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Wildcats Reach Postseason in Volleyball, Football



Both teams surged as the seasons progressed, earning berths to compete for state titles.



Opening Set for Dialysis Center in Moorefield

By Stephen Smoot

At last week’s meeting of the Pendleton County Commission, Mike Crites spoke on behalf of the Hardy County Committee on Aging. He opened with “a few months ago, I was telling you of our plan to establish a dialysis center.”

The previous administration of the committee on aging had made an offer of a year’s free rent, about \$63,000, to entice a dialysis center to locate in Moorefield. This would replace a previous facility that relocated to Keyser. While that did place it in the city with the second largest population in the Eastern Panhandle, besides Martinsburg, it created a hardship for those who saw Moorefield as convenient.

Fresenius Medical Care, the “world’s leading provider of products and services for people with chronic kidney failure,” agreed to locate a

dialysis center in the same location as the previous facility. Hardy County officials now steering the effort met with the county commissions of Hardy, Grant, and Pendleton counties, as well as municipal governments, to request support to help cover the free year of rent.

Crites informed the commission in this meeting that Fresenius had signed a 10-year contract to operate the center in Moorefield.

That did not end the work needed to prepare. In fact, some of the most difficult work lay after. Crites discussed with the commissioners a number of issues, one of the most frustrating lying in a non operative elevator.

Two small plastic parts with a total cost of \$81 will require about \$2,000 worth of labor to install. Additionally, Fresenius uses a different facility design than the previous company, so additional work will help

to bring the space in line with their needs.

Fresenius expects to open the facility by the beginning of 2026, but has already experienced the positive reactions of the community. “People are stopping them at the gas station” to ask about when the center will open.

Crites shared the story of one man who wakes up at 3 a.m. to take his wife for treatments in Keyser, then has to return to Moorefield and start a full day of work running a business.

Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president and member of the Potomac Valley Transit Authority Board, shared of the transportation issue that “it’ll be looked at . . . dialysis patients that need transportation.” He stated that PVTa takes a number of patients lengthy distances for medical services.

According to Crites, “They are hiring” and “they try to hire locally. That’s my understanding.”

The request made by Crites of the commission was for any amount that could help defer part of \$83,000 in costs to offset. “We ask for your consideration,” he said.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes To Be Collected Nov. 17-23

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be collected Nov. 17 - 23 at Living Faith Church located on Rt. 33 East of Franklin.

The boxes may be dropped off from noon until 4 p.m. Nov. 17 to 21, from 10 a.m. to noon on Nov. 22 and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Nov. 23.

If one has a conflict with dropoff times, contact Jo Lynn Mitchell at 304-668-1739.

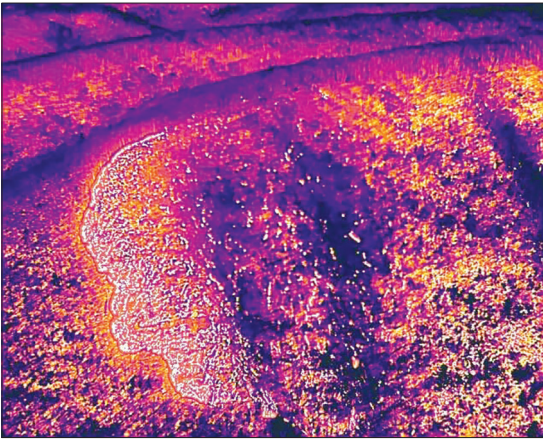
Donations Needed For Food Pantry

As a person plans for the Thanksgiving holidays, please consider making a food or monetary donation to CAN as it provides much needed food to community members. CAN is open 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Donations can be sent to PO Box 503, Franklin, WV 26807.

Recycling Event Set for Saturday

North Fork 4-H Club will hold its recycling event from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Country Decor and More in Riverton. This is a change in location. Materials need to be cleaned and sorted. Cardboard, plastics one and two, and aluminum and tin cans will be collected. No trash will be accepted.

Wildfire Rages on Rugged Slopes of Big Mountain



Infrared drone photography revealed the extent of the fire on Big Mountain late last week.

By Stephen Smoot

Under brilliantly blue skies, as winds raged down the North Fork Valley from Circleville to Seneca Rocks last Wednesday, those in the area took note of signs of trouble. Some spoke of seeing emergency vehicles, everything from local volunteer firefighters to United States Government vehicles, all screaming as they sped south on West Virginia Route 28.

Then came the awareness of a change



First responders battled the fire as well as challenging conditions and terrain. Photograph courtesy of Pendleton County OEM.

in the air, that hint of acridness that puts

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Community CALENDAR

Region 8 PDC

To Meet Nov. 20

The Region 8 Planning and Development Council will meet at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Region 8 office located at 131 Providence Lane in Petersburg.

Family Safety

Day Scheduled

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin is hosting a Family Safety Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

Turkey Luncheon

To Be Held Nov. 20

The Pendleton County Ministerial Association will host a turkey luncheon with all the fixings from noon until 1 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Walnut Street Methodist Church in Franklin. The meal is free, but donations to the ministerial association are welcome and will help meet needs in the community.

Crestmen To

Sing Sunday at

St. Paul Church

The Crestmen will be sharing the gospel in song at 9:45 a.m. Sunday at St. Paul Church. This quartet has been singing southern gospel music for many years and will be retiring at the end of this year. This will be one of their last concerts. A soup and sandwich meal will follow the worship experience. The church is located at 4198 Doe Hill Road in Moyers.

Everyone is invited.

Pendleton County Grand Jury Releases Indictments

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the grand jury for Pendleton County convened and issued a set of indictments. Indictment merely means that enough evidence exists against an individual in a criminal case that it might go to trial.

An indicted individual’s next step, if no plea deals or other events occur, lies in trial by petit jury. Here, 12 men and women decide if a person is guilty or not guilty.

It is important to understand that a jury cannot find a person innocent. Trial by jury has its origins in High Middle Ages England, when it was commonly held that only God could determine guilt or innocence.

Juries judge the case presented by the prosecution, not the defendant. The prosecutor has the onus to use evidence to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The grand jury issued a three count indictment against Dillian Gaige Nelson. According to the indictment “on or about May 30, 2025 (he) did unlawfully and feloniously, transport or cause to be transported into the State of West Virginia, a controlled substance with intent to deliver the same, to wit: Marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges “Delivery of a Controlled Substance, a felony . . . charging that . . . Nelson, on or about May 30, 2025 . . . did unlawfully and feloniously deliver . . . Marijuana . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges the same crime on the same date.

The grand jury issued five indictments against Michael Allen Turner. The first count alleges “Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes, Second or Subsequent Offense.” Turner “on or about July 21, 2025 . . . did unlawfully and feloniously and knowingly refuse to provide accurate information when so required by the terms of this article . . . within 10 business days, having previously been convicted of a qualifying offense involving a

minor or other qualifying offense requiring registry for life by the Circuit Court of Pendleton County . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges “Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes . . . on or about July 21, 2025 . . . (he) did unlawfully and feloniously and knowingly refuse to provide accurate information . . . of obtaining a “BLU” prepaid cellular phone card within 10 business days . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges “Failure to register as a Sexual offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes.” Turner allegedly “did knowingly refuse to provide accurate information or did knowingly fail to provide notice of obtaining an email address jowwimer199925@gmail.com . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The fourth count alleges Turner “did knowingly refuse to provide a change in required information . . . of obtaining a Facebook account under the name of “Joe Wimer” within 10 business days . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The fifth count alleges “a Misdemeanor,” that Turner “did knowingly, unlawfully, and intentionally possess a controlled substance . . . to wit Methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

The grand jury returned four counts against Alexia Chaylee Cook. The first count alleges that Cook “did unlawfully, feloniously, and intentionally flee . . . in a vehicle from Deputy M. J. Kontyko, Pendleton County Sheriff Department . . . and did operate the vehicle in a manner showing a reckless indifference to the safety of others, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges “Fleeing in a Vehicle while Driving Under the Influence, a Felony . . . (Cook) did unlawfully, feloniously, and intentionally flee . . . in a vehicle from a

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CONGRATULATIONS
PCHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM
ON 4TH CONSECUTIVE TRIP TO STATE

OBITUARIES



Mary Lea Hahn McCoy

Mary Lea Hahn McCoy, 99, of Franklin passed away peacefully on Nov. 8, 2025, at her home surrounded by her children.

She was born on Sept. 13, 1926, in Brandywine to the late Henry Davis Hahn and Ethel Florence Kiser Hahn.

She graduated from Franklin High School, class of 1945. She attended Potomac State College followed by Madison College (now James Madison University) where she earned a bachelor of science degree in education.

During her teaching career she taught first and fourth grades, and special education in West Virginia, Nebraska, Illinois, Ohio and Virginia.

Throughout her life, she was an enthusiastic leader and generously gave her time and talents to many church and community organizations including 4-H, girls sports, Sunday and Bible School, women's circle groups, and home and garden clubs. She served more than 12 years as a Girl Scout troop leader and held various leadership positions within the larger scouting organization. In 1976, she was honored with the Nation's Capital pin.

After retirement she and her husband returned to their home in Pendleton County where she continued her involvement in the community and enjoyed her hobbies of crafting, gardening, and spending time with her family and friends.

She is remembered for her service to children, her community and her family. She will be dearly missed by her loving family and friends.

She was a devoted wife to her late husband, Robert G. McCoy.

She was a loving mother to her children, Brenda McCoy Lowery (Darrel), Patricia McCoy Price (Julian), Martha Susan Shafferman, Julie McCoy Gruenthal and Robert Hahn McCoy (Julie). She was a cherished grandmother to six grandchildren, Nathan David Shafferman (Madelin), Troy Robert Shafferman (Kathy), Thomas McCoy Lowery, Rachel Grace Lowery, Jason McCoy Gruenthal and Benjamin Harold Gruenthal, and a great-grandmother to four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Arthur "Bud" Webster Hahn; and three sisters, Medrith Garber, Elizabeth Snyder, and Jean Snyder.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Franklin Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Debbie Beam officiating. Interment will be at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to any Pendleton County Rescue Squad or the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

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



Tina Marie Stewart

Tina Marie Stewart, 56, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, departed this life on Nov. 8, 2025, at her home.

She was born on May 11, 1969, in Elkins, the daughter of Linda (George) Ryan of Franklin and the late Jerry Ryan.

Mrs. Stewart attended Franklin High School and was a member of Redeeming Grace Outreach Worship Center.

She was a loving mother and homemaker. She had a huge heart and applied her skills as a caretaker in the community. She was an avid Redskins fan, who enjoyed every game.

She married Kelvin Stewart, who survives in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She also leaves behind to cherish her memory two daughters, Amy Shull of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Heather Shull of Dayton, Virginia; a son, Dakota Shull of Harrisonburg, Virginia; two sisters, Angela Lockner (Richard) and Tammy Whitlock (Dave), all of Brandywine; two brothers, James Ryan (Terry) and Jerry Sutherland (Janet), all of Franklin; and five grandchildren, Autumn Shifflett, Breanna Shifflett, Jeremiah Shifflett, Aaliyah Shull, and Skylar Shull.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Atum-Ra Ankhnaton.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin, with Pastor Jason Boggs officiating. Interment was at Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandywine.

Memorials may be made to Redeeming Grace Outreach Worship Center, c/o Angela Lockner, 70 Hound Dog Hollow Lane, Brandywine, WV 26802.

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



Gaylon Charles Sponaugle

Gaylon Charles Sponaugle, 90, of Franklin passed away Nov. 8, 2025, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1935, in Pendleton County, a son of the late Ray and Pauline (Wimer) Sponaugle.

Mr. Sponaugle attended West Virginia University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. Following graduation, he was drafted into the United States Army where he served in Germany. He went on to serve as county executive director with the United States Department of Agriculture in Pendleton County, his career spanning more than 30 years.

As a younger man, he enjoyed hunting and traveling with his wife, Ruby, on camping trips. His greatest satisfactions came from working on the family farm and tending to his flock of sheep and cattle.

He was a member of Walnut Street United Methodist Church and the former Harper Chapel United Methodist Church. Additionally, he was a former member of the Blue Grass Ruritan Club and Franklin Ruritan Club, as well as a member of the Pendleton County Farm Bureau.

A man of few words with a witty and dry humor, he will also be remembered for his integrity, selfless nature, and as one who always placed his family first.

On June 22, 1958, he was married to Ruby Gail Harper, who survives. They were married for 67 years.

Also surviving are a son, Kevin Charles Sponaugle and wife, Pamela of Franklin; grandson, Kyle Charles Sponaugle of Morgantown; and great-granddaughter, Juniper Jade Sponaugle.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Olin, Berlie, and Merle.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at the Blue Grass United Methodist Church with Rev. Andre Crummett officiating. Burial followed in Blue Grass Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his grandson, Kyle Charles Sponaugle, Mark Lambert, Jesse Eckard, Brent Sponaugle, Aaron Sponaugle, Roy Lee Harper, and Brett Sponaugle.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Grass Cemetery, 3042 Blue Grass Valley Road, Blue Grass, VA 24413.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.obaughfuneralhome.com.



Loretta Jane Judy Harper

Loretta Jane Judy Harper, 85, of Circleville passed away on Nov. 7, 2025, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin with her husband by her side. She had been a resident there since August.

She was born on Feb. 29, 1940, in Circleville, the daughter of late Roy L. Judy "Peanut" and Minnie B. Vandevander Judy.

Mrs. Harper was a 1958 graduate of Circleville High School, and a member of Riverton United Methodist Church.

She worked at Hedrick's 4-U Restaurant for 24 years as a cook and waitress.

She loved reading, sewing, planting the garden, working in her flower beds, collecting Fostoria glassware and working side by side with her husband on their cattle farm in Circleville.

On Dec. 25, 1957, she married Kenneth Paul Harper of Circleville, who

survives

In addition to her husband, she leaves behind to cherish her memory a daughter, Lucinda "Cindy" Harper Kisamore (Keith) of Riverton; two grandchildren, Ashley Gail Kisamore-Kimble (Ashley) of Rockingham, Virginia, and Kyle Laden Kisamore (Crystan) of Seneca Rocks; four great-grandchildren, Blaiklee Harper Kimble, Briggs Karson Kimble, Laden Gray Kisamore and Amyiah Jane Kisamore; a sister, Daisy M. Hedrick of Seneca Rocks; and two brothers, Roy Lee Judy (Debbie) of Circleville and Johnny H. Judy (Rita) of Mt. Storm.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Christopher Paul Harper, in 2004; and a brother-in-law, Kenny Lee Hedrick.

Special thanks are extended to the wonderful staff at Pendleton Manor for their support and care during her last days, and additional thanks to Mt. Hospice for their care.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the chapel of Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor JD Wilkins and Pastor Sam Harper officiating. Interment was at North Fork Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pendleton Manor, Pendleton County Rescue Squad, Circleville and Seneca Rocks fire departments and Riverton United Methodist Church.

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





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November 21

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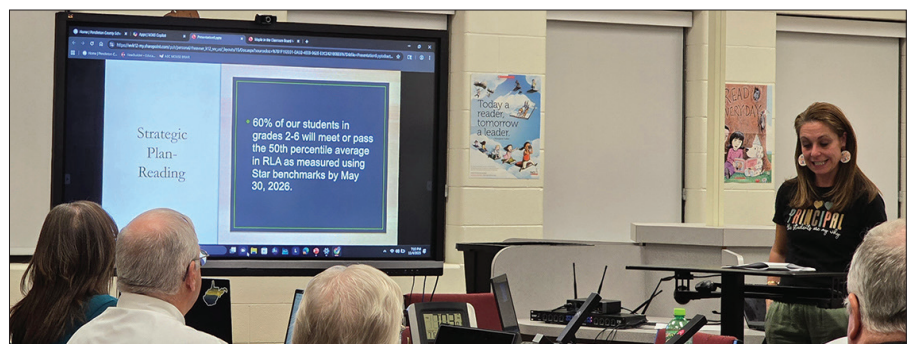
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A man in a tan hoodie with "THE HUNTIN' PUB" text and a black cap is kneeling on the left, smiling. A German Shepherd dog sits in front of him, also smiling. A police officer in a black uniform and cap stands on the right, smiling and holding the dog's leash. They are in front of a white building with vertical siding.

By Stephen Smoot

Another student described



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Veterans Day Merits Honor and Reflections of Service

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day.

After World War II, there were many new veterans who had no association with World War I. So, on May 24, 1954, the name Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day. President Dwight Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so gallantly, and through rededication to the task of promoting peace.

The reflections of Veterans Day will be filled with pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and gratitude for the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice.

Whether the veterans fought in World War I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the War in Iraq, they cannot be honored enough. The poem written by R.V. Lillard is called "America's Answer."

"Rest ye in peace, ye Flanders dead,
That fight that ye so bravely led
We've taken up. And we will keep
True faith with you who lie asleep
With each a cross to mark a bed.
In Flanders Fields.

Fear not that nye have died for naught.
The torch ye threw to us we caught.
Ten million hands will hold it high.
And Freedom's light shall never die!
We've learned the lesson that ye taught
In Flanders Fields."

There are forces that are undermining the very foundation that this country was built upon. There is still hope as long as people believe in those principles. A world without war — wouldn't that be wonderful?

Life's little instructions for daily living include the following:

1. When a child does something for a person, say "thank you."
2. Take a shopping cart back for someone.
3. Call and check on a home bound person.



Roy Edward Moyers (June 25, 1918 - Aug. 19, 1987) was the son of William Edward (March 30, 1868 - March 5, 1952) and Carrie Louella Propst Moyers (Oct. 11, 1888 - Aug. 26, 1944). He married Ethel Clara Eckard Moyers (Nov. 15, 1919 - Oct. 31, 2018).

4. A person gets more by giving more.
5. A person is more defined by what comes out of one's mouth than what goes in it.

Temperatures are dipping rapidly for the Monday and Tuesday snow showers. Winds blew the rafters Wednesday night, shaking off the very essence of leaves from the tree limbs. Trees fell in several locations causing power outages in several county communities. An umbrella would certainly be totaled in the gusty winds.

This week's quotes are as follows:
"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." — Elmer Davis

"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!" — Maya Angelou

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget the highest appreciation is not

to utter words, but to live by them." — John Fitzgerald Kennedy

"My heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place—police, firefighters, and members of our armed forces." — Sidney Sheldon

"We're blessed with the opportunity to stand for something — for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to. And we have good reason to be hopeful and optimistic." — Ronald Reagan

It's a definite to be sitting by the fireplace to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Bill and Donna Arrington's son, Evan, came in for a visit this weekend.

Wesley, Becky, and Ben Puffenbarger spent Saturday in Pittsburgh after the high school football game Friday night in Cameron.

Robert Hodges spent the weekend with Emma and Nathan Puffenbarger while Wes and Becky were out of town. Carl Larry and Roberta Lilley of Beckley visited with Robert, Nathan and Emma.

Phil Downs has been transferred to Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community following a short stay at Sentara.

Wednesday found Wanda Pitsenbarger and Evelyn Varner visiting Cleo Simmons of Staunton, Virginia.

Clickety-clacks for the chin wagggers are as follows:

•The top three states with the most percentage of veterans are Alaska, Virginia, and Montana.

•More than 11 percent of living veterans are women.

•France, Australia, Canada, and Great Britain also celebrate Veterans Day.

•New York City hosts the oldest parade in the country on Veterans Day.

•Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service.

November birthdays include Paula Mitchell, 16th; Kasara Kiser and "Pidge" Anderson, 18th; Deloris Adkins and K.D. Puffenbarger, 19th; Gary Simmons, 20th; Bradley May, Roger Dale Hoover and Gerald Rexrode, 21st; Christina Simmons and

Ryan Swartzen, 22nd; Rick Adkins and Harry Lee Scott, Jr, 23rd; Carl Williams, 24th; Beth Felton, Mary Catherine Cassell and Joni Nelson, 25th; Lee Roberson, 26th; Trisha Knicely, 27th; Austin Simmons, 28th; George Hamil and Greg Smith, 29th; and Steve O'Toole and Danny Crider, 30th.

Concerns are for Mike Adams, Charles Anderson, Alfred Armstrong, Joan Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave Basagic, Allen Beachler, "Bo" Boggs, Larry Byers, Doreen Calhoun, Joyce Calhoun, Marie Cole, Stanley Dahmer, Kim Davis, Tommy Davis, Phil Downs, Steve Durham, Jennifer Errett, Isaac Eye, Mary Eye, Carl Gant, David Gillispie, Nancy Gonshor, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, Sharon Harr, Steve and Amanda 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, Debbie Horst, 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 Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, the Karla Moats family, 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, Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger, Tom Rader, Willard Rader, Brandon Reel, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Linda Fay Rexrode, Vesta Ruckman, Bernie Sasscer, Annie Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Greg Simmons, Judy Simmons, Nelson Simmons, Tonya Simon, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Bruce Smith, Ed and Carolyn Smith, Natalie Stephenson, Tina Stuben, Steve Stump, Linda and Larry Vandevander, the Amy Vaus family, Junior Waggy, Mary Louise Waldschlager, Rene White, Sherry Wilfong, Judy Williams, Patty Willis and Ann and Ed Wimer.

'When I Grow Up' Essay Contest Deadline Is Dec. 12

The statewide 2025-2026 SMART529 "When I Grow Up" student and teacher essay contest will be adjusted to accommodate the current academic year, instead of the calendar year, according Larry Pack, West Virginia state treasurer.

The annual essay contest gives students the chance to win up to \$5,000 in SMART529 savings for higher education. Teachers have the opportunity to win a \$2,500 cash prize.

"This contest has motivated many students across our state to begin thinking about a future career, and we want to continue offering it on a different timeline. Instead of holding the annual awards banquet for our regional winners in the fall, we will hold the ceremony in the Spring to coincide with the current academic year," Pack said. "My hope is that this contest continues to inspire students to dream big."

This past year, more than 3,300 students from across the state participated in the contest, working with their families and educators to discover job pathways that spark their interests and can lead them to a fulfilling future career.

In its 19th year, the SMART529 "When I Grow Up" essay contest gives kindergarten through fifth-grade students a chance to win both SMART529 savings for higher education

and cash prizes for their schools. Essay entries will be judged among five regions in three age groups (K-1, 2-3, 4-5), making for a total of 15 regional winners.

The 15 winners will be awarded \$500 invested into SMART529 college savings accounts. Out of the regional winners, one grand prize winner will be randomly selected to receive a total of \$5,000 toward a SMART529 account during an awards ceremony at the state Culture Center in Charleston sometime between February and April 2026. Each winner's school will also receive a \$500 cash award.

Teachers of grades kindergarten through fifth also have the opportunity to compete in the teacher portion of the essay contest. This year's winning teacher will receive a \$2,500 cash prize.

The SMART529 When I Grow Up essay contest allows students to submit, in 200 words or less, an essay that explains what they want to be when they grow up. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and the importance of post-secondary education.

Entry forms for both students and teachers are available at www.SMART529.com. In addition, entry forms will be

available at elementary schools throughout the state.

The deadline for entry forms and essay submissions is Dec. 12.

Drama Club To Present 'Murder Most Fowl'

Pendleton County Middle High School Drama club is presenting its fall production "Murder Most Fowl" at 7 p.m. Thursday and Saturday nights and at 4 p.m. Sunday.

This play is a farce on murder mysteries, taking place in PickaChick High (also known as the Pendleton County Middle High auditorium). Cap'n Curry and Let's Eat Network are hosting a chicken cooking contest with chefs from around the world. However, one of the chefs is missing. What "fowl" play is up? Is is Cap'n Curry himself (Tildon Graham), or Rich of Let's Eat Network (Colton Jackson), or could it be one of the famous chefs, Claudine Cassoulet (Hadassa Marlow), Sophia Cacciatore (Marion Williams), Phillip Partridge or his wife, Prunella (Matthew Cheeseman, Ellie Redmond), Placido Paella (Elijah Ruddle), or even the principal, Bonnie Bird (Jasmine Hester)?

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At 1:30 p.m. last Wednesday, the effect of hard winds was already driving the fire.

Wildfire Rages on Big Mountain

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one in mind of a hearth or a campfire.

Driving up the river to Cherry Grove, hazy conditions developed. At the source of the fire itself, winds were blowing a little less severely, but only a few hours into the blaze, smoke blew horizontally, parallel to the ground, as opposed to vertically. Wind damage had brought out a Seneca Rocks-Spruce Knob Telecommunications crew to clear fallen trees only a mile downwind of the fire. That promised a difficult job lay ahead.

Besides the dry and windy conditions, fire crews battled the terrain. The fire burned an area with what the United States Forest Service described as “steep, mountainous terrain in oak-hickory forest type.” Access to the area remained difficult and dangerous, especially in the unpredictable winds.

By Thursday, the USFS took the lead, referring to the Big Mountain fire as “Woodside.” The Facebook page of Pendleton County

Office of Emergency Management and 911 lauded “the numerous VFDs, WV DOF [Division of Forestry], and USFS fire crews for your great efforts in extreme terrain.”

In a later post, it was noted that Pendleton County Emergency Rescue sent standby units in case of injury.

Appreciation also went to “citizens supporting them with food, beverages, and prayers.”

The fire snaked up the side of the mountain facing away from WV 28, an area that did not threaten any homes or other structures. Officials did close the Vance Run Trail, however, as it ran in some parts along the fire boundary at times. At 9 a.m. on Nov. 6, 100 acres had burned and crews had 30 percent of the blaze contained.

Helicopter crews started dropping large buckets of water onto the fire, but the fire spread to 350 acres by Saturday.

While crews earned victories in extending the area of containment, while

keeping it from escaping and threatening lives and property, another factor entered to assist efforts.

On Monday, the USFS update stated that below-freezing temperatures and snowfall and accumulation had “moderated fire behavior” and allowed crews to “build additional hand lines and dozer lines along the fire’s perimeter.”

Although still burning as of Monday night, the hard work of responders and the timely assistance of cold weather and snow had put it under more control.

The USFS thanked “incident commanders Jesse Holguin and Gabe Templeton, and would like to thank the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management, local responders, and the community for their support.”

In addition to Pendleton County volunteer fire units, others came from Highland County in Virginia and Pocahontas County.

Grand Jury Indictments

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law enforcement officer . . . and was under the influence of alcohol, controlled substance, or drugs at the time, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges “a Misdemeanor,” that Cook “did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally possess a controlled substance . . . to wit: Methamphetamine . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The fourth count alleges “a Misdemeanor,” that Cook “did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally possess a controlled substance . . . to wit: Marijuana . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The grand jury returned an indictment with 23 counts against Richard Allen Ruble, “on, or about September 3, 2025” who “did unlawfully and feloniously and knowingly refuse to provide accurate information . . . or did knowingly fail to provide a change in required information . . . (in) obtaining his email account of BamBam010111987@gmail.com, having previously been convicted of a qualifying offense by order entered on or about March 18, 2015 in the Circuit Court of Hampshire County.”

The remaining 22 counts refer to the same crime with different email addresses. Those addresses allegedly created by Ruble are BamBam211187666@gmail.com, BamBam666187211@gmail.com, BamBamTT-GTTD69@gmail.com, ButtCheese8806@gmail.com, Getithowyoulive187211@gmail.com, ImHim806@gmail.com, JackA**@gmail.com, JohnDoeKissMyA**@gmail.com, Mook-SaysFu@gmail.com, TTG18787@gmail.com, RichardRuble18721166@gmail.com, a TikTok account with BamBam8806404286@gmail.com, a TikTok account withTTD18787@gmail.com, a TikTok account of lick_iT_beforeYo, a TikTok account of bambam88060428, a TikTok account of F***TT625, Facebook account of Bam Bam, a Facebook account of “Elizabeth Phillips, a Facebook account of Jon Doe, a Facebook account of Real Musick, a CapCut account of Demonchild259, a Favorited account of BamBam187.

The grand jury returned a two count indictment against Consuela Rose Bosley. She “did unlawfully, feloniously,

and knowingly take the name, birth date, social security number, or other identifying information of another person without the consent of that other person . . . Trudy Sponaule . . . with the intent to fraudulently represent that they were that other person for the purpose of making a financial transaction against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count is the same as the first. The grand jury returned a two count indictment, both for murder, against Ryder Lee Bowers. The first count alleges that he “did feloniously, willfully, maliciously, and with premeditation deliberately and unlawfully slay, kill, and murder Taylar Lee Bowers, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges the same, but against Justin D. Bowers.

The grand jury returned a three count indictment against Adam Gregory Keller. The first count alleges that he committed “Murder, a felony.” It stated he “did feloniously, willfully, maliciously, deliberately, and unlawfully slay, kill, and murder Miranda Henderson during the commission of a felony offense of Delivery of a Schedule II controlled substance, Fentanyl . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges “Drug Delivery Resulting in Death . . . (that) he did deliver fentanyl . . . to Miranda Henderson, who then ingested the substance, which proximately caused her death against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges “Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Second Offense . . . having been convicted on one or more occasion of the same or similar offense . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

With Sincere Thanks

I can’t express in words what the support of my family and friends has meant over this past month.

However, I need to say a special thanks to Dianna, Carl, Nathaniel, Kimberlee, Pastor Brad Mitchell and my two special grandsons, Wyatt and Cayson. Their support is what got me through this tough time.

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By Craig Sodaro
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For the Fourth Straight Season, Pendleton County Earns Trip to Charleston

By Stephen Smoot

Ask the Pendleton County volleyball squad what their favorite dance is? It's not the twist. It's neither the Watusi nor the Batusi. It's not the macarena or whatever hippity hop dance most kids are doing these days. It's definitely, indubitably, the Charleston because they have four straight trips to the state capital to compete with the best in West Virginia Class A. (Last year in Institute is technically metro Charleston!)

And if they find success there, they may owe it all to Paw Paw. Not their grandfathers, mind you, but a plucky band of Pirates who set their faces toward making Pendleton County wins over them as difficult as possible. Last month, the Wildcats got all they wanted in Morgan County from a team that pushed them to the limit in each set and even swiped one, as Pirates will. Last week saw a Wildcat team play with more patience as it beat the Pirates in regional play. With the double elimination rule in place, once again Paw Paw made the trek to Franklin.

To recap, Paw Paw may have the best player in Class A in Shayla Tanouye. She both sets and spikes with precision and has a superior ability to "hit it where they ain't." Tanouye provides the scoring punch while the rest of the team brings average offense, but stellar defense. Finding holes in their side, even with aggressive spiking, is difficult until Paw Paw wears down.

Their short bench has no experience, so the team on the floor is the team that remains on the floor.

With each meeting, the Wildcats got better at covering their side of the floor, developing consistency in sets and other plays. Maddie Day, head coach, shared that "they've been working really, really hard in practice" and in the regional final, ran plays at a high and mature level.

Set one opened with Paw Paw serving. In Morgan County, they ran out to big leads in nearly every set early on. The Wildcats set a strong tone with the first set. Breena Bowers fielded the serve, passed it to Carolyn Varner, who then provided a perfect set for a Laney Bowers spike and a 1-0 lead.

Paw Paw struck back early and took a 2-1 advantage, but then watched the Wildcats explode on an 11 to one run. Then, and much of the night, Pendleton County benefited



Wildcat volleyballers celebrate a big play in their victory that qualified them for a trip to Charleston.

from tight play and strong focus. Brynlynn Waggy delivered a vicious spike to break a 3-3 tie. Callie Judy received the serve and the next score came when Alyssa Bennett popped the ball up for Judy to set Waggy up for yet another spike to the back line.

Wildcat spikers tend to avoid trying to spike straight down on the opposing players at the net, preferring to angle high-velocity shots across the court. Mixing in misdirecting hits and light taps keeps the defense off-balance.

Paw Paw tried to gain momentum back in the middle of the set, scoring three consecutive, to pull within 14-8. Coach Day in an earlier matchup emphasized to not allow the other team more than three in a row. Pendleton County responded with four straight of its own, Bowers shots helping with two scores.

Set one ended with a 25-16 win as Breena Bowers pushed the ball to Chesnee Colaw, who set up a Waggy shot to the middle.

Set two opened with a serve from Bennett. She led all West Virginia high school players in all classes with 126 aces, serves with no return by the opponent, on the year, according to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. No ace this time, but Colaw's hit was not returned and the Wildcats took the initial point.

Paw Paw dug in early. Kinsley Price, whose presence grew larger as the game wore on, took a Varner set and fired it off the hands of a Pirate. Paw Paw tied it at two with an ace of their own. Emily Poling fielded a Pirate shot, passed the ball to Varner, who set up Price for a spike and a 3-2 advantage.

The Pirates tied it at three, but a spike from Colbie Wimer put the Wildcats up 4-3. The teams kept battling with Pendleton County pulling ahead and Paw Paw doggedly catching up.

The Pirates knotted the set

at seven with an ace, but the Wildcats pulled ahead a bit. A Bennett spike, followed by a Colaw ace put the home team up by a narrow two-point margin, but then the Wildcats executed a six to two run to set the score at 15-9. Bennett scored an ace in the run that hit nothing but floor.

Paw Paw pulled within five at 15-10, but the Wildcats locked the door on any further comebacks. The Pirates only scored five more as Pendleton County ran away with the rest of the set.

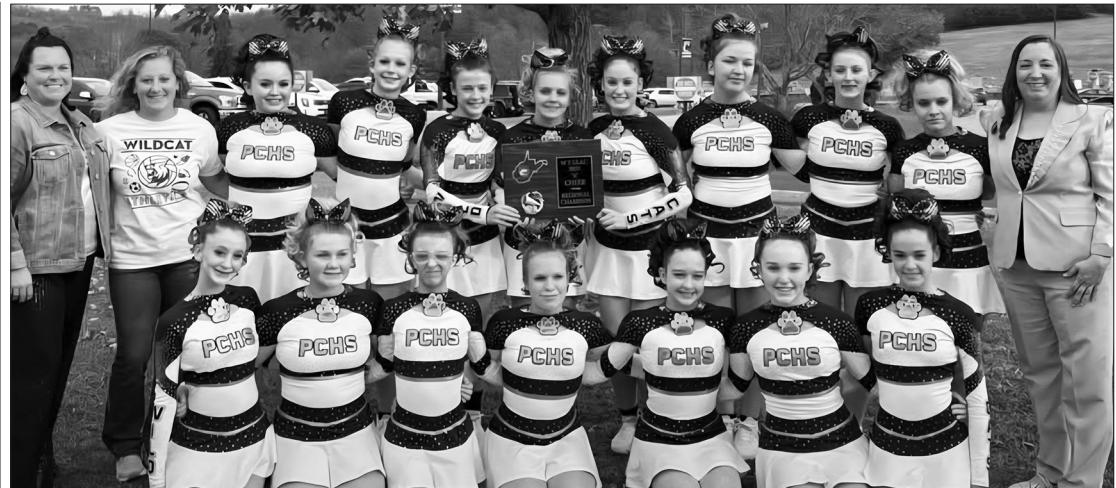
In set three, Paw Paw opened with a serve and an early 2-1 lead. Varner set up a Wimer spike to tie the game after one of the many very long volley exchanges that took place during the game. On one of the shots back to Paw Paw, Price contorted her body at the net, facing away from it, but hitting the ball backwards over to the other side.

Pirate pride kept pace with the home team for a while, even as their hopes for a victory in the game dimmed considerably. An ace from Price extended the early Wildcat lead to 6-2, but Paw Paw scored the next three.

A soft tap to the middle from Waggy ended the mini run. Wimer assumed the serve shortly thereafter. Her line drive serves kept Paw Paw off-balance and let the Wildcats take advantage. Phoebe Pownell set up a Waggy spike, then the next play the same dynamic happened to set the score at 12-6. Paw Paw later rattled off three straight, but then a Bennett spike ended the run at 13-9. On the next play, Price again fired a backwards hit into the defense. This time Paw Paw could not send it back.

The set and game ended when Pownell served two aces, concluding the set at 25-15.

The Wildcats advanced to the state tournament where they played Wirt County Wednesday morning.



Cheer Returns to States

The Wildcat cheer squad earned their second trip to state competition by winning regionals in Shinnston last weekend.

After Slaying Some Dragons, Cats Look Ahead to the Playoffs

By Stephen Smoot

In a saga worthy of the olden stories of Saint George, Pendleton County's football squad embarked on a lengthy trek last week. They traversed the state on a rainy, windy day, winding through mountains and hills, valleys and hollers.

Along the way, their quest seemed for naught. The bus they used for conveyance failed. Undaunted, they continued on until they found themselves in a Wetzel County village not far from the mighty Ohio River.

There, the champions of Pendleton County did unsheathe their weapons and follow the plan of attack. Though defeated during the past few years, this time the Wildcats emerged from the battle the victors. In a far off land, they demonstrated that their spirit and skills remained untamed even as they endured the best that the Dragons could throw their direction.

Cameron has fought their way to the top of West Virginia Class A football standings in recent years. Last year, they fell to fellow Ohio Valley Class A power Wahama in the state title game.

Before entertaining Pendleton County, the Dragons had put together a six and two record. Their most recent win came in a baseball score type finish, defeating East Hardy 8-7.

Both teams had already officially qualified for the postseason. Home field advantage remained a powerful incentive for both, but knocking off the Dragons after years of frustration may have added fuel to the Wildcats effort. They showed it by striking first in the game, leading at the end of the first quarter 7-0.

Numbers analysis by Max Preps shows that Pendleton County enjoyed a better average in scoring in the first half during the season than their opponents. The Wildcats averaged 9.7 in the first and 14.8 in the second. Cameron averaged 8.5 and 12.0 respectively. The numbers held as the Wildcats took a 14-6 lead into the half.

Pendleton County's offense put up strong numbers on the ground and in the air. The Wildcat offensive line has protected the quarterback Colton Roberson well all season, but has shown tremendous improvement in blocking for the running game. Even as some running backs suffered injury, the line

continued to create holes and creases.

Last Friday, Roberson carried the ball 15 times for 66 yards with Braylon Willis rushing nine times for 27. Much like Rich Rodriguez against Colorado the next day, Zac Smith, head coach, put a non-traditional player in the backfield to give his team depth. Curtis Jones Jr., a linebacker, responded with two touchdowns.

Sam Eason, normally a lineman, rushed one time for four yards for the Wildcats.

While Roberson has served as a running mainstay after early season tailback injuries, Willis has emerged as a solid back with enough shiftiness to fool defenders at the line and pick up additional yards.

Great programs do not fold easily. The Dragons found themselves outplayed and outscored in the first half. They returned to action in the third quarter determined to put the Wildcats in the line of fire, racking up 14 points and holding Pendleton County to none in the third.

As the final quarter opened, the Wildcats found themselves in an all too frustrating position vis-à-vis the Dragons, down 20-14.

Pendleton County showed all season long that one of its most important reactions to adversity lies in scoring points at a feverish pace. Moorefield endured such an onslaught in the second quarter against the Wildcats last week.

The Wildcats ran away with the fourth, scoring 22 while allowing eight for a final of 36-28.

Roberson has the luxury of a full complement of experienced, tough, fast, and sure handed receivers at hand. Travis Owens led all with eight catches for 101 yards. Chase Owens had four for 61, Britton Lough, four for 42, and Cameron Wyatt, two catches for 25.

The challenge for any defense lies in finding personnel to cover all four while still watching for Roberson's scrambling ability.

On Friday, the Wildcats will host Greenbrier West with the possibility of welcoming East Hardy the following week, should they upend Sherman.

Greenbrier West, who lost their number one ranking in a defeat to the Wildcats in week one in 2024, has a four and five record on the season. Their one mutual opponent with the Wildcats is Pocahontas County, whom Greenbrier West narrowly beat 16-14.

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INVITATION TO BID FOR THE PENDLETON COUNTY GENERAL SERVICES CENTER RENOVATIONS

Sealed bids for the proposed Pendleton County General Services Center Renovations, will be received by the Pendleton County Commission, attention, Karen Pitsenberger, 100 South Main Street, Franklin, WV 26807 until 1:30pm, on December, 16, 2025, for furnishing design/build, labor and materials and performing all work set forth in the Contract

Documents.

The project will be bid under a single Prime Contract with the General Contractor awarded the job providing licensed/certified electrical, HVAC, plumbing and other work as needed. The project involves the repair and/or replacement of windows (Number to be determined based on price & funding available), selective demolition of interior systems, partitions, and finishes, installation of new HVAC systems, modification of existing plumbing and electrical systems, and the installation of new partitions and finishes.

Contract Documents may be examined at the following location: Pendleton County Court House, Office of County Administrator, 100 South Main St., Franklin, WV 26807

Mandatory Pre-bid Conference:

A Mandatory Pre-bid Conference and site walk-through will be held at Pendleton County General Services Center (former school), 81 Evick Drive, Franklin WV 26807 at 2:00pm on Monday, December 1, 2025.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF Pendleton COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE MATTER OF: N. P. S. and H. N. S.

Civil Action No. 25-Fig-4
Minor(s) Under the Age of 18 Years

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To the above named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit in this action that after diligence to determine the address of April Taylor, residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that she serve upon Edith Turner, whose address is: 37 Allison Way, Brandywine, WV 26802, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action, on or before Dec. 16, 2025. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the

relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 4th day of Nov., 2025.

Shalee D. Wilburn
CLERK OF COURT
11-13-2c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 6, 2025. Deadline for claims is January 5, 2026.

Justin D. Bowers Estate - Beth Veach & Amy Harris, Co-Executrices; Taylar Lee Bowers Estate - Beth Veach & Amy Harris, Co-Executrices; Patricia Swecker Estate - Richard Swecker, Administrator; Kenneth Lee Hedrick Estate - Charles F. Hedrick, Administrator; Morgan Lee Hedrick Estate - Charles F. Hedrick, Administrator.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on October 31, 2025.

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FHS Classmates of '63 Attend Reunion



The Franklin High School class of 1963 held its 62nd-year reunion Aug. 31 at the South Fork Ruritan Building. Fourteen class members enjoyed a Hawaiian themed evening of fun, food and fellowship. Tony Calhoun, DJ and brother of one of the deceased classmates, provided the music. Classmates attending the reunion were, from left, front row, Jane Kimble Huffman, Josephine Ruddle Hedrick, Mary Jane Lambert Santelli, Jamie Cayton DiMarco, Mary Grace Dahmer Vandevander, Pat Smith Sacra, Carolyn Simmons Cook and Ronnie Gilkeson; and back row, Herman Hevener, Larry Hedrick, Geraldine Vandevander Hevener, Nathan Warner and Walter Alexander. Gene McConnell is absent from the photo.

Pendleton County Commission Discusses Proposed 911 Fee Increases

By Stephen Smoot

“We just thank You and praise you this morning,” Roger Dahmer, Pendleton County commissioner, shared in his customary invocation.

After hearing from representatives from Hardy County about the impending opening of a dialysis center, Pendleton County commissioners and Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, discussed the new county building in Franklin.

Discussions included the preferred wall surface, and that electric and sheetrock work will soon begin. Also, some of the offices, such as emergency management, have started taking shape. Gillespie noted that the commission may want to place portable heaters in strategic locations until

the installation of HVAC, worried about dropping temperatures and the possibility of freezing water infrastructure.

“Winter is here,” he shared, noting low temperatures and high winds creating winter conditions on Hunting Ground.

Gillespie also noted that the commission’s timely actions in holding public hearings for the 911 fee increase had allowed plenty of time to work with carriers to change billing.

Fees have not increased since the establishment of 911 in the 1990s. Residential will rise from \$2.50 to \$5.00 a month while businesses will see rates go up from \$8.00 to \$12.00. Carl Hevener, commission president, shared that they had examined similar increases and tried to hit a similar target.

Karen Pitsenbarger in the maintenance report stated that the Pendleton County Library needed two blowers for their HVAC at a cost of \$1,346. The Pendleton County Commission had previously committed to help with such issues. Concerning the construction of the courthouse annex, “Things are going well,” she reported

Commissioners then signed a memorandum of understanding with the Town of Franklin concerning following state law and synchronizing elections. A week later, the Town of Franklin was scheduled to hold its first reading of the enabling ordinance.

The town will cover the cost of its portion of the election. Commissioners agreed that all ballots should go to the courthouse for counting for purposes of security.

BOE Moves Forward with School Mapping for Safety

By Stephen Smoot

After the conclusion of a meeting with North Fork Elementary School faculty, administrators, staff, parents, and students, the Pendleton County Board of Education opened its regular meeting.

This opened with an invocation delivered by J. D. Wilkins, board president, that included “we thank You for all that the children are accomplishing.”

J. P Mowery delivered the list of bills ready for payment, including the HVAC work at Pendleton County Middle/High School and maintenance work at other sites. Almost \$70,000 went to Lantz for repairs to the NFES music room after a vehicle accident, but that will be reimbursed.

Travis Heavner added that other work had gone into a trench drain to channel water away from NFES.

One bill that continues to rise comes from electricity. Mowery stated that the bill had risen from \$220,000 “a few years ago” to over \$340,000 today.

“We do what we can to reduce electric, but it’s difficult when so much of what we do is automated.”

He also brought up a looming issue with Communities in Schools. The program emerged under Governor Jim Justice. Pendleton County has seen ripple effects in academic success and attendance improvement. State support has been as much as \$52,500 per site, but that drops to \$37,510 in fiscal year 2027, \$18,750 in 2028, and will eventually phase out.

Mowery shared that the system would need to find \$150,000 for 2027 to keep services at the same level or find ways to do more with less.

“We can do any scenario,” said Mowery of supporting the program, “we just have to pay attention to the trickle-down effects on other programs.”

Marshall University kicked in \$1,500 per site for CIS.

“There will be a lot of discourse,” said Mowery of CIS, “a cross section of folks being able to say how important this is.”

Attendees saw photographs of the

bright new music room at NFES, recently painted and with a brand new floor. Heavner discussed additional work done in the room and, of the floor, said, “It should really last a long time.”

Nicole Hevener, superintendent, opened discussion of bringing in a consultant to create a school mapping system. Something similar took place in recent years at Pendleton Manor. A consultant with military and security experience will evaluate a facility and create interactive mapping that can work with 911, the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management, and also first responders.

While it will cost more than \$42,000, much of the cost will be reimbursed.

Hevener urged action “to move forward and get this instituted” and found no objection from the board. She stated that it will be completed by early September 2026.

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SGR371A 0.04 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath 1600 sq. ft. Home located in Franklin. Town Water, power, double Pane Windows, Main level wood stove & half basement. Large deck on back w/Nice Mtn. View. Lot #4, Franklin Corp. ~~\$150,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$139,000.00**.
SGR370A 599.19 Acres located in Sandy Ridge area, Franklin District. Excellent Hunting, Food Plots, Timber, Catfish Pond, Mountain Views w/Roads Throughout. ~~\$1,695,000.00~~.
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**.
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. ~~\$293,000.00~~ **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 Mtn. Golf Course. Expansive view of Shenandoah Mountain and Fisher Mountain Golf Course. Year round spring-fed creek w/several other Springs and nice bldg. sites. **NEW LISTING \$2,250,000.00**.
SGR326A 141.74 Acres, Raw Land, Buffalo Hills. Excellent Hunting. Franklin District. ~~\$379,000.00~~.
SGR316A 10.35 Acres, Entry Mountain, Some Covenants & Restrictions. Nice View. ~~\$89,900.00~~.
SGR302A "The Hollow" Restaurant, fully furnished, at the corner of US RT 220/US RT 33W, Franklin. Property adjoins neighboring motel. ~~\$425,000.00~~ ~~\$320,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$299,000.00 REDUCED \$229,000.00**.
SGR056 Highland County property. Pasture, several year-round Springs, Hunting, High Speed Internet, Electric, 1.3 miles of public Road Frontage. Awesome view of Blue Grass Valley. ~~\$2,973,000.00~~.
SGR441 Residential lots, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte 33 East of Franklin. Lots from ~~\$20,760.00~~.
SGR247 Residential lots with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from ~~\$14,630.00~~.