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Patriotic Party Time in Franklin







Franklin Volunteer Fire Department helped the area take part in America 250 history, celebrating with a good old fashioned family friendly Independence Day weekend complete with food, music, games, the traditional parade, and incredible fireworks.



Same bank, new name. Petersburg-based Highlands Bank's customers came out in near triple digit heat to help the former Grant County Bank open a new era.

'Only the Name Has Changed' Grant County Bank Switches Moniker to Highlands Bank

By Stephen Smoot

One could be forgiven for confusion. Smaller banks are often swallowed by bigger banks.

In this case, however, Grant County Bank will continue into the future both financially strong, and independent. It will simply move forward with the name Highlands Bank.

"We've been here since 1902," related Scotty Miley, chief executive officer. "In 1903, the Wright Brothers flew the first airplane. We've been here through World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, major floods, the pandemic."

That said, he added, "It's time to change the name to reflect what we're all about."

While "Grant County Bank" reflects the origins and also the continued core of the business, growth has pursued opportunities elsewhere. The former Grant County Bank had its names of branches in Pendleton, Tucker, and Mineral, with one coming soon to Falling Waters near Martinsburg.

"We only changed the name," stated Miley, who added that for the customer all else stayed the same, including routing numbers, accounts, and other aspects of the business.

Though many in Grant County would prefer the original name, as the bank expands throughout the Potomac Highlands and Eastern Panhandle, the specific name became a potential barrier to growth. Pendleton Community Bank years ago switched its name from Pendleton County Bank as they expanded into other counties and also into the state of Virginia.

Highlands Bank marked the occasion with a thank-you celebration held on the

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America 250 Mural Is Complete in Franklin

By Stephen Smoot

Kelson Thorne's latest mural celebrating a West Virginia community came to life last week on the west facing side of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority office in Franklin. He had previously completed one on the north wall facing the Town of Franklin parking lot.

That work detailed street scenes in Franklin in its history while the latest spotlights three historic mills in Pendleton County, one in each of the three major valleys that run through the area.

Annie Humes, Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau executive director, shared that "a wide variety of groups came together to make it happen."

Originally, all America 250 mural projects were slated for completion by April of this year. Kelly Williams, however, co-owner with husband, Sam, of a number of hotels and tourism related businesses in the Potomac Highlands, advocated to West Virginia Tourism for an extension.



Minutes after the final touches were done, representatives of different groups who supported the America 250 mural in Pendleton County gathered with the artist in commemoration. Pictured, from left, are Kelson Thorne, Brittany Brogan, Dayne Davis, Annie Humes, Bob Horan, Sherry Mongold, Carl Hevener, Michelle Sites, and Roger Dahmer.

Longer winters in higher elevation counties made the expectation unreasonable, so Thorne got to paint in the mild June summer weather rather than the winds, cold, and occasional snow that mark a typical Franklin winter.

The three mills depicted on the mural were the Homan Mill in Sugar Grove, the

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Twelve Baskets Seeks to Bring Entire Community for Monthly Dinners

By Stephen Smoot

More than a decade ago, Pastors Craig and Wendy Richter with the Lutheran church had the idea for a community dinner that area churches would rotate and hold once a month. First and foremost, the idea lay in creating a forum where the community could join in joy and fellowship.

They called their effort "the Beanbag." The idea attracted some attention, but in the pre social media days, not enough to build a cadre of volunteers to sustain it. Another problem lay in planning for an unpredictable number of people attending. When the pastors moved on, the idea passed into dormancy.

Now a group of volunteers has come together to revive the idea. Liz and Billy Rollins, Thom and Hayley Craig, Cassie Hubbs, and Sarah and Josh Moyers have come together to form a group calling itself, Twelve Baskets.

They hope to model a monthly dinner after similar ones held in communities elsewhere, such as the Ruritans have done in Capon Bridge. No one would be required to pay to eat, though donations from anyone in any form are welcome.

Rollins, who has worked with Communities in Schools in Pendleton County, shared that "the needs are so great in this county." In addition to families in need, she cited that some elderly, isolated, and those who lack connections to community could benefit from a gathering of people in a meal of fellowship.

She emphasized that this dinner would be for anyone in the community. It is primarily a fellowship meal whether those who come are in need or not. As Rollins explained, "It will be a place where people can come and be."

It also will not be affiliated directly with any church or organization. Furthermore, this would not be a forum where organizations could come and share various agendas. Rollins joked that one "wouldn't get a timeshare pitch" at a dinner, but the general point lay in that the dinner would not include presentations or agendas that might tend to divide people and keep potential attendees away.

The first dinner is sched-

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Community CALENDAR

Worship in the Park Planned for Sunday

Summer Worship Nights in the Park will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at Ruddle Park in Upper Tract. There will be free ice cream and drinks starting at 5:30 p.m. Cameron Kisamore will be the guest speaker with music by Mahala Alt. Bring a lawn chair and a friend. Everyone is welcome.

Wild Weather Slows But Does Not Stop Franklin Festivities During the Weekend

By Stephen Smoot

The weekend celebration of the 250th Anniversary of American Independence came in sunny, but steamy, then exited rainy. Storms hustled their way through different sections of Pendleton County, bringing heavy rains and high water, but not derailing the celebration of 250 years of American independence.

An army of volunteers braved the stiflingly hot weather on Thursday as temperatures climbed into the upper 90s and, in some cases, likely edged into the triple digits. During the day, they worked to set up the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department annual lawn party.

They set up food booths, games, and tents under which attendees could escape the hot sun, but also at times showers of rain.

Friday found Franklin ready for the festivities. Attendees enjoyed music from DJ Tony Calhoun, chowed down on fresh made hamburgers and hot dogs, but leaving room to sample some of the homemade pies and cakes. Ice cream by the serving or the three-gallon bucket waited to be purchased and thoroughly enjoyed.



Heavy rains briefly covered US 220 near the Poor Farm. Fire crews from Upper Tract and Franklin, as well as department of highway personnel, quickly cleared the highway.

A dunking booth, games, and the fun of coming together to celebrate American Independence brought great crowds despite the first truly hot weather of the summer. Kids leapt into the bouncy house, always a huge crowd pleaser.

Later in the evening, Franklin's Main Street hosted the traditional parade.

The fun continued on Saturday evening, but Mother Nature got involved in the fireworks somewhat.

Powerful, but scattered storms, swept through the Potomac Highlands into northern Virginia, Maryland, and also Washington, D.C. Not long after the 5 p.m. opening, rain put a temporary damper on the lawn party in Franklin. Some ducked under tents, others raced to the dryness of their vehicles.

Storms hit harder farther south. At about 5:30 in the evening on Saturday, the National Weather Service issued an "Immediate Broadcast" of a severe thunderstorm warning. It warned of high winds, a "considerable

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Obituaries



Mary Lee Heavner

Mary Lee Heavner, 86, of Franklin passed away July 5, 2026, at Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg.

She was born May 29, 1940, in Franklin and was the daughter of the late Russell E. Heavner and Gertrude (Lough) Heavner.

Miss Heavner was a 1958 graduate of Franklin High School and a 1961 graduate of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

She worked at Peoples Drugstore in Harrisonburg, Virginia, Franklin Garment Company and Hanover Shoe Company.

She was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and found much pleasure in spending time with her dogs and cats.

She very much enjoyed watching her great-nephew, Ty Heavner, play football for the Pendleton County Wildcats, and she was an avid fan of all West Virginia University Mountaineers sporting events.

Surviving are a son, Steve Heavner (Mandy) of Riverton; a grandson, Ben Heavner (Becky) of Seneca Rocks; a granddaughter, Hannah Heavner Nelson (John) of Lewisburg; five great-grandchildren, Tori and Tuff Heavner and Clara, Haley and Nathan Nelson; two brothers, Joe Heavner (Anna) and Jerry Heavner (Phyllis), all of Franklin; a sister-in-law, Louise Heavner of Harrisonburg, Virginia; and a number of nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Diane Mason Fleishman.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, William Heavner; and two sisters, Alice Heavner and Betty Lou Heavner Mason.

The family will receive friends from 5 - 7 p.m. today at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Mike Loudermilk officiating. Interment will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to Mountain Memories Assisted Living & Retirement Community, 301 Wilson Lane, Elkins, WV 26241.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.



Jamie Lou (Thompson) DiMarco

Jamie Lou (Thompson) DiMarco, 82, passed away peacefully July 1, 2026, at the Blue Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She was born on March 28, 1944, in Winston Salem, North Carolina, the daughter of the late Otto and Lucy (Willard) Cayton.

Mrs. DiMarco was a hard worker and had been employed by Hanover Shoe Company, New Frontier Restaurant, and Thompson's Motel and Restaurant, before becoming co-owner of The Korner Shop in Franklin.

She was a member of Christ Central Church in Upper Tract.

She was a beloved mother, cherished grandmother, and dear friend whose kindness and fortitude touched the lives of all who knew her. Throughout her 82 years, her unwavering commitment to her family stood as the cornerstone of her life.

Her family carries treasured memories of time spent together, reflecting her boundless love, leadership and wisdom with immense strength while enduring rheumatoid arthritis for most of her adult life.

Her legacy is evident in the lives of her children and grandchildren, the values she instilled, and the love she freely gave. Her role as a grandmother was a source of immense joy to her, and her passion was spending time with her family and friends.

On Feb. 29, 1964, she married Charles "Peanut" Thompson, the father of her children, who preceded her in death on Sept. 27, 2010. On July 17, 2019, she married Louis Anthony DiMarco, who preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2025.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a daughter, Julie Evick (Josh Hanna) of Franklin; a son, Craig Thompson (Karen Carter) of Brandywine; grandchildren, Preston Evick (Elizabeth), Grant Evick (fiancée, Tiffany Perry), Natalie Evick, Justin Shreve (Marissa), Matthew Thompson (Kayla), Caitlyn Brackenrich (Justin), and Jacob Thompson; and five great-grandchildren and one expected.

She was also preceded in death by a half sister, Shirley; and a foster sister, Polly Hoover.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to any Pendleton County Volunteer Rescue Squad or Pendleton Senior and Family Services.

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

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America 250 Mural

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McCoy Mill near Franklin, and the Boggs Mill just outside of Seneca Rocks. Humes explained that Richard Ruddle from the Pendleton County Historical Society helped provide ideas to shape the theme and imagery of the project.

Tracy Lawson wrote of the Homan Mill, which produced fine buckwheat flour through the 1970s at Sugar Grove, in Historic Mills of West Virginia. That book details the history of Mountain State mills. Humes noted that Pendleton County had the largest section in the book, 40 pages long.

The imposing landmark structure of Homan's Mill that greets those driving into Sugar Grove from Brandywine started using water powered equipment, then turned to diesel later. The family still maintains the site and the interior looks almost the same as it did when it closed out operations.

The online E-WV West Virginia Encyclopedia shares that McCoy's Mill near Franklin "is one of West Virginia's oldest landmarks" and "employed generations of millers, drawing its power from Thorn Creek just before the creek empties into the South Branch of the Potomac River."

Decades ago, a document from the Historic Preservation Unit of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History described it as "one of the oldest industrial sites in the multi-county area" and "one of the very few which retains its historic setting with an intact mill still in place." The historic site in recent years has served as a host area for demonstrations on West Virginia Maple Days.

More than 20 years ago, an application for National Register of Historic Places for Boggs Mill at Seneca Rocks shared details of its history. Built in 1830, "it is located about 250 yards west of the North Fork, South Branch of the Potomac River, and was, at one time, connected to the river by a long mill race."

It originally had two stories, with a third and a half added later in the 19th century. Also "all the milling machinery inside the mill is still in remarkably good condition." Boggs Mill remained in commercial service through 1966 and suffered some damage in the Flood of 1985.

Each of these sites, all on the National Register of Historic Places, is presented on the mural in black and white photograph form, flanked by representations of plants and butterflies set against a landscape background, all under a cursive "Pendleton County."

Carl Hevener and Roger Dahmer from the Pendleton County Commission and Bob Horan, Town of Franklin mayor, came to help to mark the occasion. Sherry Mongold represented the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority Dayne Davis from Pendleton Community Bank, Brittany Brogan from the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, and Michelle Sites from the Pendleton County Arts Council were all on hand to mark the event.

"I'm looking forward to seeing it completely finished," said Horan. Thorne was putting finishing touches on the piece right up to the celebration. He added that "I like both of them."

Hevener shared "I think it's great that he's doing it" and that "it makes the county look nice." He stated that he would like to see more such projects spread around the county, including Brandywine, Seneca Rocks, and Upper Tract, to name a few.

In the near future, Mongold stated that Thorne is expected to return and put the name and logo of the development authority on the front of the building facing the Pendleton County Courthouse.

Wild Weather Slows

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hail threat," and "continuous ground to cloud lightning." While no hail was reported, trees fell on power lines near Seneca Rocks and along US 220 near Ruddle.

The main fury of the storm, however, swept south of Franklin and skies cleared enough for crowds to gather once again. Most stayed for an incredible fireworks show that launched at 9:30.

Yet the wild weather theme of the weekend continued into Sunday.

As Independence Day revelry on Saturday turned to Sunday church, chores, and/or rest, another set of storms ranged across West Virginia. At about 7 p.m. the National Weather Service activated a flash flood warning for central Pendleton County. Two large storm centers passed through Franklin and Brandywine, while a smaller cell ranged north of Seneca Rocks. The NWS reported in the warning that "between 2 and 3.5 inches of rain have fallen" and predicted one to two more in the affected area. They poured rain onto land already heavy with water from Saturday's rains.

One of the areas predicted to see flash flooding was Ruddle. Near the Poor Farm a culvert that was choked with debris overflowed. Waters blocked the road temporarily and left dangerous debris on US Route 220. Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department responded to return the highway to safe travel. They were supported by Franklin VFD and also the West Virginia Department of Highways.

Mike Alt, training officer for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, reported that the cleanup took little time. He said the water "raised quick and went down quick" and that "there was water in the road maybe an hour altogether."

Franklin Lions Club Golf Tournament
Saturday, July 25
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SKSRT Awards 4-H Camp Scholarships



Tori Belle Heavner, Chloe Barkley and Braxton Barkley



Liam Ours

Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone, Inc. was proud to offer its first 4-H Scholarship Program in 2026, awarding 50 percent scholarships to selected 4-H applicants through an application and essay process.

This year's recipients were Chloe Barkley, Braxton Barkley, Grace Faivre (not pictured), Tori Belle Heavner and Dakota Vandevander (not pictured), Pendleton County 4-H and Liam Ours, Grant County 4-H.

SKSRT plans to continue this scholarship program in the years ahead and encourages future 4-H members to apply.

Twelve Baskets Community Dinners

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uled from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on July 23 at Thorn Spring Park. After this, the dinner will always take place on the third Thursday of every month. After the first two dinners, the group may potentially seek to rotate it among Pendleton County's three valleys to offer each region an opportunity to come together.

When asked about whether or not attendees need to RSVP, she stated that 15 had so far, but also joked that "West Virginians are horrible at RSVPing." She added that many of those that she hopes will come have fluid schedules because of work, children's sports, taking care of family, and other unpredictable responsibilities.

Those are, as she put it, exactly the people she hopes will come. Hayley Craig shared that being a "sports mom" for many years, she understands the value of even one night where one doesn't have to worry about cooking dinner or settling for "fast food" or processed "heat and eat" options. She shared that with her and her husband both coaching, finding time for family food together got tough.

Craig added that they want to "reach anybody who wants to socialize. It's about building community."

Fifteen RSVPs, they have figured, will translate to at least 60 people when family is counted. The Ruritan dinners at Capon Bridge regularly filled their hall there, if that serves as any indication of how many could end up coming regularly.

The dinner will have a take-out option as well, in the hopes that those who for whatever reason cannot come, but need the meal, can get one.

A generous donor has footed the bill for the first two dinners. July's will feature a variety of pasta options with salad and garlic bread, dessert, and a drink. A special kids' menu offers chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese. August will feature another crowd pleaser, a taco bar.

The Twelve Baskets group sent out surveys to determine both interest and need. All but three percent shared that a no-cost meal would be a benefit to them and said they would want to join. A question on the survey asked if the respondent was experiencing a hardship, almost six in 10 said financial, just under 10 percent said they felt isolated, 13 percent said they were under emotional stress, and about 20 percent replied "other."

As Rollins said, "Who doesn't have needs sometimes? We all do."

Comments shared with them included one that said, "Sometimes I have to decide between groceries and paying the electric bill." Another stated that transportation could serve as a barrier.

Yet another shared, "We suffer from social isolation and emotional stress. We'd like to come break bread with other people and make new connections" and they were "hungry for human interaction."

And yet another simply stated that "this would be such a blessing for our community."



Vandevander Hands Over Coordinator Position

After the last Scholastic Book Fair at Franklin Elementary School, Carol Vandevander retired as coordinator. A volunteer, she served as book fair coordinator for the past 40 years.

Local Students Named To WVU Honor Lists

Seven Pendleton County students earned honors during the spring semester at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

Achieving the President's list with a 4.0 grade point average were Natalie Evick, an animal and nutritional sciences major, and Rowan Witt, a geology major, both of Franklin and Lydia Heavner of Upper Tract, an elementary education major.

Earning Dean's List recognition with a 3.5 grade point average or higher were Alexis DePue, a computer engineering, electrical engineering major, and Lindsey Smith, an agribusiness management and applied economics major, both of Franklin, Claire Cooney of Seneca Rocks, an elementary education major, and Mackensi Lambert of Sugar Grove, an anthropology major.

Grant County Bank Changes Moniker

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bank grounds in Petersburg. Regardless of the 95-degree temperatures, dozens made their way to enjoy free hotdogs and drinks, the music of Joe Crites, and fellowship on a typical high heat summer day.

Staff from the bank rushed around to make sure that all had what they needed.

Kirk Wilson, a member of the board of directors, shared that "I don't know how many times I've been asked the question of why did you do it?"

"We're a business," he said, going on to add that "if you're going to stay in business, you've got to grow." Growth has accelerated for the bank during the past year. Wilson shared that the bank's worth in 2025 was approximately $300 million, but now tops $400 million. The stock price jumped from $32 a share to $47.

"Those are indicators of growth and great leadership," he noted.

What also will not change is the bank's identity as a "community bank." The Independent Community Bankers of America define a "community bank" as different from "megabanks that often operate without a strong connection between where they gather deposits and where they make loans."

The ICBA explains that "community banks focus on reinvesting in neighborhoods where their depositors live and work, fostering growth for local businesses and communities" and that "their relationship banking philosophy is ingrained in the way they conduct business one loan – one customer – at a time."

In 2011, William Loving of Pendleton Community Bank went to the United States Senate to testify on the status of community banking on behalf of ICBA. He stated that during the major recession that started in 2008, "lending by small community banks actually increased" and "small business lending (by them) decreased only slightly. By contrast, small business lending by the largest banks dropped off sharply."

This indicates that when times are tough, all banks stand by those they consider "community." Larger banks, however, often have a different idea of what forms their "community."

Community banks work more closely with their neighbors and others who form the core of their business. Gerald Sites, a director emeritus after decades with bank leadership, shared in a post by Highlands Bank nine months ago that it was a true community institution "where customers can walk in, talk through their needs, and even meet with the president directly."

Wilson also shared that a community bank has more flexibility to work with its customers and "some of them have been with us for 30 or 40 years."

"It's about building relationships with our customers," he added about the bank's focus and mission.

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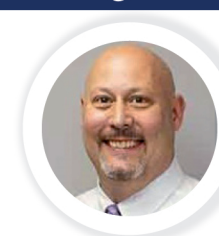
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Times Past

10 Years Ago
Week of July 14, 2016

Relay Just Misses $1 Million Mark

COUNTY RAISES OVER $27,000 FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Pendleton County Relay for Life is much closer to an awe-inspiring milestone after funds from Saturday's annual event were tallied. American Cancer Society supporters started this year's relay event just $21,000 shy of what most residents would have thought an insurmountable goal – $1 million. Saturday's take was over $6,000, and funds are still coming in, reported Denise Hevener of Team USA.

The fund-raiser's inaugural gathering was first held in 1999.

FES Students Compete In State Marble Tourney

Franklin Elementary School students Ryleigh Cook, Braden McCoy and Hannah Rexrode, recently competed in the 29th annual Mountain Marble Tournament held at Weston. The event was sponsored by the West Virginia Marble-Shooters' Association.

In boy's competition, McCoy earned fifth-place honors. Rexrode and Cook were handed third- and seventh-place honors, respectively, in the girls' division.

First- and second-place finishers in both divisions earn the right to represent the state in the national contest held in Wildwood, NJ. Wildwood hosts the outdoor tournament on the beach each year and also serves as home to the National Marble Hall of Fame.

Closing Date Approaches For Navy Base Auction

The online auction for the former Sugar Grove Navy base property is scheduled to close on Wednesday, July 20. The auction, conducted by the General Services Administration property disposal division, began on Feb. 9.

The property, referred to as Sugar Grove Station, features 105 structures, including 80 single-family homes on 122 acres of land. Operating costs for the facilities, without labor, is estimated to be $1.4 million. Amenities include a 20,000 square foot public works building with gymnasium, six-bay fire station, day-care/youth center, restaurant/club and community center. Recreational opportunities on the grounds listed are playground, swimming pool, various athletic courts and fields, as well as, fishing in the South Fork River.

Wilkins Re-Elected BOE President

SURPASSES HAROLD MILLER'S LONG-STANDING TENURE

After being unanimously approved for another two-year term as Pendleton County Board of Education president, J. D. Wilkins becomes the longest running holder of the position, surpassing Harold Miller who served in the same capacity from 1969 to 1978. Wilkins was first elected to serve as leader of the group in 2006.

20 Years Ago
Week of July 13, 2006

Home Designer Opens Franklin Office

Who knows?

Had Darrin Petersen, a 14-year resident of Franklin, not left Colorado's ultra-fashionable Aspen-Vail area early in the 1990s to "go east, young man," he might have become a rich and semi-famous residential designer to the stars.

After all, it was Petersen, when he was first launching his career as a residential designer, who designed Don Johnson's Aspen ranch house in the late 1980s, back when Johnson was a superstar wrapping up his years as a small-screen icon in TV's "Miami Vice."

Facing an uncertain economy in the Rockies, Petersen decided to give the more stable East Coast a try and intended to launch his career in Boston, MA, when, instead, he discovered Pittsburgh, PA, a city he found attractive.

He quickly discovered, however, that western Pennsylvania had no interest in his California design style, which Petersen describes as "West Coast classicism."

But he also quickly discovered that the "new money" in Morgantown, especially professionals looking to build homes in the Cheat Lake area, were not so stodgy as their peers in Pittsburgh.

That was the beginning of Petersen's love affair with West Virginia.

A Morgantown acquaintance recommended that Petersen visit Pendleton County and Seneca Rocks because the mountains here might remind him of those "out West."

It was on a trip to the Seneca Rocks area that also took Petersen across the mountain and into Franklin that he fell in love, in love with the town he proudly and happily calls his home.

"It is Mayberry," Petersen says. "This is as close as you can get to that. To me, it was, especially the quintessential Norman Rockwell painting."

"Deep down," he continued. "I am who I am, and Franklin is what I am.

30 Years Ago
Week of July 4, 1996

Horseshoe Winners Return for Reunion

Several residents of Pendleton County attended the first-ever statewide reunion of winners of the prestigious Golden Horseshoe Award on June 20–West Virginia Day. Hosted by Governor Gaston Caperton, nearly 2,000 winners and their families spent a memorable day at the capitol participating in this major Homecoming '96 event.

During the ceremony, nearly 100 people who had won the Horseshoe during World War II, but were unable to travel to Charleston to be knighted due to gas rationing at that time, were officially knighted by Caperton. The governor noted, "They look a little older than the eighth-graders, but I think they have the same heart they had that day." Included from Pendleton County were Phyllis Kimble Frye (1944) and Browning Boggs (1946).

Others from Golden Horseshoe winners from Pendleton County attending the homecoming were Dolly Nesselrodt Collins (1938), Richard Propst (1938), Betty Lee McFarland Lippencott (1939), Irvin S. Propst (1940), Cornelia Nesselrodt McIlwaine (1941), Inga Dahmer Kile (1956), Nancy Kimble Gonshor (1957), Willis Gainer (1962), Cathy Dove (1972), Tracy Ruddle (1973), and J. P. Mowery (1982).

Butterfly House Presented to PNH

A butterfly house has been placed in the flower bed at Pendleton Nursing Home by the members of the Potomac Valley Garden Club. Members also planted flowers to attract butterflies for the residents to enjoy.

40 Years Ago
Week of July 10, 1986

Mernie Kesner Retires After 44 Years In School System

The Pendleton County Board of Education at its June 18 meeting accepted the resignation of Mernie Kesner, librarian at Franklin High School. Miss Kesner has been employed in the Pendleton County school system for 44 years.

Hanover Bucks Unfavorable Trend Of US Shoe Industry

Motorists driving along Route 220 south of Franklin cannot help but notice the attractive Hanover Shoe factory in its pastoral setting of wooded hills and lush pastures.

Close observers in recent weeks have noticed a slight change in the scene. Employees' cars not only fill the spacious parking areas adjacent to the factory, but they also spill out into the surrounding field, indicating increased activity at the county's largest employer.

Motorists also may have recently noticed construction workers at the rear of the factory developing an additional parking lot. Plant manager Lester Propst said the new lot will provide much needed parking space for an additional 100 cars.

In the midst of widespread closings of shoe factories throughout the United States, because of shoe imports flooding into the states from overseas, the Hanover Shoe factory in Franklin is working overtime and putting out more shoes than ever.

In 1984 the factory turned out 3,000 pairs of shoes a day, and today it is producing 4,440 pairs a day. And in July, 1984, there were 482 people working at that plant. Today the factory is providing employment for 625 workers.

50 Years Ago
Week of July 8, 1976

Automobile Licenses Now Being Issued In Courthouse

Most motorists now may obtain their automobile license in the Pendleton County Sheriff's office.

Distribution of automobile licenses from the sheriff's office began July 1, but the services available are somewhat limited by the restrictions contained in the recently enacted legislation.

One advantage of the new system Sheriff Grant Alt said, will be that any questions concerning taxes on the vehicle can be worked out in the courthouse rather than sending paperwork back and forth to Charleston.

Illinois Balloon Lands In Hay Field Near Kline

George Hevener of Kline received an unusual Bicentennial greeting Sunday.

While walking in the hay field a mile west of Kline Sunday morning, Hevener found a balloon which had landed in the field.

The balloon bore the lettering "Plainfield, Illinois, Bicentennial Committee," and a "Spirit of '76" scene.

Attached to the balloon was a postcard on which was printed "Plainfield, Ill., Bicentennial Celebration, July 4, 1976." Also on the card was the name, Ken Hirschberg, Rt. 2, Taylor Road, Plainfield, Ill.

Hevener said he did not know when the balloon was released. He said he returned the card to Hirschberg.

Put Gas In Metal Containers

"With the season for mowing lawns and boating trips upon us, West Virginians should be informed that federal law prohibits service station attendants from filling with gasoline any containers made of either plastic or other flammable materials," reminds Joseph H. Mills, state labor commissioner.

According to federal regulations, gasoline may not be sold and put in anything other than a fuel tank or an approved metal container.

60 Years Ago
Week of July 7, 1966

Groundhog Hunter Injured by Exploding 30.06 Bullet

A Fourth of July groundhog hunter narrowly escaped death in Pendleton County Monday when a 30.06 caliber bullet exploded sending fragments into his head and arm.

Leroy Skiles, 26, of Deer Run, was the victim of the unusual accident. He was hunting about a mile from his home with his uncle, Lane Dean, 65, of Brushy Run, when the accident occurred at about 4 p.m.

According to Skiles, the two men were driving along the Deer Run Road in his '65 Tempest when they spotted a groundhog in a field about 100 yards from the road.

They stopped the car and Dean got out and rested his 30.06 rifle across the top of the vehicle and fired at the groundhog. What happened at that instant is not entirely clear.

Apparently the bullet exploded, tearing a hole in the top of the car and sending fragments of the bullet into the car.

Fragments of the bullet tore up the back of the front seat where Skiles was sitting. One fragment cut open the back of Skiles' head and lodged under his scalp. Two fragments struck him in his left arm between the elbow and wrist and lodged in his arm.

Skiles was treated at Rockingham Memorial Hospital at Harrisonburg and released several hours later. The fragments of the bullet were not removed.

70 Years Ago
Week of July 5, 1956

HAIL STORM BOMBS DEER RUN

A hail and electrical storm of unprecedented severity swept through the Oak Flat-Deer Run section of Pendleton County last Saturday afternoon leaving in its wake damage to farms and grain fields described by old-timers as "the worst ever seen in this area."

Hail stones the size of small walnuts knocked windows out of houses, beat to death turkeys that were on range and drifted in piles almost a foot deep in places.

Piles of hail several inches deep glistening in the 90 degree heat could still be seen Sunday afternoon in fence corners and in many places along the Deer Run Road.

Grain fields on many farms in the area were totally destroyed, and surface water sweeping through cornfields caused much washing and erosion.

The damage caused by the storm has been authoritatively estimated. It will run into many, many thousands of dollars.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

What a way to start the month off. The area got hit for an early summer heat wave as residents experienced 90 degree temperatures for several days.

As the days of summer build up the heat with the humidity, afternoon thunder storms appear. This past Sunday, an isolated storm hammered down the rain in Upper Tract, causing the river to come up on the road.

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 Ramona Luckel; prayer list — Richard Campbell, Joshua Shirk, Kenny Williams, Ruth Bauer, Rick Waggy, Gloria Moats, Jim Fawley, Ruthalene Judy, Jessie Simmons, Minny Rhoads, David Berg, Troy Bennett, Danny Nelson, Sherry Hedrick, Tom and Judy Borror, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Jimmie Bennett, Tom Butterworth, Bobby Parsons, Robert Bennett, Rick Phares, Virgil "Bub" Yokum, Hannah Hedrick, John Moyers, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Bruce Lambert, Sherry Chambers, Donald Burns, Glenn Sites, Shirley Bland, Wayne Simmons, Jennifer Scott, Brian Calhoun, Bobby Bodkin, Chris Phares, Robin Gery, Nancy George, Grace Hammer, Paul Borror, Holly Beachler, Cameron Beachler, Marcia C. Warner, Keith Kimble, Lisa Dingess, Kitty Waggy, Gretta Pope, Mary Lou Wagoner, Lucy Westfall, Donna Bennett, Peggy Pitsenbarger, Amy VanMeter, Lynwood Pennington, Peggy McLaughlin, Alvy Humphreys, Amy Berg, Ronnie Pitsenbarger, Connie Hartman, Bob Hoops, Wanda Townsend and the Jamie DiMarco family.

Prayer thought: "Dear Father, you've called me to be holy like your Son, Jesus. Please teach me to honor you in all things great and small."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for June 29 through July 5, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: June 29 - 83°, 66° (83°, 64°, .15"), June 30 - 92°, 63° (85°, 68°, .28"), July 1 - 95°, 66° (83°, 67°, .98"), July 2 - 96°, 63° (81°, 66°, .08"), July 3 - 97°, 65° (82°, 59°), July 4 - 93°, 64°, .17" (85°, 59°) and July 5 - 90°, 65°, .13" (86°, 60°).

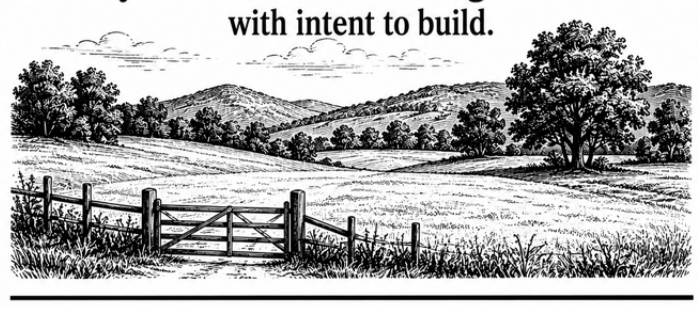
Total rainfall for June was 3.06", compared to 11.37" in June of 2025

Year-to-date rainfall is 14.98", compared to 28.09" for the same time period in 2025.

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Writer Reflects on the Fading Concept of Habits, Customs and Traditions

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Daisies have been blooming along the roadsides. These daisies are indispensable to the summer's fun. Most country girls most likely played the "he loves me; he loves me not" game by pulling off the petals from a daisy. Daisy chains were made to be worn in the hair, and used extensively in play. Those were the days.

The blessings of modern conveniences are not taken too lightly. Remember back when water was carried from a pitcher pump in zinc buckets for household use. Sometimes the pump handle would be so cold that hands would stick to the metal. The trip back to the house, through the snow, carrying the icy water that would invariably slop over onto the legs, making it a hated chore.

Sometimes one would let the bailer down into a well by rope or chain, then wind the rope back up on the windlass. It was almost impossible to keep from getting splashed when the water was released from the bucket.

Washday was a horror during the winter months. Water had to be carried in from the pump or well, and heated over the fire or stove in a washtub. Fires were started early in the morning, with water filling up the tubs. Once the water was warmed and the clothes washed, there was a tub of "bluing" to brighten for the clothes to be immersed. They were then hung outside on a clothesline to freeze stiff. Clothes had their own way of being hung. Ironing with an iron heated from the stove top took place the next day.

Women ironed using heavy, solid cast-iron blocks called "flatirons" or "sadirons," They heated these irons on a hot woodstove or over an open fire. Because the iron and handle got extremely hot, women used thick, padded pot holders to protect their hands. This old- fashioned ironing process required careful steps.



Flags were unfurled on the Bicentennial farm, owned by Pam Waggy and managed by her son, Matt Waggy, to greet the motorists. What a glorious patriotic sight on the nation's 250th birthday.

Clothes were often taken off the clothesline while still slightly wet. If the clothes were completely dry, they were sprinkled with water and rolled into tight bundles for a few hours. This dampness created steam when the hot iron touched the fabric, which released the wrinkles.

Because a single iron cooled down quickly, they usually kept a set of two or three irons. While one iron was being used to press the clothes, the others were heating up on the stove.

The joys of an outdoor privy were known as sheer agony as trips were made in the snow. Night time visits were made easier by the use of a lantern. To ease that, chamber pots were introduced for the family to use at night. Pioneers used chamber pots, or thunder busters, as portable indoor toilets. They were especially useful at night or during the winter. This saved them from walking outside to a freezing, dark, or dangerous outhouse.

The family kept the pot in the bedroom, often pushing them under a bed, out of sight. These pots were deep ceramic or metal bowls that had a lid to trap smells.

Every morning, the chore of emptying the pots fell to the children or women of the house. They took the pots to the outdoor privy to dump the waste. After emptying, they rinsed the pot with water and a bit of lye or soap before bringing it back inside for the next night.

Although there is a younger generation that has probably never been exposed to this lifestyle, there are many who have lived in that time period. Having lived during this era, the latter, no doubt, are very thankful for all the modern conveniences.

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Sing in the shower
2. Find old photos in the attic.
3. Wipe the bathroom sink every morning.
4. Say "bless you" when someone sneezes.
5. Keep noise down.

The mountains deflect rain and storms in so many ways. While everyone around Sugar Grove received much needed rain, it wasn't until Monday afternoon that they received an inch. Everyone is hoping to see the pastures green up fast.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"I'm not going to buy my kids an encyclopedia, let them walk to school." — Yogi Berra

"If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased." — Katherine Hepburn

"Know your lines and don't bump into the furniture." — Spencer Tracy

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." — Harry S. Truman

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." — Nelson Mandela

Sitting inside to avoid thunderstorms is the best place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Wesley, Becky, Emma, and Nathaniel Puffenbarger dropped Ben off at West Virginia University Tech for a week of governor's school for computer science.

William and Donna Arrington went to Nixa, Missouri, and had a very nice visit with William's brother and family.

St. Luke Lutheran Church in Dry Run received a good grooming. The parking lot is quite visible now, and so is the church.

Sunday, Reya Millie Ronek was baptized at Calvary Lutheran Church. She is the daughter of Quinn and Jordan Hevener Ronek, and granddaughter of Cary and George Hevener and Nancy and Al Ronek of Bradenton, Florida.

Phil Downs has reported that he had received seven scammer calls in reference to Medicare. So, be aware!

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggers are as follows:

• Greyhounds are the world's fastest dogs with the ability to reach up to 45 mph.

• Cat whiskers are so sensitive they can detect the slightest change in air currents.

• In 1957, Sydney's Opera House was designed by Danish architect Jorn Utzon.

• The United Kingdom is home to Stonehenge, a prehistoric monument believed to have been constructed around 3000 B.C.

• Papua, New Guinea, hosts 2,000 different types of orchids.

Concerns are for Charles Anderson, Sheila Armstrong, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave Basagic, "Bo" Boggs, Jeff Craig, Stanley Dahmer, Isaac Eye, Carl Gant, Sue Hall, Clyde Hamilton, Armanda Heavner, Starr Hedrick, Keith Hoover, Cynthia Hurry, Gary Jamison, Mike and Lisa Jamison, Tara Kelley, Stanley Kile, Lori Ann Lambert, Melissa Lambert, Roger Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, the family and friends of Thelma Moats, Willa Nelson, Ronald Pitsenbarger, Alda Propst, Sheldon Propst, Eldon Rexrode, Bernie and Margaret Sasscer, Robbie Sites and Edwin Wimer.

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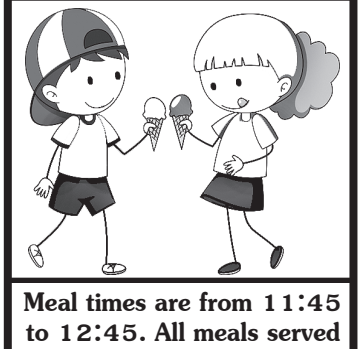
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Pendleton County students earning diplomas were Alexis DePue, a computer engineering, electrical engineering major, Kaitlyn Hoover, a professional pharmacy major, and Cayden Roberson, a criminology major, all of Franklin, Bailey Thompson of Riverton, a business administration major, Jessica Stevens of Seneca Rocks, a law major, and Kelsey Armentrout, an occupational therapy major, and Jenna Wagoner, a social worker major, both of Upper Tract.

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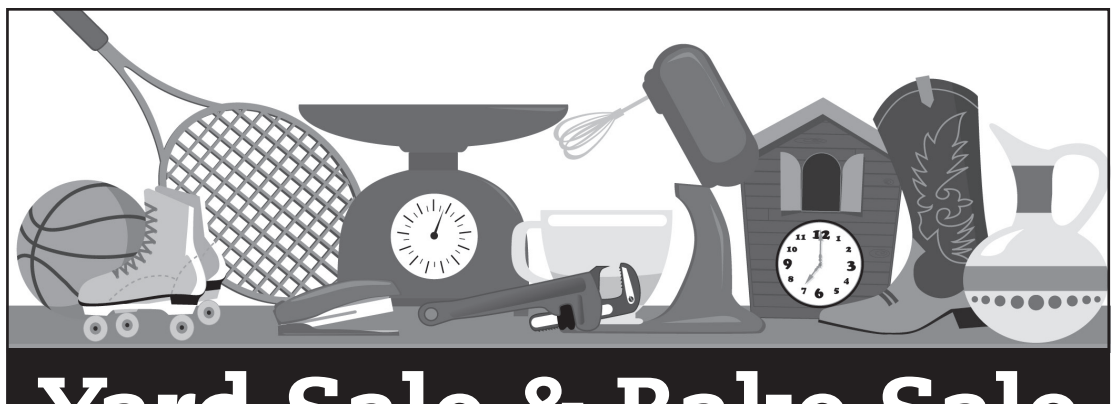
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Wildcat Softball Places Four on All Potomac Valley Conference List



Molly Rowe slides into third during the state softball tournament last spring. Photo courtesy of WVSSAC.

By Stephen Smoot

The 2026 season started with a number of questions for the Pendleton County Wildcat softball squad.

A new lineup featuring several freshman faces, as well as a new coaching staff, took the field in March. While the team had a mixture of young talent and seasoned experience, it was tough at the time to envision that the squad would not only qualify for states, but win multiple games there.

Along with other postseason accolades, the Wildcats placed two on the Potomac Valley Conference first team, Susan Vincell and Jessica Parker, and two more on the second team, Molly Rowe and Kinsley Price.

Vincell took over as staff ace, showing dominance on the mound. Among all West Virginia high school softball players, she placed 10th in earned run average with a 1.32, ninth in Class A, and tops in the PVC.

She also ranked 22nd in the state and eighth in Class A with 177 strikeouts, and her 12 wins were good for fifth place in Class A and second place in the PVC. Also strong at the plate, she ranked 12th in Class A with a .783 slugging percentage.

Slugging percentage measures a player's power. It uses the total number of bases a player records per at-bat. Players who record a lot of extra base hits earn higher slugging percentages.

The 11th ranked Class A player in slugging percentage, Jessica Parker, also took first team honors in the PVC. Her percentage was at .788.

Rowe and Price also made the top 50 in Class A in that statistic. Rowe took 42nd with a .623, as well as ranking 12th in Class A in on base percentage with .595. Additionally, she took top PVC honors in stolen bases with 20. Price rated 48th with a .604.

Happily, Pendleton County will enjoy the talents of all four next season. Vincell, Parker, and Rowe will be seniors and Price a sophomore. The team will return next season with a strong lineup of talent and experience, ready to take on the best in the state again.

Is It Being Mischievous Or Plain Meanness?

I have written a lot about my Aunt Cleo and her life over the years, but very little about my Aunt Wanda. I thought I should change that! Wanda Marie 'Smith' Pitsenbarger was the last child born to Gordon and Lula Smith. She joined her twin sister, Wilda, and their 10 siblings on March 15, 1937. Wanda and Wilda were just a month old when their mother died.

Sister, Glenna, and my mom, Sheba, would take over the role of mother, each taking care of one baby. These two sisters would be the only mother the twins would know, but the twins would know them as sisters. I'm sure that their grandma Smith helped as much as she could, but she also had a large family.

Glenna, Sheba and Jane all got married and left home before the twins turned four. This left the mothering role to Aunt Cleo. Cleo has often said that Wanda and Wilda were two mean little girls, and that granddad never once punished them for anything they might have done. Aunt Wanda says no, they were just mischievous!

I now must ask where does the line of mischievous end and the line of mean begin? Sharing the next several events—I haven't (I) fully decided.

Every household, especially those in the country and on farms, raised and had animals. Every family had chickens that provided eggs and meat that would be exchanged at the store for sugar, (I) spices, coffee, lamp oil and other staples the family might need.

Certain things need to be done to raise healthy chicks—treating for lice is one. I helped to do that on numerous occasions and I didn't like it. You would catch the baby chicks and rub some lard under each wing and on top of the head. Mother hens didn't like you catching their babies and a good flopping or two would happen before the job was completed.

Chicken houses were not clean, so you also had the dirt, dust and chicken manure flying all over you. The lice you were treating for were minute, and you could only see them if you felt them (I) on your skin.

Aunt Wanda recently told me about the time that granddad told her and Wilda to put the lard on the baby chicks. She said that they had 11 beautiful, black chicks. Spotting a bucket with some motor oil in it, they decided a dunking would work better than a rub. Realizing what they had done they took the chicks to Stony Run and tried to wash the oil off in that cold water. Granddad asked what had happened to the chicks and they had to confess.

Rabbits were found at most homes. They were raised for the meat, and I never really liked rabbit meat. Rabbits will dig their way out of a pen unless there is a concrete or wood floor. Like most children the girls had a favorite rabbit or two and for some reason the rabbits were outside.

Uncle Homer, who lived below the fence, had a big orange cat. Wanda said, we loved that cat but all that changed quickly after he killed two or three of the rabbits. Cats like rabbits. The girls caught the cat, and I won't tell you what happened then. Things did not end well!

So where does mischievous end and mean begin? I will let you decide. Aunt Wanda is well known in the county, and I'm sure she would share a story or two—just ask.

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WATER DISCONNECT/RECONNECT/ADMINISTRATIVE FEES
Water service will not be restored until all past due water bills have been paid in full and all accrued penalties plus a disconnection charge of **$50.00** have been paid.

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Town of Franklin		**2.00%**

STEP 2 - EFF: 12 MONTHS FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF STEP 1.

APPLICABILITY
Applicable within the entire territory served

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE
Available for residential, commercial, governmental, industrial and resale water service.

(I) RATES (Customers with metered water supply)

First	1,000	gallons used per month	**$ 34.50** per 1,000 gallons
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All over	20,000	gallons used per month	**$ 22.75** per 1,000 gallons

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(Equivalent to 1,000 gallons of water usage)

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4 inch meter	**$ 943.75** per month
6 inch meter	**$ 1,887.50** per month
8 inch meter	**$ 3,020.00** per month

(I) FLAT-RATE CHARGE (Customers with non-metered water supply)
Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of **$120.10** per month.
(Equivalent to 4,000 gallons of water usage)

RESALE RATE
All usage per month **$6.04** per 1,000 gallons

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE
Where connections, hydrants, sprinklers, etc. on private property are maintained by consumer: **$35.00** per month.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY
The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE
A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the Town or a maximum of **$25.00** will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

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The above ordinance will come before the Town Council of the Municipality of Franklin on July 14, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall for a final vote. Copies of the Ordinance can be requested at the Town Office Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. 1c



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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the following estates is pending in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, 100 S. Main Street, P. O. Box ll67, Franklin, West Virginia 26807. The names of the personal representatives are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 2, 2026. Deadline for claims is August 31, 2026.

Sandra Lynn Bennett Estate – Sherman Pedro Bennett, Administrator;
Teresa L. Harper Estate – Betsy E. Bland, Executrix;
Brenda T. Simmons Estate – Mark H. Simmons, Executor;
James Riddell Gildea Estate – Benjamin Beasley, Administrator;
Alice Katherine Heavener Estate – Timmy Heavener, Administrator;
Jo Ann Watts Estate – Marlin Lee Watts, Jr., Administrator;
Daisy M. Arbogast Estate – Cathy Lynn Arbogast, Executrix;
Harlan Erman Day Estate – Lucy H. Kisamore, Executrix.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 23, 2026.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 7-2-2c

Text Message Scam Includes Illegal Use of WV State Seal

The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office has been notified by several individuals of a text message scam in West Virginia that features the illegal use of the WV State Seal.

Kris Warner, WV Secretary of State, said that citizens are receiving text messages on their cell phones notifying the recipient that they have failed to pay a fine for a parking or traffic violation. The text message indicates that the individual needs to use the QR code in the text to pay the fine immediately or to report to municipal court on Monday.

"This is clearly an illegal use of the state seal to make the message and demand for payment appear legitimate," said Warner. "The use of the WV State Seal is clearly prohibited for this kind of message."

According to Warner, WV State Code 5-2-1 strictly prohibits the unauthorized use of the WV State Seal. Those found guilty of the illegal use of the WV State Seal may be subject to penalties for fraud or forgery.

Warner advised that those who receive the recent text message should not click on the QR code or open any attachment.

Any individual wanting to report an email or text message of any possible illegal use of the WV State Seal can send an email with the screenshot of the message to Investigations@wvsos.gov.

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,
July 2, 2026

Claim Deadline Date:
Monday,
August 31, 2026

Decedent:
Jeffrey Harlan Mitchell,
Shendandoah County, VA
Filed by:
Diana Lynn Mitchell,
Spouse,
Strasburg, VA

Decedent:
Freda Cowger Garst,
Rockingham County, VA
Filed by:
Marsha Garst,
Daughter,
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Dog Days: July 3 - Aug. 11

Far more than a modern saying, the phrase Dog Days comes from ancient skywatchers who noticed that the brightest star, Sirius, rose with the Sun during this period.

The term "Dog Days" has been used for millennia to describe the hottest, most sweltering weeks of the Northern Hemisphere summer. Ancient peoples linked it with both astronomy and folklore, often viewing it as a time of drought, disease, or unrest.

This period of intense heat coincides with the heliacal rising of Sirius, the Dog Star, part of the constellation Canis Major.

The Greeks believed its brilliance intensified the summer sun, and its name, "Sirius" (σείριος), even means "scorching."

While the star has no actual effect on Earth's temperature, the lore surrounding Sirius has endured for thousands of years.

—*The Old Farmer's Almanac*

FHS Classmates of '61 Gather for Reunion



Classmates attending the reunion were, from left, first row, Mary Virginia Moyers Waggy, Karen Mauzy Murphy, Phyllis Harper Eye, Virginia Ann Kimble Flatgaard, Evelyn Smith Varner, Evelyn Ratliff Hevener, Nancy Kimble Gonshor and Sue Teter Kline; second row, Charles Kline, Shirley Eckard Lohr, Donald Smith, Bob Cline and Elwood Smith; and third row, Lannie Simmons, Floyd Propst, Joe Dahmer, Lannie Mullenax, Allen Greenawalt and Willard Huffman. Wanda Ritchie Simmers is not pictured.

The Franklin High School Class of 1961 celebrated its 65th reunion June 27 at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

The festivities began with a social hour for 20 of the 42 surviving classmates, of the 78 graduates, and 18 guests in attendance from West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Texas and Minnesota.

Nancy Kimble Gonshor, vice president of the 1961 class, served as mistress of the ceremony program and conducted a memorial service for the 36 deceased classmates. During the prayer by Karen Mauzy Murphy, a memorial candle was lit by Wanda Ritchie Simmers, a classmate and the aunt of Dottie Hottinger Sharples who passed away in May 2026. Six classmates have passed away since the class reunion two years ago. This program was followed by a delicious buffet luncheon.

It was decided that the classmates would meet again on June 26, 2027.

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2018 CHEVROLET 2500 HD CREW CAB S/BED 4X4, 6.0 V-8, auto., ldd., white, 203K miles	$19,500
2015 FORD F-250 SUPERCAB LONGBED LARIAT 4X4, 6.7 diesel, auto., ldd., black, 138K miles	$29,500
2015 FORD F-450 CREW ALUMINUM FLATBED 4X4, 6.7 dsl., auto., ldd., white, ex. cond.	$34,900
2011 FORD F-150 REGULAR CAB LONGBED 4X4, V-6, auto., air, etc., white, 180K miles	$9,450
2008 FORD F-550 4X4 UTILITY TRUCK, w/ mechanic's crane and auger, 6.4 dsl., auto., air, etc.	$26,900
2003 FORD F-550 REG CAB 4X4 FIRE TRUCK, 6.0 diesel, auto., red, ldd w/accessories, only 45K miles	SPECIAL ~~$49,500~~ $44,500
PASSENGER VEHICLES	**SALE**
2022 FORD ESCAPE SE HYBRID AWD, 2.5 4-cyl., auto., ldd., blue, 65K miles, great MPG	$19,900
2022 SUBARU LEGACY 4-DR SEDAN "Premium Pkg.," ldd w/options, perfect condition, charcoal, 111K miles	$19,900
2021 LINCOLN CORSAIR AWD SUV, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., silver, 82K miles, very sharp	$24,900
2020 SUBARU OUTBACK AWD WAGON, 2.5 liter, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., olive green, 114K miles	$19,500
2020 NISSAN MURANO S AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., silver, only 75K miles	$18,900
2020 CADILLAC XT4 SPORT AWD, 2.0 liter, auto., ldd., pearl white, only 58K miles	SPECIAL ~~$29,500~~ $27,500
2019 FORD FLEX LIMITED AWD, 3.5 V-6, auto., ldd., black, only 30K miles	$18,900
2019 INFINITI QX60 LUXE AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., pearl white, 94K miles	$19,500
2019 FORD EDGE SEL AWD, 2.0 liter, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., charcoal, 131K miles	SPECIAL ~~$17,900~~ $15,900
2018 FORD EXPLORER XLT "SPORT PKG" AWD, 2.3 4-cyl., auto., ldd., dark cherry, 115Kmiles, very sharp	SPECIAL ~~$18,900~~ $17,900
2017 FORD EXPEDITION XLT 4X4, 3.5 Ecoboost V-6, auto., ldd., pearl white, 142K highway miles	$16,900
2017 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DR SPORT 4X4, V-6, auto., ldd., white, 89K miles	$18,900
2017 JEEP WRANGLER SAHARA 4-DR HARDTOP 4X4, V-6, auto., ldd., charcoal, only 81K miles	$21,900
2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., copper color, 118K miles, sharp	$14,900
2014 FORD E-250 CARGO VAN, 5.4 liter V-8, auto., ldd., white, 140K miles	$12,900
2013 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., sage, 143K miles	$7,995

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SGR416A 5.12 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin w/Spacious Loft area. Cistern, Septic, Shed. New Metal Roof, New Sliding Door, Newly Sealed Deck. Access to 9 acre Common Area. Located Kile Knob Subdivision, Franklin District. **$239,000.00.**

SGR413A 3.0 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin w/Loft. Off grid, Solar, generator. Access to 9 acre Common Area. Located Kile Knob Subdivision, Franklin District. **$289,000.00.**

SGR412A 5.69 Acres, w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, built in 2010. Loft for overflow sleeping, Septic, 1800 Gallon Cistern, Washer/Dryer, Year-round access, Outbuilding, Wood Shed. Very well maintained. Located in Dry Run area. Shared ROW. Franklin District, Pendleton Cty. **$180,000.00.**

SGR409A 0.04 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home located on 18 Spruce St., Franklin Corp. New Hot water heater w/expansion tank, New stainless steel appliances, New guttering system, Cement driveway, Hard wired Ring cameras with motion lights. Mini-Splits and new window installation in 2021. **$175,000.00.**

SGR408A 7.88 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Log Siding Cabin, Fully & Tastefully Furnished, Large Decks, Full Finished basement, Screened in Porch, Spring Water. Higher clearance vehicle recommended. Buck Ridges Development. Some Restrictions. **$285,000.00.**

SGR407A 8.26 acre Off Grid, one room cabin on Kile Knob. Solar panels, No Septic. Cistern water. Property joins 9.48 acres Kile Knob Common area. Hiking trails. Gated. **$189,000.00.** SOLD

SGR406A World Class View at 3017 ft, overlooking beautiful Germany Valley & Spruce Knob. Located in Seneca Lookout Development. 70.00 Acres w/2 Bed, 2.5 Bath 1.5 Story Log Cabin. Baseboard Elec & Wood Heat, Well, Septic, Outbuilding, Joins National Forest. **$749,000.00.**

SGR404A CABIN W/CAVE ACCESS! 5 Acres w/1 Bed, 2.5 Bath Log Siding Cabin, Loft sleeping area, Primary bdrm has access to private balcony. Fully furnished. Laundry on main floor. Spring water, Septic. Sleeps 6 people. Buck Ridges Development. Some Restrictions. **Preapproval required and Cave Entry Waiver must be signed prior to showing. $195,000.00.** SOLD

SGR403A 15.38 Acres, w/4-6 Bed, 2 Bath Contemporary Home. Make it your Residence or it would make a great Retreat Center. Great views, surrounded by mountain ranges. Double Kitchen, dual W/D Hookups, 2 Heat Pumps, 37KW Generac backup generator, Spacious workshop/garage. Large Spring Fed Pond. Franklin District, Pendleton Cty. **$929,000.00.**

SGR402A 0.62 Acres w/3 Bed, 1.5 Bath Ranch Home located in Upper Tract, WV. Brick exterior, Metal Roof, Carport, Unfinished Basement, Septic, Public Water. Nice level lot. Mill Run District, Pendleton Cty. ~~$269,000.00~~ **REDUCED $229,000.00.**

SGR400A 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~~ **REDUCED $525,000.00.**

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. 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 3,088 sq. ft. Cabin on 119.45 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~~ ~~$899,000.00~~ **REDUCED $849,000.00.**

SGR385A 11.54 Acres w/3+ Bed, 3 Bath Cabin located in Buck Ridges Dvlpmt. Screened porch, Deck, Stone Patio, Primary BD w/En-suite. Beautiful wood, Tile, Floating Linoleum flooring. Lots of natural light, Metal Roof, Board and Batten Exterior. 3080 assessed sq ft. Very well maintained. **$325,000.00.**

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 Building Lot, 5.62 Acres, Lot #3, Dry Run Rd, Sharps Ridge, Franklin District. Electric nearby. **NEW LISTING $39,000.00.** 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. ~~$279,000.00~~ ~~$264,000.00~~ **REDUCED $250,000.00.** SOLD

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.**

SGR369A 15.17 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath cabin, Electric & Propane Heat, Cistern, Septic (unapproved). Located in North Fork Flats. Perfect for hunters, fisherman or outdoor enthusiasts. ~~$189,000.00~~ ~~$179,000.00~~ **REDUCED $159,000.00.**

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 **$22,836.00.**

SGR247 Residential lots with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from **$14,630.00.**