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Courthouse Annex Completed...Finally



After many, many years of local officials' planning, working with the state, and getting every painstaking detail in place, the hard work of constructing the new annex of the Pendleton County Courthouse is almost complete. Photo courtesy of Rick Gillespie.

Puffenbarger Presents FBLA Experience To Pendleton County Board of Education

By Stephen Smoot

Schools may close their doors for the summer, but education continues in different ways, especially with driven students.

Ben Puffenbarger from Pendleton County Middle/High School came to the Pendleton County Board of Education meeting last week, along with Bethany Whetzel, advisor, to share his experience in chasing a number one national ranking for the high school version of the Future Business Leaders of America.

After placing first in the Mountain State in his categories, Puffenbarger advanced to nationals in San Antonio. He and Whetzel then presented to the board of education, superintendent, and other school officials, detailing both the fun and competition of the trip.

Puffenbarger and Whetzel joined 18,000 middle and high school competitors, which included 2,000 educators, family, and other supporters, in Texas. This year, FBLA chose the theme of "Lead, Learn, and Connect." That said, only about 30 hailed from the Mountain State.

The assembled crowd topped the population of Pendleton County itself threefold.



PCM/HS student Ben Puffenbarger and Bethany Whetzel, faculty advisor, shared details of FBLA national competition with the Pendleton County Board of Education. Puffenbarger had a busy summer, also spending a week at the Governor's Computer Science Institute at West Virginia Tech.

According to its website, FBLA serves as "the largest business career and technical student organization in the world. Its mission lies in inspiring and preparing students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences."

Whetzel described the convention center venue that hosted the event as "like a full floor of a shopping mall when you go in." Each state had its own section highlighted with special font and imagery reflecting its individuality. Remembering the opening ceremonies, Puffenbarger described them as "very chaotic . . . and fun."

Jared Ebersole, a veteran of both FBLA and the television program "Shark Tank," served as the keynote speaker. On "Shark Tank" aspiring entrepreneurs pitch their business ideas to a forum of seasoned investors to gain financial support from one or more on the panel. Whetzel shared that he told "his entire story (of) what it takes to build, fail, and then lead" and also how "FBLA changed his whole outlook."

Between the two of them, the pair from the mountains expressed no love for the unrelenting heat and humidity of a mid-Texas summer day, but that did not keep them from exploring opportunities for both fun and learning.

Whetzel shared a photograph of a San Antonio Whataburger, saying they made sure to stop in because "burgers are his thing." They also joined 5,000 other FBLA competitors to enjoy an authentic Texas rodeo at Knibbe Ranch. Whetzel stated that it was "a nice, relaxing experience."

When visiting San Anto-

nio, a stop at The Alamo is a must. There, a small number of Texas militia held off Santa Anna's Mexican Army for three days during their War of Independence and fought to the last man. Whetzel described the elegant architecture of the old Spanish mission and other buildings in the complex and shared that Puffenbarger "took in more of the historical part. It was nice to be in a historical place."

Alongside of competition, those invited to nationals also got to take part in educational workshops. Puffenbarger stated that his favorite was hosted by Derek Lamarr, a leadership coach. "He does that That's his job." From Lamarr, he took valuable lessons on how to develop leadership attributes.

The core of the experience, however, comes in the competition. Competitors have to wear business attire, bring their own fully charged laptops and also identification. Competitors must face panels of judges alone as they work to bring their best performance.

Whetzel teased those in the meeting by sharing that Puffenbarger did not make the top 10, but then shared towards the end that he placed 11th in the nation. West Virginia also saw a ninth-place finisher from Phillip Barbour and a 10th place from Huntington High School.

She added that "as far as the program is concerned, in its second year it is flourishing" with next year's nationals planned for Columbus, Ohio. Also, Whetzel noted that PCM/HS should remain a consistent source of solid competitors at state and national competition going into the future.

Puffenbarger added that "it was pretty fun, but they don't know how to make tea in Texas."



The Pendleton County Commission unanimously voted to support again in 2026 the West Virginia Goes Purple movement. A delegation joined the commissioners on this occasion.

County Commission Supports Going Purple

By Stephen Smoot

With National Recovery Month just around the corner in September, the Pendleton County Commission elected to back the efforts of the West Virginia Goes Purple movement as it raises awareness for drug recovery efforts.

Commissioner Roger Dahmer opened the meeting with the customary invocation, praying, "Lord, we thank You for the rain. Lord, we thank You for the sun."

A representative from the Hope Dealer Project was on

hand with supporters to talk about "West Virginia Goes Purple." She shared that West Virginia in 2023 was the first to have every county government in the state pass resolutions to support the effort, adding that "it is a powerful statewide movement showing people they are not alone" whether they are personally in recovery or care about someone in that process.

Several individuals clad in purple came to support the effort and, in some cases, share their personal stories.

Julie Koontz came with the contingent and shared her personal and powerful story. She stated that "the last time I was in this courthouse I was wearing orange. Today, I'm walking into this same courthouse wearing purple."

She went on to share that "I'm proud of my recovery . . . it gave me a second chance" and that recovery with the right support provides "opportunities to heal, build trust, and be a part of the community again."

Later in the meeting, Rick

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PCER Installs Next Generation Mobile Monitors



The new heart monitors will be in full service first in Pendleton County before any other part of the state. The old device is on the left with the new one on the right.

By Stephen Smoot

Bringing the most advanced medical technology to some of the most remote communities and residences also comes with a high price tag.

For Mike Alt, training officer for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, while meeting those rising costs is challenging, bringing the best possible care to patients remains the mission of the service.

This month, PCER is installing next generation mobile patient monitors in their fleet. As Alt explains, Pendleton County will be the first to have them both installed and fully functional, ready to serve the public.

These will replace the current monitor devices in use in all PCER ambulances.

"These monitors have more upgraded features," explained Alt. These include better accuracy in measuring cardiac rhythms, gaining patient diagnoses "in a better and timelier manner," and also the ability to communicate via Starlink to doctors in Morgantown who can offer real time guidance.

Additionally, it provides more information to help personnel treat a patient suffering from sepsis.

Rural ambulance services have to operate differently than urban, with the time of the trip to the hospital an important factor. Having more accurate readings and access to a doctor provides a vital advantage during "a one hour or one-and-a-half-hour transport to the hospital."

"Patients will get better treatment" with personnel aided by the devices, said Alt.

A practical design upgrade came in the form of color-coded tabs to help personnel quickly identify the different functions of the monitor, helping considerably in situations where seconds matter. Alt pointed out that the left side tab had "Subway" colors while the right had the brand colors for Domino's Pizza.

He then explained that unlike some ambulance services, PCER always updated its equipment according to United States Food and Drug Administration recommendations. For example, mobile patient monitors have an official life expectancy of seven years. Some companies will purchase old equipment, refurbish it, and sell it as new to unsuspecting agencies at a cut rate price, but even with the rising cost

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Aug.	17 First Day 200-Day Staff 20, 21, 24, 25 Pre-K Home Visits 24 First Day for Students (K - 12)
26/27	Pre-K Mini Days 31 First Full Day Pre-K
Sept.	7 Labor Day - No School 18 Interim Reports Early Release
Oct. 5 - 7	1st SAEBRS Screening 16 Early Release End of First Nine Weeks 19 No School for Students 21 Middle/High School Parent/Teacher Conferences
22	Elementary School Parent/Teacher Conferences
21/22	Report Card Distribution
Nov.	3 Election Day-No School 11 Veterans Day-No School 13 Interim Reports 23-27 Thanksgiving Break - No School 26 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
Dec.	11 Early Release 23 Early Release
24-Jan.	1 Holiday Break - No School 25 Christmas Holiday - No School
Jan.	1 New Year's Day Holiday - No School 5 Last Day First Semester 8 Report Card Distribution 18 Martin Luther King Holiday - No School
Feb.	3 Middle/High School Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 Elementary Schools Parent/Teacher Conferences 4/5 Interim Reports 8 - 10 2nd SAEBRS Screening 26 Early Release
March 12	Early Release End of Third Nine Weeks 17 Report Card Distribution 26/29 Out of Calendar Days 30/31 Spring Break (OS Days)
April 1/2	Spring Break (OS Days) 19 - 21 3rd SAEBRS Screening 23 Interim Reports Early Release
May	24 Last Day for Seniors 28 Early Release Last Day for Students End of Fourth Nine Weeks 30 PCHS Graduation 31 Memorial Day Holiday-
June 4/7	OS Days 7 Last Day 200-Day Staff 8-30 Out-of-Calendar Days (Make-Up Days)

NOTE: OS Days (used first for make-up days) - April 2 and 1, March 31 and 30 and June 4 and 7. Out-of-Calendar Days are available as make-up days as approved by the Board of Education.

Clip 'n Save

Community CALENDAR

Hunter's Ed Class Scheduled

A hunter's education class will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin.

Library To Show Movie Saturday

Follow the Yellow Brick Road ... to the library!

One has journeyed to the Land of Oz with Dorothy and discovered other untold stories of Oz in "Wicked." Now it's time to meet the mysterious man behind the magic.

"Oz the Great and Powerful," the library's first-ever family matinee movie, will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday at the library.

There will be free popcorn and drinks to enjoy during the movie, plus a special collection of Oz-inspired books ready for a person to check out and take a little magic home.

Bring one's family, sense of adventure, and maybe even the ruby slippers. The library staff can't wait to share this enchanting afternoon with everyone.

There's no place like the library.



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 was cremated.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Sam Harper officiating.

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.



Carolyn Lough Borrer

Carolyn Lough Borrer, 93, of Winchester, Virginia, died July 28, 2026, at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia.

She was born Jan. 29, 1933, in Franklin, the daughter of the late Byron Lough and Ethel Mallow Lough.

Mrs. Borrer attended Bethel Lutheran Church.

Before retirement, she was a secretary/treasurer for the federal government cafeteria.

In her free time, she enjoyed golfing, bowling, and being involved with the Red Hats.

On Sept. 1, 1956, in Petersburg, she married Ronald Paul "Ronnie" Borrer, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Tina Lisa Flinner (Rodney) of Wooster, Ohio; grandchildren, Derek William Wiltse (Abigail) of Parma, Ohio, Daniel Paul Wiltse (Melinda) of Chardon, Ohio, Jonathan Richard Wiltse (Driana) of Willowick, Ohio, and Tiana Leigh Flinner of Wooster, Ohio; and great-grandchildren, Calvin Wiltse, Lylah Wiltse, Owen Wiltse, Raiden Wiltse, Lydia Wiltse, and Roman Wiltse.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Bruce G. Lough.

A graveside service was held Monday at Shenandoah Memorial Park with Pastor Deanna Boynton officiating.

Online condolences may be left at www.jonesfuneralhomes.com.



John L. Derby

John L. Derby, 78 formerly of Franklin died July 30 in

Denver, Colorado.

He was born Jan. 27, 1948, in Lawrence, Kansas.

Mr. Derby was an Eagle Scout and graduated in 1966 from O'Fallon Township High School in O'Fallon, Illinois. He lettered in track and field, holding the school record in the shot put.

The majority of his career was spent in the Midwest as a safety engineer for commercial construction projects.

He is survived by a sister, Nan Goland of Franklin; a brother, Mark Derby of Franklin; and two daughters, Breanna Gerze and Andrea Derby of Colorado.

PSC Orders Scaled Back, Two Part Rate Increase for First Energy Customers

By Stephen Smoot

Last May First Energy's two companies in West Virginia, Monongahela Power and Potomac Edison, filed for a more than \$188 million rate hike.

Just under \$14 million was stated to be steered towards the company's "Reliability and Infrastructure Investment Program," which helps to ensure that the electric grid remains reliable during periods of peak strains.

First Energy in May filed for two separate rate hike options. The first according to the PSC would result in rate hikes that "for an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hour (kWh) . . . would increase customer bills from \$137.86 to \$155.75, an increase of \$17.89 per month or 13.0 percent."

The same company also filed an alternative plan called "an adjustment approach" that would take two phases.

"Phase 1 would be a \$37.9 million increase or 2.1 percent of total tariff revenue effective Aug. 1. The increase would be 3.0 percent of total tariff revenue for the residential class, 1.7 percent for the commercial class, 1.3 percent for the industrial class, and 2.0 percent for the street lighting class."

"Phase 2 would be effective June 1, 2027, and result in an additional increase on total revenues of 2.1 percent with a total increase of \$37.6 million. By customer class, the Phase 2 total revenue increase would be 2.9 percent for the residential class, 1.6 percent for the commercial class, 1.3 percent for the industrial class, and 1.9 percent for the street lighting class."

PSC staff feared that First Energy was "pancaking," an industry term referring to the filing for the same rate increase twice before the first could be considered. First Energy, however, committed to abandoning the more costly and up front proposal upon approval of the adjustment approach.

First Energy also provided evidence of inflationary pressures on other companies as part of its case to raise rates.

An official from First Energy testified that the two subsidiary "Companies have placed into service approximately \$1 billion of capital and rate base in the West Virginia electric utility system since the 2022 test year from its prior base rate case. The continued investment in electric infrastructure was the primary driver"

That said, "The affordability issues, however, caused the companies to develop the AA alternative."

Also "due to current circumstances, the companies agree that there is value in extending the time between base rate cases, levelizing and moderating the magnitude of future rate cases and reducing the time, effort and financial resources that all parties and the commission must bear in a rate case."

First Energy also weighed the inflationary penalty on deferring rate hikes, but assumed that a continued trend of rising usage would cover what they might lose to inflation over time.

The PSC determined that "with regard to the spread of the increase that assigns a larger average increase to residential customers, we find the companies' allocations to be fair and reasonable" and "there is no downside to approving the AA adjustment."

It went on to add that "at a time when costs keep increasing, thereby causing rates to increase, we are trying to find new ways to establish rates for the companies that are reasonable and not discriminatory that help the customers, and that do not require a base rate case every year or year and a half. It is a daunting effort, but we must try."

Mobile Monitors

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of equipment, Alt stated that PCER would never entertain that option.

"I look at liability," said Alt. "You assume the liability after seven years" on the performance of the device.

As with the fire service, acquiring new and needed equipment at the best possible price often comes with a bit of creativity. Alt explained that PCER purchased the new devices prior to FDA authorization. This allowed them to save about \$20,000 a piece on the six new devices that now cost \$75,000 each. The company also provided zero percent financing.

With the devices coming from a respected manufacturer, there was little doubt on their approval.

All devices were installed by the end of last week.

County Commission

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Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, stated that the county's office of emergency management did finally receive a \$100,000 grant reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Administration through the State of West Virginia to pay for new radio equipment used by the sheriff's department.

Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, then provided the update on the courthouse annex project, saying, "Everything is moving forward. The prosecuting attorney's office moved back in Thursday morning."

He then invited those in attendance to "look around while you're here. We're kind of proud of it."

It took many years and a tremendous amount of work from Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator, and others to shepherd this project through the complex state-mandated design, funding, and construction process to completion.

Amanda Mowery then reported progress from Liberty Community Programs, which has been developing the former Navy Base at Sugar Grove into a multi-faceted adult and juvenile treatment, recovery, and occupational therapy center.

She shared that LCP has seen "eight residents that have gone through treatment" and have started operating under an agreement with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College to receive workforce skills training.

Progress towards expanding services has also taken place with "revamps on the houses" coming soon to prepare them for residential treatment services.

Commissioners also read a thank you note from the Tucker Community Foundation for help in starting their run forward event. "Your generous donation is appreciated," wrote Michael Moore, chief financial officer for TCF.

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RESTAURANT HOURS:
Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.
(Sunday Buffet Noon - 3 p.m. Menu Items Available All Day)

The Pendleton County Historial Society

will hold a public meeting

Sunday, August 23 • 2 p.m.

Former Dr. Preston Boggs/ Dr. Jasper Moyers home

Main Street in Franklin
(across from the Pendleton County Library)

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and enjoy a tour of this beautiful, historic home.

Pendleton Youth Show Animals at Tri-County Fair

Pendleton County was well represented at the 106th annual Tri-County Fair in Petersburg.

After weeks of working with cattle, goats, hogs or sheep, Pendleton County youth showed their animals at the fair. With tears in their eyes, some of the exhibitors sold their market animals.

During the week, 4-H and FFA members from Grant, Hardy and Pendleton counties showed 73 market beeves, 49 breeding beeves, 40 feeder calves, 109 market lambs, 66 breeding sheep, 125 market hogs and 85 market goats. Of these, 281 animals were sold in the livestock sale.

In addition to 4-Hers showing their animals, 252 4-H projects from Pendleton County were on display.

Awards

Dottie Warner Memorial Outstanding Exhibitor Award — Aubriana Holloway, intermediate;

Master Showmanship Winner — Tia Heavner;

Skill-A-Thon — Colton Whetzel (second junior beef); Katie Heavner (fifth overall senior, second senior beef and third senior goat); Ty Heavner (fourth overall senior, fourth senior beef and second senior sheep); Tori Heavner (third overall junior, third junior sheep and second junior hog); Hannah Heavner (fourth overall junior and fifth junior sheep); Addy Rumer (fifth senior sheep); Kallie Keyser (third overall senior and second senior hog); and Gracie Hedrick (fifth overall junior);

Carcass Evaluation —Tori Heavner (market heifer carcass grand champion); Reagyn Atkins (grand champion carcass goat); Bella Hoover (fourth carcass lamb); Katie Heavner (sixth carcass steer); Lydia Heavner (seventh carcass steer); and Branson Smith (10th carcass steer);

Beef Showmanship — senior – Addy Rumer, reserve champion, and Kelby Rumer, fifth overall; intermediate – Aubriana Holloway, champion; and junior – Brynleigh Ruddle, reserve champion;

Sheep Showmanship — senior – Addy Rumer, champion, Ty Heavner, reserve champion, and McKenna Hedrick, seventh; intermediate – Kallie Keyser, reserve champion, Gracie Hedrick, third, and Aiden Whetzel, eighth; junior – Jaelyn Rumer, champion, and Maddie Grace Nesselrodt, reserve champion; and junior novice – Jonah Seymour, sixth;

Goat Showmanship — senior – Ty Heavner, reserve champion, and Lydia Heavner, fifth; intermediate – Gracie Hedrick, champion, Tia Heavner, third, and Reagyn Atkins, fifth; and junior – Jaelyn Rumer, champion, and Bella Hoover, fifth; and

Swine Showmanship — senior – Olivia Gonshor, fifth; and junior – Brynleigh Ruddle, champion.

Breeding Cattle

Tori Heavner — first in open and junior Simmental class-

es;

Norah Hubbard — fourth in open class of commercial breeds; and

Maycee Woods — first in junior class and fifth in open class of commercial breeds.

Feeder Calves

Tori Heavner — fifth in feeder calf steer class;

Bailee Kiger — champion feeder calf and second in feeder calf steer class;

Branson Smith — second and third in feeder calf heifer classes and second in feeder calf steer class; and

Maycee Woods — third in feeder calf steer class and fourth in feeder calf heifer class.

Breeding Sheep

Tia Heavner — first in class of crossbred ewe open and junior shows:

Tori Heavner — fifth in class of crossbred ewe junior show and sixth in class of crossbred ewe open show;

Ty Heavner — first in class of crossbred ewe open and junior shows;

Gracie Hedrick — second in class of crossbred ewe open and junior shows;

Bella Hoover — third in class of crossbred ewe junior show and fourth in class of crossbred ewe open show;

Breymann Keesecker — fourth in class of crossbred ewe in the open and junior shows;

Kallie Keyser — second in class of crossbred ewe in the open and junior shows;

Katie Keyser — third in class of crossbred ewe in the open and junior shows;

Kaleigh Kidwell — eighth in class of crossbred ewe open show;

Kaysen Kidwell — ninth in class of crossbred ewe open show;

Maddie Grace Nesselrodt — champion bred and owned ewe and first in class of crossbred open and junior shows;

Scarlette Plaughter — fifth in class of crossbred ewe open show;

Kendall Schell — sixth in class of crossbred ewe open show;

Jonah Seymour — second in class of crossbred ewe open and junior shows;

Olivia Seymour — third in class of crossbred open show;

Aiden Whetzel — second in class of crossbred ewe junior show and third in class of crossbred ewe open shows; and

Colten Whetzel — fourth in class of crossbred ewe junior show and sixth in crossbred ewe open show.

Market Lamb

Maddie Grace Nesselrodt — reserve grand champion market lamb (champion lightweight) and champion bred and owned;

Gracie Hedrick — reserve champion lightweight;

Ty Heavner —champion middleweight and reserve champion bred and owned;

Addy Rumer — reserve champion heavyweight;

McKenna Hedrick — second in lightweight classes;

Tia Heavner (first), Allie Hedrick (eighth), Piper Hubbard (sixth), Breymann Keesecker (fifth), Kallie Keyser (third), Emily Schell (second), Hannah Schell (third), Jonah Seymour (eighth), and Maycee Woods (third) — middleweight classes; and

Ryleigh Cook (sixth), Madalyn Griffin (seventh), Tori Heavner (third), Bella Hoover (third), Katie Keyser (first), Jaelyn Rumer (second) and Aiden Whetzel (seventh) — heavyweight class.

Market Goat

Jaelyn Rumer — reserve grand champion market goat (champion middleweight);

Reagyn Atkins — reserve champion lightweight;

Tia Heavner — champion heavyweight;

Ty Heavner — reserve champion heavyweight;

Kelby Rumer — second in lightweight class;

Lydia Heavner (third), Breymann Keesecker (second) and Levi Miller (ninth) — middleweight classes; and

Gracie Hedrick (first), Bella Hoover (first) and Cody Miller (10th) — heavyweight classes.

Market Hog

Brynleigh Ruddle — first in lightweight class;

Olivia Gonshor (fifth and sixth – two hogs) and Landyn Warner (seventh) — mediumweight classes; and

Addie Rumer (first) and Lindsey Smith (first and third – two hogs) — heavyweight classes.

Market Heifer

Tori Heavner — third and fourth (two heifers) in classes; and

Aubriana Holloway — first in class.

Market Steer

Addie Rumer — champion lightweight;

Brynleigh Ruddle — reserve champion heavyweight:

Katie Heavner (fifth), Emily Schell (fifth) and Branson Smith (fourth) — lightweight class;

Hannah Heavner (fourth), Aubriana Holloway (first and fifth overall) and Kelby Rumer (third and fourth – two steers) — middleweight class; and

Hannah Heavner (sixth), Lydia Heavner (fifth), Hannah Schell (sixth), and Brandon Smith (third and fifth overall) — heavyweight class.

Pendleton Youth Representatives on Committees

Beef – Katie Heavner, goat – Gracie Hedrick, sheep – Ty Heavner, and swine – Tia Heavner.

(Note: Pendleton County's youth livestock sales results will be published in next week's paper.)



Aubriana Holloway



Tori Heavner



Maddie Grace Nesselrodt



Jonah Seymour



Cody Miller



Ty Heavner



Olivia Seymour



Tia Heavner



Jaelyn Rumer



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Several representatives

A large collection of antiques has been assembled for the show, Walter Black, commander, has announced.

In addition to the wide variety of antiques, there will be a spinning wheel in operation during most of the show actually spinning yarn. There will also be a display of Indian relics.

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Aug. 3 through Aug. 9, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Aug. 3 - 79°, 64° (75°, 51°), Aug. 4 - 86°, 57° (78°, 50°), Aug. 5 - 85°, 66° (77°, 59°), Aug. 6 - 83°, 67°.9' (71°, 52°), Aug. 7 - 82°, 63°.05' (76°, 59°), Aug. 8 - 86°, 62°.01' (75°, 58°) and Aug. 9 - 85°, 66° (81°, 55°).

PENDLETON MANOR

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Pendleton County Schools Custodial and Maintenance Workers Earn Praise in Board Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

With the summer break soon coming to an end, the Pendleton County Board of Education held its first meeting in the month of August last week.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, J. D. Wilkins, board president, asked Pat Godfrey, who had come to speak during public comment, to give the customary invocation. Godfrey prayed, “Protect, Lord God, those who are within their charge.”

Then Wilkins gave the rules and guidelines about the law on public comment period. He reminded all that elected officials cannot respond during public comment in any way. These laws are in place to protect those speaking on behalf of the public, but Wilkins acknowledged that the lack of engagement can prove frustrating.

Godfrey came to speak about his application for a posted English language arts and social studies position, stating that the day after he applied the position was changed to just English. Later, the position reverted back to English and social studies. He stated that he was the most qualified candidate possible for the combined position due to his years of experience.

He also questioned why he was not considered for a basketball coaching position previously. Godfrey requested a letter stating that he was not desired as an employee.

At the opening of his remarks, Godfrey stated that “if you have a complaint . . . you should also have a solution.” He closed by stating that board of education members should have direct involvement in the hiring process, either during interviews or receiving a list of rejected candidates when asked to approve hires.

Those suggestions made by Godfrey would likely violate West Virginia Department of Education guidelines on the limits of the purview of a board of education. In its July 8 report explaining intervention in Harrison County Schools, the WVDE stated that their board of education practiced “overreach into administration, including interference in staffing” and other administrative responsibilities.

This situation, the WVDE alleged, led to circumstances where certain school system employees with connections to board members were considered “untouchable.”

After the public comment period, Ben Puffenbarger and Bethany Whetzel, advisor, talked about their experiences at Future Business Leaders of America nationals. Marilyn Propst, board member, told him that “this makes us proud.” His experience is in another story in this edition.

Board members then voted on new hires for the coming year. This included Patrick McGregor, new principal at Pendleton County Middle/High School. He was hired when an administrative mistake by Frostburg State University led to previous hire, experienced PCM/HS educator Janice Heavner, being rejected by the WVDE.

Next, the board approved contracts with both EPIC and Pendleton Community Care.

During the treasury and finance reports, J. P. Mowery, PCS treasurer and chief financial officer, discussed the use of the streaming service Hudl. This service allows for online paid access to PCM/HS sporting events with the school receiving some revenues from it. PCM/HS’s athletic department also reimburses the school system for half of the cost of the \$13,000 service.

The cost went up for the coming year with the addition of baseball and football to the package from Hudl.

Another discussion centered around the year by year stepping down of funds for Communities in Schools. State aid to the program, which provides supports for children in vulnerable environments, is scheduled to phase out by 2029.

Also noteworthy, Mowery shared that he had engaged in discussions with legislative leaders over the 1,400 floor funding aid for school systems in sparsely populated areas. He stated that State Senator Amy Grady, also chair of the senate education committee, told him, “I see nothing wrong with it.”

“But the state school board president said, ‘it’s asinine,’” he went on to share. Mowery said that with the school aid funding formula, “there will be a push for extra staffing.” The core of funding from the state revolves around payment for a certain ratio of students to faculty and students to other staff. Central office personnel are not considered in the formula.

Pendleton County Schools lost \$150,000 in the 1,400 floor calculations. Previously, Pendleton and Pocahontas counties had similar school populations, so both were funded as if they had 1,400 students. Since, as Mowery explained, “Pocahontas fell faster than us,” PCS now receives funding for 1,382.

In the facilities report, Travis Heavner opened with praise for those whose work during the summer helped to get all school buildings in prime shape to open the year. “I appreciate the summer custodians and their work” he said, adding that “it’s always a challenge to make sure we’re ready to open.”

He shared that Franklin Elementary School presented a specific challenge due to the presence of Energy Express and repair crews working through the summer.

“If you see some of those folks on that summer crew,” Heavner told the board, “tell them how much we appreciate them.”

Heavner also shared his thanks for the work of maintenance workers, detailing improvements to the landscaping of Brandywine Elementary School. There, workers removed dead shrubbery, planted grass, and are planning to remove old light poles and a walnut tree. He added that they will also perform some work to make the bus pick up area safer for children.

Appreciation was also expressed for the work of Dean Brothers in getting the football field scoreboard ready for football season. “We ran into some challenges because of the rain,” he stated, adding that hopefully the repairs will keep people “from having to jiggle the wires” to keep it functioning.

Sonny O’Neil, board member, asked about issues linked to “settling” of part of the FES building. Heavner reported that

the section of building where settling had pushed some tiles out of place occurred because the original construction just placed “filler” under that section of the building. “There was nothing there to support the tile.”

“No one could really tell us why,” he shared, not even the West Virginia School Building Authority. Workers, however, placed sturdier materials under the section to prevent recurrence of the issue.

Bus Routes Announced for New School Year

School will be opening for students on Aug. 24, and motorists are cautioned to be on the alert for students walking and waiting for buses along the highways of the county. Motorists are also cautioned to be especially alert for buses that are stopped on the highway for the purpose of loading or unloading students. It is a violation of state law to pass a school bus in either direction when the bus has its red lights flashing.

The safety of Pendleton County’s children is in the capable hands of the bus drivers. Distractions caused by students who do not follow the rules threaten the health and safety of others. Parents are encouraged to talk with their children about the importance of good bus riding behavior. The driver needs to focus on what is going on outside of the bus.

Bus Drivers will be making practice runs on Aug. 20. A description of bus routes for Pendleton County for the 2026-2027 school year is as follows:

• **Melina Parsons (#7720):** Upper North Fork Road and Snowy Mountain to Cherry Grove, to North Fork Elementary School, from NFES to Judy Gap salt shed to receive middle/high students and then to Pendleton County Middle/High School.

• **David Simon (#7827):** County line to Sweedlin Valley, to Oak Flat, to Brandywine Elementary School, then on to PCM/HS and Franklin Elementary School.

• **Sam Harper (#7723):** Beginning in Miller’s Run to Broad Run, continuing to Brandywine Lake, to BES and then to PCM/HS and FES, if needed.

• **Lynn Warner (#7724):** Deer Run area beginning on Troublesome Valley Road at Rt. 33, ending on Kiser Gap Road and continuing on Rt. 33 to Franklin schools. Route includes Day Care stop at Pine St. in Franklin.

• **Jesse Johnston (#7726):** Beginning pickups in Crummett Run area to Rt. 21, then south to county line, turning around going north on Rt. 21 to Brushy Fork and on to BES, then to PCM/HS and FES, if needed.

• **David Traub (#7825):** Begin at county line on South Mill Creek Road, continue through Brushy Run Road to north end of Jake Hill to meet contract drivers on south end of Jake Hill Road and continue to Franklin schools.

• **Adam Ruddle (#6515):** Route beginning on Pretty Ridge area, making pickups along the way through Reeds Creek to Rt. 33, then going east on Rt. 33 through Friends Run, including Buffalo Hill area and on to the Franklin schools.

• **Kevin Gonshor (#7725):** Route beginning at Grant County line on Rt. 220 south on to Franklin schools.

• **Bobby Keesecker (#5424):** Beginning at Ridge Road on Rt. 220 and continuing on Ridge Road to Kline to meet contract driver, then Schmucker Road, and Corner Road to Rt. 220 to Ruddle, turning around at north end of Buffalo Hills Road and on to Franklin schools.

• **Calvin Bailey (#5322):** Beginning at the north end of Sandy Ridge Road, if needed, and continuing through the north end of Thorn Creek Road to Sinnett’s Lane, if needed. From Sinnett’s Lane, proceeding to the south end of Dry Run Road, to Smith Creek Gap Road to Warner’s poultry farm, turning around and proceeding on Smith Creek Rd. to FES and PCM/HS.

• **Jon Swecker (#6521):** Beginning at Moyers Store, to Crummett Run Road, to Ken Nelson’s poultry houses, turning around and proceeding

south to the state line. From the state line continuing to Black Thorn, Moatstown Road, down Sandy Ridge Road to Thorn Spring, to Rt. 220 North, to Walnut St., up Smith Creek Road, to the end of Entry Mountain Rd. and on to FES and PCM/HS.

• **Wes Fleisher (#7727):** Beginning pickups at Bobbie Armstrong’s in Crummett Run area, then to Big and Little Stoney Run area, and making pickups along the way to BES, then to the PCM/HS.

• **Andy Moyers (#7823):** Beginning on Snowy Mountain Road to Rt. 220 South to state line. From the state line, turning around, going north on Rt. 220 to Propst Gap, to James Simmons’s residence, turning around and continuing to Painter’s Point area and then on to FES and PCM/HS.

• **Driver Pending (#5317):** Beginning in Lower Timber Ridge, near Kisamore stop and going south to Simoda area, if needed. Then going to Rt. 33 at the Gateway Restaurant, proceeding to the Riverton area, including Riverton Loop for pickup, making student exchanges with Dianna Redman (#5417) at the Riverton Community Building. From Riverton, proceed onto Rt. 33, picking up middle/ high school students, to Judy Gap salt shed for possible exchanges and then on to PCM/HS.

• **Lisa Raines (#5326):** Smith Mountain Road to Rt. 28, then south on Rt. 28 to the 4U Restaurant, left onto Rt. 9 going on to the Harper Gap Road and the Harman Hills Road to Roots Run, to Rt. 33, meeting other bus and contract drivers at Judy Gap salt shed, and on to NFES.

• **Jill Warner (#5324):** Beginning on Hunting Ground area, to Teter Gap area, to NFES, then to Upper Timber Ridge, if needed, and returning to NFES.

• **Steve Lambert (#7709):** Beginning on Big Mountain, returning to Rt. 28, to Elk Mountain. From Elk Mountain, proceeding north to Cherry Grove and on to NFES.

• **Dianna Redman (#5417):** Beginning at Bennett Gap and across to the northern end of Timber Ridge to the Onego salt shed to meet contract driver. From the salt shed, continuing on Rt. 33 East, making all pickups, to Seneca Junction. At the junction proceeding south on Rt. 33/28, making all pick-ups to Riverton Community Building, where exchange of students is made with Driver Pending (#5317). From Riverton, picking up elementary students on Rt. 33/28 to NFES.

• Contract driver will bring students from Smoke Hole to Jake Hill Road to meet Bus #7825.

• Contract driver will bring students from Cave Mountain to Jake Hill Road to meet Bus #7825.

• Contract driver will bring students from Greenawalt Gap to Kline Road to meet Bus #6521.

• Contract driver - Bland Hills to meet Bus #5310 and #5417 or #7720 at Judy Gap salt shed.

• Contract driver - Base of Allegheny Mountain to Onego salt shed to meet Bus #5417.

Residents Encouraged to Participate in Health Survey

The West Virginia Department of Health’s Bureau for Public Health is calling on residents to help shape the future of public health in the Mountain State by participating in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System phone survey.

“The data collected through these surveys empowers our public health officials to identify trends, develop targeted programs, and strategically allocate resources where they are most needed to improve the overall well-being of West Virginians,” shared Dr. Arvin Singh, secretary of health. “We encourage you to participate as every completed survey contributes valuable information

that supports the creation of healthier communities across our state.”

Since 1984, the BRFSS has served as a cornerstone of health surveillance in West Virginia, providing essential data to understand the unique health challenges, needs, behaviors, and concerns of residents. This confidential telephone survey, conducted in close collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, allows West Virginia to track health-related trends and gather insights that are otherwise unavailable through clinical records.

Residents aged 18 and older may be randomly selected to receive a call from trained BPH interview-

ers between Monday and Saturday. Participation is entirely voluntary and all responses are kept strictly confidential.

The survey is designed to be dynamic meaning, each year, questions are updated to address emerging issues and specific state needs. Recent survey topics have included critical areas such as Hepatitis A, traumatic brain injuries related to ATV use, and substance usage.

For more information on the BRFSS program or to view reporting summaries and survey results, visit the official West Virginia BRFSS website at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/HSC/SS/BRFSS/Pages/BRFSS.aspx>.

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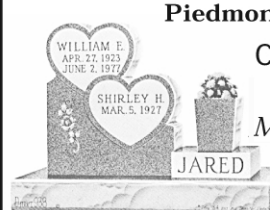


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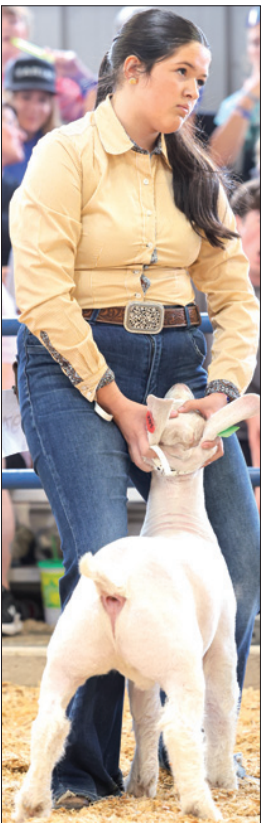
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Wildcats Make the Climb at Highlands Invitational



West Virginia high school golf's unofficial "Opening Day" was held at Fisher Mountain for the Highlands Invitational.

By Stephen Smoot

When first organized by then Wildcat head golf coach, Charlie Burgoyne, the Highlands Invitational Tournament was meant to serve as an unofficial "opening day" for regional high school golf.

In 2026, the tournament has likely proved a launching pad for what current varsity golf coach, Mike Eye, hopes will be another standout season for the Pendleton County squad.

"It was a really good day," noted Eye, "I am super excited for this team."

This year, the high school team has 11 members, and the middle school seven. With limitations on team size at some seasonal tournaments, as well as regionals and states, Eye had to form varsity and junior varsity squads. When a school first has to do this, Eye says, it means that "the program is really taking off."

Formed under the tutelage of Burgoyne and into the tenure of Eye, Wildcat golf has grown in numbers and competitiveness, as evidenced by the performance in their first match of the year.

With seasonal heat and higher-than-aver-

age humidity, the teams took to the links at 1 p.m. last Thursday. While much of the rest of Pendleton County got soaking rains and thunder all afternoon, storms avoided the course until after the final players finished up their rounds.

Traditionally, the Highlands Invitational invites a mixture of larger and smaller schools. One Class AAAA school, University, sent a team. Lewis County, Keyser, Frankfort, Hampshire, and Moorefield also sent teams. Class A schools included the home-standing Pendleton County, Tygarts Valley, and Tucker County.

University, whom Eye stated has "great golfers," won the 18-hole tournament with the lowest score of 311. Hampshire followed with 333 and Lewis County 347.

Placing fourth was Pendleton County with 352, top Class A team in the field. Behind the Wildcats were recent Class AAA golf power Keyser with 361, Tygarts Valley at 372, Tucker County 384, Moorefield 395, and Frankfort at 401.

Junior Dylan Eye topped the Wildcat tally with a score of 82 with sophomore Landon Davis right behind at 86. Eye called the two his "1A and 1B" rather than first and second

on the squad, referring to them as "neck and neck." Though close in ability, Coach Eye states that "they compete and work together to try and prepare."

"They are solid in ability, the mental side of the game, and course management," he added.

Jacob Thompson, a freshman, held the number one spot on last year's middle school team and third on the varsity this season. Eye praised his "maturity" and his "nice swing." He scored a 95 in his first varsity action. Hayden Kimble earned an 89 and Kolby Kimble a 107. Jack Bennett rounds off the varsity squad in the sixth position.

Having three players with scores in the 80s alone is a remarkable accomplishment for a smaller school team with no seniors.

Coach Eye emphasized that as the season progresses, junior varsity players can earn their way into varsity competition. An app called iWannamaker, which tallies 62 percent of high school golf matches in the United States, keeps precise data on scoring, even down to difficulty of courses and holes. Like Max Preps in other sports, iWannamaker ranks players by this data. Eye shared that he will use rankings from this service to

determine varsity and junior varsity as the season progresses.

Junior varsity players will have a separate schedule of matches in some instances because, as Eye explained, a number of regional teams have expanded to the point of needing both squads.

The head coach credits the flourishing middle school program for the continual climb of the high school these past few years. "It shows when you play other schools that don't have middle school teams. You can see the decline in quality of players they have." He explained that middle school teams teach fundamentals of the game, advancing the players in ability much earlier.

Eye also thanked the school system for the addition of a middle school head coach and assistant. Eye described the challenge when he and Burgoyne tried to coach both, saying, "We were spread too thin. We couldn't coach them the way we needed to."

With the first match under their belt and the second one at Snowshoe Mountain, Eye is excited about the potential for the season and after, saying, "It's when, not if, we make the state tournament this year."

'Who Does That Anymore? People in Franklin, WV, Do'

Dear Franklin, WV:

I had the good fortune to be raised in a small town called Portville, which is situated right on the Pennsylvania border in

the western end of New York State. The population of the village was around nine hundred people and another 3,500 lived in the surrounding town of Portville. Dodge Creek flowed through the town and emptied into the Allegheny River where we would catch carp using strawberry dough-balls of all things! My dad was a teacher at the high school and later served for 30 years as a magistrate and judge for the village and town. My mom was a librarian for the Portville Free Library on Main Street for 30 years. We had a single traffic light that blinked after 8:00 p.m. each evening. There was the Park N' Shop Service Store for groceries and the Portville Drive-In Theater for our entertainment during the summer months.

Regretfully, on a recent trip back to my hometown, I found so much had changed. I came to the realization that the only connection I had left there were the graves of my parents and a brother in Chestnut Hill Cemetery found on the same street I

grew up on.

Twenty years ago, I bought a small cabin in Sugar Grove. Since then, I have been spending time in the Franklin area and realized that I have a new "adopted" hometown thanks to the people and places there. For instance, just a few years ago, a tree came down and ripped the electric service completely off my cabin. I was a bit desperate since it was wintertime, so I grabbed the pole and went to Potomac Hardware in Franklin. Lo and behold, Gabe and crew rebuilt the entire mast right on the floor of the store...who does that anymore? People in Franklin, WV that's who.

I recently was given several cases of pristine hardcover books through the estate of a good friend who passed. I met Walt Johnson at the Pendleton County Library who was eager to have the items for the many book sales they have each year. And the "Friends of the Library" volunteer group sorted through twenty-six cases of books...who does that any-

more? People in Franklin, WV, do.

Fast forward to just a few weeks ago when I walked into Pendleton County Outdoors and met Jason and company. Due to another estate closing, I came into possession of some black powder rifles and turkey hunting gear. I told him I was not as interested in selling these items if he had a better idea for putting them to good use. Sure enough, Jason calls a contact in the West Virginia Wild Turkey Federation who was elated to have them for their annual youth-focused outdoor education events called Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship (JAKES) Day. Jason wanted assurance that youth from Pendleton County would be the primary beneficiaries of these donated items, and he got it...who does that anymore? People in Franklin, WV, do.

This past week, a sweet beagle-hound found me by flagging my truck down on Sugar Grove Road. After numerous attempts to find an owner in the vicinity, I brought her to the Faithful Friends Animal Clinic with the good Bowers doctors and their caring staff. (I have yet to go by the clinic without seeing dona-

tions for Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS) stacked on the porch...cat litter and kitten food are always needed if interested). We checked six-month old "Suga" (since she found me on Sugar Grove Road and I have a friend who calls everybody that...) for any identifying marks or chips, but to no avail. Enter Jason from PCO with a lady named Danita on his phone who specializes in rehoming dogs. So, she agrees to take Suga and asks the Bowers doctors to begin giving her vaccines and other meds and put it on her account. We ended up splitting the bill, but what a team effort with Pendleton County Outdoors, Faithful Friends Animal Clinic, PAWS, and Danita...who does all that anymore? People in Franklin, WV, do.

Some other reasons (but not all) why Franklin is my adopted hometown. How about T & K Markets with their selection and service? Just like the "Park and Shop" I grew up with, the staff is always friendly and willing to help. I was in the store recently, and admiring the fresh meat rack, when a gentleman behind me said, "If you don't see what you want, just press that little button by the

door and I will get it for you." There was no doubt of his sincerity...who does that anymore? People in Franklin, WV, do.

The Pendleton Times is my favorite read of the week. Stephen Smoot is a gifted writer who gets a lot of practice. His humor is often couched in the reporting, which I find quite entertaining. He is certainly talented enough to join a larger paper in a larger market, yet we continue to enjoy him and his work...who does that anymore? People in Franklin, WV, do.

I sent my friends a picture of the front page (above the fold) of The Pendleton Times announcing the opening of Warner's Drive-In for the summer. They, like me, were treated to some fond memories of the Portville Drive-In we grew up with. Now with the foresight and the expansion of venues there, it has become a community staple like no other. Who does that anymore? People in Franklin, WV, do.

I will wrap up this letter by thanking the many citizens of the Franklin, WV, area for filling the void of a lost hometown with kindness and acceptance in finding a new one.

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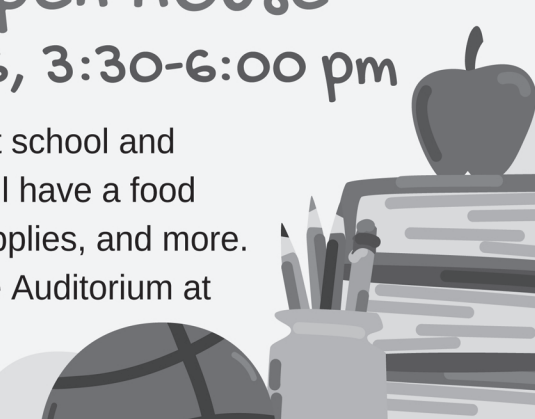
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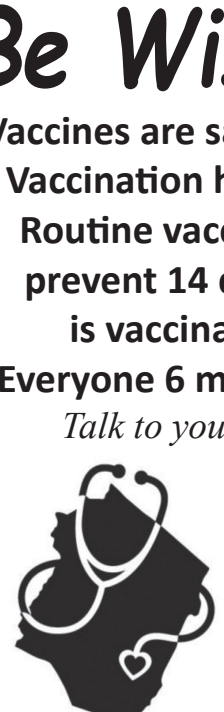
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Queen of Tractor Parade Wears Many Hats

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

On Saturday, a little piece of “Americana” took place at the village of Sugar Grove. Sixty-one registered tractors hummed south to the South Fork Rescue Squad building for the 13th annual tractor parade. Candy was thrown in abundance to the delighted crowd along the roadway. This was followed by the lawn party which was enjoyed by the crowd hailing from various parts of the country...Florida, California, North Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee, and Virginia. The shower of rain following the parade didn’t inhibit the crowd who stayed late into the night, enjoying the food and music at the lawn party. This was a good time of “catching up” with folks one seldom sees. All in all, the night was a success. Another chapter was added to “Americana.”

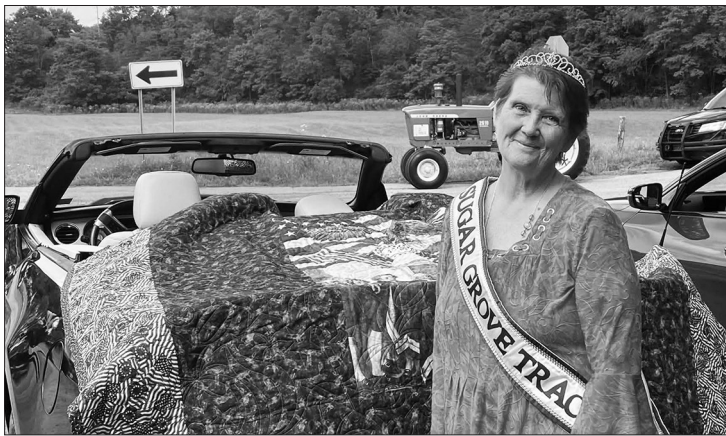
Leading the tractor parade was the honor guard followed by the queen. Rhonda Nash reigned as queen (in honor of her mom, Helen Nash) for the parade. “Peachie,” as she is lovingly called, smiled and waved regally as she headed the parade.

Born at Wise, Virginia, to Helen and the late Robert Nash, she was one of five children. Her paternal grandfather had a hunting cabin in the area, and it was here that the family came for more than 60 years ago.

Rhonda attended the University of Mary Washington in Virginia, specializing in drama and French. She took on the challenge of doing mission work in Tanzania, East Africa, followed by one year as the activity director to a nursing home in Norton, Virginia.

She felt called to the ministry, and so she attended seminary for three and one-half years. Church Campus Ministry was truly for her, a ministry of 20 years. She also spent a year on the mission field at Lae, Papua, New Guinea. It was there that she worked with Martin Luther Seminary.

In 1999, her parents moved to the present home where she and her mother live in Sugar Grove. However, it wasn’t until November of 2011 that Rhonda joined them. They became entrenched in the community lifestyle. Rhonda has “many hats” which she wears to the various activities of which she is involved. She attends St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church and is involved in the Pendleton County Committee for the Arts and Friends of the Library. She is a substitute teacher for the county school system, works at the voting polls, and assists with the local rescue squad’s activities. She and her late father are well known for the Anna Lee candles which she sells at festivals.



Rhonda Nash reigns as queen of the 13th annual Sugar Grove tractor parade.

Rhonda loves helping children with their various activities. She always wears a smile and is willing to help wherever needed. She presently cares for her mother, Helen Nash.

Rhonda deservedly earns the title, “Queen,” for this year’s tractor parade. Congratulations, Rhonda!

Life’s little instructions include the following:

1. Try, for a little while, to walk in someone else’s shoes.
2. Communication breaks down barriers.
3. Talk things out.
4. See someone needing assistance? Step up to the plate and help.
5. Be humble and kind.

A community is built on human connection. It forms when people share common values, goals, or experiences that bring them together. And that’s what took place this past Saturday when the South Fork Rescue Squad and the Sugar Grove Lions Club had the 13th tractor parade. It took many hands to bring this to fruition...people helping people. That’s what makes Sugar Grove’s community quite unique.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

“How quick time goes by, compared to when you were a kid. Summer used to last forever. Now it’s twelve weeks.” — John Goodman

“May you always have a shell in your pocket and sand in your shoes.” — Unknown

“If nothing is going well, call your grandmother.” — Italian Proverb

“The biggest lie in the world is the answer to the question, “How are you?” — Brittany Howard

Hartman Clan Gathers for Family Reunion

On July 25 and 26, family and friends of the late Isaac and Lucy Vandevander Hartman gathered for a weekend full of fun and making memories.

The weather was perfect for the hayride to start the reunion. This year’s hayride went to the former lands of William P. Hartman, on which the family cemetery is located. The views of upper Smith Creek from the high meadows are absolutely breathtaking. The tractors were furnished and driven by Adam Hott and Lynn Warner with the wagons on loan from Matt Pennybacker. Hott also furnished the hay.

The blessing for the evening meal was given by Jennifer Huffman Dudley. The meal, which is provided by the reunion, consisted of hot dogs, pork, mac and cheese and Uncrustables. Family members provided assigned side dishes. The meat was prepared by Jasper, Josh, Jay and Jordan Hartman and Darren Hedrick.

Evening entertainment was provided by Mike Eye. Natalie Chapman also provided a slide show with 350 pictures with music of past reunions from 1947-2025.

The attendance on July 26 was 128.

On July 26, David Hartman gave the very emotional lunch blessing. He also thanked everyone for all they have done to help with the reunion.

Adam and Katie Hott furnished the covered wagon for the main stage.

Rebecca Hedrick, family photographer, took pictures of first and second cousins, also requested family pictures and candid shots.

Cindy Hartman, family historian, reported family updates for 2025-2026. There were eight marriages, 17 births, and three deaths. Two of these deaths were grandchildren of Isaac and Lucy Hartman.

Recognized from the direct line of Isaac and Lucy Hartman that were present: Garry Simmons (oldest male first cousin, 88), Barbara Harman (oldest female first cousin, 87), Henry Miles Byers (youngest male, 10 months), Berkley Mae Roberts (youngest female, 21 months), Bobby and Pat Bodkin (longest married, 58 years), Dakota and Autumn Roberts (shortest married, 13 months), and Rob and Latrisha Frye (traveling the farthest, California). Hartman family reunion shirts, furnished by Joyce Calhoun and Rebecca Hedrick, were given to those recognized.

Betty Kimble, vice president, announced about the importance of getting younger family members on the committee with help and ideas for future reunions.

Isaac Hartman purchased a double canopy with sides for the reunion to be used over raffle tables.

Raffle winners were Briley Geltz - movie night basket with games, Mountain Dew, and popcorn donated by Calhoun and Rebecca Hedrick; James Smith - tall kerosene lamp donated by Garry and Bonnie Simmons; James Smith - reunion shirt donated by Kimble; Cortlyn Hartman - two small homemade cedar

boxes donated by Christopher Hartman; Cortlyn Hartman - a large homemade cedar box donated by Christopher Hartman; Angie Rexrode - original large framed picture of Lucy Hartman and four daughters donated by Rita Hevener; Carolina Kimble - beauty basket donated by Betty and Carolina Kimble; Sydney Carr Gillis - small lamp donated by Garry and Bonnie Simmons; James Smith - small colorful lamp donated by Garry and Bonnie Simmons; Paisley Price - \$50 cash donated by anonymous; Lyle Hartman - flashlight donated by Ronnie Kimble; Talia Ah Loe - \$100 cash donated by anonymous; Katie Hartman - maple syrup made and donated by Isaac and Nicole Hartman; Lyle Hartman - magnetic flashlight donated by Ronnie Kimble; Eric Frye - hover ball donated by Chapman; Geltz and Jack Price - one each of mystery dumpling donated by Latrisha Frye and Chapman; Paisley Price, Braxton Kimble, and Jana Hartman - one each of Needoh donated by Rick Moyers; Cortlyn Hartman - wildflower Scentsy warmer donated by Betty Kimble; Lundquist - country sunshine Scentsy warmer donated by Betty Kimble; Stephanie Ashcraft - Beyore Scentsy buddy donated by Betty Kimble; Geltz - Sebastian Scentsy warmer donated by Betty Kimble; Rosie Lundquist - unicorn Scentsy warmer donated by Betty Kimble; Barbra Harman - Thirty One bag with goodies donated by Betty Kimble; Ronnie Kimble - American flag wreath made and donated by Harry and Tom’s family; Carla Hartman - knot bee blanket made and donated by Jodi Miller; Bryer Wood - knot football blanket made and donated by Jodi Miller; and Lori Landis-quilt made and donated by Diana Crawford.

Treasures in the hay were provided for children ages 3-7 and 8-12. The items were furnished by Perry and Linda Simmons.

Cake walk without the cake, eight boxes with six each of Strites donuts was donated by Steven and Diana Crawford and won by Geltz, Jon Lundquist, Chapman, Eve Hott, Daisy Hartman, Tyler Lundquist, Tiffany Ah Loe and Christopher Hartman.

Water balloon toss for children 12 and under winners were Talia Ah Loe and Carly Hartman. Adult balloon toss winners were Spencer Hartman and Dusty Smith.

Egg toss for 12 and under winners were Maggie Murray and Eve Hott. Adult egg toss winners were Spencer Hartman and Dusty Smith. A box of candies and one dollar gold

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coin, donated by Betty Kimble, was given to each winner on the balloon and egg tosses.

Reunion attendance for July 26 was 175.

The next reunion is scheduled for July 24 and 25, 2027.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF Pendleton COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF Jenny Harper Walls to Jenny Lynn Harper

FAMILY COURT CASE NO.: 26-P-11

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME:

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of September, 2026, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, Jenny Harper Walls will apply by Petition to the Family Court of Pendleton County, WV, at the Courthouse therefore in the City of Franklin for the entry of an Order by said Court changing the name from Jenny Harper Walls to Jenny Lynn Harper. Any person who has an objection to the change of said name for any reason may appear at the time and place set forth above and shall be heard in opposition to such change.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of July, 2026.

Jenny Harper Walls
PETITIONER
60 Valley View Ln
Brandywine, WV 26802
8-6-2c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

All creditors of the decedent(s) and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate(s) must file their claims with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

Judy Ellen Bland Estate - Ray Douglas Bland, Executor; Barbara Ellen Frank Estate - Bradley Kimble, Sheriff of Pendleton County, Administrator; Genavee C. Wimer Estate - Debra K. Hartman & Sharon Sue Hottinger, Co-Executrixes; Elwood Preston Harman Estate - Michael B. Harman, Administrator; Marlene Laverne Harman Estate - Michael B. Harman, Administrator; William P. Thorn Estate - Brenda Thorn, Executrix; Clyde A. Barkley Estate - Wanda E. Townsend, Executrix; Deborah Ann Hanna Estate - Amber Hanna, Administratrix.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 3, 2026.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 8-6-2c



Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))
Case No. 26-0703-G-30C

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of 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.

The proposed changes in rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately \$3,051,865 annually, an increase of approximately 1.9%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY who purchase their gas from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	INCREASE	INCREASE
Residential	\$ 0.86	0.91%
Commercial	\$ 4.29	1.12%
Industrial	\$ 35.60	0.64%
Resale	\$ 101.65	1.50%

Proposed PGA rates for each Mountaineer rate schedule, which include Business and Occupation Tax, are as follows:

Rate Schedule	Present	Proposed	Increase \$	Increase %
RS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
RS Demand	\$ 20.59	\$ 20.91	\$ 0.320	1.55%
GS	\$ 7.381	\$ 7.534	\$ 0.143	1.93%
LGS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
WS	\$ 7.074	\$ 7.211	\$ 0.137	1.91%
IS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
LIS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., and City of Philippi.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased 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.

This filing also contains proposed changes to MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY'S rate components for customers that purchase their gas from an alternative supplier/marketer and purchase only transportation services including MDFQ, Storage Balancing Fee, Firm Standby Fee, and Fuel Retention Percentage from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY. These transportation service rates are applicable to customers that voluntarily elect to subscribe to transportation service. The proposed changes to the rate components are as follows:

Rate Component	Present	Proposed	Increase \$	Increase %
MDFQ	\$ 15.861	\$ 16.112	\$ 0.251	1.58%
Storage Balancing Fee	\$ 0.609	\$ 0.625	\$ 0.016	2.63%
Firm Standby Fee	\$ 2.648	\$ 2.684	\$ 0.036	1.36%
Fuel Retention	4.00%	4.00%	N/A	0.00%

Any change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:

Mountaineer Gas Company Office
• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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'Lightning Bugs' Flee Cities for Dark Skies Zones, Bringing Tourists to See the Show

By Stephen Smoot

For more than a decade, most new lighting for structures and also automobiles has come from light emitting diodes, or LED lighting. LED lighting comes recommended for providing more light at a more energy-efficient rate.

It also seems to have come at the cost of many areas losing out on the early summer tradition of lightning bug, or firefly, watching.

Three years ago, the California Department of Transportation and the University of California at Los Angeles conducted a joint study on the effects of LED lighting on animals, including bioluminescent species such as lightning bugs. Studies have shown in the past several years that increasing nighttime artificial lighting disrupts communication and mating patterns, driving populations away from cities and suburban areas.

The little bugs whose rear ends light up to the delight of

children of all ages do so with two purposes in mind. First and foremost, the blinking of their bright behinds creates patterns that attract mates. Fireflies also warn each other of danger, but also signal to potential predators to back off. To those who might eat them, a firefly's blood is both toxic and noxious tasting.

Interestingly enough, one species of fireflies cannot create its own light producing substance so it eats the species that can do so to absorb those substances from them.

The United States hosts a surprising, perhaps even bewildering, diversity of species of insects whose rear ends light up on warm summer nights. More than 150 bioluminescent bugs are known to live in the United States. In some areas, they refer to these creatures generally as “fireflies.” Many West Virginians and others in the Eastern United States prefer the term “lightning bugs.”

For much of the past 100 years, people have steadily expanded the capacity of artificial light to mitigate the darkness, but only in the past 20 years have LED lights emerged as more powerful, yet also less power consuming, alternatives to traditional lighting.

Avalon Owens, a Harvard University researcher, wrote that “bioluminescent firefly beetles have a complex relationship to light.” She adds that “Like many other nocturnal insects, adult fireflies use circadian changes in the intensity and spectra of ambient light to time their nightly

ship to light." She adds that "Like many other nocturnal insects, adult fireflies use circadian changes in the intensity and spectra of ambient light to time their nightly

courtship activities.”

Owens adds that when these insects encounter more intense areas of artificial light at night (called ALAN by experts), it affects their abilities to use their natural light to signal potential mates or to also warn of danger. Populations of fireflies near cities may be dwindling from the effect. “Cold” LED lighting, such as blues or violets, negatively affects these insects the most.

Lightning bugs, for many, come with memories of childhood. For generations, kids poked holes in the lids of jars, dropped grass or leaves inside, and then raced off to find some luminescent insects to place inside for observation.

According to the Oregon-based Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, many will travel to enjoy the quiet spectacle of lightning bugs blinking on and off at dusk. They state that “firefly tourism is a quickly growing industry in the U.S. (and) can be a boon to local economies and help more people to experience the wonder of fireflies.”

Krista Noe, an ecologist with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, told West Virginia Explorer that “West Virginia’s kind of been a haven” for lightning bug populations. Although light pollution has increased in the Mountain State somewhat, it has not done so at the same rate as other neighboring states.

West Virginia has 33 known species of lightning bugs with one, the Potomac Firefly, native to the South Branch River watershed. Noe wrote that “the Potomac firefly is associated with cobble-shores that have lots of saplings and driftwood along major rivers.” The state attracts

both northern and southern oriented species, which gives West Virginia an unusually rich bounty for researchers and enthusiasts.

And enthusiasts do come to West Virginia to scope out the different species, much like some enjoy the habit of bird watching and marking down species seen.

Watoga State Park in Pocahontas County hosts one of the most sought-after species of synchronous lightning bugs. In this site and almost nowhere else, one can see an entire field of lightning bugs light up at the same time. For those who travel to see them, this represents a truly dazzling display of dynamic nature. The park also hosts special hikes during their peak month of June to see the light show.

While Watoga State Park has international dark skies recognition, other sites in the state meet almost all of the same criteria. Spruce Knob, Dolly Sods, and other remote locations far from city lights may also boast similarly spectacular displays.

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BRANDYWINE - 3-4 BR, 2 BA brick home with 2 car, built-in-garage, 20'x40' pavilion, creek, on 2.01 ac. ~~\$299,900~~ **Under Contract** \$199,900.

FRANKLIN - 2 BR, 1 BA Lindel wood siding home on 2.26 acres. ~~\$180,000~~ \$170,000 \$160,000.

FRANKLIN - 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 story Pre-Civil War home with basement in town. 2 apartments, detached. Paved parking area. \$310,000.

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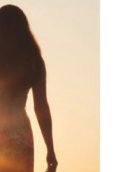
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2008 FORD F-550 4X4 UTILITY TRUCK, w/ mechanic's crane and auger, 6.4 dsl., auto., air, etc.....	SPECIAL	\$26,900 \$19,500
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SGR413A 3.0 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin w/Loft. Off grid, Solar, generator. 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, #800 Gallon Cistern, Wash Yard, 2nd floor access, Outbuilding, Wood Shed. Very well maintained. Located in Dry Run area. Shared ROW. Franklin District, Pendleton Cty. **\$180,000.00.**

SGR410A 1492 Dice Warner Road, Circleville, 3 Bed, 2 Bath, log siding and rock home with 2 car garage, gorgeous mountain view, 2 living rooms, propane heat/AC and a forced air wood furnace. House being sold "AS-IS." **\$249,900.00.**

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 Deck, 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, Septic. Cistern water. Property joins 9.48 acres Kile Knob Common area. Hiking trails. Gated. **\$189,000.00.**

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.**

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. **\$949,000.00 \$899,000.00 REDUCED \$849,000.00.**

SGR385A 11.54 Acres w/3+ Bed, 3 Bath Cabin located in Buck Ridges Dylmont. Screened porch, Deck, Stone Patio, Private Road, Bear Stear's 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, Buddle area. Year-Round Spring. 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.**

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 REDUCED \$270,000.00.**

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 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.**

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