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Nicole Hevener opens her first meeting as superintendent of Pendleton County Schools.

Pendleton County Schools Marks New Beginnings in Opening Session of July

By Stephen Smoot

The July 1 meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education marked a number of new beginnings. First, it served as the first meeting on the first day of the new fiscal year. It also marks a point in the summer where the post mortems of the previous school year have passed and preparations for the year to come commence.

For Pendleton County, it also opened the era of Nicole Hevener as superintendent of Pendleton County Schools. In recent years, she has served as principal of Pendleton County Middle/High School and won 2023 Assistant Superintendent of the Year in West Virginia.

“We ask that You bless the entire system as we prepare for a new year,” asked J. D. Wilkins, board president, during the body’s customary invocation.

One of the first moves made came in changing the title of “school counselor.” The board voted to phase it out and phase in “school counselor/social worker” to reflect the changing role of that position in the system.

Along with other personnel decisions, the board voted to hire Charles Hedrick as an administrative mentor

During his financial report, J. P. Mowery announced that several buses of various sizes formerly used by Pendleton County Schools have been put out to bid as public surplus. He shared that the buses were “generally kept in good shape.” That said, “most of them will have to be towed” off site.

Travis Heavner then provided a facilities update. Cleaning was completed at PCM/

HS with the elementary schools next to come. Personnel also sanded and waxed the gymnasium floor at North Fork Elementary School and will do the same at PCM/HS. Lockers in the middle school section were removed “so we could prepare for the new lockers to come.”

Discussion also focused on the damage to one room in the Harold Michael building in Circleville. Heavner stated that the damage poses no threat to students because “the room is isolated . . . it can be locked.” A pre bid meeting was scheduled for contractors who would like to receive the contract to repair it.

In the last Legislative session, a new law requires county school systems to have a policy on cell phone possession and use by students. Hevener stated that “I recommend we table that until the July 10 special meeting,” and the board concurred.

After sharing the new organizational leadership chart for Pendleton County Schools, Mowery shared results of the bidding process to repair the school bus garage parking lot. West Virginia Paving of Dunbar had the low bid at \$66,800, almost \$10,000 lower than the other applicant. This company has already performed work for Pendleton County Schools in Circleville.

Officials also heard the final tabulation on student numbers for the 2024-25 school year. The county once again added students, picking up eight. Hevener stated, “We actually added students, so that’s great.”

Sonny O’Neil, board member, commented that “we are one of the only counties in the state with higher net employment.”

Pendleton Senior and Family Services Requests Help to Address Facility Flooding



Pendleton Senior & Family Services, Inc.

By Stephen Smoot

As a several year natural cycle of slow-moving intense summer rainstorms raises both water levels and headaches in the area, the county’s senior services facility has seen more than its share of related trouble.

As a result, Janice Lantz, executive director of Pendleton Senior and Family Services, brought the matter before the Pendleton County Commission in its regular meeting last week.

Last year, extended periods of rain caused flooding in the facility that caused significant damage. Lantz and her staff submitted a grant application that they won, receiving \$50,000 toward repairs.

Then, as Lantz said, “The other day we had water again. We thought we’d found the problem.”

She shared that staff and contractors had discovered that a drain located near the dumpster would back up, as well as a floor drain inside. Additionally, water runs off of the community building parking lot into that of the senior center, which adds to the problems. The drain in the parking lot that should take excess water away safely gets overwhelmed easily.

Pendleton County Commission president, Carl Hevener, asked about the previous slate of repairs, to which Lantz replied that they had checked other potential problems and finally determined that the water had come through the floor drain.

During the heavy rains last week, administrators and staff spent approxi-

mately two hours bailing water from the facility to prevent further damage. Lantz pointed out that if the water emergency had taken place at night or if it had lasted too much longer, significant damage would have once again forced a shutdown of the center and also expensive repairs.

She also stated that contractors tried to run cameras on a plumbing snake, sharing “we have no idea what that connects to” and also that during heavy rains there is “a lot of water coming from underneath there.”

Hevener noted another problem, saying, “The drainage ditch behind there has been a problem” for about a half-century.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, suggested that a smoke test would be necessary to determine the nature of the drain and pipe system described by Lantz. He noted that he had seen water coming from a drain in the Franklin Town Park.

“The more concrete and asphalt you have, the more stormwater problems you have,” noted Hevener.

Lantz, before leaving, explained that the current weather cycle’s threat means that they need answers quickly and that she would go next to the Town of Franklin council meeting next week. Hevener said, “We’ll try to help in any way we can.”

Commissioners and Gillespie discussed the problem. Later in the meeting after Lantz had to leave, they shared the issue with Richard Dennis, field representative for Governor Patrick Morrissey. Traffic problems had prevented him from attending the meeting at the beginning.

Community CALENDAR

Gospel Concert Scheduled at Church in Cabins

A gospel concert by Johnathan Bond, Grammy nominated artist, will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Cabins Assembly of God Church located at 10079 North Fork Highway in Cabins.

Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Aumann’s Custom Auto and Kimble Funeral Home will be sponsoring “Lunch on Us” meals for seniors aged 60+ on July 18 at the Franklin Senior Center. The meal will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Please contact the senior center at 304-358-2421 by 2 p.m. July 15 to reserve a meal.

Energy Express Open House To Be Held July 16

An open house explaining Energy Express will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. July 16 at Franklin Elementary School. There will also be a free spaghetti dinner with noodles made by the kids from scratch. Attendees can view all of the art, writing and learning the students have been doing.

County Commission Examines 911 Fee

By Stephen Smoot

“None of us are anything without You,” prayed Roger Dahmer, commissioner, as he opened the first Pendleton County Commission meeting of July with the customary invocation.

After Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, commenced with the meeting, Janice Lantz, executive director of Pendleton Senior and Family Services, was recognized to speak.

She came to deliver a report, not participate in public comment, so she could interact with commissioners and answer their questions. Lantz stated that she came to “inform you about what’s going on with flooding at the senior center.” (Coverage in another story)

Next, commissioners discussed an upcoming possible change to a commonly applied fee that dates back to, but has not been changed, since 1998.

Approximately 27 years ago, the Pendleton County Commission passed an ordinance establishing an “enhanced emergency telephone system,” commonly referred to now as 911. The county commission established this in November of 1998 after the West Virginia State Legislature passed HB 4448 to establish it nine months prior.

In addition to permitting the system’s establishment, the law read “A county commission may impose a fee upon consumers of local exchange service within that county for an enhanced emergency telephone system and associated equipment and for the conversion of all rural routes to city-type addressing.”

The county ordinance set up an “Enhanced 9-1-1 Communications Advisory Board.” It also set up the fee system as follows “\$2.50 per month per local exchange service line or line equivalent, except for the Tel-Assistance lines, is proposed. In addition, for each Centrex system the fee will be \$2.50 for each line up to eight (8) lines and then \$0.31 for each line over eight (8).”

Fees applied to landline users of Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone Company and Bell Atlantic (originally part of American Telephone and Telegraph’s “Bell System,” later absorbed into Verizon).

With the West Virginia Public Service Commission raising the Wireless Enhanced 911 (WE911) fee just

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Pendleton County Grand Jury Issues Indictments

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Pendleton County Grand Jury issued a slate of indictments. Grand juries originated during the reign of King Henry II of England in his Assize of Clarendon. They were meant to provide a more effective starting point for the criminal and civil justice process than trial by battle or ordeal.

In modern practice, an indictment merely means that the grand jury has found enough evidence to continue with the prosecution. Unless plea bargained, the case next goes to the petit jury. There 12 men and/or women hear the evidence.

Juries judge the merits of the prosecutor’s case and the evidence backing it up to render a verdict of guilty or not guilty. They do not decide actual guilt versus innocence. The law assumes that defendants are innocent until proven guilty.

Danielle Elaine Mowery received one count of “Conspiracy, a felony . . . charging that (she) on or about July 23, 2024 . . . did unlawfully, willingly, and feloniously conspire with CHARLES JOHN NELSON JR, belonging to a conspiratorial group consisting of two or more persons, to commit the offense Delivery of a Controlled substance (Methamphetamine) . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Tyler Scott Rader received five counts. The first charges him with “Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Serious Bodily Injury, a Felony . . . on or about April 27, 2025 . . . did unlawfully, feloniously, and intentionally, after being involved in a crash resulting in serious bodily injury to Cayden Dodson . . . failed to immediately stop the vehicle at the

scene of a crash . . . and failed to return to and remain at the scene until he or she has complied with the requirements (of the law) when they knew or had reason to believe that another person had suffered physical injury in said crash, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count charges Rader committed “Subornation of Perjury, a Felony . . . (by) unlawfully, willingly, and feloniously induces or procures another person to testify falsely . . . TYLER SCOTT RADER did induce the victim . . . Cayden Dodson, to give false testimony in the trial of this matter to get his felony case dismissed against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges “Reckless Driving, a Misdemeanor . . . (Rader) did unlawfully drive a vehicle upon any street or highway . . . in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The fourth count alleges “Driving While License Suspended, a Misdemeanor . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The fifth count alleges “Obstructing an Officer, a Misdemeanor . . . on or about May 1, 2025 . . . (he) did unlawfully, by threats, menaces, acts, or otherwise, forcibly . . . hinder . . . Chief Deputy J.J. Dempsey . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Matthew Glen Jenkins received four counts. The first alleges “Strangulation, a Felony . . . on or about the 31st day of March 2025 . . . (he) did unlawfully and feloniously strangle another without that person’s consent and thereby did cause the other person

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Irene Davis

Irene Davis, 84 of Cabins and formerly of Seneca Rocks passed away June 29, 2025, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg. She was born on Sept. 2, 1940, in Onego and was a daughter of the late Charles William Davis and Martha Ellen (Long) Davis. Ms. Davis was employed by the Franklin Garment Factory for several years and later was a caregiver for many years. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, who loved her family deeply.

She was a faithful servant and lived a life guided by her faith. She as a devoted member of Cornerstone Family Fellowship in Petersburg. She was known for her gentleness and kindness to everyone that she met.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Merritt (Alvin) of Cabins and Carla Berg (David) of Petersburg; two sons, Danny Lee Davis (Peggy) of Franklin and Alvin Dean Merritt of Elkins; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; two sisters, Sylvia Mallow of Red Creek and Ruby Teter of Franklin; a brother, Jerry Barkley of Onego; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Barkley Kisamore; a brother, George W. Davis; and two infant granddaughters, Heather and Heidi Davis.

Funeral services were held July 3 at Cornerstone Family Fellowship in Petersburg with Pastor P.J. Landis officiating. Interment was at a private cemetery.



Kenneth Edward Kimble

Kenneth Edward Kimble, 75, of New Creek passed away peacefully at his residence on July 4, 2025, while under the care of West Virginia University Medicine Hospice.

Born on Jan. 25, 1950, in Keyser, he was the son of the late Olie B. and Ella Marie (Dean) Kimble.

Mr. Kimble graduated in 1968 from Keyser High School.

He dedicated 42 years of his life serving as a mechanic at Dominion Power Mt. Storm Power Plant before retiring.

An outdoorsman at heart, he took pleasure in hunting, fishing and gardening. He enjoyed attending gun bashes at the local fire departments within his circle of friends and was a regular at the Chat-n-Chew Restaurant, where he started his daily routine with breakfast. He was fond of assisting his cousins on the Self Farm and cherished spending time with his

grandchildren.

His life was marked by his service to his country. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, as part of the 25th Infantry, First Battalion, 8th Field Artillery. His dedication to his community continued after his service, as a member of Nancy Hanks Post # 3518, VFW, Keyser and Lodge # 662, Loyal Order of Moose, Keyser. He also attended the Sunnyside Covenant Brethren Church in New Creek.

His wife of 48 years, Cathy L. (Duckworth) Kimble, preceded him in death on Feb. 4, 2021.

Surviving are sons, Ryan Kimble and his wife, Tammy of Troy, Virginia, and Kenny Kimble of New Creek; grandchildren, Abigail and Caleb Kimble; close cousins, Tom and Bill Self, with whom he spent many good times; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

He was also preceded in death by sisters, Pam Kimble and Betty White; and a brother Olie "Buck" Kimble, Jr.

Visitation will be held from 2 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel. Funeral services will commence at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Randy Shoemaker officiating. Interment will be at the Potomac Memorial Gardens in Keyser where graveside military honors will be accorded.

Condolences may be left at smithfuneralhomes.net.

County Students Named to Eastern's Honor Lists

Multiple Pendleton County residents achieved academic honors during the spring 2025 semester at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield.

Earning President's List honors, which requires completing 12 or more credit hours with a 4.0 grade point average, were Kelsey Cook, Myra Mitchell, Miranda Simon, and Sarah Zirkle.

Dean's List recipients, earned for completing nine or more credit hours with at least a 3.5 grade point average, were Elizabeth Alt, Leah Bennett, Loretta Graham, Lydia Heavner, Aubree Keiter, Paigelyn Long, Nancy Miller, Jenna Smith, and Carolyn Varner.

Merit List recipients, which requires completing six or more credit hours with a 3.25 grade point average, were Baylee Beachler, Hannah Bennett, Madisen Brooks, Emma Hartman, Ella Johnston, Clayton Kisamore, Emily Poling, Addison Rexrode, Nicholas Rhodes, Taylor Roberson, Avery Townsend, Shelba Vincell, and Brynlynn Waggy.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College serves six rural counties in the Potomac Highlands. The college offers 14 degree programs (including six fully online), 12 certificates, and more than 30 transfer pathways to four-year schools. Its Workforce Education department provides 15+ training programs in various formats and specialized agriculture innovation training, including mentorship opportunities for farm fellows. Eastern supports students and the community through its career center, offering job placement, resume help, and interview preparation. The college is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

County Commission

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over 10 percent as costs rise, some counties will need to follow suit as they implement more comprehensive technology in their systems. Pendleton and other counties plan to bring expanded abilities to 911 by connecting it to modern internet technology.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, explained that Pendleton 911 and similar agencies remain "at the mercy of vendors and manufacturers of equipment" during times of price instability such as the nation has seen in the past five years.

"Nothing in the country has stayed the same" since 1998, noted Hevener.

Commissioners discussed the need to set up the legally required readings of the proposed ordinance as well. They agreed that April Mallow, prosecuting attorney, should draft the measure.

Gillespie then shared that the Office of Emergency Management received \$22,000 that originally came from FEMA to help defray certain costs. "It's based on population, which is why it's not higher than it is," said Gillespie.

After that update, Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator, was asked about progress on the courthouse annex. She replied that contractors were waiting on the arrival of bar joists to move to the next major phase, but had gotten more minor work completed.

Mike Alt, training officer for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, was queried by commissioners about the still unknown whereabouts of lawfully establishing funding to enhance EMS salaries and stipends. He responded by saying that would not be known until the agency in authority received their budget. New budgets open July 1 on the first day of the new fiscal year.

Gillespie then provided information about an opportunity related to a study conducted for the National Radio Quiet Zone that he said "will help us in several ways."

Gillespie later stated, "We thank the National Science Foundation and the National Security Agency for funding the study which is nearing its conclusion. We are in the testing phase of the study. This phase involves over-the-air tests of proposed VHF band equipment. The federal agencies provided us with the Starlink units to test and we appreciate it. We see these as a great augmentation tool, not a solution on their own. However, they are a great tool to add to the toolbox and they do expand our communications abilities."

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Federal and state laws require that we provide public notification of our intent to destroy these records and that we provide the opportunity for students and their parents or guardians to review these records prior to their destruction. We will begin this process on July 7, 2025. Records will be available to review or receive until July 31, 2025.

If you have any questions or wish to review or receive records, please contact Dr. Derek Lambert at 304-358-2573 or email drlambert@k12.wv.us.

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****July Events****

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- Wednesday, July 16, 6:30 p.m.
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- Friday, July 18, 6 - 9 p.m.
Josh Davidson Live Music at Fisher Mountain
- Saturday, July 19, 6 p.m.
Franklin Lions Club Golf Tournament
- Real Estate Influencer*
- Karaoke with Mike Eye, 5 - 8 p.m.*
- Saturday, July 26, 5 - 8 p.m.
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Inaugural South Branch 4-H Camp Held



Four-H members attending the first South Branch 4-H camp were, from left, first row, Caleb Armentrout, Jayden Souza, Gary Smith, Ty Armentrout, Emily Adams, McKenna Earle, Regan Welch, Khloe Haslacker, Callie Judy, Abby Judy, Sloan Morrissey, Ally Haggerty, Jacey Thompson, Cole Harper and Mason Harper; second row, Maverick Wratchford, Frankie Weese, Katie Heavner, Phoebe Pownell, Liam Ours, Zander Adams, Brian Cheeseman, Reagyn Atkins, Hannah Heavner, Ava Hess, Vaylee Harper and Kaylee Wolford; and third row, Aiden Shirk, Jax Bennett, Daniel Moxon, Lukas Alt, Alex Adams and Kady Evans.

Pendleton and Grant county's 4-H'ers concluded the inaugural South Branch 4H Camp June 13 at Thorn Spring Park with council circle.

For the first time in nearly 20 years, Pendleton County hosted two weeks of 4-H camp — one serving the county's 4-H members in third through sixth grade, and one hosting 4-H members from Pendleton and Grant counties in seventh grade and above. Forty 4-H'ers and volunteers were enrolled for this year's South Branch 4H Camp. The week's theme was "Take Me Home, Country Roads."

Camp classes and instructors included air pistol (Wes Puffenbarger), archery (Brooke Alt), chair bottom weaving (Vicki Skavenski), Dollar Tree crafts (Sue Alt), fly fishing (Becca Meyers), outdoor cooking (Brooke Alt and Alex Mathias), shotgun (Rick Pownell), tie dying (Amanda Simmons), scrapbooking (Christina Simmons) and Tik Tok cooking (Alex Mathias).

On Monday, the campers had a visit from Jennifer Williams, West Virginia University extension associate dean. She talked about her experiences in Africa, their 4-H program called 4K, and the agriculture she was able to experience while she was there. On Tuesday, the camp traveled to Keyser to WVU Potomac State College where the campers were able to tour the campus, and get a taste of college life. On Wednesday, campers cooled off at the town pool. Thursday brought the campers a visit from Future Generations University, who talked about the syrup making process and let the campers taste different types of syrups that can be made from trees in West Virginia. That afternoon, visitors from the community, Anna Lee Alt and Faye

Kile, led the camp in the homemade ice cream making process. Friday was a field day and clean up day before the campers headed home. The last meal of camp was pizza from Brandywine Fox's, which was sponsored by the Pendleton County Family Support Center.

During the closing council circle on Friday evening the following awards were given:

Lucky penny certificates to 14 first-year campers — Ava Hess, Sloan Morrissey, Kaylee Wolford, and McKenna Earle;

Lucky nickels certificates to second-year campers — Brian Cheeseman and Reagan Welch;

Third-year felts — Kady Evans, Daniel Moxon, and Liam Ours;

Fifth-year felts — Jax Bennett, Mason Harper, Katie Heavner, and Phoebe Pownell;

Seventh-year felts — Emily Adams and Frankie Weese; and

Miss and Mr. Congeniality — Callie Judy and Lukas Alt.

Class awards were presented to the following campers: air pistol 1 — Brian Cheesman; archery 1 - Sloan Morrissey; chair bottom weaving — Vaylee Harper; Dollar Tree crafts — McKenna Earle; fly fishing 1 — Lukas Alt; fly fishing 2 — Liam Ours; outdoor cooking 1 - Mason Harper; outdoor cooking 2 — Kaylee Wolford; shotgun — Daniel Moxon; tie dying 1 — Ava Hess; tie dying 2 — Kady Evans; scrapbooking — Reagyn Atkins, Katie Heavner, Hannah Heavner and Abby Judy; and Tik Tok cooking — Ally Haggerty.

Maverick Wratchford was chosen to represent the Head H, Cole Harper the Heart H, Zander Adams the

Hands H and Reagan Welch the Health H. Frankie Weese was selected as spirit of camp.

Charting pins were awarded to Alex Adams, Zander Adams, Cole Harper, and Khloe Haslacker for their completion of the 4-H charting program.

The newest additions to the 4-H All Star family in Pendleton County were introduced during final council circle. Lydia Heavner, McKenna Hedrick, and Addie Rexrode were present to receive their induction certificates. They, along with Hannah Bennett, fellow 4-H'er, may attend a state camping event this summer, or 4-H Volunteer weekend this fall to be "officially" inducted into the 4-H All Stars.

Tribal chiefs, Callie Judy, Khloe Haslacker, Caleb Armentrout, Frankie Weese, Ty Armentrout, Emily Adams, Jacey Thompson and Ally Haggerty, all represented their tribes as joint chiefs. The Pendleton County representatives received a half scholarship to the 2026 county camp from the Judy Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Andy Guy Memorial Scholarship, a scholarship to 2026 county 4-H camp, was awarded to Reagyn Atkins.

A scholarship in memory of Ralph Dunkle by the Dunkle Family, which was a \$25 return scholarship to the 2026 county camp, was given to Vaylee Haper.

Scholarships were awarded to campers to attend a state camp of their choice next summer. The following campers received scholarships: Alex Adams (Clover Scholarship); Callie Judy (Leadership Scholarship); Jacey Thompson (Opportunity Scholarship); and Jayden Souza and Emily Adams (4-H Shooting Sports full scholarships).

Tribal honors were awarded to the Cherokee tribe.

Tribes for the week consisted of the following:

Cherokee — Callie Judy and Khloe Haslacker (chiefs), Callie Judy and Regan Welch (sagamores), Kady Evans, Reagyn Atkins, Hannah Heavner, and Alex Adams;

Delaware — Caleb Armentrout and Frankie Weese (chiefs), Jayden Souza and Maverick Wratchford (sagamores), Aiden Shirk, Katie Heavner, Daniel Moxon, Jax Bennett, Phoebe Pownell, and Liam Ours;

Mingo — Ty Armentrout and Emily Adams (chiefs), Gary Smith and McKenna Earle (sagamores), Zander Adams, Lukas Alt, and Brian Cheeseman;

Seneca — Jacey Thompson and Ally Haggerty (chiefs), Cole Harper and Sloan Morrissey (sagamores). Mason Harper, Vaylee Harper, Ava Hess and Kaylee Wolford; and

Big Foot — Brooke Alt (camp director/WVU 4H Youth Development extension agent), Janet Hartman (WVU Extension Office administrative assistant), Dalton Dearth (extension camping instructor), Rick Pownell, Amanda Simmons, Kaitlin Earle, and Gary Hess.



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Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Summer has exploded in the hills, with searing heat and high humidity. The widespread daylilies and daisies are giving way to Queen Anne's Lace, blue chicory, and the showy orange butterfly weed. The leaves on the trees are hanging full.

Late evenings are bringing out the lightning bugs. These little insects with their taillights burning brightly, rise up from the grass and are chased by the eager children. Enthusiastic curious minds will search for information to see what lightning bugs eat.

The larvae seem to be very voracious. They live on the ground, under the bark, and in moist, swampy places. They eat earthworms, slugs, and snails. Adult lightning bugs can live for several months and dine on plant nectar, pollen, and parts of flowers.

Wild black raspberries are ripe and ready for picking. Black raspberry jam and cobblers are a great way to end the evening meal. Elderberries are in full bloom. Elderberries make a very tasty pie.

There is much folklore surrounding the Dog Days which began July 3 and last 40 days. Some folk believe that if Dog Days set in rainy, that it will rain for the 40-day period. At the same time, if they set in dry, it would remain so for the duration of the 40-day period. Time will tell. This period of time generally brings on the worst heat of the summer. Folklore contends that dogs go mad and run over the county, foaming at the mouth, and snakes go blind during this time — purely folklore.

Dog Days also bring on mildew and mold which seems to grow on everything. Water will grow stagnant in puddles and creeks, and damp wet clothes to be hung on the outside lines can sour overnight. Disease and discomfort can plague the general population during this time.

Life's little lessons include the following:

1. Money can't buy manners, morals, and respect.
2. Offer to wash the dishes for the host.
3. Write a thank you note when receiving a gift.
4. Buy whatever kids are selling in their front yard.
5. Plant a tree and flowers.

Nature has its way of taking charge and changing courses. The heavy rains have flushed out the leaves in the ditches making the flow of water easier to get to its "yonder" location. The orange daylilies along the roadsides have been waving their bonnets to the motorist. Quite a beautiful sight for the beholder.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded." — Yogi Berra

"Three things can ruin a man: power, money, and women." — Eleanor Roosevelt

"I avoid looking back. I prefer good memories to regrets." — G. Kelly

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." — John F. Kennedy

"Kindness is one of the greatest gifts you can bestow upon another. If someone is in need, lend them a helping hand. Do not wait for a thank you."



Charles Oliver Linaburg (Feb. 26, 1930 - May 28, 1972) was the son of Myrtle Lynn Mitchell (Jan. 12, 1909 - Jan. 23, 1997) and John Luther Linaburg (Jan. 26, 1908 - Apr. 3, 1931). In 1947, he graduated valedictorian from Franklin High School. He married Mary Mae Hively on March 10, 1953. From that marriage, there were five children, Victoria, Charles Oliver, Jr. (deceased), Ricky, Sandra, and John (Jay). He was widely known as an educator, with a humble Christian disposition.

— Katherine Hepburn

Sitting by the river is a cool place to hear the "Talk of The Grove."

Wesley, Becky, Ben, Emma, and Nathan spent a few days in Charleston. They cat fished at Whispering Pines and visited the state capital and museum.

Judy Costello of Verona, Virginia, along with friend, Sonny, spent the weekend with Evelyn Varner.

Helen and Rhonda Nash spent the Fourth of July afternoon at a family cookout at the home of Helen's niece, Julie Jessee, and her husband, Greg, in Monterey, Virginia.

Karla and Jim Moats had a wonderful long weekend celebrating with guests from out of town — Troy and Montana Hise, Tuesday, Brian and Cedar Simmons from North Carolina, Sam, Shyla and Isabelle Cogar from Maryland and David and Kasey Cramer from Virginia Beach, Virginia. There were lots of fun, games and love.

Motoring to Washington, D.C, to watch the Nationals versus Tigers game were Morris and Sherry Homan and Brandon, Cara, Macie, Carson, and Carly Mitchell. It was there that they all watched Charles and Sue Rexrode's grandson, Brennan Hanifee, pitch

for the Tigers. The following day, they all motored to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park to take in all the educational opportunities that were offered.

Former residents, John and Rita Todd, are proud great-grandparents to Raelynn Nicole Southerly. The young lady entered this world at 2:45 a.m. July 6 weighing in at 7 pounds and 12 ounces, and measuring 19 inches long. Congratulations to the Southerlys.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- Every night at 8:30 in Providence, Rhode Island, buildings, boats, and police vehicles flash their light to send a message to kids in local children's hospitals.
- In size. Lake Michigan ranks third among the Great Lakes, and sixth among all freshwater lakes in the world.
- There are 10, 685 beaches in Australia.
- The Rosetta Stone, discovered in 1799, was the key to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphs.
- Cats have 32 muscles in each ear.

Concerns are for the following: Mike Adams, the Bob Adamson family, Charles Anderson, John Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave Basagic, Allen Beachler, Liz and Mick Bodkin, "Bo" Boggs, Larry Byers, Joyce Calhoun, Marie Cole, Stanley Dahmer, Kim Davis, Phil Downs, Jennifer Errett, Isaac Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Carl Gant, David Gillispie, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, 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, Delbert Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Bob and Cynthia Hurry, Linda Jones, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Tara Kelley, Ruth Kile, Tom and Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Laura Kropp, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Donna Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Audree Marsh, Anna Mauzy, Ed May, Gene and Joan McConnell, Gary McDonald, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tom Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, Jim Moats, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Dwight Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryle Paine, Terri Parker, Andy Pond, Wayne Price, Daniel and Debbie Propst, 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, Tonya Simon, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Bruce Smith, Ed and Carolyn Smith, Natalie Stephenson, Tina Stubben, Steve Stump, Linda and Larry Vandevander, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Estelle and Don Wagner, Mary Louise Waldschlager, Amby Waybright, Jr., Mike Waybright, Rene White, Sherry Wilfong, Judy Williams and Ann and Ed Wimer.

School Clothing Allowance Applications Are Being Accepted

The West Virginia Department of Human Services, Bureau for Family Assistance began accepting school clothing allowance applications on July 7 for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools. All families must apply to be considered for eligibility. Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.


Families of children who are enrolled in West Virginia schools may be eligible for school clothing allowance benefits depending upon household income. The monthly income for a family of four may not exceed \$3,380. Verification of income for July must be submitted with the application.

Income limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2025 are as follows (number of persons in household and income limit): one \$1,632; two \$2,215; three \$2,798; four \$3,380; five \$3,963; six \$4,456; seven \$5,129; eight \$5,712; nine \$6,295; 10 \$6,878; and \$583 for each additional person.

Families may apply online at www.wvPATH.wv.gov or request a paper application be mailed to them by contacting their local DoHS office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Applications must be received by July 31.

School clothing allowance program recipients will receive an electronic benefit transfer card in place of the traditional paper voucher. This system change allows for both online transactions and an increased choice of vendors when purchasing school clothing or piece goods. The EBT card will operate like a debit card and can be used at any retailer who accepts EBT cash transactions. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the school clothing allowance benefit as a check.

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Younger 4-H Members Attend Camp



The Big Foot tribe consisted of junior councilors, from left, Marley Champ, Pheobe Pownell, Jax Bennett, Katie Heavner, Lydia Heavner, Vivian Pownell.

Pendleton County younger 4-H'ers concluded their week of camp at Thorn Spring Park with council circle on June 5.

For the first time in nearly 20 years, Pendleton County hosted two weeks of 4-H camp — one serving the county's 4-H members in third through sixth grade, and one hosting 4-H members from Pendleton and Grant counties in seventh grade and above. Forty 4-H'ers and volunteers were enrolled for this year's younger camp. The week's theme was "Take Me Home, Country Roads."

Camp classes and instructors included animal investigation (Jeremy Hedrick), archery (Brooke Alt), basket making (Vickie Skavenski), Dollar Tree crafts (Sue Alt), first-year camper (Emma Cremman and Moses Talley), fly fishing (Experience Learning instructor Becca Meyers), LEGO engineering (Heather Waggy), outdoor cooking (Mary Hess), and STEM (Olivia Bolliger).

Monday's camp specials were activities surrounding one's natural environment, including a forestry survey with Martha Williams, a STEM activity with Bolliger, a STEM Ambassador, e and a visit with Officer Matthew Stover and his K9 Luna from the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. On Tuesday, campers traveled to the Sweetwater Trail Farm Center, where they got to test their survival skills, survey the creek for critters, and participate in team building activities. On Wednesday, the camp had a visit from Kasey Shifflet with the WVDNR, who showed them many different West Virginia wildlife species, and campers got to cool off in the town pool that afternoon. The week's festivities wrapped up on Thursday with a visit from Future Generations University, field day games and a total camp clean up. The last meal of camp was pizza from Brandywine Fox's, which was sponsored by the Pendleton County Family Support Center.

During the closing council circle on Thursday evening the following awards were given:

Lucky penny certificates to 14 first-year campers — Harper Dempsey, Leland Dove, Madalyn Griffin, Piper Hubbard, Levi Miller, Everett Boner, Braxton Beachler, Paige Warner, Dallis Hull, Bethany Teagarden, Abby Cayton, and Ariel Martin;



Pendleton County younger 4-H members attending county camp were, from left, front row, Everett Boner, Leland Dove, Levi Miller, Sydney Demers, Maddie Grace Nesselrodt, Ross Pownell, Jacob Dove, Maycee Woods, Marion Williams, Bethany Teagarden, Madalyn Griffin, Ariel Martin, Piper Hubbard, Maddie Kirk and Tori Heavner; and back row, Owen Champ, Kenden Champ, Breymann Keesecker, Sean Waggy, Harper Dempsey, Harper Marsh, Dallis Hull, Stella Halterman, Abby Cayton, Easton Boner, Moses Talley, Addie Miller, Emma Cremman, Dakota Vandevander, Bella Hoover, Cody Miller, Paige Warner, Chevelle Noble, Braxton Beachler, Lexi Hedrick and Clair Kimble.

Lucky nickels certificates, given to second year campers — Addie Miller, Dakota Vandevander, Harper Marsh, Sydney Demers, Jacob Dove, and Stella Halterman; and Miss and Mr. Congeniality — Bethany Teagarden, Maycee Woods, and Ross Pownell.

Class awards were presented to the following campers — animal investigation 1 - Breymann Keesecker; animal investigation 2 - Maddie Kirk; archery 1 - Addie Miller; archery 2 - Piper Hubbard; archery 3- Madalyn Griffin; basket making 1 - Bella Hoover; basket making 2 - Sydney Demers; Dollar Tree crafts 1- Chevelle Noble; Dollar Tree crafts 2 - Bethany Teagarden; first-year camper - Braxton Beachler; fly fishing 1 - Leland Dove; fly fishing 2 - Jacob Dove; Lego 1 - Kenden Champ; Lego 2 - Stella Halterman; Lego 3 - Dakota Vandevander; outdoor cooking 1 - Cody Miller; outdoor cooking 2 - Dallis Hull; outdoor cooking 3- Sean Waggy; and STEM - Lexi Hedrick.

Chevelle Nobel was chosen to represent the Head H, Sydney Demers the Heart H, Maddie Kirk the Hands H and Addie Miller the Health H. Ross Pownell was selected as spirit of camp and received a \$25 scholarship to a 2026 state camp by the Freida Dunkle scholarship.

Bethany Teagarden was awarded the Outstanding First-Year Camper Girl Scholarship, while Levi Miller was awarded the Outstanding First-Year Camper Boy Scholarship.

Tribal chiefs, Jacob Dove, Maycee Woods, Marion Williams, and Ross Pownell, received a half scholarship to the 2026 county camp from the Judy Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Andy Guy Memorial Scholarship, a scholarship to 2026 county 4-H camp, was awarded to Breymann Keesecker.

Jacob Dove received the Outstanding Second-Year Camper award, a full scholarship to the 2026 county camp funded by the McCoy Family in memory of Bill and in honor of Harriet.

Sean Waggy received the 4-H's award, which provides a full scholarship to a third-year camper to the 2026 county camp.

A scholarship was given in memory of Ralph Dunkle by the Dunkle Family, which was a \$25 return scholarship to the 2026 county camp. Piper Hubbard received this award.

A new scholarship in the memory of Zelene Harman, which is a full scholarship to the 2026 county camp, was given to Ross Pownell and Bella Hoover.

Tribal loyalty patches were awarded to Easton Boner and Leland Dove (Cherokee), Harper Marsh and Levi Miller, (Delaware), Chevelle Noble (Mingo) and Bella Hoover and Maddie Kirk (Seneca).

Tribal honors were awarded to the Delaware tribe.

Tribes for the week consisted of the following:

Cherokee — Ross Pownell (chief), Easton Boner (first sagamore), Owen Champ, Kenden Champ, Breymann Keesecker, Everett Boner, and Leland Dove;

Delaware — Jacob Dove (chief), Addie Miller (first sagamore), Sean Waggy (second sagamore), Sydney Demers, Harper Marsh, Harper Dempsey, Dallis Hull, Levi Miller, Stella Halterman, Abby Cayton and Maddie Grace Nesselrodt;

Mingo — Maycee Woods (chief), Dakota Vandevander (first sagamore), Cody Miller, Chevelle Noble, Maddie Griffin, Bethany Teagarden, Paige Warner, and Ariel Martin;

Seneca — Marion Williams (chief), Bella Hoover (first sagamore), Tori Heavner, Maddie Kirk, Lexi Hedrick, Clair Kimble, Piper Hubbard, and Braxton Beachler; and

Big Foot — Brooke Alt (camp director/WVU 4H Youth Development extension agent), Janet Hartman (WVU Extension Office administrative assistant), Jessica Hoover (WVU Ag extension agent), Emma Cremman and Moses Talley (extension camping instructors), Olivia Bolliger (WVU STEM ambassador), and Carrie Ruddle, Bobby Keesecker, Mary Hess, and Gary Hess. Junior councilors who joined the camp for the week included Katie Heavner, Lydia Heavner, Pheobe Pownell, Vivian Pownell, Marley Champ and Jax Bennett.

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PCHS Girls Earn ‘The Health Plan Champions Cup’

By Stephen Smoot

One of the greatest aspects of following Pendleton County athletes lies in the fact that almost all bring the heart of a champion to athletic competition. Whether they prevail or fall short, the toughness, grit, and class of local athletes always shines through, regardless of what hardware they earn along the way.

Those qualities may not always earn awards, but this year the girls’ teams at Pendleton County High School received recognition for one of the highest awards that students can collectively earn for their schools.

West Virginia State Scholastic Activities Commission announced last week the winners of “The Health Plan Champions Cup,” recognizing the top performing high schools for excellence in both academics and athletics. Pendleton County High School earned the girls’ title in Class A.

Teams earn points on success in state championship events and also the previous year’s graduation rate. The award recognizes efforts not only by student-athletes, but also coaches, teachers, administrators, and parents as they encourage excellence in all aspects of school life.

Success started with a volleyball squad that used power and precision to spike fear levels and heart rates among opponents. Valedictorian Lizzie Alt brought years of travel ball skills to the court and used her power game to awe the opposition. Her spikes were often the result of great sets by teammate – and salutatorian – Emma Hartman. Hartman also stood out on the Wildcat track team.

Madison Day, head volleyball coach, stated that “speaking for the girls, they across the board take a lot of pride in their work both in the classroom and in their sports.” She went on to add that “to be an elite athlete, one has to be an elite student – always willing to learn and make adjustments and take on coaching and teaching.”

Day, as a teacher at PCMHS, got to see both the competitors and the scholars, saying, “I get to see the girls in both realms.” They “discovered that the classroom can be seen as a court or field – they have to problem solve, be competitive, work with others, communicate effectively, and understand the importance of effort.”

After a difficult delay caused by lawsuits, the Class A state volleyball tour-

namment commenced at West Virginia State University. Pendleton County took the first round game, but bowed out against top seeded East Hardy.

In December, another squad of girls tested themselves against the best. Rebecca Miller has helped to teach precision and energy to the Wildcat cheer squad. Their powerful performances took them to the state tournament.

“We couldn’t be prouder of our outstanding ladies who have brought home the Champion Cup for the entire state of West Virginia,” Miller shared, adding that the award “speaks to their grit, talent, and relentless determination.”

Miller’s squad’s consistency in advancing to the state tournament and performing well there earned her West Virginia Coach of the Year in cheerleading.

Donnie Kopp, in the final season of a championship career, stated that “every girl who participated in all sports deserves a lot of credit.” Kopp relied heavily on senior class president Avery Townsend to serve as the straw that stirred the drink, but maintained that all of “the senior class deserves an incredible amount of credit.”

Under Kopp, the girls’ basketball squad got to compete under the lights of the Charleston Civic Center Coliseum for the WVSSAC basketball tournament.

“The academic achievement by these young ladies,” Kopp stated “as well as their athletic achievements speaks volumes of their commitment.” He also praised “their parents, teachers, and coaches commitment to excellence.”

Kopp relied heavily on his seniors to lead. He, as Eric Crites did in softball, saw Jenna Smith as an extra coach. Julia Mongold brought experience and intensity to every play on the basketball court and the softball field.

The crowning achievement of the girls last season came in dominating the field in softball, losing only two times, both to state runners up in higher divisions. Along the way, they dominated traditional rivals, defeated handily top 10 teams in Classes AAA and AAAA, and triumphed in the Bub Rigglesman Tournament, one of the most demanding regular season events of its kind in the state.

Senior leadership channeled young talent. Baylee Beachler staked her claim as perhaps the best player overall in West Virginia high school



softball last season. Alt, Townsend, Smith, and Mongold also elevated their games from their junior seasons. Isabella Lockard’s speed and experience helped her to make key plays in tough situations.

Eric Crites, head softball coach, shared with West Virginia Metro News, “one thing about our team is we will battle.” The grit of the team often showed in a refusal to be intimidated, even by Class AAAA power Spring Mills at the Bub Rigglesman Tournament. Crites said that the team had “the ability to hang with just about anyone and that means a lot.” He also earned Coach of the Year honors from the Potomac Valley Conference.

The gift that the senior class of girls gave back to the program lay in establishing a family-style locker room in each sport. Seniors served as both role models and mentors for younger players, preparing them to carry on the traditions of excellence. Jameigh Miller, Susan Vincell, Jessica Parker, Chesnee Colaw, and many other underclass girls stepped up and helped to make their seasons and the entire year special.

Just as the girls did on the court, floor, and field all year long, they dominated the final tally. Pendleton County earned 486 points, 97.5 more



Rebecca Miller’s cheer squad’s trip to the state tournament was part of the equation that led to Pendleton County’s dominating result in “The Health Plan Champions Cup” award. Miller, head coach, was chosen West Virginia Coach of the Year in all classes for cheerleading. She received her honor last month prior to the North-South football game.

than second place Greenbrier West and 101 more than regional rival Tucker County.

Incoming principal, Derek Lambert, praised the efforts, saying, “This year has been nothing short of extraordinary for Pendleton County athletics.” He shared that “our student-athletes have demonstrated unmatched determination, skill, and Wildcat pride.”

Lambert singled out the “steady leadership of our athletic director Jackee Propst, whose commitment to excellence continues to elevate our entire program.”

“A truly wonderful achievement and congratulations to all,” said Kopp of all involved. Miller added, “This is about the pride you’ve brought to our school, our families, and the entire community. Thank you for showing the rest of the state what Pendleton County is made of.”

Other winners included the Cameron Dragons for Class A boys, Charleston Catholic for Class AA girls, Williams-town for Class AA boys, Herbert Hoover in Class AAA girls, Ripley in Class AAA boys, and Morgantown for Class AAAA girls and Wheeling Park in Class AAAA boys.

WVSSAC Announces Changes in Classes, Regional Alignments for ‘25-‘26 School Year

By Stephen Smoot

Maintaining the best possible criteria for classifications remains a past, present, and, likely, future headache for those making decisions on which schools go where in West Virginia high school sports.

Traditionally, the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission used school populations as the sole guidelines. This system had the virtue of simplicity, but often left private schools with small populations, but the ability to recruit, at a strong advantage over other Class A programs.

In recent years, other factors had been included in determining classification. These included distance from the county seat and socio-economic factors. While unclear as to whether this created a better competitive balance, it also introduced degrees of subjectivity that led to challenges.

The WVSSAC reclassified 22 schools right before fall sports play last season.

Last year, those issues led to lawsuits that delayed the state volleyball and football playoffs. Pendleton County teams had earned spots in both. While both teams had played well enough to secure spots regardless of how courts decided, the lawsuits could have affected seeding in volleyball.

In April, the WVSSAC changed criteria again. The classification rules

for this year, which return to using student populations between ninth through 12th grade as the only factor, created a system where AAAA schools have 1,050 or more, AAA has 625-1049, AA has 351 to 624, and A has an enrollment of 350 or less.

Pendleton County regional rivals appear everywhere except Class AAAA. In Class AAA, Hampshire and Keyser have 740 and 665 students, respectively, In Class AA, Frankfort has 488, Moorefield 480, Petersburg 401.

In Class A, Tucker County has 270, Tygarts Valley 211, East Hardy has 203, Union 59, Paw Paw 49, and Harman 31.

Pendleton County has 251, placing it in the middle of the category.

In almost all sports that use the format, Pendleton County will compete in the same region with East Hardy, Paw Paw, Tucker County, Pocahontas County, Tygarts Valley, Harman, Pickens, and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

Pendleton County’s cross country region will consist of Paw Paw, Tucker County, Trinity Christian, Clay-Battelle, and Notre Dame. While PCMHS has a wrestling team that competed well in its inaugural season last year, the school was not included in the wrestling Division II list with A, AA, and AAA teams across the area included.

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The second count alleges “Grand Larceny, a Felony . . . charging that on or about the 31st day of March 2025 . . . (he) did unlawfully and feloniously steal, take, and carry away . . . goods . . . belonging to another with the intent to permanently deprive the owner thereof . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges “Domestic Battery, a Misdemeanor . . . charging that (he) did unlawfully and intentionally cause physical harm to their family or household member . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The fourth count alleges “Destruction of Property, a Misdemeanor . . . on or about the 31st day of March 2025 (he) did unlawfully destroy, injure, or deface property . . . to wit a pair of seeing eyeglasses . . . having a value of less than \$2,500 against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Ruben Alejandro received three counts. The first alleges “Soliciting a Minor Via Computer, a Felony . . . on or about . . . January 2025 (he) did unlawfully, knowingly, and feloniously, being a person over 18 years of age . . . use a computer to solicit, entice, seduce, or lure or attempt to solicit, entice, seduce, or lure a minor known or believed to be at least four years younger than the person using the computer . . . to commit any illegal act . . .

against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges the crime “Produce and Possession of Child Erotica, a Misdemeanor . . . on or about . . . January 2025 (he) did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally produce and possess visual portrayals of a minor . . . (1) Unrelated to the sale of a commercially available legal product and (2) used for purely prurient purposes, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges “Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, a Misdemeanor . . . on or about . . . January 2025 (he) unlawfully and knowingly . . . contribute to the delinquency of a child against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Charles John Nelson, Jr. received two counts. The first count alleges “Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, a Felony . . . on or about august 5, 2024 . . . (he) did unlawfully possess with intent to deliver a controlled substance, to wit: Methamphetamine . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges “Conspiracy, a Felony . . . on or about July 23, 2024 (he) did unlawfully, willfully, and feloniously conspire with DANIELLE ELAINE MOWERY, belonging to a conspiratorial group of two or more persons, to commit the offense of Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Grant Memorial Hospital To Open Rapid Care Clinic

WVU Medicine Grant Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce work is underway to open a Rapid Care Walk-In Clinic in Petersburg.

In cooperation with the Grant County Commission, the former Halterman building has been added to the existing lease agreement between the county and GMH. This strategic collaboration allows the hospital to provide expanded access to care, local job creation, and a strengthened healthcare infrastructure for the region that would not be possible otherwise.

Kevin Hagerty, president of the Grant County Commission, stated, “The county commission is extraordinarily excited to be a part of this project with Grant Memorial Hospital. We look forward to seeing the development of this facility and having another wonderful asset within our community. We appreciate all of the hard work that was put into this effort by everyone involved.”

During the time that the hospital designs the space and makes the necessary renovations and improvements to eventually provide rapid care, radiology,

lab, and other services, GMH will open a rapid care clinic at 10 Valley View Street in Petersburg later this year.

On behalf of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority, Sherry Mongold, executive director, released the following statement, “The Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority is proud to announce its partnership with Grant Memorial Hospital. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in our mission to bring new jobs and services to our community. We believe that healthcare is a vital part of our community, and the growth and local offerings in this sector are integral to our mission as a development authority. We look forward to the positive impact this partnership will have on the area.”

John Sylvia, president and CEO of Grant Memorial Hospital added, “The hospital is grateful to the development authority and the county commissioners for their efforts to ensure the residents of the area have access to needed healthcare services. It is relationships like these that allow the hospital to make a difference in the health of the region.”

Residents Advised to Prepare In Advance for Extended Care

By Deb Miller, JD,
Volunteer for WV Senior Legal Aid

Every day people face the fact that they will need extended care to carry out their daily functions, and nursing home life is likely. Could they prepare in advance for that? Definitely, which this article covers so that it's less of a problem for all.

All too often, a person or their family ends up making a rushed decision about going into a nursing home for long-term care.

In addition to health issues, there are financial concerns at such a time.

Planning ahead, one or two years out, can be the smartest option to get over these hurdles well in advance.

Many will face out-of-pocket payments for the entire cost of their care because traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage will not pay for long-term nursing home costs.

Other West Virginians can receive long-term care coverage for a nursing home stay through the federal Medicaid program based on their income and assets.

Confusion about the Medicaid qualification process and not being aware of what's needed next can increase a person's stress and risk for financial exploitation. For example, others may suggest gifts or property transfers, often to themselves, that should not be done.

Plus, there is always the possibility of losing the capacity to gather such information and to make such decisions coherently. Handling this evaluation for Medicaid eligibility on a preliminary basis now is also a way to protect a persons' spouse, family, and property as permitted by federal law.

The evaluation process starts with a listing of all types of assets and their current value. Income amounts must also be listed. A standard form at e is available for this purpose.

To qualify for Medicaid long-term care, a person may own a certain amount of assets, including a home (maximum equity in 2025 of \$730,000), a car, personal property, an irrevocable prepaid

burial plan, and up to \$2,000 in other non-countable assets.

Completing the qualification form on a proactive basis does not require hiring a lawyer. Counselors with the West Virginia SHIP program can help at 877-981-4463.

Further, the SHIP counselor can explain the process of nursing home admission and reduce concerns about doing this.

Many facing the nursing home decision think that the government will take their home to pay for their care. They think that if they give away their house to their children or add their childrens' names to the property deed while they continue to live there, they will be fine.

The opposite can be true.

The reason for that is the long-term care Medicaid eligibility process involves listing any transfer of assets or property made within the previous five years, including those for which one didn't receive full compensation.

If a person gave one's home or partial ownership in it to one's children, a friend, or any others within that five years without full compensation, there will be a period of ineligibility for coverage.

In Medicaid lingo, that gift of a person's home causes an uncompensated transfer of assets penalty.

The penalty is losing out on Medicaid coverage of the nursing home costs for a period of time, based on a formula, equal to the value of the property given away. During the penalty period, a person will have to pay the nursing home bills on one's own.

An option to protect the home is a transfer on death deed. It changes nothing about the current ownership for Medicaid eligibility and lists the after-death recipients. Automatic transfer of the property occurs after death and avoids probate.

For free legal assistance with a non-criminal matter, West Virginia residents age 60 or older may contact West Virginia Senior Legal Aid at 800-229-5068 or info@seniorlegalaids.org.

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TARIFF FORM NO. 12 PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES BY MUNICIPALITIES

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Franklin has adopted by Ordinance, on June 24, 2025, an increase in its rates, tolls and charges for furnishing water service to 460 customers at Franklin and vicinity, Pendleton County, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective as provided in the ordinance unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce the following additional revenue annually:

| | (\$) Revenue Increase | (%) Revenue Increase |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| Step 1 – Effective 45 Days After Enactment | \$46,657 | 19.3% |
| Step 2 – Effective December 1, 2025 | \$46,004 | 19% |
| Step 3 – Effective June 1, 2026 | \$13,525 | 5.6% |
| Step 4 – Effective upon substantial project completion or commencement of project debt service | \$51,232 | 21.21% |
| Step 5 – Effective 6 months from implementatio of Step 4 | \$57, 361 | 23.75% |

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

| | Present Rates | Proposed Rates | (\$) Rate Increase | (%) Rate Increase |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Residential (2,871 gallons) | \$37.36 | \$44.58 | \$7.21 | 19.3% |
| Commercial (4,517 gallons) | \$54.74 | \$65.31 | \$10.58 | 19.3% |
| Industrial (3,180 gallons) | \$40.62 | \$48.47 | \$7.85 | 19.3% |
| Public Authority (4,394 gallons) | \$53.44 | \$63.76 | \$10.32 | 19.3% |

STEP 2 Effective December 1, 2025

| | Present Rates | Proposed Rates | (\$) Rate Increase | (%) Rate Increase |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Residential (2,871 gallons) | \$44.58 | \$53.07 | \$8.49 | 19% |
| Commercial (4,517 gallons) | \$65.31 | \$77.76 | \$12.44 | 19% |
| Industrial (3,180 gallons) | \$48.47 | \$57.70 | \$9.23 | 19% |
| Public Authority (4,394 gallons) | \$63.76 | \$75.91 | \$12.15 | 19% |

STEP 3 Effective June 1, 2026

| | Present Rates | Proposed Rates | (\$) Rate Increase | (%) Rate Increase |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Residential (2,871 gallons) | \$53.07 | \$66.04 | \$2.97 | 5.6% |
| Commercial (4,517 gallons) | \$77.76 | \$82.11 | \$4.35 | 5.6% |
| Industrial (3,180 gallons) | \$57.70 | \$60.93 | \$3.23 | 5.6% |
| Public Authority (4,394 gallons) | \$75.91 | \$80.16 | \$4.25 | 5.6% |

STEP 4 Effective upon substantial project completion or commencement of project debt service

| | Present Rates | Proposed Rates | (\$) Rate Increase | (%) Rate Increase |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Residential (2,871 gallons) | \$56.04 | \$67.93 | \$11.89 | 21.21% |
| Commercial (4,517 gallons) | \$82.11 | \$99.53 | \$17.42 | 21.21% |
| Industrial (3,180 gallons) | \$60.93 | \$73.86 | \$12.92 | 21.21% |
| Public Authority (4,394 gallons) | \$80.16 | \$97.16 | \$17.00 | 21.21% |

STEP 5 Effective 6 months from implementation of Step 4

| | Present Rates | Proposed Rates | (\$) Rate Increase | (%) Rate Increase |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Residential (2,871 gallons) | \$67.93 | \$84.06 | \$16.13 | 23.75% |
| Commercial (4,517 gallons) | \$99.53 | \$123.17 | \$23.64 | 23.75% |
| Industrial (3,180 gallons) | \$73.86 | \$91.40 | \$17.54 | 23.75% |
| Public Authority (4,394 gallons) | \$97.16 | \$120.24 | \$23.08 | 23.75% |

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges, by any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Town Office, Franklin, West Virginia. A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

7-3-2c TOWN OF FRANKLIN

Origin of Dog Days Told

The phrase “dog days of summer” refers to the period of intense summer heat, not to actual dogs. It originates from ancient Greece and Rome, where it was linked to the star Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Latin for “greater dog”). The ancient Greeks believed that the heat from Sirius, also known as the Dog Star, combined with the sun’s heat to cause the hottest days of summer.

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.
Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 2, 2025.
Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 7-10-2c

Estate – Max Baer Miller, Jr., Administrator; Robin K. Kimble Estate – Robert Duane Kimble, Administrator.
Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 2, 2025.
Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 7-10-2c

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE
Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before Pendleton County Commission at 100 S. Main Street, Franklin, WV 26807.

That no appointment of administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the decedent has been filed with the Pendleton County Commission, and is of record in the Pendleton County Clerk’s Office.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must be filed with the Pendleton County Commission within 60 days after the date of first publication or within 30 days of the serving of this notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 10, 2025. Deadline for claims is September 8, 2025.

Nelson Edwin Thompson Estate – Peggy Elizabeth Thompson, Executrix; Deyerle Conrad Rexrode Estate – Tamara Lynn Puffenberger, Executrix; Alice R. Johnson Estate – Andrea Owen, Executrix; Roland J. Bennett Estate – Franklin R. Bennett, Executrix; V. R. Homan, Jr. Estate – Julia Rae Homan, Executrix;
Enos Heatwole Horst Estate – Randy T. Horst, Administrator; Marla Zelene Harman
First Publication Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025
Claim Deadline Date: Monday, September 8, 2025
Decedent: Paula S. Raynar, Centre County, PA
Filed by: Karl A. Raynar, Husband, State College, PA
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Births



Eloise Fae Boner

Adam and Cassie Boner of Upper Tract are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Eloise Fae Boner. Eloise arrived at 11:52 a.m. on April 2, 2025, at Augusta Health in Fishersville, Virginia. She weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces, and measured 20-1/4 inches in length. She was welcomed home by her proud siblings, Easton, Everett, Ezra and Eleanor. Maternal grandparents are Donald and Linda Mallow of Upper Tract. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Cheryl Boner of Jane Lew. Great-grandmother is Gerri Brown of Jane Lew.

Local Students Earn Degrees at WVU

Pendleton County students were awarded diplomas May 16 - 18 during West Virginia University's commencement ceremonies at the college's coliseum. Graduates, along with their major, were Carrigan Hedrick (fashion design and merchandising), Corinne Hedrick (psychology), Hannah Koontz (nursing), Gabriela Reyes (mental health and addiction studies) and Kristin Ruddle (medicine), all of Brandywine, Megan Boone (nursing), Marshall Harper (computer engineering) and Mariah Huffman (nursing), all of Franklin, Kyle Evick of Morgantown (history, political science), Bailey Thompson of Riverton (industrial engineering), Ryan Mitchell of Sugar Grove, (mechanical engineering), and Ethan Kile (animal and nutritional sciences), Cheznie Liggett (youth and family sciences) and Cody Mitchell (agribusiness management), all of Upper Tract

Smiley Graduates from Mountaineer ChalleNGe




Cadet Alexzander Smiley

The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy has announced that Class 1-25 is the 64th class to complete the West Virginia National Guard Program. Commencement exercises were held June 13 at Camp Dawson in Kingwood. A total of 84 graduates from 27 counties across the state of West Virginia

successfully completed the requirements for graduation. Cadet Alexzander Smiley, son of Charles and Abigail Smiley of Upper Tract, was in Platoon 5. He was recognized for receiving the Level One PT(2), S2C Award, as well as obtaining the six individual values recognition ribbons. All graduating cadets have completed the residential phase of ChalleNGe, which includes activities in eight core component areas ranging from service to community to employability skills. Cadets in this class provided 3789 hours of service to community for such organizations as Trout for Cheat, American Red Cross, Operation Gratitude, Empty Bowls, and Cheat River Festival. Following graduation, the cadets will begin a two-year post-residential phase of ChalleNGe that includes placement activities in education and/or employment.

Shipman Named To Dean's List

Mason Shipman of Sugar Grove was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 term at University of Maryland Global Campus in Adelphi, Maryland. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5.



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SGR378A 0.31 acres w/3 bed/2 bath & 2 bed/1 bath Duplex, Full basement, oil heat, investment opportunity, 15 A/B Meadow Lane, Franklin. **\$324,900.00.**

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

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

SGR371A 0.04 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath 1600 sq. ft. Home located in Franklin. Town Water/Sewer. Double Pane Windows, Mini-Splits, Woodstove & half basement. Large deck on back w/Nice Mtn. View. Lot #4, Franklin Corp. **~~\$159,999.00~~ REDUCED \$139,000.00.**

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

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

SGR366A 5 Acres w/Cabin, Buck Ridges Development. Panoramic View. Lots of upgrades: New Vinyl Siding, New flooring throughout, New Solid Surface Countertop, Freshly Painted, New Door. Two bed, Two Bath, Large Loft. Finished walkout basement. Hot Tub conveys. 1000 gallon Cistern supplies water to cabin. New 8x12 storage shed. New 1 car garage. **NEW LISTING \$329,999.00 ~~\$349,999.00~~ REDUCED \$299,900.00.**

SGR364A 2.65 Acres w/2006, 3 Bed, 2 Bath Ranch Modular, Hardwood floors, New Metal Roof, Well, Septic, 2 Car Garage & septic, 15 A/B Meadow Lane, Franklin. **UNDER CONTRACT \$349,999.00 REDUCED \$299,000.00.**

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

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

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

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

SGR354A 50.96 Acres w/1 Bed, 1.5 Bath Cabin, Spacious Loft. Gas FP. **50.00 Valley Subdivision. Some Restrictions. Beautiful wooded setting. \$389,000.00.**

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

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

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

SGR337A 2.79 Acres, w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin. Wood Ceiling, Paneled walls, LP heat. 8'x8' outbuilding, Well, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$429,000.00 ~~\$419,999.00~~ REDUCED \$99,900.00.**

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

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

SGR302A "The Hollow" Restaurant, fully furnished, at the corner of US RT 220/US RT 33W, Franklin. Property adjoins neighboring motel. **~~\$425,000.00~~ ~~\$329,999.00~~ REDUCED \$299,999.00 REDUCED \$229,000.00.**

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

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

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