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During the time when the state had predicted peak colors, northern Pendleton County tree foliage remained muted.

Leaves Leave Some Peepers Disappointed in Foliage Season

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, images spread across the internet showing fall's first color changes emerging in the highest ridges of the Appalachian Mountains. The view came from space and showed hints of brown and other earth tones marking the most elevated areas. "Leaf peeper season" has started in West

Virginia.

Color changes follow the whims of the weather, not dates on the calendar. Every year, as autumn approaches, experts advise West Virginia Tourism on which counties will see color when, then a map comes out in August to help visitors prepare their itineraries.

Mountainous areas between Greenbrier and

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Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County Share Wind Farm Concerns with Franklin Town Council

By Stephen Smoot

The Town of Franklin Council tackled a busy agenda last week that addressed issues debated both town and county wide.

Tom Firor from Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County was on the agenda to share concerns about the possible impact of the transport, construction, and operation of wind turbines planned for Jack Mountain.

Council members agreed to let him take the floor first to discuss the potential of 43 wind turbines planned by "Clearway, a California company," as he described it.

He spoke first of the height of the structures, stating that they rise "taller than the Washington Monument." Firor then related the first major concern, about the size of vehicles that transport the equipment and how they would navigate Franklin.

It's not yet clear that these vehicles would go through Franklin to get to Jack Mountain, especially given the sharp turns in Upper Tract on US Route 220. Firor pointed

out that if they did, the size of the truck necessary to haul the equipment would extend the distance between the Pendleton Community Bank building and the Elevated Grounds coffee shop.

Firor was asked by council members about specific actions and plans by Clearway and others that indicate that the project is underway. Firor had pointed out before that the company had sought Federal Aviation Administration approval due to the presence of airfields in the general area.

The group also indicated that power generated would not be used in West Virginia. Clearway last year stated that power generated would serve customers in a line north into Preston County and also stated that if needed, the Franklin area would have the benefit of it as well.

In a recent session, the West Virginia State Legislature removed from county commissions the authority to regulate such entities.

Next, the council took up an issue now three months under discussion.

This concerned the debate over signage on the intersection of High and Dogwood in Franklin. Russ Sasso, council member, had sparked debate at a previous session about the three stop signs at that point, encouraging the council to remove one that he said hindered traffic. He recommended replacement with a "Yield" sign.

In a subsequent meeting, county officials Bradley Kimble, sheriff, April Mallow, Pendleton County prosecuting attorney, and Rick Gillespie, county emergency services coordinator, attended to discuss the utility of both the sign's placement and also enforcing the law concerning it. County emergency officials defended its placement due to the customary speed of vehicles traveling downhill and the limited time available to stop if needed.

One of the issues uncovered in that meeting was that one of the roads, plus the sign Sasso wished removed, operate under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia Department of Highways as opposed to the Town of Franklin.

State engineers came to Franklin to observe traffic at the intersection and provided the town with an answer to the query about replacing the third stop with a yield.

Engineers responded by declining the request to go to two stop signs and a yield. They

cited the danger of vehicles coming too fast on the downhill side, even sharing that they almost saw an accident while there. They concluded that the intersection actually required a four-way stop and would have all signs in place by Nov. 1.

Some discussion focused on how motorists currently navigated the intersection safely, but also how younger drivers or those who don't know the ground or local ways might get confused there.

Sasso objected to the conclusion of the department of highways and urged other town officials to join with him to fight the decision. He then shared pointed criticism of how the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department enforced traffic laws there and elsewhere in Franklin.

That led to a discussion of law enforcement monitoring traffic on US Route 33 as it enters town near Pendleton County Middle/High School.

Bruce Minor, town recorder and an office of emergency management official, reaffirmed what he had stated in previous meetings, that "I'll tell you that a lot of them are coming off the hill at 45 (miles per hour)" and that "the stop sign gives somebody a chance."

He later added that when the town gave up running its own police force, it asked for law enforcement coverage from the sheriff's department.

Bob Horan, mayor, added he disagreed with putting in the stop sign, fearing that it would create obstruction.

Discussion and debate over that and related issues continued until the mayor said, "I think we've discussed it pretty well. We will not take action at this time."

Sasso responded, "I'm not so sure. Let them know we've already explored the experiment" and "it didn't work out." He stated that "we shouldn't roll over for people."

Frank Wehrle, Franklin town administrator, discussed progress on the water project as it closes on completion. He then shared with town officials a request from Richard Ruddle of the Pendleton County Historical Society. He had requested that the historical uniform on display in town hall be relocated to the historical society's museum.

Jonie Nelson, town counsel, shared that the donation to the historical society should be legally okay unless someone related to the original donation had an objection.

A New World after World War Will Bring Lambert Home to North Fork



Lambert stands with the banner made, announcing her impending 100th birthday.

By Stephen Smoot

This is the third and final installment in the series of articles based on the remembrances of Idelta Lambert of Circleville who will soon enjoy her 100th birthday.

"I graduated from high school and started going with Keith Lambert down the road," said Lambert. "Going with," in parlance that lasted almost to the end of the 20th century, meant dating exclusively. Keith Lambert would marry Idelta and build a family with her after World War II, like so many other young men who served their country.

Not long after, the world changed for everyone in the United States when the Empire of Japan attacked the United States Pacific Fleet to launch the Second World War. "He volunteered for the Navy," she remembered, "because he didn't want to crawl around in the mud."

He ended up serving on a ship called the Murray, operating a gun on board. Occasionally, she would get to see him when his ship came into Norfolk, Virginia, and he would get leave.

After the war, her husband remained in the Navy for a time and the family resided in Washington, D.C. "It was a beautiful city then. There was no crime. You could walk down to Union Station," she said. Around this time, the city had its peak population of about 800,000, 150,000 more than today. Yet the crime rate was far lower and the city significantly safer than today.

He worked at the Navy Yard. Although



Idelta Lambert and husband, Keith

streetcars provided comfortable transportation, she recalled that "to save a dime, he'd walk a mile down the river to the Navy Yard."

Ever the entrepreneurs, the family purchased real estate in the DC area to rent out for extra money. "We did that for several years," she recalled. As he "worked all the time," she would help to take care of the rental properties. They had a daughter, Charlotte. Lambert shared that when doing her cleaning, she'd let the baby sleep peacefully in a drawer.

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Town and County Working Together To Help Synchronize Municipal and County Elections

By Stephen Smoot

Last session, the West Virginia State Legislature passed Senate Bill 50. This act had required all of West Virginia's incorporated municipal governments to pass ordinances to synchronize elections with county governments by July 1, 2032.

The House of Delegates wished to roll the deadline back to 2028, but the West Virginia Secretary of State's office, as well as other legislators, wished to accommodate the different ways in which various municipal governments would have to change their laws.

One of the key issues pushing the move lay in low turnout for city and town polling. Delegate Larry Kump (R-Berkley) told a statewide online media outlet at the time that "by mandating that all West Virginia elections are held on normal election dates, Senate Bill 50 will eliminate the taxpayer burden of holding these special elections."

He added that "importantly, will also increase voter awareness and election turnout."

The Town of Franklin has seen fairly low voter participation in recent elections.

Not willing to let the grass grow under the Town of Franklin's feet on the issue, town administrator Frank Wehrle initiated the process to fulfill that mandate.

Wehrle informed the council of his work with Elise White, Pendleton County clerk, in synchronizing county and town elections.

Some jurisdictions have moved forward. Harrison County, for example, had already established agreements with Clarksburg and Shinnston and have already run combined elections with little difficulty.

Shinnston held its first synchronized county and city election during the 2024 primary. At that point, state law encouraged but did not mandate the linkage. Kathleen Panek, Shinnston city clerk, shared that "for the city, it was good. I did not have to beat the bushes for poll workers. I did not have to have early voting polls and two Saturdays to pay people when few, if any, voters came on Saturdays for those two weeks."

Harrison County paid the City of Shinn-

ston "for our portion of the ballots and half of the salaries for our four polling places, the normal poll locations in each ward."

One of the issues that Shinnston, and many other cities, must tackle is changing the city charter. Many West Virginia cities established the date of election and/or the initial days of office of elected officeholders in the charter. Unlike many cities, their charter did not require a municipal election to pass the changes.

Both process and people make the changes work more smoothly. "Harrison County has a wonderful clerk who worked with me," shared Panek. The only issue lay in that "we discovered three people listed as out of limits and he (the county clerk) did what was needed for them to be in their city limits ward."

The relative population size, Shinnston has almost 2,500 residents and Franklin 540, means that the latter town does not deal inwards for election purposes.

Wehrle expressed the need for Franklin and Pendleton County to act quickly to get everything in place before next year. If done first on a presidential election year, it would create considerably more potential for problems. Once Wehrle and White eliminate logistical issues, such as creating for Franklin a "precinct within a precinct" to ensure proper balloting, the county and town would have to agree to a Memorandum of Understanding.

Additionally, the town would need to pass an ordinance to enable the new election plan and eliminate the former. This would align the town filing period, early voting, and election day with Pendleton County.

When asked about cost to the town, Wehrle stated that they would simply cede the budgeted amount to the county. He explained that Franklin pays \$1,350 to run its elections while the county has to spend approximately \$30,000.

As of now, the Pendleton County Commission has the issue on its agenda for its next regular meeting.

Community CALENDAR

Football Seniors To Be Honored at Tonight's Game

Due to a shortage of qualified football officials, the Pendleton County home varsity football game against Stonewall Jackson High School will be played today.

Because it will also serve as the final home game of the regular season, senior football players will be honored.

Revival To Be Held at Cherry Grove Church

Come and hear God's word preached by Nathan Ertel, PHBA director, during a fall revival at the Cherry Grove Baptist Church in Cherry Grove. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday followed by a covered dish lunch. The revival continues at 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The church is located beside Rodney Johnson's house.

OBITUARIES



Patsy Sheehan

Patsy Sheehan, 90, passed away peacefully on Oct. 7, 2025, surrounded by her family and her devoted “granddog” Miles. With the help of Talbot Hospice, she was able to depart this life gracefully at home as she had wished.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1935, in Franklin, the eldest daughter of Elmer and Shirley Hartman’s six children.

After graduating from Franklin High School in 1953 as class vice president and valedictorian, Mrs. Sheehan attended Maryland Medical Secretarial School in Hagerstown, Maryland, to prepare for her career as a medical secretary and transcriptionist.

After beginning work in Washington, D.C., she met and married Benjamin Franklin Reading in 1956. For more than two decades they lived in Northern Virginia and raised their three daughters Pamela Reading (William Denman), Jacqueline Yeatman (Gary) and Helen Reading.

Following her husband’s untimely death, she married John J. Sheehan and welcomed his four children,

Jennifer, John Jr., Jacqueline and Judy, into her family. She and her husband spent their married life in Maryland, Delaware and southwest Florida, but no matter where she lived, she delighted in beautifying her surroundings by sewing clothes and home furnishings and tending her ornamental gardens.

Throughout her life, she enjoyed creative pursuits, including painting, crafts, and particularly crochet and needlework, and created many handcrafted treasures her family will cherish. She loved to read, play card and board games, and work crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She nurtured innumerable cats and dogs during the years, enjoyed watching birds, and even raised monarch butterflies on her porch.

It is a special blessing that she was able to fully participate in a lively celebration of her 90th birthday with her large and loving family shortly before her passing.

In addition to her husband, John, her daughters, stepdaughters, and stepson, she is survived by 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; a brother, Delano Wayne Hartman; and two sisters, Judy Diane Ratcliffe and Jo Ann Harrington.

She was also preceded in death by her older brother, Eugene Wilson Hartman; and a sister Nancy Louise Cannon.

Burial was held privately. Memorial donations may be made to Talbot Hospice at <https://talbothospice.org/>, whose staff provided loving care through her final journey.

Leaf Disappointment

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Preston counties saw their colors emerge from late September into October, although some trees in Canaan Valley start their changes before the end of August.

The Potomac Highlands see the colors next, between early to mid-October, followed by mid-October for the Morgantown through Parkersburg region down through the higher elevations of Nicholas and Summers counties and surrounding areas. Charleston and Huntington and points south, and low lying areas in the northern and eastern panhandles may have to wait until November to see fall’s glory.

Two years ago, New River Gorge Park and Preserve Park Ranger, Dave Bieri, explained to West Virginia Public Broadcasting the science behind why leaves change colors.

In fact, as he shared, leaves do not change color in fall so much as they stop producing some pigments. Bieri stated that “chlorophyll is the pigment in the leaves that gives it that green color. And that’s used for photosynthesis which is basically the way that trees produce food.”

Under the dominant green hue of the chlorophyll, trees have other colors hidden beneath through the spring and summer months. He went on to add that “throughout the year, the chlorophyll is giving the leaves their green color, and we don’t see some of the other pigments.”

Those other pigments have a purpose as well. An article placed on the Appalachian State University biology department’s website describes what they do. Orange and yellow pigments come from carotenoids, the same biological agents that give carrots their hue. As the article explains “one function of carotenoids is to absorb light in wavelengths that chlorophyll is inefficient at absorbing.”

Visible light appears white to the human eye, but as one sees when it is sent through a prism or rain to form a rainbow, it actually contains a number of different colors. Leaves absorb light as energy through its different pigmentations. Chlorophyll absorbs most hues of light, with the notable exception of blue-green to green wavelengths.

This dynamic causes the leaf to appear green in spring and summer “because light reflected to your eye is enriched in the green wavelengths relative to the blue or red.”

As any human being knows, skin uncovered all day in high summer can lead to painful sunburns. Human skin cannot deflect, absorb, or channel that much solar energy, so it creates damage to the cells. Carotenoids in various ways keep the light energy that chlorophyll cannot absorb from either damaging the cells of the plant or overheating the chlorophyll powered cellular engines

that turn energy from the sun into sugars for food.

When fall conditions reach a certain point, as Bieri notes, “that chlorophyll shuts down, some of those other pigments start to show up.” He explained the colors as well, adding “the yellows are pigments that are already in the leaves that start to show themselves, the reds have to do more with the sugars that are stored in the leaves. The trees that turn more of a red color have more sugar present in the leaves.”

Reds and purples come from pigments called anthocyanins. One of their functions lies in acting as a shield against excessive solar radiation. When growth starts in the fall in certain trees, such as sugar maples, sugars build up and enhance the reds.

Fall conditions also encourage the forming of an abscission layer that cuts the flow of nutrients from the tree to the leaf

Color changes also depend on the type of plant bearing the leaves. Bieri stated that “so different species of trees do turn different colors. When it gets cold the veins and those leaves seal off and the sugars are trapped in the leaves. And that’s what you’re seeing with the bright red and orange colors.”

The colors come regardless, but their brilliance depends on a number of factors. Scientific American last week published an article that explained that “rainfall during the summer increases soil moisture, making leaves more vibrant when autumn arrives, whereas summer drought can mean dull foliage.”

While the Mountain State experienced significant rainfall for the first half of the year, rain nearly halted across the state in late summer. This produced federally determined drought conditions. Moist soils generally contribute to lush colors in fall, but that vanished in many parts of the state before September.

Drought, early frost, and other stressors can cause leaves to simply turn brown, shrivel, and fall without revealing color at all.

The onset of cool night temperatures as summer ends and fall begins also encourages the process of bringing bright autumn hues in trees, such as maples.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 31

Trick or Treating in Town of Franklin (Turn on lights to participate)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Register for Costume Judging 6:30 p.m.

Pendleton Community Building

Judging and Games ~ 6:45 p.m.

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Community Activities Sponsored By Franklin Moose Lodge (Men's Chapter 769/Women's Chapter 812) Franklin Board of Parks - Keely Smith Historic McCoy House Frisky Lambert

TMF Quilt Show Winners Announced



A *Stars Upon Stars* quilt that was hand quilted by Jamey Wimer earned the Judges' Choice Overall Award.

The Sew & Sews Quilt Show at Treasure Mountain Festival ended a successful weekend with close to 400 visitors viewing an array of beautiful antique and modern quilts, as well as knitted and crocheted projects. Visitors enjoyed seeing a wide variety of colors and patterns.

Jamey Wimer's *Stars Upon Stars* Quilt earned her the Judges' Choice Overall Award. The Viewers' Choice Award went to Tony Judy's 5 Generation Biscuit Comforter. The guild's Member Fabric Challenge, Floral Fusion, People's Choice, was a tie. Rosemary Thompson's *Iris Flower Garden* wall hanging and Pam Sexton's wall hanging, *Cheetah Hiding Behind Hibiscus Flowers*, were the winners. The winner of the raffle quilt, *Dahlia*, made by members of the guild, was Michelle Alesnik of Franklin.

Holly Hubbs spent the weekend spinning wool and explaining the process. Vickie Skavenski demonstrated the art of how to split bottom a chair. Two fourth-grade classes from Franklin Elementary School came and enjoyed learning about spinning wool and learning how to do a split bottom on a chair.

First, second, third and honorable mention awards were given for the entries in the following categories:

Machine quilted bed quilt — Jamey Wimer, *Shooting Star*, first place; Wimer, *Bushel Basket Quilt*, second place; Sue Slowinski, *Uncle Fred's Quilt of Valor*, third place; and Melinda Walker, *Barn Dance*, and Shirley Shank, *Barn Dance*, honorable mentions.

Hand quilted cross stitch quilt — Cornelia Teter, *Butterfly Dreams*.

Hand quilted bed quilt — Wimer, *Stars Upon Stars*, first place; Wimer, *Primrose*, second place; Slowinski, *Biblical Blocks*, third place; and Heidi Hartman, *Lone Star*, honorable mention.

Antique knotted comforters — Barry and Al-cie Vance, first, and crazy quilt knotted, second place.

third place.

Antique hand quilted bed quilt — Paula Waggy, *Lilies*, first place; Hartman, *Red and White*, second place; Skavenski, *Dresden Plate*, third place; and Twila Walker, *Quilt Sun Bonnet Sue*, honorable mention.

Lap quilt/throw (machine quilted) —Shank, *Scrappy Star 4 Patch*, first place; Thompson, *Deer Throw*, second place; Sexton, *Brown Bag Quilt*, third place; and Barbara Umling, *Bold Blocks Antique Trains*, honorable mention.

Lap quilt/throw (hand quilted) — Wimer, *Delectable Mountains*, first place; Slowinski, *Aunt Kay's Giant Dahlia*, second place; Slowinski, *Broken Star*, third place; and Beverly Eye, *Autumn wall hanging*, honorable mention.

Large wall hanging (machine quilted) — Shank, *Cats Pajamas*, first place; Melinda Walker, *Old Blue*, second place; Umling, *Spirit of West Virginia*, third place; and Rose Miller, *Purple Pinwheels*, honorable mention.

Baby quilt (machine quilted) — Sexton, *Georgie's Baby Quilt*, first place; Melinda Walker, *Bears Baby Quilt*, second place; and Sexton, *I Spy Quilt*, third place.

Hand quilted wholecloth quilt — Slowinski, *Floral Fantasy*, first place.

Bed quilt/comforter—Tony Judy, *5 Generation Biscuit Comforter*, first place.

Crocheted afghans—Sherry Crigler, *crochet blanket*, first place; and Deb Sower, *afghan*, second place.

Crocheted household — Twila Walker, *doilies*, first place, and *pot holders and hot pads*, second place.

Crocheted wearable — Twila Walker, *two sweaters*, first place; Miller, *triangular shawl*, second place; Twila Walker, *two hats*, third place; and Sower, *pillow*, honorable mention.

Totes — Deb Sower, *Baa*, first place; Twila Walker, *purse*, second place; and Carol Windett, *Black Cats/Jack-o-Lantern bag*, third place.



Pam Sexton's *Cheetah Hiding Behind Hibiscus Flowers* and Rosemary Thompson's *Iris Flower Garden* were the viewers' choice winners for the Floral Fusion Challenge.

Antique crazy quilt — Hartman, *crazy quilt*, first place; Shank, *crazy quilt*, second place; and Wimer, *Eva's quilt*,

Antique miscellaneous — Estelle Wagner, *Baltimore Summer bedspread and pillow cover*, first place; and Crigler, *woven blanket*, second place.

Miscellaneous quilted arts — Waggy, *Christmas stocking*, first place; and Sexton, *Denim Christmas stocking*, second place.

Needlework miscellaneous — Sower, *Raggedy Andy*, first place, *Raggedy Ann*, second place and *handmade doll*, third place.

Knitted miscellaneous — Nancy White, *sweat-*

er, first place; and Sower, *shawl*, second place, top, third place, and *Pillow*, honorable mention.

Miscellaneous household items — Wimer, *leftovers Log Cabin pillow*, first place; Miller, *folded fabric star*, second place; and Sower, *place-mats*, third place, and *rug*, honorable mention.

The Youth Division:

Lap quilt (hand quilted) — Alex Adams, *Crushed Ice Velvet*, first place; and Zander Adams, *Views of West Virginia*, second place.

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10 Years Ago
 Week of October 29, 2005

Idea of Daylight Saving Time Began with Benjamin Franklin

People have only been using Daylight Saving Time for about a century, but the idea goes back to ancient times when civilizations adjusted their daily schedules to fit the sun’s schedule.

In 1784, Benjamin Franklin wrote an essay to the editor of “The Journal of Paris” where he jokingly suggested that Parisians could save on candle usage by getting out of bed earlier in the morning and making use of the natural morning light.

It took World War I to push DST into practice. The Germans were first, adopting a light-extending system as a fuel saving measure in 1916. The British switched one year later. The United States adopted “fast time” in 1918 when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established time zones. The experiment in seasonal time change didn’t last after the war ended. Its repeal has been blamed on opposition from dairy farmers, whose cows didn’t understand, or care, about clock settings. World War II brought the time change back to the entire country.

20 Years Ago
 Week of October 27, 2005

SUGAR GROVE
 The West Virginia Mountains Are a Rich Ground For the Gathering Of Supernatural Stories

Is there any place in the world where ghost stories have not been eagerly told to listeners? There is no richer ground for the gathering of supernaturals stories than in the mountains of Virginia and West Virginia. The stories of “things that go bump in the night” were a popular form of entertainment from the earliest settlement days. Grandparents were wonderful storytellers, as well as older brothers and sisters who wanted to scare their younger siblings. No matter how the stories were told, many were remembered and preserved as family treasures. Ghost stories have been told in all cultures throughout time. Perhaps they were vehicles to excite one’s senses. Fear can be a wonderful stimulant event though deep down the ghostly encounter is due to the talents of the storyteller.

30 Years Ago
 Week of October 26, 1995

DAHMER

Warner’s Drive-In Brings \$99,500 at Auction Sale

Special commissioner’s sale of real estate consisting of 6.23 acres, more or less, and lying in Franklin District, known as Warner’s Drive-In, was held at the front door of

Pendleton County Courthouse on October 20. The high bid was \$99,500. Garry Propst was the auctioneer.

A West Virginian, Jerry Warner, will be building a new United States Post Office at Blue Grass, Virginia, in the near future.

SUGAR GROVE
 Celtic Feast of Dead Was Forerunner Of Halloween

Halloween lasts just one night. But lots of Halloween-related events lead up to it, including haunting stories, trick-or-treating, haunted houses, and Halloween parties. In the ninth century, the church Christianized the Celtic Feast of the Dead by naming November 1 the Feast of All Saints (or All Hallows) and November 2, the Feast of All Souls. Children would do “a souling” or begging for sweet soul cakes in return for prayers for the dead. They would chant:

“Soul, Soul, for a souling cake I pray, good misses, for a souling cake.

Apple or pear, plum or cherry

Any good thing to make us merry.”

Since the alternative was to make them mad, we can see the origin of “tricks” or “treats.”

40 Years Ago
 Week of October 24, 1985

West Virginia School Dropout Rate Continues to Decrease

“West Virginia’s public school dropout rate continues to decrease, although insignificantly,” according to State Superintendent of Schools Tom McNeel.

The new dropout rate is the lowest since the State Department of Education began collecting the data in a uniform way from all the counties in 1973-74.

Yesteryear in Pendleton

By Janet Conrad

My father was teaching school during the depression and we moved to a farm close to his school. Electricity had not reached out to farms and this was our first experience with oil lamps.

The rooms seemed very dark and full of shadows. The first evening in our new home my sister was washing the dishes and I was drying them—when Wham! Bang! Pop! Clang! The most outlandish noise crashed around our new home. Never have I been so scared or puzzled.

But, our mother and father had helped on such occasions in their home community and they were delighted with the Bellin’ or Shivaree. It was a warm welcome from all the folks in the community for their school teacher and his family.

After we had been serenaded for about an hour, everyone came into the house, and we made homemade

fudge, popped popcorn and played games. The rooms became bright and cheerful, all because everyone was so friendly. Even after all these years, I have a warm glow in my heart.

The Mountain Heritage Series has a lesson on culture and there is a paragraph on the honeymoon pattern of the Celts. After my husband and I returned from our honeymoon, he knew we would be “belled” for had helped in serenading his friends — loud and long!

The pattern was to meet far enough from the house to keep down the noise. Then, on a night when it would seem to be unexpected, the crowd would gather.

On this particular night we did not hear anything until a shot was fired and then we were completely surrounded with noise. When I peeped out, it seemed that everyone was present for miles around and having a grand time. One man carried a brake drum while he systematically hit it with a blacksmith hammer. All kinds of cow bells, pans, and even a dog horn were used—anything to make a noise. The appearance of the couple on the porch was the signal to come in for refreshments that had been provided by the groom’s family.

It was a warm welcome to a newly married couple and compares to the Welcome Wagon groups in today’s communities. In fact, this coming weekend our community is bellin’ our newest married couples and from my collection of bells, I will select the one that is the biggest and has the deepest tone.

50 Years Ago
 Week of October 23, 1975

Pendleton County School Buses Chalk Up Over 300,000 Miles a Year

Transporting pupils to school has become a big operation in Pendleton County. A total of 38 bus drivers have been employed to drive buses in the county during the current school term.

According to Richard Short, attendance and transportation director for Pendleton County schools, buses in this county chalk up 314,000 miles a year and use more than 50,000 gallons of gasoline.

Short said the county uses 33 regular buses to haul pupils to school in the county.

In addition to hauling children to the county’s six schools, three buses make an extra run to transport students to the vocational educational school at Petersburg, and one bus doubles up to transport pupils to the Developmental Center in Franklin.

Hauling pupils to school takes a big slice out of the school operating budget. Last year it amounted to \$228,342.78.

“Since Pendleton County is one of the largest counties in the state—almost 700 square miles in area—it is readily understandable why transporting pupils is such a big operation,” Short remarked.

60 Years Ago
 Week of October 21, 1965

Groundhogs More Afraid of Women

A recent study of the habits, customs and thinking of the groundhog population in Pendleton County reveals that they have little fear of men but that they are deathly afraid of women.

This phenomena had government investigators baffled until one stool pigeon told them about Mrs. Jimmie Moyers of Franklin.

According to their figures Mrs. Moyers killed 164 groundhogs during the summer of 1965 and 122 during the summer of 1964. The artillery used in the one-woman war is a trusty 12 gauge shotgun.

So devastating has been the attack that now every groundhog in the county shivers in his hole every time he sees a skirt swish by.

Market Here Buys 1,000 Pounds Walnuts

The Franklin Farmers’ Market will purchase walnuts in the hull each Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon for the next two weeks. Other types of produce will also be accepted on consignment until further notice. The market purchased over four thousand pounds of walnuts on Tuesday of this week. The price paid is fifty cents per one hundred pounds.

80 Years Ago
 Week of October 19, 1945

FRANKLIN HI LIGHTS

Permanent Wealth

The only true and permanent wealth of a nation is its children. All other wealth is merely tributary to this. In order that childhood may be fed, and made secure, and given opportunities, men toil, amass riches, struggle for power, and even offer up their lives rather than permit posterity to be degraded. When the youth of a nation are unfit, all other wealth becomes a menace. Consequently, whoever labors to help the children to better things is adding to the most vital resources of humanity.—Frank W. Thomas.

Sweet Peppers

Gardeners who want to get the most in vitamin value from their sweet peppers will pick them red instead of green. Tests show that peppers increase in carotene (forerunner of vitamin A) and ascorbic acid (vitamin C) as they turn red.

FARM NEWS

Nothing in nature is more essential to human life than topsoil—that fertile upper layer of earth, averaging 6 to 12 inches in thickness, which alone can grow our food and forage and our valuable forest products. It takes nature from 300 to 1000 years to produce a single inch of topsoil. Yet that inch, and more too, can be washed off an unprotected field in a single storm. It is estimated that three billion tons of soil are washed out of the fields and pastures of American fields each year.

Each year erosion removes from the farmland in the United States available and potential plant food equal to 60 times the amount of commercial fertilizer used in 1934. Altogether, over 300 million acres of crop and grazing land have been virtually ruined by erosion. In addition to the damage which erosion does to farm land, there is also the damage done to highways, water reservoirs and other public works.

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WHO WANTS GRANDPA'S OLD CANE? Will sell cheap. Since discovering the concentrated nourishment in those energy-pakin', malty-rich, sweet-as-nut Grape-Nuts, Grandpa says he doesn't need any pesky old cane. He walks on his hands. Runs, too.

105 Years Ago
 Week of October 22, 1920

WARNING AGAINST USING HORSE-HAIR SHAVING BRUSHES

To the Citizens of West Virginia:

The State Department of Health has received the following letter from the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service.

“The Bureau has made every effort possible under existing laws and regulations to prevent the occurrence of anthrax due to the use of horse hair in shaving brushes. In regulations, horse hair shaving brushes which are down trade channels, and some of which are presumably infected it is doubtful if any effective measure can be taken by health officials except a direct appeal to the public not to buy or use horse hair brushes.

You are strongly urged to issue in your state such an appeal giving it the widest publicity, as the only remedy to obviate the potential danger from these brushes pending additional legislation.”

The State Department of Health heartily endorses the above warning and urges the public to refrain from the use of these brushes.—R. T. Davis, State Health Commissioner

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

There are several happenings in the next few weeks. The first one is for the young kids as they go out and scare folks while looking for a treat. Next is the changing of time as the clocks are set back one hour and everyone gains an hour so sleep. Then Christmas comes in two months.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins — Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, 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, 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, Judith Ours, Bob and Brenda Sites, 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, Chase Shepke, Woody Hoover, Sherry Chambers, Ginger Kimble, Kaylee Bennett, Bruce Lambert, Paul Mallow, Kristin Bodkin, Bonnie Mitchell, Sandra Bennett, Nancy Scott, Gale Judy, Marcia Warner, Genevieve Wimer, Andra Warner Vandevander and the family of Mary Rexrode.

Prayer thought: “Wise Father, please give me courage to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the way I love, honor and respect You.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Oct. 13 through Oct. 19 were as follows: Oct. 13 - 55°, 50°, .02” (79°, 50°, .11”), Oct. 14 - 71°, 46° (58°, 44°), Oct. 15 - 70°, 43° (47°, 39°, .01”), Oct. 16 - 62°, 47° (49°, 36°, .02”), Oct. 17 - 68°, 32° frost (56°, 33°), Oct. 18 - 74°, 55° (63°, 31° frost) and Oct. 19 - 79°, 54°, .2” (71°, 34°).



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Churches Adapt to Varying Influences Throughout Generations

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Perhaps World War II opened up the migration of many folks to the cities where jobs were quite available. As a result, the dynamics of the church changed, leaving the older generation to keep the church attendance intact. Oftentimes, priorities changed, funerals were attended, and the church attendance became smaller and smaller. In time, churches closed the doors.

There was a time when attending church in Appalachia often involved deep faith, a strong sense of community, and a variety of Christian denominations. Many churches remain vital to the community life, serving as a gathering place for neighbors and family, hosting social events and providing support services; while others have characteristics unique to that of loose structures or specific rituals like foot-washing. Some include revivals, with baptisms being performed in the river.

While Christianity is dominant, denominations are diverse, including Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, and Pentecostal, providing assistance with food services and various other projects, within the community.

Understandably so, the aging populations and lower incomes, affect the welfare of churches in the rural section of West Virginia. Oftentimes, it is difficult to attract and retain pastoral leaders.

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Don't sweat the small stuff.
2. Learn to say "No."
3. Take a deep breath.
4. Read good books.
5. Avoid dangerous drugs.

In Sugar Grove, things have been as peaceful, as water in a spoon. The mornings have felt crisp in temperature with the days warming up. The drought conditions have resulted in dishwater leaf colors. Sunday, blustery winds brought some showers of rain. Still, the "happy face" keeps smiling for those motoring towards Sugar Grove.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Bittersweet October, the mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter." — Carol Bishop Hipps

"Rice is great if you're really hungry and want to eat two thousand of something." — Mitchell Hedberg



Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Upper Tract has been an organized body since the 1700s. The original church was made of logs and known as the Old Dutch Church or Mallows Church. The old log church building was sold to Isaac Lough and used as a barn. Graves in the cemetery date back to the 1700s, when the Lutherans and the German Reform jointly used the church.

"A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside." — A.A. Milne, "Winnie-the-Pooh"

"You pray for rain, you've gotta deal with the mud too. That's a part of it." — Denzel Washington

Sitting in a lounge chair is the best place to read about the "Talk of the Grove."

Charles and Pidge's grandsons, James and Charles Anderson, came in Thursday for a visit. On Monday, they returned to Princeton, Kentucky, to work.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggors are as follows:

- A single dragonfly can consume up to 100 mosquitoes per day.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange,

silver, or purple.

- All the ants in Africa weigh more than all the elephants.
- Women blink twice as much as men.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Concerns are for Mike Adams, Charles Anderson, Alfred Armstrong, Joan Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Amunn, Dave Basagic, Allen Beachler, "Bo" Boggs, Larry Byers, Joyce Calhoun, Marie Cole, Stanley Dahmer, Kim Davis, Steve Durham, Jennifer Errett, Isaac 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, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Julia Homan, Keith Hoover, Delbert Olin Hoover, the Roxann Hoover family, Debbie Horst, the family of Anna Gae Hughes, 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, Roger and Skip Mallow, Audree Marsh, Anna Mauzy, Ed May, Gene and Joan McConnell, Gary McDonald, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Carroll and Dottie Mitchell, Tom Mitchel, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, Jim Moats, Sherri Moyers, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Dominique Nelson, Dwight Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryle Paine, Terri Parker, Andy Pond, Wayne Price, Janice Propst, Alda Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Virginia Propst, Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger, Tom Rader, Willard Rader, Brandon Reel, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Linda Fay Rexrode, Vesta Ruckman, Bernie Sasscer, the Eric Shockey family, 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 Stuben, Steve Stump, Linda and Larry Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Estelle and Don Wagner, Mary Louise Waldschlager, Amby Waybright, Jr., Mike Waybright, Rene White, Sherry Wilfong, Judy Williams, Patty Willis and Ann and Ed Wimer.

Correction

Last week we ran an article on the emergency response capabilities of North Fork Primary Care Clinic, but did not portray the emergency response capabilities of the clinic or its staff entirely accurately. Jamie Hudson, Pendleton Community Care executive director, has provided a helpful clarification.

Pendleton Community Care is committed to providing quality care for our patients, including care during emergencies. We recognize that patients may require emergency services or stabilization before they can be transported to the ER, and that the distant location of the emergency room may result in patients coming to our clinics when they would otherwise go directly to the emergency room. When there is a delay in emergency services responding quickly to a life-threatening situation, that can delay the necessary treatment that only hospital emergency rooms can provide. When this delayed response occurs at a smaller health center, there are a limited number of staff members available to respond and treat. When

only a few staff members are involved in prolonged life-saving measures, fatigue can develop, potentially compromising the quality of care and patient outcomes.

In order to provide timely and appropriate services for patients we require that all providers are Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certified. Additionally, we require continuous training in emergency scenarios for all providers, nurses, and medical assistants. The clinical team participates in emergency mock scenarios to allow for hands-on review of the material and use of the equipment. We feel a responsibility to the community to be as educated and prepared as possible to handle emergencies, but we are not equipped as a hospital emergency room would be since we are a primary care health center. It is not accurate to state that staff are not trained for emergency response, but it should be noted that ultimately the goal is to get the patient to the emergency room in a timely manner.

Lambert Part 3

Continued From Page 1

As time passed, they moved out of the city proper and into the nearby Maryland suburbs. She stated that the distance made caring for the properties in the city too challenging and they hired an agent to handle the properties.

She never let her hands run idle for too long. As she now had time on her hands, she put them to work in a local school's cafeteria. Through this work, she met another lady who baked and decorated large and elaborate wedding cakes.

"Why don't you help me," she asked her one day, "I'll tell you what to do."

Lambert remembered that "she had me do the wedding

cake" to be delivered to a wedding. What the cakemakers did not reckon on, however, was a typical Washington, D.C. summer's day.

The nation's capital and surrounding areas rose from a swamp. James Madison proposed to put the national capital somewhere between modern Harpers Ferry and Hancock, Maryland. Washington, D.C. ended up on land purchased in part from its original owner, the man whose name is on the city.

Not until the age of air con conditioning did Congress meet in the sweltering summer heat of D.C.

On such a day, however, she transported the massive three-tier cake to its destination. "I delivered the cake, set it up, everything was fine."

She smiled and said that in an hour the phone rang. The voice at the other end shrieked "the cake looks like it's sliding!" Lambert called the lady who ran the bakery, who told her, "Let's go and buy some cake icing." The two then performed emergency surgery on the cake and restored its condition to the point that "no one knew anything about it."

After that, she dove into

baking, saying, "I did a lot of wedding cakes for people."

Her entrepreneurial artistry found another channel after a drive to Clinton, Maryland, to go grocery shopping. There she saw a sign that read "seamstress wanted" and off she went again to establish another successful livelihood. "I can start tomorrow," she called and told them.

Over 15 years, she developed mastery in crafting fine custom draperies. Life would start to draw the family back to their North Fork roots, however. Her husband suffered a heart attack that left him unable to work. At the same time, the family had commissioned the remodeling of the farmhouse her father had constructed for the family as she was growing up.

As the family returned home in 1982, Lambert had a question on her mind. Would there be a market for custom made draperies in Pendleton County? She ignored the "torpedoes," said "that's what I'll do," and went full speed ahead. Friends helped her to accumulate needed supplies and she was set to work.

But would anyone buy?

The answer came soon enough. A friend reached out and said, "I'm so happy you make draperies! I'll be the

first one in Circleville with custom draperies!"

Word traveled quickly and she found her services engaged by notable clients. Lambert started her drapery business in the basement of her home "right after the '85 flood." Summit Bank in Moorefield, now Burke and Herbert, engaged her to craft draperies for their board room. A Nationwide insurance agent in the same town also purchased her high quality work.

For a time her custom draperies, using fabric textures and colors painstakingly chosen by an interior designer, graced the windows of the historic Pendleton County Courthouse. She completed the project in 1996, but a subsequent commission chose to replace them with plain white treatments.

One of the great traditions of her family and others on the North Fork and throughout the county is large extended family picnics that often include the community at large as well.

After all, so many of Pendleton County's historical families have lived and loved these lands since the Seven Years' War. Over time, they intertwine over and over again, leaving a community tighter knit than most because so many neighbors share the same family blood. "We have picnics here," noted Mrs. Lambert.

"We're still here, every year... we always have a party," she said.

This November the party will not only celebrate the love and joy that family and friends feel when they gather, the family picnic and party will celebrate a full century of a full life well-lived, including growing up on the farm, years spent living, loving, and raising children with her husband in the city, and a career of work whose products were pure artistry.

That is the story of Idelta Lambert and her family, but it is also the legacy of so many others living the good life on the North Fork River in Pendleton County West, by God, Virginia.

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Homecoming 2025

Senior Candidates



Breena Bowers is the daughter of Renee and Andy Hinkle and Justin and Mallory Bowers. She is from Smith Creek. She enjoys volleyball, National Honor Society and Pep Club. Her favorite activity in school is homecoming week. A fun fact about her is that she has a flower garden. Her plans are to go to college and major in English and follow a pre-law career path.



Jameigh Miller is the daughter of Rebecca and Dan Miller of Upper Tract. She enjoys basketball, FFA, and National Honor Society. Her favorite activity in school is basketball. A fun fact about her is that she will graduate when she is 17. She plans to attend college and major in biology and then go on to become an ophthalmologist.



Madison Simmons was escorted by her father, Douglas Simmons. A Smoke Holes resident, she enjoys cosmetology, writing and painting. Her favorite activity in school is forensics. A fun fact about her is that she loves to write stories. She plans to become a cosmetologist.

Freshman Representatives



Abby Judy is the daughter of Jeremy and Andrea Judy of Riverton. She is a PCHS cheerleader and softball player. Cheerleading is her favorite school activity. A fun fact about her is that she shares a birthday with her mom. She plans to go into cosmetology after school.

Hayden Kimble is the son of Jason and Ginger Kimble of Franklin. He is on the PCHS golf team and enjoys hunting and fishing. Golf is his favorite school activity, and his fun fact is he is short. His future plans are to work with his dad.

Crown Bearers



Cambrie Ours is the daughter of Brandon and Holly Ours of Circleville. She attends North Fork Elementary School where she is in the second grade. She enjoys reading, riding her bike and playing with her pets.

Braxton Kimble is the son of Darren and Heidi Kimble of Brandywine Elementary School. He is a second grader at Brandywine Elementary School. He loves playing basketball and football, playing with friends, riding his bike, playing Roblox, and his puppies. His favorite person is his big brother, Bryce.

Jaylynn Hedrick is the daughter of Jon and Jessica Hedrick of Franklin. She is a second grader at Franklin Elementary School. She enjoys cheerleading, gymnastics, playing softball and being sassy.

Pendleton County High School King and Queen



King Braylin Hull and Queen Breena Bowers

Junior Representatives



Jaidah Nesselrodt is the daughter of Kristin Grapes of Brandywine. She enjoys cheer and gymnastics, and her favorite activity in school is homecoming week. Her fun fact is she has cheered for nine years. After school, she plans to go to college to become a radiologist.

Cayson Armstrong is the son of Eli Armstrong and Ashley Hanna of Sugar Grove. He is involved in football, basketball and track, and he also likes to go fishing. Going to Vo-Tech and playing sports are his favorite school activities. His future plans are to go to a trade school for automotive repair.

Sophomore Representatives



Susie George is the daughter of Christopher George and Anna Pence of Brandywine. She enjoys drawing, hanging out with friends, and making people laugh. Her favorite activity in school is English class. After high school, she plans to do childcare and be an artist.

Sam Eason is the son of Dave and Amy Eason of Brandywine. He is involved in football, basketball and track. He is the treasurer of the PCHS FFA and works on a farm. Playing sports is his favorite school activity. He plans to go to college to get a degree in education and come back here to teach.

Seventh Grade Representatives



Lorelei Price is the daughter of Josh Price of Franklin. She is on the PCMS Volleyball and Softball teams. Her favorite activity in school is playing sports. A fun fact about her is that she has a baby sibling on the way. After graduation, she plans to attend college and become an ultrasound technician.

Cooper Roberson is the son of Chris and Lisa Roberson of Franklin. He is involved in football and golf cart riding. His favorite school activity is wellness class. He says a fun fact about him is that he is short. His future plans are to go to college.

Senior Candidates



Caydan Boone of Brandywine was escorted by his mother Crystal Hiett. He enjoys playing baseball. His favorite activity in school is going to Vo-Tech. A fun fact about him is that his favorite sport is baseball. He plans to be a firefighter.



Corbin Dove was escorted by his parents, Kevin and Shay Dove of Brandywine. He enjoys football and lifting. His favorite activity in school is doing Mrs. Bennett's math. A fun fact about him is that his favorite football team is the Washington Commanders. He plans to go to West Virginia University and become a crime scene investigator.



Braylin Hull is the son of Stephanie and Tom Hull of Doe Hill, Virginia. He enjoys basketball and ATV riding. His favorite activities in school are spirit week and the student section. A fun fact about him is that he is a sneaker head. He plans to go to college to study and get a degree in wildlife management.



Chase Owens is the son of Krista and Josh Owens of Brandywine. He enjoys basketball, football, baseball, video games, hanging out with his girlfriend and friends. His favorite activity in school is basketball in eighth-period conditioning. A fun fact about him is that his favorite NFL team is the Lions. He plans to go to West Virginia University and get his civil engineering degree and business degree. If he gets the opportunity to play sports in college, he will play.

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Kinley Bennett is the daughter of Sherri Bennett of Circleville and the late Jeremy Propst. She is on the PCMS volleyball and basketball team, and she loves to participate in pageants. She just won Teen Miss Autumn on the Dry Fork. Her favorite activity in school is playing sports. She plans to go to college to be an emergency room nurse and then become a NICU Nurse.

Beckett Aumann is the son of Gannon and Heather Aumann of Franklin. He is on the middle school golf team and enjoys baking. He says sports are his favorite school activity also. Something fun about him is that he likes to argue. After school, he plans to get a good paying job.

Wildcat Cross Country Completes PVCs, Looks Ahead to Regionals

By Stephen Smoot

As the leaves change from green to autumn colors and warm summer breezes relent in the face of cool fall winds, Pendleton County's cross country team races on.

October for the squad opened in Keyser at the Charlie Kuh Invitational. A full slate of big school squads competed in the pine forest pathways flanking One Tornado Way. Those included Musselman, Washington, and Berkeley Springs, Frankfort, Grafton, East Hardy, and Tucker County.

Callie Dunn ran for a 19th place finish at 24:24.38 and Shayne Clutter placed 42nd with a 30:00.14. Allison Reuss completed the course in 32:42.03 and Makayla Turner at 33:14.60.

Four days later came the Tucker Invitational that is run just outside of Parsons. Rain had gone through early that morning and temperatures remained in the mid-50s. Pendleton County joined Tucker County, St. Mary's, Nicholas County, and East Hardy there.

Jonas Turner, a senior runner, set a personal record on that



Wildcat harriers compete at the recent Potomac Valley Conference meet at Frankfort. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

course with a 27:26.9. On the girls' side, Dunn set a personal record with a time of 23:55.01. This put her in eighth place. Reuss also set a personal record at 27:42.30 and finished 19th. Turner finished 21st with a time of 33:25.63.

Those impressive performances set the stage for the Potomac Valley Conference championships held at Frankfort High School

in Short Gap. Conditions were not favorable with temperatures in the low 50s and a 10 to 15 mile an hour wind punctuated by occasional gusts.

There, Dunn finished 18th with a time of 25:58.5, followed by Clutter at 31:24.5 and 31st place. Turner completed the course with a 32:50.5, setting a personal record. Reuss ran for a 33:07.1.

Next up for the harriers of Pendleton County is the Region 2 championship that will determine which runners will compete at states. Other schools poised to send squads on Oct 25 are Braxton County, East Hardy, Paw Paw, Trinity Christian, Clay-Battelle, Notre Dame, and Tucker County.

The event will be held at Holly-Gray Park near Sutton. The first section extends around a flat meadow, then follows a long path uphill. Runners will then run along a forested ridgetop that forms a crescent around the park itself. Three switchback turns confront competitors on the downhill slope as they make their way to the finish area.

States will take place on Nov. 1 at Cabell Midland High School near Barboursville.

Coach Sees Work to Do After Dominating Performance Versus Pocahontas County

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County last Friday night posted 61 points to Pocahontas County's 28.

Both quarterbackbacks, Colton Roberson the starter and Mason Miller in relief, combined for 22 of 39 for 460 yards and six touchdowns.

The offense enjoyed a stellar four fourth down conversions in four tries.

As the season evolves from very good into potentially something very special, Zac Smith, head coach, mostly sees more work to do.

Pendleton County struck first, seizing a 7-0 advantage early. The defense shut down the next Warrior drive, giving the Wildcats an opportunity to go up 14.

As Smith described, "Then they got back into it with a long run." He stated that overall "they moved the ball on us well." Though Pocahontas County ground out a lot of yards on the ground, the Warriors also gave up the ball in turnovers four times. That said, Smith stated that "defensively, we still have a lot of work to do." He stated that will focus on the defensive line and linebackers, saying "I'm not pleased with our 'box,'" meaning those players defending on or near the line of scrimmage.

The offense poured on the points in the second quarter, building a commanding 35-14 halftime advantage.

Once the teams exited the locker room and commenced the third quarter, "things got opened up in the third." The Wildcats outpaced the Warriors 19-7 in the quarter.

"We had control of the game, but defensively, I wasn't as happy." Smith said. "We did

not play as well as we could've. We're trying to get better every week."

This week's opponent, Stonewall Jackson, will come into Franklin today due to a shortage of game officials. In recent weeks the Generals have played better. They defeated Hancock (Maryland) 20-8 in their sole victory of the season two weeks ago. They also narrowly lost to three win Park View their last game out.

That said, Pendleton County opponent Bath County blanked the Generals 36-0 in the season opener.

Smith discussed Stonewall Jackson's approach, which relies heavily on variations of the I formation. He said, "They will run a pro I, a spread I, and try to run the ball."

Last year, the Wildcats beat the Generals handily on the road.

More worrisome is the Halloween matchup against rival Moorefield in Hardy County. The Yellow Jackets struggled to win all season until they came to life two weeks ago and shocked Tucker County. Smith related that "Moorefield will try to run the ball in two weeks."

In the win, Moorefield passed four times and completed two for 28 total yards. They ran the ball 55 times for 345 yards on a tough Mountain Lion defense.

The past two seasons, the rivals have competed in games with thrilling plays, big momentum changes, and dramatic endings. Pendleton County prevailed both times, leaving Moorefield hungry for revenge and with no hopes for a postseason of their own.

The Yellow Jackets, however, face a gru-

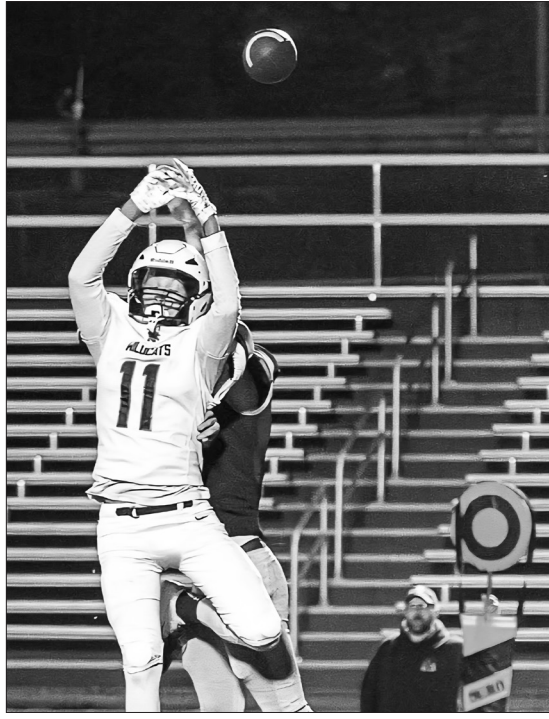
eling test this coming week against a strong opponent in Keyser that the Wildcats defeated in week one. Last week, East Hardy beat their cross-county rivals 30-18.

Notably, Moorefield is Class AA and Stonewall Jackson a class AA equivalent, giving Class A Pendleton County credit for playing bigger schools in playoff rankings.

To close out the season on Nov. 7, the Wildcats will travel to Wetzel County to face Class A power Cameron. Last week they lost to Monroe Central in Ohio, a small school that would be Class A in West Virginia.

Smith explained that part of the team's success has come from its depth. "We've got more depth this year compared to what we've had in years," he said. When players have gone down to injury, the bench players who step into the role demonstrate little, if any, drop off from the starter.

"We're a little bit banged up, but it gives the younger guys some opportunities," he added. Despite the consistent execution and success, Smith also notes that "we're still a young team" that relies heavily on juniors and sophomores to perform and produce.



Cameron Wyatt elevates to pull in a pass during the win over the Warriors. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

Passionate and Proud Pirates Push Pendleton in Paw Paw

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Wildcats made the lengthy trek north from Franklin to Paw Paw at the far western tip of Morgan County.

Though the bus took a more traditional route, many parents found that their GPS took them over an interesting relic. They had to drop \$1.50 into a tin cup mounted on a pole as toll to cross a narrow one-lane privately owned bridge over the Potomac, if they took the recommended shortest route. That bridge actually originated, somehow, in a 1916 Department of War expenditure.

From the first moment of the game, Pendleton County found itself trying to traverse troubled waters while feeling like they were at war. Paw Paw, who in recent weeks took the Moorefield Yellow Jackets to five sets, came to play.

The opening set saw the usually sure-handed Wildcat servers firing into the net and struggling to get their bearings on the ball. One problem was likely the fact that behind the Paw Paw side was an open stage instead of a flat surface. The difference in what players in volleyball and basketball players call "lines" can affect perception during precision plays.

Paw Paw who opened up with a 4-1 lead, saw Colbie Wimer fire a scoring shot to the back line, then tallied the next three for a 6-2 lead early. Pendleton County continued to struggle to get their sea legs under them on the Paw Paw Pirate ship, however.

But the visiting squad battled and the home team made their own momentum dinging mistakes. Wildcat plays would bring the team within two, or within one, then see Paw Paw once again pull out to a three point advantage.

Alyssa Bennett seemed to right the ship somewhat. She came in with Pendleton County down 10-8. She drove two aces across to tie the game at 10. The Pirates edged ahead by one, but Breena Bowers popped the ball to Carolyn Varner, whose set led to Kinsley Price placing a shot to the middle to tie it again.

Then the Wildcats assumed the lead at 12-11 when Price executed a soft spike to the middle.

Not long after, Pendleton County seemed to take control when Callie Judy set up Bennett for a shot that put the team up 15-14. Then Tia Heavner's spike extended the lead to two. A six to two Pirate run gave them a 20-17 lead going into the final serves of the set.

Pendleton County scored to get the serve back, then Heavner added an ace to pull within one. Judy set up a Price spike to tie the game, but Paw Paw squeezed out the next two points. They then gave one back by serving the ball out.

Bennett's ace tied the score, but the Pirates once again took the next two. Up 24-22, they seemed poised to shock in the first set. Pendleton County scored the final four to steal the set. A Wimer spike to the far side and an ace by Chesnee Colaw allowed the visitors to escape.

Paw Paw plays defense consistently well and took away the power game of Pendleton County. Spikes rarely found the floor, mistakes after the first set were rarely made, and Paw Paw forced Pendleton County to play with patience to gain scores.

One of Paw Paw's players, senior Shayla Tanouye, played every role with dominance. She could serve with power and precision. Though not taller than other players, her leaping ability made her a strong spiker. She could either set up her teammates or finish plays with equal prowess. Only in the closing set did fatigue diminish her game.

Only nine Pirates suit up for the squad and two lack experience prior to this season. While the Wildcats could substitute and rest often, Paw Paw played "ironman" volleyball. Each set



Tia Heavner launches a serve against Paw Paw. The feisty Pirates were a tough out for Pendleton County.

started for them with great energy, but effort expended to keep up with the Wildcats wore them down, especially because each set was hotly contested almost to the last serve.

They also enjoyed loud and affectionate support from the mostly male student section.

Paw Paw raced to a 5-0 lead in set two, then extended that lead to 8-2. A Wimer spike got the serve back and Heavner built on that with an ace. The Wildcats clawed their way back as Brynlynn Waggy spiked on the defense to set the score at 11-7, then helped to pull her team within three by setting up a Wimer spike.

Again, however, the Pirates surged. Pendleton County pulled to within 13-10, but Paw Paw went on a four to one run to take a seemingly commanding 17-10 advantage. The Wildcats powered back. Phoebe Pownell launched a powerful spike. Then the Wildcats scored six of the next seven to pull within one at 18-17. Colaw's ace topped the run.

The next set, number three, also went to extra serves. Paw Paw led nearly the entire time until a Bennett tap grazed the net and dropped to the Pirate side of the floor. That knotted the set at 21. Heavner hit a scoring shot followed by a Bowers ace. Up 23-21, Pendleton County looked poised to end the set and game, but gave up six of the next eight scored. Paw Paw triumphed 27-25 to the delight of their enthusiastic fans.

Winning the set gave satisfaction to the home team and seemed to consume much of what energy remained in their collective tank. In the fourth set, they took an early three to one lead, but that quickly evolved into a 10-4, then 13-5 lead for the Wildcats.

Pendleton County had a 21-15 lead late, but Paw Paw rattled off three in a row. A Waggy spike gave a little room at 22-18, then a Judy ace helped the team close the set and end the game.

Paw Paw's team and fans turned their effort into a near victory celebration. As the Pirates left the floor, the boys in the student section formed a receiving line and high-fived each player.

Even in loss, the Pirate team and fans showed tremendous pride in pushing Pendleton County as hard as they could. The Wildcats did not play well, but settled in, battled, and earned a hard-fought victory over a feisty and proud Paw Paw squad when they themselves lacked their sharpest edge.

The Wildcats travel today to Elkins. Tuesday, regular season play ends on the road at East Hardy.

Wildcat Golfers Hit the Links in State Competition

By Stephen Smoot

The center of West Virginia high school golf's universe descended on Wheeling last week. Oglebay State Park and Resort annually hosts the legions of golfers who come to compete.

And this year for the first time ever, Pendleton County had a team travel to take on the rest of the best of Class A.

Eight squads went to Wheeling with more individual qualifiers participating. Said Mike Eye, head coach, "They enjoyed themselves even though it was tough and we didn't get the results we hoped for."

He explained that his young team, getting their first taste of states, "were all nervous even though they tried to act like they weren't."

Golf at this level involves a test of both skill and physical endurance. Attention gets paid much more to the swings and shots than the rest of a golfer's day. At Oglebay, competitors must walk "a little over seven miles" through the 18 holes of the course.

The day before competition, the entire team played a practice round. On day one, the Pendleton golfers started last, which gave them more chances to rest. That said, they could not complete the course before the close of competition on day one and had to finish the next day.

Day one saw the efforts of the eight teams shake out with Charleston Catholic in first place, followed by Wahama, Sherman, Ritchie County, and then the Wildcats. Following Pendleton County on day one was St. Mary's, Tygarts Valley, and Greater Beckley Christian.

One of the differences, Eye explained, lay in how players opened up competition. In a typical regular season tournament, players simply start with another group at a certain hole and work their way through the course.

At state's the format changes somewhat. As Eye shared, when the golfers prepared to tee off at the first hole, "they announced their school and name. They had to tee off with everyone standing and watching," which fueled the nervousness.

Eye stated that his normal number one, Dylan Eye, struggled somewhat on day one. He could only finish 13 holes the first day, then "had to play five holes, then turn around and 30 minutes later play 18." He finished day one in 19th place of 40 competitors from Class A, but pushed to 18th at the conclusion of the second day of play.

"Landon Davis," Eye stated, "played a decent round both days." He placed 12th on day one ("the best score of anyone on the first day") and 24th on the second day.

One of the challenges that all Wildcat golfers faced lay in the greens. Eye described them as "fast" and shared that "everybody was struggling in reading the greens."

"He held it together," Eye said of Davis.

Barrett Cook faced a "struggle getting in a rhythm on the first day." Eye stated that it took time for Cook to adjust, but once he did, he



Landon Davis tees off during the WVSSAC state golf tournament in Wheeling.

put together a strong day two performance. He stated that Cook and the others who competed "learned a lot from day to day."

Logan Fisher played "pretty consistently both days" but had a better day one. The coach described how Fisher opened by "hitting the ball as well as I have ever seen." His first attempt on day one resulted in a "beautiful tee shot right down the middle." It put him in a position to "make par on the very first hole."

"You could see the relief after that first shot," said Eye.

Pendleton County wrapped up play in eighth place, but Eye put as much priority on the experience as he did performance. And that did not just include the team's immersion in the environment of state competition.

He explained that the team stayed in the same hotel as the Tygarts Valley squad and individual players from Tucker County. "All of these kids hung out together," said Eye. He added that he enjoyed watching the Potomac Highlands combined contingent "playing bucket golf in the parking lot" the night before the first day of play.

"All of these boys (from different teams in the area) root for each other all of the time," said the coach, who went on to describe how a few from the area who had already finished walked along side Dylan Eye and his group. They encouraged and supported the Wildcat golfer.

"They are making friendships that will last a lifetime," stated Eye.

No one expects the young, talented, and hungry team from Pendleton County to make state competition a "one off." As they get back to work honing their skills and preparing those coming up from middle school, Eye said that in 2026 "we'll be prepared."

As for 2025, "they are winners in my book."

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2.07 Acres w/3 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin located in Ruddle. LP and Baseboard Heat, Septic and Shared Gravity Fed Well. Furnished. Franklin District. Great buy at \$159,000.00.

SGR396A

0.721 ac., home with 4 bedrooms/2.5 baths, 3 car garage, paved driveway, large back deck w/exceptional mountain view, in Franklin, across from Pendleton Manor. \$349,000.00.

SGR395A

Historic 1880's home located on a private corner lot in Franklin on 0.32 Acres. Original portion of home was built of log with large addition built later. Consists of 3-4 Beds, 2 Bath, 1st floor on 1st floor and Plumbing has been updated. Two story outbuilding for workshop or hobby room. Outdoor wood stove was used for heat. New Chimney Liner. Also has hookup for propane. Surrounded by some of the original trees & shrubbery. \$179,900.00.

SGR393A

14.5 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin with very efficient use of space. Located on Dry Run Rd. 1900 gallon Cistern. Wood & Electric Heat. NEW LISTING \$249,000.00.

SGR391A

7.94 Acres w/Riverfront Cabin along US Rt 220 South, just outside of Franklin. Two Bed, 1 Bath, new build 2024. Great location for Airbnb or personal weekend getaway. Plenty of room for recreation along river. NEW LISTING \$395,000.00.

SGR389A

20.767 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath double-wide on Blackberry Ln., Bethel District. \$249,000.00.

SGR388A

2.65 Ac. w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin located in Sugar Grove District. New kitchen cabinets/flooring. Newly screened in front & back porches. Newly painted inside and out. Cross river to Cabin. Well & Septic. \$199,000.00.

SGR385A

5.12 Acres w/well maintained 2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin w/loft located on Lower Kile Knob Rd. Franklin District. Some Restrictions. \$269,000.00.

SGR384A

60 Annie Lane, Circleville, 1.15 acres, 3 bed/2 bath, spacious modular, flat yard, county living. \$250,000.00.

SGR383A

5 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Kile Knob. Highly sought after tremendous Westerly facing mountain view! Full Solar Electric System installed in 2023. Wood & Propane heat. Satellite internet avail or phone hot spot. Generator Shed and Run-In Shed. Some Restrictions. Franklin District. All wheel drive vehicle recommended. \$299,000.00 REDUCED \$249,000.00.

SGR382A

45 Ac. w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Solar powered, no restrictions, Cistern & Septic, Shooting Range. Excellent Hunting. Franklin District. \$399,000.00.

SGR380A

5.62 Acres, Lot #3, Sharp Ridge, Electric nearby, Easy Access, Some Restrictions, Franklin District. \$49,500.00.

SGR379A

5994 Mount Freedom Drive, Cherry Grove 14.70 acres, 2 bed/1 bath house; one room w/loft cabin, several other buildings and outbuildings, adjoins National Forest, very unique property. \$279,000.00 REDUCED \$264,000.00.

SGR378A

0.31 acres w/3 bed/2 bath & 2 bed/1 bath Duplex, Full baser, Heat, investment opportunity, 15 A/B Meadow Lane, Franklin. \$324,900.00.

SGR377A

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

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 North Fork Flats. Double Pane Windows, Hard Floors, Woodstove & half basement. Large deck on back w/Nice Mtn. View. Lot #4, Franklin Corp. \$160,000.00 REDUCED \$139,000.00.

SGR370A

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

SGR369A

15.17 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath cabin, Electric & Propane Heat, Cistern, Septic (unapproved). Located in North Fork Flats. Perfect for hunters, fisherman or outdoor enthusiasts. \$189,000.00 REDUCED \$179,000.00.

SGR367A

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

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. \$169,000.00 REDUCED \$159,000.00.

SGR355A

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

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. \$289,000.00 REDUCED \$279,000.00.

SGR340A

327.98 Acres, with 4 Bed, 3.5 Bath Home w/2 car garage and Barn. Property adjoins lands owned by Fisher Min. 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.

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. \$99,900.00.

SGR302A

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

SGR056

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

SGR441

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

SGR247

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

FHS Classmates of 1971 Reminisce at Reunion

The 54th class reunion of the Franklin High School class of 1971 was held Sept. 19 at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg, Virginia. There were 29 classmates present, and all had a great time. Classmates attending were, from left, seated, Katie (Lambert) George, Vickie (Linaburg) Brown, Vicki (Moyers) Grypa and Edna (Sisson) Simmons; middle row, Kay (Kimble) Simmons, Rick Waggy, Beverly (Harman) Diaz, Marcia (Sponaugle) Lerch, Frisky (Batzdorf) Lambert, Wilma (Ruddle) Thomas, Glenda (Warner) Ryder, Peggy (Dunkle) Pitsenbarger, Larry Dove, Bobby Shanholtz, Dwight Shrader and Wayne Hedrick; and back row, Willard May, Nathan Keplinger, Tony Crane, Charel (Landis) Elyard, Wanda (Moyers) Wimer, Sue Ann (Burgoyne) Sites, Mary Rose (Dorsey) Junkins, Craig Hott, Richard Kimble, Bill Mallow, John Todd, Kelly Sites, Hoppy Miller and Jerry Mowery.

Pediatrician Encourages Parents to Vaccinate Children

While I was the pediatrician here in Pendleton County, the most important thing I did was to ensure that the children I

cared for were up-to-date and properly vaccinated against bacterial and viral illnesses that could be devastating to their health and future well-being. These diseases are not to be trifled with.

I remember early on in my career realizing with pride that West Virginia was one of the three states in the country with the strongest public health

support for vaccination. Our beautiful state still maintains a strong public health commitment to vaccinating our children, keeping them safe from these dangerous illnesses.

Most of the children I cared for over the years now have children of their own. Parents: Please know that vaccinating children is safe — more than safe, it is protective of the present

and future health of you, your children, and the community you live in.

I am still a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics. I keep up with vaccine science. I encourage Pendleton County parents to vaccinate your children as an essential part of keeping them safe and healthy.

Very sincerely,
J King Seegar, MD, FAAP

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2004 FORD E-350 CARGO VAN BOX TRUCK, 5.4 V-8, auto., ldd., only 49K miles\$8,995

2008 FORD F-150 SUPERCAB 4X4, V-8, auto., air, etc., blue, 141K miles\$10,900

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