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Local Roots Inspire Artist Brightening Townscapes Throughout the Potomac Highlands



Thorne has produced several works in Pendleton County, including this rendition of Jesus Christ at Pendleton Manor.

By Stephen Smoot

Over the past few years, towns throughout the Potomac Highlands have seen blank walls develop into vibrant and dynamic works of art. Images that reflect the best of the individual communities – and small town West Virginia itself – have popped up in many locations.

Earlier this summer, Kelson Thorne once again showcased his talents to Franklin. A bright, beautiful, and vivid image took shape on the bright white wall of the new innovation hub. This joined previous works of Thorne's that grace the halls of Pendleton County Middle/High School.

Thorne gives praise and credit to his grandfather, Bruce Cosner, who served as pastor of Brushy Run Church of God in Upper Tract for approximately five decades.

"He raised me, for the most part," Thorne



shared, also stating that "the values he instilled in me created my work ethic." Furthermore, he learned that "if I can believe in something, I can pursue it wholeheartedly."

One of the earliest influences on Thorne's work came from Mark Kistner. Kistner is to children and drawing what Bob Ross was to adults and painting. Thorne remembers that in his childhood, he and his family enjoyed *Continued on Page 2*

SFVFD Lawn Party Supports First Responders and Celebrates Community





More than 20 persons braved the storms last Wednesday evening to welcome and talk with Jessica Hoover, the new extension agent.

Circleville Greets New West Virginia University Extension Agent

By Stephen Smoot

Jessica Hoover's homecoming as the newest Pendleton County West Virginia University Extension agent took its act on the road last week. Mountain Cajun Getaways' Chris and Melissa Grimes set out the welcome mat for Hoover, fellow agent Brooke Alt, and community members eager to meet the office's expert on agriculture.

Hoover had met with the community the previous night in Franklin where almost 15 came to meet her and learn about extension service programs. "We had a pretty decent turnout," Alt shared, adding that "it's been very successful and helpful to get her out, even though she's from here."

Turnout for the Circleville meet and greet initially appeared threatened by the weather. The National Weather Service had issued weather alerts forecasting powerful storms. One did plow into Circleville at 7 p.m., just as the gathering commenced. High winds and heavy rains pummeled the area, but attendees kept coming.

"We hoped the rain would hold off, but you can't complain about rain this time of year," noted Hoover.

Approximately 25 came out to Mountain Cajun Getaways to greet Hoover. Attendees included Matt Monroe, assistant director of environmental programs for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and also executive director of the Pendleton County Farmland Board. Elizabeth Scott, executive director of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, also came.

Hoover said of the events "they've been good." She said that the goals lay in "trying to get some opinions and see what everyone needs." She brought with her surveys to help ascertain more specifically the needs of farmers individually and collectively.

Many requested information about invasive species, especially weeds, and different livestock diseases. "These have been the big things," she stated. Her office put up a table at the event with information on those subjects, as well as regulatory changes and other vital information.

It did not take long for the fury of the storm to spend itself and develop into a gentle and steady rain. Attendees, flanked by flying flags representing every branch of the United States military, shared stories, reconnected, and talked while eating chips and homemade salsa and cut up fruits and vegetables.

Mountain Cajun Getaways, which hosted the event, is a non profit that brings veterans facing challenges from their service, along with their families, to the retreat to work on healing. The Grimes family helps to support their operation by producing and selling their own maple products.

Cherry Grove's Lambert Hilltop Park

Fun, games, and fellowship greeted those who gathered at the South Fork VFD Lawn Party.

By Stephen Smoot

"You can't fill Nila's shoes, but people have filled the gaps." Jeff Bowers, South Fork Volunteer Fire Department president, proudly described the effort put in by auxiliary and firefighter volunteers to once again bring the department's summer lawn party to life. For decades until this year, the department relied on "the general" Nila Bland to organize and execute efforts to put the massive undertaking together.

Bowers praised the teamwork shown by the auxiliary and firefighters working together as they took on the monumental task of throwing a huge community bash.



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

Quilters To Meet

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin. The activity will be a demonstration of the disappearing nine patch block.

Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to attend.

The efforts paid off as attendees arrived at the Brandywine station in the hundreds. Friday night welcomed fun seekers from babies to seniors. Clear blue skies, sun, and moderate temperatures embraced the event.

Bowers also expressed appreciation for the community's response and support all year long. Although the lawn party is "our main fundraiser," the community also supports the department through porchlight, letter, and other drives to raise money for equipment, training, and various crucial expenses.

"We don't take it for granted," Bowers said, adding that "we appreciate the support and give

Board of Health Schedules Meeting

The Pendleton County Board of Health will conduct a meeting at 5 p.m. on July 11 at the health department in Franklin.

Mennonite Church To Host VBS

"Animals in the Bible" Vacation Bible School will begin at 6:30 p.m. July 8 -13 at McDowell Mennonite Church for ages 4 to adult. The church is located at 8532 Highland Turnpike in McDowell, Virginia.

For more information, call 540-468-1713.

the service back to them."

When it comes to supporting local fire departments, lawn parties, car shows, and other fun filled events are a win-win. They bring joy and family fun to communities while helping those who help the county.

As a live musician sang Kris Kristofferson's "For the Good Times," and other traditional country favorites, small children chased each other in circles playing tag. Teenagers gathered in groups and walked together as they do. Older folks sat in the shelters eating freshly cooked food and reminiscing

One of the hidden benefits of the lawn party lies in something generally seen as an inconvenience. With no cellular phone service in that end of the county, no faces were buried in phones.

That food featured an offering of homemade desserts that included 15 pies and 20 cakes, as well as seven different flavors of ice cream. Children could play on a bouncy house and compete in different games, such as pitching coins into a tower of glasses.

As Bowers explained, the lawn party does more than simply give residents something to do on a summer weekend. "It's an annual event for people to come back and see family and friends." Many plan their summer trips around the lawn party as a return to their community and family roots. "Maybe more than other events," Bowers said.

Acquired by Horizons Learning



For almost 60 years, the Lambert Hilltop Park has been a family affair in Cherry Grove.

By Stephen Smoot

"Today marked the end of an era dating back to 1967 or earlier," said Jennifer Sponaugle on June 8. Her statement marked the conclusion of an agreement to transfer ownership of the Lambert Hilltop Park to Harrisonburg, Virginiabased Horizon Learning Foundation.

"Today, the officers and board members voted to dissolve the association," she added in her statement made on June 8. Much like many such organizations, dwindling numbers proved discouraging to those working to maintain the park. Once more than 300 members strong, in recent years, that number declined to approximately 80.

Sponaugle explained that "we couldn't maintain it. We've tried since 2017 and we can't do it."

"Even with fundraisers every year, there was not enough money to maintain the building, pavilion, and grounds. Interest in maintaining the park was not there," Sponaugle explained. This situation forced a vote on April 6 concerning the future of both the park and the organization supporting it.

That vote posed three future scenarios. Two voted to "keep that park as 'status quo," meaning that the park organization would have done the best it could to continue as it had.

Another option lay in shutting down and boarding up the building and simply using the grounds.

The third, which earned overwhelming support, was "turn over Lambert Hilltop Park to a non-profit organization," which it did. Last Friday, the parties met in the law office of Jeff Bowers in Franklin to finalize the details.

That organization, Endless Horizons, has continued to expand its impact in the North Fork area. One of their long-established projects has been NROCKS Outdoor Adventures, described on their website as "the premiere guided climbing center in West Virginia and the North Fork valley region. Endless Horizons also runs the nearby Gateway Restaurant at the foot of Spruce Knob in Riverton.

Last week, John Hall and Brian Williams from Endless Horizons met with Sponaugle and other representatives from Lambert Hilltop Park Association to sign the final paperwork on the transfer. Lambert Hilltop Park Association deeded it to Endless Horizons as a gift for \$10 in consideration.

One of the stipulations, described by Sponaugle as "very important," was that Endless Horizons happily agreed to was to always set aside the second weekend in August for the traditional Lambert family reunion. A plaque that will "last for years" honoring the families involved with the park and the association will be placed in the pavilion.

"I've worked with Jen for six years now," said Williams, who also added that "Jen reached out to us to discuss an arrangement to take over the park."

As Hall explained, their goal with the park and other facilities lies in "creating positive experiences for children and adults." The website states that their various operations "share a common commitment to offer best-in-class services, programming, and experiences to help individuals and organizations grow to their full potential."

Endless Horizons will use the park for its programming. One project in which it will be used is a "hut to hut" program. This project envisions a series of shelters on private property stocked with supplies for mountain bikers and hikers. Endless Horizons wishes to work with local framers especially to set up that network.

Hall remarked, "It makes us proud and appreciative of Jen and her family trusting us with the property."

Local families in Cherry Grove started Lambert Hilltop Park on June 28, 1966, "for the benefit of the Lambert annual reunion."

OBITUARIES



Gary Stanley Harman

Gary Stanley Harman, 75, of Upper Tract passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on June 28, 2024, at Mon General Hospital in Morgantown after a long illness.

He was born on July 15, 1948, in Petersburg and was a son of the late Stanley Isaac Harman and Violet Blanche (Kesner) Harman.

Mr. Harman was a 1966 graduate of Franklin High School. He served his country in the United States Army from 1968-1970, where he received the National Defense Service Medal for his expertise.

He retired from General Motors in 2001 where he had been employed since 1967. His retirement led him back to his beloved home state. He was always quick to give a big hug and lend an ear to friends and strangers alike.

His loving wife, Ramona Ann

Harman, whom he married on Dec. 28, 1972, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kerri Adele Harman (Jaime Loudermilk and son Jarred); a daughter-in-law, Shannon Hart Harman; four grandchildren, Kayla Elizabeth Harman, Johnna Lilly Harman, Briley Edan Harman and Brice Edward Harman; a sister, Judith Lynn Harman Patch (Tom); a brother-in-law, Marlin Casto; in-laws, Warren Lee Harman, Delmer Harman (Sherry), Nina "Pet" Simmons, Judy Sherman (Gerald), Dolores Harman and Alvin Harman (Gretta); and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Edward Brian Harman; a sister, Patsy Darlene Harman Casto; his fatherin-law, C. W. "Bud" Harman; and mother-in-law, Lillian Lorraine Mullenax Harman.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at Mt Horeb United Methodist Church with Pastor Dave Webb and Pastor Rita Beeman officiating. Interment was in Kline Cemetery with military honors by Grant County Veterans Honor Guard and United States Army Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the National MS Society, American Cancer Society or Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were by Schaeffer Funeral Home in Carolina. Petersburg.



J'Quan Di-Nel Willis

It is with a broken heart that the family announces the passing of J'Quan Di-Nel Willis, 33, of Durham, North Carolina, and formerly of Franklin on June 29, 2024, as the result of a motorcycle accident in Durham, North Carolina.

He was the son of Liti Jewel Barrow of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Eddie Dean Willis of Franklin.

Mr. Willis was a 2009 graduate of Pendleton County High School where he was active in the band. He was a 2015 graduate of West Virginia University where he obtained his bachelor's degree.

He was employed by FE-DEX in the maintenance department in Durham, North

To know Mr. Willis was to

love him. He cherished life and took advantage of the opportunities it had to offer. His smile, laughter and personality were contagious. His sense of humor was always reviving life into others. He was a kind, generous soul who captured the hearts of those who crossed his path. He will forever be known for the legacy that he leaves behind.

On July 7, 2023, he married Sereika Onecia (Rowe) Willis of Durham, North Carolina, who survives.

In addition to his wife and parents, he leaves behind to cherish his memory a sister, Javada M. Barrow of Harrisonburg, Virginia; loving grandmothers, Patty Willis and Elsie Barrow, both of Franklin; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m. July 9 at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. July 10 in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Chip Willis officiating. Interment will be at the Willis Family Cemetery on Entry Mountain in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Basagic Funeral Home, PO Box 215, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

Potomac Highlands Artist Continued From Page 1

"The Price Is Right." Prior to that midday program, however, his mind and hands were inspired by watching reruns of Kistner's public television broadcast "Imagination Station."

"As a kid I was just doing it for fun," Thorne said of his drawing. He said that from Kistner he learned "the building" blocks" of drawing and said, "I use them today."

Thorne also drew inspiration from the long waits students experience during standardized test days. Like most children, he doodled. Thorne imagined people he knew in and around Petersburg and drew them as Simpsons-style characters, as on the television program.

For Thorne, this showed him the next step towards a style with which the region has grown familiar. He calls it "drawing from your mind and imagination," but it means that he takes real world images and infuses them with his own imagination. He combines themes, ideas, and imagery to create both powerful and meaningful representations of the towns and regions that sport his work.

Laura Brown noted Thorne's work while serving as regional economic development director. As she explains, "After we received the USDA grant for the Franklin Innovation Hub, we knew that we wanted to add to downtown Franklin's of Dante "descending solid flames, that to the ground came down." He morphed the reds and oranges of the flames into the feathers of a defiant cardinal, seemingly symbolizing the spirit and resilience of a town and people that nothing, not even nature, can break.

Thorne, like most in the area, took pride in "volunteers coming together to save acres of land," as well as homes and lives. He shared "our community comes together like no other."

When considering what to do with the plain white wall of the Franklin Innovation Hub, Brown said that "we saw something that Kelson shared on social media – a creation using an older photo with vibrant artwork." This served as the inspiration for what Thorne brought to downtown Franklin.

He teamed up with the Pendleton County Historical Society, who provided old black and white photographs of the town. Another expert joined the team to help to envision the image. Thorne shared that, until he dove into the project, that he did not know of the Franklin fire that consumed large parts of downtown a century ago. This, of course, plays into those themes of Appalachian resilience in the face of adversity that Thorne likes to highlight. Thorne's talent is rare for the region, if not unique. That will soon change. One of his next projects will hopefully start a legion of artists whose work will grace and beautify Mountain State streetscapes. He helped to bring together a team to establish South Side Studios in Petersburg. Along with Jenny Nielsen and Robb Shobe, the team has put together a space that will feature a gallery, classrooms, and gatherings to promote and celebrate art. As part of this project, in August Thorne will start an apprenticeship program to train mentees how to create murals as he does. Six area teens will learn the process of taking a digital sketch and creating a digital illustration, then transferring the image to a large-scale mural. Work from the students will grace four six by six cinder block walls. "It's a really great opportunity," he said. In this fashion Thorne weaves himself into the Appalachian traditions that he celebrates, by taking art and handicraft lessons learned with difficulty and experience and developed in painstaking fashion, then teaching them to the next generation who, hopefully, will carry them forward and perhaps even eventually excel the master.

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restoration with the addition of a mural.'

Painting murals spoke to Thorne's sense of artistic purpose. Like many who grow up in West Virginia, sometimes young people hear so much of the derision from outside that it, for a time, drowns out the wonders of the people and the landscape. Ronald Lewis, professor emeritus of history at West Virginia University, in his writings often called it "the hillbilly stereotype."

"As I've grown older," he shared, "I've grown a lot of pride in being Appalachian."

That pride has enabled Thorne to see aspects of the region as an adult that he missed as a child, mainly the tapestry of small town and countryside life where the details often make the story.

His storytelling through murals attracted the attention of Brown, who said "we wanted to utilize a local artist . . . and Kelson Thorne's talent speaks for itself."

That talent showed itself early on at Pendleton County Middle/High School. Thorne remembers former athletic director Jackee Hedrick reaching out to him to add color and life to some of the walls and entrances inside the school. His work there includes hallway murals, representations of the mascot and Seneca Rocks, and a "Welcome to the Den" mural that greets all entering the gym. He has also brought his style of art to the residents of Pendleton Manor.

Thorne's recent work illuminating the U.S. Route 220 side of the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department, he says is meant to "embody what our community represents." The left side of the work portrays the wildfires that plagued the region recently, showing a forest consumed as in the words

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Sandie H. Smith Pendleton County Assessor



Hundreds gathered on West Virginia's highest mountain to test their aerodynamics skills in the midsummer breeze.

Fun Lifts Off with Experience Learning **At Spruce Knob Kite Festival**

By Stephen Smoot

Since 2017, not counting 2020, Experience Learning has invited all to test their skills at flying kites on the windswept summit of West Virginia's highest point.

The idea originated in considerations of what would combine a fun and attractive event with an open house to show off Experience Learning's Spruce Knob Mountain Center. David Martin, executive director of Experience Learning, described the site as "fantastic for all sorts of events with a beautiful setting, plenty of parking, facilities, and amenities that can accommodate hundreds of people.'

For mass kite flying, "it's almost always at least a little windy" on the top of the ridge. Martin added, "I don't think I've ever seen a day up there so still that one couldn't fly a kite."

The iconic one-sided trees on the top of Spruce Knob confirm Martin's observation. Almost constant winds force the branches of trees on the summit to only grow in the downwind direction.

"Hundreds of people of all types come from near and far to visit at Kite Fest," noted Martin. Families from in and near Pendleton County join "kite flying aficionados from all over." Though still new, the event has quickly developed into a tradition. As Martin explains, "We have many former staff members, summer campers,

and other participants for whom it has become a bit of a reunion."

The "diverse group of people" even includes "families who either lived on this property or farmed here in bygone days come back just to see what we've done with the place," he added.

The Spruce Knob Kite Festival joins the new annual Memorial Day Weekend bike party at Experience Learning's Sweetwater Farms as "events ... each year that are free, open to the public, and require no commitment on anyone's part."

Experience Learning's programs focus on youth development. Martin described the organization as akin to the Boy and Girl Scouts or 4-H, where outdoor based, handson learning takes center stage. He stated, "We engage in science education and help kids to develop increased self-confidence through adventuring in the out-of-doors."

"Lots of people are curious about us and our places, but don't often have a good reason to come, or feel like they need an open invitation to check us out," Martin observed. Events like Kite Fest give people "an excuse to come up and visit, see the place, meet the team, and enjoy themselves."

Experience Learning took over all United States based operations from the Mountain Institute in 2016. Its roots date back to the Woodlands and Whitewater Institute founded in 1972.

Town of Franklin and American Legion Partner Up and Pledge to **Re-Hang Fallen Veteran Banners**

By Stephen Smoot

At the last Town of Franklin Council meeting, citizens came to raise their concerns regarding a veteran's memorial banner that had blown free from its moorings. The banner was assumed to be stolen, but had been brought by a concerned citizen to the office of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, then to the town office.

Family members restored the banner to its rightful location.

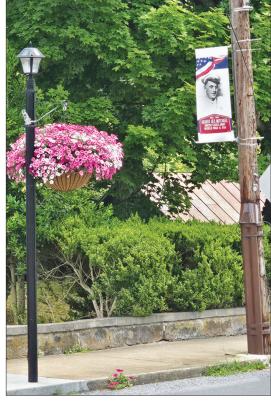
The 99 banners honoring veterans that grace the streets of downtown Franklin originated in a project performed by the formerly combined Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce and CVB prior to their becoming standalone institutions under their current leadership.

Some assumed that the Town of Franklin had spearheaded the project and had "dropped the ball" in terms of not maintaining them. They addressed their concerns in the public comment period during the June town council meeting.

Gary Hess spoke for the group, saying, "I'm hoping to clarify and resolve an issue concerning veterans that came to my attention." He then requested that a solution be found so that family members not have to undertake the dangerous task of putting them back up.

At the time, Russ Sasso, council member, promised that he would find a solution, saying that "this is absolutely an issue that will be resolved today." He agreed that families, especially seniors, should not have to use their own ladders to ascend telephone poles and restore the banners.

Since then, Sasso, Bob Horan, Franklin's mayor, and the American Legion Pendleton Post 30 have forged an agreement to cover such problems going forward. Sasso said, "It's



The veteran banners were hung as part of a series of projects to beautify the Franklin streetscapes.

the mayor's wish that Franklinites know that if they find a downed banner, to bring it to the town office. The office will notify the American Legion, and the banner will be re-hung as soon as the Legion can arrange it."

The town office will accept the banners when found and the American Legion will assume the responsibility to put them back in place.

Both Horan and Sasso served in the armed forces. Sasso has accepted an invitation to join the American Legion and will "in that capacity, be integral in re-hanging future downed banners."

Four-H'ers Receive Camp Awards

Additional awards given at the closing council circle of the Pendleton County 4-H Camp were as follows:

Third-year camper certificates — Ross Pownell, Tori Heavner, Ty Armentrout, Ty Heavner and Vaylee Harper;

Fifth-year felt patches — Callie Judy, Alex Adams, Zander Adams and Cole Harper; and

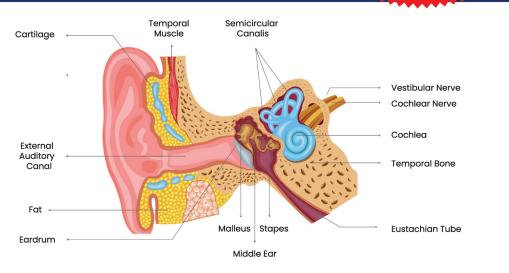
Seventh-year felt patches — McKenna Hedrick, Hannah Bennett, Lydia Heavner, Lukas Alt and Addison Rexrode.

Jamiegh Miller also received her charting pin, which she received from her mom, Rebecca Miller, who was a former 4-H member in Pendleton County.





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20 Years Ago Week of July 1, 2004

Endangered Pastime Still Alive in Pendleton

What is it about drive-ins? Rare as they are, a few still exist—nine in West Virginia, to be exact—one of which, 51-year-old Warner's Drive-In on Rt. 220 north of Franklin, is right here in Pendleton County.

But, drive-ins—what could be a more appealing vestige of older Americana than something whose constituent elements are cars, movies and hormonally charged teenagers parked on the back rows on weekend summertime evenings?

Drive-ins—what could be more recherche on the American landscape today than a pale-in-the-moonlight monolith that predates television in a post-VHS movie age, when Wal-Marts sell DVDs of "The Talented Mr. Ripley" for less than half of what it costs to drive to Moorefield or Harrisonburg, VA, to see "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" at the multiplex?

The nostalgia for drive-ins is potent.

For baby boomers and for almost all of those who came of age in the years after World War II, which was the heyday of drive-in-going in small town America, drive-ins recall the innocence and imperial omnipotence of Eisenhower's America—a world that existed after Elvis but before the Beatles, before the pill but after Rock Hudson and Doris Day, or even Troy Donahue and Sandra Dee, began their reign as America's universal signifiers of popcorn romance.

It's sad that most young people now grow up without a hometown drive-in to go to during the lilting, school's-out months of summer.

But in Pendleton County, it's different.

Here, even little kids have access to the same all American experience their grandparents and great-grandparents had because of Warner's Drive-In.

"The thing I like about driveins is they have that summer afternoon, back porch feel," said Mike Mallow, a 22-year-

marks that guide one through the year. They provide one with deadlines and celebrations and promises. The Fourth of July Independence Day is here again, bringing picnics, fireworks, barbecues and fun. As "Old Glory" proudly flies above one, this melting pot of the world somehow pulls through any peril that comes its way. One has more language diversity, more religious denominations, more ethnic backgrounds and more pride than any nation on this planet. The country's freedom was won by the combined efforts of all of its citizens. America is the best country to live in today, and it is with thanks that in these beautiful green hills that one has the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"-the dignity of being an American.

Following the Civil War, the Fourth of July was not celebrated for awhile. It was Pendleton County's lot to be taken into the new state of West Virginia in July of 1863. The celebration returned into favor as youngsters who had witnessed the war grew into adulthood and came to appreciate the new United States, which had emerged from the chaotic war. The old Confederate veterans were seen marching in the Fourth of July parades.

30 Years Ago Week of July 7, 1994

Library Displays Old Carnival Prizes

If you remember going to carnivals and winning celluloid dolls and chalk dogs painted bright colors you will want to see the current exhibit in the Pendleton County Library.

Early carnival prizes is the subject of the exhibit provided by the Pendleton County Historical Society.

Starting around 1910 and moving through the 1940s are examples of common prizes received at carnivals and fairs of the period. Included are examples of carnival glass, which originally was known as iridescent glass, chalk figures, celluloid dolls, and ever popular canes. Also included are two Franklin Firemen's Carnival

side take a tip! In spite of it all, this 4th of July weekend had many of us eating out and once again, the occasion has made memories.

40 Years Ago Week of June 28, 1984

Arts Committee Gives Library Filmstrips, Tapes **About West Virginia**

The Pendleton County Committee for the Arts recently presented to the Pendleton County Library a collection of filmstrips and cassette tapes about West Virginia entitled "A Panorama of West Virginia."

Each of the four filmstrips covers a different aspect of the mountain state

West Virginia Recreation-Tells of the many recreational activities within the state with major emphasis on the state park system and festivals.

West Virginia Industry-Gives a description of the varieties of industries which function within the state.

West Virginia Transportation—Shows the importance and different types of transportation available to the state and details the geographical problems in building a good transportation system.

West Virginia's Capitol Complex—Gives the viewer a tour of one of the nations most beautiful state capitols, the Governor's mansion and cultural center.

The collection is available to individuals, groups and classes and may be checked out the same as any book.

Week of July 5, 1984

Strawders Find Engraved Turtle

On June 25, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Strawder of Timber Ridge found a box turtle, which had been engraved, outside their yard.

On June 17, 1982, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett of Circleville had carved Dot and the initials of her daughter, Teresa Harper, and her three granddaughters, Lisa Mary, Joni Lynn and Betsy Ellen, on the turtle. Mrs. Bennett stated that the initials had turned somewhat black,

that salt.

50 Years Ago Week of July 4, 1974

Coffee Break Is One of Our Hottest **Fringe Benefits**

The coffee break—that popular forum for the exchange of ideas, gripes, and gossip-is one of America's hottest fringe benefits.

More than 90 percent of all employed persons in the United States have coffee available to them in the office or factory. They drink about 50 million cups during daily coffee breaks.

Although Americans consume some 40 percent of the world's coffee imports, their drinking habits rarely are initiated in other countries.

The Japanese prefer coffee at least twice as sweet as the average Americans brew. The Swedes like theirs much stronger.

Italians relish "cafe espresso," a dark, rich liquid concocted in a gleaming, steaming, spouting monster of a machine. Ugandans make a savory blend of coffee and bananas.

In Arabia, where the coffee plant first was cultivated, the beans are roasted, pulverized, and boiled for each brew. Few business deals are completed without a cup of coffee. Arabs consider a water chaser after a coffee break a breach of etiquette.

The name for coffee in almost every country of the world comes from the Arabian word qahwah-an honored title meaning "that which gives strength"-and its Turkish derivative, kahveh.

The beverage once was so popular in Turkey that if a husband failed to keep his wife supplied with the brew, she had grounds for divorce. (Grounds without coffee?)

In its thousand-year history, coffee has blended with many whims. When the Italians first took to the drink, they seemed more concerned with clarity than flavor. To settle the grounds, they added eggshells, codfish skin, and isinglass.

Prussia's Fredrick the Great limited coffee-roasting licenses to the cream of the society, and warned the poor people that drinking the beverage caused sterility.

coffee beans in their crowded covered wagons. The precious commodity often was used as a peace offering to the Indians, who quickly developed a taste for the beverage.

Coffee retained its popularity even after the West was won. An old range tradition calls for testing coffee with a horseshoe-when the shoe floats, the coffee's ready.

60 Years Ago Week of July 2, 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.

Sherman Loses Battle **But Takes Marietta**

Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman stood on a cleared mountain in Georgia 100 years ago this week, looking southeastward beyond Kenesaw Mountain and, beyond that, the city of Marietta.

There had been three weeks down and three weeks of fighting in that area with little important effect, but now Sherman was determined to break through the line of Joseph E. Johnson's Confederate army which was guarding Atlanta.

At 9 a.m. that day, June 27, Johnston's army of 100,000 moved into an assault, as artillery and musket fire boomed on a 10-mile front.

Johnston had taken a strong position with trenches running down Kenesaw Mountain southward to Nose's Creek and then appeared no way to crack the line except by hitting it directly.

Gen. James B. McPherson's men led the attack on Johnston's position at Little Kenesaw Mountain and they were turned back. After fighting their way up the side of the mountain, they were halted before reaching the summit.

A mile farther along the line, George H. Thomas, the "Rock of Chickamauga," led another assault up the mountain but was turned back under heavy fire at the parapet. By 11:30 a.m., Sherman wrote later, "the assault was in fact over, and had failed." Sherman's army had lost 2,500 men, including two generals (one of them Daniel McCook, Sherman's old law partner), while Johnston had lost only 800. But the battle proved to be no serious setback for the Federals. For while it was being fought, Gen. George W. Schofield of Sherman's army had crossed Olley Creek to the south and had established a bridgehead. Capitalizing on this, Sherman ordered a general movement through Schofield's position to flank Johnston's lines.

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Smith Creek/ **Friends Run**

by Dave Ellis

Another month has started and half of the year has gone by.

The area was blessed with some rain showers, but still not enough due to the high temperatures.

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, Ethel Murphy and family of Ruth Duty. Prayer thought: "Dear God, thank you for showing me that life's trials are opportunities for me to grow a deeper faith in you." High and low temperatures and precipitation for June 24 through June 30, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: June 24 - 79°, 62°, .02" (79°, 60°, .01"); June 25 - 87°, 52° (82°, 61°, .25"); June 26 -88°, 62°, .36" (83°, 60°, .42"); June 27 - 86°, 62° (70°, 59°, .01"); June 28 - 84°, 55° (77°, 58°); June 29 – 90°, 68°, .09" (84°, 51°) and June 30 - 89°, 71°, .15" (83°, 60°). Total rainfall for June was 1", compared to 4.56" in June of 2023. Year-to-date rainfall is 17.72", compared to 18.68" for the same time period last year.

old Pendleton Times staffer from Upper Tract.

He's been going to the local drive-in since he was 16 (the magic age, when teenagers are licensed to drive something other than a tractor around the family farm).

This past weekend, with the almighty and animated Shrek 2 on the bill, Warner's Drive-In, which has a vehicle capacity of more than 200, had to turn away almost 100 vehicles, so many in fact that a Sunday evening showing of the blockbuster family hit was added to the weekend schedule.

Week of July 1, 2004

SUGAR GROVE

Memories Are What Make A Holiday **Special To Us**

Memories are linked with holidays. These are the landposters from the early 1940s and one advertising Eds Park.

The exhibit will be in place during July and August.

SUGAR GROVE

Outdoor Meals Bring Many Surprises

Outdoor meals make memories. When you are out balancing a paper plate on your knees, there's something about blue skies and fresh air that makes even plain old ice cream seem like a treat. Crowding around a picnic table with family and friends creates a closeness that can't be contained within a dining room's walls. It is a real adventure too-this eating out. Wasps and flies and ants arrive uninvited...paper plates sprout wings in the wind... wooden picnic tables prove precarious-when two people on one side get up at the same time, those on the other

and she estimated the turtle to have traveled one and one-half miles in the two-year period.

Salt Tablets Not Recommended

In the old days if you were playing ball, running, or otherwise exercising in hot weather, you would be urged to take salt tablets—to make sure you didn't pass out, to make sure you replaced the salt you lost in sweating. But all that salt did was create more problems.

Your most important concern is to maintain your body fluids with the necessary electrolytes (sodium and potassium). The way to do that is to include fruits and vegetables in your diet and to drink plenty of water before, during, and after any strenuous activity. Remember, you don't need

Undaunted, illegal roasters thrived, and Fredrick, who brewed his coffee with champagne, had to employ a corps of "coffee smellers" to follow the unmistakable aroma and arrest the lawbreakers.

Coffee was more readily accepted in Austria. The Viennese today drink gallons of coffee and are finicky about the way it is served. A traveler once saw an elderly Viennese gentleman carry his cup from a dark coffee house interior outdoors to make sure it was the exact color he had ordered.

The Boston Tea Party converted many Americans to coffee drinking almost overnight.

Later, the pioneers who settled the West always managed to find room for some



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Diverse Snippets Help To Mold the Caliber of Farmers

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Pendleton County has farmland, and naturally, there are abundant farmers in the mix. Advice for the farmers can be heeded with some humor.

1. Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
Life is simpler when you plow around the

stump. 4. A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

5. Words that soak into your ears are whispered . . . not yelled.

6. Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.7. Forgive your enemies. It messes up their

heads.

8. Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

9. It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

10. You cannot unsay a cruel word.

11. Every path has a few puddles.

12. When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

13. The best sermons are lived, not preached. 14. Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

15. Don't judge folks by their relatives.

16. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

17. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

18. Don't interfere with somethin' that aint' botherin' you none.

19. Timing has a lot to do with the outcome

of a rain dance.

20. If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

21. Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

22. The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

23. Always drink upstream from the herd.

24. Good judgement comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgement.

25. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

26. If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

27. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Farmers tend to be very patriotic, and with that they are very casual in dress. Almost everyone goes by the requirement of wearing red, white, and blue for the Fourth of July celebrations. These friendly colors blend well with each other, and they are the national colors representing important values. The red is for hardiness and valor, white represents purity and innocence, and the blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

The writer wishes her readers "A happy Fourth of July!"

Life's little instructions for the Fourth of July include the following:

1. Watch fireworks.

2. Hang the American flag.

3. Be inspired to sing along with the patriotic songs.

4. Enjoy watching a parade.

5. Have a barbecue with hot dogs to enjoy.

The community was ecstatic after receiving some rain this past week. Every raindrop will

Writer Recalls Growing up in a Great Community – Doe Hill, Virginia

I lived my first six years in a house nestled among hills and ridges. There were trees and hills in every direction you looked. When the family moved from Pendleton County to Highland County, Virginia, the landscape took on a whole new look. As far as you could see there were open fields for miles, spreading out in the valley that ran north and south. There was Jack Mountain to the west and what I always heard referred to as Cave Mountain to the east. The house we lived in was on a hill and you could see the homes in Doe Hill and the surrounding community. The lights at night pointed out where every home was.

Doe Hill at one time was a prosperous and thriving place. The Doe Hill Academy was just outside the town to the north. There were two stucco buildings while in operation. One large building was still standing when I started school at the one-room school in 1947. The Doe Hill School was located along the Brushy Hill Road to the west.

The Doe Hill Bank was in the center of town next to the home of Dr. J. F. Stover and his office building. Minnie Pope lived just across the road from the bank in a very big house. To the right of the bank was the first two general stores that called Doe Hill home.

Roy and Bertha Johnson were running the store at the north end when we moved to Doe Hill. A boy by the name of Dale Harman was living with the Johnsons and he was Bertha's son. They had a daughter by the name of Dolly Kay. The Johnsons moved to Staunton, Virginia, and as a young man, Dale Harman became the bus driver for the famous Statler Brothers, a position he held for many years. Dale was a schoolmate, a playmate and a friend of mine. Bertha's brother, Virgil Simmons, took over the running of the store and stayed there until he married and moved to Franklin. His widow and sons still live in Pendleton County. The second store was at the south end of town and was owned by Charles and Virginia Wheeler. One corner of the store served as a post office. Charlie took care of most of the mail and you could send money orders as well as receive packages there. A large stove furnished the heat for the long building and a bench sat to either side where customers would wait and visit. The Wheelers had a large customer base as you could purchase basically everything needed right there. Wheeler's Store was a big, much needed, part of Doe Hill and Charlie and Virginia owned and operated that store for a long time. A number of people have purchased the property over the years but have failed to have a successful business. I haven't been in that building now for a long time. Doe Hill was also home to a telephone switchboard that was just across the road from Wheeler's Store. Lena Snyder was the operator and responsible for getting phone calls sent and received. With

the forming of telephone companies and modern telephones, people could dial numbers for themselves and the local switchboard was gone. Operators for the phone companies were available to help place calls long distance. Modern technology now allows us to make our own long distance calls.

Those of us lucky enough to have lived in the Doe Hill community have a wealth of history from this small community. A small town rarely is home to an academy and the teaching it offers and a bank out in the middle of the country almost unheard of Dr. Stover's office was turned into a workshop and Claude Reedy made some beautiful wood items The Doe Hill Bank became the Doe Hill Post Office and I believe mail can still be left there for pick-up Minnie's house is being remodeled after standing empty for many years and much destruction to the interior from recent tenants. The store across the road from the post office is in a bad way and I don't know if it is any longer usable. The Doe Hill Firehouse is located between the post office and the schoolhouse that is now a beautiful home.

The large farms are very much the same although the people who began farming them are all gone. Younger family members continue to work and improve their land. I think the grandfathers/ fathers would be proud of the way the younger generation is taking care of what they once worked hard to have. Alfred Armstrong and Lee Blagg are probably the two oldest people continuing on with the farms of their parents.

certainly benefit the gardens.

Fourth of July quotes are as follows: "Nothing but harmony, honesty, industry,

and frugality are necessary to make a great and happy people." — George Washington

"It will be celebrated with pomp and parade, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other." — John Adams

"Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all. By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall." — John Dickinson

"This nation will remain the land of the free only as long as it is the home of the brave." — Elmer Davis

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right." — Peter Marshall.

One needs to sit in an air-conditioned room to hear the "Talk of The Grove."

Shaun and Leslie Bowers had an amazing week in Colorado. They visited Rocky Mountain National Park, Garden of the Gods, Manitou Springs, Old Colorado City, Pikes Peak, Seven Water Falls and Royal Gorge Bridge in Canon City, and attended a concert at Red Rock Amphitheater.

The South Fork Fireman's lawn party was a huge success. The weather was hot and fair to allow a record crowd of people. The parade was very good, lots of children enjoyed the games and food was available right to the end when the fireworks came on for an incredible display. "Hats off" to the firemen and the many volunteers for making another record success. All's well that ends well.

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

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggers are as follows:

• "Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia" is the fear of long words.

• President Gerald Ford once modeled on the cover of Cosmopolitan.

•Writing tomorrow's to-do list before one goes to bed can help a person fall asleep faster.

• Tug of war is a professional sport

•Hot dogs eaten in the United States on July Fourth could stretch across the country five times.

Concerns for this week are as follows: Bob Adamson, John Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Richard Bennett, "Bo" Boggs, Elsie Bowers, Marie Cole, Steve Conrad, Christian Dasher, Benny Evick, Isaac Eye, Linda Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Carl Gant, David Gillespie, Lola Graham, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, the Gary Harman family, 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, Janice Propst, 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, 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 the people affected by natural disasters.

County Students Named to Honor Lists at WVU

West Virginia University has released its spring Dean's and President's Lists.

Pendleton County students earning recognition on the President's List with a 4.0 grade point average were Colton Batson, a sustainable food and farming major, Corinne Hedrick, a psychology major, and Hannah Koontz, a nursing major, all of Brandywine, and Marshall Harper, a computer engineering major, Halee Sites, a biology major, and Rowan Witt, geology major, all of

Franklin. Named to the Dean's List fashion, dress and merchandising major, Gabriela Reyes, a mental health and addiction studies major, and Katie Scott, an exercise physiology major, all of Brandywine, Bailey Thompson of Riverton, an industrial engineering major, Sophia Harper of Sugar Grove, an animal and nutritional sciences major, and Jenna Wagoner of Upper Tract, a social work major. Students achieving a 3.5

Students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or better



are named to the Dean's List



My brother-in-law, Tom Jones, and Linda, continue to keep the farm of his grandfather going. Linda's contribution is keeping the books as she was forced to have both legs removed due to health problems. Not to worry, keeping accurate farm records is very important. My brother still farms the land he bought from Leta Hiner and Laura Hooke and the land my daddy worked on for many years. Eddie Moyers farms the Hiner homeplace, and his brother farms their grandfather's/ father's farm. Burton Hooke, Laura's husband, raised Southdown sheep while he lived. Although these sheep were not very big, they were quite aggressive. Carroll Mitchell continues to farm the land his family bought and on which the Doe Hill Academy stood. There are smaller farms that surround Doe Hill, and I don't mean to take away from their importance. Farming is a hard, full time job regardless of the acreage and every farmer needs to be recognized for their achievements.

The Doe Hill of the 19th and 20th centuries is not what you see today when visiting or passing through. There is no academy, no bank, no school, no doctor, and only one store that from time to time might be open. The business parts of the town are no longer there, but the farms remain.

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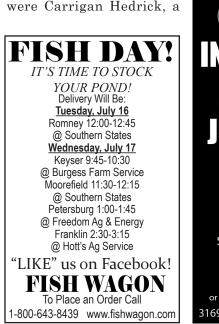
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Bennett Performs in All-State Orchestra

Jax Bennett of Seneca Rocks was selected to perform in the West Virginia 2024 All-State Middle School Orchestra on March 2 in Charleston.

The orchestra was composed of 80 students playing violin I and II, viola, cello and bass. Bennett was selected to play violin I. Sarah Ball from Georgia conducted the talented students in performing Falconer, Sinfonia in D, Elegante and Legends of Glory.

He was accompanied and trained by Walter Holkja, his music teacher. Holkja also accompanied students from his school in Jefferson County.

Bennett is the son of Jared and Susan Bennett, the grandson of Nancy



Jax Bennett and Walter Holkja

Gonshor and Jack and Ann Bennett and the great-

grandson of Mrs. Helen Bennett.

County Students Named to Potomac State's Honor Lists

West Virginia University Potomac State College in Keyser has announced its President's List and Dean's List for the spring semester.

Earning recognition on the President's List from Pendleton County were Keira Gardner of Franklin and Cody Mitchell and Hunter Turner, both of Upper Tract.

County students named to the Dean's List were Emma Gibson of Brandywine, Mariah Huffman and Alex Kimble, both of Franklin, and Braiden Lantz of Seneca Rocks.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must be enrolled in at least 12-credit hours of graded courses, excluding courses in which any grade of Audit, Pass or Incomplete is recorded, and must earn a grade-point average of 3.700 or higher for the semester.

Students enrolled for at least 12-credit hours of graded courses, excluding courses in which any grade of audit, pass or incomplete is recorded, and maintaining a grade-point average of 3.000 to 3.699 for the semester are named to the Dean's List.

Local Students Named to Fairmont's Honor Lists

a bachelor's degree have been honored for their academic achievements at Fairmont State University for the spring semester.

Joshua Alt (exercise science), Brooklyn Aumann (psychology), Rachel Loudermilk (psychology) and Makailyn Ruddle (educa-

Eight Pendleton County students pursuing tion) achieved a 4.0 grade point average and were named to the President's List.

Recognized on the Dean's List with a 3.4 or better grade point average were Brandy Bowers (education), Dalton Dunkle (business administration), Dalton Hedrick (criminal justice) and Selena Hedrick (undeclared).

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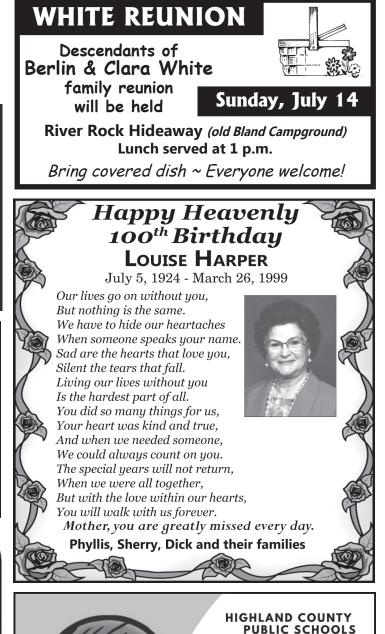
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TOOLS: Delta scroll saw, Delta lathe, ladders, Rockwell drill press, table saw, Delta 12" planer, router with table, belt/disc sander, Rockwell 14" band saw, edger, shop vac, tire changer, lawn edger, tile saw, cutting torches, lawn wagon, lawn mower, battery charger, jacks, boosters, motor lift, power and battery tools, airplane propeller, shelves, Stihl leaf blower, body shop tools, mechanic tools, bird bath, lawn bench, compost barrel, AND TOO MANY OTHER ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION!

MERCHANDISE ON DISPLAY MORNING OF SALE TERMS: Cash or check with proper ID Not responsible for accidents or merchandise after sold.

For more information contact auctioneers Bruce "Icky" Hyre Jr. WV#494 304-257-3134 or pma@frontiernet.net; Larry Thompson WV#1613 304-668-9650 Watch for photos and complete listing on auctionzip.com

The Times sincerely apologizes for the mistake

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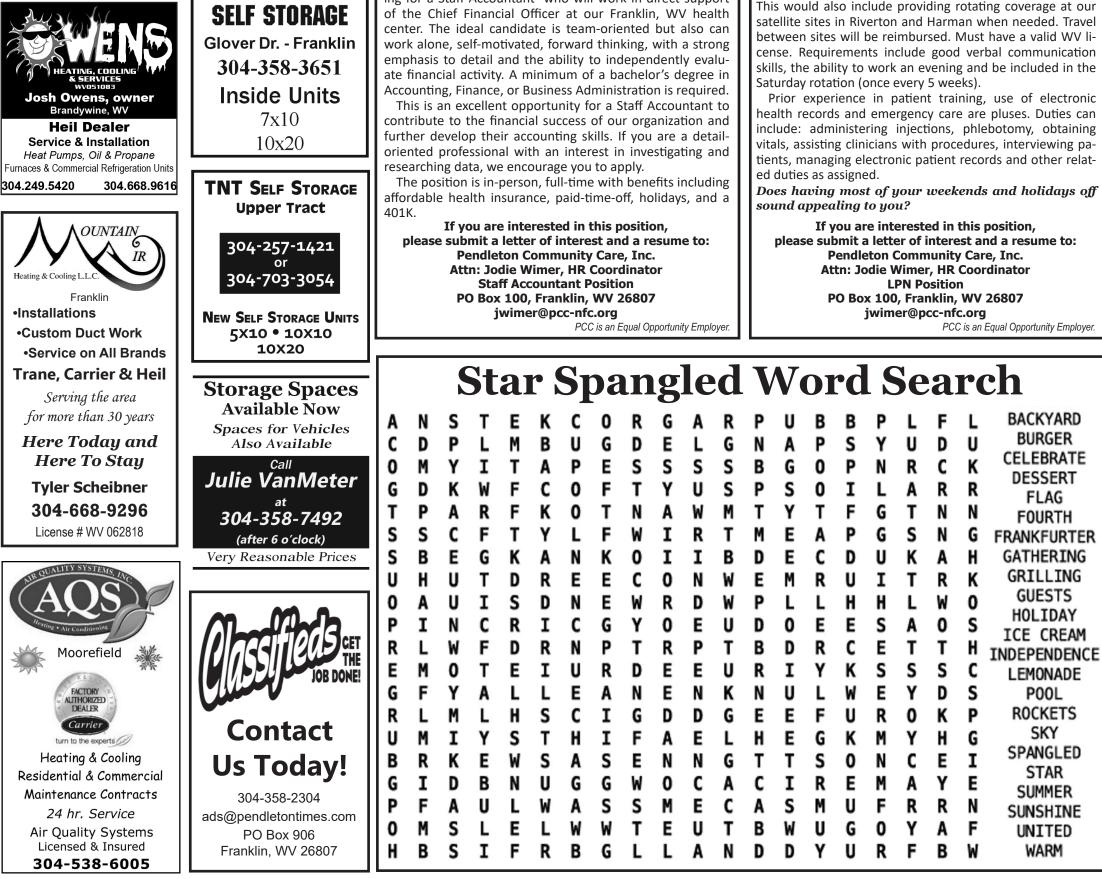
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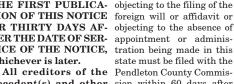
Pendleton County meets all the qualifications OF THIS NOTICE. required by statutes of the Outdoors, Franklin, state of West Virginia and MANDS AND OBJEC-WV 26807, 304-358- will comply with the nec- TIONS NOT SO FILED 3265, www.penco essary statutes for public WILL BE FOREVER improvements. The bid- BARRED.



Franklin, WV. Sealed bids cations of the personal of heirs of the decedent the date of first publica-Virginia, 26807 until 3:30 WITHIN SIXTY DAYS p.m., local time, on July 12, AFTER THE DATE OF Board of Education, 125 TER THE DATE OF SER-

theavner@k12.wv.us cedent's estate(s) must IN SIXTY DAYS AFTER

ALL CLAIMS, DE-



will be received at the offic- representative, venue, or has been filed with the tion or within 30 days of Jeffrey Barrett Still, es of the Pendleton County jurisdiction of this Com- Pendleton County Commis- the serving of this notice, Board of Education, 125 mission are required sion, and is of record in the whichever is later. If an 30 inches by 46 feet North Main Street, P.O. to file their objections Pendleton County Clerk's objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever

> objecting to the filing of the First Publication Date: foreign will or affidavit or Thursday, July 4, 2024

tration being made in this Claim Deadline Date: state must be filed with the Monday. September 2, 2024

Decedent: Clark County, WA Filed by:

Lavern Still Lemen, Sister. Falls Church VA

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 25 2024

> Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 7-4-2c

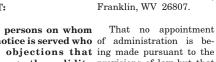


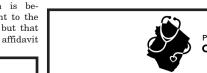
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Jax Bennett, left, and Samuel Eason were inducted into the Golden Horseshoe Society.

Bennett, Eason Earn Golden Horseshoe Honor

Pendleton County honors two students, Jax Bennett and Samuel Eason. These young scholars were inducted as knights of the Golden Horsetol in Charleston.

tory, geography, and government. The Golden Horseshoe test, named after the golden horseshoe pins given to early explorers by Governor Alex-

with thousands of students participating annually in the rigorous examination. Each spring, the ceremony is held to induct new "knights" and "ladies" of the Golden Horseshoe Society, a rite of passage that many West Virginians hold in high regard.

Barbour Graduates from Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy

The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy announces that Cadet Benjamin Stephen Barbour of Franklin has completed the West Virginia National Guard Program. Commencement exercises were held June 14 at Camp Dawson in Kingwood.

Barbour is the son of Laura Brown of Franklin and Steve Barbour of Virginia Beach, Virginia and was in Platoon 1. He was recognized for receiving the Instructor's List, Mentorship as well as obtaining the six individual values recognition ribbons.

A total of 85 graduates from 34 counties across the State of West Virginia successfully completed the requirements for graduation. CSM James Jones congratulated the cadets and gave the commencement address.

All graduating cadets have completed the residential phase of ChalleNGe, which includes activities in eight core component areas ranging from service to community to employability skills. Cadets in this class provided 3687.5 hours of service to community for such organizations as American Red Cross, Trout for Cheat, Camp Galilee, Girl Scouts of America, and Operation Gratitude.

Following graduation, these cadets will begin a



Benjamin Stephen Barbour

Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy, call 1-800-529-7700.

