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SFVFD officers, administrators, and auxiliary leaders were all sworn in for 2024 last Saturday.

Reflecting On a Difficult Year at the South Fork VFD Annual Banquet

By Stephen Smoot

The year 2023 put every volunteer responder unit in Pendleton County through trials and tribulations, from brushfires requiring “all hands on deck” to rising costs and pushes to improve response times.

None, however, endured quite the 2023 that the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department endured.

The Brandywine based unit faces its first year without “the General,” Nila Bland.

As close to 200 filed into the firehouse, taking in the delicious aromas of the feasts served up by the Moorefield based Sweets and Treats On Main, they saw reminders of the influence and impact of the beloved former head of the ladies’ auxiliary and administrator. One reminder of her years of service was the sign emblazoned with “Nila’s Kitchen,” complete with her picture and the words “Est. 2007.”

The social hour started when attendees

showed up and lasted until 6:30. A fruit tray, vegetable tray, and a platter piled high with meats and cheeses fed those who came to enjoy fellowship before the official program started. Tables were adorned with floating candles, diminutive bowls of candy and, best of all, small jars of strawberry, blackberry, and peach jellies made by Donna Evick.

All the while, attendees shook hands, swapped stories, and greeted old friends.

At 6:30 sharp, Jeffrey Bowers, SFVFD president, took the podium, whistled loudly to diminish the din, and said, “I want to welcome you to the annual dinner.”

Bowers spoke the thought on almost everyone’s minds, saying “Miss Nila’s not with us. This will be tough on a lot of us.” He then requested that all present observe a moment of silence.

“The General,” as many knew Bland, served for decades running the ladies’ auxiliary and also taking care of event planning,

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Education, Fellowship, and Plant Swapping Bring Displayers and Enthusiasts to Swilled Dog

By Stephen Smoot

Although the wind, temperatures, and sky have not always felt like it, the emergence of redbuds and flowering trees, followed by the cheerful bright green of spring leaves, serve as convincing evidence that spring has sprung in Pendleton County.

Last Saturday, Swilled Dog hosted an event to encourage everyone from professional farmers to green thumb gardeners and first timers to come together and share.

“It is very much a ‘come as you are’ kind of event, said Annie Humes, Pendleton County Farmers Market director, who added “there’s not a lot of formality to it.”

The farmers market had its own tent and plant giveaway that included eggplant, celery, two kinds of basil, and other plants. Humes shared that “I love growing eggplants. The plants are beautiful. I love their flowers.”

Depending on the displayers, attendees to the event behind Swilled Dog could take excess plants, swap some plants for others, and/



Jamie DiFalco tries her hand at “inoculating” sycamore logs with mushroom spores at the plant swap.

or purchase starter plants or finished products. They could also learn more about plants, how to grow them, and even about the bees that keep many systems of food growing plants alive and thriving.

Susan Hutton, who recently moved to the region, put together an informative display on the vital role of bees in the production of food, as well as the dangers of invasive plant spe-

cies. She has also recently started a Facebook page of the subject, called Pendleton Pollinators.

Hutton talked “all about removing invasive plants.” She explained that too many come into the area being intentionally planted. “Then they escape into the Monongahela National Forest,” she stated. Once in the wild, invasive species often thrive without natural

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Warner’s Drive-In Prepares For Family Friendly Season

By Stephen Smoot

The springtime sun worked to warm the late afternoon meeting as trees and flowering plants just started to reveal their buds. Surrounded by the sights, sounds, and even smells of Mother Nature waking up from her winter slumber, the Warner’s Drive-In board of directors met to discuss both short term and long-term plans for the popular venue.

The meeting took place last Thursday on the picnic tables in front of the concession stand. Behind the group sat the recently renovated bathrooms, as well as a freshly graded

access drive. French drains installed near the bathrooms will help to prevent excessive rain runoff going forward.

The group first heard about a successful round of fundraising. As of the time of the meeting and with more money pledged, the group had raised \$11,400 in sponsorships from supporters. One board member noted the amount was “more than expected.”

Though the slate of films has not yet been finalized, the May 24 season opener may lead with the film version of the 80s television hit program “The Fall Guy,” which will star Ryan Gosling. Jessica Basagic explained that “we have a lot of kids’ movies,” with a film based on the Garfield comic strip, “Inside Out 2, Despicable Me 4,” and others among the possibilities.

One option that could bring in the crowds is the long-awaited sequel to the 90s hit film “Twister,” entitled “Twist-

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Voting For ‘Best of Pendleton’ Contest Continues Until May 5

By Stephen Smoot

The nominees are in to the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau and they now await the decision of the people.

Not for elected office, but for the honor of being picked “Best In Pendleton County.”

The voting form lists 17 different items to rate. These include natural attractions, such as fishing holes, scenic views, and hiking trails, but also food and lodging, souvenir hunting, and more.

“Your vote is an opportunity to celebrate places that make our county special,” the form reads.

Voting lasts until May 5.

Last month, the CVB conducted its regular meeting and covered a list of topics.



SCAN ME

First, Amber Nesselrodt, executive director, announced that the “budget is pretty much on target.” Some areas, such as mileage, went slightly over budget, due to the scheduling of a number of conferences and other needed trips during the first quarter.

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Community CALENDAR

Board of Health Schedules Meeting

The Pendleton County Board of Health will conduct a meeting at 5 p.m. on May 9 at the health department in Franklin.

Family Support Center in Franklin Sponsors Activities

Upcoming activities sponsored by the Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin are parent advisory council meeting at 4:30 p.m. today. Trout Fest crafts and snacks will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

Paving Underway On Smoke Hole Road

Paving operations will be conducted on Smoke Hole Road, County Route 28/11, between WV 28 and the Pendleton County line, in Grant County, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., through May 24. Flaggers will be present to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to stay alert and travel with caution through the work zone. Please use an alternate route, if possible. Exact schedule is weather dependent.

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. May 8 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

Manchin’s Staff To Visit Monday

A representative from U.S. Senator Joe Manchin’s office will meet with residents from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Pendleton Senior and Family Services Center in Franklin.

Recycling Event Scheduled

North Fork 4-H and North Fork Disposal are hosting a community recycling event from 9 - 11 a.m. Saturday at the Clinton Hedrick Community Building parking lot in Riveron. Materials should be cleaned and sorted: cardboard, plastics 1 and 2 and aluminum and tin cans. No trash accepted.

PVCD Board To Gather Tuesday

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Farm Credit building in Moorefield. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting on the district website at www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the Romney office at 304-822-5174.

The public is invited to participate.

Mitchell, Smith Reign as PCHS Prom Queen, King



Myra Mitchell was crowned prom queen and Leroy Smith was named prom king Saturday night at Pendleton County High School’s annual junior/senior prom. The theme was “A Night Under the Lanterns.” Members of the junior class worked hard all week to decorate the auxiliary gym. Mitchell is the daughter of Benny and Dinah Mitchell of Sugar Grove. She has been a member of National Honor Society for the past two years along with Pep Club, not to mention earning the honor of being the valedictorian of her class. Her future plans include attending West Virginia University and majoring in dental hygiene. Smith is the son of Jason and Tabby Smith of Brandywine. His future plans include enlisting in the U.S. Navy.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday, May 3**
- 2 - 6 p.m. — Book Sale (Pendleton County Library Community Room)
 - 4 - 8 p.m. — Vendors Open (Craft Building and Grounds)
 - 4 - 6 p.m. — Trout Dinner (Community Building)
 - 4 - 8 p.m. — Rodeo Registration (TMF Building)
 - 6 - 8 p.m. — Spencer Hatcher & the Ol Son Gang (Main Stage)
- Saturday, May 4**
- 6:30 - 11 a.m. — Rodeo Registration (TMF Building)
 - 7 - 10 a.m. — Breakfast (Pendleton Senior Center)
 - 8 a.m. - Noon — Trout Rodeo
 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Kids Care Conservation Area
 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Book Sale (Pendleton County Library Community Room)
 - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Vendors Open (Craft Building and Grounds)
 - 11 a.m. — Trout Fest Bingo (Senior Center)
 - 11 a.m. - Noon — Raymond’s Gymnastics (Main Stage)
 - Noon - 1:30 p.m. — Justin Hensley (Main Stage)
 - 1:30 - 2 p.m. — Trout Rodeo Awards
 - 2 - 3:15 p.m. — Cameron Simmons (Main Stage)
 - 3 - 4 p.m. — Home Run Derby (ages 5 - 14 - Town Park)
 - 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. — Nat Frederick (Main Stage)
 - 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. — Bryer Moyers (Main Stage)
 - 6 - 8 p.m. — Jack & Davis Reid Music (Main Stage)



Reva Jean "Shorty" Hartman

married Herbert McKee Hartman, who preceded her in death in 2002.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory three daughters, Lois J. Mitchell (Jimmy), June M. Nelson (Jerry) and Cricket Lambert (Dennis), all of Franklin; a son, Roy E. "Bud" Hartman (Susie) of Franklin; two sisters, Doris Mongold of Maysville and Donna Smith (Ron) of Woodbridge, Virginia; two brothers, Robert Gerald "Bob" Smith and Gary Wayne "Joe" Smith, both of Maysville; a sister-in-law, Ruth Kile (Stanley) of Franklin; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and John Harold Smith; and a sister, Rose Rohrbaugh Andrews.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the Basagic Funeral Home chapel in Franklin with Pastor Merle Correll officiating. Interment was in Mt. Hebron Cemetery at Maysville.

Memorials may be made to any Pendleton County Volunteer Rescue Squad, PO Box 727, Franklin, WV 26807 or to Pendleton Manor, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

Reva Jean "Shorty" Hartman, 88, of Franklin passed away April 27, 2024, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born on May 7, 1935, in Petersburg, the daughter of the late Russell Edgar and Mary Jane "Tiny" (Roby) Smith.

Mrs. Hartman was a 1953 graduate of Petersburg High School and was a member of Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church.

She retired in 1996 from Hanover Shoe Company packing department. She took pride in her family and enjoyed every precious moment spent with them.

Her husband, Roy James Hartman, the father of her children, preceded her in death in 1994. She then

Fellowship, Plant Swap at Swilled Dog

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checks on their spread.

All too often, they attract harmful invasive insects, such as the spotted lanternfly. Worse, they can even crowd out plants that support pollination. Hutton encouraged the planting of "native plants that support native pollinators."

She also urged those with gardens to consider the damage done by pesticides to bees, saying that she was not aware of pesticides that could target only harmful insects, yet not hurt bees in the process.

Carol Sherman came down from Moorefield with a table full of plants. Spider plants extended their vines and multicolored leaves across the table in and among other varieties of plants she brought with her.

Sherman said, "I have too many house plants. I wanted to get rid of them, but I don't like to throw them away. And I got two very unique ones!"

Beside Sherman's table sat Leonard and Trish Uptain, who also moved into the area recently. They came to Pendleton County first to grow Christmas trees at Blackthorn Mountain Estates farm. Then a gardening enthusiast in Virginia suggested that lavender would grow well in the native soils.

Trish Uptain added that "two to three years is a better turnaround time" than the much lengthier wait for Christmas trees to mature to selling size.

The Uptains, who shared that they "are active members of the farmers market," offer a broad spectrum of lavender products from starter plants to lotion, herb dip, and much more. They even sell lavender based bug spray and other value-added products.

West Virginia University Extension Service also set up a booth, run by Cody Dent and Brooke Alt. Alt showed the materials available for pick up, including heavy duty grow bags. Extension service calendars with important dates for farmers and gardeners included, and for children, seeds and little science experiments.

Humes used the plant swap as a way to help her to find more potential vendors and other participants for Saturday morning sales during the summer. She said that "a couple of people stopped by who are interested in selling with us."

Like the plant swap, Humes encourages informality and an inclusive atmosphere at the farmers market. Everyone from professional farmers to those with excess foraged berries and their own small batches of jams and jellies can come.

The summer will also include special events that will feature musicians, the Pendleton County Library, and education sessions as well.

"If people are interested in spending some time with us on Saturday mornings this summer," Humes said, "then they should come and sign up!"

Warner's Drive-In Prepares for New Season

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ers," which would play in August, if selected.

Group members also discussed possibilities for October, which could include "Beetlejuice 2," and even a potential special holiday showing in the first week of December.

"We'll fill out the schedule over time," Basagic said.

Basagic also showed the group a number of T-shirt options printed off by Bear's Choice Screen Printing and Dyes, a Sugar Grove based veteran owned business operated by Travis Rader. Rader took photographs of the theater grounds for inspiration and produced a number of solid and tie dyed options from which the board could pick.

Bob Davis provided an update on the project of building a musical stage in the foreground (but not covering) of the theater screen. He noted that it could be used for a broad spectrum of possible arts uses. In addition to the stage, plans also include renovating the inside of

the screen structure to include a lobby, a green room for performers, and other amenities.

"Gail (Price) and I worked on the grant," Davis shared. He explained that the total project cost approximated \$180,000 and added that "we might get half of it. We might get all of it. We might get none of it," but remained optimistic that the stage could be finished this year.

Davis also said that the grant received last year for \$50,000 to refurbish the bathrooms was one of the largest issued by that particular grantor.

Tackling technical and infrastructure issues consumed a great deal of discussion. Dr. King Seeger first expressed that the group craft a systematic plan for winter storage of temperature sensitive equipment after this season.

The group also discussed use of different types of radios for the theater sound. Their next meeting will take place on May 16.

Summer Meal Program Launched for School-Aged Children

The West Virginia Department of Human Services, in conjunction with the West Virginia Department of Education, has announced the launch of a new federal public benefit program to support school-age children residing in low-income households.

The West Virginia Summer EBT program will provide short-term grocery benefit assistance to income-eligible households with school-age children during the summer months. The application period opened on April 22 and can be accessed at schoolcafe.com or by completing a paper application at a local DoHS county office.

"Ensuring every child has access to nutritious meals is a cornerstone of building strong, healthy communities," said Janie Cole, DoHS Bureau for Family Assistance commissioner. "The launch of the WV-SEBT program represents a crucial step forward in supporting our state's residents by providing essential grocery assistance during the summer months, as we maintain our commitment to fostering a brighter future for West Virginia children."

Unlike Pandemic EBT, which ended when federal emergency orders expired, not all children that attend a school where all students eat for free will automatically receive the benefit. Children will be deemed eligible based upon their household's low-income status. Eligible children include those attending a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program and residing in a low-income household that qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals.


"Summer poses a significant challenge to children who are away from school and facing food insecurity," said Michele L. Blatt, state superintendent of schools. "Even though students are out of school for the summer, hunger does not take a break, and this program is essential to meeting the nutritional needs of our school children. We know families continue to struggle from pandemic aftershocks, and the WV-SEBT program will fill an important nutrition gap for thousands of students."

Additionally, if a West Virginia household is already receiving certain public benefits, such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or WV WORKS, and has school-aged children between the ages of six and 17, those children will automatically be enrolled in Summer EBT, regardless of their method of schooling. Children in low-income households attending Community Eligibility Provision schools, where they do not collect free or reduced-price meal applications, will have to complete an online Summer EBT application and qualify by income.

All eligible children will receive their one-time benefit of \$120 on a brand new Summer EBT card. Benefits will not be loaded onto previous PEET cards or existing Mountain State EBT cards. Summer EBT cards will be mailed to the address on file with the child's school or their public benefit case. Benefits are tentatively slated to reach eligible households in June 2024.

For more information, visit wvsebt.org or contact 1-866-545-6502.

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administrative duties, and much more for the fire hall. Her passing last year took one of the most hard-working and respected members of not just the SFVFD, but the entire family of Pendleton County volunteer first responder units.

Time and time again, the night's festivities would return to honor "the General" in some fashion.

Captain Nathan Parker then gave the invocation, in which he prayed, "We don't know how much we miss them (people that we lose) until they are gone."

One table after another then departed their seats to be served from the buffet style dinner, which included medium and well-done prime rib, glazed ham, Chesapeake bay style shrimp, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fresh baked rolls, salad, and a host of sliced pies and cakes for dessert.

Once all got their food and resumed their seats, the keynote speaker was introduced by Bowers.

Bradley "Sparky" Scott did not receive his nickname by setting a barn on fire at the age of 12, as Bowers deadpanned in his introduction. He did, however, earn a reputation at the age of 15 for showing up at his Kanawha County volunteer fire department house on his bicycle for each call before anyone else.

After almost four decades of service in Kanawha County, Putnam County, and the State Office of Emergency Management, Scott now serves in the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Scott spoke mainly about "how much the fire service has changed in the last 39 years" after mentioning how "Miss Nila kept trying to get me up here."

He also shared stories from an earlier time, when high school student volunteer firefighters could leave school to go on calls. Scott credited membership in his local VFD for keeping "me out of trouble as a youth."

"May all your alarms be one alarm," Scott said to conclude.

Next up came Delegate Bryan Ward. In addition to Roger Dahmer and Jimmie Bennett, Pendleton County Commissioners, Ward was one of the elected officials on hand to speak, but also to hear concerns and answer questions.

The gregarious Ward described his nearly three decades in law enforcement, serving in both West Virginia and Maryland. This included two terms as Hardy County Sheriff before the Fisher resident won election to the West Virginia House of Delegates.

Bowers quipped as he introduced the delegate, who runs this year unopposed, that "he did admit that he's going to vote for himself and he'll get at least one and won't feel so bad."

Ward spoke briefly and finished with it's "a blessing and a privilege" to speak to "a one of a kind group of folks." He also stated that his number "is in the book" and that he welcomed calls from constituents.

Bowers then returned to the podium and informed attendees that "we have Roger (Dahmer) and Jimmie (Bennett)" present and thanked the Pendleton County Commission, saying "you've been very supportive." He cited assistance in obtaining a department side by side "which was extremely helpful during the fires."

When asked if he wished to say a few words, Dahmer responded, "We appreciate what you do. It's only going to be more needed as tourism increases."

After the elected officials, George Armstrong from the Veterans of Foreign Wars took the stage. He introduced Steve O'Toole and Alicia Johnston, who then presented the

VFW awards.

The VFW gave certificates of appreciation, an award spotlighting a lifetime of service, to Terry Hedrick, Franklin Volunteer Fire Department president, Mike Alt, Pendleton County Emergency Rescue training officer, and John McDougall, West Virginia State Trooper.

O'Toole and Johnston both read descriptions of the outstanding service of each, as well as the salutes to each written on the awards.

As the program continued, Bowers named the officers, administrators, and leaders of the volunteer auxiliary (formerly ladies' auxiliary.) Fire department officers for 2024 included Roy Bowers as chief, Seth Bowers as assistant chief, Nathan Parker as captain, Tim Hook as lieutenant, and Greg Dyer as training officer.

The slate of administrators included Jeffrey Bowers serving as president, Lloyd Long as vice president, Dennis Knicely as secretary, and Mary Ann Nelson as treasurer.

Auxiliary leadership this year starts with Pat Bodkin serving as president, Amy Cyrier as first vice president, Jane Simon as second vice president, Judy Grimm as secretary, and Sheila Davis as treasurer.

The entire group was sworn in en masse.

Roy Bowers then delivered his remarks detailing the past year, telling a favorite story about Bland's determination to earn an excellent evaluation on the fire house audit. He then thanked all who had stepped up after her passing to carry on the work of supporting station operations.

"It's taken about six or seven people to fill the shoes of one woman," he shared. Chief Bowers then thanked the Pendleton County Commission for its financial support over the year.

The program wrapped up with the presentation of awards by the SFVFD. The first, Junior Firefighter of the Year, went to one of "a couple of guys in the last year who really want to do it." Caleb Fagans earned that award.

The next award went to Mike Eye, who helped the department meet a state mandate to digitalize a number of administrative functions.

Chief Bowers then took time to honor the contributions of the auxiliary for providing tireless support during a year described as "the toughest one we had," making food, providing drinks, and also working to step in and do much of the work performed by Bland.

Most Dedicated Fireman went to William Copley, who has been a firefighter "usually at almost every call that he can be at," while working a full-time job. Nelson earned the Appreciation Award for taking up the task of handling department paperwork. For his leadership, advocacy, and work to secure grants, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator Rick Gillespie won the Outstanding Service to Community Award. The final award for Outstanding Community Service went to Bob Grimm who "doesn't quit" and is "a blessing to the community."

Tim Hook was credited with answering the most calls, 136, while Fireman of the Year went to Seth Bowers.

Jeffrey Bowers then returned to the podium and remarked that in Pendleton County, emergency services "do feel appreciated" by the community.

Captain Parker then gave the benediction, praying, "Keep us safe and in Your arms."

Best of Pendleton Vote

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Marketing, however, came under budget due to the low level of tourism activity for the region early in the year.

Annie Humes, board member, explained that "this year is primarily about learning." Since the CVB, as currently constituted, did not exist before last year, it has no history or benchmark from which to refer. "Paying extra close attention" to how the year's spending develops will help to create a bank of data to use as "a strategic tool" for future budget planning.

Nesselrodt agreed and said, "This will be our foundation going forward."

After the marketing committee report, the board discussed what they wished to do in terms of purchasing a Warner's Drive-In sponsorship. The sponsorship includes display of an image selected by the sponsor on the movie screen before each film presentation.

"The drive-in is a huge tourist attraction," Nesselrodt explained, adding that "it's one of the only standing drive ins in the region." Using the drive-in opportunity "encompasses all of Pendleton County."

Board members elected to not use the CVB logo or any image which might show specific businesses. Instead, they chose to purchase the highest sponsorship level so that they could include clips from the Pendleton County CVB promotional video.

Jeff Munn, board member, also suggested that the CVB consider purchasing an advertisement in Virginia Rider, an online motorcycle enthusiast publication with a circulation of more than 40,000. Munn explained that the "rates are really reasonable," only \$100 for a six-month run.

"We're talking about something that's good for the entire county," Munn shared, adding that motorcyclists "go everywhere. They buy food. They buy gas. We might be able to embed the video in it too."

The board then took up the issue of replacing Sam Wood as vice chair of the board. It passed a resolution vacating the position, then appointed Melinda Brooks (with her permission) to fill the spot.

Finally, Nesselrodt gave her director's report. She started with a description of the Pendleton County Historical Society's Franklin fire event, saying, "We helped them with marketing. It superseded anyone's expectations" with over 180 in attendance.

She then added that "Katie had them over to the McCoy House with wonderful, wonderful food."

Katie VanMeter added that "we probably had 120 at the McCoy House afterwards."

Board members then heard about Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, suggesting that the new welcome signs at the county line be placed, where possible, in the line of sight of traffic cameras to deter vandalism and theft.

Nesselrodt then reported that a social media influencer planned to record video in Pendleton County over the weekend.

She then shared that Mountaineer Trail Network, a body created by the West Virginia State Legislature to market state trails, wished to engage with the county to include it in its network. Currently Mountaineer Trail Network's efforts are concentrated mostly in the northern tier of counties in the state between the Ohio River and Grant County border with Hardy. Other surrounding counties in the organization are Pocahontas, Randolph, and Tucker.

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10 Years Ago
Week of April 24, 2014

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Mad Stones Were Used As Cure for Rabies

Folk tend to be wary of nocturnal animals that normally prowls at night only when they are seen running about during the daytime. There is a suspicion that they may be rabid. The traditional folk cure for being bitten by a rabid animal was to use a mad stone. The stone comes from the stomach of an animal, primarily a deer. If the mad stone is bought or sold, it is said to lose its curative powers. In other words, it had to be found or given. Families who possessed a mad stone tended to pass them down from generation to generation. The mad stone is a calculus which is a concentration of mineral salts that can sometimes be found in the stomach of animals that chew their cud. They are often colored, found smooth and as big as a person's thumb. This mad stone supposedly has magical properties. Not all mad stones have equal curative powers. Those coming from the brown deer are not as powerful as those from the albino deer. The usual practice was to place the mad stone on the bite wound. The stone was said to start drawing out the poison, often clinging to the wound until the poison has been absorbed, at which time the stone falls off. There are some rules for the proper usage. The bitten individual must travel to the mad stone's owner for its application. Also, the shape of the mad stone must never be altered.

When using the mad stone, it must first be placed in boiled sweet milk. The stone, while still hot, is then placed on the animal bite, making sure there is some blood present. If the bite is not bleeding, the wound must be scraped to draw some blood. When the stone falls off the wound, it is again boiled in sweet milk that will turn a greenish color. Green indicates that the poison has been drawn from the wound. The stone is reapplied to the wound until it can no longer stay attached. Some say that the explanation for the "dog days of summer" is the time of the year when rabies is the worst. Mad stones were also used frequently for snake bites, bee stings and spider bites. Rabies was, and is, a feared disease that destroys the spinal cord and nervous system and leads to near certain death. The later stage involves frothing at the mouth, fighting and screaming, which proves the victim had turned mad.

50 Years Ago
Week of May 2, 1974

WHOSE WOODS ARE THESE . . .

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

Raccoons Named By Indians

Raccoons are coming out of their winter hibernation

now. Recently we found some raccoon tracks up here on our mountain. As our students followed the tracks and asked questions of us about "coons," one question that came up was "how did the animal get such a funny name as raccoon?"

That incident and question prompted one of us here on the staff to do a good bit of research on coons. Consequently this week and next this column will discuss coons.

The name "raccoon" is part of our Indian heritage. The word comes directly from the language of Indian tribes that lived centuries ago here in our part of West Virginia and to the east of us in Virginia. The Indians called the animal "Arocoum."

As far as we can tell, 25 pounds is the record size for a coon. Such a coon would measure a yard long from nose to tip of tail. Female coons tend to be almost the same length as their partners but usually lighter in weight.

There are four different species of raccoons. Down on the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico is a very small pigmy coon. Another is found along the West Coast from northern California to southern Alaska. Another is found on the Bahama Islands of the Caribbean.

However, the most common species, extending from Colorado to Maine and south to the middle of Mexico, is the coon we all are familiar with. This is the coon that raids our corn fields and overturns our garbage cans.

Individual coons stay pretty close to home. During a night's hunt for food very seldom do they wander more than a mile from their dens. They will leave their homes and travel greater distances only when threatened with starvation or when as young coons, their parents kick them out of the den and send them into the world alone. However, as we will see next week, parents are reluctant to kick their offspring out. If the food is available, often a clan of coons builds up around the original den.

Coons are found in and along the edges of hardwood forests. They usually stay clear of evergreens, disliking the pitch of such trees. They prefer hardwood forests because of the abundance of hollow trees, their favorite den site.

Occasionally, coons establish quarters in rock crannies and sometimes earth burrows, but this is only done when they cannot find a nice hollow hardwood tree or branch. When coons do use an earth burrow, they never go down into the ground like a groundhog, but always burrow sideways into a bank. With the growth of cities and the abundant food of garbage cans, coons have moved into the cities and in such cases find their dens in concrete water drains and other man-made spots.

The ideal den is a hollow branch high up in a hardwood tree, fully exposed to the sun. Such ideals are hard to find though, and more often coons settle for the hollow trunk of a fallen tree. These dens serve as their year-round homes.

If the hunting range of the coon is considerable (perhaps more than a square mile) the

coon will usually have a couple of secondary dens also. These might be considered "hunting lodges." They are used for shelter when attacked, when the weather changes, and when the coon is tired.

There is a lot more to be said about the raccoon and next week we will discuss its domestic habits, mating, food and homelife.

60 Years Ago
Week of April 30, 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.

Grant Gives Orders For 'Grand Advance'

The hour of reckoning in the Civil War arrived 100 years ago this week.

Ulysses S. Grant, after six weeks preparation, gave the orders for the "grand advance" of Union armies against the South, and when those orders went out, they meant the beginning of the end of the Confederate States of America.

They meant that Grant's immediate army—the Army of the Potomac under George Gordon Meade—would move out of its winter quarters, cross the Rapidan River and smash into the smaller army of Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

They meant that the armies under Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman would move from Chattanooga toward Dalton, Ga., and smash into the army of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston.

They meant that the army of Gen. Franz Sigel would begin moving up the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia toward Lynchburg; they meant that the army of Gen. Benjamin Butler would move from Fortress Monroe toward Richmond south of the James River; they meant that Gen. Nathaniel Banks would abandon his pursuits in the west and move, with the navy, against Mobile; and they meant a small army was to move from the Kanawha River in West Virginia toward Southwest Virginia.

All of this, involving nearly half a million men, was to occur under the single command of Grant. And on April 27, Grant fixed the date for it to begin: May 4, 1864.

As final preparations were made, President Lincoln wished his new commander "Godspeed." "Not expecting to see you again before the spring campaign opens," Lincoln wrote Grant on May 1, "I wish to express in this way my entire satisfaction with what you have done up to this time. . . If there is anything wanting which is within my power to give, do not fail to let me know it. And now with a brave army, and a just cause, may God sustain you."

On the other side of the Rapidan River from Grant's headquarters, Gen. Robert E. Lee was ready and waiting for the "grand advance." Throughout the winter he had worked

to equip his 60,000 men and to keep them in fighting spirit. Although the army still was far from being well equipped, its morale was high.

He had mapped his campaign. He had considered various moves—including a counter-offensive—but had conducted on a simple but effective defense: to fight Grant right where he was—along the Rapidan and Rappahannock Rivers. "I . . . see no better plan for the defense of Richmond," he wrote President Davis. "I have no uneasiness as to the result of the campaign."

He positioned his forces; he ordered all surplus baggage sent to the rear; and he ordered troops from the rear to move forward.

On May 2, he and a group of his officers climbed Clark's Mountain and looked through field glasses across the river to the bustling activity in the Federal army. Lee pointed down to the river at two points—Germana and Ely's Fords. He said he believed the Federals would cross there.

Thirty-six hours later, the huge advance would start—at the two fords indicated by Lee.

Next week: The Wilderness.

70 Years Ago
Week of April 29, 1954

Berlin Hoover Warden for 40 Years Retires

Ranger R. E. Elliott of the Dry River District, recently announced the retirement of one more National Forest Warden.

Berlin Hoover of Sugar Grove, who has served longer than any warden in the organization, retired in March from the strenuous work of fighting fires.

Mr. Hoover recalled many interesting times and events in the history of the George Washington National Forest and the fight against forest fires. There were no telephones or automobiles in those days, no power pumps, radios, and modern equipment. Everything was horseback and foot travel. Many fires were fought with forked sticks, pine brush, and water pails.

DAHMER

The fishing season came in or opened up April 24 and on the same morning we counted 63 cars parked from the intersection of Thorn Creek road with Dry Run road to the hard-surfaced road beyond the old McCoy mill and 13 more to Trout Rock and a host of fishermen landing some nice speckled beauties. Don't know much about the catches made. One gentleman told me that one lady caught her bag limit and some fish were 15 and 18 inches in length. Then he said, "I don't think some others were too hot."

EDITORIAL

Good Fishing Is Good Business . . .

According to estimates by Conservation Officers a record number of fishermen invaded Pendleton County for the first day of trout season. By six o'clock Saturday morning all

the trout streams in the county were lined with enthusiastic sportsmen, many of whom have been returning to the cool streams of Pendleton County season after season for a number of years.

Although most of the fishermen caught a few trout this year, very few of them caught their limit. Unlike last year when the catch was ample, both in numbers and in size, their reward this year for a weekend of fishing was just a little disappointing. Local anglers were not bragging quite so much this year and managers of hotels, motels, restaurants and tourist homes did not hear quite so many expressions, "See you next year."

The State Conservation Commission has been working hard on the job of improving fishing and hunting in West Virginia, but it is our opinion that the only way to provide better fishing is to provide more fish. In other words, more fish should be stocked in our streams, and if we do not have the hatchery capacity to do it, some of the funds used for other purposes should be utilized in increasing the hatchery capacity in the state. And until enough stock is available to stock the streams adequately, we feel that we should slow down a little on our lakes and impoundments. There were more trout stocked in Spruce Lake this year than were distributed in all the streams in Pendleton County.

While we feel that the lake projects are fine, we believe the great majority of trout fishermen prefer to fish for trout in their native habitat, which is the spring-fed mountain streams. We believe that it would make more fishermen happy, and it would be a greater stimulus to our growing tourist industry to concentrate on providing better stocked streams.

Names and Places . . .

Names are sometimes found in strange places . . . at least that's what Paul Conrad said when he found a dry land turtle in the yard back of his home at Fort Seybert last Friday. Carved into the shell on the little fellow's back were the names, Foster Dyer and Lester Mitchell . . . the date . . . 1911. Jack Benny says he is only 39 but these gentlemen will have to admit that they are at least 43.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Get those hummingbird feeders out because the hummingbirds have been spotted. They are nice to see around the feeder, and it is amazing how fast they fly.

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, Larry Moyers, Mary Alice Simmons, Sandy Washburn and Sandra Vandevander; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Tristan Hartman, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Pam Rexrode, Nancy George, Neal Eye, Margaret Wimer, Donald Burns, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Ruby Gail Roberson, Ruth Bauer, Anna Mauzy, Linda Maxwell Looney, Wayne Kimble, Leann Britton, Bennie and Mary Alice Evick, Martha R. Kimble, Jimmie Bennett, Ruthalene Judy, Stanley Propst, Patsy Bennett, Kathy Puffenbarger, Wanda Pitsenberger, Sheldon Bowes, Gloria Moats, Tim and Dee McCormic, Judy A. Simmons, Nancy Blankenship, Jackie Smith, Rick Wagoner and the family of Reva Hartman.

Prayer thought: "Until the day Jesus takes us to the home our hearts long for, we can live in His peace and joy. Help me look forward to being at home with you."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for April 22 through April 28, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: April 22 - 61°, 27°, frost (60°, 44°, 26°); April 23 - 73°, 32° (61°, 34°); April 24 - 62°, 54° (56°, 26°); April 25 - 61°, 46°, .01" (57°, 25°); April 26 - 60°, 47° (65°, 37°); April 27 - 75°, 48° (66°, 35°) and April 28 - 82°, 52° (57°, 48°, 1.59").

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Pesky Flies Are Attracted to Households in Warmer Temperatures

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

With warmer to hot temperatures arriving on the scene, so too are the flies' arrival. Flies tend to aggravate mothers more than any other member of the household. They tend to love the kitchen area, swarming all over the place. They will crawl on cabinets, on the stove, on the floor, ceiling, and even the walls.

Mothers always worried about houseflies getting on the food, especially as it was getting put on the table for consumption. There was a variety of ways to combat these flies. One method was the trusty old fly swatter, available within easy reach.

In days of yore, another method was to purchase flypaper that came in a small cardboard tube. This was tacked on the ceiling and then pulled on the tube to unroll a piece of paper about two inches wide. The paper would be dripping with a horrible sticky substance. The idea was that the flypaper would attract flies, and once caught in the sticky stuff, they would die when trying to escape.

There were some disadvantages to this flypaper. First of all, tall visitors would walk into the house, and not seeing the paper they would bump their heads into it. With it covered with dead flies, this action would pull it loose from the ceiling. It would often end up wrapped around the head and stuck in the hair.

Another problem was that this flypaper was expensive. Makers of the flypaper took advantage of the poor housewives who wanted to serve clean food to their families. Four rolls would cost 50 cents, with mothers using four flypapers a day. This became costly for an annual purchase of \$180 — just for one room, the kitchen.

A good portion of the family income would be spent on flypaper. Sprays soon came along, with the bountiful table of food being covered with a sheet when spraying the room. That way everyone could eat in peace.

So be careful when opening any door of the house. Flies are waiting for this opportunity to fly in and create havoc! Be sure to sneak in and out as they swarm by the door waiting to come in.

Life's little instructions for peaceful living include the following:

1. Walk down a country road.
2. Send birthday cards.
3. Mow for the elderly neighbor.
4. Hug one's kids every day.
5. Volunteer to help without being asked.

The earlier part of last week brought about temperatures ranging between 20-26 degrees in the mornings. As the week drew to a close, showers brought about warmer temperatures. The hummingbirds have arrived and very much appreciated the feeders waiting for them. They love plain water with sugar in those feeders.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty



Eva Mae Rader Simmons (Dec. 13, 1904 - Sept. 3, 2000), was the daughter of Philip Emanuel Rader (May 2, 1867 - July 30, 1909) and Columbia Caroline Pitsenbarger Rader (Dec. 10, 1871 - Sept. 6, 1967). Her siblings were Clement Washington, Ernest Frank, Louella Florence, Edward Harvey, Ida Elizabeth, and Edna Mahulda. Her husband was Willian Len Simmons (April 29, 1904 - Feb. 29, 1968). Together, they had a daughter, Alda Lorraine Simmons Berlin (July 11, 1928 - May 23, 2019).

mountain." — Maori Proverb

"Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half the time." — E.B. White

"If there is a heaven for me, I'm sure it has a beach attached to it." — Jimmy Buffett

"It doesn't matter if I don't succeed in something. What matters is if I learn from my mistakes." — Linda Evans

"To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with." — Mark Twain

Sitting in the shade is the perfect way to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Shaun, Leslie, and Ava Bowers have been sitting outside their lovely Stoney Run home where they are listening to the whippoorwill's lovely songs. They have invited Tom Mitchell over as he too enjoys hearing their tunes.

Children have been busy with all of their ballgames. Oftentimes, this crowds in to their daily school instructions.

Most families in this neighborhood have been involved with the highway cleanup during Earth Day week. Several folks have even gone beyond that with eradicating the brush along the banks, cleaning around the home sites, and doing a lot of weed eating, even along fence rows. A hearty group of folks, including youngsters, from the St. John Lutheran Church area brought in many bags of trash. With warmer temperatures arriving this week, the volunteers should culminate in

making this community a prettier place, and making it so much more beautiful. In most of the southern section of the county (Sugar Grove district), the many volunteers have taken on the challenge of Earth Day. In a short time, gardeners will be planting the flowers which the humans, hummingbirds, song birds, and bees so much enjoy.

It is still a little too early for garden planting, although Sam Cockran has his pretty well done. His garden sits in an area where it is conducive to growing plants early.

The Raymond Varner potpie/beans fundraiser on Saturday drew quite a crowd. Lots of helping hands went into making this a successful fundraiser. From all reports, all the vittles were very tasty.

Joel and Betsy Farrar of Lynchburg, Virginia, were Saturday visitors in the home of Willard and Judy Rader.

Sunday evening found Joann Moyers, Julie Smith and Evelyn Varner motoring to the Victory Church of Dayton, Virginia to enjoy the Crossroads music.

On Sunday, Charles and "Pidge" Anderson went to visit Willard and Judy. They also had a visit from Damian Moats this past week.

Ava Bowers, daughter of Shaun and Leslie Bowers, placed first in the seventh/eighth-grade division of the Young Writers. They plan to motor to Charleston on Thursday to attend the Young Writers from all over the state. Congratulations, Ava. She has put Sugar Grove on the map again!

A gathering of friends and family met last Saturday at the Mt. View Church of the Brethren in McGaheysville, Virginia, to have a surprise 60th birthday party for Joyce Marshall.

This week's clickety-clacks for the chin waggors are as follows: Orlando, Florida, is known as "the Theme Park Capital of the World." The city typically attracts more than 65 million tourists a year.

Ninety-four percent of pet owners say their animal pal makes them smile more than once a day.

Australia is the only English-speaking country to have made voting compulsory in federal and state elections.

Egypt's Suez Canal is one of the world's most important waterways, connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea.

Babe Ruth hit his first major league home run at Hanlan's Point Stadium in Toronto, Canada. It landed in Lake Ontario, Canada, and is believed to still be there.

Concerns for this week are as follows: Bob Adamson, John Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Richard Bennett, the Mike Blankenship family, "Bo" Boggs, Marie Cole, Christian Dasher, Benny Evick, Isaac Eye, Linda Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Carl Gant, Lola Graham, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, Jim Hiner, Tim Hively, 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 Malow, Yvonne Marsh, Ed May, Gary McDonald, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tom Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, John Morford, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger, Alda Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Stanley Propst, Clement Rader, Jr., Tom Rader, Brandon Reel, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Linda Fay Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Dennis Riggleman, Donna Ruddle, Jenny Ruddle, Brittany Shriver, Annie Simmons, Phyllis Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Stanna Smith, Tina Stuben, Elizabeth Terry, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Raymond Varner, Amy Vaus, Estelle Wagner, Rene White, Judy Williams, Ann and Jerry Wimer and Margaret Wimer.

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Vincell Strikes Out Five, Helps To Sink Second Ranked Vikings

By Stephen Smoot

For years, Petersburg has served as one of the power programs of Potomac Highlands regional high school softball. This year, they have relied on great defense, timely hitting, and the pitching prowess of Sammy Colaw.

Earlier in the season, Petersburg and Pendleton County matched their ace pitchers against each other, Colaw versus Baylee Beachler. That game remained tight all the way through as the two pitchers matched each other in excellence. Only a timely mistake cost the Wildcats the game.

In the next meeting during the Bub Riggelman Tournament, the two teams faced each other again. The Vikings elected to rest their star hurler in that matchup and Pendleton County won big, 16-8.

Many discounted the win, even though it takes an entire squad to prevail in a game.

Last week, Petersburg traveled to Franklin to face the Wildcats in an opposite situation than what played out in Moorefield. Pendleton County head coach Eric Crites elected to start the fast improving freshman Susan Vincell against the team ranked second in the state in the West Virginia Metro News coaches poll.

Prior to the game, the Wildcats honored veterans related to family members of the team. Players escorted veterans as their names were read and a special prayer was recited. It included "gratitude in our hearts from the selfless service of our veterans . . . in the powerful name of Jesus Christ."

Then the youngster Madison Mongold regaled the crowd with a terrific rendition of the National Anthem.

The final box score belied the difficulties through which Vincell pitched in this game of living dangerously. She scattered five hits and walked three over five innings while earning the win, but Petersburg endeavored to challenge her every step of the way.

Petersburg got the first runner of the game aboard with a looping base hit not hard hit, but perfectly placed in shallow center between the second baseman and centerfielder. Somehow they hit that same spot repeatedly through the game. Vincell herself caught the first out, but saw the next batter single to shallow center.

The other prevailing theme of the day, stellar Wildcat defense, helped Vincell to close the inning. A sharply hit ball to third base



Susan Vincell delivers a pitch during a masterful performance against second ranked Petersburg.

was fielded by Kate Hedrick. She alertly stepped on third for the force, then fired an accurate throw to Lizzie Alt across the diamond for the double play.

Pendleton County batters could not score in their half of the first. The top of the second saw the Vikings smash a deep shot to the right field wall for a triple to lead the inning. That runner came home when the next batter hit the ball in the infield and the defender tried to catch the lead runner sliding into home. Petersburg scored a run on the play.

The Vikings put another runner on, but Vincell got the first out on a deftly placed off speed pitch that fooled the batter. The subsequent batter struck out swinging and the last out came on a fly ball.

In the top of the third, the Vikings again put two runners on, but Vincell shut down the inning with no damage. Pendleton County got their first run when Avery Townsend drew a one out walk, then stole second on the first pitch to the next batter, Jenna Smith. With Townsend in scoring position, Smith knocked a base hit to center and picked up the run batted in to tie the game.

Beachler then singled and reached second on an error, moving Smith to third. Jessica Parker then executed a key bunt to score Smith and help her team take the lead.

Petersburg earned a leadoff walk. The next batter looped a ball into shallow right, but Julia Mongold hustled to make the play, executing a basket catch on a dead sprint. Mongold again made a highlight reel type play in the top of the fifth. Petersburg got a leadoff single and the next batter hit a towering fly ball to deep

right. Mongold backed up to the wall, leapt in the air, hit the wall and fell forward to the ground, but kept the ball in her glove to prevent a two-run home run.

In the bottom of the inning, Townsend earned a one out walk. She once again stole second. Smith rocketed the ball to the right center field wall to send Townsend home and push the score to 3-1. Beachler then came in and hit a deep ball to right field, scoring Smith. As she tried to stretch the play to third base, however, an outstanding Petersburg throw beat her by inches.

Beachler came in to pitch the sixth inning in relief of Vincell. She struck out each of the three batters she faced in the top of the sixth. In the final frame, Petersburg scored on an inside the park home run, but otherwise could not gain traction against Beachler's speed. One of the final outs of the game came as a hard hit ball caromed off of Beachler, but Smith tracked the ball down and easily got the runner at first.

Wildcats win 4-2.

Crites praised his team after the game, saying "that's a very good team. Petersburg has been the elite in the section, the region, and the state for a very long time."

He added that the "win was well-earned" and that "we had to hit the ball to win against a college pitcher."

"I can't say enough about Susan Vincell who gave us five great innings," he said. Vincell not only pitched well, but overcame challenges in every inning she worked to minimize the potential damage from Viking bats.

"I am really proud of how we came to play tonight," Crites concluded.

Pirates Pounded by Wildcats In Doubleheader

By Stephen Smoot

Historically, no one looks forward to a visit from pirates. From the days of the Barbary Pirates in the Mediterranean Sea to the fearsome fights forced on unsuspecting ships by Blackbeard and the like, people pray to avoid tangling with pirates.

Friday night, however, the Pirates of Paw Paw High School proved a welcome sight.

The Wildcats got their claws out early in the first game of what the major leagues call a two-night doubleheader. Chase Owens set Paw Paw down in order in the first inning on a mere seven pitches.

After Owens, the deluge.

Allden Rexrode drew a leadoff walk. With one out, James Vincell's ground ball to second resulted in an error that also brought Rexrode in for the first run of the game. In the next at bat, Vincell stole second and got into scoring position, setting the table for Cashton Kisamore who hit a line drive single to right field. Vincell crossed the plate, setting the score at 2-0.

Caleb Armentrout drew a walk, followed by a free pass to Dillon Smith, courtesy of his being hit by a pitch. With the bases now loaded, Spencer Hartman drew a walk and earned a run batted in the easy way. In the next at bat, Josiah Kimble laid down a bunt to advance the runners. All advanced and reached safely, setting the score at 4-0.

Incredibly, the next four batters took bases on balls, setting the score at 8-0. Kisamore singled for the second time in the inning to drive home Rexrode and put the score at 9-0. Another flurry of free passes helped Pendleton County exit the first, almost an hour into the game, with a 12-0 lead.

In the top of the second, the Pirates got two base-runners on, but could not drive them home.

That put the Wildcats back up in the bottom of the second. Rexrode singled. During Owens' at bat, he stole second, then reached third on an error. He reached home when Owens lofted a sacrifice fly to deep center. Vincell followed with a line drive over the left field wall to push the score to 14-0.

With the bases empty, Kisamore reached on an error and Armentrout followed with a line drive to centerfield for a single. Then, Smith went to first after being hit by a pitch, bringing up Hartman with the bases loaded. He grounded to short, all reaching safely when the throw home did not beat the runner.

With the bases loaded again, a Kimble base on balls put the lead at 16-0. Dusty Smith then hit his brother in on a sacrifice fly for the final run in the inning, putting the advantage at 17-0.

Hartman relieved Owens in the top of the third, taking over the pitching duties. He struck out the first batter, then the young hurler walked the bases loaded.

With one out and all bases filled, Hartman settled in. He jumped on the next batter, quickly earning a no balls and two strikes count. His next throw, a big looping breaking ball, barely missed the strike zone. The batter struck out swinging on the next pitch. Having earned two outs, Hartman ended the Pirate threat by striking out the final batter of the top of the third.

In the bottom of the inning, Cayden Boone hit a looper into centerfield, and Will Smith reached after being hit by a pitch, but ended up stranded on base.

Hartman continued pitching in the next stanza. The initial batter hit the ball to Colby Simmons at third. Simmons misplayed the ball at first, but he stayed with the play, settled in, and fired an excellent throw to get the baserunner.

In the bottom of the fourth, Jonas Turner earned a

one out walk, followed by Barrett Cook who reached safely. Tucker Smith sharply hit a ground ball into centerfield. With the bases loaded, Boone legged out a ground ball hit back to the pitcher, picking up an RBI and helping his team build the lead to 18-0.

Noah Lockard came up to bat, also with the bases loaded. He battled over seven pitches to get a walk and an RBI. Will Smith came up next, got hit by a pitch, and also helped to drive in a run.

The final score of the first game came on a Henry Warner line drive to left, which scored Boone.

Will Smith entered as pitcher in the final half inning, allowing no hits, striking out two, and closing the game.

Game Two: Pendleton County 16 Paw Paw 3

Cole Harper opened on the mound for the Wildcats in the second game of the evening. He got into some trouble initially, but closed out the inning only surrendering a single run.

In the bottom of the first, Rexrode led off with a single, followed by Owens garnering a walk. During the at bat, the intrepid Rexrode stole both second and third. Vincell also drew a walk in his first at bat of the second game. With one out and the bases loaded, Armentrout was walked on five pitches, bringing in Pendleton County's first run. This was followed by walks from Dillon Smith and Harper to extend the lead to 3-0.

Harper struck out the first batter in the top of the second, but was relieved by Boone. He efficiently struck out the remainder of the side on nine pitches.

Dusty Smith led off the Wildcat half of the inning with a walk. He stole second to get into scoring position, then scored on a Rexrode double, which was followed by an Owens walk. Vincell hit a sacrifice fly to advance Rexrode to third. Later in the inning with two outs, an Armentrout double drove in two runs. Dillon Smith knocked in Armentrout on a hit that he drove hard into the ground directly in front of the plate, but which then took a mammoth hop that allowed all to reach safely and Armentrout to score for a seven to one advantage.

Boone continued to cruise in the third, only allowing one baserunner. In the bottom of the frame, Vincell came up with Rexrode and Owens on base, driving them and himself home with a line drive to the centerfield wall. Vincell sprinted around the bases to pick up an inside the park home run and a 10-1 lead for his team.

Kisamore followed with a towering fly ball driven over the left field wall for the 11th run of the game. Two batters later, after an Armentrout walk and two steals, Dillon Smith knocked him in.

In the top of the fourth, the Pirates picked up two more runs. As the Wildcats moved to the bottom of the inning, Tucker Smith led with a humpback line drive to right. Two batters later, Owens drove a pitch to right field, reaching second standing up and hitting in Tucker Smith. Noah Lockard then came to bat as Cook replaced Owens on the basepaths.

That brought up Kisamore with Cook on third. David Noble entered as a courtesy runner for Lockard on first. Kisamore lofted a pop fly to second, which the fielder could not handle, allowing Cook to score and earn the 14th run.

Later, with two outs. Will Smith hit a high fly ball to shallow right, which dropped and allowed Kisamore and Noble to score.

Kimble came in to close down the Pirates and end the night. He got the first two to ground out, but the next three batters got on to load the bases. Kimble then buckled down and forced the next batter to strike out on three pitches, ending the ballgame.

Rally Falls Short Against Moorefield , But Big Bats Bash Bath

By Stephen Smoot

Last fall the Wildcat football team dug a huge hole against a capable Moorefield team, then clawed their way to a comeback win that will be talked about for decades. Against the Yellow Jacket baseball squad, the Wildcats baseball team came close to duplicating the feat. Moorefield jumped out in front by scoring three runs in the top of the first. Pendleton County answered, however, when James Vincell reached on two outs in the Wildcat half of the inning. During the next at bat, Cashton Kisamore reached first safely on a dropped third strike, while an error allowed Vincell to score.

Yellow Jacket hitters, however, extended the lead to 6-1 in the top of the second, and added one in the third. Always battling, however, the Wildcats responded in their next turn at bat. Chase Owens singled to lead off the inning, followed by a Vincell single. Caleb Armentrout came up with Owens on third and Vincell on second. His deep sacrifice fly to center gave Owens a chance to score the second run of the game.

Will Smith came onto the mound in the top of the fourth and retired the side in order on merely seven pitches. Moorefield, however, picked up their ninth run in the top of the next inning.

Pendleton County surged in the next half inning. Owens led off with a walk, followed by Vincell reaching on an error. The Yellow Jacket pitcher then hit Kisamore with a pitch to load the bases. Armentrout

took a full count pitch and hit a line drive single to center, scoring a run and keeping the bases loaded. Dillon Smith earned a walk, which pushed in a run and cut the lead to 9-4.

Spencer Hartman came up next, collecting two runs batted in on a single to center. Two batters later, Dusty Smith hit a sacrifice ground ball that drove in his brother and put the score at 9-7.

But the Wildcats were not done yet. Hits by Allden Rexrode and Owens scored two more runs and completely erased the huge Moorefield advantage.

The Yellow Jackets retook the lead in the top of the sixth and retired the Wildcats in order in the bottom of the frame. Owens gave his team a perfect top of the seventh, then doubled in the tying run to extend the game in the bottom of that inning.

Unfortunately, Moorefield held the Wildcats at bay by scoring three runs in the top of the eighth. Pendleton County could not respond in the bottom of the inning, but showed their claws and teeth in the furious comeback effort.

Pendleton County 28 Bath 4

On Monday, Pendleton County took to the road and crossed into the Commonwealth to play Bath County. They established the tone of the game coming out of the gate by scoring 10 runs, punctuated by home runs hit by Owens and Vincell in their second at bats of the first.

The home run parade continued in the top of the second with a

line drive to center field by Rexrode, setting the lead at 12-0. Bath responded in the bottom of the second by posting four runs.

In the top of the third, Kisamore led with a double, followed by an RBI single from Armentrout. Two batters later, with one out, Cam Beachler singled to knock in Armentrout and pick up the 13th and 14th runs. Cayden Boone then stepped in and laid down a bunt that scored Beachler, advanced Josiah Kimble (who had walked), and which was placed well enough to let him reach first.

Two batters later, Owens picked up three more RBIs on a double to right field. An Armentrout single later in the inning drove in the 19th and 20th runs for the Wildcats.

Pendleton County made mass substitutions but continued to hit. Kimble led off the top of the fourth with a single, followed by a walk issued to Boone and a single by Tucker Smith. Hartman hit a single to left, scoring Kimble and leaving the bases loaded. Jonas Turner earned a run batted in by drawing a walk, scoring the 22nd run for the Wildcats.

Walks earned by Will Smith, then Noah Lockard each brought home runs. Next, Dillon Smith singled to bring in Turner. The bases remained loaded for Cole Harper, who collected an RBI when he was hit by a pitch.

The last two runs came when Henry Warner was hit by a pitch and Tucker Smith singled.

Beachler No-Hitter Is an Exclamation Point for a Memorable Season

By Stephen Smoot

Excluding one of the largest schools in the state, Pendleton County has rattled off 11 straight wins since the first day of the Bub Riggelman Tournament almost three weeks ago. Pitching, power, defense, and wise application of "small ball" steals and bunts made the Wildcats one of the most formidable teams in West Virginia single A going into the post season.

Pendleton County 19 Tygarts Valley 4

The last week of the season started strong, with a big victory while hosting Tygarts Valley. Scoring started when Baylee Beachler hit Jenna Smith home in the bottom of the first.

The next half inning, however, saw the Bulldogs pile up four runs to take a solid lead over the fourth ranked Wildcats.

Any thoughts of an upset, however, quickly dissipated.

With two outs and Jaiden Mitts running for pitcher Susan Vincell, Pendleton County's bats seized control of the game. Avery Townsend singled to drive in Mitts, then stole second during Smith's at bat to get into scoring position. Smith hit the ball to short, beat the play, and hit her teammate in.

Next, Beachler drove a one ball and no strike pitch to left, driving in the run, earning a double, and reaching third on the throw. Jess Parker next hit the first pitch just beyond the second baseman to single and help her team take a 5-4 lead.

But the Wildcats were not even close to finishing their half of the inning.

Still with two outs, Lizzie Alt drove the ball into right field and reached on an error. Parker scored

on the play. She stole second during the subsequent at bat of Julia Mongold. Mongold has been on an offensive tear recently and in this instance, collected an RBI on a double – then scored on Kate Hedrick's first pitch triple to center.

Still with two outs, Vincell picked up a double. Hedrick scored on a passed ball during her at bat, setting the score at 9-4.

Townsend returned to bat after Nataley Hedrick laid down a bunt that sent Mitts (running for Vincell) to third. Hedrick used her speed to out hustle the play and reach first safely. Townsend's hit to center scored yet another run and put Nataley Hedrick on third. Two batters later after Smith earned a walk, Beachler reached on a fielder's choice play that scored Hedrick and loaded the bases.

Parker and Alt both walked, each time pushing in a run. Mongold followed with a base loaded double to pick up two RBIs and extend the lead to 16-4.

The Wildcats, after the astounding 15 run inning, all with two outs, would also see Townsend tossing two scoreless innings, only allowing one hit.

Pendleton County 6 Tucker County 1

The Wildcats have kept the Mountain Lions tame all year. In this game, Beachler's arm served as the unstoppable force, ably backed up by her team's defense.

She was the picture of efficiency in the first, striking out each batter in turn.

Once again, the Pendleton County offense got a fast start. Townsend hit a line drive home run off of a two ball and two strike pitch to lead off the game for the Wildcats.

From there, at least for a time, the game turned into a pitchers' duel. Tucker County picked up their

sole run in the top of the third, but still could not register a hit. Beachler got the Mountain Lions to go down in order in the fourth and fifth innings.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats pulled into the lead in the bottom of the fifth as Parker doubled to left and sent Beachler home. The bottom of the sixth saw Pendleton County add a generous amount of insurance, scoring four runs.

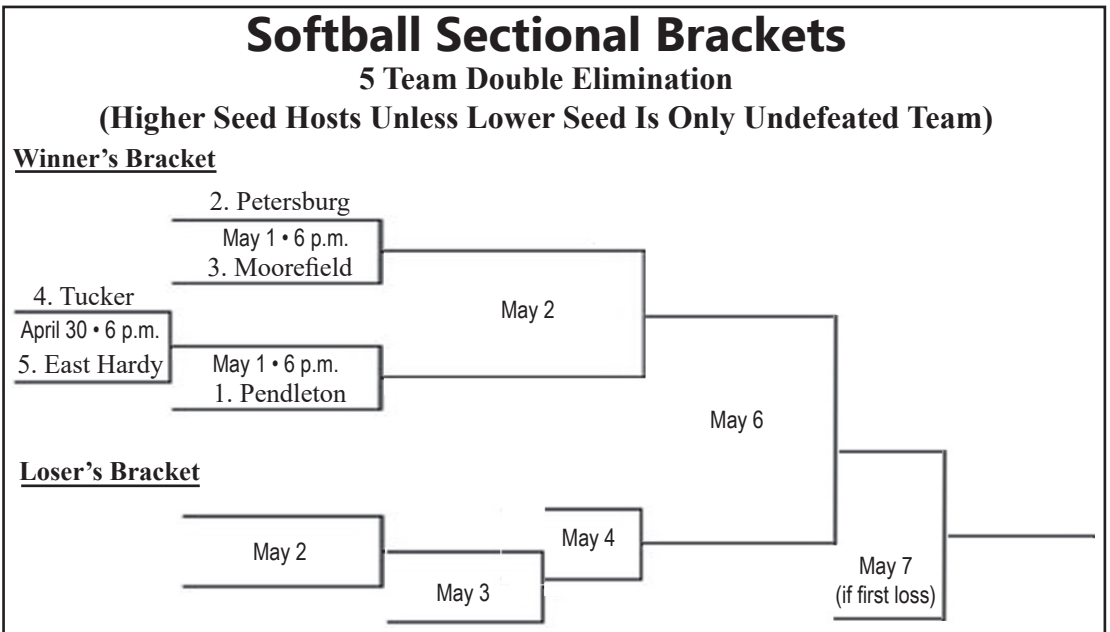
Beachler then picked up two strikeouts and a ground ball out to secure both the win and her no-hitter.

Over seven innings, she struck out 16 Mountain Lions

Pendleton County 10 East Hardy 0

The recipe for success last week almost always included fast starts and the visit to Baker proved no exception. Townsend led off the game by driving a home run to right field. Next, in the top of the third, she scored on a Smith double to center to push the lead to 2-0. This was followed by a Beachler walk and Parker bunting into a fielders' choice to drive in the run. Alt followed that with a triple to right to drive in Beachler and Parker, setting the score at 5-0.

Pendleton County would go on to take two in the fourth and three in the sixth to earn a statement victory in the final game of the season.



MEET THE CANDIDATES

Family Court Judge



Jeffrey Roth

Judge Jeffrey Roth is seeking re-election for Family Court Judge 25th Circuit.

He was born and raised in Grant County and is the son of Cecil and Gloria Roth. He grew up in Scherr and began his education at Maysville Elementary School followed by receiving his high school diploma from Petersburg High. He received a bachelor of arts in history from West Virginia University in 1990 and his Juris Doctorate of Law from Western Michigan Thomas C. Cooley School of Law in 1994.

Upon graduating law school, he began his career with Walters and Krauskopf in Moorefield. In 2001, he formed Roth Legal Services in Petersburg and practiced solo until 2013 when after first serving as assistant prosecutor of Grant County, he won the 2012 election and held the position of Grant County prosecutor for the next four years.

Roth has been married for 37 years to Kim (Hiser) Roth. His wife is the daughter of the late Harold Hiser and Eleanor Hiser. They reside in Petersburg and have three children,

Tiffany (Leiseth) and husband, Sean, Alex, and Max, and two grandchildren, Scarlett and Holden.

He is a member for more than 30 years of the Oak Dale Presbyterian Chapel in Rig, a part of the Moorefield Presbyterian Church, where he has served as deacon and trustee. He served on the Grant Memorial Hospital board of directors for 12 years, from 1998 to 2010, and was appointed the finance committee chairperson. He also coached little league basketball and soccer for 10 years. He is a member of the Petersburg Masonic Lodge.

He began serving as Family Court Judge in May 2017 having been appointed by the governor and went on to win the election in May 2018.

State Senate



Robert Karnes

As the State Senator for the 11th District, Robert Karnes is proud to announce his candidacy for re-election. He has built a legislative record characterized by strong, pro-freedom, conservative values, and a commitment to effective government. Since taking office, his focus has been on championing fiscal responsibility, protecting one's religious freedom, upholding the second amendment rights, improving education, advoca-

ting for school choice, and promoting limited government.

His time in the Senate has been marked by several tax cuts, including securing the largest tax cut in West Virginia history. He has opposed every effort to raise taxes and worked to stop out of control growth in the size of state government. This commitment reflects his belief in empowering individuals and businesses to thrive without government interference. He will continue working to foster a climate of economic freedom, job growth and regulatory reform.

Karnes has been a vocal proponent of school choice, supporting initiatives that provide parents and students with alternatives to traditional public education systems. This stance underscores his belief in the power of education to change lives and the need for a system that accommodates diverse learning needs and preferences.

At the same time, he has worked to increase local control of the public education system. He has supported several pay raises for teachers and school employees, supported efforts to increase parental engagement in the public schools and worked to end misguided top down mandates like Common Core and SBAC testing.

The second amendment rights have been enhanced in numerous ways, including constitutional carry and eliminating sales tax on firearms. He helped pass the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and enacted legislation that closed the only abortion clinic in West Virginia. He wrote the first draft on West Virginia's Pro-Life Amendment 1 and then co-sponsored it with State Senator Patricia Rucker.

Karnes' legislative record is not just a list of bills and votes but demonstrates his dedication to the principles of smaller government, personal freedom, and economic opportunity.

He is honored by the trust

citizens have placed in him. Together, the course towards a future defined by fiscal discipline, educational excellence, and the preservation of one's freedoms can be maintained.

Karnes looks forward to the privilege of serving one in the West Virginia State Senate for another term.



Robbie Morris

Robbie Morris is a Republican candidate for the West Virginia State Senate, District 11, which covers Braxton, Webster, Upshur, Barbour, Randolph, Pendleton, and Pocahontas counties. He is married to his wife, Whitney, and they have two daughters, Elin and Tinley. He is the economic development director for Randolph County. He graduated from Elkins High School and West Virginia Wesleyan College with a master's degree in business administration.

He is a lifelong conservative, led by his Christian faith, who is Pro-Life, Pro-Guns, and Pro-Jobs. He believes in smaller government, lower taxes, fiscal responsibility, and that the children deserve an education that prepares them for success. The trend of our young people leaving the state to find opportunities must be stopped.

Morris has dedicated his career to improving economies and communities throughout West Virginia. He believes in a team approach, working collaboratively with other organizations, and all levels

of government to ensure the citizens and communities have every opportunity for success. As chairman of the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council, he works with the West Virginia Office of Broadband to expand high speed internet to all corners of West Virginia. As vice chairman of the Region VII Planning and Development Council, he works with public and private sector representatives to improve and expand the local infrastructure such as water and sewer services, receive grants for public services, and so much more. He works closely with the West Virginia Division of Highways on projects such as Corridor H, industrial access roads for economic development, and roadway upgrades to handle increasing traffic. Allegheny Mountain must be made safer by upgrading safety infrastructure between the top of the mountain and Seneca Rocks.

He is not a polished politician, but a simple public servant. He is known for bringing people together to solve the issues of the day, by building consensus, and taking a team-work approach. West Virginia has taken great steps forward in the past several years, but there is much more work to be done. The state needs leaders dedicated to local communities and the people of this state to take residents to the next level. He believes he is that leader.



Mandy Smith Weirich

Mandy Smith Weirich is the Democratic candidate for West Virginia State Senate District 11.

She has lived a life of service for her entire adult life; from her first career as a police officer in her twenties to her career as a social worker in West Virginia for the last 15 plus years. As a military spouse, service and sacrifice have always been

facts of her daily life. Weirich is running because women are capable of making their own medical decisions, including IVF treatments, birth control, and abortion care, without politicians interfering. The state's children deserve a public education that prepares them for the modern workforce. Public education should prepare them to pursue technical jobs as well as higher education. If kids want to someday work at the neuroscience institute or have their own electrical or plumbing business, they should know it is possible through education.

As an adult protective services worker, she learned how many state agencies and programs operate on the front lines. She saw how important it is to have access to health insurance and to plan financially for the future. She also saw the need for affordable housing, transportation, and food security for the state's seniors and people with disabilities. Unfortunately, there are far too few resources for older adults and their families. She remains committed to working toward improving the lives of seniors and vulnerable adults in West Virginia. Her experiences will inform her policy stances and decisions, which will be to put the people first.

For too long flat budgets have essentially cut funding to public education, senior services, the state police, and the division of highways. A flat budget doesn't account for increased costs to run these agencies or improvement in wages and benefits to draw a workforce. The minimum wage has been stagnant for years. Instead of fighting culture wars, legislators are needed that are willing to fight for the people.

Weirich serves on the Meals on Wheels of Randolph County board, Highland Community Builders and National Adult Protective Services Association policy committee, and is a member of the Randolph County Democratic Executive Committee. She is a social work educator at West Virginia University and a member of AFT Academics. She has a bachelor's degree from St. Leo University, a master's degree in social work and a graduate certificate in gerontology from West Virginia University.

She and her husband, Ryan, live in Elkins and have two adult children.

PENDLETON COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Track Regionals - May 8-11 State - May 17 & 18	Softball Sectionals - May 1-3 Regionals - May 13-18 State - May 22 & 23	Baseball Sectionals - May 8 - 10 Regionals - May 20-25 State - May 30 - June 1	1 HS Baseball Petersburg 6:00 (H) Track 4:00 (A) East Hardy	2 MS Baseball Petersburg 5:30 (H)	3 HS Baseball Southern Garrett 4:00 (A)	4 MS Baseball Terra-Alta-East Preston (DH) 1:00 (H)
5 Sports Banquet 3:00	6 MS Baseball Tygarts Valley 4:30 (A)	7 MS GSA Reading Track (A) East Hardy	8 MS GSA Math	9 MS GSA Science SBCTC Graduation 6:30 Senior Exams	10 MS GSA Makeup Day	11 MS Baseball Philippi (DH) 1:00 (H)
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12 "Shape of the Grave" Drama 6:00 	13 Senior Awards Ceremony 1:00	14 NO SCHOOL	15 Flight Squad Assembly	16 Kona Ice (lower parking lot)	17 6th Grade Orientation Graduation Practice 9:00 Baccalaureate Refreshments 6:00 Ceremony 6:30	18 Graduation 10 a.m.
19	20 MS Trip To Green Bank	21 MS Trip To Pool	22	23 HS 4th 9-Weeks Attendance Reward Trip to Pool Last Day To Turn In Chromebooks, Hotspots, Etc.	24 EARLY RELEASE LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	25
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New SMART59 'Fund the Future' \$15,000 Sweepstakes Launched

State Treasurer Riley Moore visited Warwood School in Wheeling April 10 to announce his office's new SMART529 "Fund the Future" Sweepstakes that will award one West Virginia child \$15,000 in college savings.

"I was proud to kick off our exciting SMART529 Fund the Future Sweepstakes in the Northern Panhandle and speak to Warwood students about the importance of saving for higher education," Moore said. "It is critical to invest in our state's children as they are the future leaders of our communities. I encourage all eligible West Virginia families to enter our sweepstakes for a chance to win a huge boost to your child's education savings."

Fund the Future is a statewide sweepstakes that will award one lucky West Virginia child \$15,000 deposited directly into a SMART529 account. To

enter the sweepstakes, parents or legal guardians must submit an online entry form at www.wvtreasury.com/fundthefuture.

To be eligible entries must be completed by a parent or legal guardian; child must be 17 or younger; child and parent or legal guardian must be a resident of West Virginia; only one entry per eligible child permitted; and multiple children in a household may be entered to win.

Entries must be submitted by May 22. To enter the sweepstakes or view the official rules, visit www.wvtreasury.com/fundthefuture. The winner of the sweepstakes will be randomly selected and announced in the following weeks.

SMART529, West Virginia's college savings plan, is consistently ranked as one of the top plans in the nation by SavingForCollege.com. The tax-advantaged savings

plan helps families save for eligible education expenses and can be used to cover the cost of traditional four- and two-year college expenses, accredited vocational and trade schools, as well as graduate and doctoral programs.

Over the past 22 years, the program has expanded to be more accessible for families. SMART529 accounts can be opened for as little as \$1, and the Bright Babies program has helped more than 6,500 West Virginia infants receive \$100 for an account opened before their first birthday.

SMART529 is a qualified tuition program issued by the board of trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs and administered by Hartford Funds.

Complete information about SMART529 plans and investment options is available at www.SMART529.com.

Sheriff Candidate Nesselrodt Sentenced

By Stephen Smoot

A verdict and sentence came down in Pendleton County Magistrate Court last week in the case styled State v. Joshua T. Nesselrodt.

Charges were filed last year "on or about" Sept. 13, with the sheriff of Pendleton County listed as the lead agency on the case. Nesselrodt plead not guilty on Sept. 14.

His case that came before Donnie L. Kopp II, Pendleton County magistrate, was a bench trial. Criminal cases that come before

the magistrate court may take the form of a jury trial. Every criminal defendant with a misdemeanor case that comes before a magistrate court in the State of West Virginia has the right to demand a jury trial, according to the West Virginia Judiciary website.

Nesselrodt was tried on one count of domestic battery, was found guilty, and received a sentence of six months of a suspended sentence in jail and six months of unsupervised probation. The sentence began on April 22, the day that the magistrate handed down the verdict.

WIC Announces May Schedule

During the month of May, Pendleton County WIC Clinic will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. Limited services are also available from 2 to 4 p.m. on other days of the week. Call for details.

Pendleton County participants can receive services in Petersburg if alternate days or evening appointments

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Special thank you to Pendleton Manor for the care you gave mom in the short time she lived there.

Thank you to Pendleton Community Care and Pendleton Home Health for all the home care you gave mom over the past few years.

Thank you to Julie Koontz for making mom even more beautiful than she already was.

Thank you for all the food, gifts, phone calls, messages, cards, money, flowers, memorial donations and last, but not least—the prayers. They have certainly been appreciated.

We apologize if we have missed anyone—Thank you again.

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Request for Proposal (RFP)

Notice of available funding to serve as the One-Stop Operator for the eight-county local workforce development area of Region VII.

The Region VII Workforce Development Board is soliciting bids for the One-Stop Operator. Deadline for bids is 5/24/2024.

Interested parties can review the RFPs at: <https://wvregion7workforce.org/resources/policies/> 5-2-2c

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Telephone: (304) 926-0495
Fax: (304) 926-0463

GENERAL WV/NPDES MULTI-SECTOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES
WV/NPDES PERMIT NO. WV0111457

Public Notice No.: SM-38-2024

Publication: Statewide/
West Virginia Press Association

Publication Date: April 26, 2024

The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Multi-Sector Water Pollution Control Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges associated with industrial activity from industrial categories determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to surface waters of the state for industrial operations.

It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5)-year term. All facilities covered under the existing general permit within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the reissued general permit will be required to submit a new registration form to obtain coverage under the new Multi-Sector Stormwater Permit.

The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: <https://dep.wv.gov/WVE/Programs/stormwater/multi-sector/Pages/home.aspx>. Hard copies can be mailed upon request.

The comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 26, 2024 and ends on May 31, 2024.

During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and/or request a public hearing. Comments and/or a request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and addressed to:

Director
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Sharon Mullins
Phone: (304) 926-0499,
Extension 43808
E-mail: sharon.a.mullins@wv.gov

The request shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must be received within the comment period. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever he or she finds there is a significant degree of public interest in issues relevant to the draft permit.

For more information, contact Sharon Mullins at the email address or phone number listed above.

Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. 1c

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 May 2, 2024. Deadline for claims is July 1, 2024.

Delmas Ray Hose, Jr. Estate - Michelle Connor, Administratrix;

Ina Jean Evick Estate - Lee Roy Evick, Jr., Executor;

Frances Warner Von-Schilling Estate - Crystal Warner Gibson, Executrix;

Ruth A. Grapes Estate - Sherry Pennington, Executrix;

Harold Stuart Cupp Estate - Michael Stuart Cupp, Executor;

Shirley Marie Sites Estate - Donna M. Bennett, Executrix.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 26, 2024.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 5-2-2c

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

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

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

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

Decedent: **Harley Leo Propst, Rockingham County, VA**

Filed by: **Leo Propst, Son, Rockingham, VA**

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 26, 2024.

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 June 11, 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):

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Chronic Wasting Disease Confirmed in Jefferson Co.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced that chronic wasting disease has been confirmed in four white-tailed deer in Jefferson County.

"Jefferson County has been part of the CWD containment area for several years because it lies adjacent to CWD-positive counties in West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland," said Paul Johansen, chief of the wildlife resources section. "While there is no evidence that CWD is harmful to humans, it is important that hunters abide by the carcass transport regulations to ensure the proper wildlife management and reduce risk factors that may affect our deer population."

Jefferson County is the first new West Virginia county to detect CWD-positive deer since 2018. Previously, positive cases were identified in Berkeley, Mineral, Morgan and Hampshire counties.

The WVDNR has implemented restrictions on baiting and feeding deer and on transporting high-risk carcass parts out of the CWD containment area to reduce the risk the disease will be further spread by human actions. Baiting and feeding deer have been unlawful in Jefferson County since 2015, and the presence of CWD in the county further adds to the importance of not feeding deer. The WVDNR has also implemented deer carcass transport restrictions in Jefferson County because of the detection of CWD.

A full list of deer carcass transport regulations can be found on page 13 of the 2023-2024 Hunting Regulations Summary. These restrictions will remain in effect for the 2024 deer hunting seasons. Questions should be directed to the WVDNR District 2 office at (304) 822-3551.

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Public Notice

Please take notice that the

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

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

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

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

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Cortland Foundation Announces Photography Competition

The Cortland Foundation in Thomas is thrilled to announce the launch of its annual photography contest, inviting talented photographers from all backgrounds to showcase their creativity and vision.

The photography contest aims to celebrate the beauty of life and the resilience of the human spirit through captivating images. The theme chosen for this year's competition is "Changes." Fourteen winners will be selected by esteemed judge, Frank Ceravalo, a prominent West Virginia photographer based in Martinsburg. Selected photographs will be transformed into stunning 45 x 30-inch prints and prominently displayed in the Cortland Rehab wing for one year, offering inspiration and joy to residents, staff and visitors alike.

"After a challenging period, we believe in the power of art to uplift and inspire," says Crystal Boone, foundation director. "Through this photography contest, we hope to foster creativity, community, and connection, while also supporting the vital work of the Cortland Foundation."

In addition to large-scale prints, a concentrated display area will be added to the Pendleton Lounge situated in the Blackwater Short-Term Rehab Center common area. The gallery will include 22 feet of wall space and showcase different sizes and orientations to allow for even more local images and regional talent to be on display. There is no specified number of images to be selected and the gallery will be curated by this year's contest judge and the Cortland Foundation.

Following the one-year exhibition period, the prints will be offered for sale with all proceeds benefiting the Cortland Foundation's mission to enhance the quality of life for residents and support essential programs

and services.

Photographers interested in participating are invited to submit their images through the Cortland Acres website at <http://blackwater.cortlandacres.org/>. Submissions will be accepted through May 31. Participants are encouraged to review the contest rules and guidelines available on the website. Questions may be directed to David Johnston at dsjohnstonWV@gmail.com. Photographers of the winning images will be notified by mid-July. Unveiling of the exhibition will occur during the ARTober Fest Oct. 4 - 6 at Timberline Resort.

Ceravalo chose the theme "Changes" with hope of seeing images that reflect transitions, movement, contrasts or evolutions. The full description for the theme is located within the rules and guidelines on the Cortland Acres website.

Ceravalo's passion for photography and keen eye for detail will undoubtedly enrich the judging process. All photographs submitted will be judged on criteria such as creativity, composition, technical proficiency and adherence to the contest theme. His expertise will play a pivotal role in selecting the winning photographs.

"We are excited to see the diverse perspectives and stories captured through the lens of talented photographers," adds Boone. "Together, we can create a gallery of beauty and inspiration that celebrates the human experience."

Lots to Love Opens Doors



The Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce celebrated a new business opening last week. Pictured, from left, are Brooke Alt, Bridgett Curry and Breanna Hartman, owners of both businesses within, Elizabeth Scott, chamber director, and Bob Horan, Franklin mayor.

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