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On Oct. 31, Pendleton County's first snowfall of the season created a winter wonderland on Spruce Knob. According to the woolly bear, there are 61 more days of snow to come this winter.

## Woolly Bear Predictions — An Appalachian Mountain Tradition 62 Days of Snow Predicted This Winter

By Stephen Smoot

One of the regular autumnal rituals in the mountains is observing woolly bears, or worms, to discern the likelihood of a rough or mild winter. It is unlikely that American Indians used these observations, but the tradition dates back to the original frontier settlers.

Pendleton County, like so many other communities in West Virginia, has its own expert who applies countless time of study and application of a “secret formula” to provide a prediction.

Robin Kile has shared her prediction for the upcoming winter.

**The Woolly Bears Have Returned! Woolly Bear Winter Weather Forecast for 2025-26**

“The woolly bears have been predicting winter snows

in Pendleton County since 2013-14, except for last

winter when none of the caterpillars could be found to make a forecast,” Kile reports. “This fall, however, the little fuzzy ones returned and once again have made their prediction. Twenty-five woolies were captured by Jack Hedrick and delivered to Kiser Gap where the black and brown bands on each caterpillar were counted. The caterpillars were then released. This information was plugged into the “secret formula” and according to that data, Pendleton County should have 62 days of snow falling from the sky this winter (Nov. 1 - March 31). Based on 11 years of woolly bear information, 62 is the average number of snow days for this area. Whether a snow lover or hater this should bring one joy, as it also means there will be 89 days of no snow!”

A North Carolina State University publication several years ago explored the use of woolly worms as prediction devices. They wished to determine if the traditional Appalachian lore regarding them held up to academic inquiry.

Traditionally, black stripes are said to predict more cold and snow. Brown stripes indicate milder conditions. The Old Farmer's Almanac suggests that “if their rusty band is wide, it will be a mild winter.” In fact, it issued a prediction that the Northeast will have a mild winter based on observations.

When the woolly worm sports narrow bands, that indicates a harsh winter. Also, as the Farmer's Almanac states, “the more black there is, the more severe the winter,” according to tradition. Its usual 13 bands of color are said to represent the 13 weeks of traditional winter, according to Appalachian History.net

In 1948, Dr. C. H. Curran of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City decided to test the tradition of woolly worms and weather. The long-term study also gave him a professional excuse to go on many excursions deep into the New York State countryside during leaf changing season.

He and the friends and colleagues who accompanied him styled themselves the “Original Society of the Friends of the Woolly Bear.”

Whether one calls it the woolly worm or bear, this species has one characteristic that sets it apart. It is one of the few North American animals to practice “freeze tolerance.” It pumps itself full of cryoprotectants when the cold season approaches. This enables it to not just hibernate, but to freeze itself in its larval stage throughout the winter. It then thaws in the spring to form a pupa and transform further.

After eight years of study, Dr. Curran established that he needed a much larger sample size over a longer term to truly establish a connection. He did say that his work did not rule out the possibility that the tradition was, in fact true.

Exactly 50 years ago, Appalachian State University's students established a Center for Woolly Worm Study, originally to compare new specimens with those collected during 10 years

Lack of resolution only makes this unusual little insect that much more interesting to scientists and natural observers alike.

### Board of Health To Hold Meeting

The Pendleton County Board of Health will conduct a meeting at 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the health department located at 274 Mill Road in Franklin.

### Quilters To Meet

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild will gather at 6 p.m. Monday at Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin. Activity will be ornament making. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend.

### Veterans Day Program Planned

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Richard Homan Memorial Park in Sugar Grove. Attendees are invited to enjoy refreshments following the ceremony. The event is being sponsored by the VFW Post 9666.

### Health-N-Ministry Begins Saturday

Health-N-Ministry begins with a “soft” start from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday in the basement of Walnut Street Methodist Church in Franklin.

Free assessments and checks, including blood pressure checks, oxygen levels, lung sounds and diet and medication assistance, will be provided by nurses. A follow-up with a primary care provider may be advised.

For questions or more information, call 304-534-1418 or 304-902-0744.

### Community CALENDAR

#### Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the post home in Sugar Grove.

#### Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

#### Family Support Center Sponsors Activities

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin is hosting the following events.

•Nov. 6, 4 p.m. — Free Chicken Giveaway. Eastern Action is giving away 100 bags of chicken wing dings. One bag per family is allowed on a first come, first serve basis.

•Nov. 6, 5 p.m. — How to Holiday on a Budget.

•Nov. 12, 9:30 - 11 a.m. — Grounds for Discussion. Attendees are invited to bring the conversation topics and enjoy the fellowship and a cup of coffee with local parents, caregivers and grandparents.

•Nov. 13, 10 a.m. — Pendleton County Home School Support Group. Scott and Marcia Somerville will provide support for families with children in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

## WVU Medicine's Bonnie's Bus And LUCAS Scheduled Visits To Pendleton County Released

By Stephen Smoot

One of the major challenges of rural health care lies in barriers to access. For a long time, overcoming those meant finding ways to get the patients from home to health care.

In recent years, that dynamic has reversed. Increasingly health care, within reasonable limits, can come as close as possible to one's home. For example, Potomac Highlands Guild has started offering virtual mental health services from mobile units

WVU Medicine has also pioneered bringing health care services on mobile physical platforms, like the LUCAS lung cancer screening facility and Bonnie's Bus, equipped



Bonnie's Bus and her “colleague,” LUCAS, take essential cancer screenings into remote areas.

with breast cancer screening equipment. A bus calendar for both Bonnie's Bus and LUCAS is offered. Scheduling is already set through the end of 2026. Screening appointments need to be scheduled a month in advance.

In 2026, Bonnie's Bus will

run to Parsons on March 24 and 25, then again on June 23 and 24, St. George on March 26, Thomas on April 29, Harman on June 12, Moorefield on July 22 and again on Oct. 22, Harman on Oct. 23, and Petersburg

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## Earle's Service to WELD, Dedication During Flood of '85 Leads to Broadcasting Hall of Fame



During the Flood of 1985, all access out of Franklin was blocked, including Rt. 220 north of Franklin at Ruddlee.

By Stephen Smoot

“Well that high tide's risin'/ Mama don't you let me down/ Pack up your suitcase/ Mama don't you make a sound/ Now it's king for king/ Queen for Queen/ It's gonna be the meanest flood/ That anybody's seen/ Oh mama, ain't you gonna miss your best friend now?”

Yes, you're gonna have to find yourself Another best friend, somehow.”

And those who lived through the terrible nights and days, those who remember the fifth of November, but different from the English, they all recall who their best friend was, even for just a few days, as the death throes of a powerful hurricane strangled communities up and down the South Branch Valley.

That was Willard Earle, already a familiar voice for a quarter of a century on WELD.

While 1985 served as a focal point for flood and natural disaster memories, horrific floods had plagued the South Branch Valley and wa-



Remote communities and residences facing destruction and isolation relied on Willard Earle at WELD for information.

tershed since settlement.

In 1877, according to records, the South Branch River crested at 34 feet at Springfield in Hampshire County. March of 1936 witnessed a flood that slightly exceeded that mark. According to a contemporary Moorefield Examiner account, “Moorefield was cut off from the outside world for two days by a flood that suddenly swept down the valley.”

Franklin saw the river crest seven feet above flood stage in that incident, Petersburg and Moorefield both endured flooding 10 feet higher. Storms hit in the middle of one of the hottest and driest decades in West Virginia and American history.

Unlike in 1877 and 1936, officials had somewhat more warning about the weather to come in 1985. Called “the Election Day Flood” in Virginia and “the Flood of '85” in the Mountain State, the origins came in the Caribbean Sea.

On Oct. 26, a tropical storm named Juan

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## Chesapeake Bay Foundation Releases Draft of Proposed Final Watershed Agreement

By Stephen Smoot

More than 40 years ago, the Chesapeake Bay Program emerged as the foundation of efforts to reduce pollutants in its watershed with the goal of restoring wildlife in the bay and in streams emptying into it.

Under Governor Cecil Underwood almost 30 years ago, West Virginia joined the coalition of jurisdictions within the watershed, Virginia, New York, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania. In exchange for access to grant funding that has helped, for example, to upgrade sewer systems waste treatment plants, the Mountain State wedded itself to the program and its efforts.

By 2014, the program included a Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement that established goals, expected outcomes, management practices, and more to “protect, restore, and enhance finfish, shellfish, and other living resources, their habitats, and ecological relationships to sustain all fisheries and provide for a balanced ecosystem in the watershed and bay.”

This year will see an updated watershed draft agreement come up for approval.

Chesapeake Bay's watershed includes all normally contiguous bodies of water, approximately 180,000 miles total, that flow towards and into the Chesapeake Bay.

Notably, West Virginia during much of the past decade has outperformed all other states

in the program in terms of reducing pollutants from industrial, agricultural, and other sources. At the same time, algae blooms that fed off of pollutants have decreased while populations of blue crab and other species expanded.

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture had partners in achieving this success. Under Dale Walker and other leaders, the West Virginia Poultry Association worked with members to successfully implement techniques that more precisely deployed manure into fields to reduce runoff into streams eventually feeding the bay.

All other states followed the United States Environmental Protection Agency recommended punitive laws, regulations, and rules that emphasized punishing polluters, even accidental ones. West Virginia wisely refused the federal advice and has seen its system of incentives, reliance on third-party organizations instead of government agencies, inclusion of cooperating local governments and institutions, and voluntary participation fare much better.

The new draft agreement's opening statement would seem to reflect that, stating “one of the most important lessons the partners have learned from the past four decades is that although watershed-wide partnerships can help to coordinate and catalyze progress, implementation is locally inspired and driven.”

As other states continue to struggle to meet

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The historical retrospect of the National Weather Service on the “slow and erratic motion of Hurricane Juan” stated that it “made

And the waters surged northward.  
Upstream, the damage intensified as the loss  
of life and property focused on Hardy, Grant,

She recalled that her husband lost about

"A lot of us grew into it on Nov. 4, 1985."



10 Years Ago  
Week of November 5, 2015

## ‘Flood of ‘85’ Wreaked Havoc

Some area residents are recalling one of the most devastating natural disasters to strike Pendleton and surrounding counties in the last century. This week marks the 30th anniversary of the “Flood of ‘85.”

On Monday, Nov. 4, 1985, over 7.5 inches of rain fell on the ground that was already saturated from above average precipitation in the weeks leading up to the flood. George Hammer, official weather observer for the US Weather Bureau, reported amounts from his station one mile east of Franklin. Some sections of the county reported as much as 12.5 inches of rain over the four-day period preceding the flood. Hammer commented that the 7.5 inches that fell on Nov. 4 was the most rainfall in a single day that he recalled during his 30 years of keeping records.

The ensuing flood waters ravaged homes, businesses and farmland causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damages and loss. Over 350 single family homes and 190 trailer homes were affected by the high water. Also impaired were some 39 businesses, 18 public buildings, 60 private bridges and culverts, 206 outbuildings, 51 barns and 204 recreational campers.

Pendleton County was essentially isolated from the outside world for three days. Road damage, washed-out bridges and massive slides made travel impossible. Otis Harper, Jr., Pendleton County road maintenance supervisor, estimated damages to primary roads at \$34 million and damages of secondary roads at \$20 million.

Electricity and telephone service was unavailable. The only form of communication out of the county was provided by ham operators, who worked tirelessly 24 hours a day relaying emergency messages.

Franklin Elementary School and Dixie School in Riverton were set up as evacuation centers to provide shelter for those losing homes to the raging waters.

Communities within the county were isolated from each other making it impossible for local service organizations to render assistance to many areas. The Franklin Fire Department sent teams of members to try to get to isolated areas to assess their needs and get emergency supplies to them. Attempts were made to obtain help from the National Guard at Buckhannon and the Elkins Fire Department, but volunteers were unable to travel past Harman.

Sanitation and health problems posed a threat until the National Guard came in with helicopters and began airlifting medical supplies to isolated areas. Of particular concern were shortages of insulin and nitroglycerin and a means of distributing the

supplies that were available.

Water supplies throughout the county either were destroyed or the water was rendered unfit for drinking. All community water systems in the county were knocked out.

The swinging bridge spanning the South Branch of the Potomac River in South Franklin, which had survived floods for 45 years, was washed away, and the approach to the bridge a half-mile south of Franklin leading to Propst Gap was also washed away.

Pendleton, along with seven other counties was declared a federal disaster area by then-President Ronald Reagan, making it eligible for federal assistance. Two weeks after the flood, nearly 700 county residents had applied for some form of federal assistance.

Sixteen deaths in the county were attributed to the flood. Two of the deaths, Ivan Stone, 58, and Jody Whiteside, 16, occurred as they were attempting to rescue other victims.

County school students were dismissed early the afternoon of Nov. 4 and did not return to class until Dec. 3. Due to location, some students were not able to return until much later.

The Pendleton Times was not published the week of Nov. 7, because of the electricity outage and lack of distribution facilities. A special reprint of the edition following the flood was distributed the week of Nov. 21.

Despite 30 years of repair and rebuilding, the Pendleton County landscape still reflects the devastation caused, and lives were forever changed, by the raging waters from the “Flood of ‘85.”

60 Years Ago  
Week of November 4, 1965

## EDITORIALS

*Keep Funds Intact* — —

One of the major problems which has faced the County Court of Pendleton County in recent years has been the problem created by the declining need for the county parish farm and the increasing cost of operating it.

A number of years ago when the county government had the full responsibility of caring for the indigent, the parish farm was a much needed possession of the county. But in recent years the state and federal governments have largely taken over the responsibility of caring for the needy, and as a result, the county no longer has the need for the farm that it once had.

Although the need for the parish farm has been declining, in recent years the cost of operating it has increased to the point where it was becoming a burden upon the county to maintain it. It had, indeed, become a problem. But the county court faced up to the problem and resolved it by selling the farm. We believe the court acted wisely in taking this decisive

action.

But in solving one problem, another was created. The farm was sold for \$74,600 and the personal property brought about \$17,400 more, bringing the total proceeds of the sale to approximately \$92,000. The problem now is what is the best use that can be made of these funds.

We are fortunate in having county officials with sound judgment. We are confident that they will see the merit in using the monies now under their control for something big, something that will be a significant and lasting benefit for the county, rather than in dribbling it away, little by little, so that there will be nothing to show for it 10 years from now.

70 Years Ago  
Week of November 3, 1955

## Firemen’s Hallowe’en Parade, Party Draw Large Attendance

Approximately 200 youngsters from throughout the Pendleton County, dressed in costumes ranging all the way from Cinderella to Satan, and from Davy Crockett to 20th Century Mechanical Men, marched in the firemen’s annual Hallowe’en parade in Franklin Monday night.

Following the parade, the firemen threw a big party for the youngsters at the fire station including contests and entertainment by the band, capped off with hotdogs, coffee and Kool-aid for everyone.

It was estimated that from 1500 to 2000 persons lined both sides of Main Street and parts of High Street. Approximately 1000 of them followed the paraders to the fire station.

Braving a chilly 40 degrees temperature, they saw Ervin Dale Lambert get his face well smeared with chocolate pie as he won the first pie eating contest. Jean Ann Simmons and Bill Cunningham tied in a second pie eating contest later in the evening.

Carrol Thompson won an apple eating contest, and Loren Bryan succeeded in blowing up a balloon until it burst quicker than his competitors. Roy Hartman revealed a good baritone voice to win the hog calling contest, and Dale Thompson was the champion bubble gum blower. Johnny Murphy won the hotdog eating contest.

Prizes were awarded for the prettiest, most original and ugliest costumes. Winners of the prizes were as follows: Prettiest costume—Candy Dalen, who was dressed as a fairy; most original costume—Sue Hiser, who was rigged up as a mechanical man; ugliest costume—Charlie Sites, who represented a scarecrow. Runner-up for the ugliest costume was Linda Stump, who was dressed as a tramp, and Carolyn Simmons who represented a television set, was runner-up for the most original costume.

80 Years Ago  
Week of November 2, 1945

CLINTON HEDRICK  
AWARDED MEDAL

“Technical Sergeant Clinton M. Hedrick, glider infantryman of Riverton, Pendleton County, West Virginia, who gave his life covering the retreat of his comrades from German treachery last March 28, has been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the War Department announced October 26.

Sergeant Hedrick died inside the court of an ancient castle at Lembeck, Germany, facing the Germans with a Browning automatic rifle while his comrades withdrew to return with reinforcements. When the reenforced infantrymen stormed the castle shortly afterward, they found him dying from wounds.

The medal will be presented to Sergeant Hedrick’s father, Preston Hedrick of Riverton.

“Sergeant Hedrick was fearless through two days of fighting,” Staff Sergeant Richard L. McKelvie of Eggertsville, New York, reported. “We made our landing near Wesel the day before and after gathering in a woods, set out on the attack on Lembeck. We came out into a field and attacked heavily defended positions. But when we were among the enemy they opened up with two machine-guns that pinned our men to the ground.

“There was a trench leading close to the machine-gun positions and I begged Sergeant Hedrick to use it when he said he was going out to silence the guns. But he got up and went at them with the automatic rifle firing from his hip. He knocked out both guns.

“When we ready to take up the assault on Lembeck he knew a frontal assault would be costly, so he took a squad around to the flank and opened a diversionary attack. When we started our attack he was fighting more than 100 Germans with his little squad.”

“In the final drive, Sergeant Hedrick again advanced alone against two machine-guns and blasted them out of action with his BAR,” Sergeant McKelvie related. “A six-man patrol, all armed with automatic weapons, appeared on our flank in a surprise move and Sergeant Hedrick killed them all with a burst from his rifle.”

Sergeant Hedrick was born on May 1, 1918, at Cherry Grove, and attended rural school. His parents later moved to their present farm home at Riverton.

A veteran of fighting in Africa, Italy, France and Belgium, he entered the Army on September 5, 1940, and participated in the landing at Oran. He wore battle stars for the Rome-Arno, Southern France and Germany campaigns, in addition to the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded him for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

BY

CARL E. BURGTORF  
FOREST RANGER

Arlie Warner of Cherry Grove, is now on duty at the Gatewood fire tower helping to protect the Monongahela National Forest from fire. He is one of the more fortunate veterans since he found a home for his family at Harman.

Arlie says that life at the fire tower before he entered the Army seemed quite rugged though it now seems somewhat refined. Undoubtedly this impression is due to the fact that Arlie has spent day after day lying in the mud, eating K-Rations when he could get them, and living out in all kind of weather.

Perhaps some of us would appreciate our beds more if we too had been in France and Germany when raincoats and blankets froze in the mud and snow, and just standing up was a luxury.

If you pass through the Spruce Mountain or Hunting Ground country, you are invited to stop at the Gatewood fire tower where veteran Warner will gladly take time off from baking biscuits or running his weather station to show you the highest mountain in West Virginia and other points of interest.

105 Years Ago  
Week of November 5, 1920

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## AT THE BLUE GRASS THEATRE

Crabbottom, Va.  
Saturday night, Nov. 6.  
“Gates Of Brass”  
“Spring Fever”

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## Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Another month has started, and it is getting closer to the start of a new year, less than two months away. It seems that at the end of this year, there are more events to send the old year out.

Veterans Day is Tuesday. There are many veterans in this county. This is the only day of the year devoted to them. If one knows a veteran, give them thanks for their service. They made the sacrifice for this country, so give them respect.

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 Borrer, 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 Wayne Simmons.

Prayer thought: “Dear God, please help me patiently wait for You to act out Your will in my life.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Oct. 27 through Nov. 2 were as follows: Oct. 27 - 55°, 32° (59°, 30°), Oct. 28 - 47°, 36° (61°, 31°), Oct. 29 - 44°, 37°, .59” (72°, 44°), Oct. 30 - 53°, 39°, 1.09” (76°, 43°), Oct. 31 - 46°, 40° (78°, 52°), Nov. 1 - 61°, 39° (65°, 45°) and Nov. 2 - 58°, 37° (62°, 33°).

Total rainfall for October was 2.36”, compared to .75” in October of 2024.

Year-to-date rainfall is 41.17”, compared to 49.26” for the same time period last year.

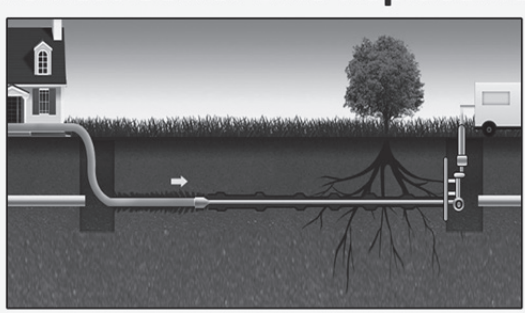


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# Steaming Soup Kettle Aromas Create Warmth this Time of the Year

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

November is spreading its brownness over the hills in this community, muting the colors and bringing an end to warm weather. This month is sometimes described as bleak. November is lulling the land to rest, covering the ground with a blanket of brown leaves. Very soon, the ground will be blanketed with a counterpane of white. Wood smoke from chimneys promises warmth and cheer within the dwellings. November is closing its door on summer, bringing that cheery warmth inside.

This is the time for soups, bubbling and steaming on the back burner of the stove. The cellar is stuffed with ripe apples, potatoes, and jars of vegetables. Crops of sauerkraut are stored in the corner, and the deep freezer is full to the brim with meats. This is the time for warm fuzzy blankets, when dry leaves skitter across the road like small, frightened animals, when the emerald green of the pines stands out amid the brownness of the hills, when trees with their bony arms reach skyward and shiver when the cold winds blow, when night comes earlier and delays its departure a little more each morning.

Perhaps it is November that brings about the longing for home, which is one of the most ingrained instincts there is. The old farm may be sold, the homeplace torn down or burned, yet there is still that desire to go back home again. Yes, there is a fierce pull to these hills. Returning home to a pot of soup would be a nice homecoming welcome:

Blended Vegetable Soup

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

2-1/2 medium yellow onions, peeled

2-3 medium waxy potatoes

5 medium carrots, peeled

2 teaspoons fine grain sea salt

6 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced

5-1/2 cups vegetable broth

3 cups broccoli, florets and stems

Juice of a lemon

Instructions:

Chop the onions, potatoes, and carrots into (roughly) 1-inch pieces.

Heat the olive oil and butter. In a large soup pot over medium-high, add the onions and salt, stir to coat. Cover and cook for 5-10 minutes, stirring occasionally until onions soften completely. Add the garlic, and cook for another minute or so. Add the potatoes and carrots along with the broth. Bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer.

After 5 minutes of simmering, add the broccoli and boil another 7-10 minutes or so. Everything needs to be tender. Always test the potato and broccoli. Remove from heat.

Season the soup well to one's liking with more salt, if needed, and the lemon juice. (Option: soup may be blended, if a smoother consistency is desired.)

Enjoy!

Life's little lessons include the following:

1. Practice teamwork.

2. Keep noise down.



Mummy wrapping was one of the enjoyable activities at the Sugar Grove Rescue Squad Halloween party on Saturday evening. Jason Smith was one of the many people who were wrapped. He had help from Stuart Bowers, left, and Treyvin Puffenbarger, right.

3. Let the person with just two items go ahead of one.

4. Call and check on a senior citizen.

5. Hold the door open for someone entering.

The rains have circled like a plane over this countryside. Showers resulting in .61" fell Wednesday evening at the home of the writer. Temperatures have been captivating the jackets and coats.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"A tree falls the way it leans." — Spanish proverb

"I usually take a two-hour nap from 1 to 4." — Yogi Berra

"Age is just a number. Life and aging are the greatest gifts that we could possibly ever have." — Cicely Tyson

"If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one." — Dolly Parton

"A man's got to do what a man's got to do." — John Wayne

Sitting by the fire is the way to go to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

The state road crew has been busy cutting brush along the highway. It certainly makes appearances more welcoming. Sad to say that potholes are appearing on the Reddish Knob Road. This is partly due to the cinders dispersed on icy sections during the winter months.

Bill and Charlene Rader of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, spent a week in their Rader homeplace in Sugar Grove and visited with

families and friends. Last Tuesday, Eddie Rader visited in the home of Willard and Judy Rader. Saturday, Bill and Charlene returned to their home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Saturday evening, Halloween was celebrated at the rescue squad building. The children surely enjoyed the games, costume judging, and food which was provided by the rescue squad/ Lions Club.

Rhonda Nash spent a delightful Saturday afternoon dressed as Professor McGonagall of Hogwarts, volunteering at the Sugar Grove Rescue Squad Halloween party. On Sunday, she also thoroughly enjoyed the History Alive! program at the Pendleton County Library, which was sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Pendleton County Committee for the Arts. Actor/educator JoAnn Peterson of Ft. Ashby portrayed Frances Perkins, the first female Cabinet member and U.S. Secretary of Labor, who is also known as the "Mother of Social Security."

So good to see that Dover Paul has returned to his "winter home," following a summer hiatus.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

• Jim Dreyer swam across Lake Michigan in 1998 (65 miles), and then in 2003, he swam the length of Lake Michigan (422 miles).

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• Ketchikan, Alaska, is the salmon capital of the world.

• On July 4, 1959, Sitka, Alaska, is where the first official raising of the 49-star United States flag took place, minutes after Alaska became a state.

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## WVU Medicine Grant Memorial Hospital Recognized for Expanding Rural Health Services

The West Virginia Hospital Association's recent community benefit report highlighted WVU Medicine Grant Memorial Hospital for its extraordinary expansion of healthcare services in just the past two years, significantly improving access to specialized care across the Potomac Highlands region.

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bringing more care options closer to home.

The hospital has also made major technological advancements, such as implementing the EPIC electronic medical record system, upgrading to Philips patient monitors, enhancing lab capabilities, and installing a state-of-the-art 3 Tesla MRI scanner to deliver faster, more detailed imaging.

Serving the tri-county region, GMH continues to enhance its community offerings with the recent opening of an outpatient therapy center. Plans are also underway for a rapid care center to provide walk-in, non-emergency care from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, helping to alleviate pressure on the emergency department while ensuring timely and affordable access to care.

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# Pendleton County Serves Up Hat Trick Against Rival Moorefield

By Stephen Smoot

Two years ago, Moorefield looked to wrap up a difficult season with a win over adversarial rival Pendleton County. The Wildcats had grit, toughness, and determination, but that had not translated into a record that would get the team into the postseason.

For both teams, senior night in Moorefield represented the closest to a playoff atmosphere either team would see all year. The Wildcats silenced the crowd, overcame a mountain of a lead in the fourth quarter, and stole a win that served as a “best moment” for many of their entire playing careers.



Braylon Willis surges through the middle of the Yellow Jacket defense.

Last Friday night, the conditions returned. A chilly Halloween night at Yellow Jacket Field would watch another battle between heated rivals. This

time, Pendleton County and their fourth place rank in Class A would be favored over the home team. Moore-

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## Ace Is the Place in Cats' First Regional Victory



Defenders converge on the ball during a regional win over Tygarts Valley.

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County's vol-

leyball team opened up the postseason last week in solid style, taking a workmanlike attitude toward

dispatching opponents in an effort to punch a ticket to Charleston later this month.

The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission changed its postseason arrangement, moving to a superregional tournament format instead of opening with sectional games. East Hardy as the one seed in Class A Region II hosted one portion while second seed Pendleton County welcomed opponents to Franklin to compete in its bracket.

A double elimination format means that the regionals have two rounds, with the championship rounds coming this week.

Alyssa Bennett opened the first set with a serve that caromed off a Tygarts Valley Bulldog player and sailed out of bounds, establishing the tone of the contest.

“Serving has been a priority for us,” explained Madison Day, head coach. She added that “it’s one of the few things in volleyball you can control.”

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## Wildcat Harrier Runs at States



Callie Dunn competed in states at Cabell Midland High School. She finished 27th, ninth among 10th graders. Her time was 24.32.92.

## UT Producers Collect Donations for PAWS



Upper Tract Producers 4-H club members held a pet supply donation drive to benefit Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter. Members brought in cat and dog toys, food, kitty litter, and other various supplies for PAWS. Kristen Dingess and Lauren Hagman, representatives of PAWS, talked about the operations of their organization with the 4-H members. Pictured are, from left, Katie Keyser, Lydia Heavner, Lauren Hagman, Kristen Dingess, and Addie Rexrode. Submitted by Katie Keyser, club reporter.

## Bowers, Pownell, Whetzel Named PCM/HS Students of the Month

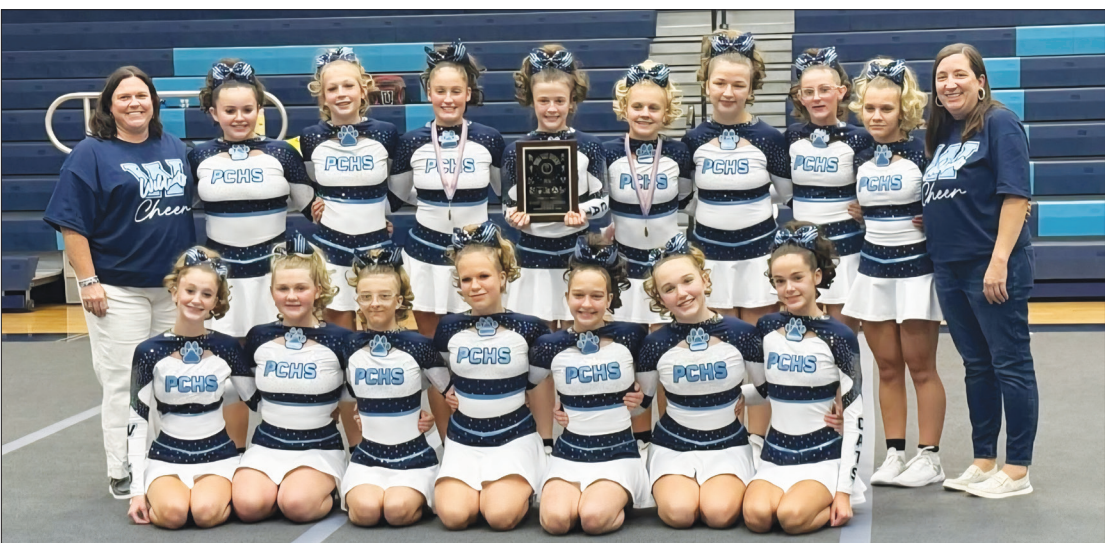


Pendleton County Middle/High School September students of the month are, from left, Vivian Pownell, Breena Bowers and Aiden Whetzel.

Breena Bowers, Vivian Pownell and Aiden Whetzel have been named outstanding students of the month for September at Pendleton

County Middle/High School.

A senior from Franklin, Bowers is the Academic Student of the Month at PCHS. She is



Conference champion Wildcat cheerleaders seek to collect more post season hardware at regionals.

## A Pendleton County Program in the Making Dominates Potomac Valley Conference Meet

By Stephen Smoot

At the Potomac Valley Conference cheerleading championships, the Wildcats roared, as they did in 2024.

This year, the team enjoyed home court advantage with the competition taking place at Pendleton County Middle/High School. Both Division I, encompassing schools larger than Class A, and Division II, the Class A cheer squads, came to Franklin.

“I am so proud of them!” exclaimed Rebecca Miller. Her Wildcats took on Union, Tygarts Valley and claimed the crown. She stated that they performed at the “best they ever looked when they needed to be.”

“They did everything their coaches asked them to do,” Miller added. “I cannot say enough good things.”

Miller praised her three seniors, who “are the leaders of this team.” This role

they understood well since no seniors competed on the team last year. Two of them, Jaiden Mitts and Katelyn McQuain, took home individual all Potomac Valley Conference awards. McKinley Hedrick helped to provide the leadership that kept the team at what Miller described as “peak performance.”

At the meet, the team “absolutely peaked. They didn’t have any deductions and the judges only had good things to say.”

This year differed from last year in that half the total roster had gone to states last year. “There was a lot of pressure last year,” explained Miller, who added that they felt the nerves of a team looking to break a 21-year streak of not going to compete at state championship level competition.

She noted that although some of the girls go their separate ways outside of

the sport, they share a tight bond within the team. They help and support each other, which builds an atmosphere of family and contributes to making the squad more than the sum of their parts.

As the team builds on its success year after year and reloads instead of rebuilds, Miller’s vision has emerged. She shared that “it was my goal to build a program, my mission to build a successful cheer program.”

On Nov. 8, the girls make the three-hour trek to Lincoln High School to compete in cheer regionals. The top two squads will go on to Charleston in December to compete with other regional winners for a state title.

For the third year in a row, Miller took home Coach of the Year honors, but stressed that the award “would not be possible without the girls. This is just as much their award as mine.”

## Pendleton County Too Much For Prideful Paw Paw in Second Round Regional Action

By Stephen Smoot

The Wildcats’ trip to Paw Paw last month does not inspire a lot of positive memories, despite the win. Pugnacious Pirates pushed Pendleton County to the brink in nearly every set. The three to one victory did not fully reflect how well the home team played in that match as they tried to flip the script on the state tournament qualifiers during the past three years.

“They’re good. They’re solid,” noted Madison Day, Wildcat head coach. “They deserve all the accolades they get.”

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Kinsley Price and Carolyn Varner elevate at the net while Emily Poling plays a supporting role behind them against Paw Paw.



## Four-H Members Share Pets with Manor Residents

The Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club had 12 members take their fluffy, feathery, and woolly friends with them to share with the Pendleton Manor residents for a pet show. The residents enjoyed visiting with the 4-H members and the different critters. Pictured are, from left, front row, Brielle Raines, Olivia Seymour and Jonah Seymour; middle row, Sean Waggy, Ezra Boner, Everett Boner, Easton Boner, Connor Raines, Madalyn Griffin and Hannah Schell; and back row, Emily Schell and Bella Hoover. Submitted by Katie Keyser, club reporter. Submitted by Katie Keyser, club reporter.

a member of the National Honor Society and the volleyball team. She is on the homecoming and prom committee and is vice president of the class of 2026. She has been recognized for her high SAT scores and being on the A-Honor Roll. She has received an academic letter and has read to Franklin Elementary School students. She was also recently awarded Homecoming Queen 2025. She has worked at the Korner Shop and Franklin Florist. Her plans are to go to college to pursue a career to help others in a positive way. She is the daughter of Rene Hinkle and Justin Bowers.

Pownell, a senior, is the James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month at PCHS. She is the daughter of Rick Pownell and Carrie Ruddle of Franklin. She is a member of Educators Rising, National Honor Society, choir, FFA, 4-H, and West Virginia Theater East.

She was an Educator’s Rising state champion and national semi-finalist, author and illustrator of the K-3 Literature Contest. She was a member of the West Virginia 4-H state champion horticulture and poultry judging teams and was a 4-H Club Congress delegate. She volunteers for Energy Express. She plans to attend Eastern Community and Technical College and Concord to finish the Grow Your Own Program and become a kindergarten teacher, as well as write and illustrate children’s books and art.

Whetzel, an eighth grader, is the Pendleton County Middle School Student of the Month. He is the son of Jared and Bethany Whetzel of Franklin. What he enjoys most about school is participating in sports with his friends. His hobbies outside of school are sports-based, and his future goal is to play a collegiate sport.

# Pendleton Vs. Moorefield

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field won a single solitary game so far this season, which was a huge triumph over Tucker County.

How would the spirits and ghosts of Moorefield games past affect the relentless drive of the 2025 Wildcats as they faced a highly motivated and deceptively talented Moorefield Yellow Jackets team?

The first quarter showed the level of fight in both teams with each squad probably amped up too much. Both sides struggled to hold onto the ball. The Wildcats would see turnovers end drives quickly, while the Yellow Jackets would hold onto the ball far longer before turning it over.

The Yellow Jackets probed the Wildcat defense often with the run early. At the 2:34 mark in the first quarter, on third and six, they crossed the goal line first. With the kick successful, Moorefield took an early 7-0 lead.

For those whose favorite play in football is the onside kick, this game would have been highly entertaining. Moorefield threatens an onside kick at every opportunity. They will line up in a bunch formation behind the ball and will softly boot the ball directly forward, anticipating that the receiving team will feel intimidated by 11 screaming football players converging quickly on the ball.

If they do not onside kick, then they will shift into a traditional kickoff, and either kick it deep or execute an onside kick. Pendleton County, when receiving, executed their own set of shifts to get the right personnel in the right place.

Zac Smith, Pendleton County head coach, and his assistants worked the various kickoff options, as well as a package of different plays and defensive formations, into the game.

Moorefield tried to cap off their score with an onside kick, but the Wildcats came up with the ball. On third down, quarterback Colton Roberson rolled right, then tucked the ball under his arm and streaked for the sticks.

At first, officials called him inches shy of a first down. Then, to the intense displeasure of the home side, the call was reversed, recognizing that the Wildcats had picked up a first down. A personal foul by the Yellow Jackets on a subsequent play pushed Pendleton County closer. Though they got second and goal at the seven, a holding call pushed the Wildcats back to the 15.

The call was of little consequence as Roberson's pass found Cameron Wyatt's hands, letting him take the ball in for a touchdown. Kam Redman's kick tied the contest at seven.

Pendleton County then mimicked Moorefield's onside kick routine and successfully popped one up that landed in the control of Chase Owens. Typical of the first half of the game, as soon as the Wildcats seemed to find a rhythm, hard luck dealt a blow.

With first and 10 at midfield, a Roberson pass caromed off a receiver's hands at an odd angle. A Moorefield defensive back wound up with the ball deflected right at him and did not fail to secure the interception.

The Yellow Jackets took the ball to the Wildcat 46 and opened up shop there. A personal foul called on them pushed the team back to their own 36-yard line. Four plays later, they launched a punt that drove the Wildcats back to their own 27.

Pushed back to the 14 by a penalty call, Roberson on second and 24 faked a short pass to Owens and delivered a midrange ball to Britton Lough over the middle, who worked his way to the team's own 34. Facing third and four, Roberson drew the defense offside with a hard call and picked up a first down.

At midfield on third and three, Roberson again showed the Yellow Jackets a short fake, then fired the ball downfield to Owens, who took the ball to the Moorefield 30. Five plays later, with 3:33 left in the second quarter, Roberson flipped a pass to Travis Owens for a Wildcat touchdown. The kick was no good and the score was set at 13-7.

Moorefield, fueled by flags, quickly got back up the field into Wildcat territory. On first and 10 at the visiting team's 36, Wyatt shut down a sweep left with a massive hit. On the very next play, Moorefield ran a sweep again, but the running back lofted a pass over the aggressive Wildcat defense, hit a target, scored a touchdown, and with the kick, regained the lead 14-13.

Pendleton County received the kickoff at the 2:35 mark. They took over at the Moorefield 47. Roberson arced a pass

deep over the middle that allowed Travis Owens to sprint under it, then continue on to a touchdown. Redman's kick made the score 20-14.

Though the Wildcats did not attempt an onside kick, the Moorefield player to whom it went extended high in the air to catch, but muffed the play. Pendleton County pounced at the Moorefield 26 and took over there at the 2:26 mark.

A bubble screen to Travis Owens on the right sideline went to the 17. Next, Roberson hit Chase Owens and moved the team to the 10. From there, the quarterback faked a handoff and wove his way through defenders to grab another score. The kick set the score at 27-14.

Regardless of record, the Yellow Jackets play with pride. Despite the disastrous turn of events, they took the kickoff to field goal range and missed with no time remaining in the first half.

Moorefield kicked off, booting an onside kick off of a Wildcat player and taking over to start the half. Three plays into the drive, a big Wildcat hit dislodged the ball, allowing the defense to gather up the fumble. Roberson with first and 10 at midfield found a crease and ran through it to the home team 30.

Two plays later with 9:13 left in the third, Roberson ran right. As he crossed the line of scrimmage and drew the defense, he pitched the ball outside to Chase Owens, who pushed up the right sideline 13 yards to the Yellow Jacket 14.

It allowed all there a sighting of the now endangered and nearly extinct, but once flourishing, quarterback option play.

On second and five, Roberson threw left and hit Wyatt at the goal line for a touchdown. The kick by Redman made the score 34-14.

The specter of two straight years of double overtime improbable comebacks prevented anyone from thinking the game over. Coach Smith dialed up an onside kick to try and keep momentum in the hands of his offense, but the Yellow Jackets got the ball at midfield.

Their run oriented offense ground out 32 yards on 10 plays, erasing seven minutes off the clock. The Wildcats stood strong at their own 24, shutting down the offense on fourth down and taking the ball back. Moorefield's defense held and forced a punt with 10:38 left in the game.

Despite the one win record, Moorefield brought in talented runners, an aggressive defense, and a decent offensive line. They had the talent to sting the Wildcats and did so early in the final quarter.

A Wyatt punt to midfield set up Moorefield with 10:30 left. The first play broke into the open field and looked to be going far, but Albert Ramos-Rivera sprinted in and rolled the runner to the turf, perhaps preventing a touchdown.

That touchdown came three minutes later, but Ramos-Rivera's big play meant that Moorefield had to spend precious time to get it as the game wound down. Pendleton County expected the onside kick, but the attempt bounced off a Yellow Jacket too early, giving the Wildcats possession with 7:26 left in the game.

One side would look at that and say "plenty of time." Those on the west side of the field thought "way too much time."

The difference between a good team and a great team lies in the shifting of the gears. Great teams can find that higher gear at the right moment, elevating their performance to shut down the other side's chances and even hope.

Pendleton County's offensive line set its face to the opposing side, knowing that it and the skilled players who relied on them simply needed to do one of two things, either run out the clock, or score. The Wildcat offensive line forgot about "either" and aspired to do both.

Braylon Willis and Roberson relentlessly ran at and attacked holes made by the Wildcat linemen. Six yards here, three yards there, steadily closing in on the goal line while chomping on the clock. With just under two minutes left, Willis rewarded the line by cutting through a hole, running six yards, and putting an exclamation point on the conclusion of it.

Coach Smith gave "credit to Moorefield" who battled the whole game without quit. He also praised his kicker Redman who connected on most of his attempts of the day.

"After the team finally settled in in the second quarter," Smith stated, "we definitely played well, I'm really proud."

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# Volleyball First Regional Win

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That especially serves as the case when Chesnee Colaw steps behind the line. She served second against Tygarts Valley. Out of 11 serves, eight drew an ace. Colaw approaches serving like Orel Hershiser did pitching for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Calm, cool, collected, but with the precision of a surgeon, Colaw fires serves for both placement and speed while also sometimes working in curving motions.

When Colaw completed her service, the Wildcats had assumed a commanding 13-2 advantage. Not long after, Callie Judy stepped forward to serve with the score 16-3.

At that point, set one developed into a clinic. Judy, as she often did in last year's state tournament, sliced and diced the defense with effective serving. Defenders fed sets to Brynlynn Waggy who dominated play at the net, alternating vicious spikes with soft directed taps.

Set one closed with a 25-4 score. The Bulldogs started off serving in set two, but lost it quickly as Kinsley Price fired the ball back for the first score of the set. Price later took over the serve with her team up 4-1 and promptly scored an ace.

In many sports, the players who escape mention are the ones working the hardest to make big plays. Like a football offensive line, the middle and back row players in volleyball have to grind on every play. Colaw, Breena Bowers, Clara Raines, Carolyn Varner, and others did well all night tracking down balls and setting up teammates for scoring plays.

Front line players got into the act, selflessly setting each other up as well.

## Volleyball Second Regional Win

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By virtue of dispatching Pocahontas County in the game after Pendleton County's victory over Tygarts Valley, they took on the Wildcats again.

In the matchup in Morgan County, the Pirates established leads at the outset, forcing the Wildcats to keep their claws out and use them to inch back into the game, then take the lead as the sets came to a close.

Pendleton County had no intention of allowing that kind of advantage this time.

Alyssa Bennett took the opening serve. When the Pirates fired the ball back, she set up Carolyn Varner for a tap to the middle for the initial score. Bennett's ace made that 2-0. The Wildcats quickly raced out to a 9-1 advantage. Three consecutive aces by Chesnee Colaw fueled the run.

Phoebe Pownell nearly repeated the feat with two of her own later on to put the score at 14-5, picking up a third not long after. Colbie Wimer's spike moved the lead to 16-5. Two plays later, Colaw fielded a shot, moved the ball to Pownell, who set up Wimer for yet another spike.

Paw Paw started to settle in. They play consistently well on defense, making few errors. With the exception of two quite capable players who can elevate and power the ball down into the defense, the Pirates play a dink and dunk, "hit it where they ain't" kind of offense. From the middle of the first set on, they proved resilient against the net power of Pendleton County.

But Pendleton County had adjusted to Paw Paw's strengths as well, fielding the Pirate spike attempts better than in the first match. This resulted in countless lengthy volleys in which each side resorted to probing for weaknesses rather than overpowering the opponent.

The Wildcats advantage lay in having a deep bench with experienced players that Day could endlessly run in and out, creating matchups and keeping her team fresh. Paw Paw plays ironman volleyball. Who one sees on the court at the opening of the set is usually the same the entire game.

Set one ended in a 25-11 win for the Wildcats, who then proceeded to open up a 7-0 advantage, seemingly on the way to another easy set.

An odd dynamic with Paw Paw lies in the fact that as their chances to win decrease, the team plays better. They appear loosest and seem to have the most fun as victory recedes further from reach. They proved it by going on an eight to five run that brought them within three of the home team.

Pendleton County tried to stave off the closing Pirates, keeping a three-point lead, but then seeing two straight Paw Paw points to set the score at 14-12. Kinsley Price responded with a spike that gave a bit more room to breathe for the home squad.

Paw Paw scored two more, cutting the lead to a single point. The Wildcats scored on a bad serve, then Price delivered an ace to push the lead out to 17-15. Then, a collision of Wildcats trying to make a hustle play gave Paw Paw the point and the serve.

Pirate efficiency had started to erode the focus of the home team, leading to more at-

tempts to make the big play to shut down the seemingly endless volleys. With the score 5-3, Waggy fielded a shot and pushed the ball to Varner, who returned the set for Waggy to spike it to the back row. Later, Judy set up Bennett for a precise shot to the left sideline for an 8-4 lead.

Bowers took the serve with the Wildcats up 12-6 and scored three straight aces. That was followed by Judy setting up Price for a spike. The set ended on five aces in seven plays by Bennett and Colaw, who closed the set with an ace and a 25-7 score.

The Wildcats served first in the final set, but it went errant and gave the Bulldogs their first lead of the game. That quickly evaporated as they served into the net. On the next play, Varner delivered a set to Colbie Wimer at the far left of the net where she fired a hard spike.

Wimer has honed her own style of spiking from that side of the net, angling it all the way across the court to the right sideline.

Varner got into the spiking when she delivered one to give the Wildcats a 6-1 lead. Not long after, Tia Heavner displayed her serving skill by scoring her own ace for an 11-2 advantage.

A few plays later, Emily Poling fielded a serve, popping the ball to Varner who then set up Wimer for another spike.

Toward the end of the set, Bowers moved the ball to Phoebe Pownell who got the ball to Heavner for a shot to the middle of the defense and a 23-7 lead. Laney Bowers, who worked capably at the net when in, scored the winning play of the set and the game, 25-7.

## GMH Improves Medication Safety

WVU Medicine Grant Memorial Hospital recently completed the installation of the Omnicell medication storage and dispensing system. According to Brent Harman, pharmacy manager at GMH, a total of 10 systems were installed throughout the hospital.

The implementation of this advanced technology has already resulted in several key benefits, including improved medica-

# National Guard Emergency Food Distribution Provides Needed Bridge as Food Stamp Program Sets to Resume

By Stephen Smoot

As October ended and November began, millions of Americans depending on food stamps, also known as the SNAP program, seemed to face a near future with little or no food.

For decades, the United States Congress has failed to pass a budget according to established legal processes. “Regular order” requires the House of Representatives to assemble 15 budget bills, each containing funding orders for a number of related purposes. Congress has months in which to create these bills and give each chamber an opportunity to weigh in prior to passage.

Unable to perform this function, Congress has resorted to “stopgap” funding bills. These arrive quickly, receive no debate, and are pushed hard at the last minute. During particularly intense political battles, these get weaponized to attack the other side. This fall, the shutdown has affected military pay and now food stamps.

Republicans favor a “clean” bill that funds the government until the next stopgap bill is needed. Democrats wish to keep in place programs that use budget moves in certain states to provide Medicaid to illegal aliens. They also wish to keep subsidies of selected Obamacare insurance packages in place that date back to the pandemic years and remain one of the few remaining supports for the once-touted health care reform act.

Food stamp payments halted on Nov. 1 with federal judges stepping in to order the Trump Administration to resume payments. President Donald Trump responded by stating online “I do not want Americans to go hungry” and publicly requested judicial guidance to resume the payments legally, saying, “if we are given the appropriate legal direction by the court, it will BE MY HONOR to provide the funding.”

In question is contingency funding set aside for the program. The United States Department of Agriculture has a reserve of \$5.25 billion it can tap, but the need could top \$8.5 billion.

Judge John J. McConnell, who issued the order, replied that “the court greatly appreciates the president’s quick and definitive response to this court’s order and his desire to provide the necessary SNAP funding.”

United States Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent stated that SNAP payments will likely resume by Nov. 5 with the USDA requested to immediately provide a plan of action. The



*The WVANG carried out a remarkable food distribution operation on a very short notice. Photo courtesy of Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management.*

court order states that payments must resume by the end of day Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Fears of a cutoff of benefits sparked a response from West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey. His administration had moved previously to mitigate impacts of the shutdown by assigning state workers to help keep national parks within the state operational.

On Oct. 28, Morrisey announced that the state could provide \$13 million toward helping West Virginia residents obtain food if needed. He requested a match of donations from individuals and organizations statewide.

He stated last week that “we’re not going to let our people go hungry. West Virginians take care of our neighbors. It’s times like these that we need to come together as Team West Virginia to help those in need.”

By the 31st, more than \$8 million in assistance had come from the state to support food banks.

The next day, speculation that the program would halt indefinitely became fact as more than 270,000 people in West Virginia did not receive their food stamps.

Morrissey also activated the West Virginia National Guard to distribute food at key points

in the state.

“We stand ready to support our state partner agencies, local food banks and non-profit organizations with critical logistical support to keep food on the table for West Virginia families,” West Virginia National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jim Seward was quoted in a release as saying. “Point us at a task, no matter how small or difficult and our soldiers and airmen can get it done.”

On Sunday, the National Guard did get the job done in Franklin as part of Operation Feeding Families. More than 230 soldiers across the Mountain State participated in the operation.

They worked with the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management to use social media to spread word about food distribution. With the rush into action, delays occurred and trucks intended to arrive at the community building at 10 a.m. did not make it until about two o’ clock in the afternoon and remained in place until 4 p.m.

After conclusion of the operation, the OEM announced that 145 boxes of food made it into the hands of those who needed it. Also, the Facebook page shared “thank you to the National Guard personnel.”

Beyond the National Guard’s efforts, emergency services personnel worked to help make sure that food went to those who needed it most. Dr. King Seegar lauded their efforts to help the most vulnerable in the area.

A large amount of food did not get handed out in Franklin, so emergency management personnel took it to different locations in the county.

Pendleton County’s OEM on Facebook stated, “Our National Guard undertakes many difficult tasks in service to our entire state. Please understand that the logistics of this task, on short notice, is huge. Thank you WFWANG!”

## Chesapeake Bay Foundation

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mandates, West Virginia’s success would seem to be a vital factor in returning populations of wildlife in the bay to more sustainable levels.

The new agreement looks ahead to a major reassessment milestone, stating that “in 2040, the partnership will come together to formally assess our progress and amend this agreement to ensure work reflects our shared vision.”

As the program looks to 2040, it will seek to expand some of the mandates and standards that govern the amount of “load” of pollutants that the watershed can carry to the bay.

The program lists in both the 2014 and 2025 drafts a number of principles that will guide its activities. Most of them cover the same ground and some build upon ideas stated earlier. For example, in 2014 the program sought to explore the use of social science techniques to assist with implementation and community reaction.

The 2025 document shares that the program will integrate social science into administration, outreach, and implementation. In general, the principles are drawn from three categories: science (including social), working with changing environment, social, and government conditions to promote restoration and conservation, and partnerships.

An odd addition to the draft agreement states that it will “include tribal nations in the partnership in a manner that appropriately considers their unique status as independent sovereign nations and as original stewards of the land” without defining precisely what that means under law. It could potentially open the door to vague legal issues involving American Indian nations outside of the lands currently reserved for their use.

Goals and outcomes form the next section of the draft. The first of the four addresses “thriving habitat, fisheries, and wildlife.” Under the overall stated goal of “protect, restore and sustain fisheries and wildlife, as well as the network of land and water habitats they depend on,” the draft lists desired outcomes for a number of different important species in both the bay and the watershed.

In 2014, the desired outcome for blue crab lay in keeping “a sustainable blue crab population based on the current 2012 target of 215 million adult females.” This year and moving forward, the abundance and harvest rate desired outcomes will come from “the most recent benchmark status assessment.”

An outcome aimed more at West Virginia and other mountain areas with cold water streams more than the bay focuses on brook trout. The Mountain State’s official state fish has seen its habitat and numbers expand in the South Branch Valley and other areas.

Fish habitats in tidal and non-tidal streams have specific benchmarks to meet. The agreement calls for improvement of “270 miles of waters impaired by acid mine damage,” to “restore passage and connectivity to at least 150 miles of aquatic habitat every two years,” and “improve the health and the ecological integrity of at least an additional 4,340 (approximately three percent) nontidal stream miles every six years.”

Other outcomes focused on oyster populations, submerged aquatic vegetation in salt water, and to “restore or create at least 3,000 acres and enhance 15,000 acres” of both tidal and nontidal wetlands by 2040.

Another major goal could affect municipal and public service district wastewater facilities throughout the Chesapeake Bay region. That lies in “reducing excess nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment.”

Frank Wehrle, Town of Franklin administrator, in recent years has warned residents and elected officials alike that new phosphorus targets would eventually come from the federal government. He and Town of Franklin officials have worked to upgrade Franklin’s wastewater treatment plant to meet or exceed expected standards before the new mandates come into enforcement.

Officials expect the needed upgrades to be costly. Town officials have worked with Thrasher to come up with a plan that meets town needs and can attract funding. Some state sources, however, mandate that those utilities getting help raise rates on customers as part of the deal.

A major problem facing a municipality like Franklin is this. The town must upgrade its sewage facility to meet future standards, but they will have difficulty planning for 2040 standards that will not even be created until 2030.

According to the 2025 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, “those water quality standards support living resources and protect human health, as required by the Clean Water Act.

By 2030, interim water quality planning targets must be met through “implementation of . . . two-year milestone commitments and other innovative strategies to achieve and maintain reduced levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment.”

In 2030, federal officials will “revise the planning targets approved . . . for nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment incorporating the latest watershed modeling” and also “develop new or amended Watershed Implementation Plans to meet the updated targets by 2040.” In general, the goal is to “maintain or exceed the rate of improvement” seen in the years between 1985 and 2022.

An area in which West Virginia already contributes to good outcomes lies in healthy forests and landscape outcomes. The agreement foresees “a net gain in forests over the long-term by reducing the rate of forest conversion to other land uses by 33 percent” and “planting, maintaining, and managing 202,000 acres of new forests by 2040.

For many years, the Mountain State has seen trees reproducing at twice the rate of cutting and natural death, even as blights laid waste to entire species of trees in parts of eastern West Virginia. It currently ranks as one of the most forested states in the union at just under 80 percent forest coverage.

Other outcomes and goals focused on community relations and similar themes.

## Bonnie’s Bus and LUCAS

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on Nov. 4.

LUCAS will provide services in Franklin at Pendleton Community Care on Dec. 2 and 3 this year. In 2026, services will be provided in Thomas on April 23, Parsons on April 24, Franklin on June 4 and 5 and again on Dec. 2 and 3, and Petersburg on June 6 and 7.

The story of Bonnie’s Bus opens with that of Bonnie Wells Wilson. Her story, unfortunately, is shared by all too many men and women alike in different areas of West Virginia. Often, enjoying the benefits of a rural lifestyle comes with the sacrifice of long distances to needed services.

Because Wilson had difficulty in accessing preventative screenings that could have diagnosed her in time, she passed from breast cancer. Her daughter, Jo Statler, and son-in-law, Ben, worked to make sure that Bonnie Wells’ story would not be repeated as often going forward.

In 2009, the Statler family donated funds to establish Bonnie’s Bus. As WVU Medicine shared online, “The bus provides mammograms to individuals who fall within screening guidelines in a comfortable, convenient environment.” Those with private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare can access screening.

So too can those who participate in the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer screening program. This program, operated by the West Virginia Department of Health, “helps low-income, uninsured or underinsured women gain access to breast and cervical cancer screening services.”

“Uninsured patients who are age 40 and older can receive a screening mammogram

on the bus through the generosity of grant funding and donations,” stated the WVU Medicine website on the mobile facility.

Said Hannah Hazard-Jenkins, M.D., director of the WVU Cancer Institute, Jean and Laurence DeLynn chair of Oncology, and associate professor of surgery at the WVU School of Medicine, at a recent Bonnie’s Bus fundraising event, “I have the distinct honor of witnessing the tremendous work of Bonnie’s Bus from two vantage points — as the director of the WVU Cancer Institute, I see the profound impact Bonnie’s Bus has on raising awareness, educating about early detection, and meeting our goal of providing lifesaving care to some of the more remote places in our state.

“But additionally, I am witness to the lifesaving work of Bonnie’s Bus as I treat women who have been diagnosed as a result of screening mammograms done on the unit.”

In 17 years of operation, Bonnie’s Bus has provided more than 33,000 screenings and diagnosed approximately 200 cases of cancer. As in most cancers, early detection serves as the most important factor in overcoming the disease and recovering.

Bonnie’s Bus staff work to get the facility on the road regularly to visit remote and rural areas of the state with underserved populations. In 2024, it traveled 26,420 miles to 46 counties, screened 4,404 patients, and provided approximately \$48,000 in mammograms and also LUCAS lung screenings.

Plans are also underway to launch Bonnie’s Bus Two to cover more communities and needs, hopefully next year.



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### ***How will children be identified?***

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### ***How will the clothing be purchased?***

Family Support Center staff will coordinate families and volunteers to shop on-line for their winter clothing and footwear.

### ***How can I help?***

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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.

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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-Executrixes; Taylor Lee Bowers Estate – Beth Veach & Amy Harris, Co-Executrixes; 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.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 11-6-2c

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The commission also required those utilities to update their customer lists. The new law expands on what the commission ordered to include all utilities and requires more detailed plans.

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**SGR389A** 20.767 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath double-wide on Blackberry Ln., Bethel District. **\$249,000.00.**  
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**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.**

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**SOLD**

**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.**  
**SOLD**

**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. **\$279,999.99 REDUCED \$264,000.00.**  
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**SGR378A** 0.31 acres w/3 bed/2 bath & 2 bed/1 bath Duplex, Full basement, heat, investment opportunity, 15A/B Meadow Lane, Franklin. **\$324,900.00.**  
**SOLD**

**SGR377A** Family Retreat! 10 acres w/4 Bed, 3 Bath Cabin, Finished Basement w/additional family room. Primary Bdrms Upst & Down. 2 full bath suites & WICs. Full size kitchen, Wood & Propane Heat. Septic & Cistern. Buck Ridges Development, Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$349,900.00.**  
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**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.**

**SGR373A** 5 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Cabin, Kile Knob. Unfinished cabin ready for you to add your design touch! Septic installed. Cistern on property. All building materials and solar panels on site convey. Some Restrictions. Franklin District. All wheel or 4 wheel access. Seasonal. **NEW LISTING \$299,999.99 REDUCED \$279,000.00.**

**SGR371A** 0.04 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath 1600 sq. ft. Home located in Franklin. w/very nice Double Pane Windows, Mini Split, Woodstove & half basement. Large deck on back w/Nice Mtn. View. Lot #4, Franklin Corp. **\$159,999.99 REDUCED \$139,000.00.**  
**UNDER CONTRACT**

**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.**  
**UNDER CONTRACT**

**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. **\$169,999.99 REDUCED \$179,000.00.**

**SGR363A** 3 Bed, 1 Bath Home located in Franklin Corp., Heat Pump, Propane Wall Unit, Electric Baseboard and Central AC, Town Water & Sewer, Double Pane Windows, Deck, One Car Garage & Storage Shed. **\$169,999.99 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. **\$282,999.99 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. **\$425,999.99 \$320,999.99 REDUCED \$299,999.99 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.**

**MENU**

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7**  
Baked Chicken  
Hashbrown Casserole  
Peas, Apple

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10**  
Hotdogs w/Sauerkraut  
Mashed Potatoes  
Applesauce

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**  
**Closed**  
**Veterans Day**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**  
Meatloaf  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Lima Beans  
Mixed Berry Cheesecake  
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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
Chicken Tenders  
Macaroni & Cheese  
French Fries  
Fruit Cocktail

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