

*"The tassel was worth the hassle"*



*Valedictorian*  
Elizabeth Alt



*Salutatorian*  
Emma Hartman

*Pendleton County High School Class of 2025*

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BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

D. Michael Roberts Auditorium

- \*Invocation- Student Led.....Jenna Smith, Class Treasurer
- Scripture Reading-Jeremiah 29:11-14.....Lydia Heavner, Class Secretary
- \*Congregational Song.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
Emma Hartman, Pianist
- Introduction of Speaker.....Paigelyn Long, Class Vice President
- Sermon.....Cameron Kisamore
- \*Congregational Song.....“How Great Thou Art”  
Emma Hartman, Pianist
- \*Benediction- Student Led.....Avery Townsend, Class President
- \*The audience will please rise.

Class Motto

“The tassel was worth the hassle”

Class Song – Life is a Highway, Rascal Flatts

Class Flower – Dahlia

Class Colors – Navy and Carolina Blue

Class Officers

Class President – Avery Townsend

Class Vice President – Paigelyn Long

Class Secretary – Lydia Heavner

Class Treasurer - Jenna Smith

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Sunday, May 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

John M. Dice Fieldhouse

- \*Processional.....Olivia Gonshor, Pianist
- \*Invocation- Student Led.....Avery Townsend, Class President
- Introduction of School Principal.....Paigelynn Long  
Class Vice President
- Welcome.....Mrs. Nicole Hevener
- Introduction of Salutatorian.....Lydia Heavner, Class Secretary
- Salutatory Address.....Emma Hartman
- Introduction of Valedictorian.....Jenna Smith, Class Treasurer
- Valedictory Address.....Elizabeth Alt
- Introduction of Guest Speaker.....Avery Townsend  
Class President
- Commencement Address.....Dr. Chris Mallow
- Video Dedication Class of 2025.....Paigelynn Long  
Class Vice President
- Introduction of Superintendent of PCS.....Lydia Heavner  
Class Secretary
- Closing Remarks.....Mr. Charles Hedrick
- Presentation of Diplomas.....Mrs. Nicole Hevener  
and Mr. Charles Hedrick
- Presentation of Class of 2025.....Mrs. Nicole Hevener
- \*Benediction- Student Led.....Jenna Smith, Class Treasurer
- \*Recessional.....Olivia Gonshor, Pianist
- \*The audience will please rise when the processional enters the fieldhouse and remain standing until the graduating class is seated. The audience will please stand for the recessional and remain standing until the graduates have left the fieldhouse.





# Valedictorian

## Elizabeth Alt



Elizabeth “Lizzie” Alt is the valedictorian of the Pendleton County High School class of 2025.

She is the daughter of Robin Alt of Franklin.

Lizzie is an active member of PCHS athletics and academics by participating in volleyball, softball, the National Honor Society, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was a member of the PCHS volleyball teams that advanced to the 2022, 2023, and 2024 WV State Championships, advancing to the semi-final rounds the last two years. She was recognized at

the 2024 “A” volleyball state championship as part of the All-Tournament team, as well as being selected as the WHSV Charlie Obaugh Student Athlete of the Week during her final volleyball season.

She faithfully attends the Living Faith Church and works as a certified nursing assistant at Pendleton Manor.

After graduation, Lizzie will be attending Fairmont State University where she has been accepted into the associate of science in nursing program with the goal to obtain her degree and become a registered nurse and will later obtain her bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Lizzie would like to thank her family for their unwavering and enthusiastic support in all that she does, her friends whom she loves, her coaches who helped shape her into the person she is today, and most importantly to God for the many blessings and opportunities that He has provided.



# Salutatorian

## Emma Hartman



Emma Hartman is the Salutatorian of the Pendleton County High School class of 2025.

She is the daughter of Jay and Kim Hartman of Franklin and the best big sister to Spencer, Daisy, Hyrum, and Ruger.

Emma has been a member of National Honor Society for four years and served as a class officer for two years. She is an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This has presented her with opportunities to organize, lead, and serve within the church and community.

She has a love for sports, but especially volleyball and track. She has been on the volleyball team for four years, and was a co-team captain this year, helping lead her volleyball team to the state tournament. She has been on the PCHS track team for four years, where she continues to work hard and push herself to reach new goals.

She has played piano since she was 4 years old. This exceptional talent allows her to find peace as she plays and loses herself in the music.

Academically, Emma always strives to do her best. She will continue her love of learning at Fairmont State University where she has received the Charles James McClain Presidential Scholarship. Only five West Virginia seniors receive this prestigious scholarship each year. She is majoring in elementary education and wants to help children develop a love for learning like she has achieved.

Emma is a blessing to everyone around her. She would like to thank her family, teachers, coaches, Ms. Sharon, church leaders, and all those who have helped her on her journey, but especially her dad, mom, brothers, and sister. They have been her unconditional love and support throughout her life.

# 2025 Senior Awards Recipients

**American Legion Post 30** – Elizabeth Alt, Titus Nulph and Addison Rexrode

**Bobby Evick Memorial** – Addison Rexrode

**Brandon Waggy Memorial** – Lydia Heavner

**Cheryl Dahmer Memorial** – Lydia Heavner and Paigelyn Long

**Corey Simmons Memorial** – Elizabeth Alt and Titus Nulph

**DAR Good Citizen Award (South Branch Chapter)** – Titus Nulph

**Dixie C.E.O.S.** – Laney Sites-Woods

**Dolly Watson Memorial** – Lydia Heavner

**Frank Skavenski Memorial** – Jenna Smith

**Franklin Lions Club** – Titus Nulph and Nicholas Rhodes

**Franklin Moose Lodge** – Nicholas Rhodes and Avery Townsend

**Franklin Ruritan Club** – Elizabeth Alt

**Grant Memorial Hospital** – Elizabeth Alt and Leah Bennett

**H. Pink Bowers/John F. Bowers Memorial** – Lydia Heavner and Paigelyn Long

**Jason Scott Simmons Memorial** – Aubree Keiter

**Jay Smith Memorial** – Kinsley Armstrong

**Jefferson R. Byers Memorial** – Emma Hartman

**John M. Dice Memorial** – Aubree Keiter

**Ken Price Memorial** – Bryson Ruddell

**Leo Slusher Memorial** – James Vincell

**Pendleton Community Bank** – Lydia Heavner

**Pendleton Community Care** – Leah Bennett

**Pendleton County Committee for the Arts** – Hannah Harvey and Paigelyn Long

**Pendleton County Emergency Rescue** – Ella Johnston

**Pendleton County Fire Association** – Caleb Armentrout and Ella Johnston

**Pendleton Manor** – Aubree Keiter

**Richard and Ruth Phares Memorial** – Hannah Bennett

**Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone** – Elizabeth Alt and Paigelyn Long

**South Branch Ruritan Club** – Madisen Brooks and Jenna Smith

**South Fork Ruritan Club** – Paigelyn Long

**St. John’s Academy** – Lydia Heavner and Addison Rexrode

**Warner’s Drive-In** – Aubree Keiter

**Wild Turkey Federation** – Jenna Smith

**Honor Graduates** – Elizabeth Alt, Sawyer Apple, Caleb Armentrout, Baylee Beachler, Leah Bennett, Hannah Bennett, Madisen Brooks, Emma Hartman, Lydia Heavner, Ila Jones, Aubree Keiter, Josiah Kimble, Paigelyn Long, Jacob Mitchell, Julia Mongold, Titus Nulph, Jaida Reel, Addison Rexrode, Nicholas Rhodes, Laney Sites-Woods, Jenna Smith, Makayla Tingler, Avery Townsend, James Vincell and Zykijah Wright

**Promise** – Leah Bennett, Emma Hartman, Aubree Keiter, Jacob Mitchell, Titus Nulph, Addison Rexrode, Nicholas Rhodes, James Vincell and Zykijah Wright

**National Honor Society** – Elizabeth Alt, Sawyer Apple, Caleb Armentrout, Baylee Beachler, Hannah Bennett, Leah Bennett, Madisen Brooks, Emma Hartman, Hannah Harvey, Lydia Heavner, McKenna Hedrick, Ella Johnston, Aubree Keiter, Paigelyn Long, Jacob Mitchell, Andrew Mowery, Titus Nulph, Addison Rexrode, Nicholas Rhodes, Laney Sites-Woods, Jenna Smith, Makayla Tingler, Avery Townsend and James Vincell

**Performing Arts** – Hannah Harvey

**PCHS Career and Technical Education Completers** – Careers in Education:

Lydia Heavner, Paigelyn Long and Agribusiness: Caleb Armentrout, Timothy Bogan, Abigail Engle, Lydia Heavner, McKenna Hedrick, Jenna Smith, Makayla Tingler and Lucas Vandevander

**Grow Your Own** – Lydia Heavner, McKenna Hedrick and Paigelyn Long

**Distinguished Eastern WVCTC EE Scholars** – Elizabeth Alt, Baylee Beachler, Hannah Bennett, Madisen Brooks, Emma Hartman, Lydia Heavner, Ila Jones, Paigelyn Long, Nicholas Rhodes, Jenna Smith and Avery Townsend

**Achieving Eastern WVCTC EE Scholars** – Leah Bennett, Josiah Kimble and James Vincell

**Upward Bound** – Leah Bennett, Hannah Harvey, Isabella Lockard, Paigelyn Long and Bryson Ruddell

**Athletic Scholarships:**

**Kristie Jones Memorial** – Jenna Smith

**ESN Scholarship** – Titus Nulph, Nicholas Rhodes and Avery Townsend

**Pete Bodkin Memorial** – Jenna Smith

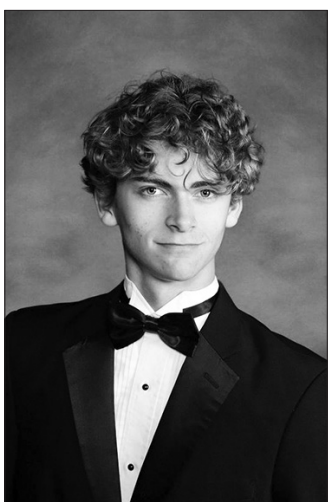
**Female Athlete of the Year** – Avery Townsend

**Male Athlete of the Year** – Josiah Kimble





Elizabeth Kaylann Alt



Sawyer Monroe Apple



Caleb Isaac Armentrout



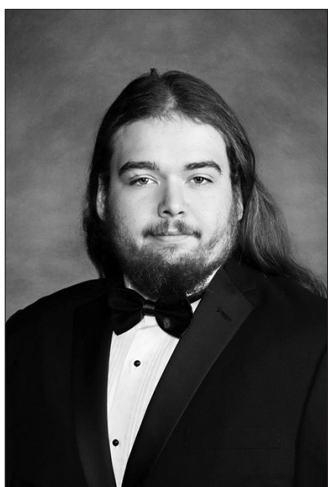
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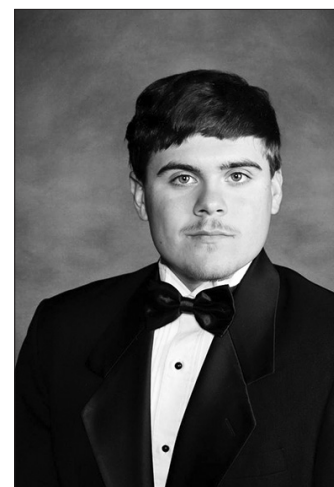
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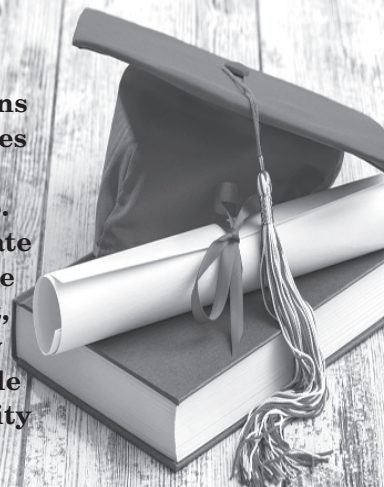


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 and we hope it's a wonderful adventure.  
*Happy Graduation to the Class of 2025!*

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**Honoring Our Graduates**


We'd like to extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes to the **Class of 2025.** As you celebrate this milestone achievement, please know you have made your community and your loved ones proud!



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 Wilma Pitsenbarger and J.D. Wilkins  
 Board Members

Charles Hedrick, Superintendent



**Congrats & Hats Off to the 2025 Graduates**


Here's hoping all of your hopes and dreams come true as you celebrate this achievement and reach for the next goal.

**Happy Graduation!**

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Gabriel Randolph Deon Harvey

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Ella Faith Johnston



Ila Marie Jones



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Josiah Christian Kimble



Isabella Grace Lockard



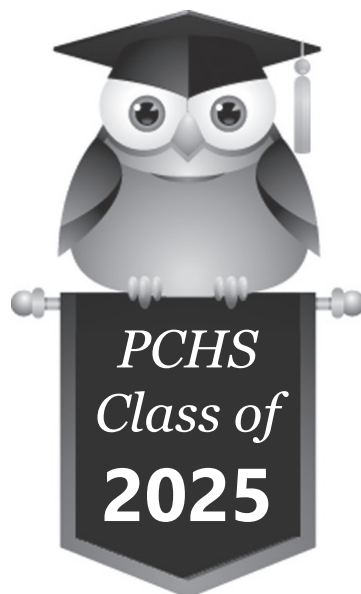
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*Congratulations and very  
best wishes to all of this  
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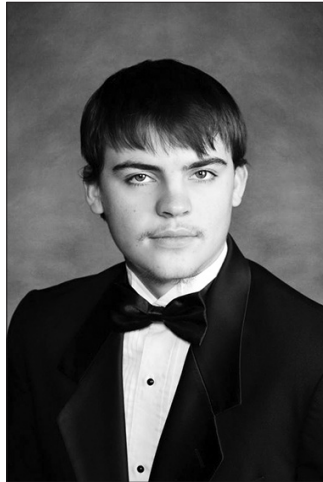
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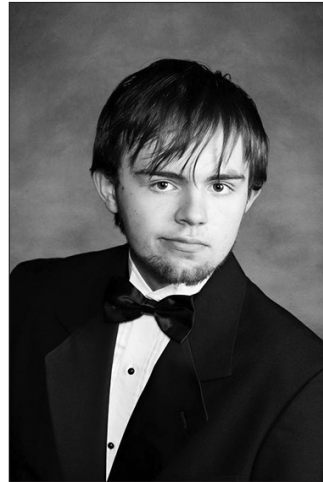
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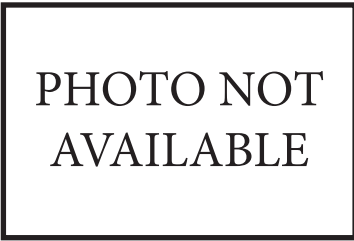
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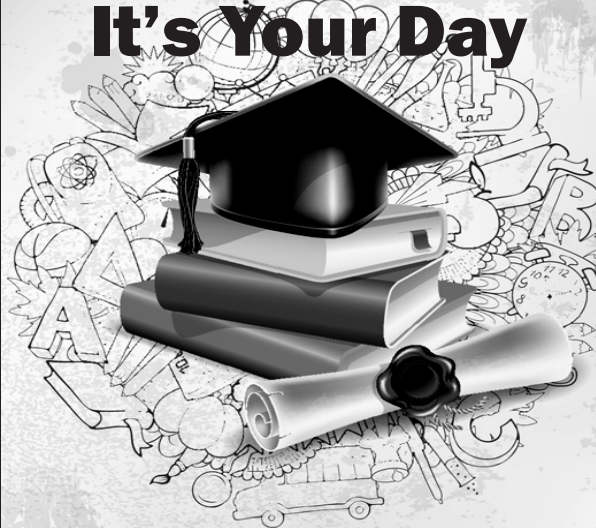


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We wish good luck  
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Enjoy Life!**

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to all the 2025 graduates!***

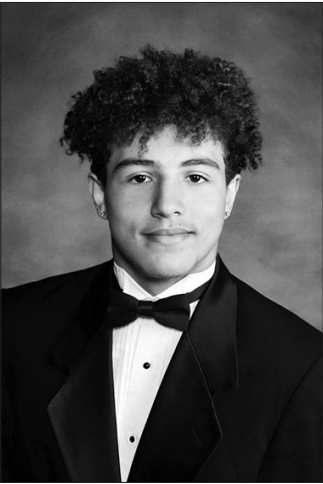
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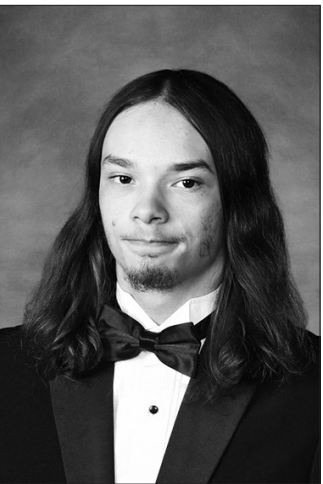
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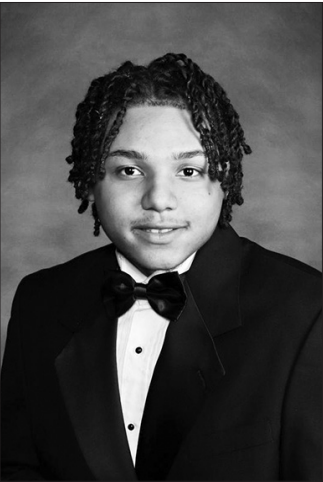
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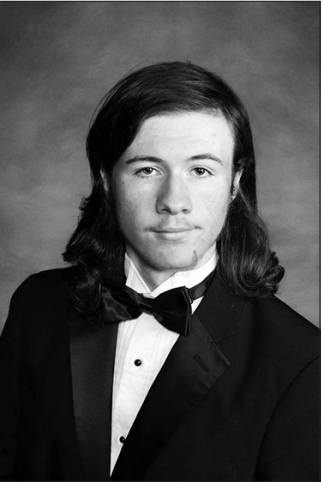
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Waylon Harmon Shreve

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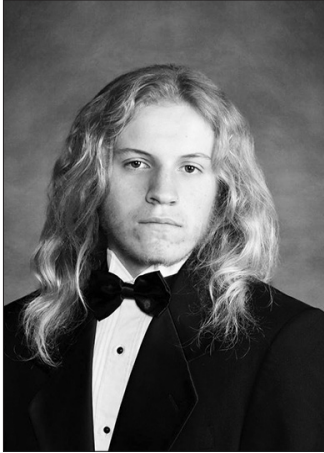
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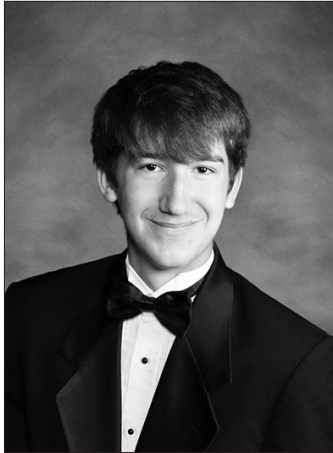
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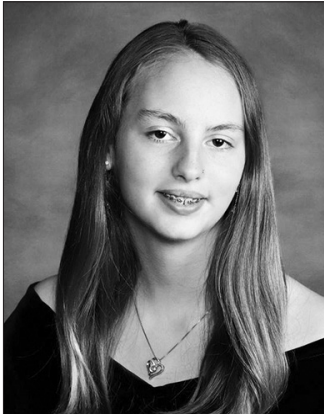
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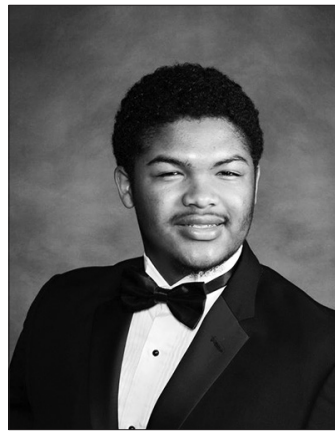
Michael Wayne Lee Waybright



Autumn Dawn Wimer



Taylor Marvin Wimer



Zykijah Dekar Wright



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PCHS Class of 2025

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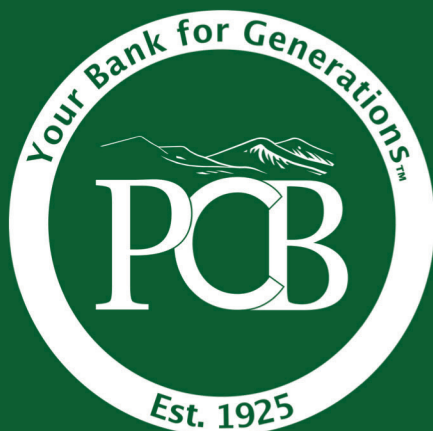






## *Celebrating the Class of 2025!*

We are very proud of all the area high school graduates! We celebrate you and your accomplishments and can't wait to see what you do next. From all of us at PCB, we wish you the best! And remember, in every season of life, we are Your Bank for Generations™.



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