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Eligible participants will come from those

enrolled in the WV Works program, part of

which distributes funds from the the Tem-

porary Assistance for Needy Families. Many

of these participants also qualify for food

stamps and Medicaid. SPOKES represents

a vital part of the WV Works mission, which

includes, as the website states "educational

programs including assessment, vocational

training, college, job skills related to employ-

ment, and education related to employment."

EPIC and the West Virginia Department

of Human Services to help ensure that the

The Franklin FSC will host the program to

help those with limited access to transporta-

tion and cannot get to the "brick and mortar

facility" in Moorefield. Holmes noted that

SPOKES clients would have a particularly

Holmes also shared that SPOKES "is the

brainchild of Tina Faber." Faber serves as

director of the Division of Family Support,

Bureau of Family Assistance in the Depart-

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tough time getting there.

ment of Human Services.

program has the best possible impact.

Eastern Action will serve as a partner with

SPOKES Program Teams Up with Pendleton County Family Support Center for Adult Education Opportunities

By Stephen Smoot

Although many parts of West Virginia still offer valuable opportunities for jobs and careers, many who would benefit still find barriers in their path. Sometimes that comes in the form of lacking skills needed to break into an in-demand position. Others find that they need to develop interpersonal communication skills to even get consideration in the first place.

Unfilled opportunities also mean longer waits for needed business services, such as health care, home construction or refurbishing, and automobile repair. Those not filling them also miss out on establishing a career in which they can thrive and support a family.

The Eastern Panhandle Instructional Cooperative supports the State's educational system and needs in this section of West Virginia. EPIC serves Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Monongalia, Morgan, Pendleton and Tyler counties, as well as the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind and multi-county vocational centers.

As John Holmes, regional adult education coordinator for EPIC explains, a new program will help to provide tools and skills for adults to find workforce success. That program bears the name Strategic Planning for Occupational Knowledge and Employment Success, shortened to SPOKES.

"The end result of the program is for clients to become employed and independent,"



Anthony Bonner from Eastern Action, Edna Mullenax from the Pendleton County Family Support Center, John Holmes from EPIC and Jenny Tingler from Eastern Action discussed the details of implementing the SPOKES program in Franklin in the near future.

shared Holmes.

Pendleton County Chamber Honors Business

And Community Leadership at Annual Dinner

Eastern Action's Family Support Center in Franklin will serve as the host site while the SPOKES team at EPIC will administer the program. That includes participant vetting and selection. Neither Eastern Action nor its Family Support Center will recruit or enroll individuals into the program at this point.

Starlight Stage Makes Its Big Debut in Saturday Shindig



Bob Horan, Franklin mayor, cuts the ribbon on Starlight Stage.

By Stephen Smoot

It started with the slightest of hiccups as the musical accompaniment for the evening found himself "in the middle of the holler somewhere," but ended on notes of harmony as all enjoyed the music from Jonathan Zinn and food prepared by Deans Gap Farms and also Wild Yarrow.

Thorn Spring Park, a facility alive and welcoming throughout the summer. In the cool shade of the valley walls, pleasant temperatures allowed for an enjoyable experience for all.

Kristen Dingess, chair of the board for the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce welcomed all. She explained that the leadership had gone through a transition during the summer with the departure of Elizabeth Scott, executive director. Dingess then praised her colleagues on what she called "a very working board."

Dingess explained some changes that chamber members should expect in the coming months, starting with a new executive director. The search continues as they hone in on a leader to continue the recent successes of the organi-

They also offered a QR code through which members could communicate ideas.

Another change announced was the intention to move the Christmas celebration from a community building centered



Town Parking Lot To Be Closed **During TMF**

The Town of Franklin is reminding the public that the town parking lot will be closed starting at 5 p.m. on Sept. 17 and will remain closed until 3 p.m. Sept. 21 for Treasure Mountain Festival.



leadership, the highest individual award conferred by the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce.

event back to Main Street in Franklin. Dingess also shared what the chamber intended to keep doing, such as its popular treasure hunt for the Treasure Mountain Festival.

She asked for suggestions "to make it worth your money" and once again thanked her "really great board."

Over 60 enjoyed the dinner and fellowship. After giving away 12 floral arrangements as door prizes, the awards portion of the dinner took place.

Chelsey Simmons, who joined the chamber board as well, received the Young Professional of the Year Award. Awardees under the age of 45 made their mark through "outstanding performance in leadership, team building, and community networking." Simmons parleyed her success in pageantry with efforts to introduce dental health to children statewide.

Next the chamber honored Historic McCoy House Bed and Breakfast as the small business of the year. After many months of dedicated work, Jared and Katie Van-Meter welcomed guests to stay for the first time this year. They also use the mansion for community events year round to help add to the many charms Pendleton County has

Experience Learning took home the honor for non profit of the year. This rewards an organization "that is providing

outstanding service through meeting community needs."

Nicole Marsh earned the Outstanding Volunteer Award for her constant work supporting multiple organizations. The award goes to an individual who is "devoted to the community and has served tirelessly for the betterment

The chamber confers its Cornerstone Award as its most significant honor granted to a business or organization. Pendleton Senior and Family Services, after a difficult year in which they battled both funding cuts and wicked weather, earned the Cornerstone Award for 2025. "Their business and employee practices," says the Chamber "are geared towards involvement and increasing not only their own profitability, but also the quality of life and economic well-being of the community.

Finally, Jennifer Taylor-Ide received the highest honor given to an individual in the community. The Carole Hartman Memorial Award goes to the individual who best exemplifies the example set by Hartman in her career of ser vice to the Pendleton County community. According to the chamber "this award goes to an upstanding individual who people look to for guidance. They are known for taking charge in a way that lifts others up and encourages team

By Stephen Smoot

On an unseasonably cool and cloudy, but still very pleasant Saturday afternoon, Warner's Drive In and its supporters celebrated a dream almost a decade in the

Its board advertised a community party, but provided a cultural event. During the course of the day, hundreds came and went. They saw the performers of Raymond's Gymnastics and the Little Switzerland Cloggers. Cathy Milton provided stories of family history and local heritage. Then came music from the Now and Then band, the Jesse Milnes Band, and the headliners, Robin and Linda Williams.

In between the attractions, the board of directors took the time to celebrate the stage and thank the supporters who made it possible

Just before the presentation, Milton pre-

sented stories about figures and families from Pendleton County's past. She wore a period dark colored dress and displayed beside her what she referred to as a "living quilt," started by her ancestor in 1835.

Between 50 and 60 gathered in the tent close to the stage. Perhaps just as many perused the vendors and other exhibits about 40 yards up the hill. Between the two masses of adults, children ran happily, playing ball and enjoying the day.

"We have a wonderful community here," exclaimed Milton, who added that she "is humbled and honored at the chance to speak

Then Bob Davis from the board herded those to be thanked onto the stage and informed the crowd "we're going to cut a ribbon and make it official, then go right into the music." He called playfully, "All you people hiding behind the curtains, it's time to come

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Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Announces Changes Related to Participation in Local Recreation

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department announced two changes in how they will take part in community recreation and celebration.

First, they stated that they will not operate the food stand for the Treasure Mountain Festival as they have been. Said the FVFD in a release that "our main goal is to provide fast, skilled, and adequate response to calls for service.'

One of the conditions created by TMF is a temporarily expanded population. A festival atmosphere features fun and that plus thousands more people means that "our call volume has the potential to grow each TMF weekend." Providing a consistent level making it difficult to operate.

of first response service inevitably pulls department volunteers from the food stand, Additionally, "we emphasize the importance of family and many of our members have other family obligations related to the festival." All that said, FVFD said it will

review this decision in 2026 and determine

if the stand should return at that point. FVFD will continue to do "our annual boot drive/bucket shake Saturday" and have more fundraisers planned in the coming

Though not stated in the release, Pendleton County officials in recent years have sounded the alarm about the decreasing number of young people joining the fire service and emergency medical services in

As the role of the FVFD diminishes somewhat during TMF, the organization also announced plans for "a more predictable and enhanced" lawn party for 2026.

County volunteer fire departments and other emergency services in Pendleton County rely on lawn parties to raise funds for needs. The FVFD will hold its 2026 lawn party on July 3 and 4, also "taking control of the event schedule."

A release from the department stated that "we anticipate a greater turnout for the 4th" and "the event will feature fireworks, along with various other activities, and we look forward to seeing everyone there this year."

OBITUARIES



William "Bill" Berlie Huffman

William "Bill" Berlie Huffman, 82, of McDowell, Virginia, passed away Sept. 3, 2025, at his home.

He was born June 10, 1943, in McDowell, Virginia. a son of the late William Rankin and Alma Virginia (Bodkin) Huffman.

A community pillar, Mr. Huffman was a charter member of the McDowell Volunteer Fire Department and started the department's Maple Festival fundraiser, their "famous sought-after chicken." Additionally, he was a former past president and member of the Stonewall Ruritan Club, as well as the Highland County Fair Associa-

He had worked as a surveyor for Virginia Department of Transportation, and worked at Smith Transfer Company before being elected as the treasurer of Highland County in 1972. He was re-elected for seven additional terms, officially retiring in 2003. In his retirement, he enjoyed keeping an eye on his cattle and feeding his many cats. However, his favorite hobby, was simply "his grandchildren and greatgrandchildren." Above all,

he will be remembered for his down-to-earth personality, his willingness to help anyone, and his infectious

On Dec. 4, 1964, he married Maxine Jamison, who predeceased him in death March 1, 2014.

Surviving are his children, Teresa Lynn Gwin and companion, Bill Will of Blue Grass, Virginia, Michael Jamison and wife, Lisa of Movers, Billy D. Campbell of Radcliff, Kentucky, and Debra J. Young of Cloverport, Kentucky; a "special daughter," Lois White of Monterey, Virginia; a sister, Joy Daggy and husband, Tom of Mount Solon, Virginia; grandsons, Jonathan Gwin and Ashley of Warm Springs, Virginia, and Hannah, all of Mc-Dowell, Virginia, Cody and Chris Campbell of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and Steven and Aaron Young of Cloverport, Kentucky; and 10 great-grandchildren.

death by a brother, James H. Huffman; and a sister, Barbara Braden.

Funeral Home in McDowell, Virginia, with Rev. Kathryn A. Hull officiating. Burial followed in McKendree Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John and Jack Bodkin, Steve Wild Turkey Federation and White, Craig Smith, Steven Dickey, and Rodney Via.

Honorary pallbearers were his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to McKendree Cemetery, c/o Sandy Botkin, 215 Doe Hill Road, McDowell, VA 24465.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.obaugh funeral.com.

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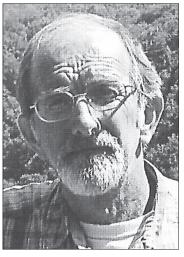
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Randall Blake Champ

Randall "Randy" Blake Champ, 80, of Arthur entered the Gates of Heaven on Sept. 3, 2025, at the Grant Rehab and Care Center in Petersburg.

He was born on June 8, Shaun Gwin and Josh Gwin 1945, in Mouth of Seneca at North Fork Mountain, the son of the late John Robert and Ruth (Miller) Champ.

Mr. Champ was a 1964 graduate of Circleville High School and a 1969 graduate of Shepherd University He was also preceded in with a bachelor's degree in

He began teaching in the Petersburg School System A funeral service was for two years and retired held Monday at Obaugh from American Woodmark as a manager after 36 years

He was a member of the Brick Covenant Brethren Church, the National Rifle Association and the National was an avid hunter.

He was known as a kind, loving family man who will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

On May 26, 1974, he married Pearl Ann (Shockey) Champ, who preceded him in death on April 29, 2021.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory two sons, Pastor Shawn Champ (Jennifer) and Adam Champ, all of Maysville; two sisters, Aretha Kees (Tom) of Fairmont and Darlene Tustin (David) of Maysville; a brother, Danny Champ of Seneca Rocks; and a granddaughter, Allison Champ.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Myron Lyle Champ.

held on Sunday at Brick Covenant Brethren Church Shawn Champ officiating tion in Staunton, Virginia. and Pastors Randy Cosner Interment was at the Bethel Cemetery in Old Fields.

Memorials may be made to Louella Hoover. the Brick Covenant Brethren Church, 11191 Lunice Creek John Hagee Ministries (https://www.jhm.org/donate), or the NRA (https://donate.nra. org/donate).

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

Arrangements were under the direction of the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg.



William Ray "Bill" Hoover

William Ray "Bill" Hoover, 80, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfa-Funeral services were ther and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on Sept. 02, 2025, at Staunton in Maysville with Pastor Post Acute and Rehabilita-

Born Aug. 07, 1945, at and Ted Anderson assisting. home in Sugar Grove, he was the son of the late William W. Hoover "Pap" and

Following his high school graduation in 1963, Mr. Hwy., Maysville, WV 26833, Hoover moved to Maryland to begin his career in the Houff Rd., Weyers Cave, construction field. He con-

tinued in the construction field, raising his family, until he retired in 2012.

Though he has departed this world, his love for his family, friends, and golf will continue to inspire all of those who were fortunate

to know him. He met his wife, Linda, at Franklin High School, and the two married on March 29, 1963. They recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

In addition to his beloved wife, Linda (Armentrout) Hoover, he is survived by a sister, Elaine Rexrode; a brother, Bruce Hoover and wife, Barbara; three sons, Ricky Hoover and wife, Joanne, Greg Hoover and wife, Gayle, and Fred Hoover and wife, Tracy; six grandchildren, Callie, Cory, Kristin, Billy, Brittney, and Nick; and currently seven great-grandchildren.

Final arrangements are to be determined.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to Weyers Cave United Methodist Church, 228

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FHS Classmates of 1960 Gather for Reunion



Sixteen members of Franklin High School class of 1960 attended their 65th year reunion on July 27 at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Attending the reunion were, from left, seated, Richard Bennett; first row, Nancy Hevener Dahmer, Kathleen Moyers Eye, Judy Eckard Rader, Inga Dahmer Kile, Norma Judy Brown, Louise Nesselrodt Pence and Phyllis Miller McCleaf; and second row, Catherine Thorn Lantz, Ernie Dotson, Maxine Propst Miller, Lorena Bodkin Hoover, Steve Conrad, Carl Kimble, Donald Simmons and Linda Burgoyne Ralston.

FHS Graduates of 1966 Meet for Reunion



The Franklin High School Class of 1966 met on July 12 at the home of Bill and Sue Pennybacker in Deer Run. There were 15 classmates in attendance. Also attending were three spouses, Carroll Thompson, Ralph Mitchell, and Sue Pennybacker, two daughters, Suzanne Stewart and Stephanie Adkins, and classmate friend, Rodney Butler. Classmates attending were, from left, first row, Elizabeth Bolton Bodkin, Thelma Pitsenbarger Thompson, Trudy Thompson Cooper, Linda Hevener Stewart, Loretta Hedrick Crider, and Sharon Kimble Scott; second row, Patricia Wilfong Bodkin, Nancy Mitchell Blankenship, and Sue Sponaugle Mitchell; and third row, Gailand Hartman, Dan Conrad, Bill Pennybacker, Linda Moyers Propst, Jim Kile, and Glenn Riggleman.



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30 Years Ago Week of September 7, 1995

Ancient Village Found In 'Dig' at Seneca Rocks

Seneca Rocks in Pendleton County is a major tourist attraction today.

But that's nothing new. The area has been attracting people for 10,000 to 12,000 years and probably longer.

Archaeologists conducting a dig this summer in a field in front of Seneca Rocks unearthed artifacts that date back ten to twelve thousand years ago.

"This shows that people were here thousands of years ago," exclaimed David Landis of Fresoil, Michigan, archaeologist in charge of an environmental investigation of the site.

"But that is not surprising," Landis said. "This is a perfect location for people to gather. It is the confluence of two streams which are natural pathways for human travel, and it is the crossroads of five trails into a beautiful location. We know people were here in historic and pre-historic times, but we don't know whether the area was occupied year round, or whether it was just a seasonal place of residence," Landis mused. "It has been thought that this was a site for nomadic Indians, not a permanent residential site." The dig which began April

and first expected to last only three weeks, is still in progress. Shortly after the dig started, workers uncovered stone tools, pottery and animal and fish bones.

Landis told an audience of 35 or 40 persons at a meeting of the Pendleton County Historical Society August 27 that portions of three separate villages, two with palisades around them were found. These date back only to 700 or 800 years ago.

The villages were identified by post hole stains. After removing the top 12 to 15 inches of disturbed soil with a bulldozer, the workers handscraped the surface of the ground to reveal undisturbed soil. If a post has been in the ground, it will leave a round dark colored stain in the adjacent soil. By identifying these stains, it is possible to determine the location of structures that were there hundreds of years ago.

In the Seneca Rocks dig, more than 2,000 post hole stains were found, 1500 of which were pre-historic. Post hole stains formed elliptical patterns 30 to 40 feet long and approximately 20 feet wide. These indicate the location of a building. There were eight buildings in a cluster, and three clusters of buildings were found. Post hole stains also revealed the presence of palisades around two of the clusters.

Landis said it is his opinion that the villages were not occupied more than 35 years, partly because the patterns were so clear, indicating that they were not there long

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The archaeologist said they found fragments of pottery and that he believes they were making pottery there because they found pits in a row containing pottery fragments. He said they found no remnants of grains or vegetables such as corn or beans which would have indicated that they were cultivating food, but they did find a lot of nut shells.

Other artifacts were found in locations away from the site of the villages. A fire pit was found at one place, and a cache of 59 tool blanks at another. Many spear points were found that probably were for use on thrusting or throwing spears.

A preliminary investigation of the visitor center construction site revealed evidence that the site had been occupied by Native Americans, but no one expected the scope of what the dig has uncovered.

The dig was conducted only in areas that will be disturbed by the construction of the new visitor center and the parking lot. Other adjoining areas which undoubtedly would reveal other evidence of pre-historic occupation will not be excavated because of the cost

SUGAR GROVE

Canning Vegetables Is Way of Life In Pendleton County

This summer has become a bookmark in our memories. Although the summer has been extremely hot, the gardens have done very well. Gardening and canning goods is not only a hobby or pastime, but a necessity and a way of life. Even though we can go to the grocery store and purchase canned products and produce, there really is nothing that tastes better than a nurtured tomato that has ripened in the sun, and ready for a sharp knife and a sprinkle of salt. How about an ear of corn that is pulled off the stalk and cooked five minutes later? Nothing tastes as good as home frozen or canned green beans. There really is no satisfaction like knowing that one has raised the produce from one's own labor, harvested and stored for snowy days.

40 Years Ago Week of September 12,

Chinese Delegation To Study Rural Life In Pendleton County

Six members of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation in China are coming to Pendleton County September 15 for a four-day visit to study the local community.

The Soong Ching Ling Foundation is the only private foundation in China. Madame Soong Ching Ling, wife of Sun Yet Ling, was very interested in programs for women and children. The foundation, established in

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her memory, funds special projects for children.

The group will be in the United States for three weeks. During that time they will visit the Rockefeller and Robert Wood Johnson Foundations, and two communities, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Pendleton County.

The purpose of their trip is to learn how foundations operate in the United States and to see how American communities work together to meet the needs of their community. During their stay, they will see Pendleton Community Care, Wee School Nursery, Pendleton Nursing Home, Pendleton County Library, Woodlands Institute, Pendleton County Schools, and they will talk with the county extension agent.

The members of the group are very much interested in learning more about Americans and how they live. They will be staying in people's homes and will be walking around town. Many of them know English, so feel free to say hello.

Organization Formed To Preserve Old Wayside Inn

The North Fork Historical Society, Inc., has been formed to preserve the old Wayside Inn located at Seneca Rocks in Pendleton County.

Located on grounds acquired by the U. S. Government near the Seneca Rocks Visitors Center, the old log house was built in the mid-1800s and according to area residents, was used as an ordinary tavern prior to and during the Civil War.

Research indicates that it has significance in the area's transportation history, and its architecture is representative of mountain culture in the last century.

Descendants of the late William Sites, who was the first owner of the inn, and other area residents have been granted permission by the U. S. Forest Service to

stabilize the structure.

The North Fork Historical and Cultural Society, Inc., has been organized and members are now being solicited.

70 Years Ago Week of September 8, 1955

Dr. Sites Moves To New Office Building

Dr. Charles J. Sites has moved his medical offices to his new building east of the Pendleton County Bank building

Dr. Sites began work on the new brick two-story building last winter and has just completed the structure. He moved his offices into the first story of the building

August 29.
Dr. H. Byrd Teter's dental offices are located on the second floor of the building.

EDITORIALS

Way Back Yonder ---

On page "five" of this edition of the "Times" is a poem which gives a good description of the Town of Franklin and its residents in the year 1873. One can hardly read this poem without becoming interested in Franklin and wondering about its history prior to that date.

As a matter of fact, Franklin was already 79 years old when this poem was written. As early as December 19, 1794, an act of the Virginia Legislature designated it a town under the name of Franklin, although it had previously been known as Frankfort. However, the name of Frankfort could not be used because the legislature had designated a town by that name in Hampshire County in 1788.

The legislative act designating the town also name ten trustees. They were Joseph Arbaugh, Jacob Conrad, James Dyer, Sr., John Hopkins, Peter Hull, Joseph Johnson, William McCoy, Oliver McCoy, James Patterson and John Roberts. By another act dated Christmas day, 1800, the trustees were authorized to make and establish legal regulations for protecting property from fire, for keeping hogs from running at large, to prohibit the galloping and racing of horses in streets and alleys and preserving good order

The first residents on the site which is now Franklin appear to have been Francis and George Evick who surveyed 160 acres of land on the left bank of the South Branch in 1769. George Evick built a log house on the east side of the river at the mouth of what is now known as Evick Gap, and Francis located near a spring back of the present Franklin Volunteer Fire Company building

In June of 1788 the first county court of Pendleton met at the house of Captain Stratton at what is now Ruddle and decided to locate the county seat on the Evick farm. Within a few weeks after the action of the county court, Francis Evick laid off a town site along the foot of the ridge above his meadows covering an area of 46-1/2 acres. In contrast to the haphazard way in which many towns grow, Franklin was laid off in a methodical manner which does credit to

all who had a part in it.

Shortly thereafter George Evick sold his interest in the 160 acres to Francis for 250 pounds (\$833.33), and on that same day Robert Davis, the sheriff, bought the first building lot containing 1/2 acre for the sum of 5 pounds or \$16.67. The population of Franklin grew steadily and by 1800 it had increased to almost 100.

In 1834, after the town had had an authorized existence of forty years, there were two stores, two tan yards, three saddlers, two carpenters, two shoemakers, two blacksmiths, one gunsmith, one tailor, one hatter, and one cabinet and chair maker. The professions were represented by two attorneys and one physician. There were also a school, a temperance and Bible society.

In 1910 Oren F. Morton wrote in his Pendleton County History that "Franklin in its present guise is one of the handsomest of the small towns of West Virginia," a statement which applies as well today as it did in 1910.

80 Years Ago Week of September 7, 1945

Marines Tell Pacific's Number 1 Fish Story

Fish stories are generally tall stories, but two Marines who landed on Iheya island in the Ryukyus recently have an unusual fish story to tell—and it's true.

Shortly after the unopposed landing on this mile-long island, dwindling food supplies prompted marine officials to permit the island's fishermen to make a fishing jaunt inside the reef which parallels the shoreline, Staff Sgt. Bob Hillburn reports.

Once fairly out in the water, the group divided into two parties. Each pair of craft rigged up a net between them and then the swimmers, stripped to loin cloths, went over the sides.

Then—and this is the fish story part—the swimmers, by their antics actually drove the fish into the nets.

105 Years Ago Week of September 10, 1920

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There is telephone service this summer at the Fresh Air Camp of Charleston's Union Mission, and Patrick Withrow, the superintendent, has found that it doesn't always require money to do things, if the cause is worthy and the need is great.

The Union Mission Summer Camp is located on Nonable Branch about three miles and a half outside of Charleston. It provides fresh air and fun and healthful recreation for about sixty needy youngsters who would otherwise spend the hot summer months in the city without ever a taste of the country's green coolness.

Telephone service was one of the necessary requisites at the camp, but the camp was not within reach of any existing telephone line and building a mile or two of connecting line is an expensive project. The cost was nearly a thousand dollars—far beyond the means of the Mission.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Next week is the Treasure Mountain Festival in Franklin. A couple days later is the first day of fall.

This Saturday is the first day of squirrel season. Sept. 27 is the first day of bow and arrow hunting for deer and bear.

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, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Neal Eye, Donald Burns, Ruth Bauer, Rick Waggy, Anna Mauzy, Gloria Moats, Ruthalene Judy, Frankie Judy, David Berg, Tim and Dee McCormick, Jim Judy, Jessie Simmons, Minny Rhoads, Larry Rexrode, Troy Bennett, Jim Fawley, Tom and Judy Borror, Bob and Brenda Sites, Judith Ours, Nancy and Toney George, David M. Hartman, George Hevener, Tonya Simon, Danny Nelson, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Tom Butterworth, Sherry Hedrick, Bobby Parsons, Robert Bennett, Rick Phares, Virgil "Bub" Yokum, Hannah Hedrick, Barbara Judy Harman, John Moyers, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Chuck Hiett, Betty Smith, Gretta Pope, Chase Shepke, Woody and Libby Hoover, Sherry Chambers, Ginger Kimble, Kaylee Bennett, Bruce Lambert, Paul Mallow, David Smith and the

Bill Huffman family.
Prayer thought: "Dear Father, your creation speaks of your splendor and power. Please help me trust You

when life feels overwhelming."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Sept. 1 through Sept. 7 were as follows: Sept. 1 - 74°, 43° (75°, 64°, .78"), Sept. 2 - 73°, 45° (73°, 57°, .01"), Sept. 3 - 79°, 48° (69°, 45°), Sept. 4 - 73°, 54°, .22" (73°, 44°), Sept. 5 - 84°, 55° (77°, 45°), Sept. 6 - 76°, 63° (80°, 44°) and Sept. 7 - 71°, 46° (71°, 58°).

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Community Will Miss Influence of Century Old Inhabitant

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Virginia Octavia Hively Propst was a fixture at the Sinnett Lane Grocery, a hub of the community, which was built by her husband, Dillon, and opened in 1948, with proprietors, Ruth and Kathy following. She was born Feb. 12, 1923, in Malta, Montana, the fourth of eight children to the late Loy Eston and Estella Wilhelmina Sibert Hively. She returned to the South Fork when she was five years old.

Virginia married Dillon Propst at the parsonage at Sinnett's Lane with Rev. Kullman performing the ceremony. She graduated in 1941 from Franklin High School, and soon after she had Virginia Ruth and Eston Wayne. Her working career included the woolen mill in Cleveland, Ohio, a shirt factory making military uniforms for World War I, waitressing at the Star Motel Restaurant and making the store her top priority.

She had a green thumb, becoming an avid gardener, planting vegetables, fruits and dahlias, saving seed for the following year's yield. Her cellar was always filled with canned goods. Well known for her baking skills, folks looked forward to her dumplings, pot pie, bread, buckwheat cakes, cruellers, and fried cheese to name a few of her delicacies.

Virginia was community oriented. She served as an emergency medical technician for the South Fork Rescue Squad and spending monthly time at Pendleton Manor to share fellowship in song and visitation. The Chrismons which adorn the St. John Christmas tree came to be due to her streamlining a production force which included her family, and church family. The quilt ministry, which continues to this day, came to be due to Virginia's interest in organizing this activity. When she was unable to participate at church, the quilting activity continued in her home where she knotted even up to her late 90s. Church was a center point in her life and she was a very valued member of the St. John congregation. There were very few Sundays she missed attending and that would have been due to illness or other complications.

Virginia and Dillon loved to have a good time and laughter would often be accompanied with that. They very much enjoyed playing Rook into the late hours on a Saturday night. Family was a high priority in her life. She enjoyed keeping close contact with her relatives, and delighted with reunions and

Surviving her are three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, (with their respective spouses) and two great-greatgrandchildren, all of whom she was very proud.

Virginia would smile at the sound of the following song,

"I'd stay in the garden with Him Tho' the night around me be falling, but He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe His voice to me is calling. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His Own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known."

Sympathy is extended to the family during this difficult time. Life's little instructions to make the day better include the

- 1. No matter a persons' age, it's never okay to speak disrespectfully to one's parents.
- 2. Put the phone down.
- 3. Shut the refrigerator door.
- 4. Get regular checkups
- 5. Be thankful for every meal.

Monday morning temperatures took a sharp dip to 38 degrees. Time to get the warm clothing out. Hummingbirds will be wending down to their southern home. Hold off cleaning their feeders to make sure they have actually left.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Catch a wave and you're sitting on top of the world." — the



Two 1941 Franklin High School graduates, Carrie Virginia Pitsenbarger Schulz (Nov. 12, 1923 – Jan. 4, 2020), left, and Virginia Octavia Hively Propst (Feb. 12, 1923 - Sept. 1, 2025) are pictured. The two remained friends ever since Virginia came to live on the South Fork when she was five. They attended church and school together.

Beach Boys

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." — Martin Luther

"I looked up my family tree and found out I was the sap." -Rodney Dangerfield

"I never ran my train off the tracks, and I never lost a passenger." — Harriet Tubman "You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist." — Indira

Sitting by the porch swing is the place to hear the Talk of

the Grove. Rhonda and Helen Nash had a quiet celebration in honor

of Rhonda's birthday last week. The "main event" consisted of barbecued St. Louis-style ribs and one of Linda Rexrode's peanut butter pies. It was a perfect celebration after a busy day of yardwork. Helen and Rhonda Nash enjoyed a throng of visitors over

Labor Day weekend as they hosted an Owens family gathering (Helen's side of their family tree). Nashland was filled with hugs and laughter, the sounds of music, cornhole, Kan Jam, the delicious aromas of grilling, a "groaning board" of wonderful food, and the warmth of their new firepit. More than 30 family members came from West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina to celebrate some special time together.

Bill and Donna Arrington went to Morgantown to babysit their youngest grandsons and really enjoyed it. Evan and Ally went to the Mountaineer game.

Eddie Rader of Davis visited last Tuesday in the home of Willard and Judy Rader.

Eldon Puffenbarger is in Morgantown. He had surgery to repair a broken leg and ankle after suffering a fall last Wednes-

Phil Downs received a good health report when visiting with his cardiologist, this week. He motored Saturday to Romney for a wedding, returning Sunday This week's clickety-clacks for the chin waggers are as follows:

- Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, and Vermont stand with bans on billboard advertising. The rule keeps their landscapes pristine, promotes safer roads, and preserves the scenic beauty that draws visitors from around the world.
 - Pitcairn Island has a population of 50 people.
 - Barbados boasts of 80 stunning white beaches.
 - Iceland is the safest country in the world.
- ·St. Croix has flown seven different flags before being sold to the United States.

The remaining September birthdays include Lucinda Harper, ninth; Brittany Lehman, 16th; Sarah Hedrick, 17th; Bill Rexrode, 18th; Travis Beachler, 19th; Neva Rexrode, Jason Smith and Beth Moyers, 21st; Tammy Ruddle, 22nd; Woody Hoover, 23rd; Ruthalene May and Roy Roberson, 24th; Robin Evick, 25th; Charles Anderson, 26th; Jim Kile and Emily and K.J. Simmons, 27th; Debbie Sites and Justin Bowers, 28th; Tammy Lambert, Julia Homan, Ann Kiser and Chase Owens, 29th; and Morgan Hoover, Chuck Frame and Vickie Rawley, 30th.

Concerns are as follows: Mike Adams, Charles Anderson, Joan Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave Basagic, Allen Beachler, "Bo" Boggs, Larry Byers, Joyce Calhoun, Marie Cole, Stanley Dahmer, Kim Davis, 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, the family of Morgan Hedrick, Chuck and Tracy Hiett, Jim Hiner, Evan Hise, Tim Hively, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Julia Homan, the family of Bill Hoover, Delbert Olin Hoover, Keith Hoover, the family of Maxine Hoover, Debbie Horst, the Bill Huffman family, Bob and Cynthia Hurry, Mike and Lisa Jamison, 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, Paul Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Audree Marsh, Anna Mauzy, Ed May, Gene and Joan McConnell, Gary McDonald, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tom and Brandon Mitchell, the family of Thomas "Harvey" Jerry Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, Jim Moats, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Dwight Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryle Paine, Terri Parker, Andy Pond, Wayne Price, Janice Propst, Alda Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, the Virginia Propst family, Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger, the family of Matthew Putz, 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, Ed and Carolyn Smith, Natalie Stephenson, Tina Stuben, Steve Stump, the family of Patrica Swecker, Linda and Larry Vandevander, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Estelle and Don Wagner, Mary Louise Waldschlager, the family of Amby Waybright, Jr., Mike Waybright, Rene White, Sherry Wilfong, Judy Williams and

Guild Seeking Quilts, **Needlework for TMF Show**

Ann and Ed Wimer.

Sew and Sews Quilt Guild proudly presents the 2025 Treasure Mountain Quilt Show, featuring quilts and needlework items by area residents and members of the guild. The quilt show will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 19 and 20 and from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 21. The quilt show will close for the parade on Sept. 20 and open again after the parade. The display and needlework demonstrations will be located in the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. Holly Hubbs will present a hand spinning demonstration during the quilt show. The Dulcimer Dames will be performing from 4 to 6 p.m.

Quilters and needle crafters from Pendleton and surrounding counties are encouraged to enter the show. Membership in the guild is not a requirement for entry. The show will be judged and ribbons will be awarded.

Participants can enter the following categories: handquilted quilts, machine-quilted quilts, knotted comforters, antique knotted comforters, antique crazy quilts, baby quilts, small, medium and large wall hangings, lap quilts, whole cloth hand quilted quilts, quilted household items (i.e. pot holders, table runners, placemats), wearable art (i.e. quilted vests and purses), hand-quilted applique quilts, cross stitched quilts, embroidered quilts, embroidery, crocheted and knitted afghan, crocheted and knitted miscellaneous items, printed cross stitch, counted cross stitch, crazy quilts (not antique), miscellaneous needlecraft and antique miscellaneous items.

Youth categories are open to anyone 18 years of age or younger. Youth categories are as follows: knotted comforters, hand-quilted quilts, machine quilted quilts, wall hangings, pieced pillows, needlework and knitted and crocheted items.

Many quilts are family heirlooms, handed down from generation to generation. Each quilt has a story to tell and reflects the style of the era in which it was made. The entries in the show revive the past and inspire many to carry on this tradition for the next generation. As the items on display in the quilt show represent

untold hours of craftsmanship, great care is taken to keep them in top condition. No food or drink is allowed in the display area. Items cannot be touched, but an attendant (wearing white gloves) can show the back of items if anyone requests. Items to be displayed and judged may be brought to

the community building from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 17 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 18. They may be items that a person has made or heirlooms handed down in one's family. Participants will fill out a registration form and a ticket for each item. A receipt stub will be given to participants that must be presented when the item is picked up after the show. If there is a history or story of interest about a quilt please jot it down and bring that along. Items must be picked up from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. on Sept. 21 unless prior arrangements have been made.

Don't miss this beautiful display of local "Crown Jewels of Appalachia."

'Students Managing Very Well' with State Mandated Personal Electronic Devices Policy

By Stephen Smoot

"Almighty God, we thank You for the young folks that are here tonight and their accomplishments so far," prayed J. D. Wilkins, Pendleton County Board of Education president, as he delivered the customary invocation.

As the first meeting of the month of September got underway, the board recognized Leah Nesselrodt, Mason Di-Falco, Breena Bowers, and Jonas Turner. They earned outstanding scores during the West Virginia SAT School Day assessments. The state sees this event as the 11th grade "general summative assessment for high school." Nesselrodt had the top

scores in reading, writing and mathematics. DiFalco enjoyed the second highest tallies. Bowers scored second in mathematics and third highest in reading and writing while Turner earned third in math. Derek Lambert, incoming

principal of Pendleton County Middle/High School, added

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Board members praised the students and staff, saying, "Great job guys. Keep up the good work. After the good news, more

good news came as J. P. Mowery delivered the treasurer's, then financial report. The Aug. 31 balance, with tax receipts rising into September, was reported at \$2,397,821.12, after subtracting "some set asides to cover the August payroll."

He also reported the yearto-date interest rate, 4.44 percent, had led to just under \$10,000 collected since the start of the fiscal year. Mowery related that Pendleton County Schools enjoyed a higher interest rate on its accounts than other counties. One county's accounts only collected 2.5 percent interest. Bills for August totaled

\$481,991.96. Just over \$9,300 went to Baker-based Lost River Meats to supply beef. As per usual, Mowery

shared that financials remained in good shape, but that headwinds from different areas, such as a decline in grant and other types of funding, could put pressure on the school system in the future. Travis Heavner reported

on the facilities, starting with "we do have some air conditioning issues." As he explained in a previous meeting, the summertime patterns of use put added stress on HVAC systems, which often require maintenance work by August. Problems popped up in the middle/high school, Franklin

Elementary School, and also Families can have these chilthe central office. dren "opt to use a different

Damage to the Harold Mi-

chael Building should soon be completed. Heavner shared that the masonry had been replaced. Metal and ceiling tile will be installed next.

He then noted that the school system had applied for a grant from the state to help with work at both the middle/ high school and Brandywine Elementary School. Finally, he assured all that "we are working on the sound system at the high school." It performed somewhat inconsistently during the opening varsity football game at Franklin.

Nicole Hevener, Pendleton County Schools superintendent, put before the board two different memorandum of understanding agreements. The first outlined a partnership with Home Base Inc., a provider of mental health services. Though they prefer to work in home, they can also operate at the school if needed. Pendleton County Schools

has no financial obligation as a result of this MOU. Another MOU established cooperation with Best Life Therapy, which provides occupational therapy. The superintendent ex-

plained too that cameras now record the special education area environment. This comes on the heels of abuse cases in places like Berkeley County. The bathroom nearest this classroom has an audio moni-

tor in case of emergency with a special needs student. Hevener stated that the school system must notify both staff and family of the presence of recording devices.

bathroom" if uncomfortable

with the safety measure. Board members heard an

update about North Fork Elementary School since opening day. Lisa Roberson, school principal, shared her appreciation with the superintendent's emphasis on "positivity" and its beneficial effect on staff and students. Additionally, she thanked the board for help with the Harold Michael Building repairs. Lambert stated that "home-

coming preparations are underway. It is on Sept. 26." He shared that it was a little early compared to most years. He also informed the board of "how well the cell phone policy is going." He referred to the policy required by the state that bans student possession of personal electronic devices, including cell phones, in a classroom during educational "The students are managing very well," he said with pride.

Wilkins added that he'd heard no problems reported as well. Sonny O'Neil, board member, remarked, "There are good surprises sometimes." Hevener in the period for superintendent's comments

discussed the need for regular discussions on data, building on the focus established in recent years. "Data discussions" will help the information to tell its story both individually and collectively. She also noted the importance of the school system remaining transparent and cited efforts through The Pendleton Times and social media to keep the

public informed. She will also continue to engage leadership at the state

level on issues of importance

to Pendleton County schools.

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Wildcats Big Plays Top Cougars' Determination in 57-36 Win

By Stephen Smoot

The casual fan may look at the 21-point win by Pendleton County over rival East Hardy and assume that the home team had little trouble dispatching the visitors from Baker.

Those who attended will vouch that this, in fact, was a close contest that tested the surging Wildcats.

Pendleton County came off a win that looks more like a major upset in week two. The Keyser Golden Tornadoes, who lost handily in Franklin, dominated Lewis County Friday. Perennial power East Hardy dropped a loss to perennial power Wahama last week 79-40.

With Tucker County coming up in week three, the Cougars' trip to Franklin served as a very motivating early season "must win" and their effort reflected that.

Once again, a person could not have programmed better game time weather. Players enjoyed mid-70s temperatures, little breeze, and skies as clear as the new sound system installed last week.

East Hardy opted to take the opening kickoff. Kamron Redman kicked it short and to the left, putting the receiving team on their own 30. They rely heavily on their strong and mobile line blocking for two shifty runners and one who charges downfield like a raging bull.

All night, that offense would test the heart of the Wildcat defense.

Five plays took East Hardy 16 yards, and they punted. Quarterback Colton Roberson picked up where he left off against Keyser. From his own 25, he rolled left and found Chase Owens cutting across the field at about the 35. He threw across his body, hit the receiver in stride and watched him streak up the left sideline to the opposing 12-yard line.

Three running plays got the Wildcats across the goal line with 9:15 left to go in the first. East Hardy could do little with their second possession and a punt put the Wildcat offense back in business with seven minutes left in the quarter.

Overall, the game plan changed against East Hardy. Pendleton County mercilessly picked on Keyser's defensive backs for big chunks of yardage, but the more athletic Cougar defenders contained that more.

Zac Smith, head coach, called on his running back Redman much more in this contest as his offensive line could create more creases against the Cougars than the Keyser Golden Tornadoes.

On second down with second and 10 at their own 36, Redman looked for room in the middle, quick-hopped right, evaded a would-be tackler, then surged ahead to the East Hardy 46 where the defense nudged him out of bounds.

Four plays later on third and three, Redman picked up eight yards and the first down. Later on second and 15 at the Cougar 40, Redman took a left sweep 17 yards to continue the drive. Roberson himself served as the other part of the Wildcat running one-two punch all night long. His legs gave his team the second touchdown and Redman's leg hit its second extra point for a 14-0 lead early after a 14-play 64-yard drive that ate almost four minutes of clock.

Pendleton County would dominate the game in time of possession with these long and sustained drives.

Down 14 did not discourage the visitors and the Cougars roared to life, stunned by the quick deficit. With two runs and three passes, they found the endzone in a relatively quick 2:14 that got them on the board but gave their defense little rest.

The Wildcats had the ball for one play but fumbled and gave it up at the East Hardy 31. The Cougars moved a total of one yard and punted.

Roberson took the running duties in this drive. From his own 10, he ran right and gained seven, then later on third and three,



A rare and wondrous sight is a defensive lineman returning a long interception for a touchdown. Spencer Hartman provides the exclamation point on the big Wildcat win. Photo by Light in Motion.

number 22 gained 22 yards to the Wildcat 39. Four plays later on second and nine at the East Hardy 39, Roberson lofted a pass to a leaping Travis Owens. He pulled in and hung onto the pass as a defender drove his pads into the thighs of the elevated receiver. The quarterback closed the drive with a seven-yard run.

Though not apparent at the time, when Smith called on Travis

Owens to take the snap for the kick and run in a successful twopoint conversion it played a major factor in East Hardy strategy late in the game.

Once again, the Wildcats looked poised to put the game away, but East Hardy does not give up. The kickoff put them at their

own six, but the run-oriented squad made the gutsy call to attack through the air. On first down, a pass glanced off a receiver's hands at the 30. He had sneaked past the defender and had open field before them. That play failed, but then on third and six, the same approach brought the Cougars a big passing score and once again pulled their team within a touchdown, 22-14.

Punch, counterpunch. Punch, counterpunch. Like Muhammed

Ali battling Joe Frazier, the teams stood toe to toe and pounded each other. Pendleton County started at their own 20. In two plays, Roberson's legs had his team at their own 40. The Wildcats moved the ball well but help from East Hardy in the form of two personal fouls helped them to move it even better. Roberson bowled over two defenders at the goal line to cap off an 11-play 80-yard drive to put his team up 29 to 14.

With 1:54 left in the half, East Hardy drove 80 yards on five plays in only 54 seconds to once again score a touchdown. They failed on the two-point conversion, leaving themselves down by nine going into the half.

Pendleton County received the ball to start the second half and resumed their war of attrition via the run. On first and 10 from the 42, Roberson faked a handoff and surged ahead to the East Hardy 43, carrying defenders with him the last several yards. Redman followed with a strong five-yard push inside the Cougar 40.

Three plays later on a critical fourth down and six at the opposing 38, Roberson ran it himself to the left sideline, turned the corner on the defense, and gave his team the first down at the 27. Almost a minute and a half later, the Wildcats faced another fourth and long, but the quarterback fired a pass to Chase Owens on the left side of the endzone.

That put a scoring exclamation point on an 11-play drive that covered 70 yards in about five minutes. Counting the two fourth

down conversions, this drive cemented the ideal that Pendleton County can play quick-strike offense as it did against Keyser or grind down the opposing defense with long and punishing ground focused drives.

With Redman's kick, the Wildcats had a 36-20 advantage with, as far as the home crowd was likely concerned, way too much time left, seven minutes in the third. The Cougars took a kick in the teeth and a punch in the gut on the previous drive that might have broken the back of most teams, but East Hardy had a lot of life left in them. They drove right down the field, keyed by a 45-yard run by their big back up the middle. They closed the scoring gap to 10 at the 3:39 mark.

Pendleton County started at their own 20 and wasted little time in response. On the third play of the drive at their own 36, Roberson stood in and delivered a pass 15 yards downfield to Travis Owens. The receiver ran past defenders and accelerated upfield until caught from behind inside the Cougar 10. With 1:21 left, Roberson got behind the right guard and dove into the endzone.

Reliable Redman nailed another extra point and Pendleton County momentarily had a commanding 43-27 lead.

Momentarily because East Hardy once again used its speedy skilled players and excellent offensive line to push to about the Wildcat 20. David Noble and Roberson had key tackles to stall out the offense at the 30. On fourth and goal, they kicked a field goal and sat at a 13-point disadvantage with 10:50 left in the game, closing to within striking distance.

The Wildcats took the kickoff at their own 20, but had to punt

with 8:29 left and put the visitors at their own 28. Relentless, they put together a long and sustained drive, mostly on the ground, that gave them a touchdown with about 4:20 remaining in the game and only behind by six.

If no one on either sideline had thoughts of the remarkable

If no one on either sideline had thoughts of the remarkable comeback two seasons ago by Pendleton County against Moorefield, perhaps memories of that game resurfaced. Pendleton County's offense met stiff resistance from East Hardy, who forced a punt with about 3:08 left.

East Hardy had enjoyed the benefit of hard work, effort, and luck to keep pace with the home team, but the third attribute ran out on them at the very end as the Wildcat defense imposed its will on the conclusion.

On first and 10 near midfield, East Hardy completed a midrange pass, but a bone-jarring hit by Chase Owens popped the ball loose and in the vicinity of a fast-closing Travis Owens. He scooped the ball and sprinted past chasing Cougars to the endzone to finally close the door on the Cougars.

As celebratory songs poured through the sparking clear sound system, East Hardy tried to put on points for pride. They once again ground out yards and got in position to score until Spencer Hartman stepped in and intercepted a pass. The defensive lineman showed his speed as he accelerated past East Hardy and closed the game with a bang, the final score 57-36.

For the second week in a row, Pendleton County battled a team strong up front. Like last week, the Wildcats capably opened holes for Redman and Roberson to pick up enough yards on the ground to keep the defense honest. Roberson also had time to find receivers for midrange passes. East Hardy did a great job of keeping Pendleton County's playmakers at receiver in front of them, but mainly that served to extend drives and keep their defense on the field longer.

Pendleton County's defense made very good offensive team work for their points and gave up almost nothing easy. East Hardy may very well start the season zero and three after Tucker County next week, but still score their way into the post season.

On Friday, the Wildcats host a Class AA Petersburg Vikings squad that has played lights out in its first two contests against Wyoming East and Berkeley Springs.

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Latin American Parasite, Other Market Forces Depress Cattle Production in West Virginia

By Stephen Smoot

"We have a lack of live cattle," said Leanna Basye of the Lost River-based Teets Cattle Company in partial explanation of the drop of production during the past year. The United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service publishes multiple monthly releases under "Mountain State Reporter" that detail agricultural production trends in both West Virginia and across the nation.

Late last month, that publication noted that commercial cattle slaughter, which indicates the carcass weight after slaughter, totaled 750,000 pounds of live weight in July 2025, but that month's total had dropped 20 percent from July 2024. The report from January indicated a 900,000, or 24 percent, decline from January 2024 to January 2025.

Basye shared that much of the drop comes from the impact of New World Screwworm outbreaks in Central America and Mexico. "Live imports are shut down due to the screwworm," she shared, then added that "a lot of the cattle that were being killed were being imported."

Recently found in a Maryland human who traveled in Central America, the NWS periodically breaks out in the tropical regions of the Western Hemisphere. The worm itself is a larvae hatched from eggs laid by a species of fly. These larvae seek out warmth and use razor sharp tiny mandibles to burrow into the body. They can infect any warm-blooded mammal and also many species of birds.

USDA officials have deployed to Mexico during the past year to release millions of sterile male flies to push down the number of live births. This is the typical and effective means to control these outbreaks. Also, officials stepped up United States Customs and Border Patrol measures to stop both commercial and private attempts to bring restricted products across the southern border that may spread the NWS.

Basye also explains that market forces have incentivized farmers holding onto heifers for breeding potential. In the cattle world, a heifer indicates a young female that has not bred yet. She has the youth and

"She tasked us with going out to remote

areas," said Holmes, who went on to add

that the locations targeted were "Pendleton,

Grant, and Morgan counties." In each, Hol-

mes found a site to host a classroom. There,

students will take instruction over an online

virtual meeting service, possibly Zoom, from

While students could access the classes

from home, virtual education can be signifi-

cantly more distracting and inhibit retention

of what they are taught. The classes, referred

to as "modules" can help in a broad variety

of ways. Classes can lead to acquiring rec-

ognized and marketable skill sets, such as

through Microsoft Office certification. Oth-

ers focus on vocational training, customer

The program is tentatively planned to

start in October, but that could change.

Jenny Tingler, who helps to administer the

a Jefferson County-based teacher.

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The cost of feed has also played a role in natural effects in the country," said Basye. the trends of cattle markets. According to the St. Louis Federal Reserve publication FRED,



Though youth competitions in cattle and other livestock remain popular and profitable, too few young people are entering the field.

or Federal Reserve Economic Data, the cost of cattle feed, supplements, concentrates, and premixes hit a price index 10-year low in October 2017 at 92.700.

The 10-year high point came in August of

program, noted that students can come to

receive instruction and also work on complet-

ing their modules, but they will be asked to

2022 at 141.042, but dropped to 115.395 in April of 2024 and has remained steady since. It set at 114.735 in July of 2025.

SPOKES Teams with Family Support

make a time schedule and to also stick to it. Developing the good habits of productive workers, such as coming to work on time and being accountable for not meeting expectations or commitments, is seen as an essential aspect of the program. Additionally the number of workstations will be limited which makes a schedule all that much more necessary.

Holmes listed habits emphasized, including working as a team, setting goals, crafting a resume, interview skills, and more.

Edna Mullenax, who directs the FSC in Franklin, explained that she had been working on what she called a "business station" to accomplish many of the same goals as SPOKES. "I'm excited about this," she said.

in 2024 had a powerful impact on hay production as grass grew much more slowly in the hot and dry conditions. "Last year some local farmers did not have feed for cattle,"

Also, cattle production is linked to "a lot of

The droughts that plagued central Appala-

Trends look more worrisome in the long term. NASS produced a 25-year cattle inventory report on July 1 that showed the significant shrinkage of the national herd from just under 113 million in 2000 to just over 93 million today. That includes 28.7 million beef cows, 9.45 million milk cows, and a 33.1 million "calf crop."

United States beef cattle declines are also shown in import-export numbers, which fell by 1.1 percent in 2024. Imports, despite restrictions on beef cattle from Mexico, spiked by almost 25 percent in 2024 by about 4.6 billion pounds of beef and veal.

Decline in herd numbers reflects the most

ominous trend in both the beef cattle industry and agriculture in the United States overall. "There are no young people to step in" and take farming into the next generation in America. "The younger generation isn't getting much into it." Normally, higher prices and the promise

of higher profits will encourage expansion of production. That is how the free market operates. In this case, the lack of farmers to take advantage has prevented the natural free market response to high prices.

As supplies dwindle and the price of materials rises, the impact on beef prices at the grocery store has been dramatic. Grocery stores themselves remain at the mercy of the supply and demand cycle and beef prices have to reflect the cost of their inputs so that each step along the way from upstream to downstream can make enough money to make operating worthwhile.

A glimmer of hope, however, may lie in the younger generation. Last summer, youth farmers had the highest dollar amount of sales ever seen at the Tri County Fair. Additionally, many farm experts are optimistic that the video game generations will find agriculture more appealing as the main work of the farmer moves from a tractor in the field to computer control panels and automated

Starlight Stage Dedication

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out!" He then turned to the crowd and in the jaunty spirit of the day, said, "We thought we should probably dedicate something!"

Davis provided a short history of the theater and of drive-ins in America. He shared that in the region "this is the only (drivein) theater standing and we about lost this theater too." Davis gave credit for the rescue, saying, "Only because of Hal Stickley did this theater get saved." Stickley led a community drive to keep the property from being taken by the state to expand a West Virginia Department of Highways facility nearby.

Davis explained that the idea came in a 'dreaming session" held in 2016 to explore the possible potential of the facility. A stage was proposed, then put on the back burner in favor of getting the theater and concession stand in shape.

Roger Dahmer, Pendleton County commissioner, shared that he learned a love of drive-in movies in his home town of Saint Albans and also shared that West Virginia only has five remaining. Late last year, the state lost a drive-in in Harrison County to fire. He called the theater and stage "a valuable piece of Americana" and praised the board for "thought outside the box by adding the Starlight Stage." Dahmer also shared that "people also come here for the great food," drawn by the reputation of the concession stand and its many offerings.

Davis thanked the various incarnations of the West Virginia Division of Arts, History, and Culture that have bounced around state government in the past decade, sharing that agency had a supportive hand in every structure used.

He also thanked the Pianfetti Foundation, the Pendleton County Commission

for the Arts, Jeff and Teresa Munn from Dry Run Spirits, and Country Capital and Recreational Economies and all others who provided help and support. He described how Russ VanMeter and his family designed and built the stage, right down to decorative carvings placed on it. Dan Wheeler assisted with painting and also conjured the magical name of the stage. Finally, John and Michelle Connor helped with the clear sound system.

Jenna Green from the WV Division of Arts Culture and History shared a few words and called the stage "my absolute favorite" project. For her constant support, the board presented her with a token of appreciation in the form of a framed poster of the theater signed by a local artist.

Crafters completed the cultural entertainment and education of the day. These included Trish Upton from Blackthorn Lavender, Heather Harper and beekeeping, Teresa Munn's Woven Vistas Fiber Art, basket weaving by Donna Bedwell, board painting by Cassie Hubbs, spinning by Holly Hubbs, goat farming and related products from Barbara Umling, and books on Pendleton County

history from David Umling. Exhibitors also included Future Generations University, Cool Hollow Farms, Experience Learning, and Franklin Parks and

Recreation.

The concession stand and Farm2Flame cooked up the food enjoyed all day.

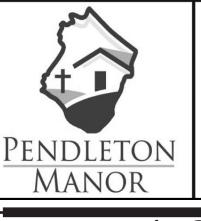
Touches of color on the trees of surrounding ridges and the ever so slight nip in the air signaled the coming end of the facility's service for 2025. Board members are excited to bring both the theater and stage to full life when the warm weather returns.

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West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind Ramp **Up Workforce and Trades Education Opportunities**

By Stephen Smoot

After years of fending off efforts to close the facility and move its functions elsewhere in the state, the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Romney finally have a sense of security. With former state education official Clayton Burch at the helm as Superintendent, the school has a placed under its work a sturdy foundation on which to explore updates and changes to its historic mission.

The school has expanded its services to local county school systems around the state while also adding to the ways it helps those who already hold a high school diploma. Additionally, it has worked to support those high school age students, some of whom will go on to college, others into the work force, and still more who aspire to live independently, or more independently than they would have otherwise.

Burch shared that one of the school's accomplishments, difficult anywhere, has been to have certified teachers leading each classroom. With a shrinking pool of those looking for a career in education, finding them has proved a challenge for many schools and systems. He shared that the school's unique mission and vision, combined with caring staff and great kids makes "teachers say 'I want to be a part of that.""

One of the most popular education programs for students of all ages is that for music, led by Joshua Haza. Haza understands that special needs students can use music in different ways to encourage expression and keep students

In addition to instruction in music, Haza has also supported some of his students' aspirations to form a rock 'n roll band.

He shared that he had been teaching one of the students who formed it since the age of three, but "a couple of kids are fairly new to playing." Haza remarked that some of the band members are even deaf, but the band will take to the road and perform well at public shows. He added that the profoundly deaf students "are really good at reading notes" and do well on the piano as well.

"It's pretty amazing to watch them grow," he shared, adding that music keeps the students excited about school.

Haza also helps with coaching the school's goal ball team. The sport plays like soccer except that all players must wear opaque eye shields to simulate total blindness and the ball has bells inside it to indicate position. The school recently placed second in a national tournament

In academics, the school has formed five career and technical education academies geared to prepare students for jobs or careers in fields of need. These include business maintenance and operations, business enterprise, culinary and hospitality, music, and personal career

West Virginia Lions Club Offers 'Super Opportunity for Kids' to See the World

By Stephen Smoot

"They make friends across the world...many of them lifelong friends."

Thus says Henry Krautwurst of the Lions Club and Capon Springs. He helps to administer the Youth Camps and Exchange Program for the Mountain State. "It's intended to bring kids from different cultures together to learn,'

Through the program, a young person between the ages of 15 and 22 can go abroad and reside with a host family for between two and five weeks. There in a close-knit family setting, they experience what it's like to live in another

Most areas also have a one-to-two week camp component in which youth from around the globe can gather together for fun and fellowship. The mission, according to the Lions Club website, is "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world." Another aspect of the program lies in West Virginia families hosting young people looking for a similar experience in America.

Krautwurst shared that "my wife and I hosted about 10 over the last 10 or 12 years." He told of one experience when he hosted Ani from Finland. Not long before she had to leave, "we got a request from Yuko, a student in Japan who wanted to come."

The visit from Yuko overlapped with that of Ani by five days, but as Krautwurst stated "they had a ball together. They took the girls to a family reunion, on a helicopter ride, and more American good times."

But the friendship between the girls powered through a world of separation when they left the United States. As Krautwurst explained, Yuko later ended up living in Prague, the capital city of the Czech Republic. Aniinvited Yuko to join her family in Finland for Christmas, and she stayed for a month.

On another occasion, the Krautwursts Pocahontas Producers Livestock Market

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hosted a 15-year-old from Lima, Peru. They took her throughout the region, including Colonial Williamsburg. Her family offered a return invitation and hosted the Krautwurst couple in their country for a month, proudly showing Through the Lions Club program, it's hard to

predict where a trip and friends meeting will lead in the future. As Krautwurst says, "Don't be afraid to enter

an experience." In his experience, unfortunately, too many

From West Virginia the Lions Club can send

up to six program participants. Krautwurst related that in many schools, he will travel to recruit for the program. In recent years, interest in this and similar experiences among young people have declined. "I went to a table in a high school and set up

in a cafeteria," he said, going on to relate that he tried to engage students throughout the lunch periods. "Every kid walked past the table and one stopped. That's scary." Often what a family host gives, they get back

in the most unexpected ways. Krautwurst in 2020 contracted COVID and spent nine weeks fighting for his life against the disease. "All those kids and families were emailing me," he said adding "I was just taken by that. It was more than just an experience to them." Qualifying participants will travel on a \$1,700

grant provided to a student in grades 10 through 12 or a recent graduate. Possible destinations include Austria, Switzerland, France, Germany, Finland, Japan, Italy, Peru, or Australia during summer 2026. The Lions Club engages with counselors at

every high school to ensure that all high school students in West Virginia have the opportunity to learn about it and apply. Those with questions are urged to contact Michelle Harshbarger at 304-588-7420 or jasonharsh@aol.com.

These academies all seek to teach not just subjects and work skills, but prepare the student for life in these fields of work.

Brian Olden leads the culinary and hospitality program from a fully stocked large commercial kitchen on campus. His students learn the fundamentals of food preparation and also produce a number of tasty treats for students, teachers and staff.

instructs classes that teach skills needed for contracting work. He explained that too many programs leave students unable to do much more than basic unskilled manual labor and adds, "I'm a contractor, so I have the inside

In building maintenance, Bobby Catlett

students to work for him. Students learn skills

for a number of different good paying fields, such as HVAC, carpentry, and much more "I need people who can do all of it," he ex-

plained. Students work on real world career type projects and also make pieces more for fun, like cornhole games or artistic picture frames.

Catlett has run a contracting business and

structures the training as if he was teaching the

With shortages in all of these key fields, the area needs skilled workers in all of the subjects covered by the academies. Along with preparing others for college, the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind, with a past that extends back to the 19th century, is ready to prepare students for the 21st century.

Propst Family Reunion Held

The Cleveland Propst family held its 82nd reunion Aug. 3 at Ruddle Park.

Those in attendance were Leta Kimble, Sheila Torrance, John and Nancy Bilheimer, Tom and Debbie Turner, Tyler, Alexis, Letty and Adler Evans, John, Raven, Baylor and Beckham Siciliano, Johnny, Becky, Maggie and JJ Bilheimer, Jennifer, Paul and Maverick Marando, Janet and Tony Smith, Yvonne and Keith Shuck, Chasity Bartley, Ricky and Pam Smith, Amy and Danny VanMeter, Chat Propst, Jerry Harris, Dave Meadows and Roy Midkiff.

The next reunion will be held Aug. 2, 2026.

at Ruddle Park.

Risk Management Meeting Scheduled The Farm Credit Knowledge Center will be "We are excited to be in the Moorefield

hosting a risk management meeting on Sept. 18 at Moorefield Middle School in Moorefield. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 6 p.m. This risk management event is a free of-

fering from the Farm Credit of the Virginias Knowledge Center in which participants will hear from Ralph Stickman, crop insurance agent. He will share risk management options available to producers.

area offering an educational event around risk management. This is a great opportunity to learn more about options available to producers," shared Kyley Clevenger, Knowledge Center director. Registration can be made by visiting Farm-

CreditofVirginias.com/Knowledge-Center/ Events, calling 681-661-4088 or by emailing the Knowledge Center at Knowledge Center@ FCVirginias.com.

County Completes Franklin Building Purchase from Savings Funds

By Stephen Smoot

In an early September morning that felt more like two months down the road, the Pendleton County Commission held its opening session of the month. Roger Dahmer, commissioner, provided the opening prayer, which included, "We thank You for the beautiful morning and cooler temperatures."

ness, commissioners approved minutes from the second regular meeting in August and also the special meeting concerning the purchase of the former Franklin Elementary School. Discussions have taken

In the first order of busi-

place on and off in past years concerning the school. Most recently, Redeeming Grace purchased the building and used it as a combination church and private academy. County officials for years have speculated on its utility for government offices and other operations. Carl Hevener, Pendleton

County Commission president, shared that the county

purchased the building for \$475,000. He said, "It is not on borrowed money either," but from a savings fund that the county keeps for important purchases.

Recent concerns over the rising bed of the South Branch River creating a worsening flood threat have plagued the minds of both local elected officials and emergency planners. The community building contains a number of county and state offices, as well as Franklin Volunteer Fire Department and the Franklin base of Pendleton County Emergency Rescue.

Though some offices will move right away, emergency as of yet. Hevener added "I want

to thank you all for what you all did on the school project," speaking to his fellow commissioners, Karen Pitsenbarger, county administrator, and Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator. Gillespie grinned and said, "Just like herding cats!" Gillespie then presented

the memorandum of un-

derstanding with the state on flood gauges for area streams. The county purchases the gauges, then the state installs and maintains them. Only if the gauges would change how they monitored streamflow would the county have to spend money on them.

He shared that one of the planned gauges for the Seneca Rocks area lay in a problematic connection zone to the cell tower. A \$5,000 adjustment to the tower, he explained, would rectify the problem and establish a reliable connection. Since that is "the only unexpected expense so far," Gillespie told the commissioners that his office's budget could afford it.

Upon being queried, Pitsenbarger stated that work on the courthouse annex continues to stay on pace. "Everything's going pretty much on schedule . . . minor things had to be worked out, but so far, so good."

Next, Mike Alt provided an update from emergency medical services, saying that the consistently lowclass numbers for volunteer services will soon reach a crisis point. He added that the County will soon have to make decisions on how to fund salary enhancement next year if the State fails to fulfill its obligations here.

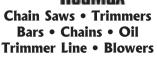
Annie Humes and Jennifer Taylor-Ide joined the commission meeting as well. When asked if they wished to share a comment, they declined and said they were











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The administration are set forth below.

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 PUBLICA-TION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AF-TER THE DATE OF SER-VICE 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 WITH-IN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION

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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 Subscribed and sworn to

SONS ARE NOTIFIED



Congress officially designated Sept. 11 as Patriot Day through a joint resolution (Public Law 107-89) on Dec. 18, 2001. President George W. Bush then proclaimed Sept. 11, 2002, as Patriot Day to commemorate the first anniversary

By Bush's presidential proclamation, Patriot Day is observed in the United States on Sept. 11, or 9/11, in memory of the thousands who lost their lives as a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States that involved four hijacked planes. The observance also honors those who came to aid in the aftermath. Each year on Patriot Day, the United States flag is flown

at half-staff. Citizens are asked to observe a moment of silence, usually at 8:46 a.m. EDT (when the first hijacked plane struck the World Trade Center in New York City), and are encouraged to devote the day and year to serving their neighbors and communities.

OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DE- that a foreign will or affi-

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Deadline for claims is visions of law but that a Decedent: November 10, 2025. **Timothy Selmon Estate**

Terri Selmon, Administratrix; Dennis James Hedrick

Estate - Dylan Hedrick, Office. Administrator; Merlin Phillip Harper

Amby Waybright, Jr. state must be filed with the Executor.

ALL INTERESTED PER-Elise M. White, Clerk

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Notice is hereby given

That no appointment Daughter, publication of this Notice of administration is being McGaheysville, VA is September 11, 2025. made pursuant to the proforeign will or affidavit of Ivy Arlene Mitchell, heirs of the decedent has Rockingham County, VA been filed with the Pendleton County Commission,

First Publication Date:

September 11, 2025

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Thursday,

Monday,

Decedent: Any interested person Earl Leo Mitchell, Jr., Estate - Gena Marie objecting to the filing of the Rockingham County, VA Harper, Administratrix; foreign will or affidavit or Filed by Robert O. Adamson Es- objecting to the absence of Linda F. Cline, tate - Nancy Adamson, appointment or adminis- Sister, tration being made in this McGaheysville, VA Estate - Carl Waybright, Pendleton County Commis- Decedent: sion within 60 days after Wanda Mae Mutersthe date of first publica- paugh, tion or within 30 days of before me on September the serving of this notice, Filed by

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whichever is later. If an Linda F. Cline, objection is not filed time- Sister, ly, the objection is forever McGahe Subscribed and sworn to before me on September

November 10, 2025

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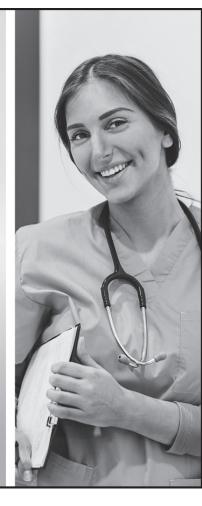
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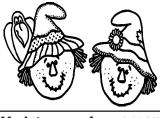
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son, Elliot, India Chester, Katie Gatian. Sophia Harper and Hannah Scrafford.

The concert is loosely based on the idea of "The Arc of a Life Well Spent" — Childhood Remembered by Rosano Galante; Into the Storm

performing are Anna Blount and by Robert Smith and arranged by Robert McCashin (the former longtime orchestra professor at James Madison University); Waltz by Ilari Hylkilä; The Firebird by Igor Stravinsky and arranged by Jack Bullock; and Cumberland Cross by Carl Strommen, who wrote on the front of the score, "The central portion of this original piece brings the unrestrained exuberance of bluegrass fiddling to the orchestra. In a lovely contrast, the piece opens and closes with a slow chorale, suggesting sunset and sunrise over the mountains."

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