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Wildcats Whip Trinity, Wahama for State Title

The Pendleton County Wildcats saved the best of their 31 win and two loss season for last, playing to near perfection in three games during the Class A State Tournament at Little Creek Park in South Charleston. The only two regular season losses came to Class AA state tournament runner-up Petersburg and Class AAA runner-up Frankfort.

Pendleton Farmers Market Gearing Up for June Return

By Stephen Smoot

In the past few years, residents and visitors alike have more and more often made a summertime Saturday morning stop in Franklin for fresh food a must-do.

After a seasonal hiatus, the market will open once again in June. It will feature established favorites and new entrepreneurs alike amongst its vendors.

“We’ve determined that the starting date for this year’s market will be June 14,” announced Annie Humes, director of the market.

She explained that the successful format established in previous years will remain in place. Humes uses the market to encourage both hobbyists and fledgling entrepreneurs to sell their wares and grow their businesses.

They sell alongside farmers and producers who have successfully sold for years, creating a mutually encouraging community of vendors.

A prime example of co-



The Farmers Market offers much more than fresh food. It encourages sharing and community. This photo was from the 2024 opening.

operation comes from an emerging mentorship between local bakers.

Roxanne Arbaugh, owner of Bettye’s Backroad Breads, sells a broad spectrum of sourdough bread products from loaves and muffins to tortillas. “I love the community market,” she explained, adding that “you don’t have the same people every week.”

“Roxanne Arbaugh was at the farmers market last year,” Humes said, adding that the venue “was a real launch pad for what became a year-round business for her.”

Arbaugh started working closely with Beth Kirk, who founded Sweet Treats last October. Both ladies bake with health in mind. Arbaugh’s sourdough products have a much better effect on blood sugar with diabetics, while Kirk produces a variety of gluten-free baked goods.

Approximately two million people, or one in every 133, cannot consume gluten due to celiac disease.

Kirk got into business because “my children both moved away. I had a lot of free time.” She said of local vendors and the farmers market that “it’s a great community of supporters.”

She happily explained earlier this month that

“I just went to the first farmers market meeting on Wednesday. I got all the information.” Kirk plans, like Arbaugh, to offer a number of varieties of her products to meet as many different tastes as is possible.

Humes shared that she sees the market as “an incubator opportunity for folks who are looking to sell something they already made for sale.”

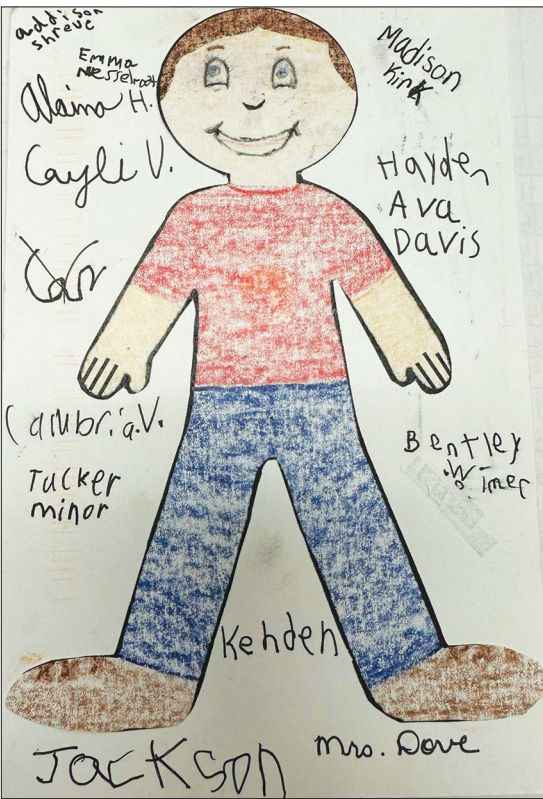
Vendors can come in person or sell on consignment. Consignment sales incurred much more time and hassle before Humes and the farmers market secured a grant for a modern point of sale system that kept accurate records automatically.

The ideal of creating community also serves as a key part of the vision. The farmers market often schedules presentations, events for children, and even live music, serving as not just a selling place, but “a gathering place,” as Humes says.

In this way, it mimics the markets of bygone days where people would come to socialize and catch up on community news as much as buy.

Humes added that the farmers market also serves as a magnet for tourists hungry to sample locally made foods and other products.

Flat Stanley Flies from Franklin Elementary to Space and Back



This Flat Stanley postcard sent by the 2021-22 Franklin Elementary School third grade class was officially launched into space, as shown by the special blue stamp.

By Stephen Smoot

Three decades ago, educator Dale Hubert had an idea.

He would take a character from a book written three decades prior called “Flat Stanley” and build an educational project around him. The book, written by American author Jeff Brown, tells of an elementary school boy named Stanley Lambchop who was, unfortunately, flattened by a falling bulletin board.

In the book, Flat Stanley makes the best of an inconvenient situation. Though only existing in two dimensions now, he can still enjoy traveling. His parents roll him up, put him in a tube, and mail him to California for a visit.

As interesting as the more literal minded modern generations might feel about the details of being flattened, rolled up, encased in a tube, and sent somewhere via the occasionally reliable United States Postal Service, Flat Stanley has seen extended life through a project that plays on the story.

Hubert created a website describing the project and it, as the website describes, serves as “the longest lasting literacy site on the internet.”

As the site explains “kids send a flat visitor to a school, a celebrity, a family member, a politician, or anyone of interest and the recipient returns the little guy along with a completed journal and perhaps some souvenirs, such as postcards, photos, or special items.

And this is where Franklin Elementary School’s third grade and its teacher, Shay Dove, come into the story.

They dreamed much, much bigger than a celebrity or a politician. Franklin’s third grade sent their Flat Stanleys to space.

Blue Origin, a private sector space flight company, also runs a non profit called Club for the Future. The club collects postcards from all over the nation to fly into space. Cards return and then get stamped “flown to space”

Johnson Provides Update on Library Activities and Needs to School Board

By Stephen Smoot

“We thank you for the dedication that led to the alternate education building,” prayed J. D. Wilkins, Pendleton County Board of Education president, as he opened the second meeting of May.

Spirits were high due to the official opening that afternoon of the structure, which took several months and overcame a number of unexpected barriers to accomplish.

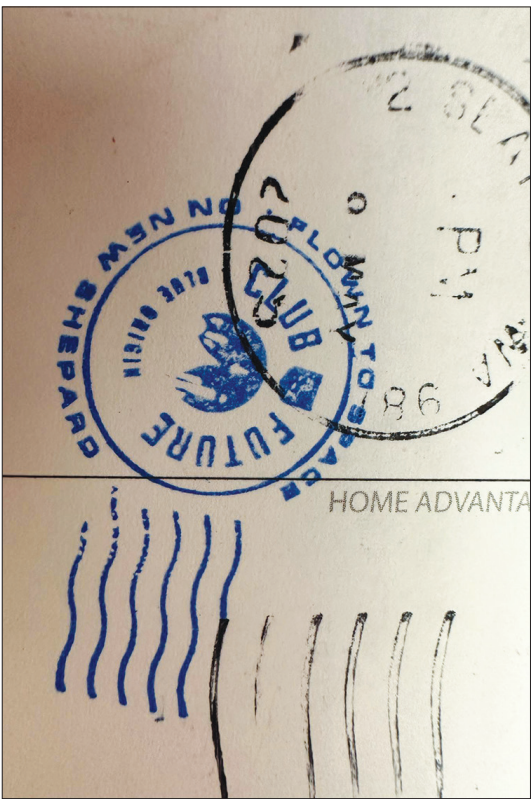
Board members first gave the floor to Walt Johnson, the executive director of the Pendleton County Library.

Referring in part to the national debt crisis that is forcing federal budget cuts, he opened with “we, as a library, are heading into fraught seas over the next fiscal year.”

Johnson offered “a down to earth discussion about preparing ourselves for what might be coming.” Added to worries about federal level funding cuts, he shared that “the library section of state government will be shifted from the department of arts, culture, and history to the department of tourism.”

“Libraries have been reassured that very little internally will be changed,” he said.

That change will come due to the budget problems inherited by Governor Patrick Morrissey. Part of his plan to address that will



and returned to sender.

“Send us as many postcards as you’d like,” says the club’s website, “we’ll fly them all!”

Dove explained that although the idea of sending objects to space electrified the children, the learning remains the core reason.

“We read the book first,” recalled Dove, who added that the project includes a “letter writing process.” Such projects that cloak skills development with a fun and exciting “hook” often produce the best results in elementary education.

“This is my 10th year. I’ve been doing this since I began teaching,” shared Dove.

One problem arose, however. Since the Club for the Future accepts and sends every postcard, those from Franklin got delayed three years before flight.

“We sent them with a hope and a prayer,” stated Dove, but the postcards did not immediately return. Only after three years, after both teacher and students forgot about them, did they return, duly stamped. Dove took them immediately to the sixth-grade class where the participating students are now.

Dove shared, “They’d forgotten about it. I’d forgotten about it.”

The timing of the return made Dove and her fellow teachers wonder if the cards had gone into flight with popular singer and television host Katy Perry when she joined a celebrity flight. They looked into the scanned cards posted online, but would have to sift through thousands of images.

In schools all over the country, teachers have explored unconventional ways to teach both traditional and new skills. They may not always make the news, but they happen nonetheless.

Dove encourages parents to check school Facebook pages to see all the exciting work done by teachers, parents, and volunteers, to give Pendleton County children the best education possible.

Community CALENDAR

Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 12 at the post home in Sugar Grove.

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 11 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

Quilters To Meet

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild will gather at 6:30 p.m. Monday for its annual picnic at the Franklin Town Park.

History of Old Propst Church To Be Presented

The history of the Old Propst Church will be presented by Paula Mitchell at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Old Propst Church located in Propstburg, between Brandywine and Sugar Grove. The event is sponsored by the Pendleton County Historical Society.

All are welcome to attend.

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OBITUARIES



**Marcia Lee
Whetzel Warner**

Marcia Lee Whetzel Warner, 78, beloved wife, mother, grammie, daughter, sister, and aunt, passed away on June 2, 2025, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born on April 15, 1947, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, to the late Delsie and Olin Whetzel.

Mrs. Warner grew up in Singers Glen, Virginia. In 1966, she graduated from Broadway High School.

Her warm presence and caring nature left an undeniable mark on all who knew and loved her. Her fierce desire to protect and care for her family made her an exceptional mom and grammie, roles she embraced wholeheartedly.

She grew up in the Menonite church and later attended the Smith Creek Church of the Brethren. She was faithful and instilled the love of the Lord into her children and grandchildren.

She worked at Hanover Shoe and later on, the Pendleton Nursing Home as a certified nursing assistant. However, she would tell anyone that the best job she ever had was caring for her grandchildren. She was an avid gardener during the years and especially loved growing and caring for her beautiful flowers. She was a seamstress, quilter, and crocheted many afghans for family and friends. She also had served as a Pendleton County emergency medical technician.

Her passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who love her, but her spirit will continue to inspire and guide everyone. Her laughter and her ability to make everyone feel cherished will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

In 1968, she met the love of her life, Harry Allen Warner. They were married on April 4, 1969, and made their home together on Smith Creek near Franklin. Her husband passed away on Nov. 8, 2023. They were married for 54 years.

Surviving are four children, LeeAnn Shreve (Richard) of Franklin, Allen Warner of Beaver, Alisa Warner of Petersburg, and Anthony Warner (Laura) of Monterey, Virginia; four grandchildren, Curtis Shreve, Adrienne Zajicek (Cody), and Autumn and Levi Warner, and two great-grandchildren, Lucy and Owen Zajicek; sisters, Peggy Nichol森, Betty Lawson and Donna Miller; sisters-in-law, Stella Whetzel and Rachel Ruddle (William); brother-in-law, William Warner; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Judy Coffman (and husband, Dewayne); brother, Gary Whetzel; brothers-in-law, Bob Nichol森, Tommy Lawson, Harold Miller and Wilson Warner (and wife, Rebecca); and sisters-in-law, Doris Bennett (and husband, Milford), Shelda Warner, and Lisa Warner.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated with no public services.

Memorials may be made to any Pendleton County Rescue Squad.

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



Marla Zelene Harman

Marla Zelene Harman, 68, departed this life on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, May 25, 2025, from her beloved Sugarbottom residence in Upper Tract.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1957, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the daughter of the late John and Mary Pauline (Ruddle) Harman.

Ms. Harman's childhood was filled with love and the strongest of bonds with her older siblings, John R. (Johnny) Harman and the late Paula Harman Raynar. Her days at the Harman farm were filled with joy — especially time spent with her pony and swimming in any puddle big enough to hold water. She was a proud 4-H'er and greatly enjoyed it throughout her youth.

A Franklin High School Panther through and through, she loved her alma mater and graduated with the class of 1975. Her next step was Bridgewater College where she earned her bachelor of arts degree in both history and political science in 1979. Law school at West Virginia University followed where in 1982 she earned her doctor of jurisprudence degree and was admitted to the West Virginia State Bar.

Her legal career spanned 43 years during which time she served as a Guardian ad Litem tasked with protecting the interest of children involved in the legal system. She advocated fiercely for thousands of abused and neglected children during her career and was the bright light during their darkest moments. She always enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing "her kids" happy and watching them grow into successful adults. She also took great joy in her many friendships in the legal community. She was the current president of the South Branch Valley Bar Association and loved the comradery of the local bar.

A history buff, she had also served in numerous roles in the Pendleton County Historical Society. Additionally, she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and member and past president of the Daughters of the Confederacy chapter in Highland County, Virginia.

She also enjoyed many interests. She was an avid Tennessee Walking Horse enthusiast and spent many happy days on horseback. Her beloved horses — Jack, Stretch, Benny, and Thunder, no doubt greeted her upon her return home. She was an excellent hostess and so enjoyed getting people together at her Sugarbottom home in Upper Tract to celebrate important life events of her family and friends. Her Halloween parties were always a hit, and she so loved to host the children of the community for trick or treat fun. She was a fan of astronomy, swimming holes, drive-ins, gardening, antique stores, and road trips to her favorite Florida hot springs.

Her greatest love by far was her husband, Max Baer Miller, Jr., her college sweetheart and life-long love. Reunited later in life and never ones to let an opportunity for a good story pass them by, they were married Dec. 28, 2015, at the Buncombe County Detention Center in Asheville, North Carolina. They spent many happy times together and enjoyed being at home with their pets, Jorge, Leonie, and Thumper.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, Max, are brother and sister-in-law, Johnny and Honey Harman; brother-in-law, Karl Raynar; stepdaughter, Courtney Branch-Clark (Vincent); father and mother-in-law, Max and Goldie Miller; nieces and nephews, Sarah Crider (Tony), Betsy Dean, Jonathan Harman, John Preston Harman (Gayle), John Karl Raynar (Alice) and Laurel Raynar; numerous great-nieces and -nephews; and cherished friends and extended family whom she loved dearly.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Paula Raynar; a nephew, Tony Dean; and a stepson, Max Baer Miller, III.

The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday at the Franklin Presbyterian Church in Franklin. Funeral services will follow with the Rev. Deborah Beam officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Pendleton County 4-H Fund, PO Box 96, Franklin, West Virginia 26807, or to the Corey Simmons Memorial Scholarship Fund, 162 Gold Nugget Drive, Franklin, West Virginia 26807.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



**Virginia "Ruth"
Propst Craig**

Virginia "Ruth" Propst Craig, 83, of Moyers beloved daughter, mother, grandmother and friend, departed this earth to be with her Lord on May 28, 2025, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg.

She was born April 12, 1942, in Moyers, to Virginia Hively Propst of Moyers and the late Dillon Stanley Propst.

Ms. Craig attended grade school in what was once the Sugar Grove Grade School. She was a 1960 graduate of Franklin High School.

Her first job out of high school was at Lindsey Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She lived in Charlottesville, Virginia, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Richmond and Blue Grass, Virginia before relocating to Rockingham County, Virginia. She was employed with the Rockingham County Courthouse and then transferred to the City of Harrisonburg Commissioner of Revenue Office, where she worked for 20 years until her retirement in May 2007.

Upon her retirement, she operated Sinnett's Lane Grocery, a long-standing family-operated country store which has been a staple in the Moyers community for decades. She loved running the store, providing a hub for the community, and the many people who filtered through that establishment far and wide. She was proud of an orchid in the store that was given by her mother's sister and has been there for several years. Running the family business

also provided her the opportunity to care for her mother, Virginia, and a person rarely saw one without the other.

Her faith was of utmost importance to her, and she was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. Bishop Riegel of the WV-Western Maryland Synod quoted that she was one of the giants of faith in this valley. She was very involved in the Women's Evangelical Lutheran Church Association, participated with the WV-WMD Synod, and held many positions in the Mountain Lutheran Parish and the St. John congregation. She was faithful in performing the task of bulletin preparation for services for many years. Her congregation and parish families will greatly miss her.

Second to her faith, her greatest love was her family. She adored her grandsons and greatly enjoyed family reunions. She loved to read and had a great head for figures. Her other interests included knitting, macrame, chair caning and storekeeping.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kathy Propst Nelson (Lynn); two grandsons, Jarod Nelson and Noah Nelson (Jenny); a niece, Missy Propst Harrison (Gary); a nephew, Daniel Propst (Debbie); and many other family members and friends.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Eston "Butch" Propst; and a sister-in-law, Judy Mae Gordon Propst.

A funeral service was held Sunday at St. John Lutheran Church with Pastors Paul Shaffer, Angela Lambert and Jay Linaburg officiating. Interment was at St. John Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, 26 Black Thorn Road, Sugar Grove, WV 26815.

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

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.



Dennis James Hedrick

Dennis James Hedrick, 56, of Riverton passed away on May 27, 2025, following an extended illness at the home of his sister, Kathy.

He was born on Aug. 28, 1968, in Manassas, Virginia, the son of the late Earl (Buzz) Hedrick and Helen Louise (Luzier) Hedrick of Petersburg.

Mr. Hedrick was previously married to the mother of his children, Candace (Smith) Vance.

He graduated from Circleville High School in 1986 and became a successful young entrepreneur. He built, owned, and operated the River Mart in Riverton for close to 30 years.

He was always busy at work but found enjoyment and relaxation golfing, kayaking, and hunting. He leaves behind a legacy of dedication to work and love for family to his children.

Surviving are a daughter, Nicole Karson (David) of Houston, Texas; a son, Dylan Hedrick (Madison) of Riverton; three sisters, Janet Cox (Bill) of Madison, Wisconsin, and Kathy Hedrick and Karen Fisher (Rick), all of Petersburg; a brother, Darin Hedrick (Tina) of Petersburg; and a grandson, Crew Karson.

Interment was in the North Fork Memorial Cemetery at Riverton.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the Grant County Hospice, 100 Hospital Dr. #2, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

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Shenandoah Mountain Transit Posed As a Formidable Foe

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

The following historical note is one that most people, living today, are probably not aware of. Time has taken those who knew to their resting place. Persons traveling into West Virginia (from the Virginia side) found a rough route in the early 1900s. At the foot of the Shenandoah Mountain there was located a tavern or way-side inn, "Halfway House, which also served as a toll station. (This was located where the machinery for the mountain road construction is presently located). Facilities were very adequate for those who wished to rent a room for the night and to also partake a bowl of soup.

On the opposite side of the road was where horse exchanges took place. Mules were also kept here. They were needed to pull the heavy spring wagons loaded with passengers, freight, and mail over the Shenandoah Mountain. In bad weather, six mules were needed to pull one wagon up the mountain. The road continued up through the Switzer Dam area and on up the west side of the mountain. Winter weather created icy road conditions that never changed until the thaw of spring. The road was then changed to the present location in the late 1930s. There was quite a historical ceremony at the top of the mountain when the new road was completed, and where the Franklin High School choir and band were amongst the dignitaries in the program. The writer's mother took place in this ceremony as a choir participant.

In the fall, when the leaves have dropped, one can still see the "old road" on the right side when descending Shenandoah Mountain. There are also still traces of the "old road" along the West Virginia side, although not easily seen.

The flat land between Halfway House and Rawley Springs was formerly called Frank's Bottom, since the land was owned by the Frank family. Emanuel Frank was the first caretaker of the water-works at the Rawley Resort.

Rural mail carriers delivered mail from daylight to dark. A truck was in use to haul the mail from Harrisonburg, Virginia, to the top of Shenandoah Mountain, from whence another carrier took it to Franklin. These men, who carried the mail, had to live up to the motto of the United States Postal Service, "Neither rain, nor snow," but in the early 1900s this was no easy

task. E.D. Gifford, better known as "Ras" was the low bidder on the Franklin to Harrisonburg, Virginia, mail route from 1908 until 1920.

This contract included getting mail through six days a week, receiving and delivering mail at post offices along the route, and placing "side mail" in individual boxes along the way. The early postal service additionally provided freight and passenger carrier, the only means of transportation for some along the route. One way fare was \$3.00 with a round trip being \$5.00

One driver would leave Franklin at 5:30 a.m. while another left Harrisonburg, Virginia, about the same time. Between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. the driver arrived at the base of the mountain where he changed horses. About noon, the drivers would meet at the top of the Shenandoah Mountain and exchange wagons. By 7:00 p.m. each driver had returned to their starting place, unless detained by weather or a mishap.

Life's little instructions for kinder, and more respectful people included the following:

1. Keep one's phone on silent during meetings, church, libraries, and movies.
2. Treat service staff with respect at all times.
3. Give people space in line.
4. Say "Bless you" when someone sneezes.
5. Say "Excuse me" when passing through.

June! The community residents have no idea at all where the time has gone. Yesterday was January, and today is June!

The showers of rain could be what folks long ago called a "sheep rain." The dreary days, coupled with misty showers, usually happened around the time sheep were shorn. At times, the rain gurgled from the downspouts. The rains that fell this past week appeared to be thankfully received into the ground. The winds continue to howl and do their best to absorb any remaining moisture. Monday morning's temperature was 35 degrees, which reminds one and all that the weather is rather fickle.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"There will come a time when the rich own all the media and it will be impossible for the public to make an informed opinion." — Albert Einstein (about 1949)

"The last days of May are among the longest of the year." —

Alice Munro

"Don't wish

for someone

else to do later what you can do now." — Winton Marsalis

"The secret to living well and long is eat half, walk double, laugh triple and love without measure." — Tibetan Proverb

"Do not pray for an easy life; pray for the strength to endure a difficult one." — Bruce Lee

Sitting inside is the perfect place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Folks are wondering to where in the world Dover Paul, the Emu, is traversing. Perhaps he has found greener pastures???

Geneva Mongold celebrated her eighth birthday Saturday with a party at the VFW pavilion with family and friends.

Judy Costello of Verona, Virginia, spent Friday night with her mother, Evelyn Varner.

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

• Bamboo, growing 47.6 inches in 24 hours, is the fastest growing plant.

• The United Kingdom is famous for its castles with more than 1,500 castles scattered around the country.

• Fleas can jump 350 times their body length.

• The only mammal capable of flight is the bat.

• Cats have 32 muscles in each ear.

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 Heavner, Hannah Hedrick, Jack and Starr Hedrick, Chuck and Tracy Hiett, 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, Larua 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



Flora Jane Mitchell Pitsenbarger (Aug. 16, 1898 - Feb. 18, 1973), seated, married James "Luther" Pitsenbarger (Aug. 22, 1893 - March 24, 1961). Lewis "Arthur" Propst (Dec. 9, 1895 - April 15, 1980), standing, married Sallie Virginia Mitchell (Nov. 22, 1898-).

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 Fay 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 Stuben, 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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****June Events****

•Saturday, June 7
Upper Tract Fire Department Tournament
Buck Walt Carey
Live Bluegrass Music 6 - 9 p.m.

•Saturday, June 14, 7 p.m.
Decades/2000s Team Trivia

**•Sunday, June 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
Father's Day Buffet

•Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.
Free Team Bingo at Fisher Mountain

•Saturday, June 21
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Germany Valley Limestone Rd., Riverton

Seafood Buffet
Friday, June 6 • 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Crab Legs, Steamed Shrimp, Fried Calamari, Shrimp Creole, Scampi Style Scallops, Fried Clams, Fried Oysters, Roast Beef w/Gravy, Herb Baked Chicken Breast, Hush Puppies, Steamed Rice, Corn, Buttered Potatoes, Cheddar Bay Biscuits, Assorted Desserts **\$34⁹⁵**

Sunday Buffet
Breakfast for Dinner
June 8 • Noon - 3 p.m.
Yogurt Parfaits, Fresh Cut Fruit, Carved Ham, Bacon, Country Fried Steak, Corned Beef Hash, Sausage Gravy, Eggs Benedict, Pancakes, Grits, Made To Order Omelets, French Toast Casserole, Broccoli and Cheddar Frittata, Cheese Blintzes, Home Fried Potatoes, Biscuits, Donuts, Danish, Cinnamon Rolls **\$24⁹⁵**

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10 Years Ago
Week of June 4, 2015

Pendleton Boasts
West Virginia's Lowest
Unemployment Rate

According to WorkForce West Virginia (Workforce), Pendleton County had the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 4.1 percent, followed by Jefferson County at 4.5 percent and Monongalia County at 5.1 percent.

The state's overall unemployment rate rose four-tenths of a percentage point to 7 percent in April.

Pendleton County, known for its employment driven population that is not afraid of long commutes, has experienced low unemployment rates for several years. The unemployment rate for the county peaked in 2010 at roughly 8 percent. Population has declined steadily over the last two decades.

Closing the Navy base at Sugar Grove in September and the loss of approximately 300 jobs will greatly impact the county's unemployment numbers. Workforce lists total employment from all industries as 1,588.

According to the most recent (2013) statistics available from WorkForce, the Department of Defense is the third largest employer in the county. Pendleton County Board of Education and Pendleton Manor, Inc., are listed as one and two, respectively.

20 Years Ago
Week of June 2, 2005

86 Graduating Seniors
Receive Diplomas

Eighty-six Pendleton County High School seniors received diplomas in the John M. Dice Fieldhouse before a packed house of family, friends and well-wishers from across the Pendleton County community.

40 Years Ago
Week of June 6, 1985

US Postal Service
Closes Cherry Grove Post
Office

The Cherry Grove Post Office which has served the residents of the upper North Fork area of Pendleton County for more than a century was closed last Friday and the service transferred to the Circleville Post Office.

Also closed last week was the Job Post Office in Randolph County. Service previously provided by the Job Post Office was transferred to the Whitmer Post Office four miles down the road.

Yesteryear in Pendleton

By Janet H. Conrad

The farmers of Pendleton County have always had to travel a long way to reach a market for their produce. Pendleton County was and still is the only county in the state without a railroad.

The people of the North Fork

area were oriented toward the railroad at Harman. This railroad had been built to haul out the virgin timber from Job and Whitmer. This opened a market in Baltimore.

My father drove his fat cattle to Harman and went along to Baltimore to sell them. My maternal grandmother owned a typical country store and bought walnut kernels, eggs, live poultry, butter and wood that he sold in Baltimore. I remember asking, "Why not Washington!" and the answer was "That is where the market is." Here were various ethnic groups that used this type of food.

Eviscerated poultry was packed in salt and placed in barrels for shipment. Butter was kept in salt brine while maple sugar cakes and walnut kernels were shipped in bags. Walnut kernels were a cash crop of all farmers for they were cracked and shelled during the long winter evenings. My mind's eye can still see that big mound of kernels on the store loft waiting to be bagged.

Wool, butter, eggs, poultry, maple sugar cakes, and kernels were sold in exchange for commodities that were needed and could not be produced on the farm. Farm families lived on lack of expense.

My father owned a horse that was practically a member of the family. This horse was well known on the North Fork. My father would ride this horse to Harman, to take the train, tie the stirrups together on top of his back, give him a strong slap and say, "Go home Pat." The horse would start home and nothing could stop him. My mother knew about how long it would take him and she would have the gate and stable door open.

One time some young men at Macksville thought they would play a joke on Will. They would tie up Pat and when my father returned by mail stage, his horse would be gone. Pat almost killed those men and they were glad to release him and let him continue his journey home.

The people of Reeds Creek and lower Potomac regions of the county went to the railroad in Keyser. My grandfather said this was an easier trip because there was only one extremely steep grade, the hill outside Keyser. The market on the South Fork was Harrisonburg, while those of Southern 220 and the Sugar Grove area were Staunton. Now with the construction of good roads and big trucks, the market is just minutes away.

60 Years Ago
Week of June 3, 1965

Help Comes
In Nick of Time
For Young Fisherman

When a 10-year-old boy who happens to be fishing along one of Pendleton County's trout streams calls for help, it's time for someone to go to the rescue.

Such was the case Sunday evening when Curtis Kimble and his son, Duayne, were fishing in the Potomac River

south of Franklin.

Mr. Kimble was some distance down stream from his son when he heard him cry for help. Upon rushing to a point where he could clearly distinguish what the trouble was, he observed Duayne holding tightly on to his fishing pole and backing away from the river. Suddenly out popped a big brown trout which began to flop on the bank loose from the hook about two feet from the water.

It was at this point that Mr. Kimble rushed to the rescue and saved the 17 inches, 2-1/4 pound trout to prove the story.

70 Years Ago
Week of June 2, 1955

Grade School Graduates
Soar To 168; Represent 20
Schools

Increase Of 22
Over Last Year

One hundred sixty-eight pupils in 20 Pendleton County elementary schools were promoted from the eighth to ninth grade at the close of the current school term according to an announcement made this week by Assistant Superintendent Arlie Blizzard.

This is an increase of 22 over the 146 that went from grade school to high school last year, but the schools from which they were promoted dropped from 23 to 20.

The largest class of eighth graders was at Franklin where 35 were promoted. Brandywine was second with 23 and Dixie ran a close third with 22.

Three schools had only one graduate, while four had only two.

Pupils finishing the eighth grade no longer receive a diploma as in years past, but the transition from grade school to high school is treated simply as a promotion.

EDITORIALS

They Are Discovering
Pendleton ---

There has been a considerable amount of talk in recent years relative to attracting new industries and more business to Pendleton County. While there has been little accomplished by the way of enticing new industries to locate here, we have observed a steady increase in one of our chief sources of income. That is the tourist business.

Each year more and more money is being left in the county by visitors, some of whom pass through with only momentary stops while others spend weekends or even longer periods of time. One reason for our growing tourist business is the increased interest that people are taking in the caves of the county. Hardly a weekend passes that does not find several carloads of cave enthusiasts trekking through one or more of the many underground passages scattered throughout the county.

One of the good things about increased tourist business

is that its benefits are not limited to the service station, motel and restaurant, but practically all business profit from it either directly or indirectly. Money circulates, and the tourist's dollar left in the restaurant soon passes to the meat market and grocery store; and the money paid for a motel room will soon find its way to the dry goods store and appliance dealer.

Tourist business is important to Pendleton County. We can help it by freely exercising our 'southern hospitality' and being ever on the alert for means of making the visitor want to return and recommend this favored piece of nature's handiwork to his friends.

New Jewelry Store
Opens In Franklin

A new jewelry store will open in Franklin Saturday, June 4. Operating the firm name of Alt and Bean Jewelry Store, it will be located in the Franklin Hotel in the offices formerly occupied by Drs. Rexrode and Maxwell.

The store will carry a variety of watches including Bulova and Elgin, a complete line of costume jewelry and a wide variety of billfolds, cigarette lighters and luggage, as well as other items generally carried in jewelry stores.

Guaranteed watch repair service will be the firm's chief specialty.

80 Years Ago
Week of June 1, 1945

PAPER BALLOONS
Drop Bombs

As a result of the appearance of balloon borne bombs in the West, the army and navy have undertaken an educational public safety campaign in cooperation with schools and civic organizations in the region to protect civilians against the danger of the explosives.

Although no military threat, some live bombs may have descended to the ground in isolated regions and wooded areas, or lay concealed beneath melting snow, thus necessitating the utmost caution on the part of civilians. In informing the public of the danger, the army and navy said the prevention of mishaps was of greater importance than the mere acknowledgement to the enemy that the bombs had drifted to the U. S. mainland.

Borne by balloons of gray, white or greenish blue paper with a diameter of 33 feet, the bombs are of no military significance because of their scattered and aimless appearance, the army and navy said. Because of their haphazard nature, neither are they to be viewed with alarm by the public, the services added.

105 Years Ago
Week of May 28, 1920

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Week of June 4, 1920

SHORT NOTES

Howard Rexroad with a force of hands has just completed one of the best jobs of road work we have ever seen in the county. Manning the road scraper himself and having Harve Hoover in charge of road engine, he has just finished scraping the pike from the top of the hill at the Jimmy Kee Gap and has done a thorough job. This road was in horrible condition and it is now a pleasure to drive over it. Thank you Howard. If we just had more Howards living along our roads.

The cost of print paper is causing many hundreds of weekly papers to suspend publication. We have just received a ton of paper that cost us \$250. About three years ago this amount would have cost \$50. It is an increase of about \$100 per month and it is impossible for us to overcome this with the advance in subscriptions and advertising. This is not the worst of it. We have just been notified that there would be a \$20.00 advance in price on July 1st, and another like advance in the fall.

BOX

We were sorry to hear of so many people going up Salt River.

It seems as if everybody's dead—no news, cheer up all of you and let's make the Times interesting.

TO THE PUBLIC

Please take notice, I will open my broom shop on June 21st. I hereby notify all customers to have their material in not later than the fifteenth of Aug. Owing to the very high price of supplies, I am compelled to raise my price from twenty-five to thirty-five cents per broom. Broom corn must be seeded.

Edward Shrader
Franklin, W. Va.

HARMAN HILLS

Glen Kisamore has purchased a new Ford. Listen for the whistle girls.

J. W. Day is using the scraper a few days through the hills this week. The road needs some work bad.

Smith Creek/
Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

The rain has finally stopped, but it was a large amount. It rained 19 days during May for a total of 7.86". That's a lot of rain, and that should take the county out of the drought.

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, Myrtle Hammer, Neal Eye, Donald Burns, Ruth Bauer, Rick Waggy, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Anna Mauzy, Jimmie Bennett, Gloria Moats, Ruthalene Judy, Frankie Judy, David Berg, Tim and Dee McCormick, Jim Judy, Jessie Simmons, Minny Rhoads, Mary and Gary Hess, Phil Downs, Larry Rexrode, Bill Snyder, Troy Bennett, Jim Fawley, Marcia "Marty" Warner, Tom and Judy Borror, Bob and Brenda Sites, Judith Ours, Nancy and Tony George, David M. Hartman, George Hevener, Danny Nelson, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Allen Beachler, Tonya Simon, Tom Butterworth, Sherry Hedrick, Bobby Parsons, Robert Bennett, Mary Alice Evick, Rick Phares, Debbie Eye, Merlin Harper, Virgil "Bub" Yokum, Hannah Hedrick, Barbara Judy Harman, Joyce Calhoun, John Moyers, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Jerry Warner, Sherman Bennett, Nellie Keplinger, Chuck Hiett, Betty Smith, Gretta Pope, Chase Shepke, Barbara Bennett, Woody and Libby Hoover, Dora Rawlings, Sherry Chambers, the family of Zelene Harman and the family of Ruth Craig.

Prayer thought: "Dear God, I love you with all my heart and want to please you in whatever ways you want. I look forward to seeing you one day."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for May 26 through June 1, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: May 26 - 66°, 49°, .04" (80°, 57°, .42"), May 27 - 53°, 49°, 1.45" (78°, 59°), May 28 - 60°, 48°, .69" (74°, 47°, .07"), May 29 - 77°, 55° (65°, 46°, .09°), May 30 - 71°, 51°, .18" (69°, 49°), May 31 - 65°, 51°, .04" (71°, 37°), June 1 - 68°, 51° (78°, 41°).

Total rainfall for May was 7.86", compared to 4.08" in May 2024.

Year-to-date rainfall is 16.72", which is the same amount for the same time period last year.

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BOE Updated on Library Activities

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serve folks better and brighten the interior of the library.”

The new service desk resulted in part from a combined funding effort by State Senators Robert Karnes and Bill Hamilton. It also allows for the use of 21st century technology which the former desk struggled to accommodate.

“The ‘times’ may be fraught, but that’s an opportunity to take a more creative approach,” noted Johnson. That approach includes incorporating the basement space more effectively into library programming.

Johnson called the current condition of it “wasted space” and “not a wise use of resources,” but envisions a space suited for music and other performing arts.

He closed with expressions of appreciation for the school board’s support.

After Johnson concluded his presentation, the board moved on to its business.

Charles Hedrick, superintendent, shared how Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, was of assistance during the severe storms and flooding the week prior. He described delays experienced by a bus returning from Washington, D.C., full of middle school students.

He then shared that Gillespie provided an escort to the bus “and got our bus back to the

high school.”

Wilkins noted, “That was a scary day.”

J. P. Mowery then provided finance and treasury reports. This started with an overall summary of revenues and expenditures for both fiscal year 24-25 and fiscal year 25-26. The budget expanded by approximately \$600,000. Mowery stated that the 14 percent increase in PEIA premiums “is a large part of that . . . the largest piece by far.” Inflation and energy costs also contributed.

Mowery noted that the permanent improvement fund established six years ago “continues to grow.” It takes in \$50,000 per year to serve as a reserve fund for needed improvements should state or other funds not be available.

He indicated that some headwinds may arise on the horizon with the uncertainty of federal sources of funding, but also explained that the budget for next year “is a solid budget. It’s a balanced budget.”

Mowery further shared that he felt more optimistic that Secure Rural Schools funding may get passed by Congress after all. All those considerations, however, now lie in the hands of the U. S. Senate after the House of Representatives passed the budget bill.

“It seemed difficult at one point . . . it has been revived from life support,” Mowery added.

Travis Heavner shared a list of projects

that he hopes to have completed during the summer. These include repairs to a floor in a Brandywine Elementary School classroom and carpet replacement at Franklin Elementary School. He related that a compressor failed in the air conditioning at the high school and that crews had repaired it quickly.

“We got the air back up and going by the first of the week,” he said.

On another note, North Fork Elementary School students received permission to use the old Circleville High School gymnasium after damage occurred to theirs.

On the attendance report, Carrie Nesselrodt announced that NFES enjoyed their third day of perfect attendance in this school year, a remarkable achievement. NFES also had the

best percentage of attendance with just more than 95 percent.

The individual grade with the best attendance was first grade at BES with a little more than 98 percent, and fifth grade delivered the best county grade level numbers at just under 94 percent.

Nesselrodt explained that strong attendance in recent weeks had helped to mitigate the late winter dip when illnesses afflicted students. Additionally, she did not expect that end of year fatigue and “senioritis” would harm overall numbers much.

“Our schools are doing what they should be doing,” she told the board, then added, “We made so much progress this year that we will still end up in a better place than last year.”

Art of Tea Explained To Girl Scout Troop



Members of Girl Scout Troop 32119, along with guests, gathered at Brandywine Elementary School for a program on tea.

On April 27, Girl Scout Troop 32119 of Pendleton County met at Brandywine Elementary School to learn about the art of “tea.” Nancy Hodges, a long time Girl Scout leader from Harrisonburg, Virginia, led the program.

Girls learned about discov-

ery of tea, the English “tea,” manners, decorating, setting the table, folding napkins three different ways, steeping tea, and making small sandwiches typically served at a tea. Then all enjoyed the tea party. Guests included mothers and grandmothers, as well as Taylor High, the membership manager for Region 5 Black Diamond Girl Scout Council.

Community service is a big part of the troop’s activities, which includes serving at the Wounded Warrior dinner in December, presenting a resident birthday party and Christmas caroling at Pendleton Manor, adopting a family at Christmas, helping

at North Fork pancake meal, and making cards to send to veterans at Pendleton Nursing Home.

Meetings included safety instructions and fingerprinting by a local deputy sheriff, a program on saving for financial future by Chelesa Simmons from Pendleton Community Bank, a panda activity meeting and cookie rally, to name a few.

Future events include a pool party on July 13 at Franklin and camping Aug. 9 and 10 at Brandywine Campground.

Any girl in kindergarten through starting 12th grade in the fall can join Girl Scouts by calling Rosa Propst at 304-249-6205.

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PENDLETON COUNTY SWEEPS AT STATES

Wildcats Outscore Opposition 27-1 in Dominant Performance in South Charleston

Among the final miles to the State Softball Tournament site in South Charleston, Pendleton County players, coaches, and supporters drove some of the last miles there on a road originally called the James River and Kanawha Turnpike. It was built in the early 1800s and countless numbers of people trod this road on the way to make history. It was only fitting that the Pendleton County Wildcats traveled this path to make history of their own.

Wildcats Bring the Thunder in First Round of State Playoffs

By Stephen Smoot

The National Weather Service forecast no thunderstorms in the relentless band of showers that pounded South Charleston’s Little Creek Park last Wednesday.

But Pendleton County sure brought the lightning in game one, likely making the opposing Trinity squad feel like it was rainin’ all over the world.

Head coach Eric Crites’s own forecast of what might come in the first round caused him worry, especially concerning Trinity’s recent record coming into the tournament. “Trinity is a great team,” he shared, adding, “They’re very hot right now. They’re on a six game winning streak.”

The Rock softball field complex selected for the games is a newer, perfectly symmetrical artificial turf field complete with a warming track. South Charleston through this complex provided a first-class venue to host the state championship.

On the field directly next door, similar to how the school’s districts sit side by side, Petersburg battled Oak Glen in Class AA tournament opening round action. The games started at the same time, 9:30 a.m.

By virtue of their record and seeding, Pendleton County had earned home team status, meaning that Trinity would face Baylee Beachler on the mound in the top of the first.

The first three pitches came across as Beachler nibbled around the edges. She gave up three straight balls to the delight of the Trinity dugout. Their celebratory mood ended quickly as Beachler then delivered three straight strikes to set the leadoff hitter down.

One Trinity player hit a line drive single, but it came to naught as the Wildcat pitcher shut down the half-inning with a strikeout.

Avery Townsend led off for the Wildcats, promptly dropping a hit into shallow left field that she extended into a two-base hit. That prefaced the thunder as Beachler powered a no ball and two strikes pitch over the left field wall, a line drive that seemed to not go more than 20 feet off the ground. Pendleton County then enjoyed a 2-0 lead.

The Wildcats took advantage of a softball specific rule that allows a coach to lift pitchers from the game at one point and then put them back in the game later. Teams can exercise this prerogative seven times in a single game. Crites inserted Susan Vincell into the game for the top of the second, rotating his dual aces to keep the team from Morgantown off-balance at the plate. This also provided Beachler valuable rest time for her pitching arm that paid dividends the rest of the tournament.

Vincell got the first batter to ground out, but the second walked on seven pitches. The next two who came to the plate, however, succumbed to her mixture of fastballs and a wickedly precise breaking ball to strike out. Her approach to pitching differs enough from Beachler that hitters cannot get into a rhythm from one at bat to the next when Crites rotates them.

Julia Mongold set the table for subsequent hitters in

the bottom of the second, earning a walk. Two batters later, with Townsend at the plate, the catcher fired a ball to first to try to catch Mongold off guard. Instead, she caught the first baseman unawares and the ball rolled into the right field corner. The speedy Mongold rounded the bases and scored the third run.

Townsend drew a walk, then quickly stole third on consecutive attempts as Beachler went through her at bat. The hitter put a bloop single into right, giving Townsend space to score easily. Next, Jenna Smith came to the plate. As she worked through the count, Beachler took second base. That put her in scoring position when Smith grounded a seeing eye single into center field.

Beachler came home, putting her squad up 5-0.

In the top of the third, the Trinity leadoff batter enjoyed a bit of luck as she hit the ball off the front of the mound. It popped up and rolled back towards home plate, giving her an infield single.

Crites trotted Beachler back out to face the subsequent batter, who hit the ball sharply to the second baseman Smith. She executed a nifty flip to shortstop Townsend to get the lead runner at second. Townsend fired the ball to first, missing getting the batter out by inches. During the next at bat the runner tried to steal second, but overran the base. Townsend missed the first application of the tag, but not the second as the runner slid off base, getting the second out.

With one out, the next batter walked then successfully stole second. Shortly thereafter, Trinity built their biggest threat of the game as they loaded the bases. The next hitter drove the ball to Townsend, who fired a missile strike to home base to get the lead runner, preventing the score. Beachler then struck out the last batter of the inning.

In the bottom of the third, Vincell led by earning a walk and the Wildcats returned to business. Jaiden Mitts came in as a runner. Chesnee Colaw followed with a single, but as Mitts hustled to third base, an exceptional Trinity throw got her out.

Mongold came to the plate with two outs and Colaw at second. Another move from Crites’ bag of tricks started to figure more and more prominently as the game went on. Colaw moved toward third to try and bait a throw to second. The strategy behind this serves to keep the pitcher and catcher focused on the base runner, hoping for a mistake of some sort that the Wildcats can use for the team’s advantage.

“We wanted to put pressure on them,” said Crites, who then explained that the team had worked on plays specifically for the tournament, but that at this point “there’s no need to hold anything back.”

He then shared that “coaching is like chess” in that each tries to make moves the other does not expect.

From Mongold came a single that brought Colaw home and pushed the lead to 6-0. Molly Rowe dropped a bunt that died near home plate, sacrificing to move Mongold to scoring position. Townsend followed with an RBI line drive to left field that set the tally at 7-0.

Pendleton County Blanks Wahama in Second Round of State Tournament

By Stephen Smoot

All season long the two squads had warily peered at each other from almost exactly geographically opposing points in the state.

From the tops of the wilderness covered ridges flanking Pendleton County Middle/High School, one can look directly east and see the Commonwealth of Virginia. From the front door of Wahama High School, the mighty river and great state sharing the name of the Ohio figure prominently in the view.

Both teams racked up victories as the season progressed and stamped their mark on Class A softball.

Wahama opened its campaign with wins over a struggling Class AA Ravenswood and a respectable Class AAA Sissonville squad. Along the way, they picked up wins against AAA tournament qualifier Herbert Hoover and also Class AAAA qualifier Saint Albans.

They also defeated Class AAAA Huntington and Class AAAA Ripley during their regular season, but, interestingly, did not schedule Point Pleasant, though both schools are in Mason County.

Pendleton County played more higher division schools and defeated all except Frankfort, while splitting the season series with Petersburg.

Wahama brought experience and ability to the tournament with them, starting with pitcher Elissa Hoffman. She recorded 21 wins and seven losses on the year, along with a solid 3.06 earned run average. Two other pitchers earned three wins a piece.

Pendleton County countered the White Falcon ace with two of their own. Baylee Beachler won 17 games over the year, but only lost one – the first game of the season versus Frankfort. Beachler also posted an ERA of 1.26. Susan Vincell had a six-win record unblemished with losses and also a 3.13 ERA.

Although not needed in South Charleston, the Wildcats saw a crucial pitching performance from Lizzie Alt in the Bub Rigglesman Tournament championship and also solid mound work from Bella Lockard, Jaiden Mitts, and Molly Rowe over the season.

White Falcon hitters plagued opponents’ pitching all year with five players hitting at an eye-popping .393 or better. Fiona Van Matre led the squad with five of the team’s 21 home runs.

While the Oakland A’s of the early 90s boasted the “Bash Brothers” of Mark McGuire and Tony Canseco, the Wildcats’ two “Smash Sisters” almost matched Wahama’s entire home run output. Beachler and Avery Townsend

both banged out 10 home runs. The former player hit .547 and the latter .559 to pace the team.

Other top hitters included Jenna Smith with a .443 average, Vincell with a .437, and Alt and Chesnee Colaw batting at a .352 clip.

Wahama opened the game in the top of the first, the Wildcats’ better record earning them the advantage of home team status throughout. Beacher worked economically, dispatching the hitters in order on just nine pitches.

Townsend faced Hoffman first and drove the first pitch to short, legging out the play to get to first base.

During the next two at bats, Townsend stole second and third, then a passed ball allowed her to swipe home plate for the crucial first run of the game. Wahama came up next, but went right back down in order. Beachler only needed 11 pitches in that frame. Keeping the pitch count down for her served as another crucial factor in keeping her strong for the next day’s title game.

She also shut down the side with only eight pitches delivered in the third.

Through the bottom of the fifth, Beachler and Hoffman battled as aces do. In such a contest, each pitch has meaning. Both hurlers have talent, as do both team’s hitters.

But which side will give first under the pressure of chasing a state title?

In the bottom of the fifth, Hoffman’s second pitch struck the leadoff hitter Colaw. Rowe advanced her with a sacrifice bunt, a tactic used relentlessly and to near perfection through all three games last week. Colaw made it to scoring position, but Townsend drove them both in with a line drive home run to center, setting the lead at 3-0.

Wahama sought to counter in the top of the sixth and got the leadoff runner on. Beachler, however, induced the next two batters to strike out, followed by a ground ball softly hit back to the pitcher and tossed to the first baseman Alt.

Hoffman led off the bottom of the sixth as she had the fifth, putting a Wildcat on base by hitting her with a pitch. Alt followed Smith and drove a double to right field, putting both runners in scoring position.

Two batters later, Vincell put the ball in play and got both Smith and Alt home for a 5-0 advantage.

With Lockard pinch running for Vincell, Colaw hit a hard line drive to left, bringing home Lockard for the final run of the game and a 6-0 lead.

The White Falcons tried to answer and got a double from the leadoff hitter. Beachler, however, got the next three retired. One came by strikeout and two by the defense that played impressively all week.

Trinity intentionally walked the Robert Morris commit Beachler to get to Smith, the Potomac State recruit. Smith hit a single to short and made it safely as Townsend baited a throw to try to get her out. An error on the play scored Townsend, while sending Beachler to third. The half inning then ended with an 8-0 lead, enough to close the game early if it held up.

Vincell pitched through the top of the fourth without incident, then led off the bottom of the inning. She took a ball on the first pitch.

After that, the deluge.

Clouds had been spitting rain all morning, but not enough to affect the game. Now, intense showers drenched the players and the field, leading the umpires to call a rain delay. Never ones to let the rain drown their spirits, the Wildcat girls belted out tunes from the dugout as the rain banged on the roof – the Journey anthem “Don’t Stop Believing” among them.

In the longest at bat timewise all year, Vincell drew a leadoff walk on five pitches to set up Colaw. Madison Arbaugh filled in to run for Vincell. Shortly thereafter, Rowe laid down a skillful bunt and outran the play to load the bases for Townsend.

All three scored on a Townsend blast to right that left the batter on third base. Had the Trinity player not sprinted to the ball and knocked it out of the air, Townsend would have certainly had an inside the park home run. That did not hold up Townsend long as Beachler hit into a sacrifice that sent her teammate home for the final run of the game.

Up 12-0, Vincell set down the side in order. The last batter struck out on three straight pitches. Both hurlers delivered command performances for the Wildcats and Vincell earned the win.

Changes to Coyote, Youth and Waterfowl Hunting Regulations

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced that changes to coyote, waterfowl and youth hunting regulations went into effect on May 19.

These changes, which were approved by the West Virginia Legislature during the 2025 regular session, include removing maximum caliber restrictions for night coyote hunting, increasing youth waterfowl hunter maximum age limits and providing clarification on adult supervision during special youth hunting seasons.

“These updates make our hunting regulations more accessible and ensure young hunters can enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly,” said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director. “By expanding opportunities for youth hunters and supporting responsible practices, we’re building the next generation of West Virginia sportsmen and women.”

Small game hunters who hunt coyotes at night will no longer have a maximum caliber restriction. The WVDNR reminds hunters to always hunt safely and be aware of their target’s location and what lies beyond. A safe backstop is important to avoid unintended injury to people and property.

The youth waterfowl season is now open to hunters 17 years of age or younger, expanding the previous age limit of 15 and under. The legislature also approved a change to make it clear an adult assisting a youth hunter during any special youth season may handle the hunter’s firearm to provide safe handling advice and help. When assisting a youth hunter during a special youth season, the accompanying adult is still prohibited from carrying a firearm for the purpose of taking wildlife.

Youth hunters under the age of 15 who are not hunting on their own land or are participating in a special youth season must still be accompanied by a licensed adult who is 18 years of age or older. The accompanying adult must remain close enough to the youth to provide guidance and assistance. Youth hunters ages 15-17 must comply with all applicable state and federal licensing requirements.

The 2025-2026 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary will be released on July 1 and will remain in effect through June 2026.

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Wildcats Undeterred By Weather or Competition, Seizes State Title

By Stephen Smoot

A thousand things can derail a team of destiny. Unexpected bad weather, lengthy delays that can kill a team's edge, or the nerves that come with performing against the best on the sport's biggest stage.

To help their teams keep focus as distractions and diversions pile up, great coaches do what they must to maintain the kind of focus that brought success before so the team can fulfil that destiny.

After all a state title comes as a culmination of many years of work, individually and collectively, toiling away in the frigid cold and boiling heat, building both skills and teamwork.

All of it leading to those precious minutes basking in the realization after the fact that they did indeed reach what almost every other team in the state regarded as the unreachable star.

Pendleton County's softball squad had not reached the state tournament in a decade, but the players enjoyed repeated familiarity in competing against the best in the state within the not always friendly confines of the Kanawha Valley. Some came with the volleyball team to Institute while others competed in the Charleston Civic Center in basketball.

Avery Townsend enjoyed the distinction of playing for all three squads.

Pendleton County faced a very familiar opponent in the title game, the same Wahama White Falcons that they had dispatched the previous evening by a score of 6-0. Just as the evening before, Baylee Beachler, who will play for Division I Robert Morris next season, took the mound for the Wildcats and set the opposition down in order in the top of the first.

Eric Crites, head coach, repeatedly gave credit to Susan Vincell's innings of work in the first game, for which she took the win. Vincell gave Beachler enough rest that she could remain sufficiently rested so that she could frustrate Wahama twice.

The White Falcons' initial pitch to lead-off hitter Townsend resulted in a bunt single. As Beachler took her place at the plate, Townsend leapt into action on the first offering to Beachler and stole second easily. The batter worked a full count, then drew a walk.

Potomac State commit Jenna Smith came up next and Wahama's coaches called for a conference at the mound. Townsend moved off second and baited Wahama into a throw to third. She and Beachler advanced bases when the very next pitch got past the catcher. Smith grounded to short, driving the lead runner in and setting the score at 1-0.

Lizzie Alt came to the plate afterwards and knocked a ground ball to second, sacrificing herself and scoring Beachler for a two-run lead.

Wahama allowed no more damage in the initial half-inning. As the designated home team came up to bat, Pendleton County supporters greeted them with a loud "Let's Go Wildcats" that resonated throughout the field. The White Falcons singled to get the leadoff batter on first and sought to establish momentum on that. Excitement grew as the first two pitches to the next batter missed the strike zone, but Beachler induced her to smack a ground ball to Townsend at second. She dragged her foot over the base and fired the ball to Alt at first to complete the double play to the delight of supporters.

Beachler struck out the final Wahama hitter of the top of the second. In the bottom of the stanza, the Wildcats threatened again as Jaiden Mitts moved over multiple plays to third base with Townsend at the plate.

At this point a vanguard of dark gray clouds marched from the southwestern horizon over the sky. They

drenched the field and everything else in a heavy rain, causing a delay that lasted well over an hour.

As all awaited the ending of the storm and the return of play, the opposing dugouts presented a remarkable contrast.

The White Falcons sat solemnly in their accommodations, backs to the field. Conversely, Pendleton County players cranked up the stereo and, for the second day in a row, regaled those in attendance with full-throated harmonies in tune with the music they brought with them.

They returned to the field at 4 p.m. with Mitts on third, Townsend at the plate, and two outs. A bunt foul with two strikes, however, closed the inning.

Wahama remained determined to flip the script and, once again, got the leadoff hitter on, this time via a walk on six pitches. The next batter laid down a successful sacrifice bunt to move the runner into scoring position. Beachler once again battened down the hatches, striking out the next batter. The final out came on a screaming line drive hit that Mitts moved forward to take almost effortlessly.

Beachler led off the bottom of the third, hitting a pitching wedge style shot that looped in directly behind third base. Smith once again took one for the team and grounded out on a sacrifice that sent Beachler into scoring position at second base.

Alt stood in next and drove the first pitch to the wall in deep center, Beachler scored and Alt strode standing into second. Next came Jessica Parker who laid her bat out for a bunt. The pitch hit the sweet spot on the bat and shot back almost to the grass between first and second. All reached safely, but Parker took advantage of defensive lack of focus to gain the extra base.

Parker's hustle paid immediate dividends. Vincell lofted a single into right field, scoring Alt and sending Parker to third. Molly Rowe entered the game to pinch run for Vincell. She and Parker crossed home plate courtesy of a line drive shot to right by Chesnee Colaw, who rolled into first to the chant of "She's a freshman!"

That set the game at the final score from the previous evening, 6-0. As it turned out, neither team was done scoring yet.

Beachler retired Wahama in the top of the fourth in order. The White Falcons changed pitchers and secured the first out, but Beachler sent the first pitch to her out to the center field wall for a stand up double. Lexy Tingler stood in for Beachler on the base paths.

With two outs and Tingler in scoring position, Alt returned to the plate. She gave up two quick strikes, but worked her way back to a full count. She fouled off three straight pitches to get a bead on the ball, then rocketed it out to the right center field wall, scoring Tingler and setting the score at 7-0.

In the top of the fifth, mercy rule elimination looming, Wahama battled to try and extend the game. While it takes an eight-run lead to kick in that rule in the fifth, the Wildcats had produced a slow drip of runs in almost every inning.

The White Falcons put their leadoff hitter on third and the next hitter drove her in with a single.

This represented the sole run scored against Pendleton County in the entire tournament. Beachler struck out the subsequent hitter and then got the final batter of the inning to roll the ball back to the pitcher for an easy out.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Wildcats put on a near perfect display of offense.

Vincell led off with a single to center. Wahama's pitcher started showing signs of fatigue and the Wild-

cats took advantage. Colaw followed with a single to left, leaving runners at first and second.

Bella Lockard followed Colaw with one job, to sacrifice herself and move the runners over. On a no balls and two strikes count, Lockard successfully bunted the ball in play down the first base line and moved both runners into scoring position.

Julia Mongold came up after Lockard. She took one strike, then watched four straight pitches miss the strike zone.

The Wildcats returned to the top of the order with the bases loaded, two runs from ending the ball game. Townsend approached the plate.

Wahama knew that their pitcher had run out of steam and sent in a new hurler for the at bat that could end the Costrike zone to even the count at two.

The outfield played Townsend deep, determined to not allow anything by that would score more than one run should she hit it fair.

The fifth pitch of the at bat stayed true and was driven deep enough into right field to send Vincell and Colaw home.

With the score now 9-1, the mercy rule kicked in. This closed out the ballgame and made the dreams for these players of well over a decade come true. It also closed out the careers of a remarkable group of seniors, some of whom will take memories into their next phase of life, while others will draw on these experiences for the next chapter in their stories softball careers.

WIC Announces June Schedule

During the month of June, Pendleton County WIC Clinic will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. Limited services are also available from 2 to 4 p.m. on other days of the week. Call for details.

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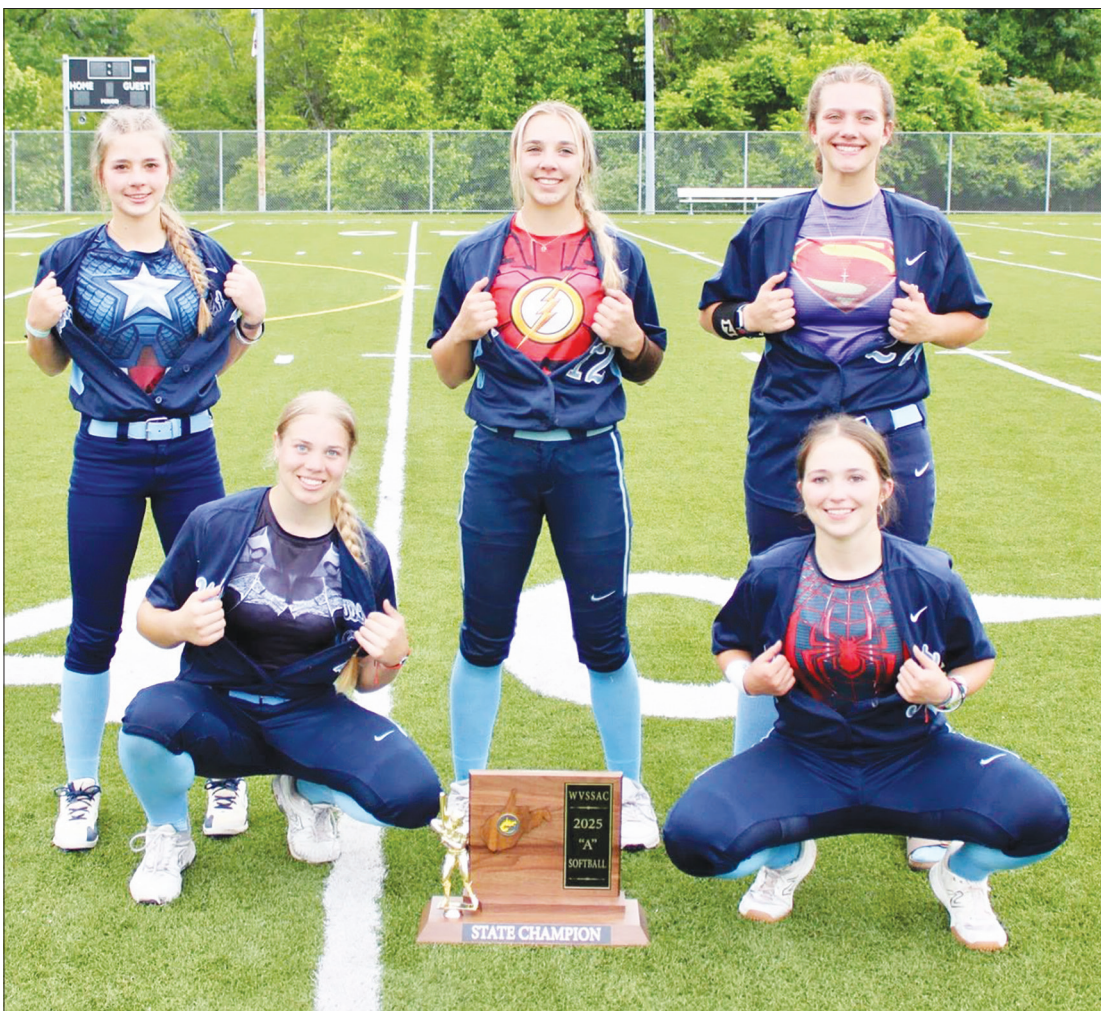
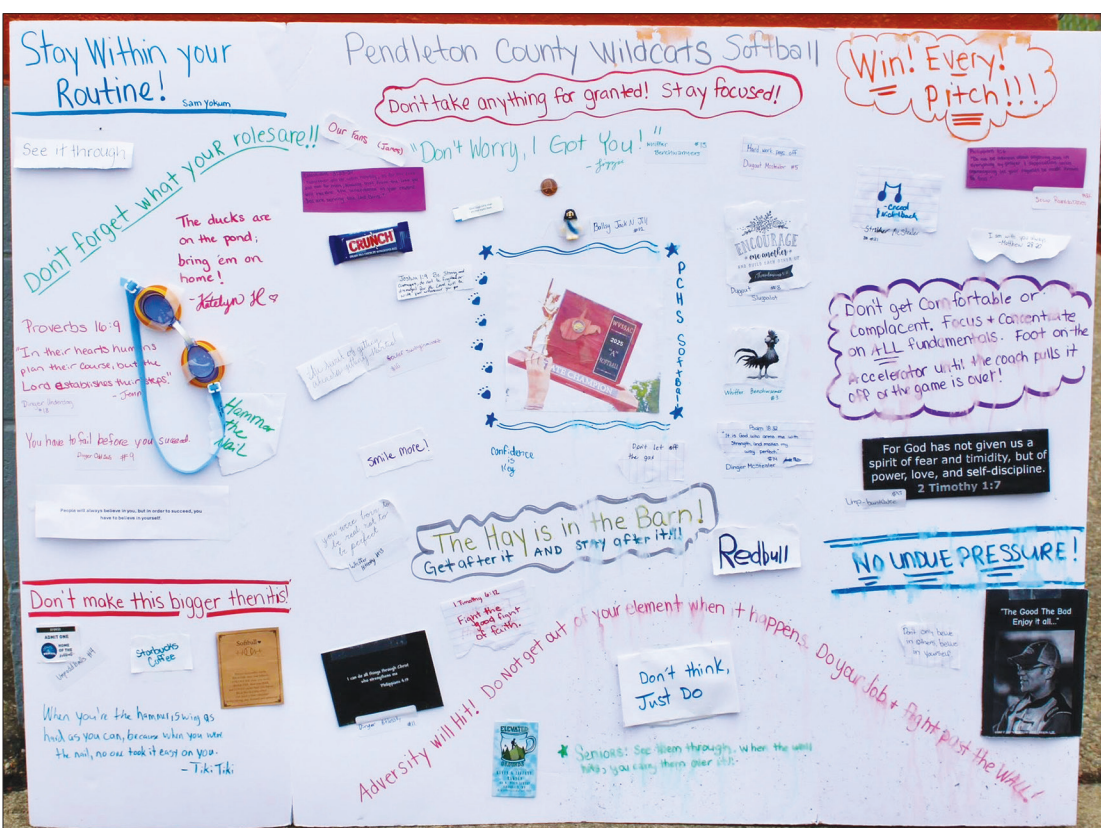
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Laney Sites-Wood and Allison Reuss

By Stephen Smoot

One of the great ongoing stories of the year in the upper South Branch watershed has been the incredible success of Pendleton County varsity athletics. In the fall, the football team earned a trip to the playoffs and enjoyed a deep run. The volleyball team also made states, as did girls' basketball and cheerleading.

And, of course, the softball Wildcats whipped every opponent they faced in Class A all the way to a state title.

Other squads with less experience, but no less determination fared well. The wrestling team in its first season took major steps forward.

And the girls and boys track squad enjoyed the kind of year that can serve as a foundation for growth and success in years to come.

Coming off a strong performance in the Potomac Valley Conference events, where head coach Christopher Wilburn received a conference coach of the year honor, the Wildcats went to Charleston in great position to post strong performances.

On the boys' side, two of the most prolific performers were seniors Gabe Harvey and Sawyer Apple. In the 400-meter race, Harvey

placed fifth with a time of 51.95a. He earned eighth place in both the preliminary and final 200-meter races with a finals time of 23.90a.

Apple, who had dominated the region in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles all season long, took fifth against the best in the state with a time of 16.09a in the former and third place in the latter with a time of 40.96a. He also took fifth in the high jump at 5-08.00

Thunder Gill ran for a 2:10.34a in the 800-meter race

Pendleton County's entry into the 4x400 relay placed 10th in a field of 16. The squad of Harvey, Logan Fisher, Apple, and Cayson Armstrong timed at 3:46.69a. The 4x800 team of Armstrong, Gill, Titus Nulph, and Sam Eason took 11th in a field of 14 with a time of 9:23.53a.

The girls also saw strong performances as they competed with the best in the Mountain State. In the 4x200, the team of Arianna Alt, Aubree Keiter, Autumn Lockard, and Emma Hartman raced to a 2:20.13a time and finished 13 of 16 teams.

In the 4x800 relay race, the squad of Laney Sites-Woods, Allison Reuss, Shayne Clutter, and Callie Dunn scored a 11:40.45a and placed 10th, outpacing regional rivals East Hardy, Moorefield, and Pocahontas County in the process.

Wilburn gave significant credit, as he had all year, to his band

of seniors. He said of the group of boys and girls that they "did a pretty good job of calming everyone down, keeping them reigned in." Though, outside of relays, more of an individual sport, track and field athletes benefit from the mentoring of more experienced teammates teaching them the nuances of how to succeed or tempering their emotions before competition.

"Laney Sites-Woods was the coach at times," said Wilburn, who then added that she "kept them focused on the task at hand." He also credited Harvey's positive influence on younger teammates.

Wilburn sees this season as significant, not just for the success earned, but the foundation built for next year. A number of younger competitors saw action at the state level, honing them both mentally and physically to take the next step, next spring.

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Source Water Protection Plan

A Source Water Protection Plan was conducted in 2024 by the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health (WVBPH). The springs that supply drinking water to the Town of Franklin have a higher susceptibility to contamination, due to the sensitive nature of surface aquifer in which the drinking water springs are located and existing potential contaminant sources identified within the area. This does not mean that this spring will become contaminated; only that conditions are such that the surface water could be impacted by a potential contaminant source. Future contamination may be avoided by implementing protective measures. The source water assessment report which contains more information is available for review or a copy will be provided to you at their office during business hours or from the WVBPH 304-558-2981.

The wells/springs that supply drinking water to the Circleville, Upper Tract, and Riverton facilities have a higher susceptibility (Upper Tract - moderate susceptibility) to contamination, due to the sensitive nature of the aquifers in which the drinking water wells are located and the existing potential contaminant sources identified within the area. This does not mean that the wellfields will become contaminated; only that conditions are such that the ground water could be impacted by a potential contaminant source. Future contamination may be avoided by implementing protective measures. The source water assessment report which contains more information is available for review or a copy will be provided to you at their office during business hours or from the WVBPH 304-558-2981.

Why must water be treated?

All drinking water contains various amounts and kinds of contaminants. Federal and state regulations establish limits, controls, and treatment practices to minimize these contaminants and to reduce any subsequent health effects.

Contaminants in Water

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits of contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline. (800-426-4791). The source of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) includes rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and, in some cases radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

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

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

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

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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

Water Quality Data Table

Definitions of terms and abbreviations used in the table or report:

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

MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technique.

MRDLG - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal, or the level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect benefits of use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

MRDL - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level, or the highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

AL - Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

TT - Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

SMCL - Secondary Monitoring Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water

LRAA - Locational Running Annual Average is an average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters

RAA - Running Annual Average is an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLS

Abbreviations that may be found in the table:

ppm - parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppb - parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

ppt - parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/l)

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in water

NE - not established

N/A - not applicable

ND - Not detectable, no contaminants were detected in the sample(s) taken

Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants - Pendleton US 220N

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Chlorine	N	1.6 Annual avg. Range 1.2 - 2.0	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes
Halocetic acids (HAAC5)	N	10	ppb	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N	17	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

*Copper and lead samples were collected from 5 area residences on 8-2-23. Only the 90th percentile is reported. None of the samples collected exceeded the MCL.

Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants - Circleville

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Chlorine	N	1.8 Annual avg. Range 1.5 - 2.2	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants						
Nitrate	N	0.1	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits

*Copper and lead samples were collected from 5 area residences on 8-2-23. Only the 90th percentile is reported. None of the samples collected exceeded the MCL.

Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants - Upper Tract

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Turbidity	N	0.03 60% of monthly samples <0.3	NTU	0	TT	Soil runoff
Total organic carbon	N	0.56	ppm	NA	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium	N	0.0267	ppm	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	N	0.58	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from aluminum and fertilizer plants
Nitrate	N	0.85	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	N	1.6	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Chlorine	N	2.0 Annual avg. Range 1.6 - 2.2	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes
Halocetic acids (HAAC5)	N	6	ppb	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N	5	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

*Copper and lead samples were collected from 10 area residences on 8-2-23. Only the 90th percentile is reported. None of the samples collected exceeded the MCL.

Table of Test Results - Unregulated Contaminants - Upper Tract

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Aluminum	N	67.4 Annual avg. Range 39.5 - 95.6	ppb	NE	200	Erosion of natural deposits
Iron	N	16.4	ppm	NE	300	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese	N	0.0037	ppm	NE	50	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	N	0.00049	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	7.13	ppm	0	20	Erosion of natural deposits

Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants - Brandywine

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Turbidity	N	0.05 0% of monthly samples <0.3	NTU	0	TT	Soil runoff
Antimony	N	0.044	ppb	6	6	Discharge from petroleum; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics, solder
Thallium	N	0.013	ppb	0.5	2	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass and drug factories
Total organic carbon	N	1.7	ppm	NA	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium	N	0.0622	ppm	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	N	0.71	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from aluminum and fertilizer plants
Nitrate	N	0.064	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	N	0.67	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Chlorine	N	2.0 Annual avg. Range 1.8 - 2.1	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes
Halocetic acids (HAAC5)	N	26.8 Annual avg. Range 16 - 44	ppb	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N	22.5 Annual avg. Range 12 - 32	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

*Copper and lead samples were collected from 10 area residences on 8-2-23. Only the 90th percentile is reported. None of the samples collected exceeded the MCL.

Table of Test Results - Unregulated Contaminants - Brandywine

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Aluminum	N	290 Annual avg. Range 109 - 528	ppb	NE	200	Erosion of natural deposits
Iron	N	49.7	ppb	NE	300	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese	N	0.0256	ppm	NE	50	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	N	0.00066	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	6.26	ppm	0	20	Erosion of natural deposits

Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants - Riverton

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Chlorine	N	1.8 Annual avg. Range 1.3 - 2.1	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants						
Nitrate	N	0.36	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits

*Copper and lead samples were collected from 5 area residences on 8-31-22. Only the 90th percentile is reported. None of the samples collected exceeded the MCL.

WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE PENDLETON COUNTY PSD MET ALL FEDERAL AND STATE WATER STANDARDS FOR THE REPORTING YEAR 2024

Additional Information

All other water test results for the reporting year 2024 were all non-detects.

Turbidity is a measure of cloudiness in water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

The PSD does sample for E.coli in both Upper Tract and Brandywine systems.

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

This report will not be mailed. A copy will be made available for review or your use upon request at our office during regular business hours.

IN THE CIRUIT COURT OF PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY

IN RE: T.L.

CASE NO. 24-JA-12

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Gregory Adams Evans/Unknown, Father Last Known Address: 104 Grant St. Petersburg, West Virginia 26847

You are hereby notified of the above styled action pending in the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, that can result in the permanent termination of your parental, custodial and/or guardian rights. Every child, parent, custodian and/or guardian has a right to counsel at every stage in this proceeding.

This case is scheduled for a preliminary hearing before the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, on July 17, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. This hearing will be held at the Pendleton County Courthouse, 100 South Main St., Franklin, WV 26807.

You must appear at the hearing set forth above to protect and defend your interests. You are also required by law to file an answer in this action within 10 days of this notice.

Aaron Yoho, a competent attorney has been appointed as your attorney in this matter. He can be contacted at this address of Yoho Law, PLLC, P.O. Box 233, Reedsville, WV 26547, and a phone number (304) 602-7702.

You can obtain a copy of the petition filed in this matter and further information about this case from the Pendleton County Circuit Clerk's Office located at the Pendleton County Courthouse, 100 South Main St., Franklin, WV 26807 or by calling that office at (304) 358-7067 or facsimile (304) 358-2152.

April D. Mallow, Prosecuting Attorney, Counsel for Petitioner Pendleton Prosecuting Attorney's Office P. O. Box 865, 74 Walnut St., Franklin, WV 26807 Phone: (304) 902-7104 Facsimile: (304) 902-7106

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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.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Commission are required to file their objections with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE, whichever is later.

All creditors of the decedent(s) and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate(s) must file their claims with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 5, 2025. Deadline for claims is August 4, 2025.

Jerry Lacy Raines Estate – Vivian L. Raines, Administratrix;
Earl D. Armentrout Estate – Amy Walters, Administratrix cta;
Edward Neil Day Estate – William George Day, Executor.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 30, 2025.

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated January 22, 2010, executed by Borrower(s), Bobby G Propst Jr and Shelly R Propst, to C.T. Corporation Systems, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County

Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Book 128, at Page 197. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 10 Olie Dr, Upper Tract, WV 26866. Pill & Pill, PLLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated April 9, 2025, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 180, Page 649. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pendleton County, in Franklin, West Virginia, on the following date:

June 10, 2025 at 12:15 p.m.

An out conveyance survey was conducted for a certain parcel of land located on the west side of US Route 220, approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Upper Tract, West Virginia, in Mill Run District, Pendleton County, West Virginia more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a 3/4 Rebar (set) in the line of Kevin and Ali Judy, north corner of out conveyance parcel; thence with Judy, S47-54-30 E, 134.33 feet to a 3/4" Rebar (set), near the upstream end of a 5 concrete box culvert, on the 40' R.O.W. of US Route 220; thence with 4 calls of the western edge of the R.O.W., S 28-37-22 W, 54.17 feet to a point; thence, S 26-55-20 W, 101.98 feet to a point; thence, S 26-16-36 W, 96.30 feet to a point in a dirt road and private R.O.W.; thence, S 26-20-47 W, 23.95 feet to a 1/2" Pinched Pipe (found), corner on the US Route 220 R.O.W. and Herbert Smith; thence leaving the R.O.W. and with Smith, N 80-02-37 W, 162.49 feet to a 5 Corner Post (found), corner of Herbert Smith and Denton & Martha Alt; thence leaving Smith and with Alt, N 83-03-27 W, 32.90 feet to a 5/8" Rebar (found), corner of Alt and Clyde Kimble; thence leaving Alt and Kimble and with 2 new lines of division, N 24-49-12 E, 134.19 feet to a 22 Locust, new division corner; thence, N 41-36-48 E, 244.05 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.26 Acres, more or less, as surveyed by Geary Associates, Mark C. Geary, PS# 1523, Petersburg, West Virginia in November 2009, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part of this description. Being part of the same tract of land situate approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Upper Tract, West Virginia, on US Route 220 as conveyed by Kennie C. & Mary R. Kimble to Clyde Kimble, Jr., Treva Margaret Smith, Judy Fay Laurie, and Debra Heinhorst, by Deed dated September 15, 1995, Deed Book 141 at Page Number 90, with reference to Tax Map 21 and Parcel Number 17, which is of record in the Office of the Clerk of Pendleton County, West Virginia. The hereinabove described real estate is the same tract or parcel of real estate granted and conveyed to the Shelly R. Propst and Bobby G. Propst, Jr., wife and husband, with right of survivorship, by Deed dated the 18th date of January, 2010, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in deed book, 184 at page 143, to which reference is herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

TERMS OF SALE:

1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code

PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
PENDLETON COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as amended, the PENDLETON County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND

Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances).....	\$ 3,935,190
Other local sources	95,000
State Sources:	
State aid to schools.....	7,476,634
State aid to Charter	32,852
Retirement, Insurance, Retirement Liability.....	3,943,330
Other unrestricted.....	-
Step 7	409,105
Local Share - Technology	255,048
Federal sources:	
Unrestricted.....	200,000
Total estimated revenues.....	16,347,159

Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	277,248
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Estimated beginning balance	1,550,000
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Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$ 18,174,407
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Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction.....	\$ 8,959,553
Supporting services:	
Students.....	1,192,200
Instructional staff.....	614,300
Central administration	462,500
School administration	960,800
Central services/Personnel	357,500
Operation and maintenance of facilities.....	1,624,800
Student transportation	1,793,706
Food services.....	42,500
Community services.....	23,500
Debt service:	
Principal retirement.....	173,482
Interest and fiscal charges.....	27,418
Total estimated expenditures.....	16,232,259

Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	755,048
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Reserve for contingencies	1,187,100
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Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses, and reserves	\$18,174,407
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PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources.....	\$ -
State Sources	
State aid to schools.....	-
Other	-
Federal sources	-
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues.....	-
Total Beginning Balance.....	-

§ 11-22-1.

3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.

5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

BY: Richard A. Pill
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Estimated transfers in and other financing sources.....	50,000
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Estimated beginning balance	
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Total estimated revenues, other financing sources.....	\$ 50,000
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Estimated expenditures:

Instruction.....	\$
Supporting services:	
Students.....	
Instructional staff.....	
Central administration	
School administration	
Business.....	
Food services.....	-
Community services.....	
Capital outlay.....	50,000
Total estimated expenditures	50,000

Total estimated transfers and other financing uses.....	-
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Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses.....	\$ 50,000
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Estimated revenues:

Local Sources.....	\$ -
State Sources:	
State aid to schools.....	228,803
Federal sources	1,286,013

Total estimated revenues.....	1,514,816
Total Beginning Balance.....	-
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources.....	460,584

Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$ 1,975,400
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Estimated expenditures:

Instruction.....	\$ 790,310
Food services	1,128,490

Total estimated expenditures..	1,918,800
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Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	56,600
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Total estimated expenditures, and other financing uses	\$ 1,975,400
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
PENDLETON County, to wit:

I, Charles F. Hedrick, Secretary of the PENDLETON County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget adopted by the board of education on the 20th day of May, 2025.

Charles F. Hedrick
Secretary of the Board of Education

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Did You Know?

The precise number of species that live in the ocean is unknown. However, some studies estimate there are about 2.2 million marine species.

HELP WANTED

The Region VIII Solid Waste Authority is seeking applicants for a **Part-time Transfer Station Assistant**

This position will require work at both our Northern and Southern Transfer Stations, near Petersburg and Romney, WV. Preference will be given to applicants with demonstrated experience in the operation and maintenance of mobile construction equipment such as wheel loaders and excavators. On-the-job training will be provided.

The job requires a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week at \$17.00 per hour. Travel and Saturday work will be required.

Please call 304-257-2644
for an application and further information.
Applications are accepted until June 19, 2025.
The Region VIII SWA is an equal opportunity employer.

911 DISPATCHER

Pendleton County 911 is accepting applications for a full-time dispatch position and part-time dispatch positions

Applicants must be able to communicate effectively by radio and telephone, accurately comprehend auditory inputs, remain calm and react appropriately under stress, work in a smoke free environment, and establish and maintain effective working relationships with user agency personnel and the general public.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED.

Applications may be picked up at the Pendleton County Courthouse from Karen Pitsenbarger, County Administrator or requested by email at karenp@pencowv.com

Heavner Awarded 2025 Albert Yanni Scholarship

Lydia Heavner, a 2025 graduate of Pendleton County High School, is a recipient of the 2025 Albert Yanni Scholarship by the West Virginia Department of Education. This year, 30 career technical education students earned the \$2,000 award to assist with their education and/or training related to their career aspirations.

The scholarship is open to Mountain State high school seniors who pursue professional certification programs while maintaining strong academic and attendance standards. The student must maintain a minimum 3.00 grade point

average, be enrolled in a professional certification program, seek a professional certification, study in a technology-related field and have a minimum attendance record of 85 percent.

“On behalf of the West Virginia Board of Education and the West Virginia Department of Education, I commend the 2025 class of Albert Yanni Scholarship recipients for their achievements,” said Michele L. Blatt, State Superintendent of Schools. “They have performed exceptionally in the classroom and their certification programs. Their hard work will serve them well as they advance through their



Lydia Heavner

fields of study and certifications.”

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers Are Available

Vouchers for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program are now available to eligible seniors across the state through their county senior services. The SFMNP is a federally funded initiative that provides low-income seniors with access to fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey from authorized farmers' markets and roadside stands.

Vouchers are valid through Oct. 31 and support both senior nutrition and local agriculture. Seniors must receive vouchers in the county where they

reside, but they may redeem them at any participating market statewide.

“The SFMNP supports two vital needs—improving senior nutrition and strengthening our local farming economy,” said Kent Leonhardt, commissioner of agriculture. “We encourage all eligible seniors to take advantage of this opportunity to access fresh, West Virginia-grown products.”

Each eligible senior will receive a booklet of vouchers worth \$30, containing three \$10 vouchers. Vouchers can be redeemed at par-

ticipating farmers markets and farm stands across the state. A list of authorized locations is available on the West Virginia Department of Agriculture website and through local senior centers.

Participants must be 60 years of age or older and meet income eligibility guidelines. To apply, seniors should contact their local senior center or county aging office.

For more information, please visit agriculture.wv.gov or call the WVDA Business Development Division at 304-558-2210.



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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. ~~\$150,000.00~~ **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.**

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SGR348A 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.**

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