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Volunteers unload 30,000 pounds of food shipped from the Bishop's Central Storehouse in Salt Lake City, Utah. Interfaith Pantry in Petersburg will distribute the food to those in need.

## Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Volunteer Connection Helps To Feed Those in Need in Petersburg

By Stephen Smoot

Almost as the crow flies, one has to drive 30 hours to get from Salt Lake City, Utah to Petersburg.

On Monday, 30,000 pounds of food came by truck from Utah to Petersburg, by way of Winchester, Virginia. They shipped the vital victuals from the Bishop's Central Storehouse in Utah's state capital by truck.

RCS Trucking in Petersburg graciously allowed their facility to be used for the off-loading.

"The needs have gone way up," shared Melinda Topham, a communications director with the Winchester Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She added that "the president of the Interfaith Pantry has doubled the number of families that they serve."

Said Wanda Myers, president of the Interfaith Pantry, "We serve at least 25 to 45 families a week." She added that at Christmas last year, that number leapt to 52 families bringing approximately

150 people in need.

"We don't want anyone to go hungry," shared Myers.

The donation came from the Bishop's Central Storehouse in Salt Lake City, Utah. This serves as the hub of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints food donation program that reaches people and organizations around the nation and the globe.

Topham explained that devout members of the faith fast frequently. They also estimate how much money they would have spent on food were they not fasting and donate it to the food program.

Additionally, donations go to organizations who feed those in need. One need not be an active member of any church or worship in a particular faith. "We love to give to those in need," explained Topham.

The Interfaith Pantry in Petersburg connected to the donation opportunity through a website called JustServe.org. This site, run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, connects those who can give, whether it be volunteer time, money, or other items, with

those in need.

Keeta Hammond from JustServe, explained that "what we do is help organizations, non profits, government entities." Those that need volunteers or other help, or wish to provide service, can sign up for the site. It then works to connect people to opportunities not unlike Indeed with employment.

"It's free. Everyone can go on," said Hammond.

Some examples of charitable connections on the site include volunteering to help repurpose glasses donated to the Lions Club for those who cannot afford them. In another case, an organization gathered donated clothing for children in foster care.

Some areas have few person-to-person volunteer opportunities, but a number of nationwide remote volunteer needs exist. Hammond shared that in some cases, people have knitted items for others.

The site has 165,000 projects that need help with the list updated daily. Meanwhile, the 18 pallets of food brought to Grant County will go far to help those facing the worst struggles.

## State Champion Wildcats Enjoy Final Time on the Field Together as a Team



By Stephen Smoot

Hundreds gathered on Main Street Monday to see a rare, but not unprecedented sight, a local team proudly wearing its state champion crown, basking in the gratitude of a still-excited county.

The balmy mild, sunny, summertime weather that had eluded the team all year, especially in the rain soaked championship tournament, embraced all as the team paraded before the town. Most gathered in the cool shade of town buildings as the evening sun cast broad shadows.

Sirens blared and the small caravan set out. State police and Pendleton County Sheriff's cruisers provided a loud and festive escort, alongside of two area volunteer fire departments. In be-

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## Let the Circle Be Unbroken



The 2025 West Virginia Class A Softball State Champions take one last photo together as a team.

## Board of Education Recognizes Golden Horseshoe Winners

By Stephen Smoot

According to historians who have studied records of the route, Governor Alexander Spotswood's 1716 expedition to open up and establish claims for the Virginia colony sought to find pathways to expected riches and future trade routes in the mountains to the west.

His group served as the first to pierce the Blue Ridge Mountains, finding a gap in the forbidding ridges through which they could pass. Once he cleared them, Spotswood and his men saw the broad and dramatic expanse of the Shenandoah Valley and river before them. The classical name that he affixed to both, Euphrates, indicated the importance with which he ascribed both.

Experts seeking to trace his route generally agree that the most westward point that the group reached was somewhere in Pendleton County.

There, he handed out small emblems which served as the name of his expedition from then on – the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe.

This makes those who earn their way into the modern knighthood from Pendleton

County a little more special. It was in this place that the tradition started, and since the 1930s has been carried on by those eighth graders who demonstrate excellence in knowledge of West Virginia history.

In their first meeting of the month of June, the Pendleton County Board of Education and superintendent recognized two students who received the honor.

Isabella Jamison and Abigail Judy, both students at Pendleton County Middle/High School, made their own history by overcoming obstacles and tests to earn their way into the honor.

The first recipient of the award from Pendleton County was Mary Boggs in 1931.

For the students, their expedition commences sometime between Dec. 1 and Feb. 1. All interested students, regardless of educational environment – including homeschool – register between Dec 1. and Feb. 1 to take the online multiple choice test.

The written essay test, given statewide, comes due at the end of February. In March, students can do their online multiple choice test. Those who perform best on both will receive the honor of acceptance into the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe.

## First Energy Offers Safety Tips for Planned Pendleton County Outage on June 17

Mon Power has shared with Pendleton County authorities a widespread and planned power outage for June 17. Outages could extend from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

According to First Energy, the corporate owner of Mon Power, "As part of our commitment to delivering the safe and reliable electric service you rely on, our utility personnel make proactive equipment repairs and system enhancements throughout the year. While this work can often be completed without any impact to homes or businesses, sometimes it might be necessary to disrupt electric service so that our crews can complete the work safely.

We know that any outage is inconvenient and our crews will work as quickly as possible to minimize any disruption a planned outage might cause. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we work to enhance your electric service.

To help you prepare, we will notify you of an upcoming planned outage via phone. Be sure to keep your contact information up to date so that we can reach you. You can also sign up to receive notifications of planned outages via text message or email."

The reasons for these planned outages lie in needed maintenance of the power grid or related facilities. As First Energy explains, "planned outages are typically scheduled so that our crews can safely make equipment repairs or complete proactive maintenance to enhance electric service and help prevent future power outages. This may include tree trimming, system upgrades or other work to help support future growth in the area."

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, has shared that the outages will involve "numerous addresses" whose power comes from the following circuits:

- North Franklin Substation – Sugar Grove Circuit;
- North Franklin – Town of Franklin Circuit;
- North Franklin – Oak Flat Circuit;
- North Franklin – Navy Circuit; and
- North Franklin – Hanover Circuit.

Length of the outage may vary. First Energy explained on its website that "the

duration of a planned outage depends on the complexity of the job and the estimated amount of time we expect it will take our crews to safely complete the work. When you receive a planned outage notification, we will indicate how long we expect the outage to last and the approximate start and end time."

First Energy suggests that its customers take the following precautions:

1. If a person is using a backup generator for emergency power, follow the manufacturer's instructions and use it safely. Never connect a generator directly to one's home electrical system without a proper isolation device installed by a qualified electrician. Operating a generator that is not isolated from the electric distribution system is dangerous.
2. If any member of the household depends on electrically operated life-support equipment, have a contingency plan in place, such as a battery backup.
3. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Food will keep for several hours if doors are closed as much as possible.
4. Make sure all devices are fully charged.
5. Know how to manually open garage doors and electric gates.
6. Have water available, especially if one relies on well water.
7. Use a flashlight or battery-powered lantern for light. Use care when burning candles or camp stoves that run on gas; open flames are a dangerous fire hazard.
8. To safeguard equipment and appliances – and to ease the initial load when power is restored – turn off or unplug televisions, VCRs, DVD players, stereos, computers and appliances that use electric motors, such as refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners, until power is restored. Leave an incandescent light on so one will know when the power comes back on.

First Energy provides real time information via its website and app. This includes estimates on the duration of outages whether planned or caused by severe weather.

The planned outage could be cancelled or postponed in instances of severe weather. This includes unseasonably warm temperatures, as well as storm activity.

## Community CALENDAR

### Family Support Center in Franklin Sponsors Activities

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin is sponsoring a free pool day from noon until 5 p.m. Friday at the Franklin Town Pool, followed by a Father's Day barbecue and bingo from 5 to 7 p.m. at the town park.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

### VBS Planned at Circleville Church

"True North" is the theme of Vacation Bible School to be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 16 - 20 at the Circleville Presbyterian Church in Circleville. Lunch will be provided. Anyone age 4 to 18 is welcome to attend. Pickup and drop off of children is scheduled for 9 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., respectively, at base of Big Mountain, Brethren Church, Big Run Chapel and Riverton Store. Children can also be dropped off and picked up at the church.

For more information, call 724-662-5369.

# OBITUARIES



Alma Lee Layman

Alma Lee Layman, 86, peacefully entered into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior on June 7, 2025, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born on May 5, 1939, the second daughter of the late Charles Timney and Dorthea (Kroll) Timney.

Mrs. Layman grew up in Detmold, Maryland, attending Central School and graduating from Valley High School in 1957.

After moving back to Lonaconing, Maryland, in 1960, she and her husband began raising their family, and she began a career with the Head Start Program where she worked for 25 years.

She was the heartbeat of her family and enjoyed gathering family and friends for good food and lively fellowship, taking every opportunity to bring people together to make wonderful memories, which everyone will hold very dear to their hearts. She was also a planner of trips, mostly to visit family and friends all around the country, and she rarely missed a special occasion like a graduation or wedding with many happening in Colorado, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Many friends and family have been blessed during the years by her hospitality and generosity, and she will be remembered for her homemade soups, pies, scotcheroos and her warm and loving nature. The family always said that people came for these gatherings and didn't want to leave because they were having so much fun – the gatherings typically lasted long past the time that was originally planned (such fun times!).

She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church in Midlothian, Maryland. Her faith has always been an integral part of her life, and that legacy of faith has been passed on to her children and grandchildren.

She was loved by so many and will be remembered for her faithfulness to her Lord, her kindness to everyone, and her very warm, generous and loving ways that always brought people together for good times and beautiful memories.

In February of 1958, she married Anthony E. Layman, the love of her life, in Spokane, Washington. He preceded her in death, passing from this life on Dec. 13, 2023, and has been waiting to "stroll over heaven" with her, as he sang to her many times during the years.

Surviving are children, Stephen Layman (Vivian) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Kathryn Lamberth of Little River, South Carolina, Patricia Musgrove (Jim), Franklin and Charles Layman (Michele) of Elizabeth, Colorado; two beloved sisters, Eleanor Ritchie (D.L.) and June Philip; and two sisters-in-law, Theresa Winner Bowen and Margaret Stewart. In addition, she was blessed with 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and some very special cousins and some very special friends.

She was also preceded in death by a beloved son-in-law, Kevin Lamberth; and a brother-in-law, Donald Philip.

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to all of the staff at Pendleton Manor and Grant Memorial Hospice, who very lovingly and attentively cared for their mom in the final days of her life.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations in her memory, may be made to Pendleton Nursing Home, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com).



Tommy Harman Tompkins

Tommy Harman Tompkins, 72, of Riverton passed away on June 04, 2025, while the love of his life, Laura Murray Tompkins, held his hand.

Mr. Tompkins was born on Nov. 4, 1952, in Washington, DC, the son of the late Albert Dozier Tompkins and Lucille Harman Tompkins and raised by his late grandparents, Curt and Beulah Harman.

He attended the former Dixie Elementary School in Riverton and graduated from Circleville High School with the class of 1970. He attended the University of Maryland, the General Motors Automotive Technical School, and the Rets Technical Training Center of Baltimore, Maryland.

He started his career at Hawkins Sunoco where he became a station shift manager. He then accepted a position as a bank teller with the Suburban Trust Company in Hyattsville, Maryland, next a position at the security department at Montgomery College in Montgomery County, Maryland, and became the supervisor of the Germantown Campus, in Germantown, Maryland. During this time at Montgomery College, he was simultaneously attending the Rets Technical Training Center, and he formed the Adams Refrigeration Company. Wanting to return to his roots, he relocated to Riverton and opened Allegheny Mechanical Services

where for the next 25 years he served his community as a heating and refrigeration service technician. He helped at the Seneca Rocks climbing wall, which was never really a job but a joy for him.

He had a great love for dogs and had several German Shepherds during his life. Knowing the pain of losing a beloved pet, he served as a volunteer internet grief counselor for people who had lost pets and were having difficulty with that loss. He developed many friendships through his counseling. He also created a podcast that had a national audience where they discussed anything from carpentry projects to the latest political topic.

He was a member of the Edgefield, South Carolina, Historical Society (his dad's hometown) and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

During his life, he was a major history buff with a large focus on the Civil War era. He loved to hunt, fish, garden, restore antiques, pitch horseshoes, and play darts. Friends from his younger days will recall he had a great love for muscle cars and Beatles music.

He was married to his wife, Laura Murray Tompkins, for 45 years, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Joshua Harman Tompkins (Lurenda) of Davis; a grandson, Jay Wright Tompkins of Elkins; a brother, Jim Tompkins (Beverly) of Petersburg; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his infant son, Justin Harman Tompkins; and grandparents, Glover and Emmie Tompkins.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Riverton United Methodist Church in Riverton with Pastor Larry Hakes officiating. Interment was at the North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memorials may be made to the Edgefield County Historical Society, PO Box 174, Edgefield, SC 29824.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com) or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



Merlin Phillip Harper

Merlin Phillip Harper, 71, of Riverton passed away on June 4, 2025, surrounded by his family at his home.

He was born on April 3, 1954, in Petersburg, the son of the late Wright and Betty (Hedrick) Harper.

Mr. Harper was a 1973 graduate of Circleville High School.

He had previously attended High Rock United Methodist and Franklin Seventh Day Adventist Church and was a member of North Fork Baptist Church.

His lifelong passion was cattle farming. He was a devoted husband, father, uncle and brother, that took pride in his family and his farm.

On Oct. 14, 2005, he married Gena (Burch) Harper, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory a daughter, Betty Harper of Riverton; a stepdaughter, Virginia Bruce (Eric) of Cambridge, Maryland; a stepson, Adam Swift of Augusta, Georgia; two sisters, Lucy Kisamore of Riverton and Rebecca Funk (Mike) of Rowlesburg; a brother, Berlin Harper (Debbie) of Seneca Rocks; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the North Fork Baptist Church in Riverton with Rev. Eddie Reyes officiating. Interment was at the North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com).



Greta C. (Churan) Rader and Clement J. Rader

Clement J. Rader, 94, passed away on April 30, 2024, and Greta C. (Churan) Rader, 90, passed away on Dec. 24, 2024.

Clement J. Rader was born April 4, 1930, in Sugar Grove to the late Clement W. Rader and Margie T. (Judy) Rader.

He graduated from Franklin High School in 1948 and went on to Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, where he graduated in 1952. Thereafter, he attended Lutheran Theological Seminary where he graduated in 1958 and served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pulaski, Virginia, from 1958-1960. He was commissioned first lieutenant in 1960, chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserves and retired in 1990 from the US Air Force, Lt. Col. He also served as the executive director of Children's Home Society in Broward County, Florida, from 1967 until 1994.

He was also preceded in death by siblings, Philip (Everette), infant sister, Lucy Caroline, Edwin, and Naomi (Ruth).

Greta C. (Churan) Rader was born March 6, 1934, in Columbiana, Ohio, to the late George H. Churan Sr. and Mary L. (Shearer) Churan.

She graduated in 1952 from Edison High School in Miami, Florida, and attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, afterwards.

She was a beloved wife, mother and homemaker dedi-

cated to creating a loving, warm and stable home for her family. In 1987 after raising her sons, she went to work for the Board of Realtors of Broward County, Florida, until 2014.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, George H. Churan Jr.

The Raders met at Capital University and married on June 14, 1957, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. They made their home in South Florida and were married for more than 66 years.

Clement Rader will be remembered as a man with a servant's heart, quiet strength and unwavering faith who lived a life defined by kindness, integrity and deep devotion to his family, community and country.

Greta Rader was a radiant presence full of grace, compassion and generosity whose warmth and kindness left a lasting imprint on all who knew her.

Surviving are Clement Rader's brother, Willard (Judy); sons, William (Charleen) and John; grandchildren, Olivia and Max; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Their memory will forever live on in the hearts of family, friends, and all who were blessed to share in their lives.

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## SOUTH FORK VOL. FIRE DEPT. FIREFIGHTERS' PARADE Saturday, June 28 5 p.m. registration 6 p.m. parade

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# State Champion Wildcats

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tween, the alumni band provided the musical accompaniment. It turned off of Main Street and snaked its way to the Town of Franklin Park. There, an even more special ceremony awaited. Back on Main Street, as parents and supporters ranging from the age of toddlers to seniors picked up their chairs to disperse, team mom Kara Townsend hollered “come and eat!” This team has mostly played together since elementary school. Players and parents alike came together as a family as the girls ground out seasons of travel ball, taking them all over the country to play the best of the best. Not just any state championship celebration would do. Marlena Beachler, Taylor Southerly, and the squad of parents and coaches scrambled to put together a parade, signing off ceremony, and party to celebrate the achievement. The United States Census Bureau states that, as of 2023, the Town of Franklin has 468 souls. At the town park that evening, the crowd easily surged past that number. Beachler directed all to “gather around as if you were watching a ballgame. Let’s get this party started!”

A standing room only crowd filled the bleachers and spilled onto the field behind first base. After all took their places, Beachler said to those assembled that “this month has been really eventful for us.” She offered an apt comparison, saying, “Imagine planning a wedding for 600 people in three days!” “The celebration of the historic season and title run,” Beachler shared, “would not have been possible without the amazing people and businesses of Pendleton County. You all showed up!” She then listed a number of supporting individuals and groups that helped in putting the evening together. Also, Beachler shared that Jeff Bowers had committed to buying the championship sign that would be placed in the Pendleton County Middle/High School gymnasium. The Town of Franklin would pick up the cost of a similar sign to place at the field itself.

After team introductions, coaches all gave their thanks. Trevon Crites shared some of his thoughts on the team, followed by Southerly. She passionately remembered “every day at practice, you all showed up to work hard.” She talked of how all “had a blast together” and offered advice that carried them through softball, but also will apply to life, saying “keep working hard and trust the process.”

Billy Beachler said that some said they’d “never have girls from here go to college and play. We did it. You did it.” Similarly, doubts persisted that the team could win at the highest levels. The lesson from the season is “everything in life is attainable if you set a goal and work toward that goal.” Potomac Valley Conference Coach of the Year, Eric Crites, spoke last about “the best group of kids that anyone would want to coach.” He ticked off some special moments where players went beyond themselves, such as first baseman Lizzie Alt dusting off her pitching skills to set down Keyser in the title game of the Bub Rigglesman Tournament.

Next, came a special part of the ceremony, the signing off. As coaches set up the “L” pitchers’ guard in the mound at the center of the field, the crowd heard an explanation of what they were about to see.

Each senior recorded a message. Some addressed the sport of softball itself, others memories and beloved supporters. All thanked God, their parents, coaches, team family, and fellow champion players.

As the aromas of grilled meats started to waft across the field and tease the tummies there, the players would bring their bat



to home plate. After each message, which always ended with them reciting their number and saying “signing off,” one of their parents or other loved ones would toss pitches for the player to drive into the outfield. After their “at bat” the players would slap hands with all parents and other family supporters lined up along the first and third base lines.

Avery Townsend led off, as she has throughout most of her varsity career. She told of “so many life lessons” learned, including that “failure is the key to success. You have to mess up to get better.”

“No one sees the amount of time put into this sport” to elevate a team individually and collectively to be its best. Also, she said there is “nothing better than winning a state title, especially with this team.”

The first team all-state Townsend gave credit to teammates, coaches, her family, and the team parents, but also cited the author of all successes by saying Philippians 4:13. The verse that she shared, but did not quote, reads “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

She closed with “Number 12, signing off.” Baylee Beachler, fresh off of being named captain of the all-state squad, came up next. Her recording spoke to the game of softball itself, saying “you have shaped me into the person I am.” The fireball pitcher thanked Jessica Parker, “my catcher, for putting her life on the line for me,” as well as her father “for all those years sitting on that bucket” teaching her the game and the details needed to go from merely very good to great.

“Number 21, signing off.” For Jenna Smith, “softball has held such a great place in my life . . . I thank God every day for this amazing sport.” She shared the emotional and physical battles she fought this season, coming back from a shoulder injury, accomplishing her determination to overcome it and return to help her team triumph in South Charleston.

“Number 18, signing off.” Alt said of the sport that “you have been a part of my life since I was able to pick up a bat.” She thanked the tight-knit group of player kin that all called “bonus families.”

“I thank God for the opportunity to play the sport of softball” which had “such an impact on my life.”

“Number 15, signing off.” Julia Mongold, known affectionately to the team as “Chicken,” shared in her recording that at one point, she had determined to focus solely on basketball. She said that at one point “Jeremy



Townsend asked me to play.” With some convincing, she said yes to “the best decision I ever made.”

“My last four years as a Wildcat were absolutely amazing,” she recalled, stating also that she’d miss “screaming songs with my teammates.” Mongold then thanked the extended bonus family for “treating me as one of their own,” as well as her own family, “my amazing teammates, and my amazing coaches.”

“Number 11, signing off.” Finally, a woman of few words, Bella Lockard came up. She thanked “my Mom, my Dad, my grandparents, and my teammates.”

After she said “Number 16, signing off,” her teammates mobbed her as she made her way down the first base line.

After celebrating the seniors, a prayer over the meal to come was given, that included “we ask Your blessings on their lives.”

All then made their way off the field to eat three tables worth of freshly made food, including hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, a vegetable tray, a massive dessert pizza, and more.

As the ceremony transitioned into an evening town lawn party, players one by one made their way off the diamond for the last time.

Julia Mongold, turning off the field, toward the crowds of family, coaches, teammates, and supporters gathering outside, softly sang to herself the chorus of the Queen rock anthem “We Are the Champions.”

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County Gets \$20k For Ruddell Park

US Senator Jay Rockefeller, Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito and the National Park Service have announced the award of a \$250,000 grant to the Pendleton County Commission for the development of a county recreation area near Ruddell. The Land and Water Conservation Fund provides matching funds to states and local communities for acquisition, development and conservation of parks and open spaces. The grant award notification from the National Park Service notes that the total estimated cost of the Ruddell recreation area project is \$500,000 and that “Pendleton County will develop a recreation area on 21 acres along the South Branch of the Potomac River. Development will include ball fields, basketball and volleyball courts, picnic areas, river access and restrooms.”

Golf Ball Sized Hail Pounds Sugar Grove Area Monday

It started with lightning and thunder in the Sugar Grove area about 2:30 p.m. on Monday. First came big rain drops, which turned to hail the size of peas or marbles about 5 minutes later. The hail came down for a few more minutes before turning back into rain. Then after another five minutes, the big hail started coming down and began to pummel Rick and Angie Adkins’ truck. Rick, concerned that pieces of hail as large as two inches wide and as big or bigger than a golf ball, might dent the vehicle, braved the storm to cover the truck with a tarp.

30 Years Ago  
Week of June 8, 1995

Local Conference Indicates Recycling Can Be Profitable

Recycling may become more of a reality in the five county Eastern Panhandle region, as a result of a regional conference on “Finding Common Ground” held at the Lightstone Foundation at Moyers. On Thursday, May 31, haulers, community recycling groups, solid waste officials and others from Pendleton, Grant, Hardy, Mineral and Hampshire counties spent the day discussing differences as well as areas of consensus on how recycling could become a reality in this rural region. Approximately 35 people were invited to participate in the conference to discover what they could do to overcome differences to help divert recyclable materials away from landfills into job-creating products processed in the region.

Girl Helps Animals Regain Health

Since March, 1993, the orphaned and injured wildlife of South Florida have been very lucky to have Dr. Deb Anderson waiting for them at the Wildlife Care Center. She arrived in Florida from Virginia to embark upon the adventure of a fast-paced (10,000 animals a year) wildlife hospital that is to this day growing, improving and striving for the highest quality of care for the many patients that arrive on the doorstep. Deb was born and raised in suburban Washington, D. C., and spent many summers visiting an uncle’s farm in the beautiful West Virginia mountains near Harrisonburg. It was on the farm at the tender age of five that Deb did her first vet work...giving injections to the cattle...and made up her mind to be an animal doctor when she grew up. A few years later her affinity for wildlife began to develop and soon her neighbors were bringing casualties to her for care and healing. During high school, Deb followed a curriculum geared toward medical science, then completed animal science coursework at the University of Maryland at College Park. After her graduation, she obtained a job at a wild animal park as a big cat keeper, caring for lions and tigers. Deb’s next stop was graduate school at Virginia Tech, where she studied environmental zoology, and then she began her formal training as a veterinarian at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. After graduation, Deb was offered a year-long internship at the Wildlife Center of Virginia where she treated 1300 animals including a golden eagle, bald eagles, beavers, bears, bobcats, fawns, and many owls and hawks. Deb’s next move was to South Florida, to the Wildlife Care Center, where she can realize the dream that she has nurtured most of her life—to heal and release back to the wild the many native species of our land. Deb is the daughter of Helen Mumbert Anderson of Ft. Washington, MD, originally of Fort Seybert.

60 Years Ago  
Week of June 10, 1965

Circus Is Coming To Town Friday

The Franklin Lion’s Club is bringing the Beers-Barnes Circus to Franklin Friday. The big top will be erected at the Franklin High School and its contents will offer performing elephants, trained seals, prancing ponies, talented canines, thrilling aerialists, artistic wire walkers, unpredictable clowns and lovely ladies of spangle land like Sandria DeRiski who is a petite aerial artist, performing at the top of the tent in a traditional circus act known as the Spanish Web. Other circus highlights include Gayle DeRiski of the whirling trapeze, the Argentinian’s spectacular balancing perch, Miss Tina

with her hoop walking upside down at the top of the huge tent, high above the sawdust ring while Manuela Orta of Los Arias, spins wild from a sling which her husband, Carlos, grips with his teeth. One time child prodigy of the tight wire, Harold Barnes, came out of retirement to join his family with his beautiful wife, Angelina, a fourth generation star in her own right in a troupe of head balancers and jugglers.

70 Years Ago  
Week of June 9, 1955

‘Certified Mail’ Is New P.O. Service

The Post Office Department has announced a new mail service to be known as Certified Mail which became effective Tuesday. This service is designed to reduce the cost to patrons and speed delivery of letters having no intrinsic value which have been registered, heretofore, at the minimum registration fee of 30 cents. The new certified mail fee is 15 cents for giving patrons a certificate of mailing and for having the letter carrier take a delivery receipt from the addressee. This fee is in addition to the regular rate of postage.

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80 Years Ago  
Week of June 8, 1945

FRANKLIN HI LIGHTS

The following is a complete record of the work done by the clubs and sewing classes of Franklin High School for the school year ending May 18, 1945.

Sewing Club Beginners Class

Auto Wrecks

– 42 towels, some embroidered  
– 17 aprons, some embroidered  
15 pillow cases, some embroidered  
– 3 embroidered doilies  
– 18 embroidered scarfs  
– 2 embroidered cushion tops  
– 6 dresses  
– 1 pair pajamas  
– 1 jumper  
– 12 hand-made quilt blocks  
Total of 119 pieces

Sewing Club Experienced Class

– 18 dresses  
– 20 skirts  
– 4 suits  
– 4 jumpers  
– 1 pair shorts  
– 1 jerkin  
– 1 pair child’s overalls  
– 10 aprons  
– 6 pairs pillow cases-3 pair hemstitched  
– 7 waists of blouses  
– 2 scarfs  
– 6 towels  
This was a much smaller class doing work mostly in clothing units. Total of 80 pieces.

The regular class in sewing, meeting five days a week, was composed of 35 girls. Each girl was required to do well, a run in silk hose, a darn, a patch, a darned patch, mend a tear, cut or thin place, and sew on buttons, hooks and eyes, and snaps the correct way, and made the following:  
– 1 linen tablecloth with 9 napkins  
– 35 towels, hand made  
– 35 towels, machine made  
– 2 house coats  
– 2 pairs shorts and halters  
– 33 pairs of pajamas  
– 33 dresses  
– 35 slips  
This class did approximately 175 pieces of work the second semester. Total garments made, 198. Miscellaneous items, 176.

The following people deserve special mention, either for quality of work or the quality and amount of work done.  
Naomi Ruth Wilfong, Bernita Rexrode, Helen Painter, Mary F. O’Dell, Elga Propst, Ann O’Dell, Louise Wheaton and Maxine May.

MOUTH OF SENECA

Debate

The ladies of the “Ever Ready Circle” of Riverton, put on a very fine program at the school auditorium last Friday night to a full house. The program consisted of readings, recitals, and special selections of music and then a spicy debate; Resolve the World is growing worse, by J. E. Lambert. Geo. Teter–VS–Curt Hartman and Ted Hinkle, with the affirmative winning. Mr. Lambert and his associates got warmed up and gave us a good program. A bake sale was held after the program which yielded a nice sum of money. The music was in the charge of Mrs. Vernon Nelson.

LOCAL NEWS

If your radiator is giving you trouble, stop in at Cowger’s Service Station. Please add these numbers to your Telephone directory. J. M. Harold No. 474 Cowger Service Station No. 287 Methodist Parsonage No. 587 The Lions Club has requested that all articles for rummage sale be placed out where they can be collected on Wednesday, June 13th. The sale will be held July 4th—the proceeds used for benefit of the band.

MOVIE STAR IN FRANKLIN

Salty “Dog” Holmes, comedian, impersonator and singer, renowned from coast to coast as the greatest novelty instrumental musical in North America, will be appearing in person at the Warner Theatre in Franklin on Friday night only, June 14, at 7 and 9 p.m.

Before the Christian era, Women found milk valuable in preserving their complexions.

105 Years Ago  
Week of June 4, 1920

SIMODA

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run by Dave Ellis


A person knows when spring is almost over when the farmers are cutting their hay fields when it is not raining. Be on the watch when out driving because the fawns are on the road, following their momma. Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins — Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Sandra Vandevander, Larry Moyers, Sandy Washburn, Mary Alice Simmons, Anna Lee Mitchell and Carol Propst; prayer list — Richard Campbell, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Neal Eye, Donald Burns, Ruth Bauer, Rick Waggy, Anna Mauzy, Gloria Moats, Ruthalene Judy, Frankie Judy, David Berg, Tim and Dee McCormick, Jim Judy, Jessie Simmons, Minny Rhoads, Phil Downs, Larry Rexrode, Bill Snyder, Troy Bennett, Jim Fawley, Tom and Judy Borror, Bob and Brenda Sites, Judith Ours, Nancy and Tony George, David M. Hartman, George Hevener, Tonya Simon, Danny Nelson, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Tom Butterworth, Sherry Hedrick, Bobby Parsons, Robert Bennett, Mary Alice Evick, Rick Phares, Virgil “Bub” Yokum, Hannah Hedrick, Barbara Judy Harman, Joyce Calhoun, John Moyers, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Chuck Hiett, Betty Smith, Gretta Pope, Chase Shepke, Woody and Libby Hoover, Dora Rawlings, Sherry Chambers, Ginger Kimble, the family of Marcia Warner and the family of Merlin Harper. Prayer thought: “The strength and power of Jesus can be accessed today through sincere, faith filled prayer and heartfelt surrender for everyone who calls on Him.” High and low temperatures and precipitation for June 2 through June 8, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: June 2 - 75°, 38° (70°, 57°, .07”), June 3 - 81°, 42° (79°, 56°), June 4 - 85°, 52° (84°, 60°), June 5 - 86°, 62° (79°, 61°, .1”), June 6 - 83°, 61°, .06” (81°, 62°, .02”), June 7 - 81°, 63°, .38” (76°, 57°), June 8 - 74°, 62°, .34” (71°, 49°).

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# Essence of Woman's Character Was Bestowed Upon Many

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Oftentimes, an obituary highlights an individual's life. However, in Ruth Craig's case, the writer felt she needed more than just the highlights since she touched so many lives with her generous, humble, loving, kind, faithful, and selfless acts during the years. Folks would stop by the store to not only catch up on current events, inquire about Virginia, to pick up staples, share good conversation, have a smile, and most notably grab her famous whopping thick bologna and Longhorn cheese sandwiches. Those sandwiches were such an affordable price too. Individuals from far and wide awaited the phone call from Ruth telling them that "the salt fish are here."

Ruth was baptized and confirmed by Rev. Kuhlman. She carried her deep faith from an early age, and those knowing her would agree that her smile, giving spirit, and thousands of good deeds done in a humble and quiet manner were part of her character. She was known for her annual cruellers, handmade especially for the St. John Shrove Tuesday suppers. Ruth was very active in her church life, engaging in various offices of the council both locally and at the parish level, motoring to the women's Potomac Conference, and Bible Studies. She was a Christian role model for the youth as she took on the role of Sunday School teacher for many years. She embodied God's endless love to all she met. As bishop Riegel of the West Virginia-Western Maryland Lutheran Synod stated, "She has been one of the giants of faith in this valley. She will be greatly missed by her congregation and parish. We are saddened that she is dancing in eternity with our Lord, and that she will be such a special angel to all of us."

Displayed at the store where Ruth operated the long-standing family owned Sinnett Lane Grocery in Moyers was an orchid given to her by her aunt, Elaine. It blooms profusely during and beyond the deer season. Ruth loved flowers. Other hobbies were knitting, macrame, and reading. She especially loved reading a book. She took on a chair caning class to re-cane the chairs in the store. She even taught her brother, Eston, to follow the art. The progression of can-

ing, weaving and re-weaving chairs from the two of them encompassed all the chairs the family owned.

Ruth was immensely proud of her hair which was worn in a bun, but when let loose, cascaded down towards the bends of her knees.

She was a dedicated fan of the "Redskins" and had a great passion for football. She always and eagerly attended her grandsons, Noah and Jarod Nelson's, football games. Sitting in the stands, even on a cold blistery night, one would find Ruth sporting her Wildcat sweatshirt and Wildcat throw. It was rare that she missed a game locally or away. Actually, by all accounts, Ruth was a very "family" person. She took care of her mother, and it was rare that one was seen without the other.

Ruth was taught to drive by both her parents, Dillon and Virginia. Dillon would tell her that she was driving too close to the middle, and Virginia would tell her that she was driving too close to the edge. Ruth commented that it was a wonder she didn't quit driving. Dillon noted that as time went on, she could easily challenge any race car driver, so he thought she listened more to her mother's driving advice.

Yes, to say the least, Ruth will be missed. She loved all the "old" hymns, but perhaps this one sums up her commitment to life:

"I trust in God, no matter come what may, For life eternal is in His hand. He holds the key that opens up the way, that will lead me to the promised land. Each step I take I know that He will guide me; To higher ground He ever leads me on. Until some day the last step will be taken. Each step I take leads me closer home."

To the family of Ruth, condolences of comfort are requested during this difficult time.

Life's little instructions to change the world include the following:

1. Pick up a piece of trash.
2. Teach children respect.
3. Push the chair in when leaving the table.
4. Let someone into one's lane
5. Hold the door open for the person behind one.

The Strawberry Moon falls on June 11. The term "Strawberry Moon" has nothing to do with color. Instead, it comes from the traditional name given to June's full moon, as it



Virginia "Ruth" Propst Craig's picture when she graduated in 1960 from high school.

historically marked the start of the strawberry harvest in parts of North America.

More than an inch of rain fell this past weekend. Streams were muddy in color as it carried more silt down the river.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face." — George Eliot

"June is a love song written by nature." — Patience Strong

"Courageous people do not fear forgiving, for the sake of peace." — Nelson Mandela

"Take a little time out of your busy day to give encouragement to someone who's lost their way." — Diana Ross

"If you're given gifts or blessings in your life, it's up to

you to help the guy coming up behind you." — Jimmy Smits

Sitting under a shade tree is the best place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Several kind volunteers have been busy cleaning up cemeteries in the Dry Run area. The St. Luke Lutheran Church lot has had a complete brush hog clean up, also. Thanks to these hardy folks who tend to mark this on their annual calendars. Who will "step up to the plate" to continue this endeavor once these folk are hardly able?

Despite the inclement weather, a sizeable crowd motored to the Old Propst Lutheran Church for the historical society's summer meeting. The presentation of the

history surrounding the Old Propst Church was given by the writer. Refreshments followed with intermingling conversations taking place.

"Pidge" and Charles Anderson very much enjoyed a Sunday afternoon visit from Bill and Diana Pennybacker.

This week's clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:

- Lobsters have blue blood.
- There are more stars in the universe than there are grains of sand on the earth.
- The oldest continuous sporting event in the United States is the Kentucky Derby.
- Including its territories, France has 12 time zones, the most of any other country.
- It takes roughly 540 peanuts to make a jar of peanut butter.

Concerns are for the following: Bob Adamson, the Bonnie Anderson family, Charles Anderson, John Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave Basagic, Allen Beachler, Liz and Mick Bodkin, "Bo" Boggs, Joyce Calhoun, Marie Cole, the Ruth Craig family, Stanley Dahmer, Jennifer Errett, Isaac Eye, Carl Gant, David Gillispie, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, the Marla Zelene Harman family, Sharon Harr, Steve and Armanda Heavener, Hannah Hedrick, Jack and Starr Hedrick, Chuck and Tracy Hielt, Jim Hiner, Evan Hise, Tim Hively, Henry Hodges, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Julia Homan, Keith Hoover, Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Linda Jones, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Tara Kelley, Tom and Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Laura

Kropp, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Donna Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Audree Marsh, Anna Mauzy, Ed May, Gene and Joan McConnell, Gary McDonald, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tom Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, Jim Moats, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Dwight Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Terri Parker, Andy Pond, Janice Propst, Alda Propst, Janis Propst, Marilyn Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Virginia Propst, Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger, Tom Rader, Willard Rader, Brandon Reel, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Linda Fa Rexrode, Bernie Sasscer, Annie Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Greg Simmons, Judy Simmons, Nelson Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Ed and Carolyn Smith, Natalie Stephenson, Tina Stubben, Steve Stump, Linda and Larry Vandevander, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Estelle and Don Wagner, Mary Louise Waldschlager, Amby Waybright, Jr., Mike Waybright, Rene White, Sherry Wilfong, Judy Williams and Ann and Ed Wimer.

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## Bucks Finish Season Undefeated

*The Bucks, a coach pitch team from Pendleton County, finished their season undefeated. Members of the team were, from left, Vencen Rawson, Luke Eason, Hunter Marston, Lukas Kiser, Rhett Hott, Romeo Perez, Klyler Kiser, Malcolm Graham, Colton Turner, Xander Rawson and Kaisley Kiser. Carter Braham is not pictured. Coaches were, from left, Andrew Kiser, Mike Eason and Steve Cook.*

## Board of Education Hears Update On Summer School Maintenance

By Stephen Smoot

As the school year passes into history, the Pendleton County Board of Education met to hear of summer recess duties, mostly concerning maintenance and the yearly budget.

After recognizing the Golden Horseshoe winners, the board moved on to J. P. Mowery's treasury and financial report.

He discussed a series of grants, discussing first a child nutrition grant that helps to pay for using locally grown food for school lunches. Mowery mentioned that during the past year, for example, Teets from Hardy County has provided some of the beef used.

After listing a number of small grants, he then noted a \$70,000 grant secured through the efforts of the incoming Pendleton County Middle/High School principal, Derek Lambert. The grant will go to pay for programming next year. Additionally, Mowery shared that some federal grants "were reduced slightly."

As he has throughout 2025 so far, Mowery reiterated that the budget for the school system was healthy and the predicted carryover of funds left over from fiscal year 2025 to 2026 will still occur.

"We're still on target to meet our end of year forecast," Mowery shared. The end of year refers to the end of the fiscal year on the last day of June.

He added that he expected some minor revisions as he and his team finished preparing the budget for the state. Mowery asked for, and received from the board, authorization to submit the revisions to the superintendent for approval rather than calling for a separate board meeting at the end of June.

Mowery said that "we had some pretty hefty payroll to be processed on June 3 . . . but that was expected." Other recent bills included one for asbestos mitigation at Brandywine Elementary School required prior to scheduled repairs.

Upon conclusion of Mowery's reports. Board President J. D. Wilkins, board president, said, "Thank you for your all's hard work this fiscal year."

Travis Heavner provided a report on facilities and maintenance, thanking Sonny O'Neil, board member, for his help in doing some work on the

tarp covering damage incurred at the Harold Michael Building in Circleville.

Equipment inside the damaged area was deemed to be "in pretty good shape" with only one instrument damaged.

"I appreciated his help on Saturday for a couple of hours," noted Heavner. He added that insurance adjusters had examined the damage and would send a cost total based on their findings.

He then discussed other projects coming up during the summer.

This included a project to paint the gymnasium at Franklin Elementary School. Once done, the same crew will work on painting exterior doors at the middle/high school. Heavner stated that they would also restore the safety signage on those doors.

In response to a Wilkins query about the locker rooms, Heavner stated that he had requested that all cleats and other equipment be removed in anticipation of a thorough cleaning of those facilities. "We'll get a cleaning done in there before football starts," Heavner assured the board.

He also stated that he hopes to get the middle school locker project done prior to the start of the school year and would reserve some of the removed lockers. They will go out to the elementary schools so that students can get practice in accessing them before moving on to sixth grade.

The board members then approved renewal of the memorandum of understanding between Pendleton County Schools and Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. This continues dual credit and Grow Your Own classes and related programming.

Charles Hedrick, superintendent, noted in his comments that the board would have to take up the cell phone issue after the West Virginia State Legislature passed an act that gave boards explicit authority to regulate them in the classroom.

"It's not a blanket policy," he said, adding "there are options for us."

## WV Seeks To Remove Sugary Sodas From Allowed Food Stamps Purchases

By Stephen Smoot

"For a long time, I've talked about the fact that in SNAP, the 'N' should stand for nutrition," shared Governor Patrick Morrisey in a video release last month. He added that "Certainly, we can make big progress going after obesity, diabetes, and a lot of other tough medical conditions."

Morrisey has submitted a request to the federal government to provide a waiver to West Virginia that would allow the state to remove soda type drinks, such as colas, root beers, and other types of sugary carbonated beverages, from availability to purchase using SNAP, formerly known as food stamps.

Support for Morrisey's move came immediately from the American Heart Association. Mark Schoberi, national executive vice president of the American Heart Association, expressed excitement "to see this leadership in particular West Virginia, because we know that one in six West Virginians actually participate in the SNAP program."

West Virginia will, if approved, join Indiana, Iowa, and Nebraska in having sugary sodas removed. No other foods are on the waiver list. Unlike even some junk-style snack foods, sodas offer zero nutritional value, but each serving comes packed with high levels of, usually, corn syrup based sugar and sodium.

Additionally, the state long ago ordered the removal of sugared sodas from school vending machines. They cannot be used in the Women's, Infants, and Children nutrition program or school lunches.

There is also neither the inclination nor the legal right to prevent SNAP recipients from purchasing sodas with their own cash money.

One of the drivers nationally of removing soda from SNAP comes from the sheer amount spent on it. National Public Radio reported in "Food Stamps For Soda: Time to End Billion-Dollar Subsidy For Sugary Drinks?" that the United States Department of Agriculture confirmed that "SNAP households spend about 10 percent of food dollars on sugary drinks, which is about three times more than the amount they spend on

milk."

The article pointed out that New York City alone saw "more than \$75 million in sugary drink purchases each year that are subsidized by US taxpayers."

Opposition to Morrisey's move rose quickly and focused largely on class related issues. A publication called West Virginia Watch ran a commentary entitled "Morrisey's Request to Change SNAP Shows Poor West Virginians Lose When Rich People Represent Us" and called the move "poverty-shaming."

In some areas, SNAP fueled purchases of soda creates an entire economic dynamic. National Review's Kevin Williamson in 2013 wrote about the profound economic decay of eastern Kentucky. One of the symptoms lay in what he described as the "federally funded ritual of trading cases of food-stamp Pepsi for packs of Kentucky's Best cigarettes and good old hard currency."

Williamson at the time quoted a former high school teacher who turned newspaper publisher in Owsley County, Kentucky, as saying, "When I was at the school, we'd see kids come in from a long weekend just starved to death. But you'll see those parents at the grocery store with their 15 cases of Pepsi, and that's all they've got in the buggy — you know what they're doing. Everybody knows, nobody does anything."

While no reports indicate that such fraud has grown prevalent in West Virginia, its appearance elsewhere raises concerns.

The other side of Morrisey's statement on applying for the SNAP waiver included promoting better availability of lean meat, fresh produce, and "good opportunities for some hot foods for West Virginians, for some products that you've never seen before."

A year ago in May, the World Journal of Diabetes published an article entitled "Rising Tide: The Global Surge of Type 2 Diabetes In Children and Adolescents Demands Action Now." The authors warned that "the looming wave of diabetes-related complications in early adulthood is anticipated to

strain the healthcare budgets in most countries.

Indeed, West Virginia's Public Employees' Insurance Agency's financial struggles represent an early warning flag for that very issue. PEIA last fall cited the expansion of both the need and cost of diabetes drugs as a contributing problem to its shortfall coming into 2025.

Type 2 diabetes results from the body losing its ability to control blood sugar levels. This happens from consistently high consumption of foods high in glucose. Studies indicate that high fructose corn syrup based products have a strong tendency to bring about impaired glucose tolerance and increase the risk for diabetes. Almost all sodas use high fructose corn syrup due to its cost effectiveness over traditional sugar.

When blood sugars remain at high levels for too long, the sugars act as an abrasive, damaging blood vessel walls and organs, which can lead to blood clots and heart attacks, as well as kidney failure and a plethora of other problems.

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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
  
The administration of the following estates is pending in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, 100 S. Main Street, P. O. Box 1167, Franklin, West Virginia 26807. The names of the personal representatives are set forth below.

Jerry Lucy Raines Estate - Vivian L. Raines, Administratrix;  
Earl D. Armentrout Estate - Amy Walters, Administratrix et al;  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 30, 2025.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 6-5-2c

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Father's Day, celebrated on the third Sunday in June, is a day to honor and appreciate fathers and father figures. It's a time for families to show their love and gratitude for the men who have been a significant influence in their lives. While it's a relatively recent holiday, it has become a popular tradition in many countries.

Here are some interesting facts about Father's Day:  
•The idea for Father's Day originated with Sonora Smart Dodd, who wanted to create a special day to honor her father, a widowed Civil War veteran who raised six children.

•The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington.

•Father's Day didn't become an official holiday until 1972. President Lyndon Johnson made the proclamation in 1966, and President Richard Nixon signed it into public law in 1972.


•Father's Day is celebrated in 111 countries worldwide.

•Father's Day is celebrated on March 19 in many other countries, also known as St. Joseph's Day.

•One of the earliest Father's Day cards dates back to roughly 4,000 years ago. A young Babylonian boy named Elmesu carved a Father's Day message onto a clay Babylonian tablet.

•According to recent census data, there are more than 72 million fathers in the United States.

•The most popular Father's Day gift is a necktie.  
•The first known record of the word "dad" dates back to the 1500s.



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June 12

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# Commission Hears That Courthouse Annex Construction Is Progressing Well

By Stephen Smoot

"We just thank you so much for this beautiful morning," prayed Roger Dahmer, commissioner, in the start of meeting invocation. He added, "We pray You would be with us."

Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, asked to share a statement prior to the regular official business of the county. "First, I'd like to recognize the high school softball team for putting Pendleton County on the map with a positive spin."

Hevener referred to the squad's dominant performance in winning a state title the week prior.

Official business then commenced with Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator. She related that the commission, in conjunction with representatives of the Pendleton County Building Commission, perform the first reading of two ordinances. These ordinances empower the building commission to obtain the United States Department of Agriculture loan for constructing the courthouse annex.

Pitsenbarger, fortunately, requested to fulfil the legal requirement for the reading by announcing the titles of the two ordinances, rather than reading verbatim the 32 total pages. The Commission concurred.

The second reading will come in the subsequent meeting and, if all goes as expected, will come into force on July 1, the first day of the next fiscal year.

Diana Mitchell from Pendleton 911 spoke next. She noted a personnel issue related to the possible hiring for a full-time position. She asked the commission and also Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, about protocol concerning part time staff who wish to apply for the same job, but at full time hours.

Gillespie shared that "I don't think it should be automatic" to move the current staff person from part to full time, but "it's up to the Commission if they want to put this in writing."

Dahmer moved to make it a requirement that 911 personnel must go through the application process should they wish to jump from part to full time.

Pitsenbarger then provided an update on courthouse annex construction, saying, "Everything's going along as expected." She shared that concrete had been poured, but needed time to cure before the next stage could take place.

Commissioners also voted to accept and announce a proclamation related to Men's Health Month. The proclamation recognized that men ex-

perience certain critical health problems in higher rates than women.

Dahmer read the proclamation, which included "Men's Health Month is a time for the public to recognize the health needs of men and bring more attention to the growing epidemic of suicide and substance abuse." The original commemoration came from President Bill Clinton in 1994.

Toward the close of the meeting Mike Alt, Pendleton County Emergency Rescue training officer, shared the news of more rescue squad organizations ceasing operation, including one in Pocahontas County. Once again, he warned of the impending crisis in first response capabilities, especially in rural areas relying on dwindling numbers of volunteers.

## MENU

### Pendleton Senior & Family Services

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

#### *Father's Day* Lunch

Chuckwagon Steak w/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans, Banana

German Chocolate Cake

MONDAY, JUNE 16

Salmon

Cauliflower, Spinach

Cantaloupe

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Steak & Cheese Sub

w/Peppers, Onions,

Lettuce & Tomato

Pea Salad, Applesauce

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

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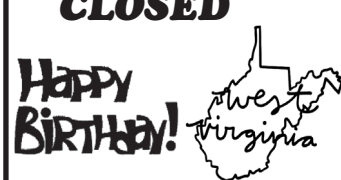
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**SGR377A** Family Retreat! 10 acres w/4 Bed, 3 Bath Cabin, Finished Basement w/additional family room. Primary Bdrms Upst & Dwnstrs w/en suites & WICs. Full size kitchen, Wood & Propane Heat. Septic & Cistern. Buck Ridges Development, Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$349,900.00.**

**SGR376A** 0.28 Ac & 0.22 Ac 64 Mulberry St., Franklin District. 3 Bed, 2 Bath home w/2 Car Attached Garage, Full Basement, Lots of Outbuildings and Located at the End of Street. **NEW LISTING \$289,900.00.**

**SGR374A** Spectacular View! 2.81 Ac w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin w/Loft, located on Kile Knob. Propane cook stove & lighting. Propane & Wood Heat. On site Septic, Cistern Water Source. **NEW LISTING \$299,000.00.**

**SGR371A** 0.04 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath 1600 sq. ft. Home located in Franklin. Town Water/Sewer. Double Pane Windows, Mini-Splits, Woodstove & half basement. Large deck on back w/Nice Mtn. View. Lot #4, Franklin Corp. ~~\$450,000.00 REDUCED \$139,000.00.~~

**SGR370A** 599.19 Acres located in Sandy Ridge area, Franklin District. Excellent Hunting, Food Plots, Timber, Catfish Pond, Mountain Views w/Roads Throughout. **\$1,695,000.00.**

**SGR367A** 2.75 Acre wooded building lot at end of Highland Estates Subdivision, Lot 13, Grant County, Perk approved. Some restrictions. **\$59,999.00.**

**SGR366A** 5 Acres w/Cabin, Buck Ridges Development. Panoramic View. Lots of upgrades: New Vinyl Siding, New flooring throughout, New Solid Surface Countertop, Freshly Painted, New Door. Two bed, Two Bath, Large Loft. Finished walkout basement. Hot Tub conveys. 1000 gallon Cistern supplies water to cabin. New 8x12 storage shed. New 1 car garage. **NEW LISTING \$320,000.00 \$310,000.00 REDUCED \$299,900.00.**

**SGR365A** 0.84 Acres, Public Water access. Road Frontage along w/200' Bethel District. **NEW LISTING \$29,900.00.**

**SGR364A** 2.65 Acres w/2006, 3 Bed, 2 Bath Ranch Modular, Hardwood floors, New Metal Roof, Well, Septic, 2 Car Garage & 4 Car Garage w/concrete floor. Located in Riverton. **NEW LISTING \$340,000.00 REDUCED \$299,000.00.**

**SGR363A** 3 Bed, 1 Bath Home located in Franklin Corp., Heat Pump, Propane Wall Unit, Electric Baseboard and Central AC, Town Water & Sewer, Double Pane Windows, Deck, One Car Garage & Storage Shed. **NEW LISTING \$169,000.00.**

**SGR362A** 29.9 Acres, mostly wooded, located in Hammer Run. Septic, Electric. Franklin District, Pendleton County. **NEW LISTING \$199,999.00.**

**SGR361A** 1.32 Acres w/4 currently rented residences located in Brandywine, Bethel District. Public Water. **NEW LISTING \$134,900.00.**

**SGR360A** 0.98 Ac in Brandywine, w/2 Unit Apartment Bldg. and a 3 Bed Mobile Home. All units occupied. **NEW LISTING \$129,900.00.**

**SGR359A** 4.35 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Ranch Home located on Big Stony Run, Sugar Grove District. \$199,000.00.

**SGR357A** 0.44 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 Bath Home, circa 1937. Charming home w/many updates of character. Newly sealed metal roof, Public Water & sewer, New AC window units, Oil furnace, 2 car unattached garage. Unfinished basement with half bath. **\$249,000.00.**

**SGR355A** 0.241 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 Bath 2475 sq ft home located in the town of Franklin. Finished basement, covered front porch. **NEW LISTING \$259,000.00.**

**SGR354A** 50.96 Acres w/1 Bed, 1.5 Bath Cabin, Spacious Loft. Gas FP. Hidden Valley Subdivision. Some Restrictions. Beautiful wooded setting. **\$389,000.00.**

**SGR351A** 1.53 Acres w/3 Bed, 1 Bath Rancher. Attached Garage, 16'x20' Unattached Garage. Kellers Ridge, Petersburg. ~~\$249,000.00 \$239,000.00 REDUCED \$215,000.00.~~

**SGR349A** 0.341 Acres, with Commercial Bldg or can convert to Residential. Newly Renovated, 2 Baths, New Central AC, Commercial Freezers, 2 Septics. Great location along US RT 33 East. **\$299,000.00.**

**SGR343A** 5 Acre lot w/Log Siding Cabin, Buck Ridges Development. Great View, 2 Bed, 2.5 Baths. Walkout Basement with newly remodeled bath. New carpeting in Basement. Expansive covered deck provides even more outdoor living space to enjoy. Wood floors upstairs. Spring Water. **\$283,000.00.**

**SGR340A** 327.98 Acres, with 4 Bed, 3.5 Bath Home w/2 car garage and Barn. Property adjoins lands owned by Fisher Mtn. Golf Course. Expansive view of Shenandoah Mountain and Fisher Mountain Golf Course. Year round spring-fed creek w/several other Springs and nice bldg. sites. **NEW LISTING \$2,250,000.00.**

**SGR337A** 2.79 Acres, w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin. Wood Ceiling. Paneled walls, LP heat, 8'x8' outbuilding. Well, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$429,000.00 REDUCED \$419,000.00 REDUCED \$99,900.00.**

**SGR327A** 0.44 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Rancher Fixer Upper. Selling "AS IS" Flooring, New Appliances, New AC Mini Split Unit. Located in Brandywine, South Fork Crossing. Newly rehabbed. Some Restrictions. ~~\$400,000.00 \$404,000.00 \$39,900.00 REDUCED \$89,900.00.~~

**SGR326A** 141.74 Acres, Raw Land, Buffalo Hills. Excellent Hunting. Franklin District. **\$379,000.00.**

**SGR316A** 10.35 Acres, Entry Mountain, Some Covenants & Restrictions. Nice View. **\$89,900.00.**

**SGR302A** "The Hollow" Restaurant, fully furnished, at the corner of US RT 220/US RT 33W, Franklin. Property adjoins neighboring motel. ~~\$425,000.00 \$320,000.00 REDUCED \$299,000.00 REDUCED \$229,000.00.~~

**SGR056** Highland County property. Pasture, several year-round Springs, Hunting, High Speed Internet, Electric, 1.3 miles of public Road Frontage. Awesome view of Blue Grass Valley. **\$2,973,000.00.**

**SGR441 Residential lots**, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte 33 East of Franklin. Lots from **\$20,760.00.**

**SGR247 Residential lots** with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from **\$14,630.00.**