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Installation of the mural *Shiveree of Seneca Rock* took two months and helps to fulfill architect Cass Gilbert's original design.

New WV State Capitol Mural Portrays Pendleton County Landmark

By Stephen Smoot

"That's our soul. That's who we are . . . Absolutely, our history, our culture, our arts return so much to us."

On West Virginia Day, Governor Jim Justice, joined by First Lady Cathy Justice and Babydog introduced four new murals located in previously blank spaces known as "lunettes" – half-moon shaped area under the Capitol's rotunda.

Cass Gilbert, the famed architect of the State Capitol also known for designing the United States Supreme Court building, intended for the open paces to hold murals.

According to Randall Reid-Smith, secretary of arts, culture, and history, as quoted by the Parkersburg News and Sentinel, "they started the west wing in 1924; they started the east wing in 1926; in 1928 they started the front of the building; and in 1929, the Great Depression

hit." He elaborated, saying that "we were reading a letter from Cass Gilbert to Gov. (William) Conley, and there were several things that were not included in the original price tag."

Much like similar murals in the United States Capitol, "his intention for murals was they were to be historical and allegorical."

Justice remembered early in his first term that some proposed eliminating much of the budget for the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. He said that some advised him "to get rid of our culture and arts, because we didn't have the money to fund it, even though it was crumbs."

Of the murals, the Governor said, "This is something that's been talked about since the Capitol's completion in 1932, and here we are nearly 100 years later, finally, getting

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Pendleton County Board of Education Hears Final 2023-24 School Year Attendance Report

By Stephen Smoot

"Bless those at the meeting tonight and those whom we serve," prayed J. D. Wilkins, president of the Pendleton County Board of Education, as he opened the final meeting for June.

Carrie Nesselrodt, director of student services, presented the final attendance report for the 2023-23 school year. The report showed strong improvement overall while also revealing areas of focus for next year.

She led off by announcing Franklin Elementary School as having the best attendance percentage, adding that the school was "pretty excited" over earning the attendance trophy.

The best individual grade attendance percentage came from Brandywine Elementary School's fourth grade. That grade also had the highest attendance percentage overall throughout the county.

Pendleton County Schools made chronic absenteeism a focus for improvement throughout the school year. Joint efforts by the school system and their Communities in Schools partners showed improvement during last year.

The West Virginia Department of Education defines "chronic absenteeism" as when a student misses 10 percent or more days of school. Pendleton County Schools pushed to keep chronic absenteeism at less

than 20 percent with a goal of 10 percent. In 2022-23, statewide chronic absenteeism rates came close to 30 percent.

Nesselrodt broke down chronic absences by month and school, and also showed county totals. Numbers indicate substantial improvement in chronic absenteeism rates in the first two months of school. Throughout the county, August showed an improvement from 30.29 percent in 2022-23 to 8.7 percent in the year just concluded. September rates dropped countywide from 19.71 percent to 12.75 percent.

Also impressive, North Fork Elementary School showed declines in chronic absenteeism for each month of the year.

All schools declined each month through the end of December.

Brandywine Elementary School showed increases over 2022-23 between January and April, but these upticks were over exceptionally good numbers last year. Pendleton County Middle/High School also showed higher numbers from March, April, and May.

"As spring comes," Nesselrodt explained, "the motivation for upperclassmen to attend generally drops." That said, she informed the board that they will make spring attendance at PC-MHS a priority next year.

Overall, Pendleton County Schools recorded an approximate 20 percent chronic absenteeism rate for the school year just ended.

Pendleton County Powers Down for Maintenance



Much of Pendleton County faced a day without power this week as Mon Power conducted line repairs. Photo courtesy of Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management.

CVB Hosts Meeting for History and Tourism Grant

By Stephen Smoot

Recently, the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau received a grant from the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area to work on ways to use local history and culture to promote tourism.

The AFNHA, based in Elkins and founded in 2001, according to its website "works with willing partners in 16 West Virginia counties and two counties in western Maryland to explore and enhance the relationship between the forested mountains and the people who live here. With the overall theme of forest heritage, we focus on conservation, forestry, cultural heritage, asset-based tourism and community development."

Amber Nesselrodt, executive director of the CVB, hosted the event at Elevated Grounds, a coffee shop in Franklin. She explained that she will hold two meetings for community members to contribute their input toward establishing ways to use the region's history to draw tourists.

The AFNHA's guidelines for application of grant funds includes touching on four



The AFNHA covers much of eastern West Virginia and Maryland's western panhandle. Its purpose lies in recognizing and studying the impact of the forest on the people.

main themes. First is the "crucible of isolation," which refers to how thick forests and imposing mountainous terrain created communities isolated from both major population centers and each other. Another theme centers on the logging and timber industry which helped to push economic development in the Appalachian forest area.

Other themes listed are "we the people" and the resiliency of the forest in the face of settlement and development.

"National Heritage Areas are zones . . . tied in with the National Park Service and Forest Service" that adopt a cultural theme from a particular area, said Annie Humes, CVB board member.

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Alt Reports Emergency Services Good News and Bad News to Pendleton County Commission

By Stephen Smoot

Commissioner Roger Dahmer's opening invocation thanked God for "another day to serve You."

Shortly after, commissioners heard from Mike Alt, Pendleton County Emergency Rescue training officer, who offered positive and negative news. First, he discussed the powerful impact of the pay incentive program passed by the West Virginia State Legislature.

The program's design allows for money to go to county emergency services, ideally to help augment the salaries and compensation of first responders. Volunteer services see a bump in the stipends provided to responders on every call. Pendleton County responders often see their services required for six to eight hours or more on calls

"We're really coming along with this incentive pay," Alt stated, sharing that the response time on calls had dropped from approximately 45 minutes in January down to about a half an hour currently.

Commissioners also heard that, while Pendleton County operates the incentive as designed, other counties do not. Some have

opted to simply give the extra funds out as lump sum bonuses to avoid the extra paperwork involved in distributing incentives per call. Commissioners questioned whether or not that practice in other areas would meet state approval, but reaffirmed their commitment to executing the program as designed.

The only challenge faced by Pendleton County in this area lies in the fact that emergency services has fallen behind pace in using the money. As with many government programs, if the money is not spent, the county runs the risk of receiving less in the future. The commissioners, Alt, and Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Service coordinator, discussed ways to use the money in other incentivizing ways.

Alt then shared the potential bad news from a bill currently making its way through the United States Congress. SB 1514, Alt explained, "could put us all out of business." The proposed legislation would extend strict regulations under the aegis of Occupational Safety and Health Administration. It would impose costs to pay for unnecessary rules and regulations that volunteer emergency services cannot cover.

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Community CALENDAR

Maysville Express To Perform Sunday

The Maysville Express will be performing at the Onego Christian Church at 11 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend this performance of inspirational bluegrass music.

Bluegrass Band To Play at NF Baptist Church

Stoney Creek Bluegrass Band will be playing at 4 p.m. Saturday at the North Fork Baptist Church in Riverton. Come enjoy fellowship, picnic, games and good music. Bring a lawn chair. A love offering will be taken for the band.

Black To Speak At Worship Service

Re-Newed Vision Fellowship welcomes everyone to hear Pastor Randall Black of Living Grace Ministries in Virginia deliver a message at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin.

Family Support Center in Franklin Sponsors Activity

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin will hold a farmer's market coupon class from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the TMF Farmer's Market in Franklin. For more information, call 304-538-7711.

OBITUARIES



Scottie Lee Wimer

Scottie Lee Wimer, 70, of Mt. Olive and formerly of Cherry Grove passed away on June 18, 2024, at CAMC Hospital in Charleston.

He was born on May 26, 1954, on Smith Creek, the son of the late Walter Adam "Addie" and Sallie (Vandevander) Wimer.

Mr. Wimer attended Circleville High School and had worked as a farmer and had also worked at various sawmills. He was a talented musician who enjoyed playing the guitar and banjo. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory a son, Scottie Ray Wimer of Dunmore; three sisters, Lulabelle Turner and Betty Lou Mick (Will), all of Circleville, and Linda Jean Wimer of Seneca Rocks; two grandchildren, Jordan and Aiden Wimer; a great-granddaughter, Aurora Nicole Wimer; and several nieces and nephews, including Brittany Nicole Wimer and Mark Adam Turner.

He was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Marha Marie "Kitten" Turner; four brothers, Raymond Wimer, Richard Dale Wimer, Martin Junior Wimer and Danny Lee Wimer Arbogast; and two sisters, Lorraine Painter and Rebecca Moses.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Interment was in the Wimer Family Cemetery at Circleville.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Grant County Bank.

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



Ruth Angeline (Bowers) Duty

Ruth Angeline (Bowers) Duty, 99, of Joppa, Maryland, passed away June 17, 2024, at Bel Air, Maryland.

She was born Feb. 1, 1925, on Friends Run to the late John W. and Julia (Bennett) Bowers.

Mrs. Duty was a graduate of Franklin High School.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

She first married Willie Vandevander, the father of her children, who preceded her in death.

Her second husband, Muncy Duty, Jr., survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Joan McHone (Bob) of Laurens, South Carolina, and Evelyn Parks (Larry) of Baltimore, Maryland; a stepdaughter, Donna Willnecker (Jimmy) of Edgewood, Maryland; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Willie Vandevander II; a grandson, Philip Lumpkins; four sisters, Mildred Lantz, Retha Raines, Anna Simmons and Julia Grace Kimble, her only brother, Carl W. Bowers; and a stepson, Steve Duty.

Her body has been cremated and there will be a celebration of her life in Maryland at a later date.



Ina Lavelle (Warner) Pitsenbarger

Ina Lavelle (Warner) Pitsenbarger, 91, formerly of Monterey, Virginia, passed away June 18, 2024, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born Dec. 2, 1932, in Circleville, a daughter of the late Emory John and Tena Catherine (Judy) Warner.

A child care provider, Mrs. Pitsenbarger was known for her cooking and baking, especially her banana pudding and homemade rolls.

She was a hard worker and could often be found volunteering with the Mill Gap and Blue Grass Ruritan clubs. She also enjoyed time spent attending Hightown United Methodist Church and working in her garden. Recently, she enjoyed search word puzzles and adult coloring books. She was an avid sports fan, who loved watching her teams, the Dallas Cowboys and New York Yankees. Additionally, she enjoyed listening to gospel, bluegrass and old country music.

Above all, she will be remembered as a very caring mother and loving grandmother. On April 11, 1952, she

married Herbert Leo Pitsenbarger, who preceded her in death Feb. 16, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Cathy Ord and husband, Rick of Franklin; four sons, Jim of Hot Springs, Virginia, Steve and wife, Theresa of Monterey, Virginia, Mike of Amelia, Virginia, and Tom of McDowell, Virginia; five brothers, Emory "Buddy" of Green Bank, Ray and Gene, both of Beverly, Steve of Valley Bend and Kenneth Warner of Elkins; two sisters, Linda Cross of Beverly and Kitty W. Ball of Elkins; grandchildren, Alisha Botkin, Malorie Brower, Jenna Pitsenbarger, Hillary Fox and Shane Pitsenbarger; and great-grandchildren, Aiden and Austin Botkin, Emma and Finley Brower and Karson, Aryan and Kaide Fox.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Adam Pitsenbarger; great-granddaughter, Emorie Fox, great-grandbaby Pitsenbarger; brothers, Roy "Butch," Olie "Bardon," and infant brother, Richard; sister, Mary W. Tenney; and a half sister, Marie Cobb.

A funeral service was held Saturday at Obaugh Funeral Home in McDowell, Virginia, with Pastor Ray Turner officiating. Burial followed in Hightown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Adam Botkin, Brendan Brower, Herb Lightner, Rick Ord, Ronnie Botkin and Corey and Tyler Lightner.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hightown Cemetery, c/o Sarah Shifflett, 87 Maple Sugar Road, Hightown, Va. 24465.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.obaughfuneralhome.com.



Sweetie (Miller) Vance

Sweetie (Miller) Vance, 85, of Seneca Rocks passed away suddenly on June 19, 2024, at her home.

She was born on Nov. 30, 1938, in Seneca Rocks and was a daughter of the late Denton Miller and Chloe (Lough) Miller.

Mrs. Vance attended the Miller School and was a member of the Onego Church of the Brethren.

After she and her husband married, they moved to Maryland and lived there for more than 40 years. She was a Christian by faith and taught Sunday School and was a Vacation Bible School teacher.

She was a homemaker and was known for her delicious cooking and baking. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Her husband, Eldon J. Vance, preceded her in death in 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly S. Vance of Seneca Rocks; two sisters, Velma Bland of Seneca Rocks and Josie Champ and husband, Dayton of Lahmansville; two brothers, Truman Miller and wife, Connie, and Worth Miller and wife, Patty of Cabins; a brother-in-law, Earl Sites; numerous nieces and nephews; and her three furry animals.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Johnnie D. Miller, Gene Miller, Dewey S. Miller and Roosevelt Miller; four sisters, Mae Sites, Joy Rao, Pauline Phares and infant Joann Miller; three brothers-in-law; her daughter's fiancé, John W. Cefaloni, and her special friend, John R. Adamson.

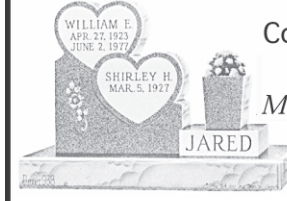
Funeral services were held Friday in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Charles "Dusty" Twigg and Pastor Greg Adamson officiating. Interment was in the Vance Family Cemetery on Roaring Creek Road at Seneca Rocks.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Vance Family Cemetery.

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WV State Capitol

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ting this project across the finish line. I can't wait for these to be finished."

One mural portrays the Battle of Philippi Bridge, part of the first land conflict of the war. The painting shows Union troops rushing across the bridge to attack a Confederate position. Another mural depicts Harpers Ferry as it appeared in 1859 when attacked by John Brown.

A third mural incorporates figures from history into a dramatized depiction of the ideals behind the West Virginia State Seal, including the motto "Montani Semper Liberi." In this interpretation, Reid-Smith says, "You'll see Abraham Lincoln and (first West Virginia Governor) Arthur I. Boreman, Francis Pierpont, and you'll see scenes of Wheeling and Charleston."

The west side mural features Seneca Rocks rising in the background, pushing up into blue skies from a landscape of fall colors. Its title, Shiverree of Seneca Rock, refers to marriage customs that originated in France, then made their way to America through German and Scots-Irish settlers, probably picking up old British Isles and German traditions along the way.

Shiverree (spelled many different ways) referred to a raucous party, or also good-natured harassment, held for a couple getting married. The happy couple's impending nuptials would be greeted by loud singing, pots and pans crashing together, and even celebratory gunfire.

This tradition in the backcountry coincided with another that historian David Hackett Fischer called "bridal abduction." Lowland Scotland provided the origin of this tradition where the bride was ceremoniously kidnapped before, sometimes after, the ceremony. Celebration included "volleys, much whooping, and an abundance of kissing, drinking, and high hilarity."

For the purposes of the mural, the word seems to refer in general to a fun and lively celebration.

Shiverree of Seneca Rock depicts arts, culture, and recreation. Viewers can see figures weaving baskets, stitching quilts, playing music, and dancing. A cardinal, the official state bird, flies toward a figure not included in the original design. That figure, a happy rotund bulldog, appears to be the artist's nod to West Virginia's unofficial state canine, Babydog.

The murals highlight important aspects of Mountain State history, arts, and culture. Artists spent two months putting the murals in place on the north, south, east, and west sides of the rotunda. Seneca Rocks occupies the west side.

Four additional murals will be placed in currently blank trapezoid shaped areas near the lunettes by November.

CVB

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Russ Sasso, a member of the Franklin Town Council, shared that he had come to the county when working at the Sugar Grove Navy base and never left. "I was hoping we'll be able to amplify and modify and build on the Civil War," he said. Sasso explained that growing up in New York, he never learned much about the Civil War.

Paul Clayton and Brenna Mitchell represented the Pendleton County Historical Society. Clayton serves as president of the organization while Mitchell is a popular presenter for the group. She recently spoke on Pendleton County soldiers lost in World War II, as well as the history of the Franklin fire of 1924.

They brought up efforts in previous years that created guides recorded on compact disc and other means of helping visitors learn about Pendleton County history and heritage at their own pace

"I get so deeply excited about the many, many ways you can be in a place," shared Humes. She discussed how visitors can get interested in different aspects of history, heritage, culture, and even landforms all over Pendleton County. "Geologically it's fascinating," she noted.

Jeff Munn, CVB board member and owner of Dry Run Distillery, shared that Pendleton County currently has its lowest population since the Census of 1870, but that opportunity may lie there. "All sorts of communities have disappeared," he said, listing Peru, Dahmer, and others.

"It would be really neat to encapsulate these communities" by telling their stories, Munn suggested.

The timing to tell community stories may be ripe. A recent national poll showed that more people are currently considering moving to West Virginia than leaving. A New York Post article last week highlighted the Southern Appalachians as the new trendy region in the United States to move into, especially for families seeking to buy affordable homes.

Locals have noticed the reversal as well. Katie VanMeter, who along with her husband, Jared, own the William McCoy House and other businesses, stated that "more people are moving back in. They want the experience they had when they were kids." She also, as she has on many occasions, explained how they would use the McCoy House as a resource to help draw people into the community for special events.

The meeting held two weeks ago kicks off a series of such gatherings planned by the CVB. As Nesselrodt explained, "We are creating a space for local, cultural heritage stakeholders to contribute, participate, and collaborate with our local tourism office."

The meeting also included board members of the CVB, local business owners, and others.

Maple Syrup Production Data Released

The United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, in cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture released the following report about West Virginia and United States maple syrup production.

In West Virginia maple syrup production totaled 12,000 gallons in 2024, up from 11,000 gallons in 2023. Number of taps was 70,000, up from 69,000 taps in 2023. Yield per tap was 0.171 gallon, up from 0.159 gallon in 2023. Acreage totaled 2,200 acres in 2024, previous year data are not available. Comparison data for 2023 were released by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in cooperation with NASS. Sales data will be in the Crop Production Report released in June 2025.

United States maple syrup production in 2024 totaled 5.86 million gallons, up 17 percent from the previous season for comparable states. The number of taps totaled 17.1 million, up 5 percent from the 2023 total for comparable states. Yield per tap was 0.342 gallon, up 0.035 gallon from the previous season for comparable states. Acreage totaled 318,700 acres in 2024, previous year data are not available.

The 2023 United States average price per gallon was \$32.80, down \$1.70 from 2022. Retail prices in 2023 were \$55.70 per gallon, up from \$53.60 per gallon in 2022. Retail gallons sold totaled 636,000, down from 734,000 gallons sold in 2022. Wholesale prices in 2023 were \$44.40 per gallon, up from \$40.00 per gallon in 2022. Wholesale gallons sold totaled 520,000 gallons, down from 805,000 gallons in 2022. Bulk prices in 2023 were \$2.40 per pound, down from \$2.70 per pound in 2022. Bulk prices per gallon in 2023 were \$26.90, down from \$30.20 per gallon in 2022. Bulk gallons sold totaled 3.6 million, down from 4.3 million 2022. Value of production, at \$159 million for 2023, was down 23 percent from the 2022 season. Estimates began for maple in 2024 for Connecticut, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, and West Virginia.

Alt Reports Emergency Services to Pendleton County Commission

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He urged everyone to take advantage of the 45-day public comment period to share with the federal government that they cannot impose yet another wrongheaded regulation that will hurt people and organizations at the local level.

Gillespie also shared an emergency services issue with the commission, this time involving communications. He shared that his office would apply for an Appalachian Regional Commission grant to help fund Pendleton County's share of a proposed study. Alongside (possibly) Pocahontas County and Bath and Highland counties in Virginia, each county

would provide \$30,000 to fund a study aimed at enhancing emergency communication interoperability.

Interoperability becomes an issue when different county emergency services have to coordinate, such as during the wildfires.

He explained that the Virginia counties had definitely committed, Pocahontas had not, and that all had until June 30 "to fish or cut bait" on being a part of it. Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, offered that "I think we ought to do it." commissioners voted to approve Gillespie's request.

Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator, told the commission that she sent the required feasibility study to the US Department of Agriculture as part of the process to secure a loan to pay for construction of the courthouse annex. She said that the study revealed "the county is in great shape" and that it would apply for a loan amount just under \$3 million. That includes enough to cover any changes or unexpected costs that may occur.

Commissioners also approved a five-year term for Paula Waggy on the Pendleton County Library board.

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10 Years Ago
Week of June 26, 2014

School To Nix Food Deliveries to Students

Food and beverage deliveries to elementary and middle/high school students by outside vendors and restaurants will be disallowed when the new school year begins if a rule presently out on public comment is adopted by the West Virginia Department of Education.

The new rule is promulgated by the Department of Education's office of child nutrition, and it is expected to be adopted after the public comment period closes on Friday, July 18, at 4:00 p.m.

The proposed rule clarifies existing procedure and policy by stating that "only a parent, guardian or family member may deliver outside foods and beverages to a child."

The policy also states that the opening up of schools to local vendor deliveries creates competition with school meals programs and thus negatively affects school meal participation rates while also relaxing school campus security efforts and procedures.

Proponents of the policy furthermore state that allowing food to be delivered by outside sources increases the risk of food borne illnesses and compromises procedures for protecting students with special dietary needs.

30 Years Ago
Week of June 30, 1994

SUGAR GROVE

Older People Affected by Depression, World War II

It's been said that for people born prior to 1940, two major events shaped their lives and attitudes: World War II and the Great Depression. Those were the worst of times, and yet there were aspects that proved to be the best of times as well. Certainly, people dug in, worked hard and felt proud of their achievements. Courage, grit and fortitude were brought out. And of course, people had fun too. A sense of humor went a long way in making it through those days. The ability to laugh at one's problems and enjoy life stayed with them long after things got much better. People often talk about the "good old days." They didn't spend much money on entertainment, but then, bellings, rumble seats, card playing, dancing, and listening to Fibber McGee and Molly didn't cost much!

50 Years Ago
Week of June 13, 1974

Vocational Education Serving Many Students

By Grey Cassell
Superintendent of Schools

In last week's edition of The Pendleton Times an article appeared whereby the awarding of training certificates being issued to 26 Franklin High School seniors by The Hanover

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Week of June 27, 1974

Lightning Is Nature's Worst Destroyer According to NSC

Lightning is nature's worst destroyer. According to the National Safety Council, it causes nearly \$500 billion in property losses each year. In rural areas, it is responsible for more than one-third of all destructive fires.

Lightning is also a killer. This year the Lightning Protection Institute predicts that 250 persons will be killed by lightning strikes; 250 more will die in lightning caused fires, and another 1,500 persons will be injured.

Lightning can strike any place—in the home, at work, at the beach, in the hills, or on the level. Lightning arrestor systems can provide protection in buildings, but many buildings do not have these systems. To reduce the danger in an unprotected home, here are some suggestions:

—Avoid using the telephone or television set and keep clear of all metal objects such as pipes and electrical appliances during a lightning storm.

—Don't go to open doors or windows to watch the storm because you make it easier for lightning to strike you with an indirect, but powerful, blow.

—Don't run outside to take clothes off the line; you may save your wash but lose your life.

If you must be out side, or are caught in a storm away from a protected building:

—Avoid lone trees. Even if the tree you are standing under is not directly struck by lightning, a nearby strike may follow the tree root system, electrifying a wide ground area. Many cattle huddled under a tree are killed this way each year.

—Stay away from unprotected storm shelters. Those dangerous little buildings are often found on golf courses or at picnic areas and campgrounds. They are prime invitations to direct lightning strikes.

—Stay away from flag poles, towers and metal fences. Any tall, slender object is a prime target in a thunderstorm.

—Water is an excellent conductor of electricity, so don't wade, swim, or go boating in a thunderstorm. If you are caught out in the open water in a boat when a thunderstorm builds up, stay low in the boat.

Don't you become the prime target.

As you see a thunderstorm approaching, you have a choice of shelters in this descending order of safety:

—The safest place is a building protected by a lightning system.

—A closed automobile provides a protective metal shell.

—A large, unprotected building offers a degree of safety if you stay away from plumbing, wiring and appliances.

—If caught in the open, stay low in a ditch or depression.

—If caught in the woods, pick a small tree among several large ones. Lightning has one persistent trait—it always takes the easiest path to the ground. Make sure you're not it.

The chances that you will be struck by lightning are admittedly slim, but keep one point in mind—those who have been struck by lightning were either out in the open or in an unprotected building.

Thousands In West Virginia Have Gardens for First Time

MORGANTOWN—Once there was a joke among the cracker barrel set who, when asked how their gardens were growing, would reply: "Fraid I plowed up more than the misus can take care of this year."

From almost every corner of West Virginia this spring, cooperative extension agents are expressing the same apprehensions about the thousands of gardeners who are "green thumbing" it for the first time. Veteran agents can't remember when information and garden literature carried in the extension offices have been in such demand.

"At no time since the famous victory gardens of World War II has interest in growing one's own vegetables and fruits been so great," declared Carl Hardin, West Virginia University Extension horticultural specialist, who observes that folks today are calling them "inflation gardens."

In addition to the backyard types, a new breed of gardener has become a part of the phenomenon. "This is the apartment dweller and the patio-planter who are using space once occupied by flowers and ornamentals to grow vegetables that are adaptable to small spaces," Hardin pointed out.

The interest in home gardens emerges in the face of a nationwide fertilizer shortage brought about by the energy crisis. Demands for plants and seeds and fertilizer are matched by an enthusiasm for learning how to grow vegetables in the home gardens. Countless numbers of new green thumb buffs are flocking to garden clinics sponsored by the WVU Extension Service throughout the state.

According to Hardin, soil testing is the most critical aspect of good gardening. "It's important that homeowners know the ingredients of their soils and what nutrients (fertilizers) need to be added to grow the kinds of vegetables and small fruits they need," he commented.

West Virginians May Have Ability To Postpone Death

WVU PSYCHOLOGIST SAYS

MORGANTOWN—West Virginians, like Jews in New York City and Budapest, seem to be able to postpone their natural deaths until an event significant to them has passed, a study by West Virginia University psychologist indicates.

Dwight Harshbarger, associate professor of psychology, and Cindy Marriot, a WVU graduate student in psychology, collected statistical evidence supporting their belief that West Virginians can postpone their deaths until after the Christmas holiday.

The WVU study is similar to a study conducted by David Phillips among Jewish populations in New York City and Budapest. Phillips found a significant decrease in the number of deaths before Yom Kippur, supporting his belief that Jews could postpone dying until after that holiday.

Harshbarger and Ms. Marriot found that of all the West Virginians studied, single women statistically demonstrated a strong tendency to die after Christmas.

According to Dr. Harshbarger, this might confirm the stress theory because these women expected Christmas to be a joyous occasion and when it wasn't, they became very depressed. It is possible that this state of depression was related to their deaths.

60 Years Ago
Week of June 25, 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.

'Alabama' Is Sunk Off Coast of France

France had a taste of America's Civil War 100 years ago this week.

The "Kearsarge" and "Alabama," Federal and Confederate steamers, fought one of the war's most colorful sea battles off the coast of Cherbourg, France, before the eyes of more than 15,000 Frenchmen. The battle, a grand spectacle from its beginning, ended with the Confederate vessel, the "Alabama," sinking to the bottom, and for the following week the fight was the talk of Paris.

The "Kearsarge" and "Alabama" were about the same size; each had about 150 crewmen, and each was heavily armed. But the "Alabama" was the more famous; for the past two years it had sailed the high seas and captured 64 Federal merchant ships, burning all but seven of them.

The "Kearsarge," in a routine post call at Flushing, Holland, heard that the "Alabama" was at Cherbourg and immediately sailed for France in hope of

doing battle. Two days later, the "Kearsarge" arrived at Cherbourg and found the "Alabama" floating in the breakwater, her Confederate flag flying high. Unable to attack in French waters, Capt. John A. Winslow of the "Kearsarge" went ashore and spread the word that he was waiting outside the port to do battle with the "Alabama."

Soon, he received word that the famous Capt. Raphael Semmes, skipper of the "Alabama," was agreeable to a battle and would come out and fight as soon as arrangements were completed.

For the rest of that week, the two ships prepared for the fight. On Sunday morning, June 19th, the "Alabama" nosed out to sea, and the fight was on.

At 10:57 a.m., the "Alabama" opened fire from 1800 yards with a broadside that cut some of the "Kearsarge's" rigging. The "Kearsarge" responded with a broadside that knocked down the "Alabama's" ensign for a few moments.

For 65 minutes, the two ships sailed in circles blasting at each other, as Frenchmen watched through spyglasses from the Cherbourg heights or from the rigging of ships at port. An excursion train of sightseers arrived from Paris just in time to have the unexpected spectacle unfold before them.

The "Alabama" fired a 68-pounder through the Federal ship's starboard bulwarks, wounding three men, and another shell set off a brief fire in the "Kearsarge." But the Federals sent shell after shell crashing through the Confederate vessel's sides.

Finally, the "Alabama" turned and headed for shore. The "Kearsarge" followed and with a few more shells brought her to bay. As the Federals watched, the famous "Alabama" sank stern-first into the water, then slipped backward beneath its surface.

The "Kearsarge" began picking up survivors and then called for help from a nearby British yacht which joined in the rescue effort. Then, to Winslow's dismay, the British yacht sailed off with the men it had rescued, including Semmes, and the Federals had been deprived of half of their prisoners. The battle cost about 30 Confederate casualties—only three for the Federals.

Next week: Kenesaw Mountain.

DAHMER

Honey bees sixty years ago were an available product to many of the elderly people or citizens of this area, because they were lovers of honey and did not take too much hard work in attending to the honey bees. Many farmers grew large fields of buckwheat and they were favorite haunts for the honey bees to visit, and now buckwheat is not extensively grown in this immediate area.

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Smith Creek/Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

This past week is a sign of what summer is going to be like, and summer just started. It was rare for the area to have had temperatures in the 90s for the start of summer. One won't notice it right now, but there is less daylight each day until winter.

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 and the Ruth Duty family.

Prayer thought: "Dear God, I repent of my secret sins. Please look on me with mercy and help me live rightly before you."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for June 17 through June 23, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: June 17 - 88°, 6° (72°, 53°, .4°); June 18 - 91°, 63° (81°, 47°); June 12 - 87°, 61° (81°, 51°, .24°); June 20 - 91°, 59° (70°, 60°, .91°); June 21 - 92°, 66° (62°, 52°, 1.03°); June 22 - 93°, 65° (60°, 59°, 1.02°) and June 23 - 86°, 64°, .12° (77°, 51°, .16°).

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Children Need Interesting Activities During Summer Months

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Oftentimes children get bored during the summer months, when school is "out." In the southern part of America, there are a lot of outdoor activities which are quite popular.

1. Catching fireflies
2. Swimming
3. Salting slugs
4. Running through the sprinkler
5. Bicycling
6. Splashing through puddles after a thunderstorm
7. Climbing trees
8. Exploring
9. Getting sunburned
10. Getting bitten by bugs
11. Getting into poison ivy
12. Making mud pies
13. Catching a crawfish with bare hands
14. Going on a snipe hunt
15. Fixing a flat tire
16. Making sun tea.
17. Cranking homemade ice cream
18. Eating a peanut butter and mayonnaise sandwich
19. Pulling weeds in the garden
20. Watering flowers on the porch

Life's little lessons include the following:

1. Be kind.
2. Give someone the benefit of the doubt.
3. Learn how to check tire pressures.
4. Sing in the shower.
5. Smell flowers in bloom.

The best way to describe the weather being experienced in this community is "hotter than a frying pan," and very sultry, lazy conditions. Perhaps this

is all well and good for the garden. It is hoped that the temperatures lower Friday and Saturday for the Brandywine Fireman's lawn party and fireworks.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, and singers of song." — Pam Brown.

"A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow." — Unknown

"Most of the trouble in the world is caused by people wanting to be important." — T.S. Eliot

"There will come a time when the rich own all the media, and it will be impossible for the public to make an informed opinion." — Albert Einstein

"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." — Isaac Newton

Sitting by the air conditioner is where one needs to be to hear the "Talk of The Grove."

Justin, April, Colby and Chloe Simmons enjoyed a weekend in Williamsburg, Virginia. While there they went to Busch Gardens, ate at Captain George's and stopped by Cabela's on the way home.

Eddie Rader of Davis and Seth and Breanna Rader of Charlottesville, Virginia, visited Saturday in the home of Willard and Judy Rader.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- The ancient Egyptians invented the 365-day calendar to predict the yearly floodings of the Nile River.

- It is estimated there are about 100 million lake trout in Lake Superior.

- Cats have no collarbone.

- Polar bear skin is black.

- Granny Smith apples were originally cultivated in the 1860s by Maria Smith of Eastwood, New South Wales, Australia.

July birthdays include the following: Dennis Mitchell, Dale Kile and Jordan Hevener, first; Terry Harper and Elaine Rexrode, fourth; James Ryan, fifth; Jimmy Rexrode, sixth; Gary Pitsenbarger, eighth; Patricia Rexrode and Kathy Kile, ninth;

Blair Mitchell, Terry Ryan and Jerry Lambert, 12th; Bruce Smith, 13th; Deloris Simmons, 14th; and Gary Harman and Janet Judy, 15th.

Concerns for this week are as follows: 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, 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, Gary Harman, Alma Harper, 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, Walt Pitsenbarger, 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 Riggelman, Mike Roberts, Donna Ruddell, Jenny Ruddell, Brittany Shriver, Annie Simmons, Greg 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 Ed Wimer, Margaret Wimer, the people of Ukraine, Israel, Pakistan, and avalanche victims of Papua New Guinea.

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Chamber of Commerce Sets Plans for Joint August Event with Town of Franklin

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce has steadily ramped up its community involvement and exposure in recent years through coordinating with local government and other stakeholders. In last week's meeting, they started work on planning another recreational event for locals and visitors alike.

On Aug. 16, the town and chamber will collaborate on setting up a "Food Truck Friday" to coincide with the first day that students return to school in Pendleton County. Recent upgrades to the Franklin Town Park have brought new security cameras and an expanded capability to handle the power needs of food trucks and other possible needs.

Elizabeth Scott, executive director of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, shared that Isaac and Tasha Sponaugle offered to donate use of a large tent for shelter, whether from rain or the late summer sun. She said that she will also schedule one musical act. Food trucks will open for business

between 10:30 and 11 a.m. and serve the public all day long.

Brooke Alt, board member for the chamber, inquired about the collaboration, "What are we expected to do and what are we getting?"

The town is hosting the event in its park while the chamber has put in much of the work of organization. Scott replied by explaining that the chamber and town would split vendor fees. "Any time we can make a little bit of money, it's better than none," she said.

The board approved setting the event for the 16th and continuing with plans and preparation.

Chamber board members also briefly discussed the Route 33 Yard Crawl, scheduled for Aug. 24. "All we do is advertise it," Scott stated. The event features yard sales and other sales opportunities on the entire 45-mile length of U.S. Route 33 in Pendleton County, but practically extends mainly from Onego to Brandywine. The road runs from Allegheny Mountain through Seneca Rocks, Franklin, and Brandywine to the Virginia

state line on Shenandoah Mountain.

The chamber does not put on the event, but acts as "a pass through for advertising." It will start advertising on July 1.

Scott reported on the chamber's assumption of responsibilities for the Main Street Beautification project that erected light poles and hangs flower baskets from them each summer. It had started as a combined project of the chamber and the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"We agreed to take over that," she said, because the CVB wanted to focus its efforts countywide.

She added, however, that the Main Street Beautification project did not include the 99 veterans' memorial flags hanging from power and telephone poles along Town of Franklin streets. She explained the history of the project, emphasizing that it had always been separate from the beautification and had never been associated with the town. Kristen Dingess, board president, shared that Russ

Sasso, her fellow Franklin Town Council member, had gotten support from the local American Legion Post to recruit volunteers and help to maintain the flags, including rehanging them if they fall.

The board also heard a proposal from Scott on how to change up the traditional chamber of commerce dinner. Normally the dinner takes place during the holiday season and has a more formal atmosphere.

Scott stated that she had wanted to put a major event in the North Fork region for some time and had been working with Mountain Cajun Getaway owners Chris and Melissa Grimes to hold the dinner on their Circleville property.

Other changes would include having a more informal barbeque type setting on Oct. 3 to take advantage of the still relatively warm temperatures common at that time. The Sponaugles would donate use of outdoor furniture, heaters, and other necessities.

Pendletonians Earn Degrees from WVU

Eight Pendleton County students were awarded diplomas at West Virginia University's commencement exercises held May 10 - 12 in the college's coliseum in Morgantown.

Graduating from the college were Aiden Cooney and Cali Harper, both of Seneca Rocks (nursing), Cara Holloway

of Upper Tract (nursing), Adam Judy of Riverton (music industry), Kayla Phares of Circleville (wildlife and fisheries resources), Katie Scott of Brandywine (exercise physiology), Halee Sites of Franklin (biology) and Marcus Sites of Upper Tract (wildlife and fisheries resources).

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Board of Education Decides on New Compensation Policy

By Stephen Smoot

"Bless those at the meeting tonight and those whom we serve," prayed J. D. Wilkins, president of the Pendleton County Board of Education as he opened the final meeting for June.

After honoring God, then country through the Pledge of Allegiance, the board members commenced to work.

The board tackled financial reports and decisions. The first of these required a board decision on Workman's Compensation for the policy term July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025.

J. P. Mowery, finance officer and treasurer for Pendleton County Schools, reported that the system has benefited from having "very few claims," adding that "we have been very fortunate." That track record, however, has not prevented the cost of workman's compensation from rising for all.

Last year, the school system paid \$20,958.

Board members reviewed a \$30,420 proposal from Wesco Insurance, a \$27,470 proposal from Encova, formerly Brickstreet, and a \$23,585 proposal from Travelers Insurance Company. Of the three, Travelers had the highest rating from A. M. Best.

Mowery suggested that the board accept Travelers, adding that "They have been great to work with" and that their offer was "about as low as we can get."

He then reiterated that some "federal funds are going away this year." Mowery encouraged the board and school system to watch retirements and other losses of personnel and consider the necessity of replacement. "We have to pay attention to that. I feel very good about Fiscal Year 2025, but we have to pay attention."

Travis Heavner provided a facilities report, starting with an alternate education building update.

Last year, the Pendleton County Schools partnered with the state prison in Huttonsville. The prison has a program in which selected inmates can perform con-

struction projects. Inmates constructed the facility in halves, completing the first several months ago. Delays in finding transport to bring the first half of the building from Randolph County also consumed considerable time.

Now, the second half of the building is near completion. Heavner said that they "are shooting for the week of July 22nd" to complete construction and that he needs to arrange transport. In a previous meeting, Heavner suggested that the structure may be ready by the end of December.

He then provided an update of other work on school system facilities. Heavner reached out to their insurance company concerning damage done to the board of education building by an Amazon truck.

Lantz has commenced work on resetting doors affected by foundation settling at Franklin Elementary School. Heavner stated that the cost "may not be as bad as what we thought." Crews will also work on the floor at FES that showed damage from the same cause.

Region 8 to Possibly Add Environment Specialist Position to Staff

By Stephen Smoot

The Region 8 Planning and Development Council met earlier this month to go over results of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy community meetings. It also discussed the imminent addition of an environment specialist and approved a new slate of officers.

In late March and early April, Region 8 held meetings in Moorefield and Keyser. Community members and council staff met to brainstorm about issues affecting the Potomac Highlands region. Region 8 includes Pendleton, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, and Mineral counties.

Issue categories were divided into strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

Ralph Goolsby, who ran the meetings in both locations, produced a summary of results for the council. He first reported that, between the two meetings, approximately 100 participated.

Strengths listed include progress on Corridor H, scenic beauty, strength and resilience of people, natural resources, and the importance of history and heritage. Community participants proposed that lack of correct statistical data, lack of funding for local projects, and uneven development of broadband internet service represented regional weaknesses.

Opportunities for the region mirror some of the issues listed in strengths and weaknesses. They include finishing Corridor H, development of the North/South U.S. Route 220 corridor, expansion of broadband availability, and encouraging young people to acquire trade skills.

The threat list highlighted first the impact of unnecessary federal regulation, the rise of both the cost of living and crime rates in some areas, the affordability of

broadband internet and the lack of economic diversity.

A council member inquired about the impact of higher numbers of illegal aliens potentially entering the region as a threat. Goolsby explained that, though not specifically mentioned, some of the issues listed do address that problem.

He also stated that the draft of the CEDS report went to libraries and other community magnets. They also held two meetings for the public to address it. With the process completed, he submitted the report for the council's approval, which it did.

The council also discussed the possible impending addition of an environment position, similar to the environmental program coordinator position on the staff of Region 9, which covers Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson counties.

Melissa Earle, executive director of Region 8, said, "If we are awarded this, we will have this for three years." The environmental project coordinator helps local governments to write grants to obtain funding for projects that in some way help to protect the environment.

"It's exciting working with you all to get this started," said Samuel Canfield, representing the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. He explained that the position covers some of the work that he does in promoting projects to local governments, but that he cannot assist with grant writing.

Canfield said that the position will bring in a person who can be "more hands on" that his role allows. He also said that Region 8 adding this position could encourage regional higher education to add an environmental job education program, such as one established at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College in Martinsburg.

In the past, Region 9's environmental project coordinator has also assisted Region 8 and its communities with programs and funding acquisition, due to the fact that any water borne pollution from the Region 8 area would naturally flow through Region 9 in many cases.

Canfield also spoke briefly about pitching Tree City USA participation to the Town of Franklin at their council meeting.

The council also approved its new slate of officers for the year. Roger Leatherman, Mineral County Commissioner, will continue as chair. Bob Hott, from the Hampshire County Commission will serve as one vice president and Diane Baker, Mayor of Crippland (Mineral County) as the second. Scott Miley, Grant County Commissioner, was selected as treasurer and Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, as secretary.

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Steps Given for Filing Comment with PSC

By Charlotte Lane, Public Service Commission chairman

The Public Service Commission staff suffers through the same concerns that many people do about the cost of gasoline, water and power bills, groceries, and every other budget item. The commission wants to hear one's concerns, and it takes the comments very seriously.

There are simple means for a person to express one's thoughts. Comments can be mailed to the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks St., Charleston, WV 25301. But the easiest way is to simply use a computer.

Take a look at the commission's website at www.psc.state.wv.us. Look in the yellow field to the left of the pictures of the commissioners. Under the first section, titled "Inside the PSC," one will see a highlighted section that says "Submit a Comment." Click on that. The next screen offers an easy way to submit one of two types of comments.

The first is a general comment or suggestion. Click on that and it will open a form. It looks busy, but it is fairly simple. At the bottom is a place for

a person to type in one's comments and a submit button. The information will be directed through the commission's internal system and will reach the proper people who are concerned with a person's issues.

This site also has a second button. This can be used if one is interested in a formal case already before the commission. Because this involves a specific case, the commission requires that one be properly identified as a legitimate person. Again, the commission wants one's comments, but it wants to ensure that those comments come from a person with an interest in the case.

Fill out this form and add one's comments, then

staff will verify who one is. Once the verification process is completed, the comments will be added as an activity in the formal case process. Crude or crank remarks won't be included, but legitimate comments in any case are welcome.

So, here are two different ways a person can get involved in the process and explain one's position on issues before the commission. The commission cannot guarantee one's complaints will be fully satisfied, but a person can know that one's words will be heard by the commission.

The commission has tried to make this process as simple as possible for one's convenience and hope one will give it a try.

Summer EBT Cards To Be Issued to Eligible Students

The West Virginia Department of Human Services, in conjunction with the West Virginia Department of Education, began mailing West Virginia Summer EBT benefits to eligible students on June 16.

The WV-SEBT 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. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 20.

"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 West Virginia's Summer EBT program represents a crucial step forward in supporting residents by providing essential grocery assistance during the summer months, as we maintain our commitment to fostering a brighter future for West Virginia children."

Each eligible student will receive a one-time benefit of \$120 on a new Summer EBT card in the name of the student. Benefits will not be loaded onto previous Pandemic EBT 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. Households should allow up to two weeks

to receive the Summer EBT card(s). All eligible students will receive their Summer EBT cards by July 12. DoHS will not replace any WV-SEBT cards prior to July 12.

As a reminder, unlike PEBT, 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.

Additionally, if a West Virginia household is already receiving certain public benefits, such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or West Virginia 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.

Households of students who do not receive public benefits will need to apply and be income eligible to receive Summer EBT. Income limits for WV-SEBT can be found at wvde.us/wv-sebt/. The online application can be found at schoolcafecom.com. Households can access a paper application at all DoHS county offices. For more information, call 1-866-545-6502.

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Consumer Confidence Report - 2024

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This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality or if you have questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Office or call the Town Office at 304-358-7525 or William Waggy at 304-358-2984.

Your water comes from:

| Source Name | Source Water Type |
|-------------|-------------------|
| TOWN SPRING | Surface Water |

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 1402 and is required to test a minimum of 2 sample(s) per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2023. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for: FRANKLIN, MUNICIPALITY OF

| Disinfection Byproducts | Sample Point | Collection Date | Highest Value LRAA | Range (low/high) | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|------|-----|------|---|
| TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) | SMITH CREEK | 2023 | 6 | 1 - 14 | ppb | 60 | 0 | By-product of water disinfection |
| TTHM | SMITH CREEK | 2023 | 8 | 3 - 15 | ppb | 80 | 0 | By-product of drinking water chlorination |

| Regulated Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range (low/high) | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|-----|------|---|
| NITRATE | 9/19/2023 | 0.42 | 0.42 | ppm | 10 | 10 | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits |
| Radium 228 | 9/19/2023 | 0.223+/-0.440 (1.02) C:72% T:79% | 0.223+/-0.440 (1.02) C:72% T:79% | pCi/l | 5 | 0 | Erosion from natural deposits |

| Lead and Copper | Monitoring Period | 90th Percentile | Range (low/high) | Unit | AL | Sites Over AL | Typical Source |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------|-----|---------------|--|
| COPPER, FREE | 2021 - 2023 | 0.042 | 0.0094 - 0.1448 | ppm | 1.3 | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives |
| LEAD | 2021 - 2023 | 1.2 | 0.2 - 14.7 | ppb | 15 | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

FRANKLIN, MUNICIPALITY OF is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. The most up to date inventory is located at the Town Office, if you have any questions about our inventory, please contact Frank Werle at 304-358-7525 or William Waggy at 304-358-2984.

| Chlorine/Chloramines Maximum Disinfection Level | MPA | MPA Units | RAA | RAA Units |
|---|------|-----------|------|-----------|
| 12/1/2023 - 12/31/2023 | 1.80 | MGL | 1.70 | MGL |

| Unresolved Deficiency Date Identified | Facility | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 05/10/2021 | HANOVER STORAGE TANK | overflow does not extend down 1' above ground level discharging to splash pad/drainage swale |
| 05/10/2021 | HANOVER STORAGE TANK | tank exterior in extremely poor condition with severe rust/corrosion present |
| 05/10/2021 | WATER SYSTEM | water system previously had waiver which allowed plant to operate unattended; the core instrumentation and controls to shut the plant down if either the turbidity increases to set level or chlorinator residual decreases to set level is still in place and operational but the permit expired - 15 years ago and the water system must re-apply for the waiver + comply with all new requirements of DW-36 or maintain Class II operator present at all times water is being produced. |

| Total Organic Carbon Lowest Month for Removal | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | TT | Typical Source |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-------|------|----|--------------------------------------|
| CARBON, TOTAL | 2/14/2023 | 0 | 0 | MG/L | 0 | Naturally present in the environment |

| Analyte | Facility | Highest Value | Unit of Measure | Month Occurred |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| TURBIDITY | TREATMENT PLANT | 0.18 | NTU | October |

During the 2023 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

| Compliance Period | Analyte | Comments |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 10/1/2021 - 12/31/2021 | PUBLIC NOTICE | Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state |
| 7/1/2023 - 9/30/2023 | TTHM | Failed to monitor/report as required for chlorine or disinfection by-products |
| 7/1/2023 - 9/30/2023 | TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) | Failed to monitor/report as required for chlorine or disinfection by-products |
| 9/1/2023 - 9/30/2023 | E. COLI | Failed to collect all routine or replacement coliform samples |

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful waterborne pathogens may be present, or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify and correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year. During the 2023 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

| Water System | Type | Category | Analyte | Compliance Period |
|---|------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2023 | | | | |

There are no additional required health effects notices.

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Mashed Potatoes
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MONDAY, JULY 1
Chili Dog
Macaroni/Cheese Slaw, Peaches

TUESDAY, JULY 2
Fish Sticks, Tator Tots
Broccoli Salad
Fruit Cocktail

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3
Pork BBQ
Baked Beans
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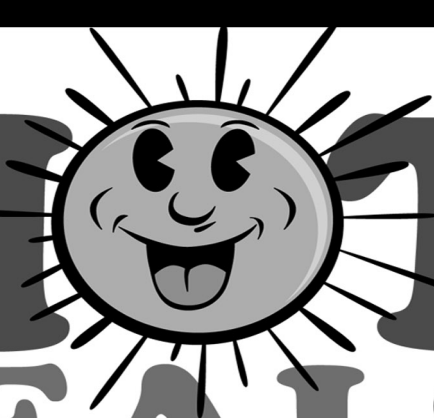
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Pendleton Community Care, Inc. has an immediate opening for a Staff Accountant who will work in direct support of the Chief Financial Officer at our Franklin, WV health center. The ideal candidate is team-oriented but also can work alone, self-motivated, forward thinking, with a strong emphasis to detail and the ability to independently evaluate financial activity. A minimum of a bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or Business Administration is required. This is an excellent opportunity for a Staff Accountant to contribute to the financial success of our organization and further develop their accounting skills. If you are a detail-oriented professional with an interest in investigating and researching data, we encourage you to apply. The position is in-person, full-time with benefits including affordable health insurance, paid-time-off, holidays, and a 401K.

If you are interested in this position, please submit a letter of interest and a resume to:
Pendleton Community Care, Inc.
Attn: Jodie Wimer, HR Coordinator
Staff Accountant Position
PO Box 100, Franklin, WV 26807
jwimer@pcc-nfc.org
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LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)

Pendleton Community Care, Inc. seeks a full-time Licensed Practical Nurse to work 40 hours per week as a Patient Care Manager at Pendleton Community Care in Franklin, WV. This would also include providing rotating coverage at our satellite sites in Riverton and Harman when needed. Travel between sites will be reimbursed. Must have a valid WV license. Requirements include good verbal communication skills, the ability to work an evening and be included in the Saturday rotation (once every 5 weeks).

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Three New Waterfalls Added to the Trail

Gov. Jim Justice announced over the Memorial Day weekend, the West Virginia Waterfall Trail surpassed 75,000 participant check-ins. The popularity of the nation's first statewide waterfall trail continues to grow, with data showing that visitors from all 50 U.S. states and 41 countries are now joining the fun.

As the summer season kicks off, the department of tourism is adding three more falls, bringing the total number of stellar stops along the trail to 43.

"It is absolutely beyond belief that our West Virginia Waterfall Trail has reached over 75,000 check-ins. We're talking about West Virginians and visitors from all 50 states and 41 countries who have explored these trails," said Justice. "I couldn't be more excited that we're adding three more incredible waterfalls to this trail. It opens up even more opportunities for folks to get out there and experience the breathtaking beauty right here in Almost Heaven."

The West Virginia Waterfall Trail has been nationally recognized by major travel publications such as Travel + Leisure, USA Today, Southern Living and Fodor's Travel. The trail continues to receive remarkable participation, as more than 10,000 prizes have been awarded to visitors for their adventuring efforts. Iconic favorites such as Cathedral Falls, Kanawha Falls and Blackwater Falls remain some of the most visited falls. The trail also features lesser-known hidden gems, including Seneca Creek Falls, Parkin's Waterfall and Loopemount Waterfall.

"We are absolutely thrilled to see the West Virginia Waterfall Trail receive 75,000 check-ins," said Chelsea Ruby, West Virginia Tourism secretary. "Our beautiful state is home to the most abundant collection of falls, and we are thankful to be able to share that with the rest of the world in a fun and engaging way. Whether you're just getting started or already completed the old list, there's another waterfall just waiting to be explored in Almost Heaven, West Virginia!"

The department of tourism added three new falls to the trail. Each of these waterfalls has been made more accessible for visitors in recent months due to trail infrastructure improvements.

• Clear Fork Rail Trail Waterfall
To find this deceptively unassuming beauty, watch for rail Clear Fork Rail Trail signs along WV Route 1, also known as Clear Fork Road. The closest access point to the rail trail allows for an easy walk to the base of the waterfall. Navigating toward the waterfall, GPS driving directions will take a person to the parking area, just adjacent to the Larry Allen "Crocky" Holstein, Jr. Memorial Bridge. Once parked, head to the trail kiosk from the road and turn left to follow the wide gravel path, just under a quarter of a mile upstream. Since there is limited cell service in the area, be sure to download the route ahead of time.

While hikers and cyclists will hear flowing water as they pass by along the Clear Fork Rail Trail, a person may not see the full majesty of this waterfall unless one takes a moment to peer up into the canopy. From this perspective, one can appreciate the multi-tiered waterfall that extends like stairsteps at least 40 feet up the mountainside into dense forest cover. In spring or after a heavy rain, multiple smaller falls will be spotted along this section of the trail.

• White Oak Falls
Nestled within the lush forests of Mercer County, White Oak Falls can now be accessed with a four-mile total out-and-back hike through a scenic valley along the Bluestone River. A partnership between the Mercer County Commission, the Nature Conservatory and Camp Creek State Park has led to trail expansions and improvements beyond Brush Creek Falls, giving way to the additional two miles connecting to the beautiful White Oak Falls.

After parking at the access point for Brush Creek Falls, continue down the trail past Brush Creek's rushing waters, another 1.75 miles to reach the more delicate White Oak Falls. This gentle cascade tumbles over tiered rock formations where the White Oak Branch meets the Bluestone River. As a person makes way back to the Brush Creek Falls parking area, one will round out the hike at about four miles total, through both State Parks and Nature Conservancy land.

• Devil's Sawmill
Head to Clay to explore the beauty of Buffalo Creek. Driving to the location of this waterfall, a person will find oneself in the parking area of Rail Explorers, where one can purchase tickets to ride the rails on their state-of-the-art railbikes. Enjoy the views and scenery for about five miles until one approaches the striking sight of Devil's Sawmill, which is a local gem.

Waterfall wanderers can also hike or cycle to the site by parking at the Rail Explorers headquarters and traveling approximately five miles along the railroad to come upon Devil's Sawmill. Watch for rail bikes and wildlife along the tracks, as one treks or rides 10

miles total to see the falls.

To get started with the Waterfall Trail, visit WVtourism.com/waterfalls and register to have the West Virginia Waterfall Trail passport delivered straight to a person's smartphone. Those who have already registered and want to restart their adventures can text "resend waterfall trail passport" to 1-888-921-5333 to be connected with a support agent.

The West Virginia Department of Tourism rewards waterfall chasers with exclusive gear along the way. Check in at three or more waterfalls and receive a custom sticker. Check in at 10 or more waterfalls and receive an aluminum water bottle. Check in at 20 or more waterfalls and receive a waterfall wanderer T-shirt. Check in at all locations and receive a limited edition letterpress print.



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