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Pendleton County Schools Officials Report On Talks with the State Legislature

By Stephen Smoot

Every session of the West Virginia Legislature brings to school systems both hopes and concerns. Some proposed bills attract support while others create apprehensions for the future, especially ideas that touch on changing the financials of, and aid to, school systems.

"We thank you for everybody here," prayed J. D. Wilkins, Pendleton County Board of Education president, during the customary invocation. He then prayed for the students, "Continue to bless them . . . especially the academics and the attendance."

Nicole Hevener, Pendleton County Schools superintendent, and J. P. Mowery, treasurer, reported on their travels to Charleston to meet with legislators and other officials. They conferred with State Senator Robbie Morris (R-Randolph) and Delegate Joe Statler (R-Monongalia). Additionally, they sat in on a Senate Education Committee meeting in which Hevener was encouraged by State Senator Mike Oliverio (R-Marion) to share Pendleton County's unusual situations and needs relative to most other counties.

"This wasn't planned," shared Hevener. She added, "All the senators were there including Chairman (Amy) Grady (R-Mason)." They spoke about the merits and need of the 1,400 funding floor that some in the legislature and in the education community have brought up for discussion in recent months.

Hevener and Mowery stated that school employees should expect a pay raise. While some have called for a five percent uptick, the more likely number is three. Also "there's not

an appetite to do a whole lot of change." While the school aid funding formula has come into discussion, replacing it would take considerable time and effort with no guarantee of a superior product.

The message from Hevener and Mowery to the State Legislature when considering how to help counties in financial trouble was "Don't take it from us to give to the other fellow." Also, Mowery pointed out that "every time we go down there and represent, it's good for Pendleton County."

Discussions did not cover much about alternative

schooling and funding through the HOPE Scholarship.

Later in the meeting, Wilkins discussed an issue facing many counties in the state. West Virginia has guidelines, but not regulations or laws, establishing a maximum recommended daily time on buses. It was stated that approximately 20 percent of students ride the bus longer than the maximum recommended time. Discussion continued along the lines of if the state decided to codify the guidelines into law. That could result in fewer stops, as

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State Senators Support Pendleton County



Senators Bill Hamilton and Robbie Morris presented Pendleton County Commissioner Roger Dahmer with a check for the emergency operations center in Franklin. Morris stated, "We were pleased to be able to help with this critical project for Pendleton County."

County Commission Hears More On GSC

By Stephen Smoot

"We thank You very much for the opportunity to be here," prayed Roger Dahmer, Pendleton County commissioner, in the opening invocation. He added "Father, we pray that You be in these proceedings."

Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, opened with "I'd like to thank the division of highways, Rick Gillespie and the office of emergency management, and every-

body who volunteered to help over the last week to 10 days." County business and commerce had ground to a complete halt after the snow and sleet storm two weekends ago.

Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator, discussed in her maintenance report several needs for the Clinton Hedrick Community Center in Riverton. First, with bitterly cold temperatures still in force, snow still blocked the parking lot of the building.

Pitsenbarger reported that the fuel truck driver who came to service the building could not get close enough to make the delivery.

Jimmie Bennett, commissioner, stated that he "will find somebody to make sure it's plowed" and mentioned that he could perform the job himself. He said, "It's mainly to get the fuel in there. I know they're getting pretty low."

The building also has issues with plumbing and drainage, but Pitsenbarger informed the commission that crews had carefully examined the building and its pipes and could not ascertain the sources of the problems. Discussion over an issue with insufficient hot water led to a determination that if turning up the hot water heater did not help, Pitsenbarger conceded, "We might have to get a new hot water heater over there. They're having dinners over there."

She added that she had a number of questions asked about the community building with offices moving to the new General Services Center. A number of organizations have events scheduled in the community building. Pitsenbarger stated that "we will give notice if previously scheduled events have been changed."

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The second of three community development meetings held by Mon Forest Towns brought 30 area leaders, stakeholders, and interested residents together.

SRRDA Innovation Hub Hosts Community Development Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

About 30 gathered to discuss Pendleton County community assets and potential last Tuesday evening at the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority's Franklin Innovation Hub.

These meetings have been facilitated by the Franklin Mon Forest Towns group. This group represents a dozen incorporated and one unincorporated town in, or economically connected to, the Monongahela National Forest. Pendleton County has two, Franklin and Seneca Rocks.

Annie Humes, Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Pendleton County Farmers Market director, shared that the group meetings are "coordinated by the Franklin representative to the Mon Forest Towns partnership board. These representatives are Michelle Connor and Melinda Brooks, alternate representative.

According to its website, the MFT organization "was formed in 2017, when local towns, three lead agencies, and more than a dozen supporting organizations came together through a multi-agency coalition to strengthen a recreation-based economy across the region." It adds that its "work is carried out by a three-person staff housed within our fiscal sponsor, Woodlands Community Lenders, with primary funding support from the Appalachian Regional Commission."

This meeting held last week built on a session held on Nov. 12 at the Anderson House in Franklin. It focused on community assets featuring culture, history, and the arts, as well as the area's natural character and in-town aesthetics. As Connor wrote in a meeting overview, "Through presentations, large-group reflections, and four small-group discussions, participants explored how Franklin can build on its natural beauty, rural character, emerging outdoor recreation economy, and

grow its strong sense of community."

Almost half who attended the second meeting had not come to the first.

The second meeting welcomed a number of area stakeholders active in various fields. They included Keely Smith from the Town of Franklin Council and also its parks and recreation, Sam Urban from Trout Unlimited, Rick Gillespie from the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management, Dr. King Seegar and his wife, Jane, Jeff and Teresa Munn who own Dry Run Distillery, Dayne Davis from Pendleton Community Bank, Mike Alt from Shreve's Country Store and Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, as well as many others with a stake in the proceedings and a desire to help bring improvements.

Discussion strategy focused on building on the work from the first gathering. Goals identified as important were expounded upon. For example, one goal emphasized "strengthen collaboration, leadership capacity, and clear communication." The goal's articulation built on themes including universal pride in how well volunteers contribute and turnout, seeking out regional partnerships with other nearby towns such as Petersburg, and "recognition that Franklin's greatest asset is its people."

Other goals included revitalizing Franklin's downtown while enhancing cultural, historical, etc., experiences, and expanding outdoor access and recreation opportunities, among others.

The second meeting encouraged attendees to discuss "action items" with which to pursue the goals identified. The "strengthen collaboration" goal brought forth suggested action items. These included "form a community leadership roundtable," "develop a consistent community communications hub," "host regular neutral 'Franklin Coffee Hours,'" along with leadership and civic training and development seminars.

County, Town of Franklin Races Set for May Election

By Stephen Smoot

On Feb. 4, West Virginia Secretary of State Kris Warner announced that "more than 2,600 candidates filed to be part of West Virginia's May 12th primary election." The number totaled 2,661 with 2,047 filing for county and municipal offices and 614 for state.

Increasing numbers of town and city elections have synchronized with the county-held primaries after a state law mandating that. Municipalities that have not done so still have some years to implement that change. Franklin is one of the latest round of cities in West Virginia to do so under agreement with Pendleton County.

"There is a lot of interest in seeking party nominations and election at the upcoming Primary Election. It's encouraging to see so many people who want to become, or remain, public servants," shared Warner.

Every candidate's certificate of announcement will be reviewed by State Secretary of State staff for accuracy. Candidates have until Feb. 17 to officially withdraw from a race. After Feb. 17, the State Secretary of State's office "will be able to certify the final list of candidates." Within 10 days of filing the certificate of announcement, candidates by law must file a personal financial disclosure statement as well.

For Town of Franklin Mayor, the candidates are Bob Horan, Gordon Ditch, and Tristan Wagoner.

For Town of Franklin Council, the candidates are Andrea Bodine, Jarred Rawson, Kristin Dingress, Therese Thompson, and Larry Thompson.

For Town of Franklin Recorder, Bruce Minor is running unopposed.

For Pendleton County Commission, the candidate for the Eastern District is Carl Hevener of Franklin. He is running unopposed.

For Potomac Valley Conservation Supervisor, the candidate is Charlotte Hoover of Sugar Grove

For Pendleton County Board of Education, the candidates are Jeremy Hedrick, running in the Western District, residing in Upper Tract; Katrina Humphreys Hott, Central District, Franklin; Wilma Pitsenbarger, Central District, Franklin; Marilyn Mae Propst, Central District, Franklin; and J. D. Wilkins, Western District, Riverton.

With three vacancies on the board of education, voters will need to cast ballots for one of the Western District candidates and two candidates from the Central District.

For United States Senate, the candidates are Rachel Fetty Anderson, Thornton Cooper, Jeffrey Kessler, Rio Phillips, Zachary Shrewsbury, Shelley Moore Capito, Alexander Gaaserud, Bryan McKinney, Janet McNulty, David Purkey, and Tom Willis.

For United States House of Representatives, the candidates are Britta Aguire, Vince George, Larry Jackson, and Carol Miller.

For West Virginia State Senate, District 11, the candidates are Richard Facemire, Farukh Khan, Cody Thompson, Shawn Young, Rick Campbell, William Dittman, Rhett Dusenbury, Robert Karnes, Carl Martin, Robbie Morris, and Gregory Murphy.

For West Virginia House of Delegates District 67, the candidates are Mandy Weirich and Les Mallow.

For West Virginia House of Delegates District 86, the candidates are Betsy Orndoff-Sayers and Steven Schetrom.

Community CALENDAR

VFW Post 9666

Meeting Canceled

VFW Post 9666 meeting scheduled for this evening has been canceled due to weather conditions.

Family Support

Center To Sponsor

Soup Cooking Class

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin is hosting a soup cooking class at 11 a.m. Feb. 17. Lunch will be provided. The class will be taught by Brooke Alt from the WVU Extension Office.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

Region 8 PDC To Meet Feb. 19

The Region 8 Planning and Development Council will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 19 at the Region 8 PDC Office located at 131 Providence Lane in Petersburg.

Library Friends Annual Meeting Set for Friday

Friends of Pendleton County Library will host its annual community potluck dinner meeting at 5 p.m. Friday in the community room at the library. Musical entertainment will be by PenCo Hot Mess. Bring a dish to share. Coffee and punch will be provided.

Jeffrey L. Kirby, 75

Jeffrey L. Kirby died peacefully on Feb. 1, 2026, finally free from the constraints of a life lived with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born on July 4, 1950, in Petersburg and was raised in a large, blended family and a Christian faith community that shaped his belief in God, his sense of responsibility, and his concern for others. Though he was not the oldest sibling, he was often a steady presence and protector.

Mr. Kirby developed an early love for hunting, fishing, and working with his hands. That instinct first found expression in wood-working as a hobby and later, after many years as a district safety manager for Ryder Truck Rental, in a leap of faith into small home repair and minor construction - a business he built and managed until retirement.

He was a proud father. He inspired his daughters to work hard and to believe that success is not determined by where one starts. He taught them that when a person gets knocked down, one gets back up again. Along the way, he also taught them how to throw a ball, how to shoot, and how to appreciate the outdoors-lessons delivered plainly, remembered perma-

nently.

Unabashedly strong-willed, he worked hard to create a full life for himself despite facing obstacles in his early years. Perhaps because of those experiences, he carried a deep compassion for helping others, especially those who most needed a helping hand.

Music was another constant in his life. He loved playing his guitars and singing, and could almost always be convinced to do both - sometimes at home, sometimes out with friends, often at a local karaoke spot. He loved the outdoors, music, and people, and felt most at peace where those things came together.

He is survived by his two daughters, Annette Kirby and Jennifer K. Fincher (stepsons, Drew and Scott), both of Fayetteville; and six siblings, Margaret Stinard of Ohio, Beverly Kile (Ricky), Larry Colaw (Vickie), Sara Lawson (John), and Mark Colaw (Julie), all of West Virginia, and Laura Menas (Rodney) of Maryland.

The family will gather for a private memorial in the mountains he called home.

He rests now with an amazing view of the mountains he loved, where music and memory linger.



**Carl Russell
"Rusty" Cooper, Jr.**

Carl Russell "Rusty" Cooper, Jr., 60 of Cabins passed away on Feb. 8, 2026, as a result of an ATV accident on his farm.

He was born on April 14, 1965, in Baltimore, Maryland, and was the son of the late Carl R. "Buzz" Cooper, Sr. and Peggy L. (Harman) Cooper.

Mr. Cooper was a 1983 graduate of Petersburg High School and was active in baseball, basketball and football. He attended Fairmont State College for baseball.

He was a poultry farmer and a bus driver for the Grant County Board of Education for 25 years. He coached multiple sports

with Grant County Little League and Petersburg Junior and High School. He umpired boys' baseball and girls' softball over the years.

He was a member of Cornerstone Family Fellowship in Petersburg.

He loved the outdoors and the family farm. He was known for his cooking and baking.

His wife, Tina (Hesse) Cooper, survives.

Also surviving are four sons, David Cooper (Nathan) of Petersburg, Quentin Cooper (Chelsea) of Augusta, Dalton Cooper of Cabins and Greg Wells (Megan) of Maysville; two grandchildren, Aaliyah Goldizen and Annabeth Cooper; a sister, Rebecca Haslacker of Petersburg; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Arlyn Haslacker.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg. A funeral service will be at 3p.m. Friday at Cornerstone Family Fellowship with Pastor P. J. Landes officiating. Interment will be in Lahmansville Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cooper Roby Harman Scholarship Fund, c/o Fred H. Roby, 183 Nelson Lane, Cabins, WV 26855.



**Nancy Ann
(Hiser) Mullenax**

Nancy Ann (Hiser) Mullenax, 81, of Keyser and formerly of Franklin passed away Jan. 26, 2026, at her home.

She was born Oct. 20, 1944, in Morgantown and was the daughter of the late Boyd Hiser, Jr. and Izetta Jewel (Fickey) Hiser.

Mrs. Mullenax was a 1962 graduate of Franklin High School.

She had worked as a secretary and was "the best mom." Her husband, Jack Lough Mullenax, preceded her in death on Jan. 22, 2010.

Surviving are two sons, Jon Lynn Mullenax (Arina) of Dallas, Texas, and Jay Mullenax of Barnardsville, North Carolina; a sister, Carolyn Sue Thorn of Keyser; and five grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from noon until 1 p.m. today at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin where a funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Michael Loudermilk officiating. Interment will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.

Lillian Jane (Nesselrodt) Eckard, 86

Lillian Jane (Nesselrodt) Eckard, 86, of Brandywine passed away on Feb. 4, 2026, at her residence.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1939, in Brandywine, the daughter of the late Emery Luther and Flodie (Miller) Nesselrodt.

Mrs. Eckard attended Brandywine Schools and had worked in poultry plants.

She loved spending time with her family and friends and lunch dates with her sister, Libby.

She attended Brandywine Baptist Church.

Her husband, Verlin Lee Eckard, preceded her in death.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a son, Richard Nesselrodt of Brandywine; a sister, Arlene Dahmer of Newark, Delaware; a granddaughter, Ashley Nicole; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by Bob Dice, her companion of many years; a daughter, Tammy Nesselrodt; three brothers, Tyson, Orvin and Bennie; and a sister, Anna "Libby" Elizabeth Hoover.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated.

Memorials may be made to "the family," c/o Basagic Funeral Home, PO Box 215, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

Board of Education Hears Appeal On Athletic Event Suspension

By Stephen Smoot

Last Thursday night, the Pendleton County Board of Education heard an appeal from an area resident appealing suspension from events on school grounds. The hearing was held under Pendleton County Board of Education Policy 9160.

That policy states that "the Board holds the legal authority to bar the attendance of or remove any person whose conduct may constitute a disruption at a school event. School administrators have the authority to call law enforcement officials if a person violates posted regulations or does not leave school property when requested. Persons who violate posted regulations or do not leave school property when requested are, and shall be treated as trespassers. They are also authorized to use detectors and other devices to better ensure the safety and well-being of participants and visitors.

Persons who exhibit disruptive behavior at extracurricular activities may be subject to removal by the principal or his/her designee or law enforcement officers. Following an investigation of the incident, the principal may suspend the individual's privilege to attend extracurricular activities at the school for a period up to 365 days. The affected individual shall be notified in writing and the Superintendent will also receive a written notification including justification for the action. Persons who are suspended have the right to appeal the suspension to the Board of Education, which has the authority to decrease or increase the length of the suspension. (WVC §61-6-14)"

The meeting took place with the board of education, the board's counsel who was present to ensure laws were followed properly, and Derek Lambert, principal of Pendleton County Middle/High School. Romeo Perez, present to appeal the suspension, was there along with his wife, Bethany.

Both the board and Perez assented to hold the meeting in public. Perez had the legal option to choose a closed-door executive session.

Lambert was asked to share what he saw. He briefly described the incident, which took place during the football playoff game on Nov. 14. "Toward the end of the game, I notified local law enforcement that their help was needed."

Next, the timeline of communications between the different parties was shared, including those requesting and

establishing the appeal.

Perez also took the opportunity to share his side of what transpired. He also brought a video recording taken from Facebook of the event that showed visually, but not audibly, what occurred. He reported an ongoing situation between his family and that of another that had escalated over time.

The presentation made by Perez included allegations that one of the other party repeatedly used a highly charged racial slur generally used against black Americans. He also stated that the other individual "put his forehead to my forehead and said, 'what are you going to do now, _____?'"

Lambert explained that "I, other than people seeing the video on Facebook, I'm one of the only people that witnessed most of the actions that transpired." He added "that language was addressed in a manner, which collaboratively with (Superintendent) Nicole (Hevener) was most appropriate. . . there were multiple things addressed there that night. This is the only one that's being appealed."

In a previously composed statement that he read aloud, Perez noted, "I'm not here to excuse any of my actions . . . (or) minimize what occurred." He requested to be allowed to watch his children play in basketball games at the schools, watch his daughter compete in the Trout Fest pageant, and see his sister-in-law graduate from high school. His wife also spoke on his behalf.

Board members deliberated first in executive session. They voted to give him access to the online Hudl program until the end of the season to watch the basketball games at home. He was also permitted to attend the pageant and, provided there were no incidents there, could also attend graduation.

**Tri-County Fair
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This is a part-time position for children's services. HS graduate available on Saturdays, comfortable and creative with kids, with the ability to work independently and develop the Summer Reading Program. Experience or interest in education, libraries or the arts is welcome. Applications available at the library.

Closing date for both positions is February 20, 2026.

Friends of Pendleton County Library

Annual Community
Pot Luck* Dinner Meeting

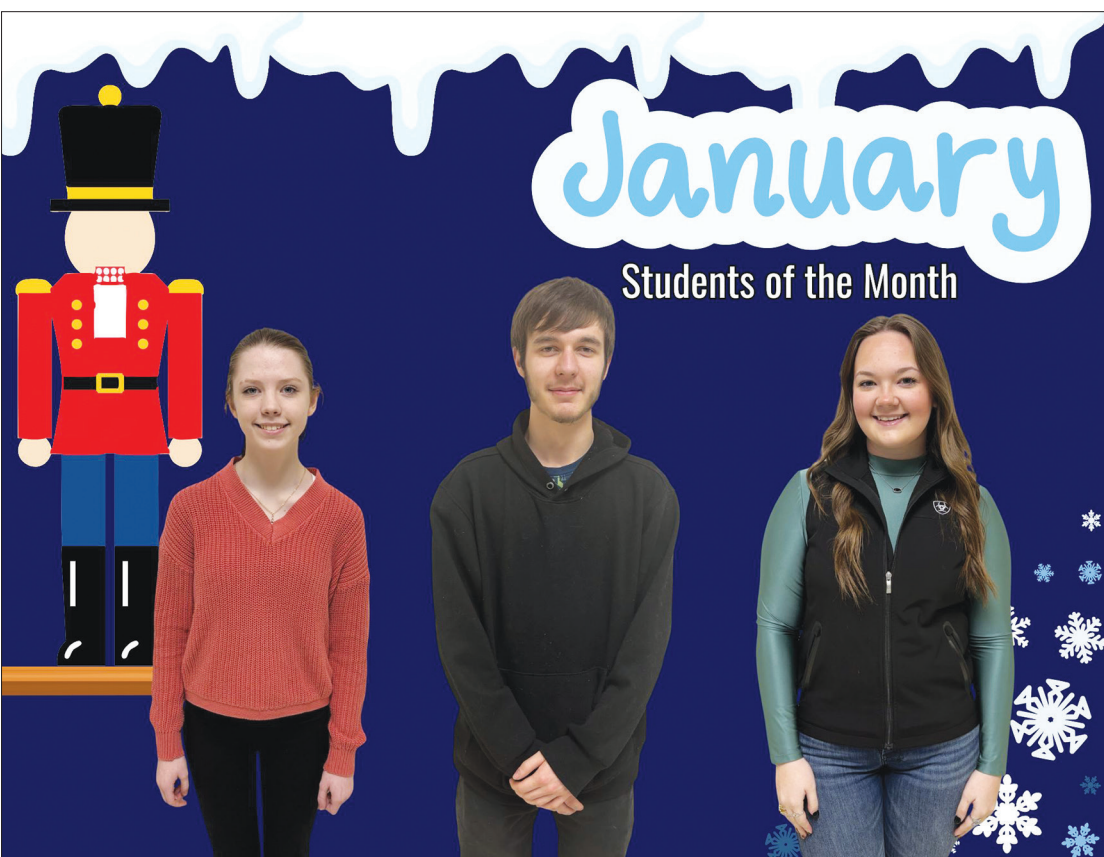
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Pendleton County Middle/High School January students of the month are, from left, Ava Sherman, Orrin Merrick and Gabriella Trail.

Merrick, Trail and Sherman Named PCM/HS Students of the Month

Orrin Merrick, Gabriella Trail and Ava Sherman have been named outstanding students of the month for January at Pendleton County Middle/High School.

Merrick, a senior, is the January Academic Student of the Month. He is the son of Mathias and Crystal Merrick of Petersburg. He is an active member of theater where he starred in several productions at PCHS. He is on the A Honor Roll and has an OSHA 10 certification. He plans to finish his electrical tech course at South Branch Vocational Center next year to pursue an electrical career.

Trail of Franklin is the January James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month. A senior, she is the daughter of Travis and Brittany Bogan, and granddaughter of Keith and Tammy Trail. She participates in beauty pageants, including

Miss Teen West Virginia USA where she was the recipient of the Sander's Award. She also shoots competitive archery in places like Las Vegas, Chicago, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She is a member of National Honor Society and student council. Her plans are to attend school for radiology, specializing in mammography. She also wants to become a real estate agent and work alongside her mother.

Pendleton County Middle School presents Ava Sherman as the Student of the Month. An eighth-grade student, she is the daughter of Brittany Walters and Josh Clayton. She and her family reside in Brandywine. She participates on the school volleyball and basketball teams. She enjoys her sports and doing nails in her free time. Her future plans are to attend New York University or James Madison University for writing.

PCM/HS Earn Second Grading Period Recognition

Ali Judy, Pendleton County High School counselor, has released the honor rolls for the second nine-week's grading period.

All A's
 Seventh grade — Braxton Beachler, Landon Bowers, Ava Davis, Tori Heavner, Breyman Keesecker, Madison Kirk, Emma Nesselrodt, Doyle Plaughter, Roscoe Pownell, Elaina Raines and River Zutaut;
 Eighth grade — Beckett Aumann, Kinley Bennett, Anthony Bowman, Mackenzie Day, Vaylee Harper, Alayna Huffman, Lainey Simmons, Aliviah Smith, Branson Smith and Aniyah Spencer;

Ninth grade — Ava Bowers, Laney Bowers, Marley Champ, Tia Heavner, Cohen Hiatt, Isabella Jameson, Ziva Jones, Abigail Judy, Carolina Kimble, Mason Miller, Jude Propst, Jacey Thompson, Lauren Williams and Ashlyn Wimer;

Tenth grade — Chesnee Colaw, Callina Dunn, Sam Eason, Dylan Eye, Alaena Fertig, Mason Harper, Katie Heavner, Katie Keyser, Chloe Kisamore, Candace McQuain, Phoebe Pownell, Albert Ramos-Rivera, Allison Reuss and Kaylee Teter;

Eleventh grade — Alex Adams, Cole Harper, Ty Heavner, Summer Hull, Callie Judy, Liam Simmons, Gabriella Trail and Susan Vincell; and

Twelfth grade — Breena Bowers, Emily Conrad, Kiera Heavner, Jaiden Mitts, Leah Nesselrodt, Chase Owens, Emily Poling and Carolyn Varner.

Regular Honor Roll (3.0 Average)

Seventh grade — Cam-bree Alt, Chloe Barkley, Blayke Bennett, Emily Boggs, Eli Boyer, Olivia Botkin, Kenden Champ, Owen Champ, Isabella Cooper, Skye Dahmer, Adalycia Davis, William Dove, Serenity Elkins, Emma Graham, Nickolas Harper, Alaina Hedrick, Alexis Hedrick, Chelsea Hedrick, Cambri Hiett, Addy Huffman, Alexandria Jameson, Callen Kisamore, Madison Mallow, Leigha Maxson, Tucker Minor, Jackson Moyers, Nolin Nededog, Chevelle Noble, Lorelei Price, Steve Thompson, Acie Tilley, Marion Williams, Bentley Wimer and Levi Wimer;

Eighth grade — Jada Alt, Reagyn Atkins, Allison Barbour, Weston Boyer, Kya Brogan, Kailee Brown, Paizley Bussard, Eulaila Dahmer, Bella Eye, Daisy Hartman, Hannah Heavner, Jackson Hedrick, Cayden Hensley, Ty Johnson, Noah Kobetic, Kallie Keyser, Miley Kimble, Makayla Lambert, Cheyenne McLane, Hadassah Milstead, Maiya Mongold, Jasper Nelson, Carmella Paugh, Jayden Rexrode, Taylor Rexrode, Chase Rohrbaugh, Journey Rowe, Ava Sherman, Josie Verdoni, Azalea Waddell, Lori Wehrle, Aiden Whetzel and Makynna Whetzel;

Ninth grade — Emma Alexander, Connor Armstrong, Tatum Aumann, Lily Brogan, Blaine Cook, Yaslin Cruz, Landon Davis, Kaylee Ellinger, Timothy Ferris, Anthony Henderson, Caleb Hunt, Carly Kimble, Hayden Kimble, Kolby Kimble, Katelyn Myers, Evie Nulph, Kinsley Price, Bryce Propst, Elijah Ruddle, Jazminn Severance, Jaxon Simon, Addison Traub, Makayla Turner, McKenzie Vandevander and Jackson Wimer;

Tenth grade — Bella Alt,

Ty Armentrout, Jax Bennett, Charity Chan, Victoria Chan, Shayne Clutter, Jack Connor, Susan George, Jordyn Gibson, Lukas Halterman, Kasen Hammer, Kayla Harper, Logan Hawk, Aubriana Holloway, Zachary Landon, Maria Martin, Alanna Miller, Marleigh Moyers, Travis Owens, Ben Puffenbarger, Colton Roberson, Jonah See, Lauren Sisson, Broty Sites, Cooper Smith, Alyssa Swain, Katie Thompson, Lexy Tingler, Danielle Warner and Cameron Wyatt;

Eleventh grade — Zander Adams, Arianna Alt, Carson Alt, Trey Armentrout, Cayson Armstrong, Bryce Basagic, Alyssa Bennett, Matthew Cheesman, Ethan Gibson, Olivia Gonshor, Spencer Hartman, Wyatt Hinkle, Kali Johnson, Dakota Kimble, Trace Lambert, Autumn Lockard, Britton Lough, Braxton Mongold, Jaidah Nesselrodt, David Noble, Cain Nulph, Jessica Parker, Bryn Reel, Ashlin Rexrode, Molly Rowe, Malcolm Smith, Madison Sword, Ronald Thompson, Rylan Tilley, Alex Tracy, Zachary Tracy, Allan Wehrle, Kourtney Whetzel, Braylon Willis, Brody Wimer and Brennan Wyatt; and

Twelfth grade — Madison Arbaugh, Jestani Atkins, Cayden Boone, Landen Champ, Barrett Cook, Kaylin Cooper, Evelyn Ditch, Corbin Dove, Tildon Graham, Larissa Greathouse, Garrett Hartman, Makinley Hedrick, Jaydon Hess, Dakota Huffman, Braylin Hull, Cashton Kisamore, Gena Lambert, Ruby McClanahan, Kaitlyn McQuain, Orrin Merrick, Jameigh Miller, Nichole Mullen, Vivian Pownell, Clara Raines, Taylor Roberson, Jonas Turner, Brynlynn Waggy, Henry Warner, James Waybright and Isabelle Zirkle.

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30 Years Ago
Week of February 8, 1996

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20 Below Zero
Not a Match
For 40 Below in 1994

Twenty-four below zero was registered at the Virgil Rexrode and Kenneth Harr residences on the South Fork Mountain before daybreak Monday, February 5. On Sunday morning, they had a 20 below reading with six inches of snow on the ground.

Let us look back to January 19, 1994, when new records were set then locally. On the South Fork Mountain at Virgil Rexrode's, -40, Bill Harr, -40; Buffalo Hills, Stanley Bible -30; Ned's Mountain, Mary E. Propst, -30; Dry Run, Robert L. Propst, -30; Dahmer home, -24; nearby, Bill Munn, -24; at Moyers, John and Fanny Propst, -32 and John and J.C. Harper, -32.

Hevener Is Panther Player of the Week

Wesley Hevener has been named this week's Fox's player of the week. Wesley is a 6'1", 150-pound junior reserve guard. He has one of the top field goal percentages on the squad and is a very sound fundamental player, especially on the defensive end. Wesley has been a member of the basketball team for three years and is currently in his first season as a varsity player. He is a three-sport athlete. He is a wide receiver for the football team and plays outfield for the baseball team. Wesley is the son of David and Diane Hevener of Franklin.

Indian Profile...

Coach on Mike Bogan: Mike is the only starter back from last season. He averaged 4.2 points and 4.6 rebounds per game as a sophomore, but is currently collecting 10.9 points and 5.8 rebounds per outing.

He is shooting 61% from the free throw line and 42% from the two-point range.

Mike is the son of Jim and Carolyn Bogan of Onego.

Indian Profile...

Coach on Jeremy Harper: Jeremy is scoring 19.9 points per game and is one of the Potomac Valley Conference leaders in that category. He's also grabbing 5.4 rebounds, dishing out 2.6 assists and collecting 2.5 steals per game.

Jeremy is shooting 79% from the free throw line and 44% from the two-point range.

Jeremy is the son of Lannie and Wanda Harper of Seneca Rocks.

Week of February 15, 1996

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Braided Rugs Still

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Braided rugs are never out of style. They are as much in favor now as they were 200 years ago, when Colonial women hand-braided them out of rags and wood cloth strips to cover the rough wooden floors in their bare rooms. They come in all sizes and shapes, and remain popular for good reasons—they are durable, and easy to clean with soap and water. Their versatility is wonderful. To give your room a whole new look, all one needs to do is pick them up and move them around. Each rug is also reversible. The company "clean-as-can-be" side when visitors come calling can be flipped to a home side for every day use. Braided rugs have their own personality due to the variety of available materials and the wide range of colors and styles to choose from—whether it be the contemporary hues or the traditional look. Braided rugs are something that many "country folk" are glad to have underfoot all year long!

Byers Is Panther Player of the Week

Joshua Byers, a 5'7", 145-pound sophomore, has been named this week's Fox's player of the week. Joshua is a starting guard for the Panthers. His quickness and speed make him one of the best ball handlers on the team and one of the leaders in steals. He has been a member of the basketball team for two years, but this is his first season as a full time varsity player. Josh is a three-sport athlete at Franklin High School where he is a running back on the football team and plays center field for the baseball team.

Joshua is the son of Larry and Lois Byers of Franklin.

40 Years Ago
Week of February 13, 1986

50 Used Cars Donated to Pendleton Flood Victims

Flood relief for West Virginia at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Bowie, Md., comes in a variety of colors and shapes — blues, greens, browns; monochromes, two-tones; sedans, vans, campers, even a snappy black and yellow sports model, according to an article in "The West Virginia United Methodist."

If drowsy parishioners arriving for worship on a windswept winter Sunday thought they had turned instead into a used car pound, they hardly could be blamed, the article stated. Sitting on the church parking lot, and at a nearby school building, were almost 100 motor vehicles, each tagged with a number, awaiting transfer to victims of November's floods in northeastern West Virginia.

Gordon Harvey, a U. S. Department of Energy employee, and a member at St. Matthew's, got the idea for the drive while watching television accounts of the devastation.

"I knew there was a great need for transportation," he told a reporter, so I thought, "Why not collect cars?"

Mr. Harvey was the first to contribute an auto. Then six more were donated by other members of the congregation.

A local newspaper picked up the story, sparking a response soon to include nearby areas in Virginia and the District of Columbia, as well as the Bowie region. By Christmas Eve, 30 cars were on hand, and two dozen more came in the next week.

In mid-January, when most of the cars were trucked to Parsons by transport drivers who volunteered their services, the number had exceeded 160.

Of the vehicles donated, 111 were sent to Parsons, and another 50 turned over to Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore for transfer to Riverton.

Poem by An Old-timer

[By Jacob Harman, written while almost blind from cataract of the eyes. He was the author of the poem "West Virginia." Mr.

Harman lived at Macksville.]

"Long Ago"

Three score and ten years ago, I was a school boy then;

Our schoolhouse was little more than a rough log pen.

The floor was of puncheons split from an oak tree;

Was lumpy and bumpy, as you plainly could see.

Had a four-light window in one longest side,

Of glass ten inches long by eight inches wide.

It had one other window across the one end,

In which nine such glass in row did extend.

There was a square hole on each side of the chimney, Closed with greased

paper, which let in the light dimly.

We studied at night by a wood fire light

Supplemented by pine-knots, which made it more bright.

The benches were made out of thick slabs of pine;

They were not very soft, and not very fine,

And they were so high one's feet dangled in air.

And our legs got so tired, it most made us swear.

The terms were from two months to 'long about three,

So our chances for wisdom were meagre, you see.

Our clothing was all of the good homespun kind;

Very little of "store clothes" could anyone find.

In the winter we had jeans, and in summer had linen,

Which kept women folks

busy with weavin' and spinnin'.

We carded the wool with steel-wired hand cards;

It took time and hard labor to make "rolls" for ten yards.

We raised flax seed every year to make summer clothes.

And the hustling it took no young person knows.

We lived from our labors—were beholden to none,

But we surely worked hard, parents, daughter and son.

But with hunting and fishing, diversions galore,

We had as much fun as they now have, or more.

School Doesn't Stop Even for 'Snow Days'

Each winter students get unplanned breaks from school called "Snow Days." But, if you're a parent or a teacher, you're concerned about the missed time at school and the break in the educational process. Bad weather and illness may stop teachers and students from traveling, but they don't prevent learning from traveling the air waves.

The lessons viewed at home will not be as effective without the guidance of a teacher, just as a textbook would not, but students will be exposed to top quality programs and series.

50 Years Ago
Week of February 12, 1976

Nursing Home Needs \$1000 for Piano

At a recent meeting of the Pendleton Nursing Home Auxiliary, Mrs. Delton Rexrode, president, told the group an urgent need exists for a piano for the home as the borrowed they have used is no longer available. The cost would be approximately \$1,000.

The auxiliary is asking that 500 people donate \$2 each. Honorary and memorial gifts will be recognized with gratitude and all gifts will be appreciated. If contributions exceed the cost of the piano they will be used for other needs in the home.

60 Years Ago
Week of February 10, 1966

Harold Dahmer Announces His Candidacy for Sheriff

Mr. Harold Dahmer, well-known local business man, is announcing his candidacy for Sheriff of Pendleton County.

Mr. Dahmer is the owner and operator of Dahmer's Restaurant and service station, the only local business open to serve the public 24 hours daily. He is also the owner of a motel and cabins adjacent to his restaurant and the Coffee Shop located by the ground floor of the Dyer building.

For the past six years Mr. Dahmer has been a member and vice president of the County Board of Education during which time he helped

promote the erection of a new school building on North Fork and the completion of the new high school gym in Franklin.

He served four years in the service, 18 months of which were spent overseas where he was wounded in action during the liberation of France. He is a member of the local VFW and American Legion clubs.

70 Years Ago
Week of February 9, 1956

DAHMER

We often wonder how many people remember the snow of 1890 which was three feet deep, 76 years ago. Johnny Arvin Dahmer had a bevy of 60 snowbirds of Juncos which were daily visitors at his home for food last week.

We have experienced lately, zero temperatures, snowfalls of about 21 inches in depth, windy weather and snowdrifts that almost defied traffic and church services were canceled.

HEAVY SNOWFALL PROMISES

Better Fishing This Spring

Recent heavy snowfalls will mean more and better fishing come spring time, reports the Game and Fish Division, Department of Natural Resources.

So, in some cases, the heavy snow was welcomed.

Without the snow, there might have been a scarcity of water in which to fish during March and April.

Some Remarks Overheard During Recent Snows

Remarks overheard from local residents concerning the recent 30 inches of snow that Pendleton County received from January 22 through February 1st.

A poultry and livestock farmer at the breakfast table after having cleared his mile of road to reach the highway for the second time only to see it covered by 12 inches of new snow when he arose that morning. "If I had a buyer this farm would go cheap this morning."

A Franklin resident who had advertised a home for sale for the last two months. "I'm going to lower my price, sell and leave."

A Brandywine lady who quoted her grandfather: "I wish it would start raining hot water and melt this snow."

Overheard from a North Fork farmer talking snow shoveling. "It was six below zero and the wind was really whizzing by, as I was shoveling out drifts higher than my horses' backs, if it hadn't been for the whiskers on my face (about two inches long), it would have frozen off. Why, when I go to bed at night, all I dream about is shoveling snow!"

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Smith Creek/Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

With Mr. Groundhog seeing his shadow it means six weeks of winter are left. However, a good sign is that on Sunday the writer saw a robin. Don't let this warmer weather fool one this week because there can be long winter days to come.

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, Carol Propst and Romona Luckel; prayer list — Richard Campbell, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Kenny Williams, Neal Eye, Ruth Bauer, Rick Waggy, Gloria Moats, Jim Fawley, David Berg, Ruthalene Judy, Jessie Simmons, Minny Rhoads, Larry Rexrode, Troy Bennett, Tom and Judy Borrer, Danny Nelson, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Tom Butterworth, Sherry Hedrick, Bobby Parsons, Robert Bennett, Rick Phares, Chuck Hiatt, Virgil "Bub" Yokum, Hannah Hedrick, Barbara Judy Harman, Betty Smith, John Moyers, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Woody Hoover, Phil Downs, Bruce Lambert, Sherry Chambers, Kaylee Bennett, Paul Mallow, Kristin Bodkin, Bonnie Mitchell, Donald Burns, Wayne Simmons, Glenn Sites, Genevieve Bible, Jennifer Scott, Earl Smith, Brian Calhoun, Bobby Bodkin, Shirley Bland, Robin Gery, Nancy George and Grace Hammer.

Prayer thought: "Loving Father, thank you for Your presence, and help me to remember Your promise to be with me always."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Feb. 2 through Feb. 8 were as follows: Feb. 2 - 36°, 4° (38°, 18°), Feb. 3 - 45°, 27° (60°, 30°), Feb. 4 - 35°, 23° (58°, 31°), Feb. 5 - 43°, 10° (32°, 28°, 81°), Feb. 6 - 31°, 18° (63°, 33°, 1.55°), Feb. 7 - 18°, 8° (40°, 32°, .02°) and Feb. 8 - 25°, 1° (39°, 30°, 24" + 25" snow).

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May Cupid's Arrow Fly Straight and True

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Many customs surround Valentine's Day. The English women had customs of learning who their future husbands would be. In the 1700s, they would write the names of prospective husbands on scraps of paper, roll them in a little piece of clay and drop them all in water. The first piece of paper that rose to the surface was supposed to have the name of the woman's true love. Actually, that is not much different than the "fortunes" that were told to each other, using names and formulas. And who hasn't pulled the petals from a daisy, chanting all the while, "He loves me, he loves me not?"

Bay leaves were also used to discern their future husbands. They were pinned on the pillow the night before Valentine's Day. Dreams of their intended were to take place.

In this community, "apple peelings" were done where one would try to peel an apple without breaking the peeling. The peeling would then be thrown over the left shoulder, forming an initial of the true love when it landed on the floor.

Valentines were usually homemade ones with verses such as this penned on them, "Sure as the vine, Grows 'round the stump. You are my darling, Sugar Lump." Here's another one, "Hang the dishrag, On the hook, I hope some day. You'll be my cook."

To all the writer's readers, her wish is "For Valentine's Day to bring all the love your heart can hold."

Life's little lessons include the following:

1. Be kind.
2. Smile a lot.
3. Replace the toilet paper when only a few squares are left.
4. Close one's mouth when chewing
5. Turn off the lights when leaving a room.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water." — Carl Reiner

"I am a big believer that eventually everything comes back to you. You get back what you give out." — Nancy Reagan

"If the Lord have need of thee, He will know where to find thee." — Martin Luther

"If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else." — Yogi Berra

"Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers." — Kahlil Gibran



Sitting by the stove is the best place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

No news from here as everyone has "hunkered down." Clickety clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- The world's oldest dress, the Tarkhan Dress, which is more than 5,000 years old was found in Egypt.
- Australia is home to more than 1,500 species of spiders.
- Papua New Guinea, has separate mountain ranges calling for each village to have its own language with around 1,000 spoken.
- Americans consume approximately 100 acres of pizza per day, totaling about 3 billion pizzas annually.
- Sweden has more than 220,000 islands, more than any other country in the world.

Birthdays for February include the following: Brian Jamison and Randy Roberson, 17th; Allen Wilfong, 18th; Kent Simmons and George Hevener, 19th; Diana Smith Cook, 20th; Debbie

Reddy, 21st; David Kiser, 24th; Carolyn Sponaugle and Karen Simon, 25th; Terry Ryan 26th; Phil Downs and Patty Marshall, 27th; and Clinton Eye, 28th.

Concerns are for Charles Anderson, Joan and Roger Ashley, Mike Baker, Dave Basagic, Allen Beachler, "Bo" Boggs, Larry Byers, Doreen Calhoun, Marie Cole, Judy Costello, Kim Crane, Stanley Dahmer, Kim Davis, Tommy Davis, Phil Downs, Steve Durham, Jennifer Errett, Isaac Eye, Mary Eye, Carl Gant, David Gillispie, Nan Goland, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, Wayne Harman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Hannah Hedrick, Jack and Starr Hedrick, Jim Hiner, Evan Hise, Tim Hively, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Karen Holsten, Julia Homan, Charlie Marie Hoover, Cynthia Hurry, Mike and Lisa Jamison, Linda Jones, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Tara Kelley, Ruth Kile, Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Laura Kropp, the Helen June Lambert family, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Shannon Maloy, Donna Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Audree Marsh, Yvonne Marsh, Anna Mauzy, Ed May, Dave McConnell, Gene and Joan McConnell, Gary McDonald, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Dottie Mitchell, Jamie Mitchell, Tom Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, Sherri Moyers, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Dominique Nelson, Dwight Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Terri Parker, Andy Pond, Janice Propst, Alda Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger, Tom Rader, Willard Rader, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy 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, Iva Smith, Natalie Stephenson, Tina Stuben, Carolyn Thomas, Riley Thompson, Linda and Larry Vandevander, Peggy Wade, Junior Waggy, Mary Louise Waldschlager, Sherry Wilfong, Judy Williams, Patty Willis and Ann and Ed Wimer.

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Students can go to www.tuckerfoundationwv.org to download an application and view the list of scholarships. Applications are also available at the foundation offices located in the board of education annex in Parsons. High school guidance counselors throughout the foundation's service area also have applications for distribution to students.

Scholarship applications are due by 3 p.m. on March 6. The foundation encourages every student to complete and return their application as early as possible.

Michael Moore, chief financial officer, encourages all high school and college students to apply even if their educational needs do not align with a particular scholarship fund.

"Some of the Tucker Community Foundation's scholarships are designated for graduates of a particular high school or for a particular college while others are based on activities or intended college majors," Moore said. "Just because you do not qualify for one scholarship does not mean you would not qualify for another. We review all the scholarship applications and determine the student's eligibility for each different scholarship. One application covers all our scholarship funds."

High school seniors, college students, students attending technical schools and other non-traditional students (e.g., adults returning to school) are encouraged to apply for a

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WIC Announces February Schedule

During the month of February, Pendleton County WIC Clinic will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. Limited services are also available from 2 to 4 p.m. on other days of the week. Call for details.

Pendleton County participants can receive services in Petersburg if alternate days or evening appointments are desired. The office will be closed Feb. 16 for President's Day.

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Wildcats Show Resilience in Ugly Triumph Over Yellow Jackets

By Stephen Smoot

Boy that game was ugly. Not ugly in the sense of behavior of the players and coaches. One could not have asked for a more exemplary performance from the Wildcats and Yellow Jackets alike on playing hard, with pride and intensity and within the boundaries of good sportsmanship.

The "ugly" part came when a determined Moorefield squad, fueled by senior night emotions and years of setbacks to the Wildcats in multiple sports, put everything they had into shutting down everything Pendleton County does well.

And in everything but securing the victory, Moorefield did just that. The experience and resilience of Pendleton County, however, prevailed in the end.

The Wildcats secured the opening tip. Jaydon Hess angled from the wing on a drive and scored on an up and under layup almost immediately. Pendleton County greeted the first Yellow Jacket possession with an intense press. Chase Owens swiped the ball, scored, and doubled the lead. Twenty seconds into the contest, a shell-shocked Moorefield called a time out that likely changed the course of the game.

They came out of the timeout and buried a three at the 7:10 mark in the first, sending word that they would not go quietly into the cold February night.

On offense, Moorefield usually opted to swing the ball around the three-point line, waiting for open deep shots or passes for cutters near the basket. Taking their time also meant taking time away from the high-powered offense of their opponent on this night.

The Wildcats settled into a zone early and also pulled out of the press in the first quarter, likely to save the energy of their key players. Moorefield took a brief 6-4 lead at the 6:14 mark when they scored, drew a foul, and completed the old fashion three-point play. Owens tied the game like the lead was stolen from him personally, dribbling to the post, creating space, and muscling in for a layup.

At the 4:20 point, Cashton Kisamore took a steal near the Moorefield basket that they took back immediately, then gave it back up to Travis Owens, who stood by a Yellow Jacket and a foot from the basket. With fraternal feeling, he handed the ball to his older brother, who laid the ball in for an 8-6 advantage.

Nothing came easy offensively for the Wildcats. Moorefield's tight man to man extended far to the outside to shut down the outside game. Crisp reactions and good movement largely cut off inside passes to Kisamore. Chase Owens' defenders looked like they would follow the Wildcat home and then to school the next day, so tightly did they stick to the visiting team's leading scorer.

Pendleton County was forced into an unusual number of off balance attempts by the ferocity of the opponents' defense. Most scoring came from individual players breaking down the man guarding him and finding a way to get the ball in the basket.

Toward the end of the first quarter, the Wildcats opened up some room on the scoreboard. Hess hit a three, followed by Chase Owens taking a steal the length of the court for a layup and a 13-8 advantage. Moorefield closed the gap to 13-11, but after a Henry Warner steal, Travis Owens worked his way in and lofted an eight-foot hook.

The first quarter ended with a slender 15-13 lead for the Wildcats.

Early in the second, Warner took a shot and fell to the ground with no call, but in the ensuing moments, Hess took a steal in for a layup and a four-point lead. A Yellow Jacket three



Henry Warner made key plays at the end of the contest to lift Pendleton County over Moorefield last week.

pulled them within one. Travis Owens and Hess scored layups in quick succession to give a 21-16 advantage with 4:16 left in the half, but Moorefield closed the gap to three on free throws.

Ty Heavner battled inside for an offensive rebound and a score to put his team up 23-18 heading into the half.

Pendleton County went to a one-three-one zone late in the first half and remained in it the entire third quarter. Against it, Moorefield ran one play almost exclusively. They would pass the ball around the outside, waiting for a cutter to be freed by a pick on the post. The cutter would then sprint to the right corner of the court where he would either be open or not for a three-point shot.

Almost every time the player was open, they'd launch a three. They connected three times on those and scored 11 in the third

quarter. Each possession eroded the clock significantly.

Chase Owens opened Wildcat scoring at 6:38 by taking the ball to the post and hitting a turnaround shot. He scored from the same spot 40 seconds later to give a 25-18 lead. At about the 5:30 point, Pendleton County took a steal and then started a three pass, no dribble, fast break reminiscent of the Showtime era Los Angeles Lakers. The ball never touched the floor, but found the bottom of the basket for a 29-24 lead.

At 3:22 in the third, Pendleton County took a seven-point lead and some momentum, but the Yellow Jackets were far from out of the game. Through the rest of the third until 3:15 in the fourth, Moorefield outscored the visiting squad 16 to six to take a 41-37 lead. With the home crowd firmly behind them, they seemed poised for the upset over their historic rivals.

Enter Warner.

Warner had played sparingly in the first half, contributing on both ends of the court. With just under three minutes to play, he seized an offensive rebound and laid it in the basket to cut Moorefield's lead to two.

Then Pendleton County brought back the press that had pressured Moorefield so ferociously in the first minutes of the contest. A Chase Owens steal led to a game-tying basket at the 1:48 mark. The press forced a Moorefield turnover and on the next possession for the Wildcats, Travis Owens hit a three for a 44-41 lead with 55 seconds left.

The Yellow Jackets called timeout with 32 seconds left. At 16 seconds, they drove and drew a foul, completing one of two free throws. So few fouls had been called that Moorefield had to press and intentionally foul multiple times quickly to force the Wildcats to the line in the bonus.

Warner was finally sent to the line. He made one of two to push the lead to three. Moorefield raced up the court and launched a three-point attempt with 1.9 seconds remaining that went errant due to a foul.

Chase Owens scored 18, followed by Hess with 13, Travis Owens with seven, Warner with five, and Kisamore and Heavner both with two. Hess also had four assists and the same number of steals. Travis Owens and Heavner each took in five rebounds, followed by Cole Harper with four.

On Monday, they traveled to Doddridge County to take on the 13 and one Bulldogs, ranked number three in Class AA by West Virginia Metro News. Pendleton County has a ranking of sixth in Class A with Tucker County at ninth and East Hardy ranked at 10.

Small Game Hunting, Trapping Seasons Close Feb. 28

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources reminds hunters and trappers that seasons for several small game and fur-bearing species are set to close on Feb. 28.

Hunting seasons closing at the end of the month include squirrels, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, raccoon, red and gray fox and bobcat. Trapping seasons that will close include raccoon, red and gray fox, bobcat, mink, muskrat, otter, skunk, opossum, coyote and weasel.

Trappers who harvest a beaver, bobcat, fisher or otter must electronically check their catches within 30 days after the close of their respective seasons. A WVDNR-issued game check confirmation number must be recorded in writing with the trapper's name and address and stay attached to each pelt or whole animal until sold, tanned, processed into commercial fur or mounted. Trappers must also obtain a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species seal for each bobcat and otter pelt they plan to sell out of state. All bobcat and/or otter pelts being sold by licensed fur dealers must have a

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The WVDNR is also reminding trappers about its otter research project. Trappers who harvest a radio-tagged otter should report the tag number and return the transmitter to the District 4 office in Beckley. Trappers who deliver a legally harvested and electronically registered skinned otter carcass to a WVDNR district office will be eligible to receive a \$20 gift card. More information about the project can be found on page 5 of the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

Hunters and trappers 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license and form of identification while hunting. To purchase a hunting and trapping license, visit WVhunt.com.

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Presidents' Day was initially celebrated on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22. It wasn't until the passing of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act on June 28, 1968, that the country began celebrating Presidents' Day on the third Monday of February.

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT.

Public Notice No.: L-12-26

Public Notice Date: February 12, 2026

Paper: Pendleton Times

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WV0111821

Applicant: WV DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES P.E.M. 112 CALIFORNIA AVENUE CHARLESTON, WV 25305

Location: FRANKLIN, PENDLETON COUNTY

Latitude: 38:44:58

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Receiving Stream: REEDS CREEK

Activity: To operate and maintain a flow-through aquaculture system, holding/settling ponds, and best management practices and discharge treated aquacultural and sanitary wastewater through Outlet 001 and Outlet 002 to Reeds Creek of the South Branch of the Potomac River. Also to operate and maintain a disposal system and best management practices for discharge of untreated storm water and groundwater through Outlet 004 to Reeds Creek of the South Branch of the Potomac River. Also, to operate and maintain a

disposal system and best management practices for discharge of untreated storm water through Outlet 005 to Reeds Creek of the South Branch of the Potomac River. An anti-degradation review has been conducted and Tier 1 protection is provided for the uses specified in Title 47, Series 2, Section 6.

Business conducted: Fish Hatchery

Implementation: NA.

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304-2345 lori.k.devereux@wv.gov

The public comment period begins February 12, 2026 and ends March 14, 2026.

Tariff Form No. 8 (RULE 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE is hereby given that Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective Thursday, March 5, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$26,793,000 annually in additional revenues, or an overall average increase in revenues of approximately 8.44%. The \$26,793,000 consists of an increase in base rates of \$43,764,000 and a decrease in the Company's Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program ("IREP") of \$16,971,000. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$ INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ -9.63	% 10.57
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Industrial	\$ 378.26	% 1.69
Resale	\$ 125.36	% 1.31
Other	\$ -	% -

This increase incorporates the rate impact of the cumulative investment under the IREP that was placed into service as of September 30, 2025. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas Company, Inc., and City of Philippi.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in the case should file on or before May 5, 2026, a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. The Commission may establish a final deadline for intervention. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323 or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website (www.psc.stat.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address as above.

A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the Company:

501 56th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301. 2-12-2c

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th St SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on business days. 1c

PUBLIC NOTICE NATIONAL FOREST GRAZING ALLOTMENTS OFFERED FOR PERMIT

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Greenbrier Ranger District Office Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Detailed prospectuses are available on request. Bids will be accepted until April 1, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. 2-12-2p

WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NOTICE OF FILING

Application of Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC for Approval to Offer, Render, Furnish or Supply Natural Gas Supply Services to the public in West Virginia in Case No. 25-0905-G-EFPP.

Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC has filed an application with the West Virginia Public Service Commission ("PSC") for participation in an Enhanced Firm Pooling Program to provide natural gas supply services as a supplier or aggregator of natural gas services. Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC, proposes to sell natural gas and related services in all counties of West Virginia.

The PSC may consider this application without a hearing. Protests directed to the technical or financial fitness of Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC may be filed within 15 days of the date of this notice with the Executive Secretary of the PSC, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301. Please include the Case No. listed above on the protest.

Additionally, please send copies of any protest to Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC attorney at the address listed below.

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before Pendleton County Commission at 100 S. Main Street, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this

state must be filed with the Pendleton County Commission within 60 days after the date of first publication or within 30 days of the serving of this notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

First Publication Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, April 13, 2026

Decedent: Charles E. Harold, Rockingham County, VA
Filed by: Nancy B. Harold, Spouse, Dayton, VA

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 6, 2026.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 2-12-2c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

ANISSA E. WORTHY, CAMERON R. WORTHY,
Plaintiffs,

v. Civil Action No.: 26-C-4

ADAM R. WORTHY, AMANDA W. DOMBROWSKI, and CAITLIN R. WORTHY,
Defendants.

- ORDER OF PUBLICATION -

On the reading and filing of a Complaint for Partition of Real Estate, and good cause appearing therefore; now, therefore, IT IS ORDERED: 1. NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Adam R. Worthy, Amanda W. Dombrowski, and Caitlin R. Worthy, and to all persons who may be affected or prejudiced by the above specified action, that on February 2, 2026, a Complaint for Partition of Real Estate was filed in the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia. The object of the above-styled action is to obtain a partition by sale of certain real estate located in Pendleton County, West Virginia, owned by the parties as tenants in common, and to distribute the proceeds according to their respective ownership interests, including equitable adjustment for real estate taxes paid. The real estate which is the subject of this action is located in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, containing 90.70 acres, more or less, and identified as Tax Map 26, Parcel 34.1. The Defendants, Adam R. Worthy, Amanda W. Dombrowski, and Caitlin R. Worthy, are required to appear and defend this action within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice. Failure to appear and defend may result in a judgment or decree being entered against the

The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 5, 2026. Deadline for claims is April 6, 2026.

Tyler Fleming Folks-Nelson Estate - Carla Folks, Administratrix; Judith B. Ours Estate - Melissa Ours Conrad, Executrix; Roger Mitchell Estate - Bonnie Mitchell, Administratrix.

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Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 2-5-2c

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Third-place speech contest winner, Alex Adams, right, is presented his award by RandiJo Wolford, Northeastern Region FFA vice president and a member of the Hampshire County FFA.



Cody Mitchell delivers the memorial service message at the West Virginia Farm Bureau annual meeting.

The 106th annual meeting of the West Virginia Farm Bureau was held Nov. 7 - 9

at the Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center in Davis. Two Pendletonians, Alex Adams of Franklin and Cody Mitchell of Upper Tract, spoke during the annual meeting.

Contest sponsored by the WVFB Women's Leadership Committee. His topic was "Automated Agricultural Technology." He placed third in the contest and was awarded \$300.

Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher collegiate member, delivered the message during the memorial service. He graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness management and applied economics and is pursuing his master of divinity degree at Liberty University Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Virginia.

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A member of the Pendleton County FFA and a junior at Pendleton County High School, Adams competed in the Flora and Denver Turner Memorial Speech Contest sponsored by the WVFB Women's Leadership Committee. His topic was "Automated Agricultural Technology." He placed third in the contest and was awarded \$300.

Pam Hessler, women's committee chair, stated that the contestants did an excellent job in front of the largest crowd ever to watch the competition. Mitchell, a West Virginia

County Commission on GSC

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Diana Mitchell, Director of Pendleton 911, shared that her dispatchers "re-layed to me what a good job they did with snow removal." Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, added, "I'd really like to compliment the DoH. You can only do removal of that stuff so fast." He also noted that the "tired" heavy graders brought forth to clear tons of compacted sleet ran into issues. One from the Franklin garage broke down. "Hopefully Charleston will realize that they at last need a new grader," he said. Additionally, he noted, "We

were very fortunate to not have any power outages. That was a blessing." By the time of the meeting, some had endured without power between eight and 10 days in Southern West Virginia counties.

Gillespie provided an update on renovations to the General Services Center. "They're doing a really good job up there," he stated. He described progress on work done to create spaces for the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management, West Virginia University Extension, and other offices making to move this winter.

Commissioner Bennett asked about contract drivers temporarily employed by the DoH for plowing. Surrounding states have done this for years, but West Virginia started a pilot project recently in and around Morgantown. Hevener suggested that "they need to test that in rural areas, not in town," due to the broadened spectrum of challenges in caring for roads in outlying areas.

Commissioners also approved appointing Kristin Dingess as the Town of Franklin representative on the new planning commission. Dingess, a town council member, is also a board member for the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until March 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):

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Pendleton County Schools

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PCS buses stop much more often than legally required for the convenience of families.

Sonny O'Neil, board member, inquired, "Will the state look at running two buses, one each for the elementary school and the middle/high school?" For various reasons, that was not possible at this point.

Mowery then restated the importance of the 1,400 floor in sustaining the current school system, and all of its operations, then offered merely a hypothetical that "if we had to get more condensed into Franklin, they'd take even longer to get there."

Mowery was explaining the potential impact on schools and students if the State of West Virginia opted to remove the 1,400 floor and not replace it with something that provided similar assistance. Upon query, both Mowery and Hevener confirmed that the statement was only a hypothetical. There are no plans to close Brandywine Elementary School as some have speculated on social media.

In fact, Mowery asserted in the meeting, "It's not like we are sitting here with schools we don't need." He also said that "we're still making the case that geography matters" in terms of the special challenges of a sparsely populated county with a large land area and some of the most formidable terrain in the Eastern United States.

Board members heard of the hard work of Shelby Thomas, school counselor. Derek Lambert praised her work on campus, saying, "She has been doing an awesome job." Additionally, Hevener recognized Dolly Rexrode for her continued work in running a trades work exploration program that has helped children find work in lucrative fields like welding.

She also noted that Rexrode and Travis Heavner worked to help keep athletes' locker rooms clean.

Heavner in the facilities report brought attention to the state of the portable bleachers at Pendleton County Middle/High School. The athletic department uses them for baseball and visitor football seating. Heavner reminded all that to host varsity football, the field needed visiting bleacher space. Different suggestions were made and ideas shared. O'Neil asked if they could be modified, to which Heavner replied that many had been done over the years.

The school system gets marked down on safety due to the bleachers and also the wear and tear is breaking them down.

Kristy Tritapoe, assistant superintendent, stated that Pendleton County's Energy Express program "has been approved for 2026."

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SGR401-A Charming 2/3 bedroom, 1 bath, ranch style, with partial basement on 0.15 ac., paved driveway, covered carport, with ramp to back entrance, detached 1 car garage, LP heat/hot water, some appliances convey. House is being sold AS-IS. Franklin Corp. \$179,000.00.

SGR400A COMING SOON! 5 Bed, 3 Bath home located in Franklin District on 2.5 acres offers privacy in peaceful, wooded surroundings while being near schools and all town amenities. Attached 2 car garage, partially finished basement, fenced yard, Heat Pump & Central AC, 3 Fireplaces, Well, Septic and Water Filtration system. \$549,000.00.

SGR398A 2.07 Acres w/3 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin located in Ruddle. LP and Propane Heat, Septic and Shared Gravity Fed Well. Furnished. Franklin District. Great buy at \$159,000.00.

SGR396A 0.721 ac., home with 4 bedrooms/2.5 baths, 3 car garage, paved driveway, back deck w/exceptional mountain view, in Franklin, across from Pendleton Manor. \$349,000.00.

SGR393A 14.5 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin with very efficient use of space. Located on Dry Run Rd. 1900 gallon Cistern. Wood & Electric Heat. \$249,000.00 REDUCED \$239,000.00.

SGR392A Custom Canadian White Cedar Log Home. 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 3,088 sq. ft. Cabin on 121.05 acres located in Hidden Valley. Red Oak and Mexican Tile flooring. Two Car Garage & partial basement. Mature plants and trees. Some Restrictions apply. Franklin District. \$919,000.00.

SGR391A 7.94 Acres w/Riverfront Cabin along US RT 220 South, just outside of Franklin. Two Bed, 1 Bath, new build 2024. Great location for Airbnb or personal weekend getaway. Plenty of room for recreation along river. NEW LISTING \$395,000.00 \$375,000.00 REDUCED \$349,000.00.

SGR382A 45 Ac. w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Solar powered, no restrictions, Cistern & Septic, Shooting Range, Excellent Hunting, Franklin District. \$399,000.00 REDUCED \$379,000.00.

SGR382B 35 Acres, Strauter Rd, Ruddle area. Year-Round Spring. Building Lots. Utilities. Excellent Hunting. Life Estate on 6 Acres. Franklin District. \$169,000.00.

SGR380A 5.62 Acres, Lot #3, Sharp Ridge, Electric nearby, Easy Access, Some Restrictions, Franklin District. \$49,500.00.

SGR379A 5994 Mount Freedom Drive, Cherry Grove 14.70 acres, 2 bed/1 bath house, one room w/loft cabin, several other buildings and outbuildings, adjoins National Forest, very unique property. \$279,000.00 \$264,000.00 REDUCED \$250,000.00.

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

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. \$199,000.00 REDUCED \$179,000.00.

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.

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 \$299,000.00 \$229,000.00 REDUCED \$219,000.00.

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.

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2018 FORD EXPLORER XLT "SPORT PKG" AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., white, local 1 owner, 117K miles, ex. cond.....	\$18,900
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2004 FORD EXCURSION LIMITED 4X4, 6.0 dsl., auto., ldd., black, mint one-owner, 79K miles.....	\$47,500