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Local Native Wins Miss West Virginia USA, Sets Sights on National Stage

By Stephen Smoot

If Pendleton County adores one kind of event more than any other, that would probably be pageants.

Other areas have a few here and there, but here pageantry serves as part of the culture. Young women and girls line up to compete with nervous parents or family members supporting and cheering them on. Organizations and individuals put on first class events that often help to raise needed money for a broad spectrum of causes.

And in two months, a product of Pendleton County pageantry will ascend into the national spotlight to compete for one of the world's biggest crowns.

On May 31 and June 1, Franklin native Caylie Simmons competed with other young women from across the state to earn the Miss West Virginia USA title and the right to represent the Mountain State in the August nationals. The road to that success, however, took a long time and countless hours of work.

Simmons shared that "I've been doing pageants since I was seven years old." From local beginnings, the West Virginia University graduate and dental hygienist learned to shine on stage.

She explained that the local pageant culture "is really strong because we come from an area that is very rural." Since few extracurricular activities present themselves to young people, those that are well-organized

and executed serve as a huge draw.

"People look forward to them," Simmons said, adding that "they become invested." Additionally, those who earn titles and other accolades receive community respect and admiration. Major title contenders and winners especially, such as those who do well at the Treasure Mountain Festival, Tri-County Fair, and West Virginia Poultry Festival, are "seen as role models in our county," she said.

Not unlike the experience that many have with Future Farmers of America, competing in pageants puts young women in front of crowds, asks them to represent themselves, their families, and their schools well, and learn needed life skills to do well.

"The first thing is to challenge yourself," Simmons said. One of the most daunting aspects for anyone, especially beginners, lies in "putting yourself up there to be judged." Those who compete regularly, she stated, develop confidence, learn public speaking, and can make friends and connections throughout the state, depending on where they enter.

Simmons at 16 won the Treasure Mountain Queen title and also placed as first runner-up at the Tri-County Fair. She also took the West Virginia Poultry Festival crown. More than 30 crowns have graced Simmons' head throughout the years.

But the "big one," as she describes it, was Pendleton County High School Queen. Sim-Continued on Page 3



Pendleton County pageant veteran Caylie Simmons takes a moment to process winning her state title

Do Not Fear, Even Though Giant Flying Spiders May Almost Be Here

By Stephen Smoot

The national media marked the arrival of the native Chinese Joro spider to the Northeastern United States with typical breathless irresponsibility. Headlines screaming about giant flying venomous spiders terrified readers last week, but missed the mark on accuracy.

David Nelson, a professor of biology at Southern Adventist University, told WRAL in North Carolina that "this is one of those things that checks all of the boxes for public hysteria."

Joro spiders, which can grow up to eight inches in size, arrived in the United States in 2013 aboard a cargo ship that docked in Georgia. Since then, the nearly hand sized arachnids have found the Peach State an agreeable home.



arrived in Georgia, and is spreading throughout the Eastern United

The bright yellow, blue, and black orb weavers carry a rather weak venom. Despite their size, their miniscule teeth cannot penetrate the skin of a human being or conventional pets.

Andy Davis, a research-

er from the University of Georgia, wrote in a study that "it looks like the Joros could probably survive throughout most of the Eastern Seaboard." Unlike other large insect species, the Joros have a 77 percent higher metabolism and heart rate that enables them to withstand cold.

He also wrote that "these spiders are really more afraid of you than the reverse." They thrive in urban areas, but avoid the inside of man-made structures, such as residences.

Joro spiders travel in two main ways. They move from place to place as travelers on human vehicles but they also, Spider Man like, can manufacture parachutes from their webs. Using this means of locomotion, they can travel on the wind as

Naturally shy toward humans, the Joro spiders have a voracious appetite for any and all insects. They will eat butterflies, moths, stinkbugs, mosquitoes, and any other insect that lands in their web.

The biggest threat they pose seems to be to other species of spiders. David Coyle of Clemson University wrote that though nonaggressive, they displace native spider species, but scientists are not clear how or why.

Some reports indicate that the Joro spider first entered West Virginia in

Successful Rescue of Seneca Rocks Climber

One of the wild, if not always wonderful, aspects of adventure tourism comes when participants seeking extreme experiences succumb to the risk and danger inherent in pushing the limits.

Fortunately, when accidents happen, the highly trained, experienced, and dedicated crews of various Pendleton County emergency services departments have a long track record of successful rescues and lives saved.

Last Friday at 1:29 p.m. according to Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, Pendleton 911 received a call and dispatched first responders to Seneca Rocks.

The climber had fallen from an unreported height and required both extraction and

treatment for injuries. Seneca Rocks Volunteer Fire Department, an ambulance and the tactical team from Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, employees from the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. For-



Emergency services and civilians combined to successfully conduct a five-hour rescue on Seneca Rocks last week.

est Service Law Enforcement, and Health Net 6 all provided the professional response.

Seneca Rocks mountain guides and other experts assisted the efforts of emergency

The climber's location re-

precision effort to extract and stabilize him. Emergency services had to belay him to a safer area for initial treatment.

Approximately five hours after the call to 911, Health Net 6 started the transport of the patient to Ruby Memorial quired both a lengthy and Hospital in Morgantown.

Friends of the Library Work On Summer Programming

By Stephen Smoot

As school lets out for the summer, the excitement at the Pendleton County Library ramps up. Programs put on by the library and the Friends of the Library aim to give kids a variety of entertaining and educational options to bring them out.

Rhonda Nash, president of the Friends, called the meeting to order at 4:30 last Tuesday in the basement of the library. They generally meet on the first Tuesday of the month at this time and day, but will skip in July.

The day's priority lay in finalizing discussions about the summer reading program and also the party planned at its conclusion.

In his library report, Walt Johnson noted that summer plans had finalized. "Our plans are lining up," he said. "We have presenters for every week in the seven-week period." He added that that the end of summer party would take place on July 27 between 1 and 3 p.m.

The library will be closed on the day of the event. Both the Friends of the Library and Johnson envisioned something bigger than just a party, however. Johnson described his ideal as an

"indoor/outdoor fair on a very large scale." It will include Tim's Food Truck, chalk art, bubble making, a ring toss, a black light art wall, and more fun and creative games for attendees. Johnson stated that "it's been way too quiet for too long since the pandemic," and also shared that

"anyone who wants to volunteer in any way" for

the fair or summer reading program, "is welcome."

Needs include adults to help chaperone.

The group also discussed ordering cupcakes for the fair. Nash suggested that they wait and gauge interest during the summer and decide on how many to order later.

Also, the library will hold a reading raffle. Each child who reads for 15 minutes will get a ticket placed in a jar to be drawn for prizes.

Johnson also reported that, in anticipation of a large order of children's books, that other juvenile selections from the same subject matter would be sorted and pulled from the shelves. New books include nonfiction works on science and history, as well as books aimed at middle school aged children, "giving kids ideas on what they may want to be when they grow up."

Also removed from the shelves will be the entire collection of hard copy National Geographic magazines. All will be donated to another facility to make room for other works. Johnson explained that the National Geographic website made all copies available for free online.

Generous donations of books have also started accumulating at the library as volunteers strive to sort them into what goes out for sale and what stays at the library. Johnson and the Friends agreed to request that those dropping off donations do so in the parking lot in the rear of the building. Otherwise, volunteers must navigate the stairs with heavy loads of books.

Many of the books will go into the Treasure Mountain Festival sale this coming fall.

Hours were also set for the book sale during

Post 9666 To Meet

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

Morrisey's Staff To Visit Tuesday

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

Presbyterians To Host VBS

Circleville Presbyterian Church will be hosting Scuba Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 17 - 21 for children ages 4 to 18. Van pickup at 9 a.m. and drop off at 12:45 p.m. will be available at base of Big Mountain, Brethren Church, Big Run Chapel and Riverton store or children may be dropped off at the church at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, call Nancy at 724-662-5369.

Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Yokum's Vacationland be sponsoring evening "Lunch on Us" meal for seniors aged 60+ from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 21 at the Franklin Senior Center. To reserve a free meal, call 304-358-2421 by 2 p.m. on June 18.

The senior center will be closed June 19 and 20.

TMF Board of **Directors To Meet**

The Treasure Mountain Festival board of directions will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in the meeting room at the bowling alley in Franklin.

VBS Planned at High Rock Church

High Rock Church is ready to set sail on The Great Jungle Journey Vacation Bible School from 6 - 8:30 p.m. June 23 - 27. Join the group as one travels from Genesis to Revelation with lessons, meals, crafts, songs, games, and science experiments each day. If one has not registered, call 304-567-2213 and leave name, grade, and

t-shirt size.

much as 100 miles.

2022.



Lois Carol Murphy Huffman

Lois Carol Murphy Huffman, 81, of Ft. Seybert passed away at her home on June 6, 2024, surrounded by her family, after a 17-year battle with cancer.

She was born Oct. 2, 1942, in Baltimore, Maryland, during World War II while her father was working in the shipyards. She was a daughter of the late Earl Newton and Dora Belle (Hartman) Murphy.

After the war, her family returned to Franklin and she graduated from Franklin High School in 1960.

After high school, she moved to Washington, DC, where she met Wayne A. Huffman of Riverton, who became her husband of 59 years on April 1, 1961. They made their home in Washington, DC, and then Maryland.

Mrs. Huffman graduated from Prince George's Community College in 1981 with a degree in nursing. She was employed by Prince George Community Hospital as an orthopedic registered nurse for about a year. Upon her husband's retirement from the District of Columbia Fire Department, the family moved back to Pendleton County and built their home in 1982 in Ft. Seybert. She then began work at the Pendleton Nursing Home for four years until she became employed by the Committee

on Aging for 10 years before retiring in 2000.

She was instrumental in writing and obtaining grants for South Fork Fire Department, assisting them in getting much needed equipment and trucks. She served on the Pendleton County Historical Society Board for 15 years.

She loved genealogy and took pride in compiling histories and information for many generations of their families. In her earlier years, she loved to read and paint oil landscapes. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Her husband preceded her in death on July 27, 2020.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a son, Barry Alan Huffman of Fort Seybert; a daughter, Jennifer Ann Huffman Dudley (Garrett) of Gordonsville, Virginia; five grandchildren Ashley Huffman of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Samantha Huffman (Josh) of Appomattox, Virginia, Christopher Huffman (Hannah) of Franklin, Sidney Gillis (David) of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Thomas Carr (Beck) of Richmond, Virginia; two great-grandchildren, Myles Huffman and June Gillis; and a sister-in-law, Ethel (Gerald) Murphy.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Grayson Earl Murphy and Gerald Hartman Murphy.

Funeral services were held Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Kyle Apple, David Hartman, and Betty Kimble officiating. Interment was at North Fork Memorial Cemetery in

Memorials may be made to Pendleton County Historical Society, c/o Richard Ruddle, 5653 Buffalo Hills Road, Franklin, WV 26807.

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



Phyllis Romaine Waddy

Phyllis Romaine Waddy, 89 of Petersburg went to be with her Lord on June 6, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on May 19, 1935, at Landes and was a daughter of the late Pinkney "Pink" Alt and Cleo (Cook) Alt.

Mrs. Waddy was a 1953 graduate of Petersburg High School. She was a cashier at the former A & P Store in Petersburg during the 1950s and 1960s.

She was a lifelong farm girl and homemaker. Her joy was taking care of dayto-day operations on the farm and spending time with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Another joy was attending the Alt and Kimble Reunion every year. She was known for her thoughtfulness throughout the com-

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She was a faithful member of Bethel Church of the Brethren where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School for about 60 years. She enjoyed gospel

Her loving husband of 64 years. John Harman Waddy, survives. They were married on May 1, 1960.

Also surviving are a daughter, Beth Harman Waddy; a son, William Wade "Bill" Waddy, IV, and wife, Norma; five grandchildren, Rebecca (Levi) Holler, Ethan (Brittany) Ours, Allison (Kyle) Burgess, MariAnn Waddy and William Waddy, V; eight great-grandchildren, Anniston Ours, Korbin Burgess, Braylin Ours, Kain Burgess, Kreed Burgess, Bvron Holler, Lou Holler and Ensley Ours; and a sister, Venus Stump of Baltimore, Maryland.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald

A private graveside service and burial was at the Harman Family Cemetery in Petersburg.

Memorials may be made to Bethel Church, c/o Myra Huffman, 3330 Franklin Pike, Petersburg, WV

Arrangements were by Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg.

Charles Eugene Bates

Charles Eugene Bates, 77, of Sugar Grove departed his earthly home unexpectedly on June 5, 2024, at his home.

He was born Oct. 11, 1946, the eldest of three children of the late Eugene W. Bates and Florence

Mr. Bates was the proverbial Jack of all trades, able to tackle tasks of all sorts.

He was employed in Franklin at Bowman's Hardware and Pendleton County Library, as well as keeping his farm in good shape. On April 3, 1979, he married Virginia (Wildermuth)

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his treasured family, a daughter, Naomi S. Bates (Sarah); a grandson, Daniel E. Hicks; two granddaughters, Susie R. and Nyla R. Bates; a brother, Douglas Bates (Elizabeth); a sister, Emily Clancy (Bruce); nephews; and a niece.

A graveside service was held Saturday at the Bates Family Cemetery on the farm with Pastor Jerry Smith officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Pendleton County Library, PO Box 519, Franklin, WV 26807 or PAWS, PO Box 804, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

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Truth in Food Labeling Act Passed Miss West Virginia Continued From Page 1

By Jessica Hoover, Pendleton County Extension Agent -Agriculture and Natural Resources

On March 9, the West Virginia House of Delegates passed House Bill 5349, otherwise known as the Truth in Food Labeling Act. This bill was approved by the governor on March 27 and became effective June 7. This bill defines and establishes the language that can be used on labels for plant based, analogue, or cell-cultured food products, and establishes what is considered "misbranded" for these products.

Analogue products are defined by this bill as a food product made by combining processed plant products, insects, or fungus with food additives in order to resemble characteristics of an egg, egg product, fish, fishery product, meat, meat food product, poultry, or poultry product. Analogue products must be labeled as such, using the language "analogue," "meatless," "plant-based," "made from plants," or similar, but accurate terms.

Cell-cultured products are defined as a food product made by harvesting animal cells and artificially or chemically replicating those cells in a laboratory to produce tissue that

resembles characteristics of an egg, egg, product, fish, fishery product, meat, meat food product, poultry, or poultry product. Cell-cultured products must contain the language "Cellcultured," "Lab-grown," or similar, but accurate language. Another important definition to note is the difference between what is considered "food" and a "food product." Analogue or cell-cultured products do not fall under the definition of "food," but rather "food products." The bill defines "food" as any egg, egg product, fish, fishery product, meat, meat food product, poultry, or poultry product.

While the key topic of this bill is labeling of alternative food products, there are other requirements for food labeling included. Labels must include dietary properties, complete ingredient list, including flavoring, coloring, and preservatives, information on pesticide use if applicable, implications if used as an ingredient of another food or food product and nutritional information. This bill aims to provide transparency and clarity for consumers when making choices regarding their food and food products.

The full text of the bill can be found online at https://www wvlegislature.gov/.

mons stated that she was happy to hear that it had returned

after the pandemic. To enter the Miss West Virginia USA competition, a young

lady needs to hold a title. Simmons entered on the strength of winning Fairmont's Three Rivers Festival pageant. Wining a crown such as that provides help in that the festival sponsored Simmons in the Miss West Virginia USA event. Simmons' road to the state title did not come easily, but

with perseverance and faith. She had competed three times prior to winning this year. In her winning effort, she decided to relax, enjoy the experience, and live by the maxim, "if this is for me, it won't pass me by." Competitors must score well in three categories - the in-

favorite, Simmons didn't hesitate, answering, "Definitely the interview." She explained that it helps the judges "to know you personally and make a connection." Also, the contestant can share their passions in life and "know your inner beauty rather than your outer beauty." Winning Miss West Virginia USA comes with a responsibility to serve. For the dental hygienist, the cause of

promoting youth dental health in West Virginia just came naturally. She created a program called "Miles For Smiles" in which she will take dental health education and donated supplies to at least one school in each of the state's 55 counties. Simmons' goal lies in "educating on the importance of

taking care of teeth and oral health in general." She has already started reaching out to businesses and nonprofits Every pageant winner achieves their goal only through hard work and preparation. Simmons has "top notch spon-

and also focus on maintaining her health and fitness properly to be "the healthiest version of myself that I can be." "I'm a pretty good example of chasing your dream," Simmons stated, elaborating by saying "I had doubts in myself

eyes on that goal." She added that "when it's your time, it will happen. It's

Family tragedy also motivated her to continue to work

"It's important to know," she said, "that often people

Simmons will compete on national television for the Miss

to get supplies needed for the project.

and wanted to give up," but "if you have a goal, keep your

all God's timing."

hard and do the best she could at her love. She shared how she lost her brother when she was 20 and he was only five years her senior. Simmons described him as her biggest fan, telling her that someday she would be Miss West Virginia USA, then Miss USA. For those young Pendleton County ladies who aspire to

follow in her footsteps, Simmons advises to be "unique."

think girls should strictly be pageant girls." Simmons said that she benefited from a "multifaceted" childhood with 'lots of hobbies" because "it makes a pageant girl unique." This pageant girl could share her dedication to teaching, as well as her appreciation of the bounty of recreational opportunities in Pendleton County, such as her loves of hiking and fishing.

USA title on Aug. 4.

DAR Attend State Conference The 119th state conference of the West Virginia Society of the the school to help with the installation of a new HVAC unit and

Daughters of the American Revolution was held April 5-7 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg.

This year's theme was "125 Years and Counting," and emphasized the work done relating to the goal of supporting education. The meeting was hosted by the eastern district chapters and presided over by Jane J. Larke, West Virginia state regent. Distinguished guests included Nancy Schirm Wright, organizing secretary general, NSDAR, Morgan Elliot, vice president general, NSDAR, Kelly Van Wormer, Michigan state regent, and Mernie Crane, Maryland state regent.

The conference is held each year to receive reports from state officers, district directors, chapter regents and state chairs, to vote on recommendations and resolutions and to act on any

Four members of the South Branch Valley Chapter, NSDAR and one page (granddaughter of a member of the group) attended the meeting. The keynote speaker Friday night was Will Anderson, executive director of the Hindman Settlement School located in Knott County, Kentucky. This school was founded in 1902 by two Kentucky Daughters of the American Revolution. Their goal was to provide an education to students who did not have the opportunity at that time to do so. About 40 years ago, the school transitioned to mainly serving students who struggle with dyslexia. During a severe windstorm on April 1, 2023, a tree fell on one of the main housing buildings on the campus, causing complete destruction of the roof mounted HVAC unit. The West Virginia State Society of the NSDAR gave a major donation to agreed to provide funding for the repair of "Uncle Sol's Cabin," which was damaged in the flood of 2022. Attendees of the conference were invited to attend two "Serv-

ice in Seconds" programs where they created and installed bookplates in books that were donated to the Berkeley Medical Center for their pediatric patients. They also folded small flags to become pocket flags for deployed military personnel and veterans at veteran centers.

The memorial service recognized two former daughters of the local chapter, Margaret Rowe, who passed away in July 2023, and Janie Lester, who passed away this March.

The South Branch Valley Chapter, NSDAR was the recipient of the following awards: excellence in DAR/SAR/SR Relations "Spreading the Sparkles for West Virginia;" donation of a book to the NSDAR library; honoring veterans, third place large chapter; Wreaths Across America participation, number of adult volunteers for veterans and number of volunteer hours for veterans. all honorable mention; providing service to women veterans and providing service to veterans, both first place; service to America reading volunteers, service to America books donated and service to America volunteer hours, all third place; Susan Garrett, Chapter DAR School chair; and Judy Mathias, patriot records project indexing and supporting the President General's Poppy project.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a volunteer service organization dedicated to the preservation of history, promoting patriotism and the education of children. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. DAR volunteers are available and willing to assist with guidance in genealogy research for women interested in becoming a member. For more information, visit the DAR website at www.dar.org, email inquiries to membership@dar.org or contact Bonnie Myers, chapter registrar at khs7377@aol.com.



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sors to help... prepare." She says that they will work on her stage walk, continue to improve her interview techniques,



20 Years Ago Week of June 10, 2004

SUGAR GROVE

Writer Explores What School Days Were Like in 1830s

A typical Pendleton County school in the 1830s was a small, crude log building with the floor being bare earth itself. There were no recesses except for a one-hour lunch intermission. The books used were the English Reader, the Dilworth Speller and Pike's Arithmetic. There were few slates and no blackboard.

A prominent feature in the daily routine was a stock of hickory gads used for "licking the kids." Some behaviors meriting "lickings" were as

Playing cards at school—10

Swearing at school—eight

lickings:

Making swings and swingng on them—seven lickings; Telling lies—seven lickings; Telling tales out of school ight lickings; and

Fighting at school—five

Fifteen school districts were established in compliance with an Act of Assembly. Persons over 20 who could read and write were 2,702, while those who could not were 1,167 within the county. The percentage of illiteracy was 30 percent.

There were also many pro-

- To scrawl on, blot or mark
- •To climb on any fence, railing ladder, etc. about the schoolhouse;
- To play in the playground pefore school;
- To meddle with ink unnecessarily;
- To study home lessons in
- school hours; To leave the hall at any
- time without permission; •To spit on the floor;
- •To have in his possession at school any book without the teacher's knowledge;
- •To throw pens, paper or anything whatever, on the floor or out a window or door; • To quit school without having finished one's work;
- •To mark, cut, scratch, chalk, or otherwise disfigure, injure or defile any portion of the building or anything connected with it.

By 1872, schools that were open less than four months were 20, open five months, 35, and open seven months, one. There were 60 male teachers and four female teachers. The average monthly salaries were \$30.90, with the average number of months taught being 3.32. Time certainly turns the seasons over and over again.

50 Years Ago Week of June 13, 1974

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Raccoons Make Playful Pets

We were writing about raccoons several weeks back before the staff here at our institute took a class from Davis and Elkins College down the Potomac River on a month long study of American History, paddling our canoes from the Potomac's headwaters here in West Virginia all the way to Washington, tracing American History from Indian times to Watergate. In that first article we began our discussion of raccoons. This week shall belatedly finish that discussion.

Before we do, however, a mistake in the last article needs to be corrected. Raccoons do not hibernate as indicated in that article. They enter a deep sleep in the northern areas of their habitat and from this sleep they occasionally rise during the winter and rummage about for food. In the warmer parts of their habitat their sleep patterns are not altered from what they are the rest of the

Generally coons mate for life and once a pair sets up housekeeping together they share the same home year after year until driven out by predators. Because of this, male coons engage actively in the home life, helping to raise the children.

Baby coons are born in April. By June they have grown sufficiently to accompany their parents on nightly forages for food. During these trips in the early summer their favorite food is crayfish and spring frogs.

In fishing for crayfish and frogs the coon is very clever. When a frog hides in the mud at the bottom of a pool, the coon with amazingly dexterous and tactile fingers, probes through the mud, sifting and groping about. The coon works entirely by feel and a frog that escapes this searching must be very elusive. In fishing for crayfish the coon overturns a rock with one paw while holding the other paw ready for the crayfish to back into.

Later in the year coons turn toward vegetables for food as farmers with cornfields know. In eating their corn, coons are often very picky, passing up regular ears and going only for the ripest and best. At other times coons hunt out fruits and nuts. Occasionally they go after bird eggs and sometimes carry this over to a fondness for chickens. When the above delicacies are not available, a coon's staple diet seems to be mice.

In eating, one of the peculiar habits of coons is that they usually wash their food. If water is near a coon almost always takes the food over and washes it thoroughly before eating. This cleanliness stems probably from the fact that much of a coon's favorite food (frogs, crayfish and insects) is often quite dirty and muddy when caught. Such food clearly tastes better with the sand or clay washed off.

Nonetheless, coons are not

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particularly clean animals. They defecate anywhere, while walking like a cow, horse or bear. Audubon, the famous naturalist, tells of a tame coon that had its special way of urinating. "After playing for a short time in a pail of water, it would commonly urinate in it and then upset the pail." As anybody who has had a pet coon knows, they are very playful. In the wilds for instance, instead of running along the ground, they prefer to scamper along the top of a fallen dead tree.

60 Years Ago Week of June 11, 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

Grant Loses 5,000 In Hour at Cold Harbor

"I have always regretted that the last assault on Cold Harbor was ever made," General Ulysses S. Grant wrote in his Memoirs in his life. That battle, fought 100 years ago this week, furnished ample reason for Grant's regret, for seldom in history have so many men been shot down in such a short time to accomplish so little.

Cold Harbor was actually a three-day battle, but it climaxed in one horror-filled hour on the morning of June 3. Five thousand Union soldiers fell within those 60 minutes—many of them shot to death and many others shot down in a "no-man's land" where they bled to death within calling distance of the two fighting armies.

Cold Harbor, itself, was certainly not worth fighting for. A little crossroads just east of Richmond in Virginia (it was neither a harbor or cold), the place somehow became geographically important in the campaign between Grant's army and that of Robert E. Lee. The two armies, while facing and fighting each other, had sideslipped southeastward down from the Rapidan River all through May, and suddenly both Grant and Lee realized that Cold Harbor would be a strategic point to control.

Phil Sheridan, Grant's cavalry leader, reached Cold Harbor first but immediately had to start fighting to keep it, as Lee's army began moving in. Grant ordered his whole army of 113,000 men into the area at top speed, and Lee did the

same with his 78,000. On June 1, as the two armies were converging, Grant launched his first assault at Cold Harbor, and it met a medium of success. His men broke Lee's line, and the Confederates had to fall back. The attack cost Grant 2,200 casualties-far more than Lee's losses—but still there was something of a victory for the Federals.

Next day, June 2, Lee attacked Grant's right and won a minor victory, but still the battle was far from settled. Then Grant ordered an all-out frontal attack against Lee's line for the next morning.

But in the meantime, Lee's army was building a defense to stop the best that Grant could put forth. Entrenchments ran everywhere through the Confederate position, zigzagging in all directions in a maze from which Confederates could pour gunfire into every nook and cranny of the battlefield.

Morning came; a night-long rain ended and out of their lines came thousands upon thousands of Federal soldiers, moving with their guns ready into the field of fire of the Confederates.

It was not just one big bloody battle but, rather, a series of smaller ones-each occupying only a few minutes. The Confederate trenches blazed forth with gunfire as the Federals approached, and the Northerners fell by the hundreds. Caught in the maze, the Federals found that they were running into a crossfire no matter which way they turned. One soldier told of seeing a whole company drop to the ground as if on command—but his company never got up.

After an incredible hour of this, the Federals had had enough. Grant ordered new charges, but they never were quite understood at the front. The men just stood or sat in something of a stupor and did not move.

Cold Harbor cost Grant 12,000 men. Lee lost about one-fourth that number.

Next week: Lincoln renomi-

70 Years Ago Week of June 10, 1954

Telephone Service Extended to Smith Creek, Entry Mountain

Areas

Telephone service has been extended to 47 more families in Pendleton County, Boyd J. Hiser, local C&P Telephone manager, announced here

yesterday. Work was completed last week on a telephone network that extends from Franklin through the Entry Mountain section, across Hall's Hill and up through Smith Creek giving the people in these areas the advantages of the modern dial service that is gradually expanding throughout the county.

The new line which extends all the way past the Goshen School House to the homes of Oscar Lambert and Charles Hartman, Jr., brings the total number of county telephones in the C&P system to 573.

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History of Fairview Methodist Church

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The history of the old Bethel Church dates back to very near the beginning of Methodism in this section, and so far as we know this was the first Methodist Church in the County. Legend tells us that Ferdinand Lair preached the first Methodist sermon in the County in a grove near the Riverside Church of Brandywine. The first recorded date in which Ferdinand Lair is mentioned, he performed the marriage on April 28, 1800, of Jesse Hinkle and Barbara Moser. At this time there was no house of public worship closer than the Propst Church four miles south of Brandywine and this church was the Lutheran faith and built in 1768.

We have no record as to

when the class, as was then called (congregation now) was organized but on March 3, 1821, there was a deed for a plot of land secured from Peachy and Amelia Dyer and the following trustees appointed: Ferdinand Lair, Jesse Hinkle (who was also a preacher), Abram House, Henry Judy and Peachy Dyer. They were instructed to build a house of worship. A little description might not be out of place. The house was about 25 by 30 feet, well ceiled but off the ground at one side about three feet with no wall under it. With only one stove it took lots of fire from the pulpit to keep the congregation in a listening mood on a cold day. The seats were a plain bench with a backrest that caught a tall person at the shoulders, a shorter one at the back of the head, and the little tots with no rest at all frequently fell through backwards.

The lighting system (before oil lamps) was a perforated tin box about six inches square and twelve inches high in which a tallow candle was installed. The time for night services was called "early candle lighting" not 7:30 or 8:00 o'clock.

This building was used by Methodists and Brethren about 80 years. The people needed a better house of worship and on October 16, 1899, secured a deed for the lot on which this Fairview Church now stands, from Allen Dyer and others. Trustees were as follows: H. T. Cowger, J. P. Dyer, James A. Gilkeson, W. C. Miller, J. W. Conrad. They contracted with carpenters to erect this house and at the time of dedication, W. A. Sharp was preacher in charge. A preacher from Baltimore was to dedicate the building but by reason of delays in mail, he failed to appear. Rev. Sharp had to substitute and dedicate the building which has served its purpose for 54 years, after which the demand for improvement and a basement was imperative. With some effort we now have them of which we are proud and thankful.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

It's that time of the year when mama does are leaving their fawns. Some fawns have been noticed with their mom near the roads, so be careful and alert.

This is the last full week of spring. Summer starts on June 20. Put one's red, white and blue flags out this Friday as it is Flag Day.

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, Sandy Washburn, Larry Moyers, Mary Alice Simmons 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, Kathy Puffenbarger, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Gloria Moats, Tim and Dee McCormick, Judy A. Simmons, Nancy Blankenship, Jackie Smith, Rick Waggy, Frankie Judy, Jim Judy, Jessie Simmons, Lucy and Charlie Westfall, David Berg, Minny Rhoads, Mary and Gary Hess, Phil Downs, Larry Rexrode, the family of Bobbie Blender, the family of Tommy Whetzel, the

Lois Huffman family. Prayer thought: "Loving Father, thank you for the perfect example of Jesus and His sacrifice for me. Please help me to have the mindset of Jesus."

family of Charles Evick and the

High and low temperatures and precipitation for June 3 through June 9, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: June 3 - 79° , 56° (84° , 51° , .02"); June $4 - 84^{\circ}$, 60° (64° , 52° , .05"); June $5 - 79^{\circ}$, 61° , .1" $(73^{\circ}, 49^{\circ})$; June $6 - 81^{\circ}, 62^{\circ}, .02^{\circ}$ $(72^{\circ}, 43^{\circ})$; June $7 - 76^{\circ}, 57^{\circ} (74^{\circ},$ 50°); June $8-71^{\circ}$, 49° (73° , 40°) and June 9 - 75° , 60° (76° , 46°).

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Vintage Clothesline Decorum Was Essential

By Paula Mitchell

Sugar Grove

The basic rules for the clotheslines on Monday's wash day: One had to wash the clothesline before hanging any clothes by walking the entire length of each line with a damp cloth, wrapping both hands around the wire to get the top and bottom to wipe off the dust that had settled.

Cut a trimmed limb, leaving a V-shape in the top end to oush the clotheslines up so that longer items didn't brush the ground and get dirty.

Clothes pins were kept in a clothes pin bag.

Never wash clothes on the weekend, or on Sunday, for Heaven's sake! Wash day was always Monday.

Clothes were always hung in a certain order, all socks

together, shirts together, etc. Always hang "whites" with "whites," and hang them first.

One had to hang the socks by the toes.

Pants were hung by the waistbands, slightly gapped so air could blow in and down to dry the heavy material.

Shirts were always hung by the tail. What would the neighbors think? And, the breeze would blow and flip them around in the air making less wrinkles to iron.

Hang the sheets and towels on the outside lines so that funmentionables" in the middle of the line were hidden.

It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather as clothes would

Being efficient, one could line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but each piece shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item, except

Clothes were taken off of the line before supper time, sprinkled, neatly rolled and placed in the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed. The next day, Tuesday, was ironing day.

Always gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were "tackv!"

The reward for all of that work? Crawling into a newly made bed that night with sheets smelling like fresh air!

This was the way clothes were washed and hung, according to mother. Then, along came the washer and dryer, and life changed, drastically.

Life's lessons to live by include the following:

- 1. Smell flowers in bloom.
- 2. Look at old photos.
- 3. Give someone the benefit of the doubt.
- 4. Write a thank you note.
- 5. Learn how to set the table, and then eat a meal with

one's family at the table.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

The community received showers this past week. Friday was a beautiful day with sunshine and cool temperatures.

"I sing of brooks, of blossoms, birds, and bowers, of April, May, or June, and July flowers." — Robert Herrick

"There is no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing." — Alfred Wainwright

"The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn." — Ralph Waldo Emerson "I thrive on obstacles. If I'm told it can't be done, then I

push harder." — Issa Rae "I am not handsome or sexy. Of course, it's not like I am homeless." — Keanu Reeves

Life is much better when sitting on the porch to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Marion "Pidge" Anderson got her first ripe tomato, this week. She says, "MMMM good."

Justin, April and Chloe Simmons, along with Sharon Crider, enjoyed four days at Holden Beach, North Carolina. While there, they travelled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to eat at Crabby Mikes and visit the aquarium. They certainly had a great time.

Sorry to hear that Eldon Puffenbarger remains at Mon General Hospital in Morgantown.

Work continued this weekend with the continued repairing of damage from the spring's wildfire. The same crew was involved, including Jeff Mitchell who also helped last weekend. Hats off to these volunteers. They are helping to make the community better.

Linnea Fisher's parents, Don and Julie Patton, with friend George of Oregon, are visiting with Robbie, Linnea, Logan, and Michael Fisher. They were here to celebrate Michael's sixth-grade graduation, and Linnea's LPN pinning which was done by her aunt, Maxine "Max" Heilinger of California. Congratulations! Mike and Lisa Jamison are home from a few days at

University of Virginia Hospital. They now have a new front porch which was built by friends, so that Mike can watch the traffic. They are so very thankful for their friends who have "been there for them."

Everett Hedrick has celebrated another birthday, 97 years old, with a brilliant mind. Happy birthday!

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggers are as follows:

- •The Australian Alps get more snow than the Swiss Alps. •The Egyptian women had a wide range of rights and
- freedoms. They could buy and sell property, serve on juries, and enter into legal contracts.

• The largest fresh water dunes in the world line the shores of Lake Michigan.

•The United Kingdom is home to the world's oldest underground railway system, the London Underground, which

•Dalmatians are born without spots! They are born with plain white coats with their first spots appearing after they are one week old.

Birthdays include Junior Evick, 16th; Bill Nelson and Mary Child, 17th; Jaylee Brubeck, 18th; Carroll Mitchell, 19th; Alda Propst, 22nd; Jerry Wimer, 23rd; Lester Propst, 24th; Donna Rader and Sheila Lambert, 25th; Bob Hurry, Don Vandevander, Marshall Harper and Mike Johnson, 26th; Amanda Kiser, 27th; Sunette Propst, 28th; Jeannie Koontz, 29th; and Walt Pitsenbarger and Polly Hartman,

Concerns for this week include Bob Adamson, John Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, the Charles Bates family, Richard Bennett, the Ed Bodkin family, "Bo" Boggs, Elsie Bowers, Marie Cole, Steve Conrad, Christian Dasher, Benny Evick, the Charles Evick family, Isaac Eye, Linda Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Carl Gant, Lola Graham, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, Gary Harman, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, Jim Hiner, Evan Hise, Tim Hively, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adalbert Hoover, Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie and Enos Horst, the Lois Huffman family, Lisa and Mike Jamison, Jessica Janney, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Kim Kline, Ginger Knight, Tracie Knight, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Ronnie Lambert, Rex Landis, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Ed May, Gary McDonald, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tom Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, John Morford, Bill Mullenax, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Andy Pond, Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger, Alda Propst, Janis Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Stanley Propst, Tom Rader, Brandon Reel, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Linda Fay Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Dennis Riggleman, Mike Roberts, Donna Ruddle, Jenny Ruddle, Brittany Shriver, Annie Simmons, Phyllis Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Judy Simmons, Nelson Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Tina Stuben, Steve Stump, Elizabeth Terry, Rosa Tichenor, Linda and Larry Vandevander, Sandra Vandevander, Raymond Varner, Amy Vaus, Estelle Wagner, Rene White, Judy Williams, Ann and Jerry Wimer, Margaret Wimer, the people of Ukraine, Israel, Pakistan, and avalanche victims of Papua New Guinea.

WVU Extension Experts Provide Summer Fire Safety Advice

Vacation season is right around the corner. For anyone planning summer fun — from campfires to grilling — West Virginia University experts offer advice on checking fire safety off one's seasonal bucket list. Bruce Loyd, WVU Exten-



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sights into how to keep your

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for all. Mark Lambert, direc-

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about various summer fire

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have a plan to put out your fire before you leave or go to sleep. It's good practice to carry water with you," Loyd said. "Most campsites have a metal or rock ring, which is much easier and safer to use than building your own somewhere new. "Before building your fire, clear away debris that could cause

the fire to spread. That way, if a spark were to come out of the fire pit, there is less risk of flames starting outside the ring. When you build a campfire, don't think of a bonfire. It's good to keep the fire small so you can contain it and keep the flames under control.

"Always pay attention to advisories and signage. There are times of the year when it may not be safe to build a fire, whether it's too dry, too windy, or both. It's important to be aware of weather and environmental conditions." Lambert shared the following regarding summer fire safety.

"Never leave your barbecue or campfire unattended. Keep a fire extinguisher or a bucket of water nearby in case of emeror re-ignite the fire and use long-handled grilling tools to keep a safe distance from the heat. "Propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills are for

gencies. Don't use gasoline or other flammable liquids to ignite

outdoor use only. Indoor use can cause fires or carbon monoxide poisoning. Place your grill outside of covered porches or enclosed areas, away from siding and deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep a three-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe. "Keep backyard chimneys, outdoor fireplaces and fire pits at

least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn. Turn off or put out fires before you leave the backyard.

"Fireworks that can be purchased are extremely dangerous. Using them puts you, your pets and your property at risk. Even something as simple as sparklers can reach 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and cause third-degree burns. Instead, attend a commercial fireworks show in your area."

County Residents Graduate from Eastern

Five Pendleton County students graduated from Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield on May 4 at Moorefield High School.

Speakers for the graduation ceremony included Thomas Striplin, Ed.D., college president, Greg Greenwalt, board of governors chairman, and Crystal Goodwater, student speaker. The invocation was given by Victoria "Tori" Hyndman, a nursing graduate, with Tiffany Sentmen, student services program coordinator, giving the benediction. The commencement address was delivered by Kent Leonhardt, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture.

Earning associate degrees in applied science in nursing were Michelle Adkins and Hyndman.

Caleb Lockard received an associate in applied science in information technology and an associate in science.

"Thank You"

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and wishes on our 60th anniversary. God bless you all. Billy & Gae (The Arbaughs)

Our Heartfelt Thanks We want to publicly say thank you for the prayers,

positive thoughts and acts of kindness after our car accident on April 12th in Grant County. The support and love that we received has been overwhelming. We are so blessed and have so much to be grateful for. Our thanks to Grant County Ambulance and Petersburg

Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response and to all those involved in our transports to Morgantown. The staff at Ruby Memorial and Pendleton Manor, including Home Health and Physical Therapy, were crucial to our recoveries. Thanks to neighbors, friends and family who prayed, visited, brought food, and gave time and helping hands during this crucial time.

And last but not least, a special thank you to our children (Sam, Adam, Matt, and Sarah), and their families. They took

care of us, fought for us - you name it, they did it! We cannot adequately express our gratitude and feelings! Bless each and every one of you! **Elwood and Dora Harper, Riverton**

An associate of arts degree was earned by Missy Simmons. Sierra Yoder was awarded a certificate in business manage-

WIC Announces June Schedule

During the month of June, 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.

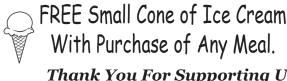
Pendleton County participants can receive services in Petersburg if alternate days or evening appointments are desired. The WIC office will be closed June 20 and 28.

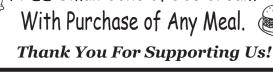
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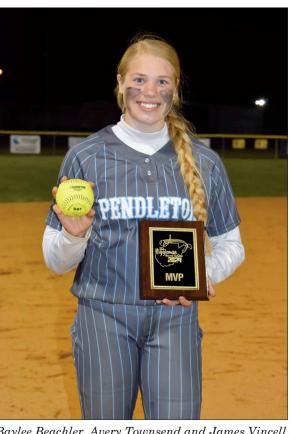
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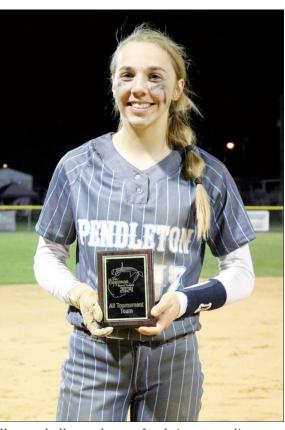
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Wildcats Earn All-state Honors





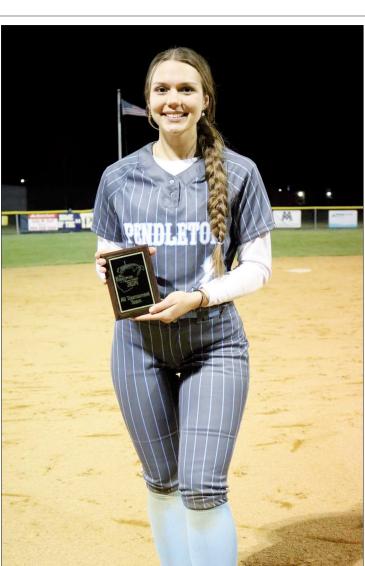


Baylee Beachler, Avery Townsend and James Vincell all earned all-state honors for their outstanding seasons.

Pendleton County Coach Pitch Little League Champions Win Petersburg Tournament



Pendleton County's Coach Pitch Little League champions, coached by Coty Puffenbarger, Andrew Kiser, and Steve Cook, earned a 12-2 record on their way to winning the county title. They then took a third seed into an eight-team tournament in Petersburg. The team earned a 15-0 victory in the second round, partly on the strength of a Fletcher Puffenbarger home run. In the championship game, they prevailed 15-6, including a home run by Romeo Perez II. As part of their reward for prevailing in the tournament, the team took home championship rings, taking their place in the rich history of Pendleton County baseball success.



Wildcat Named to North South Game

Pendleton County's Kate Hedrick will join the elite of graduating softball seniors this week at the North South game.

Pendleton County Softball's Strong Season Reflected in Postseason Honors

Pendleton County softball racked up the accolades after the season almost as fast as wins during. The team's 21-5 record earned the Wildcats the honor of All Potomac Valley Conference team of the year. Its "bomb squad" racked up 25 home runs as a team and a .314 squad average while posting a .931 fielding percentage.

Too many bites from the injury bug shortened their season, but left them hungry for 2025.

out left them hungry for 2025. Three Wildcats earned first tea

Three Wildcats earned first team honors. Baylee Beachler and Avery Townsend, both juniors and both college signees, and Jessica Parker earned spots.

Beachler brought intensity and ferocity to the pitchers' mound, mowing down opposing batters with ease whether they competed at the single, double, or even triple A level. This season, her accuracy matched her speed, making her feared.

Her 10-3 record came with 123 strikeouts, fully one third of them "looking." She also walked less than one batter every two innings, showing outstanding control. Beachler led the team with nine home runs and posted a .438 batting average. Townsend played masterful defense at short, serving as

part of the foundation of their success on the field. She also hit well for average or power, able to drive balls out of the park, or lay down a well-executed bunt, depending on what the situation required. Speed on the bases made any single a virtual double, usually on the first pitch to the subsequent batter.

The leadoff hitter had a .382 average and a team high 30 stolen bases off of 29 hits.

Parker, a freshman, sent word to regional opponents that the Wildcats will have strength, power, and precision defense at the catcher position for years to come. She worked her way up into the lineup as she brought consistent hitting and power to the plate.

Parker hit for a .377 average and tied for third on the team with six doubles.

Kate Hedrick held down what baseball old-timers call "the hot corner" for the Wildcats this season. Her athleticism saved many potential hits while playing a demanding role. She also hit for a .346 average and placed second on the team in doubles. Hedrick proved invaluable in the middle of the

lineup, placing second on the team in runs batted in with 27. Jenna Smith made a huge adjustment defensively this year, moving from catcher to second base, but excelled there, earning a .921 fielding percentage at an often unforgiving position. Her bat also brought power in key situations, hitting

11 extra base hits and driving in 21 RBIs.

Lizzie Alt played a near perfect first base this season, racking up a .959 fielding percentage with 131 put outs. A first baseman is involved in the vast majority of plays and Alt handled her corner superbly. On offense, she racked up 20 hits with six doubles, two triples, and two home runs.

Alongside of Parker, Susan Vincell showed that Pendleton County's younger players can dominate as well as their more experienced upperclassman. She earned a 7-1 record on the mound, one of those victories a needed late season pick up against powerhouse Petersburg.

While the team says farewell to core player Hedrick, it will have a number of senior leaders to push the team forward next year, supported by underclassmen and talent rising from the middle school ranks.

Wildcats Place Five on Potomac Valley Conference Postseason Baseball List

By Stephen Smoot

As graduations take place and the spring 2024 sports seasons fade into memory, postseason awards have started to roll in. Potomac Valley Conference Division II over the past two weeks issued their all-conference selections and other honors.

Pendleton County received five selections on the baseball

squad, placing three on the first team.

James Vincell, a first team selection, proved to be a rock

james vincell, a first team selection, proved to be a rock in the middle of the Wildcat lineup. His bat intimidated teams that pitched to him as he hit for a .539 average and six home runs. Vincell led the team in hits (41), runs batted in (38), and slugging percentage (.934.) He also excelled on defense at the catcher position, throwing out a number of attempted base steelers.

attempted base stealers.

Chase Owens also earned a spot on the first team as a

sophomore. His .345 batting average ranked second on the team, and he led the squad in doubles and triples with 10 and three, respectively. He also provided strong and consistent play at shortstop, when called to perform at that position.

Where he shone brightest was at pitcher. He allowed only five earned runs and five walks all season long, striking out 50. Owens led the team in earned run average, posting an astounding 0.81 over 43 innings pitched. The staff ace had eight wins against two losses and a save to his credit.

Senior Cam Beachler, also a first team selection, had an injury shortened season. However, he provided a boost at the plate, on the diamond, and the pitcher's mound when he was able to bring his experience to the game. Beachler had the second best earned run average on the team at 2.33 and carried a .309 batting average. The team also relied heavily on his experience holding down second base.

Pendleton County baseball stayed strong up the middle

defensively all year because of second team all PVL performer Caleb Armentrout, a junior. His batting average of .324 ranked third on the squad and boasted a .929 fielding percentage, largely performing at second base. Armentrout provided steady service on the pitchers mound as well.

Wildcat senior Allden Rexrode also earned second team honors. He earned a .482 on base percentage and picked up 26 hits and 37 runs while leading the team in stolen bases with 20. Rexrode as a leadoff hitter excelled in getting on base to set the table, but also performed well in advancing bottom of the lineup hitters who got on base, extending innings

Injuries and tight game scheduling slowed the Wildcats at certain points in the season, but the young squad showed grit and strength. Experience gained and the return of proven leaders should produce a big season next year from Pendleton County baseball.

WVU Medicine Breaks Ground on 'Hospital Without Beds' for Elkins Region

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County residents who need a broad spectrum of health care services will soon have a new option in Elkins. Last week, the West Virginia University Medicine leadership team and regional dignitaries broke ground on the Elkins Corridor Medical Center on North Randolph Avenue just south of the city's main exit on Corridor H.

Dr. David Hess, president and chief executive officer of Bridgeport-based United Hospital Center, a WVU Medicine facility, said, "What we are bringing to Elkins is incredible health care. More importantly, we bring access."

He described the new facility as a "hospital without beds," meaning that it would offer everything that a typical hospital would, minus overnight stays and surgeries. Services offered include primary care, urgent care, infusions, imaging, and more.

"As we grow, we increasingly try to have care points that complement each other," explained Dr. Albert Wright, president and CEO of the West Virginia University Health Care System. He went on to say that WVU Medicine, almost unique among "academic" health care systems, makes a priority of bringing specialists to rural areas.

He stated that physicians may base themselves at Elkins Corridor Medical Center, Grant Memorial Hospital, or Potomac Valley Hospital (WVU Medicine's facility near Keyser). Specialists, such as cardiologists, can then rotate days at regional centers. This brings a higher standard of care to rural areas while also giving WVU Medicine an advantage in recruiting medical talent and experience to the Mountain State's more remote regions.

"This way, we can recruit a doctor. We don't care what county you live in," added Wright.

It also helps physicians who grow up in small towns to

develop their careers in, or closer to, the towns in which they grew up.

Hess described most similar health care systems as a 'vacuum," in that they pull the most complex medical cases and patients with major problems to their cores or hubs for treatment. WVU Medicine prefers to decentralize in what Hess called a "blower," pushing such cases to the regional and more rural sites, ultimately making health care access easier and more convenient for the patient.

He went on to say that keeping specialists in the main facilities harms remote patients, saying, "We all know that people with health issues struggle to make appoint-

The idea to build the Elkins facility came, Hess said, from WVU Medicine patients themselves. Over the years, they said, "We want more specialists" in facilities closer

County Commission Thanked for Support Of Emergency and Drug Recovery Services

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Commission held its initial meeting for the month of June last week.

After Roger Dahmer, county commissioner, gave the invocation, Carl Hevener called the meeting to order.

Two separate organizations expressed appreciation to the commission for support given. First, Darren Taylor, South Branch Day Report Center director, thanked commissioners for assisting them. The Pendleton County Commission agreed to use opioid fund monies to help defer the cost of rent at their Franklin office.

Day Report often provides testing and treatment for clients who have committed crimes related to their addiction. They may receive assessments on foundational life skills, such as parenting, while also getting counseling and therapy to overcome issues and barriers to recovery.

More than 140 clients in Pendleton, Hampshire, and Hardy counties currently receive services from Day Report.

Mike Alt and Tina Eye also came to thank commissioners for supporting county fire and ambulance services. A nearby facility in Virginia, as well as multiple fire departments and EMS crew across the state, have disbanded in recent months. Alt proposed that the commission and emergency services conduct a work session to discuss more funding solutions for county services.

Also related to emergency services, commissioners heard a request from Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator, on behalf of Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator. He wished to get approval for 911 employees to transfer from the Public Employees' Retirement System to the Emergency Management Services Retirement System, should that move be approved statewide. Commissioners approved the request.

In other county business, Diana Mitchell from Pendleton 911 came to request a street name change. Commissioners approved the change of Walkins Wayside Lane in Sugar Grove to Niday Lane. Discussion on the issue continued, however. It centered on the idea that if a road name is assigned, that an accessible road for emergency vehicles also must be made. Recently a cabin burned on a remote road that lacked proper access for fire apparatus.

April Mallow, Pendleton County prosecuting attorney, shared that she is accepting applications for a secretary to serve in her office.

Pitsenbarger reported that progress on the new courthouse annex cannot continue until Region 8 provides a financial feasibility report.

On motion from Hevener, the commission unanimously certified the results of last month's primary election in

Pendleton County Board of Education Recognizes Golden Horseshoe Winners

By Stephen Smoot

The school year ended last month, but the business of the Pendleton County Board of Education continues.

J. D. Wilkins, president of the board, gave the invocation, praying, "We ask You to bless those who serve." The board then decided to rearrange the agenda and honor the county's 2024 Knights of the Golden Horseshoe first.

The tale of the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe dates back to 1716. In August, Governor Alexander Spotswood of Virgina commenced his expedition of exploration. The twin goals lay in establishing British claims over western lands and also having a rollicking good adventure.

On Sept. 6, they and copious amounts of liquor crossed the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There, they held a famous "Toast to the King." They ended their move west when they reached what they called the Euphrates, now known as the Shenandoah River. The 50 to 60 men who accompanied Spotswood were named the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe.

Today, the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe designation honors those who in eighth grade demonstrate superior knowledge of West Virginia history.

Sam Eason and Jax Bennett will represent Pendleton County Middle School at the knighting ceremony in Charleston.

Avery Townsend, Pendleton County High School junior class president, as well as concerned parent, Allison Vincell, came to make a case to change the date of graduation.

Nicole Hevener, assistant superintendent of Pendleton County Schools, said, "In the last two years . . . sports fell on the same weekend as graduation." It would do so again in 2025 if Wildcat athletes made it far enough in the postseason in baseball, softball, and track.

In recent years, the timing of WVSSAC championship events has forced graduating seniors at PCM/HS to choose between representing their school in athletic competition or experiencing the academic graduation.

Townsend remarked that the junior class "is very strong academically," taking class and sports equally seriously. Vincell added that "we're trying to look out for all of our class."

Acting on the suggestion of Hevener, the board and superintendent approved a measure to request that Pendleton County Schools move graduation from Saturday to Sunday, so as to avoid potential conflicts with postseason spring sports.

J. P. Mowery delivered the financial and treasurer's reports, noting that the school will renew its subscription to Hudl, a streaming service for some Wildcat sporting events. PCM/HS sports will reimburse the board for half of the cost.

Also, the board spent approximately \$18,000 in grant funds to repair the greenhouse siding at PCM/HS. Mowery said, "We will modernize that and bring it up to par. It was (originally) from a grant from Delegate (Harold) Michael."

Travis Heavner's facilities report included another delay on the completion date for the alternate education building. Huttonsville prison officials notified him that the second half of the structure was not done yet due to the loss of some workers. Heavner said that the building could be in place by Christmas.

He also discussed damage to the board office building on the corner of Pine and Main streets. "From what we understand," Heavner explained, "it was an Amazon truck delivering to the post office on a Saturday." Efforts will be made to get insurance to cover the damage to the piece of the building overhanging the sidewalk there.

Also, PCM/HS and North Fork Elementary School will receive a professional resurfacing of their gym floors. Franklin Elementary and Brandywine Elementary will receive touch ups from in-house crews.

Heavner reported that he applied for a grant that would pay for the application of 3M film to make windows in school buildings more shatter resistant.

The board of education also "with regret" accepted the retirement of Brandywine Elementary's Nancy Enyart. She had 45 years of service to Pendleton County Schools

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FES Students Recognized for Academic Achievements

Franklin Elementary School has released the honor rolls, citizenship award and top Accelerated Readers for the fourth-nine week's grading period and principal's and presidential awards for the school year.

A Honor Roll

1A (Ruddle) — Anasen Bishop, Trenton Bowers, Aubreigh Brooks, Payton Demers, Jase Mitters and Braylee Propst; 1B (Nicely) — Solomyn Bowers, Charles Caplinger, Kane Gill, Charli Hiett, Eve Hott, Paisley Hott, Bryer Moyers, Jonah Seymour, Kylan Shriver, Ciara Smith, Madelyn Trenton and Cash Varner;

2A (Mowery) — Madison Borror, Everly Bowers, Abbigail Cayton, Dylan Harper, Kaci Keller, Madison Mongold, Rosalyn Nesselrodt and Nathanael Vincell;

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

3A (Kimble) — Gracie Hedrick, Jason Hiner, Sunny Milstead, Eowyn Propst, Branson Purcell, Ava Rose and Adalynn Severance;

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

4A (Griffin) — Bristol Bowers, Ella Dudley, Riley Hawk, Rosita Morales-Roldan and Connor Raines;

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

5A (Triplett) — Braxton Beachler, Kamden Hawk and Breymann Keesecker;

5B (Plaugher) — Eli Boyer, Alaska Kimble, Madison Kirk, Emma Nesselrodt and Acie Tilley;

6A (Shreve) — Allison Barbour, Vaylee Harper, Daisy Hartman, Tegan Johnson, Maiya Mongold, Lacey Mullens, Carmella Paugh, Journey Rowe, Lainey Simmons, Branson Smith, Aniayah Spencer and Lori Wehrle; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Beckett Aumann, Weston Boyer, Kya Brogan, Bella Eye, Kallie Keyser and Aliviah Smith. **AB Honor Roll**

1A (Ruddle) — Emma Humphrey, Kinley Minor, Maci Raines and Jameson Scritchfield;

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

2A (Mowery) — Mattox Ayala, Sloane Donnelly, Hailey Ferris, Chase George, Finley Harper, Dani Hoover, Chandler Mauzy, Baylee Ours, Ryan Thompson and Kieley Wheeler;

2B (George) — Keylan Bailey, Brinleigh Bishop, Paisley Jackson ad Alexis Michael;

3A (Kimble) — Chase Bennett, Krislee Hammer, Landon Mallow and Leah Puffenbarger;

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

4A (Griffin) — Wyatt Hott and Julian Jackson;

4B (Eye) — Russell Eckard and Hyrum Hartman;

5A (Triplett) — Cambree Alt, Blayke Bennett, Kenden Champ, Hayden Hartman, Wyatt Haynes, Cambri Hiett, Chevelle Noble, Roscoe Pownell and Marion Williams;

5B (Plaugher) — Sadie Armentrout, Alaina Hedrick, Tucker Minor, Jackson Moyers, Loralei Price, Cooper Roberson and Bentley Wimer;

6A (Shreve) — Cali Alt, Parker Hedrick, Shane LaMaster, Cheyenne McLane, Jayden Rexrode, Chase Rohrbaugh and Reagyn Atkins; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Kolton Bland, Greyson Boggs, Carly Braham, Brian Cheesman, Eulaila Dahmer, Paige Errington, Michael Haynes, Josie Verdoni and Makynna Whetzel.

Citizenship

KA (Flanigan) — Jaylynn Hedrick and Hugh Moyers; KB (Edwards) — Raiden Boggs and Jaxson Rose;

1A (Ruddle) — Hendrix Bogan and Devlan Purcell;

1B (Nicely) — Kane Gill and Eve Hott; 2A (Mowery) — Chase George and Rosalyn Nesselrodt;

2B (George) — Jaycee Jameson, Urban Jones, Kylie Raymond and Leah Wheeler;

3A (Kimble) — Vince Herb and Charlotte Kimble; 3B (Dove) — Lukas Baldwin and Jaedynn Severance;

4A (Griffin) — Julian Jackson and Connor Raines;

4B (Eye) — Claira Kimble and Deken Somerville;

5A (Triplett) — Emily Boggs and Remington Hedrick; 5B (Plaugher) — Alaina Hedrick and Bentley Wimer; 6A (Shreve) — Lacey Mullens and Jayden Rexrode; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Jada Alt and Michael Haynes.

Top 5 Accelerated Readers

1A (Ruddle) — Jase Mitters (152 points), Kinley Minor (103 points), Emma Humphrey (88 points), Braylee Propst (72 points) and Maci Raines 72 (points); 1B (Nicely) — Paisley Hott (244.4 points), Eve Hott (236.7

points), Bryson Rexrode (134.4 points), Madelyn Trenton (134.3 points) and Cash Varner 131.1 (points); 2A (Mowery) — Nathanael Vincell (49.6 points), Abbigail

Cayton (32.2 points), Everly Bowers (29.6 points), Rosalyn

Nesselrodt (28 points) and Chase George (20.1 points);

2B (George) — Mason Mowery (100.3 points), Lola Brooks (83.9 points), Maddie Grace Nesselrodt (79.9 points), Hunter Hedrick (61.2 points) and Colton Whetzel (57.6 points);

3A (Kimble) — Sunny Milstead (461.3 points), Gracie Hedrick (63.2 points), Branson Purcell (58.1 points), Jason Hiner (50.7 points) and Ava Rose (42.8 points);

3B (Dove) — Sydney Demers (95.6 points), Sicily Flanigan (88.2 points), Zaidex Somerville (79.8 points), Dallis Hull (78.6 points) and Adelynn Miller (59.8 points);

4A (Griffin) — Riley Hawk (110.4 points), Bristol Bowers (85.2 points), Wyatt Hott (69.4 points), Connor Raines (61.6 points) and Greyson Alt (59.6 points); 4B (Eye) — Deken Somerville (231 points), Olivia Ca-

plinger (101.4 points), Bella Kimble (70.4 points), Hyrum Hartman (50.7 points) and Claira Kimble (49.7 points);

5A (Triplett) — Braxton Beachler (233.3 points), Cambri Hiett (162.8 points), Roscoe Pownell (133.8 points), Breymann Keesecker (94.4 points) and Marion Williams (83.7 points);

5B (Plaugher) — Alaina Hedrick (322.5 points), Eli Boyer (254.4 points), Cambria VanMeter (113.2 points), Leigha Maxson (80.9 points) and Bentley Wimer (78.2 points);

6A (Shreve) — Lainey Simmons (227.4 points), Cheyenne McLane (87.2 points), Lacey Mullens (46.1 points), Aniayah Spencer (45.1 points) and Daisy Hartman (34.9 points); and 6B (Nine-Miller) — Weston Boyer (238.1 points), Kya

Brogan (119.4 points), Eulaila Dahmer (105.6 points), Aiden Whetzel (100.6 points) and Beckett Aumann (85.1 points).

Perfect Attendance for the Year

Jordan Mongold, Paisley Hott, Gracelyn Mongold, Bentley Wimer and Aniayah Spencer

Principal's Award

Allison Barbour, Vaylee Harper, Daisy Hartman, Parker Hedrick, Tegan Johnson, Shane LaMaster, Chevenne McLane, Maiya Mongold, Lacey Mullens, Carmella Paugh, Jayden Rexrode, Journey Rowe, Lainey Simmons, Branson Smith, Aniayah Spencer, Lori Wehrle, Reagyn Atkins, Beckett Aumann, Weston Boyer, Kya Brogan, Paizley Bussard, Eulaila Dahmer, Paige Errington, Michael Haynes, Josie Verdoni, Aiden Whetzel, Makynna Whetzel and Carly

Presidential Award

Vaylee Harper, Parker Hedrick, Lainey Simmons, Aniayah Spencer, Weston Boyer, Kya Brogan and Chase Ro-

ES Students Earn Scholastic Honors

Ryan Lambert, principal at Brandywine Elementary School, has released the following honor rolls for the fourthnine week's grading period. Principal's Honor Roll

First grade — Lucas Cruz, Annabelle Lockner, Jacob Wheeler and Cooper Wimer;

Second grade — Hunter Bowers, Carson Mitchell, Vencen Rawson, Chloe Simmons and Bethany Teagarden;

Third grade — Logan Bowman, Adalynn Brown, Thomas Connor, Vianca Henderson, Aubrey Pitsenbarger, Trevor Redmond, Bentley Schell and Elizabeth Wheeler; Fourth grade — Harley Bowers, Harper Marsh, Macie

Mitchell and Addison Williams; Fifth grade — Landon Bowers and Owen Champ; and

Sixth grade — Anthony Bowman, Cayden Hensley and Noah Kobetic.

A-B Honor Roll

First grade — Wyatt Calhoun, Wyatt Hevener, Lukas Kiser, Geneva Mongold, Alani Shockey, Colton Turner and Benjamin Weaver;

Second grade — Arianna George, Lucas Hanna, Faith Hough-Lachica, Nakiyah Perez and Fletcher Puffenbarger; Third grade — Grayson Gilbert, Piper Hanna, Kendalyn

Hoover-Bartley, Treyvin Puffenbarger and Hayden Siple; Fourth grade — Michelina Browder, Bryce Kimble, Koltin Price, Alan Reyes and Corina Simmons;

Fifth grade — Ava Davis, Emma Graham, Tristen Lewis and Levi Wimer; and

Sixth grade — Nathaniel Hammer, Emma Puffenbarger, Ellie Redmond and Kynleigh Sponaugle.

Readers Honored at BES

grade (612.3 points), Ellie Redmond, sixth grade (514.7 points), Harley Bowers, fourth grade (403 points), Noah

Top 10 Accelerated

Adkins, Hyndman Earn Nursing Pins A pinning ceremony was held for Eastern West Virginia

Community and Technical College's graduating Nursing Cohort at Moorefield High School. It was a night filled with joy, relief, and celebration for the graduates, as this was the culmination of two years of hard work and studying, plus having finished the final certification exam just

Michelle Brooke Adkins and Victoria Gabrielle Hyndman.

Farm Credit Returns Dividends to Customers Farm Credit of the Virginias, a cooperative lending institution The patronage program effectively lowers the cost of borrowing

serving Virginia, West Virginia, and western Maryland, returned \$32 million to its customer-owners through their annual patron-Farm Credit of the Virginias' cooperative framework allows

the association to return a portion of its profits back to customerowners on an annual basis. During 2023, agricultural producers and rural homeowners faced another year of challenges with inflated input costs and interest rates. Nevertheless, Farm Credit of the Virginias' financial position remained strong and their board of directors elected to return 81 percent of their net profits to their customer-owners, with the hope that this patronage distribution would allow their customer-owners to feel poised to navigate continued economic uncertainties affecting the agricultural industry and our rural communities.

accrued on loans. "We're thrilled to be able to return crucial dollars to our customer-

owners and reinvest money in our rural communities through our patronage refund program," Brad Cornelius, Farm Credit of the Virginias CEO, said, Cornelius continued, "We're committed to serving our customer-

owners through the good times and bad. Patronage dividends are our way of showing our customers that we appreciate their business and we will always do our best to support their goals and dreams. Patronage is just one of the many benefits of doing business with our customer-owned cooperative."

Kobetic, six grade (280 points), Kynleigh Sponaugle, six grade (249.7 points), Nathaniel Hammer, sixth grade (228.2 points), Macie Mitchell, fourth grade (211.1 points), Bethany Teagarden, second grade (209.7 points), Owen Champ, fifth grade (204.3 points) and Cayden Hensley, sixth grade (196.2 points).

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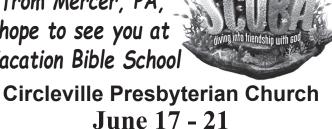
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In total, 21 students passed to receive their pins and hats and earn the recitation of the Nightengale Pledge. Among the students were Pendleton County residents

Hyndman was the student speaker during the ceremony.

Ryan Lambert, principal at Brandywine Elementary School, recognizes the top 10 Accelerated Readers for the school year. Achieving this honor were Anthony Bowman, sixth

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Hunters Harvest 157 Bearded Turkeys In Pendleton County

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Hunters harvested fewer birds com-That no appointment pared to last year's total of 12,217. The

Virginia Division only an indication came in six per- ing last year's of Natural Re- of a strong turkey cent higher than spring season. sources, hunters population but a the five-year and During the 2024 harvested 11,650 testament to the 10-year average of season, bearded turkeys hard work of hunt- 10,937 and 10,913, hunters harvested 601 turkeys (353 The top five on Saturday and "West Virginia NR director. "The counties in terms 248 on Sunday). is a great place to WVDNR remains of turkey harvests This was the fifth to were Mason (501), year of the youth sus- Preston (441), season being two (400), days. The youth management prac- Marshall (337) and harvest made up approximately Pendleton five percent of the



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ing of Bella Hoover, Branson Smith, Aiden Whetzel, and Marion Williams, was awarded third place. Colton Whetzel participated as a junior individual.

In the senior division, Pendleton Team A, consisting of Katie Heavner, Ty Heavner, and Phoebe Pownell, earned second place. Receiving third place were Emily Schell, McKenna Hedrick, and Lydia Heavner, members of Pendleton Team B.

Six county 4-H members were in the top 10 overall individuals. Kallie Keyser placed second with Ty Heavner placing third, Tia Heavner, fourth, Pownell, fifth, Katie Keyser, eighth, and Aiden Whetzel, 10th.



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