Basagic Funeral Home chapel in Franklin with Pastor Dan Arbogast officiating. Interment was in the Dice Family Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to North Fork Church of the Brethren.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com).



**Sandra Earp Pope**

Sandra Earp Pope, 85, passed away peacefully on March 24, 2024, in her home in Frankston, Texas.

She was born Oct. 16, 1938, in Fairmont to the late Fogle and Hettie (Langford) Earp.

Mrs. Pope was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas, and Living Faith Church in Franklin.

She had a professional organizer business and was a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers. She had a passion for genealogy and published two books on the Pope and Cowger Families.

In West Virginia, she volunteered documenting cemeteries with the Fort Seybert Heritage Society. She contributed to a documentary on water powered mills of Pendleton County.

Her beloved husband, Larry Pope, of 65 years survives.

Also surviving are children, Steven (Leigh) Pope, Cynthia Pope (Ken) Adams, and Christopher (Becky) Pope; a sister, Sally Earp (Gary) Niezgod; and a sister-in-law, Bonnie Snyder Earp. She was blessed to have 10 grandchildren and 12 nieces/nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, James and Gary Earp.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.austryfuneralhome.com](http://www.austryfuneralhome.com).

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Contact Sandie Smith, Pendleton County Assessor  
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# County Students Compete at Regional Social Studies Fair



Pendleton County students who participated in the Region 8 Social Studies Fair were, from left, front row, Ross Pownell and Skye Dahmer; and back row, Ava Bowers, Hannah Heavner and Kaylee Teter.

Five Pendleton County students represented the county at the Region 8 Social Studies Fair held March 16 at Musselman High School in Inwood.

Ross Pownell, a student at Franklin Elementary School, earned first place with his project "The Lego Story." He advances to the West Virginia State Social Studies Fair April 10 in Charleston.

Kaylee Teter, a Pendleton County Middle School student, earned third place for her project "The Chilling History of a Mountain State Mystery." The project featured Mason County's Mothman. The original siting of the

cryptid was in the 1960s, but the Point Pleasant monster continues to live on for many. Her project emphasizes that local legends are still important to the culture in West Virginia for both the young and old.

Earning honorable mention were Skye Dahmer and Hannah Heavner. Dahmer, a student at North Fork Elementary School, titled her project "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas." Heavner, an FES student, chose "Nutella" as the title of her project.

Also participating in the event was Ava Bowers, a PCMS student, with her project "Secret Hideaway in the Mountains."

## Kirk Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Bryce Kirk of Franklin was recently initiated into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. He was initiated at Shepherd University.

Kirk is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as

do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."



Pendleton County Middle/High School March students of the month are, from left, Claire Cooney, Mason Harper and Carolyn Varner.

## Cooney, Varner, Harper Named PCM/HS Students of the Month

Claire Cooney, Carolyn Varner and Mason Harper have been named outstanding students of the month for March at Pendleton County Middle/High School.

Cooney is the March Academic Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Lauren Cooney of Seneca Rocks. A senior, she is vice president of the Class of 2024. She is also an active member of the National Honor Society, student council, and yearbook club. Outside of school, she works at Yokum's Vacationland and is a member of Mountain View Church in Circleville. Upon graduation, she plans to study elementary education and become a kindergarten teacher.

Varner is the James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month. She is sophomore and plays on the PCHS volleyball and softball

teams. She is secretary of her class and a member of the pep club and bass club. She is on the A Honor Roll and works as a life-guard during the summer. Her future plans are to become a nurse practitioner. She is the daughter of Mark and Dezira Varner of Franklin.

Harper is the Pendleton County Middle School Student of the Month. He is the son of David and Vanessa Harper of Seneca Rocks. An eighth-grade student, he is a member of the student council and 4-H Club. He plays football, basketball, and baseball for PCMS. His hobbies include sports, hunting, and fishing. His current plans are to graduate high school and then attend a business school to learn more about repair shops.

## Gateway Rewards NFES Students for Reading



Gateway Restaurant has teamed up with North Fork Elementary School to encourage students to read. Each nine weeks, three students will receive a free meal at the Gateway. The names of students who have the required amount of Accelerated Reading points are entered into the drawing. Receiving the reward for the third-nine weeks were, from left, Oliver Cook (second grade), Tommy Waybright (fourth grade) and Ava Sherman (sixth grade).

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**30 Years Ago**  
**Week of April 7, 1994**

**County Non-Smoking Law Takes Effect Saturday**

**Violators to Be Subject to Fines**

Smoking indoors in most public places in Pendleton County will be illegal beginning Saturday, April 9.

A Clean Indoor Air Regulation adopted by the Pendleton County Commission takes effect Saturday which prohibits smoking in indoor public places.

**SUGAR GROVE**

*Springtime—It's the Season for Fresh Life To Spring from Winter's Chill*

It's wonderful to be on the mountaintop. One can see some things so clearly: the awesome panorama. Now that the warmth of the sun is penetrating nature, one can see the numerous shades of green beginning to unfold. But on the mountain where there seems to be a quiet peace in the thin air, it's easy not to see the details below. Details such as the birth of new life along the farm lands, the return of the robins, the blooming crocuses and other spring flowers, the spring scent, the exuberant frogs croaking, and the trees dressing their branches. Century after century, fresh life springs from the stillness of winter's chill. It offers all of us new hope, and it will continue to long after we've left this world.

**Head Start Children Work With Seniors**

Children at the Burr Head Start Center in Riverton enjoyed coloring Easter eggs with senior friends and parent volunteers during the Easter holiday. The children shared with the seniors how they have been mixing two basic colors together to create a new color.

**50 Years Ago**  
**Week of April 4, 1974**

**WHOSE WOODS ARE THESE . . .**

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

**Valleys Million Years In Making**

During the previous two weeks this column considered river flow and the mechanisms of land erosion. Building upon this, this week we discuss how rivers formed our valleys here in West Virginia.

The valleys of eastern West Virginia run parallel to each other. To us, residents of this area, this seems natural. However, worldwide, this is not the common pattern. Worldwide, it is more common for valleys to arrange themselves like branches on a tree, meeting each other at longitude angles. Here in West Virginia large valleys and small tend to run north/south

and east/west.

The reason why our valleys run north/south and east/west lies in the rock layers underneath. Because the mountains were formed by a folding of the earth's crust, a pushing in from the Atlantic coast, major north/south cracks developed in rock underneath.

Since the cracks ran north/south, rivers and hence valleys formed along these lines. East/west valleys are usually smaller than the north/south valleys. These are the feeder valleys, formed by erosion, bringing the run-off into the larger north/south valleys.

If you have a map handy (especially a topographic map, one that shows geologic contours) it is very interesting to study it. From it you can see this very interesting geologic pattern that occurs here in West Virginia. Valleys run parallel. The large rivers flow north/south, and the mountain streams that feed them flow east/west.

The small east/west valleys form by simple erosion. This can be seen by taking a short walk in the mountains. As you go up a small valley, imagine a large rounded mountain slope extending from ridge to ridge and filling the valley with earth. A small trickle develops. As it trickles, it carves a stream bed. Over millions of years this stream bed works its way deeper, becoming the valley you are walking up.

How can we check whether small valleys were in fact formed this way? The simplest check is to look for rock outcroppings on one side of the valley. Once you have found some, look across the valley on the other side. It is possible that you will find identical outcroppings on both sides, proof that they were part of the same formation, and proof that they separated by erosion from the stream.

But, how does a river form the flat, fertile valleys we have here in West Virginia, where a relatively small river runs through the middle? It is difficult to accept that the river was so enormous it filled the whole valley. How did a small river make a large valley, especially one that is even and flat along its bottom?

The answer has two parts. The first part is that millions of years ago the valley was steep and narrow. The river cut straight down and was at the bottom. A river (maybe but not necessarily much bigger than the one that exists today) had cut a deep and narrow gorge over millions of years previously. Over time the sides of the valley eroded off making it wider at the top and filling up the bottom with soil broken from the top walls.

The second part is that the river then smoothed out this fill. As fill broke off the top and slid down one side of the gorge, the river was forced over to the other side of the valley. It flowed on that side, smoothing things out. Then when fill slid down that side, the river came back and smoothed out the first side. As the gorge filled with erosion from its sides, the valley at the bottom widened for it rose up higher into wider sections of the valley. Periodic floodings of the river polish off

the surface and deposit topsoil.

**60 Years Ago**  
**Week of April 9, 1964**

**100 YEARS AGO**

**By LON K. SAVAGE**

**Editor's Note—The following is one of a series of articles on the Civil War. Each weekly installment covers events which occurred exactly 100 years ago.**

**Beaten Federals End Red River Campaign**

Nathaniel Banks, the former Massachusetts governor who now was a general in the Federal army, was deep in Confederate-held Louisiana 100 years ago this week. He slowly was beginning to realize that he also was deep in trouble.

Banks, against his own judgment but following orders from Washington, had led 25,000 Federal soldiers and a fleet of steamships up the Red River a month earlier in an effort to wipe out Confederate resistance in the Southwest. So far, he had done reasonably well; the expedition had moved about 100 miles up the river, had defeated a Confederate force and had captured the town of Alexandria. But now, things were beginning to look bad.

His army was strung out for 20 miles along a little road through pine woods, heading toward Shreveport. Then, quite suddenly, about 2 p.m. on April 8, the head of his column ran headlong into a line of Confederate troops near the town of Mansfield.

It proved disastrous for Banks. For along that line waited more than 10,000 Confederate soldiers, assembled in a V-shaped formation that faced a 1,000-foot clearing and a deep ravine.

Although the Confederates were outnumbered more than two to one, they could pour heavy fire into the Federals as they emerged in the clearing. The Federals could do little but move forward in column onto the battlefield. Thousands of Federal troops, stretching for miles to the rear, could not come forward to help those in front simply because of the traffic jam.

Nevertheless, Banks surveyed the situation and accepted battle.

The two armies skirmished for about two hours, and then the Confederates, under Gen. Richard Taylor, charged. With twice the number of men on the field, the Federals, and the Union line caved in. By nightfall, Banks' army was in full retreat, minus about 2,000 men who had become casualties. Such was the Battle of Mansfield or Sabine Cross Roads.

Next day, Taylor pursued Banks and ran into a little trouble, himself. Late in the afternoon, he attacked a line of Federals at Pleasant Hill and momentarily broke the Union line. But the Federals, bent upon revenge, counter suffered 5,000 casualties to accomplish nothing. Banks, even though he had opposed the campaign

from the start—was forced to take the blame and eventually was removed from command because of it.

Next week: Two Confederate victories.

**316 Circleville Alumni Attend Annual Banquet**

Circleville High School alumni and their husbands and wives were turned out 316 strong for the school's annual alumni banquet which was held April 4 in the high school auditorium.

Byrl Law, head of the agriculture department at Glenville College and former vo-ag teacher at Circleville, served as toastmaster for the occasion. Floyd J. Dahmer, former principal of the school, was the principal speaker for the evening.

The invocation was given by D. K. Harman and the benediction was pronounced by Wilbur Hunt. The meal was served by the Circleville Volunteer Fire Department.

Entertainment was provided by a trio composed of Rosann Harper, Carol Bland and Barbara Jennings Harper who sang three numbers.

Officers elected for the following year were Joe Hedrick, president; Mrs. Keith Judy, vice president; and Othal J. VanDevander, secretary-treasurer.

**Pendleton-Grant Streams Termed Ideal For 'White Water' Boating**

**BOATING DEMONSTRATION IN SMOKE HOLE SUNDAY CREATES TRAFFIC JAM**

It took a bunch of "river rats" from the city to prove it, but now we know it's true.

The South Branch of the Potomac River and its tributaries in Pendleton and Grant counties are good for something besides trout fishing.

"They are a 'white water' canoeing paradise," according to about 50 rugged outdoorsmen from a half-dozen states and the District of Columbia who gathered here over the past weekend for several days of boating.

The big event was held Saturday afternoon when no less than 47 of the hearty clan raced their canoes and kayaks from Mouth of Seneca down 14 miles of the treacherous North Fork River to the Smoke Hole Caverns.

It was a new type of sport for most local residents, but they seemed to enjoy it as carloads by the hundreds followed the boatsmen downstream expecting to see a hidden boulder or the swift, swirling current topple them into the 38-degree water.

And occasionally it happened. McKelden Smith of Staunton, Va., and Corbin Dixon of Waynesboro, Va., were dumped into the cold water when their two-man canoe struck a submerged log. Several others had similar experiences.

Some of the canoes carried one paddler, and others carried two. A total of 30 canoes and

kayaks entered the race and all finished.

Dan Sullivan, a kayaker from Washington, D. C., covered the 14 miles in the fastest time, one hour, 28 minutes and 47 seconds.

A two-man canoe team consisting of John Berry and Bob Harrigan won their division in 1:55:52, while Nancy Abrams and Tom Southworth won the mixed race in 2:01:06.

Bill Bickham of State College, Pa., the national champion one-man canoeist, won the men's canoe singles in 2:02:42; and Barbara Wright, a Boston biochemist who holds the U. S. women's kayak title, won the women's singles in 2:03:37.

Bickham describes the North Fork as the most challenging stretch of canoe water in the eastern part of the United States.

What is the secret to winning a canoe race?

"Mainly, it is the ability to read the water," says champ Bickham.

Reading the water is the ability to look at the bulges and swirls in the river and tell where the canoe will travel swiftly and where it may hang up on rocks.

"You try to stay as close to the big waves as possible without actually getting in them," Doug Armstrong of Westminster, N. J., added.

Barbara Wright, the canoeing champ from Boston, explained that there is quite a difference between canoeing and kayaking.

"In a canoe you kneel and use a single-blade paddle," she said. "A kayak is worn almost like clothing. You sit down, strap your legs and brace your knees against blocks inside the boat. This allows you to maneuver with body movement as well as with the paddle."

The boats were started at 2-second intervals, with the fastest kayaks going first, the two-man canoes second and the slower one-man canoes bringing up the rear.

The boatsmen wore wet-suits like those worn by skindivers to keep them reasonably dry and warm. Decks over the canoes kept the craft from filling up with water in the rough water.

Evidence of the widespread interest in this young and growing sport was seen in the Smoke Hole Sunday afternoon. Demonstrations of kayaking and canoeing were given at the recreation area, and it drew hundreds of cars.

Law enforcement officers and volunteers spent the afternoon trying to keep traffic moving on the narrow Smoke Hole Road as onlookers by the thousands drove by to see agile boatsmen roll their kayaks completely over in the Eskimo Roll, and the canoeists strain their muscles to paddle their craft upstream in the swift flowing current.

The weekend of boating was organized by the Canoe Cruisers Association of Washington, D. C., and a group of Petersburg business firms and individuals.

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## Smith Creek/Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Another month has started. Each day the area is getting more daylight in the morning and evening.

March lived up to its nickname by being windy. Of course, the wind didn't help with the wildfires the area has been having.

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, David Bowers, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Ruby Gail Roberson, Ruth Bauer, Anna Mauzy, Linda Maxwell Looney, Bennie and Mary Alice Evick, Gloria Moats, Martha R. Kimble, Jimmie Bennett, Ruthalene Judy, Wayne Kimble, Stanley Propst, Leann Britton, Patsy Bennett, Jimmy Mitchell, Kathy Puffenbarger, Wanda Pitsenbarger and the family of Woodrow Hartman.

Prayer thought: "With God's reassuring arms wrapped around us, we'll be able to bear our crises and circumstances and let Him strengthen our faith."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for March 25 through March 31, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: March 25 - 60°, 25° (69°, 42°, .29"); March 26 - 52°, 37°, .29" (66°, 41°); March 27 - 62°, 43°, .03" (65°, 35°); April 4 - 53°, 41° (56°, 38°, .12"); March 29 - 61°, 42° (55°, 30°); March 30 - 67°, 50°. 3" (56°, 31°, .17") and March 31 - 62°, 52°, .08" (61°, 35°, .2").

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# Slang and Idioms Change with New Generations

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Some of language's traditional sayings and expressions are at risk of falling out of dialect, with many people no longer using them, or not sure of what they mean. Take for instance, the following words. Chances are that people in the 80s and 90s can tell what they are, and perhaps even use them to this day!

**Malarkey:** Insincere or foolish talk; bunkum  
**Kerfuffle:** some kind of commotion, controversy or fuss  
**Brouhaha:** a noisy and over excited reaction or response  
**Nincompoop:** a foolish or stupid person  
**Skedaddle:** leave immediately  
**Tomfoolery:** foolish or silly behavior  
**Poppycock:** nonsense, empty talk  
**Watchamacalit:** does not know or cannot recall  
**Thingamajig:** something hard to classify or whose name is unknown or forgotten  
**Bamboozled:** fool or cheat someone  
**Flabbergasted:** feeling or showing intense shock, surprise, or wonder  
**Discombobulated:** confused  
**Shenanigans:** a devious trick used especially for an underhand purpose  
**Cattywampus:** going badly, awkwardly, or in the wrong direction

**Lollygag:** fool around and waste time; spend time doing things that are not useful or serious

The challenge is to make an effort to "resurrect" these words and use them in one's daily language. That way, they are not lost in one's dialect.

This week's life instructions that mean a lot, are as follows:  
1. Don't carve one's initials on property that is not one's.  
2. Share one's umbrella.  
3. Hug one's kids every day.  
4. Pay back borrowed money — fast.  
5. Wipe the bathroom sink every morning.

The winds are not as ferocious as they have been. Saturday evening there were thunder and lightning shows. Easter brought in lovely weather, with folks attending the Easter sunrise service, Easter church service, and getting in some Easter egg hunts, as well as family dinners.

This week's quotes are as follows:  
"Everyone you'll ever meet, knows something you don't."  
— Jewish saying

"April is the time to turn over a new leaf." — Terri Guillemets



*John Adam Fultz (1882 - April 1963) was the son of Martin Fultz (Oct. 4, 1853 - May 13, 1925) and Mary Jane Bolton Fultz (June 30, 1862 - March 18, 1925), both buried at the Dickenson Mountain Cemetery. His siblings were Frances E., Frank A., Sarah P., Sally, and Mineola. John was a teacher in the Brandywine area, teaching at Cedar Grove (Toad Hole) and Propstburg schools. He later became superintendent of the Pendleton County Schools. His marriage to Sudie Hinkle produced a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Ruby) Lambert of Blue Grass, Virginia. After a lengthy illness, John passed away and is buried in the Blue Grass Cemetery in Virginia.*

"Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadows of April showers." — Byron Caldwell Smith

"No rain, no flowers." — Haruki Murakami

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it." — Hal Borland

This week's "Talk of the Grove" is as follows:

Butch Puffenbarger, Robert and Nancy Hodges, and Matt and Robby Hodges spent Easter with Wesley, Becky, Nathan, Ben and Emma Puffenbarger.

Phil Downs enjoyed an Easter family dinner with K.D. Puffenbarger and his family. He learned the good news that he will soon be a great-grandfather. What an Easter blessing!

Evelyn Varner, along with Judy Costello of Verona, Virginia, Janet Judy, Terry Harper, Nathaniel and Geneva Varner and Kitty and L.J. Purcell enjoyed a Saturday Easter dinner at the home of Joyce and Robin Marshall of McGaheysville, Virginia.

School-aged youngsters are happy to have a break this week.

Sunday, Willard and Judy Rader enjoyed Easter dinner and celebrating Amber and Bella's birthdays in the home of Chad and Amber Kimble's.

Clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:

- The longest human bone ever measured was 29.9 inches.
- More than 50 percent of Americans say they get out of bed before 7:00 a.m.
- Canada is the second largest country on earth.
- Captain Kangaroo won five Emmy awards.
- One in seven Americans don't speak English at home.

Concerns for this week are as follows: Bob Adamson, Rick Adkins, John Ashley, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Lynn Beatty, "Bo" Boggs, Jane Conrad, Marie Cole, the Harold Cupp family, Christian Dasher, Isaac Eye, Linda Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Neal Eye, Carl Gant, Loralee Gordon, Lola Graham, Patsy Green, the Rosalee Grogg family, JC Hammer, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, the Woodrow Hartman family, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adelbert Hoover, Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie and Enos Horst, Lisa and Mike Jamison, Jessica Janney, Alice Johnson, Richard 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, John Morford, Richard Morrison, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Alda Propst, John O. Propst, Kathy Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Tom Rader, Brandon Reel, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Jerold "Jerry" Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Dennis Riggleman, Donna Ruddle, Brittany Shriver, Annie Simmons, Phyllis Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Kent Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Donnie Smith, Stanna Smith, Steve Stump, Elizabeth Terry, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Evelyn Varner, Raymond Varner, Amy Vaus, Judy Williams, Ann Wimer and Margaret Wimer.

## Biggest Gold Rush Giveaway Announced

Gov. Jim Justice has announced that the West Virginia Gold Rush will be bigger and better than ever this year and include five times the number of chances to win prizes during the popular trout stocking event which runs April 1 to April 13.

"As a lifelong angler, there's nothing that brings me more joy than to announce the return of this incredible event. The West Virginia Gold Rush not only showcases the breathtaking beauty of our natural landscapes but also highlights the world-class fishing opportunities our state offers," Justice said. "From avid anglers to families looking for a fun outdoor activity, I want to encourage everyone to participate in this exciting event and help make this year's Gold Rush the best one yet."

This is the seventh annual Gold Rush, which had its inaugural stocking in April 2018. Since then, Justice has promoted the event by adding more golden rainbow trout, more stocking locations and more chances to win prizes.

"Gold Rush wouldn't be what it is today without the leadership of Gov. Justice and his commitment to enhancing the angling experience in our state," Brett McMillion, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources director, said. "As we celebrate the seventh anniversary of the Gold Rush, we look forward to seeing all of the ways this exciting event helps recruit the next generation of anglers and helps us keep West Virginia's outdoor traditions alive and well for years to come."

From April 1 to April 13, the WVDNR

will stock more than 50,000 golden rainbow trout at 68 lakes and streams around the state, including waters in or near 15 state parks and forests. Stocking locations and details about the Gold Rush can be found at [WVDnr.gov/goldrush](http://WVDnr.gov/goldrush).

The Gold Rush Giveaway will return this year bigger and better than ever. Out of the 50,000 golden rainbow trout stocked during the event, 500 trout will receive a numbered tag, five times the number of tagged trout in past years. If an angler catches a trout with one of these tags, they can enter the tag number at [WVDnr.gov/goldrush](http://WVDnr.gov/goldrush) for a chance to win one of five free West Virginia lifetime fishing licenses, a one-night stay at a state park or forest cabin or a \$25 West Virginia State Parks gift card.

In addition to increasing the number of tagged trout, the WVDNR is also giving away exclusive Gold Rush merchandise to everyone who reports their tagged golden rainbow trout catch during the event.

All anglers 15 and older must have a West Virginia fishing license with a current trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing during Gold Rush. Licenses and stamps can be purchased online at [WVfish.com](http://WVfish.com). Anglers are encouraged to upgrade their fishing experience by opting for a physical license card when they purchase their 2024 fishing license and trout stamp. Anglers are also reminded to follow West Virginia's fishing regulations.

For more information about stockings and other fishing resources, visit [WVDnr.gov](http://WVDnr.gov).

## Explore the Library During National Library Week

Friends of Pendleton County Library encourages all community members to visit the library during National Library Week, April 7-13, to explore all the library has to offer and to say "thanks" to the staff.

"Ready, Set, Library!" is the slogan for this year's celebrations. Libraries give everyone a green "go" light to experience something special — a welcoming space to connect with others, access services, and explore ideas.

No matter where a person finds oneself on the roadmap through one's journey — preparing for a new career, starting a business, nurturing a family, or settling into retirement, libraries offer resources to inspire, encourage, and help.

The library staff can help a person locate books, use a computer, fill out applications, reserve space for an event, or connect with Wi-Fi. The library subscribes to regional and general interest periodicals and offers

copy, fax, and notary services.

Children's programming includes a vibrant summer reading program, story time and school group visits, plus craft kits for kids. Other events include annual Friends of the Library book sales and living history programs.

So, get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with others this National Library Week. Pendleton County Library at 255 N. Main Street, Franklin, is here for one, all the way to the finish line. Current hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each year in April.

For more information on library services, visit the library's website at <https://Pendleton.lib.wv.us> or the library Facebook page.

### Attention North Fork Real Property Owners



The Assessor's office will begin reappraisal in April of real property in Circleville and Union Districts. This will cover from Elk Mountain, Big Run, Snowy Mt, Cherry Grove, Circleville, Riverton, Seneca, Onego, Dollytown and Allegheny Mt. This is done in a three-year cycle of the county.

They will be checking for any new structures or deleted buildings from your property. They are required to measure any new structures and obtain the information needed for their appraisals.

Our field appraisers are Tina Bodkin and Ginger Kimble they will be driving a silver Ford Escape with both sides of vehicle marked with our office name. Please be courteous to my staff that are diligently working for the county and sometimes are in unsafe work environments.

Appointments will be needed for visiting your property if there is limited accessibility such as (locked gates, poultry farms). If access is denied the information will be estimated and may result in the owner forfeiting the right to appeal an incorrect assessment.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to ensure an accurate appraisal. Contact Pendleton County Assessor, Sandie Smith or Appraisers Tina Bodkin or Ginger Kimble for more information at 304-358-2563.

## April Is National Donate Life Month

- More than 100,000 people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplant in the United States.
- Nearly 500 West Virginians are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, and thousands more are in need of a tissue or cornea transplant.
- Every 8 minutes, someone new is added to the national organ transplant list.
- 22 people die each day for lack of an available organ.
- 1 Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor; Saves up to 8 lives, restores sight to 2 people, and heals the lives of more than 75 people.
- 86 % of patients waiting are in need of a kidney.
- 10% of patients waiting are in need of a liver.
- Living donors can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver to a waiting patient.

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# Wildcat Baseball and Softball Send Message to State Single A with Undefeated Opening Weeks



Three Wildcats converge on the ball in right center field in the win against Moorefield. They did come up with the catch!

## Wildcats Power Hitting Wallops Yellow Jackets in Season Opener

By Stephen Smoot

Good things come to those who wait.

After wind, cold, weather, and other obstacles kept the Wildcat softball team from taking the diamond against an opponent, Pendleton County finally got to take the field.

The opener presented no easy task, a road game against the rival Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Avery Townsend took the initial at bat of the season, tapping a one ball and one strike pitch gently down the first base side. She beat the throw, then benefited from a Jenna Smith sacrifice to move to third.

Townsend did not have to wait long to find her way home. Baylee Beachler drove a full count pitch deep to right field and helped her team post the first two runs. They were far from done.

Allie Vance pitched for the Wildcats in the bottom of the inning, placing her pitches perfectly in the strike zone on most occasions. She allowed a double to start, but then saw the runner get caught stealing when catcher Jessica Parker fired a throw to Kate Hedrick at third.

Vance got the second out on a strikeout and got the next batter to pop up to shallow right-center.

Moorefield put up two runs in the bottom of the second inning to knot the game at two.

Pendleton County struck next

in the top of the fourth. Beachler lofted a lead off home run to center field. Lizzie Alt worked a walk in six pitches and was driven in when Hedrick smashed a screaming line drive to center field for a stand up double.

Moorefield then lifted starting pitcher Amber Williams for Susan Vincell, who promptly drew a walk. Both runners advanced during the next at bat for Parker to drive them in with a soft hit to third.

Still in the top of the fourth, Townsend cleared the bases with a two out inside the park home run to extend the lead to 8-2.

Beachler then came in to pitch in relief of Vance. Head coach Eric Crites had praised both the accuracy of Vance and the speed of Beachler as an outstanding combination for the pitching staff. Beachler allowed two runs in the bottom of the fourth before settling in.

In the top of the sixth, Wildcat bats erupted again. Beachler drew a one out walk and was driven in by an Alt stand up double. Hedrick moved Alt to third on a sacrifice. Alt scored during a passed ball on Jessica Parker's at bat.

Beachler kept Moorefield from threatening in the fifth and sixth innings. She adapted after the fourth by changing speeds, introducing off speed offerings to confuse the batters trying to key on her fastball.

The Wildcats entered the

seventh with a 10-4 advantage, but still had more work to do offensively.

The Yellow Jackets opened the inning in the worst fashion possible from their point of view, walking the bases loaded after getting the first out. They missed an opportunity to end the inning early when Wildcat base runners got caught in a run down during Beachler's at bat. Moorefield, however, hung on to the ball and did not challenge the runners, who all returned safely.

Beachler drew a walk to send another run home, then Kate Hedrick cleared the bases with a towering grand slam home run.

In the bottom of the seventh, Crites lifted Beachler in favor of freshman pitcher Vincell. Although Vincell allowed two runs in her first ever varsity pitching action, she settled in and got the last three outs with well-placed pitching.

After the game, Petersburg native Crites praised Moorefield, saying the Yellow Jackets are "always a great team, always one of the hardest teams to beat."

Crites also met his personal goal of getting every player on the roster an opportunity to make plays on the field. "All 14 players contributed tonight," he stated, adding that all "stepped up well."

Of his pitching, he said, "We have three excellent pitchers. Each one brings something different."

## Greenbrier West Blown Away by High Winds and Pendleton County Pitching

By Stephen Smoot

One may wonder how the Wildcats could top a rout of rival Moorefield in their opener, but they found a way to do so in their second matchup of the season.

During the weeks when weather and cold kept Pendleton County off the field, Greenbrier West racked up a murderers' row of titanic game results. They blew away Summers County in the opener 22-0. Three of their five wins saw them scoring more than 20 runs with the other two being shutouts.

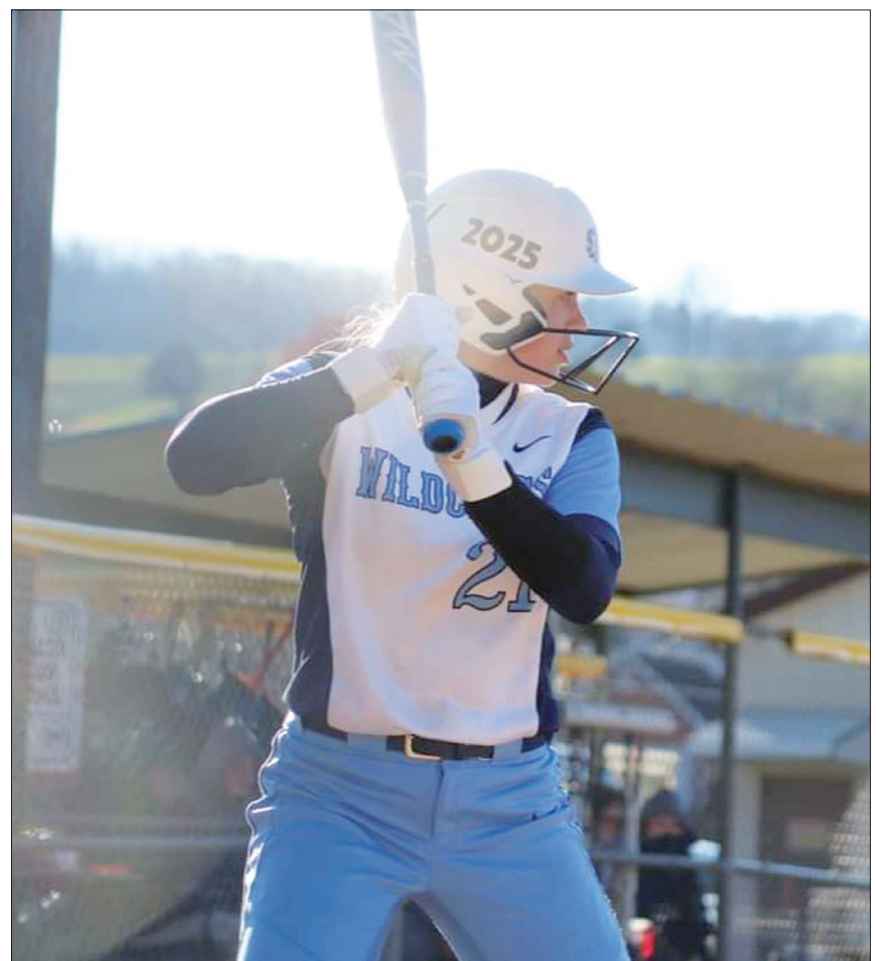
Only a loss to double A Shady Spring put a blemish on their impressive record.

Then came a sojourn to windy Franklin and the Pendleton County Wildcats.

Pendleton County put up a run in the bottom of the first to take the early lead. Baylee Beachler was tasked at the start with keeping the burly bats of Greenbrier West at bay.

Clinging to a 1-0 lead, the Wildcats added insurance in the bottom of the third. Avery Townsend picked up a two out infield single, then saw Jenna Smith knock her in with a stand up triple.

In the top of the fourth, Beachler displayed her dominance of Greenbrier West, allowing one hit, but striking out the rest of those who faced her. Wildcat hitters came alive again in their half of the fourth, starting with Lizzie Alt getting a leadoff walk. Susan Vincell joined



Baylee Beachler awaits the Greenbrier West pitch. She shut down the opposition's big bats for five innings.

her on the bases with a walk of her own.

Jessica Parker lofted a hit to shallow centerfield to send in a run. Later in the inning, Smith drew a bases loaded walk to extend the lead to 4-0. Beachler also walked, sending in the fifth run of the day for her team.

Beachler set down Greenbrier West in order in the fifth, but the opposition's new pitcher also temporarily quelled the Wildcat offense. Allie Vance took the mound in the sixth for Pendleton County, allowing a run, but no real damage.

Greenbrier West struggled with the high winds coming in from right field the entire game. One Wildcat shot to deep center was blown so wildly that the centerfielder ended up trying to catch the fly ball 15 feet away from where it landed.

A coach from the opposing dugout screamed in frustra-

tion, "I don't know where the ball is going!"

Pendleton County, fortunately, did not allow the wind to factor against them. They scored two more in the bottom of the sixth, starting with a Parker single to right field. Townsend then stepped up to the plate. The wily Parker worked to distract the pitcher as she tried to focus on Townsend, acting as if she looked to steal a base. Townsend ended up lining a full count pitch to left field. Beachler then drove both in with a stand up triple.

At the conclusion of the Wildcats' first week of play, they bested both a dangerous rival and also the fifth ranked team in single A, according to Max Preps.

The ceiling is still nowhere in sight for a Wildcat softball team with two college commitments and likely more next level opportunities for other players to come.

# Pendleton County Baseball Powers Past Opponents Last Week to a 5-0 Record

By Stephen Smoot

After besting both Notre Dame and Bath County, Virginia, to start the season, the Wildcats turned last Thursday to a familiar foe.

Pendleton County 5 Tucker County 1

Tucker County dominated the region and the state in football and basketball this season, but found themselves on the losing end of their first contest with Pendleton County in baseball this year.

Cashton Kisamore started the game for Pendleton County, pitching two and one third innings, allowing two hits and no earned runs. Chase Owens pitched the rest of the way, also blanking Tucker County.

The Mountain Lions scored first on a base hit single, but that ended the offensive production for both teams until the bottom of the fourth. James Vincell led off with a single to left field. With two outs, Cole Harper came up. During his at bat, an error by the catcher helped Vincell score to tie the game. Then Harper drew a walk.

Caleb Armentrout then came to the plate. Once again, a Tucker County error put a Wildcat runner into scoring position. Armentrout hit a one strike pitch to center, scoring Harper and taking the lead for good. The Mountain Lions then walked Dillon Smith and Josiah Kimble before Allden Rexrode came up to bat. Rexrode reached on an error that also allowed Armentrout to score.

In the bottom of the sixth, Will Smith led with a double, followed by an Armentrout walk. Rexrode brought them in with a double to set the score at 5-1.

Pendleton County 14 Bluefield 10

The Wildcats went from a pitchers' duel to a slugfest when they traveled to Charleston to meet double A Bluefield in tournament play. The Beavers struggled on the year, but worked to dam up Wildcat hopes of continuing their undefeated season.

Rexrode started the game off in the top of the first with a single to short. Two batters later, Vincell picked up a run batted in by scoring Rexrode on a single. Rexrode had reached scoring position on a wild pitch to Owens.

In the first two innings Bluefield surged ahead of the Wildcats, scoring four runs, but Pendleton County answered in the top of the third.



James Vincell awaits a pitch in Charleston's Appalachian Power Park.

Rexrode led off the inning with a walk, followed by Owens reaching first on an error. With Rexrode at third, the Beaver hurler tossed a wild pitch that sent Rexrode home. Vincell then singled to left, allowing Owens to score as well. Later in the inning, Vincell would score on a wild pitch to knot the game at four.

The Wildcats broke the game open in the top of the fourth. Dusty Smith, hit by a pitch, reached to lead off the inning. Rexrode then came up to bat. A wild pitch to him scored Dusty Smith, giving Pendleton County the lead. Rexrode, followed by Owens, walked.

Vincell took a one ball and one strike pitch to right field on a line drive, scoring both Owens and Rexrode. Kisamore knocked Vincell home on a sacrifice. When the dust cleared, Pendleton County had doubled up Bluefield, but much more baseball remained to be played.

Bluefield posted another run in the bottom of the fourth, then drove in three more to tie the game in their half of the fifth.

Pendleton County once again seized the lead in the top of the sixth. Owens led off with a double, followed by a Vincell single. Kisamore followed by laying down a bunt. Owens scored and both Vincell and Kisamore reached safely.

Harper then came up for a very eventful at bat. A wild pitch moved the two runners to second and third, then Harper's single drove in Vincell and moved Kisamore to third. Blue-

field walked Armentrout and Dusty Smith in succession. With two outs, an error helped Rexrode reach first safely as Harper scored. With the bases loaded, an Owens walk sent in the 13th run of the game for the Wildcats.

Pendleton County scored one more run in the top of the seventh. Kisamore singled, then advanced to second on a wild pitch to Dusty Smith, then stole third with Henry Warner at the plate. A sacrifice ground ball scored Kisamore. Bluefield added two runs in the final half inning to complete scoring in the Wildcat win.

Pendleton County 12 Greater Beckley Christian 1

Saturday morning in Charleston brought out a stellar performance from the Wildcats. After facing down a challenge from Bluefield, Pendleton County took on the Greater Beckley Christian Crusaders.

Owens started on the mound for the Wildcats and set Greater Beckley Christian down in order. Scoring erupted in the bottom of the second inning. Armentrout reached after being hit by a pitch, followed by a Dillon Smith single. Rexrode then hit the ball back toward the pitcher, who fumbled the play and allowed Armentrout and Dillon Smith to get home and take a 2-0 lead.

Next, Owens reached on a single, setting up Vincell. He drove a two ball and one strike pitch to deep centerfield and out of the park, pushing the lead to 5-0. Two batters later, Dusty Smith knocked in Kisamore for the last run of the inning.

The Crusaders put up a run in the next half inning and scoring ended until the sixth stanza. With two outs, Harper singled to center, followed by a Warner hit to left. Tucker Smith then reached the plate and hit his own single to load the bases. Cayden Boone then lofted a single to center, knocking in two runs batted in. David Noble next drew a walk, scoring the 10th run for the Wildcats.

Scoring concluded when Noah Lockard hit a line drive triple to center field.

This week Pendleton County faces five games in four days, including quad A Musselman and double A Keyser, as well as regional rival Petersburg.

Also, after the baseball team's impressive start, they are ranked 10th in the West Virginia Metro News Power rankings and first in single A by Max Preps.



# Solar Eclipse

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appear entirely for approximately seven minutes. Sunlight will return to normal in Pendleton County at 4:30 p.m.

Most understand that looking at the sun's intensely bright visible light can cause blindness. Attempting to look at the sun with the naked eye during an eclipse can do far worse damage. Radiation and intense light outside of the visible spectrum from the sun's corona, or outer atmosphere, can do intense damage.

West Virginians will see an eclipse with a sliver of visible crescent. Ralph Chou, professor emeritus at the School of Optometry & Vision Science at the University of Waterloo in Canada, told Space.com that "I have seen instances where the patient has eventually shown up with crescents burned into the back of the eye, and you can almost tell exactly when they looked."

According to Scientific American, "Sunlight damages the eyes by triggering a series of chemical reactions in the retina, the light-sensitive part at the back of the eye. Retinas contain two types of photoreceptors: rods that help you see in the dark and cones that produce color vision. When intense solar radiation hits the retinas, it can damage and even destroy those cells."

Experts at NASA urge those wanting to view the eclipse to obtain special equipment to view the eclipse safely. These can include special eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer that complies with the ISO 12312-2 international standard.

Never use cameras, binoculars, or telescopes that do not have special solar filters to block the harmful light and radiation. Regular sunglasses cannot protect a viewer's eyes from these harmful rays, either.

# Franklin Moose Lodge

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trampled." Alongside searching for colored eggs and finding Easter joy, children also enjoyed a special visit from the Easter Bunny himself. They took pictures and showed him their prizes. Roberson explained that he knew the Easter Bunny quite well and said that he enjoys greeting the children every year.

After the hunt, the children gathered together in small groups with each other or adults to look at the prizes they won. As they left, they could carry with them a carton of white or chocolate milk donated by Pendleton Senior and Family Services.

The annual egg hunt, which has continued for a generation, serves as one of the Moose's biggest events. Roberson explained that "all money generated at the lodge goes back to the community" and supports events year round, including Halloween and Christmas activities for families.

"It's great to see the kids come out," Roberson explained, adding that he enjoyed seeing people who participated in the hunt as children returning to bring their own kids. Additionally, some who come in from out of town for Easter weekend gather together to socialize and reminisce while watching the kids have fun.

# PCB Announces Market Leader Promotions

Pendleton Community Bank has announced market leader promotions in each of the organization's geographic regions.

Encouraging professional success for team members is part of PCB's mission statement, and these promotions reflect the bank's dedication to internal growth and development. The executive management team recently promoted the following individuals to market leaders in their respective communities: Chelsey Simmons, assistant vice president, market leader - Pendleton County/Highland County, Virginia, Kendall Beverage, vice president, market leader in Pocahontas/Greenbrier counties, JT Bishop, senior vice president, market leader in Staunton City/Augusta County, Virginia, Jordan Dean, vice president, market leader in Harrisonburg City/Rockingham County, Virginia, and Joseph Vetter, vice president, market leader in Grant/Hardy counties. Additionally, Simmons was promoted to assistant vice president.

In Raleigh and Fayette counties, Karen Ewing will continue to serve in her role as vice president, market leader. "I, along with our executive management team, am ex-

cited to announce the promotions of this group of deserving community bankers," said Neil Hayslett, senior executive vice president, chief operating officer. "The market leaders will provide sales support and direction to the retail and commercial areas of the bank while continuing to serve both current and prospective customers. This group, working alongside the entire PCB team, will position the bank for further growth and success in the years ahead as we continue to focus on supporting our customers and greater communities."

Headquartered in Franklin, PCB is an independent community bank with \$734 Million in assets. PCB serves the communities of Beckley, Franklin, Marlinton, Moorefield, Mount Hope, Oak Hill, Petersburg, and Wardensville with eight full-service financial centers. The institution currently operates five full-service financial centers in the Virginia communities of Bridgewater, Harrisonburg (three), and Staunton, plus loan production offices in Harrisonburg and Staunton.

# May 8 Is Deadline for Kids Kick Opioids Contest

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is reminding schools, students and parents that May 3 is the deadline for the office's eighth annual Kids Kick Opioids contest.

The contest provides an opportunity for students to learn about the dangers and deadly consequences of prescription painkiller abuse. It has also given many an outlet to share their personal experiences, highlighting how opioid dependence has impacted their lives and that of their loved ones.

"Every year, the Kids Kick Opioids contest showcases the incredible talent and creativity of our elementary and middle school students," Morrisey said. "Their entries viscerally demonstrate that the opioid crisis affects many families across West Virginia, and as a result, resonates in classrooms statewide."

Kids Kick Opioids has received more than 17,600 entries since its inception.

"Kids Kick Opioids gives students an outlet to express their concerns, while using the creativity and talent of all participants to raise awareness of the epidemic," Morrisey said.

Students can work individually or in groups. Submissions

may include drawings, poems, letters or anything that would promote awareness.

The winning entry will appear as a statewide newspaper public service announcement. Regional winners will be displayed in the State Capitol.

Thousands of West Virginians have lost their lives to a drug overdose, many of which were associated with opiate use.

Reducing the number of opioid related overdoses and deaths has been a top priority for Morrisey. He has fought the epidemic on multiple fronts, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation's drug quota system.

The attorney general also has battled the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multistate initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

Contest entries must be postmarked by May 3, and mailed to the Attorney General's Office at 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E., State Capitol Building 1, Room 26-E, Charleston, WV 25305, or sent by email to [AGPSA.contest@wvago.gov](mailto:AGPSA.contest@wvago.gov).

# DMV Implements Digital Vehicle Registration, Mobile ID

Gov. Jim Justice announced that the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles is expanding their digital-focused services with two exciting new initiatives: digital vehicle registration cards and the West Virginia Mobile ID.

West Virginians renewing their vehicle registration online can opt for a secure digital registration card stored in their smartphone wallet. This free service offers immediate access to vehicle information, eliminating the need to rummage through glove compartments or worry about misplaced cards.

"This is a major step forward for the DMV and for West Virginia residents," Justice said. "It's convenient and secure, which is what we strive for in state government."

The DMV is also developing the West Virginia Mobile ID, a digital driver's license and ID card accessible on a person's phone. This innovative program, expected to launch in Spring 2024, will allow secure and easy identification at participating businesses and government agencies.

"The Mobile ID will be a game-changer," Everett Frazier, DVM commissioner, said. "It's secure, convenient, and puts the power of your ID right at your fingertips."

The DMV is collaborating with law enforcement and in-

dustry leader IDEMIA to ensure the seamless integration of both initiatives. While digital options are readily accepted within West Virginia, carrying a physical registration card remains advisable for out-of-state travel or areas with limited cell service.

"These advancements align with the DMV's ongoing commitment to digitalization," Frazier added. "We're partnering with Tyler Technologies to make the DMV experience faster, easier, and more accessible for everyone. This is just the start of exciting things to come for West Virginia residents."

West Virginians can experience the convenience of digital vehicle registration by renewing their registration online through the DMV's Self-Service Portal. After the transaction is completed, a link to download the digital registration card to the user's device will be included in the confirmation email. Once downloaded, residents can access the digital vehicle registration card in their Apple or Google wallet. They will also receive a registration card in PDF format and a paper copy with their registration decal in the mail.

The DMV will keep the public informed as updates to these new programs are available.

# Foster Care Coalition Addresses Foster Parent Shortage

The West Virginia Department of Human Services, along with Aetna Better Health of West Virginia, Mission West Virginia, and 10 foster care agencies have joined in collaboration to launch a statewide campaign focused on recruiting foster parents and addressing the shortage of foster care placements in West Virginia.

The campaign's message targets single and married adults who have considered opening their home for foster care in the past but have not taken action to become qualified. Research indicates that it is common for individuals to consider fostering for months or even years before taking action.

"This initiative aims to demystify the journey of becoming a foster family in West Virginia," said Cynthia Persily, Ph.D., secretary of the West Virginia Department of Human Services. "By shedding light on the process, we empower families to better understand and navigate it. Expanding our state's pool of available foster parents will positively impact the children in need of stable, secure homes, and in turn, impact the future of our entire state."

With many West Virginia children in need of safe and secure foster care placement, the campaign highlights the urgency of the issue as well as the crucial role that

foster parents play in their communities and the state as a whole. In order to encourage potential foster parents to take the next step on their foster care journey, the campaign promotes [wefosterwv.org](http://wefosterwv.org) as a central resource that outlines the steps to become qualified, addresses common misconceptions about foster care, and features stories and quotes from foster care parents.

"If you've ever considered fostering, West Virginia needs you now." That's the message we want to communicate to people," said Rachel Kinder, Mission West Virginia executive director. "We know people can be intimidated by the thought of fostering, frequently worrying that they don't have enough resources or the right personality to open their home to a child or teen."

Mission West Virginia, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recruiting foster families, providing life skills education, and creating community connections is serving as the campaign hub to support interested individuals and connect the ten agencies to the recruitment database.

"Increasing the number of foster parents is critical to strengthening communities and healthy futures for West Virginians," said Kathy Szafran, Aetna Better Health of

West Virginia executive director. "That's why we're proud to be supporting this collective effort."



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- To the Community for their support, donations, food and mostly the prayers we have received which will help us through this time of recovery.

God Bless You All  
**The Price Family**



# Region 8 Recommits to Fair Housing Act and Discusses Lively Remembrance

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, Region 8 Planning and Development Council conducted its regular monthly meeting. It opened with a recap on communications received by the office over the preceding month.

Most of the communications announced grant funding opportunities from state and federal funding sources. The list opened with a request for proposals for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Water Quality Management Planning Projects grant. Next came the announcement of the funding availability of Section 5310 transportation grant programs, which are meant to serve seniors and those with disabilities.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency also has

funding opportunities for both fire department staffing and fire prevention and safety programs.

Council members also noted that April is Fair Housing Month. Region 8 notified recipients of Community Development Block Grants of their obligation to pass or reaffirm Fair Housing resolutions as is required under law.

Those seeking funding for projects of all types heard good news from Keith McIntosh, state projects director for the office of United States Senator Joe Manchin. He shared that the deadline for applications for Congressionally Directed Spending funds was extended until April 9. "We've got a little bit more time for potential applicants to look at projects or submit another one," McIntosh stated, adding for the benefit of those present that "there's good things happening. If you need anything, give me a shout."

# Week of Young Child Is April 6 - 12

MountainHeart Community Services, Inc. is looking forward to celebrating the Week of the Young Child during the week of April 6-12. The Week of the Young Child highlights the importance of families, early childhood professionals, and communities working together to support every child's healthy development and early learning.

"Quality early childhood education is one of the best investments MountainHeart Community Services, Inc. can make for our children's future," said Peggy Rittenhouse, community outreach and resource specialist. Research shows that children attending high quality programs are more likely to develop the language, pre-mathematics, and social skills they need to succeed in school.

Local celebrations of the Week of the Young Child are designed to build broader support for early childhood programs that nurture young children's early learning and growth.

"Early childhood is where our future begins," said Rittenhouse. "If we value our children, our families, our schools, and our community, we must make accessible, affordable, high-quality early childhood education a priority."

MountainHeart Community Services advocates a comprehensive effort to improve the quality of early childhood education, including providing professional development and technical assistance opportunities, improving the health and safety of child care programs, using developmentally appropriate practices to encourage literacy and learning from birth and supporting the family's crucial role in early education.

MountainHeart employs a professional development team that consists of behavioral consultants, early childhood specialists, infant/toddler specialists, a quality improvement specialist and two TRAILS teams. These early childhood professionals work to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education and to build public support for high-quality early childhood education programs. MountainHeart's subsidy team can assist families in applying for subsidy services and educate them on what quality child care looks like.

MountainHeart Community Services, Inc. is an affiliate of NAEYC, the largest organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of early education programs for children born through age eight.

For more information about services that MountainHeart offers, call the local MountainHeart office in Petersburg office at 304-257-9375.

### MENU

#### Pendleton Senior & Family Services

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**  
Baked Chicken  
Buttered Potatoes  
Carrots  
Fruit Cocktail  
Bread

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**  
Fajita Chicken Salad  
Corn  
Mandarin Oranges

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**  
Baked Potato  
Chili/Cheese  
Broccoli  
Apple Crisp

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**  
Steak & Cheese on Bun  
Peppers/Onions/Let/Tom  
Cauliflower  
Green Beans  
Cantaloupe

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**  
Hot Dogs/Sauerkraut  
Mashed Potatoes  
Beets  
Melon

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PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES  
REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY  
2024 - 2025

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 19th day of March, 2024.

Charles F. Hedrick  
Secretary of the Board of Education

	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>Current Year</b>			
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ _____	19.40	\$ _____
Public Utility	_____		_____
Total Class I	\$ _____		\$ _____
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 393,676,790	38.80	\$ 1,527,466
Personal Property	1,872,584		7,266
Total Class II	\$ 395,549,374		\$ 1,534,732
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 86,087,570	77.60	\$ 668,040
Personal Property	70,446,566		546,665
Public Utility	140,780,997		1,092,461
Total Class III	\$ 297,315,133		\$ 2,307,166
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 12,144,860	77.60	\$ 94,244
Personal Property	6,582,597		51,081
Public Utility	2,389,146		18,540
Total Class IV	\$ 21,116,603		\$ 163,865
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 713,981,110</b>		<b>\$ 4,005,763</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectible Taxes		5.00%	200,288
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	76,110
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			_____
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection</b>			<b>3,729,365</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	74,587
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			_____
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes For Budget Purposes</b>			<b>\$ 3,654,778</b>

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Pendleton County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)  
2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ _____	14.30	\$ _____
Public Utility	_____		_____
Total Class I	\$ _____		\$ _____
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 393,676,790	28.60	\$ 1,125,916
Personal Property	1,872,584		5,356
Total Class II	\$ 395,549,374		\$ 1,131,272
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 86,087,570	57.20	\$ 492,421
Personal Property	70,446,566		402,954
Public Utility	140,780,997		805,267
Total Class III	\$ 297,315,133		\$ 1,700,642
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 12,144,860	57.20	\$ 69,469
Personal Property	6,582,597		37,652
Public Utility	2,389,146		13,666
Total Class IV	\$ 21,116,603		\$ 120,787
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 713,981,110</b>		<b>\$ 2,952,701</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectible Taxes		5.00%	147,635
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	56,101
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			_____
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection</b>			<b>2,748,965</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	54,979
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			_____
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes</b>			<b>\$ 2,693,986</b>

Pendleton County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)  
2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
County of: Pendleton, West Virginia

In accordance with WV Code § 11-8-10, as amended, the Pendleton County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance .....	\$ 3,700,000
Property Taxes Current year .....	2,693,986
Prior Year Taxes .....	51,500
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees .....	35,000
Property Transfer Tax .....	75,000
Gas and Oil Severance Tax .....	30,000
Wine & Liquor Tax .....	3,000
Hotel Occupancy Tax .....	125,000
Miscellaneous Permits .....	500
Federal Grants/Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes .....	375,000
State Grants .....	10,000
Sheriff's Service of Process .....	6,000
Sheriff's Earnings .....	150
County Clerk's Earnings .....	20,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings .....	6,000
Accident Reports .....	150
Clerk Deed Fees .....	1,300
Franchise Agreement .....	5,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan) .....	35,000
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement .....	7,000
Interest Earned .....	100,000
Miscellaneous Revenue .....	8,500
Sheriff's Commission .....	15,000
Gaming Income .....	45,000
Filing Fees .....	4,000
Video Lottery .....	3,000
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources) .....	455,206
Dog & Kennel Reimbursement .....	700
General School Reimbursements .....	20,000
Payroll Reimbursements .....	789,970
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund .....	68,509
<b>Total Estimated General Fund Revenues .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,685,471</b>
<b>Coal Severance Tax</b>	<b>Estimated Revenues</b>
Assigned Fund Balance .....	\$ 6,000
Coal Severance Tax .....	23,000
Refunds/Reimbursements .....	-
<b>Total Coal Severance .....</b>	<b>\$ 29,000</b>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
County Commission .....	\$ 1,044,525	\$ -
County Clerk .....	337,294	-
Circuit Clerk .....	238,838	-
Sheriff-Treasurer .....	282,439	-
Prosecuting Attorney .....	236,202	-
Assessor .....	217,465	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund .....	68,509	-
Statewide Computer Network .....	16,000	-
Agricultural Agent .....	76,313	-
Elections-County Clerk .....	121,890	-
Circuit Court .....	7,000	-
Custodial .....	23,500	-
Insurance Program (Self Insured) .....	31,164	-
Courthouse .....	250,900	26,000
Other Buildings .....	123,660	3,000
Regional Development Authority .....	6,000	-
Economic Development .....	155,981	-
Federal Grants .....	25,000	-
State Grants .....	10,000	-
Contingencies - Not to Exceed 10% of Budget .....	319,669	-
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT .....</b>	<b>3,592,349</b>	<b>29,000</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
Sheriff-Law Enforcement .....	751,622	-
Sheriff-Service of Process .....	6,000	-
Regional Jail .....	181,000	-
Emergency Services .....	232,946	-
Communication Center .....	789,970	-
Fire Department .....	38,750	-
Ambulance Authority .....	88,750	-
Flood Control .....	10,000	-
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY .....</b>	<b>2,099,038</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</b>		
Local Health Department .....	35,000	-
Mental Health .....	500	-
Water .....	294,225	-
<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; SANITATION .....</b>	<b>329,725</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>		
Parks & Recreation .....	22,500	-
Community Center .....	1,551	-
Visitor's Bureau .....	62,500	-
Library .....	36,000	-
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION .....</b>	<b>122,551</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>		
Public Transit .....	5,000	-
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES .....</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>		
General Government .....	2,536,808	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY .....</b>	<b>2,536,808</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,685,471</b>	<b>\$ 29,000</b>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
PENDLETON COUNTY

I, Elise M. White, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 19th DAY OF MARCH 2024.

3-28-2c

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

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

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:**

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Commission are required to file their objections with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE, whichever is later.

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

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

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

**Boyd Kimble Estate** - Deborah A. Turner, Executrix;

**Mary E. Mick Estate** - April Davis, Executrix;

**Naomi Wilfong Mitchell Estate** - Gary A. Sheffer, Executrix;

**Jeffrey Hal Evick Estate** - Rosie Thomas, Executrix;

**Linda Louise Propst Estate** - Michelle Y. Dent, Administratrix;

**Michelle Lynn Martin Estate** - Freddy Martin, Administrator;

**Ivanel Thompson Estate** - Shirley Lea Warner, Executrix;

**Woodrow W. Hartman Estate** - Heidi Hartman, Executrix.

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

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

### ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

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

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, June 3, 2024

Decedent: Ruthie Kate Smith, Baltimore County, MD

Filed by: James Paul Geary, II, Attorney, Petersburg, WV

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

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

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

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

Call 014 Contract 2020000229R2 State Project S336-1/2-01 00 Federal Project NFA-2023(260)D Description STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT Greenawalt Gap Bridge Greenawalt Gap Bridge COUNTY: PENDLETON

BRIDGE: 11771 Bridge Class SPAN(S): STRUCTURE STEEL:

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

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

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

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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

Case No. 24-A-9

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

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

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

Any interested person(s) may also serve upon the Petitioner's attorney, namely, Nathan H. Walters, Esquire, at his office address of P.O. Box 119/204 N. Elm Street, Moorefield, WV 26836, any Answer(s) you may have in the above referenced matter.

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

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

Shalee Wilburn Pendleton County West Virginia Circuit Clerk 3-28-2c

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**DBE GOAL: 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL. REMARKS:**

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## This Week in History...

**April 4, 1948:** moved with his family to Malden, Kanawha County, to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the Civil War. He became one of the most influential educators in U.S. history.

**April 7, 2004:** Gov. Bob Wise signed legislation that transformed four colleges into universities: West Virginia State, Shepherd, Fairmont State and Concord.

**April 8, 1891:** The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was named for the banana-like pawpaw fruit that grows in the area.

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

CLASS	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>CLASS I</b>			
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
<b>CLASS II</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 21,639,840	25.00	\$ 54,100
Personal Property	29,568		74
Total Class II	\$ 21,669,408		\$ 54,174
<b>CLASS IV</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 12,144,860	50.00	\$ 60,724
Personal Property	6,582,597		32,913
Public Utility	2,389,146		11,946
Total Class IV	\$ 21,116,603		\$ 105,583
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 42,786,011</b>		<b>\$ 159,757</b>

Less Delinquencies, Exonerations, & Uncollectable Taxes. ....	5.00%	7,988
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate) .....	2.00%	3,035
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable).....		0
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection.....</b>		<b>\$ 148,733</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund .....	2.00%	2,975
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes .....</b>		<b>\$ 145,759</b>

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

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF FRANKLIN

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

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

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

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

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

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



# FES Students Recognized for Academic Achievements

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

## A Honor Roll

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

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

2A (Mowery) — Madison Borrer, Abigail Cayton, Kaci Keller, Rosalyn Nesselrodt and Nathanael Vincell;

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

3A (Kimble) — Krislee Hammer, Gracie Hedrick, Sunny Milstead and Branson Purcell;

3B (Dove) — Lukas Baldwin, Sydney Demers, Greyson Eckard, Sicily Flanigan, Stella Halterman, Dallis Hull

Luke Kimble, Adelynn Miller and Zaidex Somerville;

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

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

5B (Plaughter) — Eli Boyer and Madison Kirk;

6A (Shreve) — Allison Barbour, Vaylee Harper, Daisy Hartman, Maiya Mongold, Lacey Mullens, Carmella Paugh, Chase Rohrbaugh, Journey Rowe, Lainey Simmons, Branson Smith and Aniyah Spencer; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Beckett Aumann, Weston Boyer, Kya Brogan, Bella Eye, Hannah Heavner, Kallie Keyser, Aliviah Smith, Aiden Whetzel and Makynna Whetzel.

## AB Honor Roll

1A (Ruddle) — Rylan Warner;

1B (Nicely) — Kane Gill and Bryer Moyers;

2A (Mowery) — Mattox Ayala, Sloane

Donnelly, Hailey Ferris, Chase George, Dylan Harper, Dani Hoover, Chandler Mauzy, Madison Mongold, Baylee Ours and Ryan Thompson;

2B (George) — Keylan Bailey, Brinleigh Bishop and Leah Wheeler;

3A (Kimble) — Chase Bennett, Vince Herb, Jason Hiner, Landon Mallow, Eowyn Propst, Leah Puffenbarger, Ava Rose and Adalynn Severance;

3B (Dove) — Remington Kimble, Hunter Price and Jaedynn Severance;

4A (Griffin) — Julian Jackson and Brynleigh Ruddle;

4B (Eye) — Tinley Basagic, Olivia Caplinger and Clair Kimble;

5A (Triplett) — Braxton Beachler, Blayke Bennett, Emily Boggs, Kenden Champ, Kamden Hawk, Cambri Hiatt, Breyman Keesecker, Chevelle Noble, Roscoe Pownell and Marion Williams;

5B (Plaughter) — Sadie Armentrout, Alaina Hedrick, Tucker Minor, Emma Nesselrodt, Acie Tilley, Cambria VanMeter and Bentley Wimer;

6A (Shreve) — Cali Alt, Parker Hedrick, Tegan Johnson, Shane LaMaster, Cole Puffenbarger and Lori Wehrle;

6B (Nine-Miller) — Jada Alt, Kolton Bland, Greyson Boggs, Carly Braham, Paizley Bussard, Brian Cheesman, Eulaila Dahmer, Paige Errington, Jordyn Ferris, Michael Haynes, Jackson Hedrick and Josie Verdoni.

## Citizenship

KA (Flanigan) — Lucas Ruddle and Violet VanMeter;

KB (Edwards) — Silas Flanigan and Carlea Hedrick;

1A (Ruddle) — Jase Mitters and Maci Raines;

1B (Nicely) — Charlize Piel and Bryson Rexrode;

2A (Mowery) — Everly Bowers;

2B (George) — Emmett Sisson;

3A (Kimble) — Charlotte Kimble and Leah Puffenbarger;

3B (Dove) — Hunter Price and Zaidex Somerville;

4A (Griffin) — Riley Hawk and Bentley McLane;

4B (Eye) — Russell Eckard and Bella Kimble;

5A (Triplett) — Breyman Keesecker and Marion Williams;

5B (Plaughter) — Tucker Minor and Emma Nesselrodt;

6A (Shreve) — Vaylee Harper and Parker Hedrick; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Paizley Bussard and Hannah Heavner.

## Top 5 Accelerated Readers

1A (Ruddle) — Jase Mitters (139 points), Emma Humphrey (81 points), Kinley Minor (76 points) Braylee Propst (67 points) and Maci Raines (64 points);

1B (Nicely) — Paisley Hott (170.5 points), Eve Hott (163.6 points), Cash Varner (106.6 points), Charli Hiatt (105.3 points) and Bryson Rexrode (103.2 points);

2A (Mowery) — Abigail Cayton (47.5 points), Nathanael Vincell (31.3 points), Rosalyn Nesselrodt (23.6 points), Ryan Thompson (19.9 points) and Madison Mongold (19.6 points);

2B (George) — Mason Mowery (31.2 points), Colton Whetzel (19.4 points), Hunter Hedrick (16.1 points), Maddie Grace Nesselrodt (15.1 points) and Brinleigh Bishop (13.7 points);

3A (Kimble) — Sunny Milstead (381.8 points), Gracie Hedrick (51.6 points), Branson Purcell (46.6 points), Jason Hiner (43.4 points) and Ava Rose (41.2 points);

3B (Dove) — Sicily Flanigan (86.4 points), Sydney Demers (75.4 points), Zaidex Somerville (71.1 points), Dallis Hull (67.8 points) and Adelynn Miller (47.2 points);

4A (Griffin) — Riley Hawk (72.4 points), Bristol Bowers (63.2 points), Wyatt Hott (58.5 points), Greyson Alt (48.7 points) and Vincent Haynes (43.9 points);

4B (Eye) — Deken Somerville (214 points), Olivia Caplinger (76 points), Bella Kimble (59.4 points), Tinley Basagic (45.9 points) and Brantley Hess (45.1 points);

5A (Triplett) — Cambri Hiatt (149.8 points), Braxton Beachler (123.7 points), Breyman Keesecker (81.8 points), Roscoe Pownell (73.9 points) and Marion Williams (71.7 points);

5B (Plaughter) — Sadie Armentrout, Eli Boyer, Alaina Hedrick, Madison Kirk and Leigha Maxson;

6A (Shreve) — Lainey Simmons (385.6 points), Lori Wehrle (199 points), Lacey Mullens (104.8 points), Allison Barbour (92.9 points) and Maiya Mongold (87.1 points); and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Weston Boyer, Eulaila Dahmer, Aiden Whetzel, Bella Eye and Kallie Keyser (tied) and Kya Brogan.

## North Fork 4-H's Serve at Dinner Meeting



The North Fork 4-H Club prepared and served a meal on March 18 at the Clinton Hedrick Community Building in Riverton. The annual educational dinner meeting was sponsored by the West Virginia University Extension Service in Pendleton County. Four-H members helping with the meal were, from left, first row, Chloe Barkley, Brynleigh Ruddle, Ty Armentrout, Jax Bennett, Callie Judy, Mason Harper, Cole Harper and Vaylee Harper.

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<b>SGR316A</b> 10.35 Acres, Entry Mountain, Some Covenants & Restrictions. Nice View. <b>\$89,900.00.</b>	<b>SGR246</b> 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. <b>\$998,700.00.</b>
<b>SGR315A</b> 3 Bed, 2 Bath Ranch on 2.02 acres located in Upper Tract, Metal Roof & Gutters 2020. Franklin District, Pendleton County. <b>\$255,000.00.</b>	<b>SGR236</b> World Class View Overlooking Germany Valley! Log Cabin, 70.08 Acres, 2 bed, 2.5 Baths. Seneca Lookout. Some Restrictions. <b>\$799,000.00.</b>
<b>SGR313A</b> 7.46 Acres in Upper Tract, Mill Run District, Pendleton City. <b>NEW LISTING \$35,000.00.</b>	<b>SGR223A</b> 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2000 sq. ft. home located in town of Franklin. <b>\$299,000.00.</b>
<b>SGR309A</b> 0.44 Acres w/4 bed, 2 bath home in Franklin. Two car garage w/bonus room. <b>NEW LISTING \$229,000.00.</b>	<b>SGR056</b> 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. <b>\$2,973,000.00.</b>
<b>SGR308A</b> 10.04 Acres, Raw Land, Lot #26, Blackthorn Mtn. Estates, Sugar Grove Dist. Great View Potential. Perc. tested. <b>\$60,000.00.</b>	<b>SGR441</b> Residential lots, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte 33 East of Franklin. Lots from <b>\$20,760.00.</b>
<b>SGR303A</b> 18 Acres w/Unfinished 3-Story Cabin, another Older Cabin and Hunting Bunkhouse w/Spectacular View of Dolly Sods. <b>UNDER CONTRACT</b>	<b>SGR247</b> Residential lots with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from <b>\$14,630.00.</b>

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