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VanMeter Urges More Connection Between TMF and Local Businesses

By Stephen Smoot

With seasonal temperatures and cooperative skies, the Treasure Mountain Festival brought in thousands to enjoy Pendleton County heritage, shopping, food, live music, contests, and more. For the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors' Bureau, however, TMF represented a job well done, but much to do as the festival prepares for the future.

Jared VanMeter, executive director of the chamber of commerce, and Annie Humes, executive director of the CVB, both emphasized forging more connections between the festival and local businesses. Stronger relationships and collaboration, they reason, can lead to even more maximization of the economic impact from TMF and the thousands who celebrate.

VanMeter stated that the festival presented a "mixed bag" as a whole to the county business community, adding that some businesses close their doors "in observance of the festival" and due to heavy foot traffic in some areas. Restaurants "see a bit of a boost," although the festival welcomes a number of food truck options from outside the area. Some of those specialize in foods not normally available in Franklin as well. "Lodging is impacted greatly by the festival," added VanMeter. He shared that area lodging, including hotels and bed and breakfast establishments, were booking guests as late as the week of the festival.

Humes related the "unique joy of most of our lodging being vacation rental homes." She went on to explain that having a decentralized base of lodging means that a convention and visitors bureau



Pendleton Community Bank got into the spirit of Treasure Mountain Festival by displaying an assortment of treasures from the past. Local businesses were encouraged to decorate store fronts for the festival.

must work to forge "personal relationships all around the county" with lodging entrepreneurs of all kinds. "It's a little bit more of an effort" than urban oriented CVBs have to undertake with most of their lodging in the form of hotels and motels, often chains. Humes stated that "we grew those relationships over the past year."

"We had a lot of folks totally booked out," prior to TMF, said Humes. She went on to explain that TMF organizers had a goal of engaging lodging businesses to ensure a maximum number of options for festival goers. "New relationships built by TMF" helped considerably, Humes said.

From the chamber's point of view, forging more re-

lationships between local business and TMF is also a goal. VanMeter explained that some businesses may be missing "opportunities to capitalize" on TMF and the thousands of visitors coming in from near and far away. "Treasure Mountain Festival should be approaching the businesses" not currently as engaged, he noted, also adding, "get them involved and expand the win."

VanMeter furthermore noted that "the festival is outsized for the population," meaning that the small population of Pendleton County does an incredible job in organizing, promoting, and executing a large-scale event annually. "Tons of volunteers, tons of businesses

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Pendleton County 4-H'ers select a project at the beginning of the club year. Throughout the year, members work on their projects, which are placed on exhibit for judging.

National 4-H Week and Horticulture Contest Engage Pendleton Youth

By Stephen Smoot

The week of October 4 - 11 has been proclaimed National 4-H Week in Pendleton County and across the nation. Pendleton County's West Virginia University Extension Service has put strong effort into engaging young people in the area's elementary schools to encourage more kids to get involved.

Brooke Alt, one of Pendleton County's agents, went to the schools to share information about the program and get kids involved. They took "promotional items to the school," said Alt, who then shared "every elementary school student should have received a coloring contest form promoting 4-H."

The 4-H "year" runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30 of the following calendar year. Ages five to seven may start off in a Cloverbud club. Junior 4-H members are between nine and 11 years of age, intermediate 12 to 14, and senior members extend from 15 to 21 years of age. Many move over to Future Farmers of America in those age groups, though.

"Four-H is for everyone," Alt emphasized.

She explained that although "traditionally 4-H had agriculture-based projects" and 4-H kids came with an interest in agriculture, that has changed. She said, "Now, we have something for everyone, something for every interest," including information technology, cooking, sewing, and a number of other areas.

The program includes both traditional schoolchildren and also homeschooled students. "We have several homeschooled kids in our programming," said Alt, who went on to add that "sometimes the homeschooled kids have more time to devote to projects."

To answer the question of what to do a project on, WVU Extension Service responds "what interests you?" Under that heading on the WVU Extension Service page comes an explanation of the role of projects.

"A 4-H project is a combination of hands-on activities, record keeping, leadership, and communication opportunities," stated the service webpage. Members select projects upon enrollment and a project helper mentors the member through the process. Most local projects end up on display at a fair or

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Verizon Responds to Fears Over Potential Copper Line Cutoff

By Stephen Smoot

About two weeks ago WETM, a television news outlet in New York State, reported that Verizon released a statement concerning copper wire-based landline telephone service. It linked to a Verizon website that stated "across the country,

Verizon is modernizing our networks and transitioning customers from legacy copper infrastructure to modern communications technologies built for how people live, work, and stay safe today."

WETM noted that the announcement was recent. Additionally, customers in West Virginia and elsewhere have

received letters from Verizon alerting them to the possibility of disconnection.

In the Mountain State, the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management also called attention to concerns over this statement. It shared that Verizon will not leave current copper line customers without service as part of modernization efforts.

Frontier acquired Verizon's West Virginia infrastructure in July 2010. Its tenure of ownership until the 2024 reacquisition of the network by Verizon has put it at the losing end of major lawsuits and ongoing lack of customer faith in Frontier's ability to deliver consistent service.

A Verizon release on the merger stated that "over approximately four years, Frontier has invested \$41 billion upgrading and expanding its fiber network" nationwide. Nick Jeffrey, president and chief executive officer, noted that "it's also a vote of confidence in the future of fiber."

According to PC Magazine, Verizon has applications to discontinue copper line-based service in 18 states "saying that only just over two percent of the networks

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Although conservation districts across West Virginia have had an unusually volatile last several months, the Potomac Valley Conservation District celebrated another year of service to the community and the landscape.

Earlier this year, the West Virginia State Legislature quietly stripped regional conservation districts of their authority over, and responsibility for, small watershed flood control dams and other programs. Ed Martin, chairman of the Little Kanawha Conservation District, issued a critical public letter denouncing the move. A number of local conservation district officials had not heard word of the change before his message.

Martin also emphasized that the original soil conservation program founded in the 1930s established local authority and assigned state and federal officials supporting roles. As a response, Charlotte Hoover, district chair of the Potomac Valley Conservation District, and Lois Carr, Pendleton County supervisor, recently went to the Pendleton County Commission to discuss new roles for the PVCD in connecting young people to agriculture and conservation.

The pair also shared the master of ceremonies duties on Sunday evening at the awards banquet.

Kade Suddath and Layla



Kim Dollinger, inducted into Women in Agriculture this year, speaks while PVCD officials Charlotte Hoover and Lois Carr look on.

Shreve, youth supervisors, spoke to attendees about 4-H and Future Farmers of America activities, projects, and programs. They also assisted with the event's operation.

Kim Dollinger, who operates Dollinger Farm in Hampshire County along with her husband, James, spoke as an inductee for Women in Agriculture for 2026. Her farm has pioneered sustainable concepts, such as using goldfish to keep livestock water containers clean. She spoke briefly as well.

The primary mission of local conservation districts lies in providing service to the community along lines established by the original Soil Conservation Service and that have developed in the nearly 100 years since. At the dinner, current and former supervisors and other conservation leaders received well-earned recognition. Plaques for years of service went to Hoover, Paul

Clayton, Brian Dayton, Dave Parker, and John Hicks. Suddath also received a plaque "for his loyal participation as a youth supervisor representing Hampshire County FFA and 4-H."

Gary Ehlert of Springfield received recognition, earning the Conservation Farm Award.

Awards also went to Envirothon winning teams from Hampshire High School, Moorefield High School, and East Hardy High School.

Conservation districts across West Virginia announced the selection of farms in operation for 100 or more years. Honored last Sunday were Bane Farm, Strosnider-Orndorff Farm, Seldom Seen Farm, JMF Farm, and Pugh Homeplace, all in Hampshire and Mineral counties.

About 60 people came to the Red Bird Café in Romney to gather and celebrate. Big Bad BBQ Dads catered while FNB sponsored the event.

Community CALENDAR

Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Richard Homan Memorial Park in Sugar Grove.

Community Choir Rehearsals Begin

Community choir rehearsals will begin at 5:30 on Oct. 8. Rehearsals will be at Main Street United Methodist Church on Thursdays.

Library Friends To Meet Tuesday

The Friends of the Library will gather at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the community room of the Pendleton County Library in Franklin. All are welcome to attend.

Veteran's Dinner Set for Monday

A veteran's appreciation dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at the Upper Tract Firehouse. Sponsored by the South Branch Ruritan Club, the event is a way for members to thank county veterans.

Exercise, Balance Classes Planned

Exercise/balance class begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the basement of the Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Franklin. The free classes include 15 minutes chair exercises for seniors, 10 minutes chair exercises with light emphasis on cardio with 60's music. Warm-up and cool down available as per Amy Eason, PT, and Susan Warner, RN.



**Rev. Leon
Hasper Hevener**

Rev. Leon Hasper Hevener, 83, of Upper Tract went to his heavenly home on Sept. 21, 2026, while a patient at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

He was born April 5, 1943, at Kline and was the son of the late Jesse James Hevener and Violet Kathleen Armentrout Hevener.

Rev. Hevener was a 1961 graduate of Franklin High School and a veteran, having served in the United States Air Force from 1966 - 1968.

In 1979, he received his bachelor of arts degree from Davis and Elkins College and in 1982, his master of divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

He was a member of Elkins Masonic Lodge No. 108, A.F. & A.M., Elkins Chapter No. 35 Royal Arch and Pilgrim Commandery No. 21, where he served as prelate.

He worked at Pendleton Motor Sales. In 1975, he was called to serve as pastor of the St. Paul-Parsons United Methodist charge at Irons Chapel UMC, Harts Chapel UMC, Israel UMC and Mercy Chapel. In 1979, he began serving as pastor of the South Fork-Brandywine charge (Riverside UMC at Brandywine, Francis Asbury UMC at Sugar Grove, Fairview-Bethel UMC at Ft. Seybert and Zion UMC at Milam). Starting in 1984 he pastored in Reedsville and

was under appointment in the Baltimore Conference in 1988. Hegan serving the St. John’s-Parsons charge starting in 1991; the Lost Creek charge in 1997; and the Otterbine- Elkins charge from 2001 until his retirement in 2007. After moving back to Pendleton County, he continued to serve local area churches as needed.

He enjoyed whittling, walking and spending time at the Pendleton County Senior Center.

On Feb. 14, 1962, he married Geraldine Shay Vandevander Hevener, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lisa Shay Burns (Rick) of Parsons; a son, James Leon Hevener (Susan) of Chesterfield, Virginia; a brother, Hal Hevener (Tina) of Idamay; seven grandchildren, Kimberly Spears (Daniel), Bethany Pennington (Chris), Joshua Burns (fiancée, Autumn Pifer), Betty Sue Varner (Ben), Jessie Williamson (John), Sami Jones (Zane), and Sara Hevener (Nathan Hayes); seven great-grandchildren, Jaydon, Avyanna, Onyx, Brinley, Kensley, Max and Leo; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dwight Hevener and Steven Hevener; and two sisters, Alma Jean Wagoner and Sherry Hevener Kile.

A funeral service was held Saturday at the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastors J.D. Wilkins and Hal Hevener officiating. A graveside service was conducted at Kline Cemetery by members of Pendleton Lodge #144 A.F. & A.M., and the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Upper Tract United Methodist Church, c/o Holly See, PO Box 16, Upper Tract, WV 26866.

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



Patty Jean Willis

On Sept. 25, 2026, Patty Jean Willis was called home to glory.

Born on April 1, 1939, in Bellaire, Ohio, she was the youngest of seven children born to the late Patrick Henry Merritt and Martha Lindsay Merritt.

Although illness left her bedridden during the final years of her life, it never diminished the love and joy she brought to those around her. Her beautiful smile could light up a room, her laughter was contagious, and her presence made people feel welcome, valued, and cared for. She never met a stranger. She had a special way of turning a simple conversation into a meaningful connection.

Education held a special place in her heart. She began her elementary education in a one-room schoolhouse led by the late Lottie G. Wright. Throughout her life, she proudly said that “Mrs. Lottie,” as she was affectionately known, was the best teacher she ever had.

Mrs. Willis also became part of Franklin’s history as one of the first Black students to integrate the previously all-white Franklin High School. She endured being spat upon, called names, and laughed at, but she refused to allow cruelty to defeat her. With courage, strength, and determination, she continued moving forward, helping to break down racial barriers and open doors for those who followed. She graduated from Franklin High School in 1959 with dignity and the respect of her community. Her academic achievement was also recognized through the Golden Horseshoe Award, an honor representing academic excellence, state pride, and a deep knowledge of West Virginia’s heritage.

She loved to talk, not to gossip, but to share meaningful conversations about the things that truly mattered — her family, her work, and the world around her. She stayed informed about current events and believed strongly that every person should exercise the constitutional right to vote. She faithfully worked at the polls during elections because she understood that every voice deserved to be heard and every vote mattered.

She married the late William N. Willis and remained a devoted wife through life’s happiest moments and its most difficult seasons.

She worked several jobs, often putting in long hours. Even when she was rushing from one job to another and running a little late, she could be counted on to show up and work hard. She was the selfless backbone of her family. Many times, she went without so that her five children would have everything they needed. Her strength held the family together, and her sacrifices were one of the many ways she expressed her unconditional love.

Her family will forever remember the love she poured into them, the kindness and support she freely gave, her joyful spirit, her remarkable strength, and her lifetime of hard work and sacrifice. She taught her family how to persevere, how to care for others, and how to keep moving forward even when the road was difficult.

“Her absence breaks our hearts, but we find comfort in believing that she is now in God’s house, free from illness and pain, and resting safely in His loving arms. The love Patty gave us will remain in our hearts, and the lessons she taught us will continue to guide our family for generations.

Well done, Patty Jean Willis. You have earned your wings. May God bless you and keep you. We will love you forever, Mrs. Patty.

Your light will continue to shine in every life you touched.”

She leaves to cherish her memory her five children, Eddie Willis of Franklin, Terry Willis, widower of the late Denise Lamb-Willis of Raleigh, North Carolina, Karen Willis-Hilliard and her husband, Anthony of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Patrick “Chip” Willis and his wife, Asala of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Kara Willis of Franklin. She is also survived by her sister, Vivian. Her beautiful legacy also lives on through her 14 grandchildren and the many family members and friends whose lives were blessed by her love.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Marvin, Arnold, Edwin, and Dewey; a sister, Marion; a beloved daughter-in-law, Denise Lamb-Willis; and two grandsons, Jquan Willis and Monte Willis.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home chapel. Interment will be at the Willis Family Cemetery in Franklin.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



**James Russell
Vandevander**

James Russell Vandevander, 59, of Circleville passed away Sept. 13, 2026, at University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the result of a motor vehicle accident earlier that evening in Highland County, Virginia.

He was born June 16, 1967, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and was the son of Linda Susan (Arbaugh) Vandevander of Circleville and the late Harold E. “Buck” Vandevander.

Mr. Vandevander was a 1985 graduate of Circleville High School.

He worked at Walmart Distribution Center in Mt. Crawford, Virginia, for the past 21 years and attended Big Run Baptist Church.

He loved fishing, hunting, hiking, fixing things and spending time with his family.

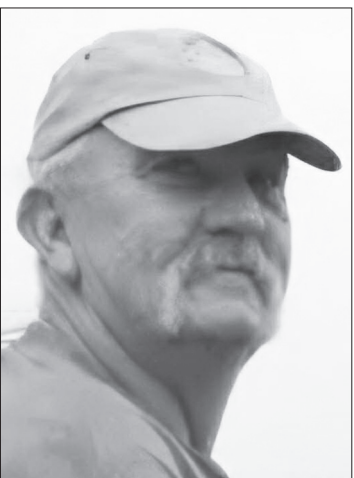
His wife and the love of his life for 34 years, Tammy Marie (Bennett) Vandevander, survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Lindsey Vandevander of Martinsburg, Bernice Renee Alexander (Matthew) of Maysville and Ashley Nicole Vandevander and Rebecca Arcure, both of Circleville; three sons, Jamie Eugene Morgan and Preston Lambert, both of Circleville, and Michael Benjamin Bennett (McKenna) of Dry Fork; a brother, Harold E. Vandevander, Jr. of Circleville; three sisters, Abby Cassell (Richie) of Arbovale, Joyce Shreve (Keith) of Keyser and Sylvia Hamilton of Circleville; 12 grandchildren, James, Nevaeh, Christine, Kiley, J.R., Kinsley, Bella, Paisley, Aaliyah, Israel, Kolton and Micah; and two great-grandchildren, Jamie and Oaklynn.

A funeral service was held Sept. 21 in the chapel of the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Mike Lambert officiating. Interment was at the Vandevander Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made toward his final expenses, c/o Tammy Vandevander, 4959 Upper North Fork Road, Circleville, WV 26804.

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



**William James
“Jimmy” Haddaway**

William James “Jimmy” Haddaway, 71, of Franklin and formerly of Tilghman Island, Maryland, passed away on Sept. 26, 2026.

Born on July 27, 1955, in Easton, Maryland, he was the son of the late Shirley Cecilia (Haddaway) Weber and Reginald Leroy “Scud” Haddaway.

A fourth-generation commercial waterman, when he was not working on the water, he could be found wandering the marshes and the mudflats at low tide looking for arrowheads. His collection numbered in the thousands with the Clovis Point found near Tilghman the crown jewel. In his younger years, he trapped muskrat and hunted.

He was shy and kind to everyone who knew him. He was a southpaw pitcher known for his fastball. Like most watermen, he was a jack of all trades. He could fix anything and was a hard worker.

He attended St. Michaels High School and later obtained his United States Coast Guard captain’s license. He completed two skilled trades programs, welding fabrication and commercial driver’s license certification, at Chesapeake College.

When his mother passed away, he moved to beautiful Franklin. There he worked with the West Virginia Department of Highways and continued hunting arrowheads.

He became a born-again believer in his later years. He was baptized in the river and used Facebook to share a positive message to his friends daily.

Surviving are two sisters, Lisa Rodgers (Fred), of Franklin and Linda Haddaway King (Rob) of Tilghman Island, Maryland; and nieces and nephews, Joselyn King Ward (Bowden), Amanda King, Sara King, Samuel Rodgers and Amber Rodgers.

A celebration of life service will be held Oct. 30 at St. John’s Chapel located at 5160 Black Walnut Point in Tilghman, Maryland.

Memorials may be made to Talbot Waterman’s Association, PO Box 324, Bozman, MD 21612, or toward funeral expenses at Basagic Funeral Home, PO Box 215, Franklin, WV 26807.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

Deepest Gratitude

Our sincere thanks to everyone who showed us kindness during Stanley’s illness and passing. We are truly grateful for all your acts of compassion: calls, visits, kind words, hugs, cards, flowers, gifts, food, and donations. Special thanks to the staff at Grant Memorial Hospital, Pendleton Manor, and Mountain Hospice for taking such good care of Stanley; Schaeffer and Kimble Funeral Homes for your guidance and support; the South Branch Ruritan Club and community for the delicious meal; and Pastor J.D. Wilkins for the heartwarming service.

We are comforted knowing Stanley loved the Lord and will spend eternity with Him.

May God bless each of you.

The Rev. Stanley Kile Family

Republican’s One Big Beautiful Bill Changes to SNAP

- **About 4,000 West Virginia children have already lost SNAP** (since May, 2026).
- **West Virginia must now pay 75% of SNAP’s administrative costs** (up from 50%).

Shelley Moore Capito and Carol Miller voted for these changes.

How West Virginia handles SNAP in the future will depend on who is elected in this mid-term election (Nov. 3). Vote for representatives who will fight for these programs:

- **Rachel Fetty Anderson** (US Senate, to replace Capito)
- **Vince George** (US House, to replace Miller)
- **Kevin Carpenter** (WV Senate)
- **Mandy Weirich** (WV Delegate, District 67)
- **Betsy Orndoff-Sayers** (WV Delegate, District 86)

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Conrad Descendants Gather for First Reunion

July 25 was a perfect day in every way. The excruciating high temperatures of a couple weeks back became more bearable, and the drought-breaking rains had subsided. The sky was clear and blue, the wind was tamed, offering a gentle breeze, after a tornado tore through the near-by area just days before. Yes, it was the perfect setting to celebrate the first ever “Jim” and Mag Conrad descendants reunion.

James William “Jim” Conrad was a great-great-great-great grandson of Jacob Conradt, Sr., the first known Conradt (or Koonradt) to have immigrated to America, having been born in 1705 in Canton Bern, Switzerland. It is believed he arrived in 1750 in Philadelphia aboard the ship “Patience.” When he left Switzerland with his four children in tow, he was a widower, as his wife, Franney Svena Lauk, had died the year prior to his departure. His six-year-old son, Jacob Conrodt, Jr., the son of which this family of Conrad’s descend from, made that journey with his father. Jacob immigrated to America seeking religious freedom and economic opportunities and was a Blacksmith by trade.

The present-day surname Conrad has had many different spellings during the years, such as Conradt, Konrad, Kunrad, Cuenin, Conard, Coonrad, Koonradt, Coonrod, and others. Conrad is primarily of German origin.

James William Conrad was born Jan. 18, 1865, in Pendleton County and died Feb. 18, 1945, at the age of 80 years. He was the son of Jacob Harrison Conrad and Mary Elizabeth (Gilkeson) Conrad. On Nov. 29, 1900, he married the former Mary Magdelene “Mag” Eye, who was born Aug. 15, 1875, and departed life Oct. 18, 1942, at the age of 66 years. Mag was the daughter of William Washington Eye and Susan Elizabeth (Sinnett) Eye of the Deer Run community.

Jim and Mag made their home in Fort Seybert and resided there, even in death. They raised their six children, Willian Harrison “Bill” Conrad, Ruth Elizabeth Conrad, Paul Fairbanks Conrad, Mabel Claire Conrad, J. Hugh Conrad, and Mary Conrad, there. So, it was very fitting to hold the Conrad reunion in the Fort Seybert community, going back to the place of their roots, and where several members still reside.

The Jim and Mag Conrad descendants are a relatively small number. At this time there is only one, a 14-year-old youth with the surname Conrad, to keep the Conrad name in circulation. Jim and Mag were grandparents to only eight grandchildren. Their four surviving grandchildren, H. Stephen Conrad, Daniel Harper “Dan” Conrad, Thomas Hugh Conrad and Susan Inez (Conrad) Hopkins, attended the reunion. Deceased grandchildren are James William “Jim” Conrad, Mary Mills (Carter) Hodges, William Jacob “Jake” Conrad and James Edward “Jed” Conrad.



James William and Mary Magdelene (Eye) Conrad

It was appropriate that the reunion took place on the grounds of the Fort Seybert Massacre, which took place April 28, 1758. The view from this vantage location in the South Fork Valley, could not have been any more beautiful, while facing east, with the magnificent Shenandoah Mountains rising in the foreground. If these mountains could talk, what a story they could tell. Some Conrad ancestors were said to have been in the fort when it was seized by Indian Chief Killbuck and his band of warriors.

The setting for the reunion was held in a reception style tent in sight of where the fort stood. Following a full course catered meal, the reunion coordinator presented an interesting program of sorts. No gathering would be

complete without the playing of John Denver’s version of “Take Me Home Country Roads” as the attendees sang along. Another favorite was “My Home Among the Hills” by the West Virginia Wesleyan Choir.

Those who had served in the United States military were recognized and presented with a miniature American Flag.

Past Lt. Commander H. Stephen Conrad served nine and one-half years in the Naval Air Force, and served during the Viet Nam Conflict. He flew 13 different types of aircraft with his primary one being the F-4 Phantom II. Hours flown were around 2,300, and carrier landings totaled 496.

He was assigned aboard the aircraft carrier, the USS Forrestal, which was stationed and operating in the South China Sea/Gulf of Tonkin, off of the coast of Viet Nam, when a catastrophic fire broke out on July 29, 1967. The fire was caused by an inadvertently fired rocket, resulting in many explosions, which severely damaged the carrier, along with the loss of numerous fighter jets and life, forcing it to be taken out of commission disabled.

Specialist 5 Thomas Conrad served in the U.S. Army, stateside, during the Viet Nam era.

Specialist 4 Jake Conrad also served in the U.S.



The four surviving grandchildren of “Jim” and Mag Conrad, from left, Steve Conrad, Tom Conrad, Dan Conrad and Susan (Conrad) Hopkins, attended the reunion.

Army, stateside, also during the Viet Nam era. His role was military police. A miniature U.S. flag was presented to his wife, Carol Conrad, in honor of his service.

Going back a generation, Tom Conrad’s father, Corporal Hugh Conrad, volunteered for duty in the U.S. Army, serving the country stateside, during World War II. Commemorating his service, a miniature flag was presented to his daughter, Susan Hopkins, and it now adorns his gravesite at U.S. Cemetery at Fairfax Memorial Park in Virginia.

Attendee Robby Fisher, a civilian employee of the Department of War, was presented with a miniature flag representing the 250th year anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Following these presentations, Lee Greenwood’s “God Bless the USA” was played in honor of veterans everywhere.

The highlight of this event was no doubt, the session of story-telling of memories, some going back to several generations. Steve Conrad related several enlightening/humorous stories which had been passed down by his grandfather, Jim, to his father, Bill. Some of the younger generation, stated the stories were the best part of the event. All these stories provided some very good, joyful outbursts

of laughter.

A special created mug, featuring photos of Jim and Mag Conrad, was presented to Steve Conrad for being the most senior person present and the Conrad patriarch of the family. Tom Conrad, a good storyteller, also received a mug. A 250th years freedom ornament was presented to Jim and Mag’s great-great-great granddaughter, Rose Elizabeth “Rosie” Lehman, youngest child present, two months. Each family was given a Jim and Mag Conrad genealogy record booklet, produced by the reunion coordinator, a customized Christmas ball and a personalized Jim Conrad pen. Every child present received appropriate to the occasion, special gifts, as well.

By bringing this event together, the younger generations learned a great deal of history about their family and went away with a deeper appreciation of their Conrad ancestry.

In closing, this writer can’t help but wonder what the long-gone senior Conrads of six generations back would think about being celebrated 81 and 84 years since their demise. The writer guesses that the descendants will never know.

Article organized and submitted by Frances Conrad Morgan.

PCER Gets Two ‘New To You’ Sets of Wheels



Pendleton County Emergency Rescue acquired two ambulances from Clover Hill in Rockingham County, Virginia. According to Mike Alt, training officer, they will replace two current units nearing the end of their useful life.

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(Incumbent)

Les Mallow – WV Delegate District 67
(Elias Coop-Gonzalez’s former district)

Steven Schetrom – WV Delegate District 86
(Bryan Ward’s former district)

Come out and meet the Republican candidates for WV State office serving Pendleton County.

Light refreshments will be served.

This event is free of charge and open to all.

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10 Years Ago
Week of September 29, 2016

**Fire Departments
Water Ball Field**

After several serious injuries were incurred during a recent middle school football game held at Slusher Field, area fire departments united on Sunday to water down the playing field at Pendleton County Middle/High School. The playing surface has become increasingly hardened in recent weeks due to lack of moisture.

Fire departments participating in the watering project included Franklin, South Fork and Upper Tract.

Dahmer Revisited
by
Tom Blair

September was a good month to live in Dahmer. In September, the roadsides and stream banks turned golden. Monarch butterflies moved among the goldenrod and the yellow ironweed, bestowing their blessing on the proud sunflowers and the humble sneeze weed. The skies filled with flocks of birds drifting lazily southward. For residents of the community, September was a busy time. People dug potatoes, made hay, cut wood and trucked livestock to market. The Elbert Fleisher family invited neighbors to help raid their beehives, escaping with generous containers of honey perfumed by white clover.

At one time, money grew on trees in Dahmer. The hillsides were covered with bountiful chestnut orchards yielding a crop that could be turned into credit at local stores. During a four-week period in 1928, John Dahmer turned in 1,058 pounds of chestnuts at the store of M.K. Boggs. Prices at that time ranged from 15 cents per pound at the beginning of the season to eight cents at the end. In today's money, those prices would have brought the equivalent of about \$2,000 to Mr. Dahmer.

The American Chestnut Blight hit at the worst possible time (in the middle of the Depression) and left a hole in the economy that was hard to fill. It also left a visible hole in many hillsides and invisible space in many hearts. Anyone who ever witnessed the grandeur of a chestnut tree, with lush foliage or up to a million leaves springing from a single trunk, never forgot the experience.

But life carried on and, in September, the families in Dahmer would start making vinegar. Most vinegar was made from apples, but in 1978, the Dahmer letter shared a secret recipe for making vinegar from whey. Johnny Arvin Dahmer vouched for it himself, swearing that it came from "a reliable lady on the North Fork" and had been used for many generations. The recipe called for placing beans into the whey to start the fermentation.

The recipe was very exacting. There had to be precisely nine beans, no more and no less. Each of the beans had to be given a name, and not just any name would do. The beans had to be named after the nine meanest people in the neighborhood.

20 Years Ago
Week of September 28, 2006

**Community Bands
Together for New Fence
At Circleville School**

Earlier this year, two North Fork residents, Dave Sponaugle and Jimmy Bennett, had an idea for a needed improvement to the grounds of Circleville's educational complex, which encompasses the elementary school, the playground, the Harold K. Michael Community Building and the restored Circleville High School building.

Sponaugle and Bennett wanted a strip of good vinyl fence, a fence that would have longevity and help with maintenance in the educational complex area opposite the CHS building.

By June 13, the fence was up and labor donated by members of the North Fork community.

50 Years Ago
Week of September 30, 1976

**Then and Now—
Going Places...
Getting Things Done**

Though much has changed in America over the past 200 years, much has remained the same. The basic needs for food, shelter, transportation, and clothing are much the same today as they were two centuries ago.

But while the basic needs of Americans have remained the same, the way we satisfy those needs has been changed decisively by harnessing energy from sources other than human and animal muscle.

These "new" sources of energy—oil, gas, coal, and nuclear power—pose new problems, at the same time that they assure a better life for Americans. Many of our fossil fuel resources will run out in time, and we must find replacements for them. Obtaining or using certain fuels degrades the countryside or pollutes the environment. Most immediately, we face the danger of excessive reliance on foreign energy supplies, a danger whose consequences were demonstrated by the oil embargo of 1973-1974 and the subsequent drastic price increases for imported oil.

If we are to solve the problems which confront us today, we must make use of the same ingenuity which characterized the first two hundred years of our nation's growth.

Then as now, the country depends on energy to move its wheels and to power its factories. The horse-powered Conestoga wagon and stage

coach helped to conquer the wilderness and open the West. Today electricity and high-octane fuels provide the energy for homes, farms and factories. Our national welfare and economic health depend upon abundant, reliable supplies of these newer forms of energy.

60 Years Ago
Week of September 29, 1966

**1966 Is Banner Year
For Pendleton 4-H Clubs**

The year 1966 has been a banner year for 4-H club work in Pendleton County. Boys and girls and their 4-H clubs have made history in a variety of ways.

Pendleton County 4-H'ers have made history in numbers—1966 enrollment is at an all-time high. A total of 482 boys and girls belong to 19 clubs throughout the county. The surge in enrollment has resulted from the organization of four new clubs during the year. They are Fort Upper Tract, Monon Raiders, Timber Ridge Officers, and Ruddle Ruralites.

Pendleton County 4-H'ers have made history in the number attending camp—186 attended county camp, 92 of whom attended older camp, and 94 attended younger camp. Eleven 4-H'ers attended Older 4-H Members Conference at Jackson's Mill. Pendleton County 4-H'ers made history with their exhibits at Tri-County Fair—winning 264 blue ribbons, 58 red ribbons and 5 white ribbons.

Pendleton County 4-H'ers made history at the State Livestock Round-up at Jackson's Mill—with 9 entries in the livestock show.

The foregoing are some of the accomplishments of Pendleton County 4-H'ers during 1966. Credit for this outstanding work goes to 4-H club members and their parents, 4-H leaders and 4-H supporters.

**Area Receives
More Rain**

Light showers this week are continuing to bring relief from one of the most severe droughts that has hit this area for a generation.

George O. Hammer, Franklin observer for the U.S. Weather Bureau, today reported that .89 inches of rain had fallen in Franklin this week by 7:30 Wednesday morning. Daily rainfall this week has been as follows: Monday .14 inches, Tuesday .13 inches, Wednesday morning .56 inches.

A total of 6.23 inches of rain had fallen at the local weather station this month. Only one day did more than one inch of rain fall. That was September 14 when 2.36 inches fell.

**WV
Adopts Emblem
For Anniversary**

MORGANTOWN—An

official emblem for West Virginia University's 100th Anniversary year beginning February 7, 1967, and a theme around which the major events of the year will be planned, were released today by the 100th Anniversary Office in Morgantown. The seal, in gold, blue, and white, is the creation of Prof. Benjamin Freedman of the Division of Art; the theme was contributed by Dr. Ruel E. Foster of the department of English.

The seal contains the words, "West Virginia University, 100 years, 1867-1967," in blue, on a white circle. Inside this, against a gold field, is a blue, free-hand drawing, representing historic Woodburn Circle on the university's downtown campus in the foreground, and the new, modern towers on the Evansdale and Medical Center campuses in the distance.

The theme, "Through Changing Knowledge to Enduring Wisdom," represents a basic conviction of those who have planned the celebration thus far.

70 Years Ago
Week of October 4, 1956

**C. L. Hevener
In County After
Absence of 69 Years**

Charles Lee Hevener, 88, is back in Pendleton County visiting friends and relatives after an absence of 69 years.

Mr. Hevener left the county when he was 19 and has spent most of the time in California, although he has lived for short periods in Ohio, Minnesota, Montana, Washington and Oregon.

"I like the hills. This is the best country I have been in yet," Mr. Hevener told a Times reporter as he was recounting his travels. "I'm glad to get back to the east. I get awfully tired of the fog and cold weather of California," Mr. Hevener said in utter disregard of the claims of the California Chamber of Commerce.

This is the first time he has been back in Pendleton County since he left when he was 19 years old. He was born at what was then known as "Sweedlin Hill" near Fort Seybert on April 12, 1868. He is a brother of Clarence Hevener of Keezletown, Va., and an uncle of Casper Cowger of Franklin.

In discussing his plans for the future, Mr. Hevener said that he had become a "rock hound" (prospector), and that he is going to spend a little time looking around the hills of Pendleton County.

EDITORIALS

Darkness and Danger ---

Autumn is here in many-splendored glory. The hills are a riot of color. Nights are crisp and cool—and it is good to be alive and in these West Virginia hills.

Days are growing shorter and the nights are growing longer. And this very thing

poses a problem in traffic.

It is at this season that we must again start seriously considering the problem of darkness in its relation to traffic dangers and traffic deaths. West Virginia State Police cite national statistics to show that the traffic death rate is three times as high in night traffic as during the daytime.

So, it behooves all of us to use some extra care both in driving and walking. Otherwise a fellow stands a good chance to meet sudden death in the dark. Yes, it is as tragic as that.

The most dangerous period of entire 24-hour day is a three-hour stretch from 5 o'clock in the evening until eight o'clock. That's the time when twilight comes on, making light conditions very tricky—and darkness finally clamps down. It is also the rush hour in cities and towns, the home-going time for the workers.

Pedestrians cause highway tragedies too. You can't pin all the blame on the motorists. So, if we are to overcome the handicap of darkness, pedestrians, and drivers alike, must share the responsibility for everybody's safety.

Let's work together.

**Moyers Answers
Emergency Call—
Gives Pint of Blood**

FORT EUSTIS, Va.—Specialist Third Class Alfred B. Moyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester B. Moyers of Moyers, was one of 18 soldiers who recently answered an emergency call at Fort Eustis, Va., by donating a pint of blood for an injured woman in the post hospital.

Specialist Moyers is regularly assigned with Company D of the 159th Transportation Battalion. He entered the Army in December 1954 and received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

**Harper 1st in State
In Livestock Judging**

Joe Harper, Circleville High School sophomore, made the highest individual score in the state in the livestock judging contest held last Friday and Saturday during the annual West Virginia Vocational Agriculture Judging Contest at Morgantown.

Harper, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bardon Harper of Mouth of Seneca, won out over 200 boys from 40 different high schools throughout West Virginia.

Circleville High School had judging teams that participated in dairy, poultry and livestock judging contests.

Representing the Circleville school were Danny Smith, Jack Bland, Kenneth Harper, Wade Teter, Bobby Barkley, Norman Teter, Donald Ketterman, Joe Harper, Richard Warner and Neil Dove. They were accompanied to Morgantown by their instructor, Byrl Law.

Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Good-bye September, hello October.

September had very few rainy days. Daylight is being lost each day. The grass cutting days are finished, and soon it will be time to rake the leaves.

The burning law goes into effect Oct. 1 with no burning from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone needs to observe the safety guidelines for burning.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins — Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Larry Moyers, Sandy Washburn, Mary Alice Simmons, Anna Lee Mitchell, and Carol Propst; prayer list — Richard Campbell, Kenny Williams, Ruth Bauer, Rick Waggy, Jim Fawley, Jessie Simmons, Minny Rhoads, David Berg, Troy Bennett, Danny Nelson, Sherry Hedrick, Tom and Judy Borror, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Tom Butterworth, Bobby Parsons, Rick Phares, Greta Pope, Virgil "Bub" Yokum, John Moyers, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Sherry Chambers, Shirley Bland, Chris Phares, Robin Gery, Nancy George, Grace and Albert Hammer, Cameron Beachler, Lisa Dingess, Kitty Waggy, Mary Lou Wagoner, Donna Bennett, Peggy Pitsenbarger, Amy VanMeter, Lynwood Pennington, Bob Hoops, Ronnie Pitsenbarger, Carl Thompson, Kaylee Bennett, Mickie Huffman, Woody Hoover, Rhonda Stump, Pollyanna Johnson, Shirley Propst, Brenda Allen, Max Propst, Julie Evick, Brenda Kiser Fisher, Harold Michael, Phyllis Ruddle, Myra Sue Hartman, Logan McMillan, Freda Jamison, Carolyn Beasley, Crystal Hoover, David Simon, Clinton Eye, Keith Hoover, Alvy Humphreys and the family of Leon Hevener.

Prayer thought: "We need God to illuminate the truth and guide us into what's real. We need God to lead us out of deadly confusion."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Sept. 2 through Sept. 27, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Sept. 21 - 70°, 60°, .47" (78°, 52°, .02"), Sept. 22 - 60°, 53°, .49" (81°, 60°), Sept. 23 - 54°, 50°, .18" (79°, 58°, .01"), Sept. 24 - 62°, 44° (71°, 59°, .06"), Sept. 25 - 65°, 36° (77°, 60°, .26"), Sept. 26 - 70°, 39° (78°, 56°) and Sept. 27 - 65°, 49° (66°, 56°, .72").

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WVDNR Urges Reporting of Wildlife Disease on New App

By Stephen Smoot

As fall hunting seasons ramp up and thousands of West Virginians take to the woods, the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources has a fieldwork assignment. They have asked anyone who notices signs of wildlife disease or disease-related mortality to report findings to the DNR.

Paul Johansen, chief of the Wildlife Resources Division, stated in a release last summer, “The Wildlife Resources Section relies on timely reports of wildlife health events from the public across the state to help monitor population health. We encourage the public to report sightings of possibly sick animals.”

The state has provided an easy and online manner of reporting, through the ArcGIS Survey 123 app. This downloads on a mobile phone device and allows for detailed reporting and mapping of reports. One can also scan a QR code provided on the West Virginia DNR website.

“Users can upload pictures and report locations and other information of wildlife that appear to be sick, diseased or that have died. Information collected will allow the appropriate wildlife resources section staff to determine if additional investigation is necessary,” stated the release.

The DNR tracks a number of diseases and conditions, both in game and general wildlife. Just as in human populations, if diseases are left unmanaged and unaddressed, outbreaks could kill or injure large numbers of wildlife. In some cases, such as rabies and avian flu, these diseases could also threaten domestic livestock, pets, and even transmit to human beings.

One condition in white-tailed deer is in its emergence among affected animals now. Hemorrhagic disease, according to the WV DNR, “is a natural virus in white-tailed deer that appears seasonally in late summer or early fall and ends around the first hard frost. On very rare occasions, the condition can create significant death rates, but often does “not have any substantial effect on the population.” It spreads through the bite of a midge fly and has no effect on pets or humans. Meat from affected animals is not dangerous to consume.

Signs of HD in the wild include less fear of humans, disorientation, bleeding from the nose or rear end, and swelling on the face.

HD has no connection with the more serious Chronic Wasting Disease. This condition is caused by a “prion,” an abnormally shaped protein in the brain that disrupts neurological functions. Another name for the family of conditions is called transmissible spongiform encephalopathy. The DNR stated that “there is no practical test of live animals to detect CWD, and there is no known treatment or vaccine. Postmortem testing is necessary for definitive diagnosis.” This is because one would need a sample of brain tissue to confirm diagnosis. Animals pass the condition to each other through contact with bodily fluids.

The human condition of the disease is known as Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. It can occur sporadically or from eating meat from infected cattle, which also carry a form of the disease. While no known transmission has come to humans from deer, health officials strongly urge that meat from deer that appear sick or have died from disease not be eaten.

CWD generally is locally concentrated in the many states and Canadian provinces which have reported its presence. Most West Virginia cases come from the Potomac Highlands area. The DNR reports that “as of April 15, 2026, 737 deer from Hampshire County, 39 from Hardy County, 63 from Berkeley County, 22 from Mineral County, 27 from Morgan County, 13 from Jefferson County and one from Grant County are the only animals found thus far to have the abnormal prion associated with CWD.”

Measures to control CWD are in place. “The WVDNR also discourages supplemental feeding and baiting of deer statewide, bans these practices on public land, and also bans these practices anytime in Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan and Pendleton counties. In addition, there are restrictions on the disposal



With the deer herd vital to the state economy, the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources tracks various diseases afflicting it. Photo courtesy of WV DNR.

and transport of deer carcasses from Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral and Morgan counties within the West Virginia containment area.”

With no way to eradicate the disease, the DNR relies

heavily on reports of CWD to investigate outbreaks and control them before they affect the herd or spread from the containment area.

Rabies also represents a significant threat, but to domesticated animals and humans. Rabid animals show disorientation, aggression, frothing at the mouth, and significant thirst. They are highly dangerous, so one should report sightings to both the DNR and also the county health department so residents can be alerted quickly.

Observers should also report issues with birds, especially unusual numbers of sick or dying animals. While a number of issues could cause this, the most significant could come from variants of avian flu.

Most birds in the wild exhibit few or no symptoms of avian flu, having developed natural immunity through exposure. The usual point of transmission to domestic chickens or turkeys comes through “backyard flocks,” or small numbers of free-ranging or yard-enclosed poultry. The WVDA has emergency protocols in place to address avian flu outbreaks, as poultry represents a significant percentage of the West Virginia agricultural economy. Reports allow DNR and/or WVDA experts to get into the field quickly, assess the danger, and recommend strategies to contain and eradicate the threat.

Pendleton County Holds Off Paw Paw in Three Sets

By Stephen Smoot

In the past two years, the Paw Paw Pirates have proved a difficult out for Pendleton County volleyball. Last season, the Pirates featured an incredibly gifted athlete who worked hard to tie the Wildcat juggernaut into knots. This season, Paw Paw has a squad with no standouts, but solid team play.

The Pirates took the first point in the first set and repeated that feat in each of the three played. After Paw Paw went up 2-0 in set one, Chesnee Colaw set up an Alyssa Bennett spike to get the first score for the Wildcats.

Not long after, Paw Paw had gone up 5-3. On their serve, Colaw popped up a ball that was delivered to the net. The Pirates failed to get much on the return and Tia Heavner tapped the ball back to pull her team within one.

Colaw helped her team secure the lead again when she came to serve down 7-6. A Colbie Wimer spike tied up the score, but Paw Paw wrested the serve back not long after. Then Colaw received the ball, passed to Phoebe Pownell, who then set up a Wimer spike and a 9-8 advantage.

The Wildcats moved out to a 13-9 lead, but the Pirates stayed with the home team. Paw Paw does not play aggressively at the net this season, but has developed discipline and patience with the ball, setting up front line players and sustaining volleys. They make fewer mistakes on their end than in previous years, showing tremendous improvement in especially the last two seasons.

The Pirates got within one at 15-14, but Katie Heavner set up Ava Bowers for a scoring strike. Pownell took the serve and coolly scored an ace to push to a three-point lead. Four points in a row from the visitors put the Wildcats behind 18-17.

Katie Heavner then set the ball to Kinsley Price for a spike and a 19-18 lead. They maintained that slender margin until the end of the set, when Bennett closed it out with an ace.

Set number two saw Pendleton County down 1-0, but Colaw fired a hit to the middle, getting both the first score and the serve. A few plays later, Bennett’s ace put her team up 3-2. Paw Paw then outscored the Wildcats and gained a 7-4 lead.

Pendleton County committed some errors during the game, but none came from a lack of effort. After a Pownell ace set the score at 8-5, visitors’ advantage, a Bowers diving effort extended a volley that concluded with a Wimer spike.

The Wildcats ground away at the lead, with an ace by

Vaylee Harper pulling her team within 9-8. She then fired her next serve to the top edge of the net, where it fell straight down for another ace to knot the game at nine. Pownell set up Price for a spike to take the lead in the set 10-9.

Paw Paw pushed hard, tying the set multiple times only to see Pendleton County pull ahead again. The final tie came at 17. On the next serve, Pownell served an ace gently off a Pirate’s face and the Wildcats took the lead. She then set up Harper for a spike and a 19-17 lead.

Victory in the set came with two consecutive Tia Heavner aces.

As the game progressed, Pendleton County played with added confidence. Sets and spikes grew more polished and precise while the team gradually played with more aggression. With a number of young players earning time on the floor, chemistry is developing as the team improves.

Down 1-0 in set three, the Wildcats tied the score as Pownell set up a Bennett spike. Katie Heavner then assumed the serve and earned a hat trick of aces to set the score at 4-1. Bennett received the serve shortly thereafter up 6-3 and scored two aces. Katie Heavner then lifted the ball to Bennett for a spike and a 9-3 lead.

Unlike the previous two sets, Paw Paw allowed Pendleton County to find its rhythm. Intimidating straight-on serves and more precise sets for shots to the other side allowed the home team to build a big lead.

Colaw enjoyed a remarkable run serving in the middle of the set. She took over up 13-8. Two serves later, Pownell set up a hard shot by Bennett. Colaw then racked up five consecutive aces.

Harper served at the close of the game, sending the ball over four times. Two spikes by Bennett and Wimer, a tap by Bennett, and a set-finishing ace by Harper concluded a three sets to none win. Paw Paw earned respect, but not the win on this day.

Last weekend, Pendleton County entered the land of the giants, so to speak. In non league tournament action during tournaments hosted by Musselman and Hedgesville, they dropped games to Musselman, Hampshire, Washington, and Martinsburg. Almost every team outside of the Wildcats came from Class AAA and Class AAAA.

The Wildcats traveled to Bath County on Monday, hosted Tygarts Valley on Tuesday, and face Hampshire and Moorefield in a tournament today at Moorefield.

Agriculture Comes to Life at Brandywine Elementary



The West Virginia Farm Bureau Mobile Agriculture Lab provided students at Brandywine Elementary School the opportunity to learn about the different aspects of agriculture, science and the natural world through hands-on experiences.

Students at Brandywine Elementary School had a special opportunity to learn more about agriculture and science through a visit from the West Virginia Farm Bureau Mobile Agriculture Lab.

From Sept. 8 - 11, students in every class at the school had the opportunity to visit the agriculture lab and participate in educational activities designed to introduce them to different aspects of agriculture, science and the natural world.

The visit offered something for students of all ages. Some classes participated in information sessions, while others took part in hands-on experiments that allowed them to see science in action.

One of the experiments enjoyed by the students in the upper grades involved extracting DNA from strawberries.



The students were able to follow the process of breaking down the strawberry and separating the DNA, giving them a firsthand look at something they normally only encounter in a textbook or classroom discussion.

The younger students learned about honeybees and the important role they play in agriculture. They learned about the different members of a bee colony, including the queen, drones and worker bees, and how each has a specific role in keeping the colony functioning.

Students were also introduced to some fascinating facts about honeybees, including the number of eyes they have and how their bodies and behaviors help them perform their jobs. Additionally, students learned about the many products made with honey, including personal care products, health and wellness items and home products, such as candles and wood care materials.

The agriculture lab provided students with more than just an opportunity to learn facts. The hands-on activities allowed them to ask questions, make observations and experience science and agriculture in a way that was both educational and fun.

Programs, such as the West Virginia Farm Bureau Agriculture Lab, help students better understand where food



comes from, the importance of agriculture and the science behind many of the things they encounter in everyday life.

For the students, it was a week of learning that showed that agriculture isn’t just something that happens on a farm — it is closely connected to science, nature, food and everyone’s everyday lives.

Brandywine Elementary staff appreciates the West Virginia Farm Bureau for bringing the agriculture lab to the school and giving students an opportunity to learn, explore and discover through hands-on experiences.



Descendants of
**JOHN AND JULIA
BOWERS**
Sunday, October 4
Meal will be around 12 Noon
Friends Run Church of the Brethren
Bring a dish and come visit with family and friends

By Stephen Smoot

Two years ago, James Vincell started the season at quarterback with Colton Roberson, a talented freshman standing behind the senior. After leading the team to an upset of number one Greenbrier West, Vincell, the current catcher for the Concord University baseball team, fell to injury. Against a powerful Tucker County team, Roberson performed well in a loss. That said, it was against the Tygarts Valley Bulldogs that the then-freshman got his feet under him as a lethal talent on both offense and defense.

With Roberson injured at the end of the contest against Moorefield on Sept. 18, freshman Mason Miller had to step in at quarterback against one of the top teams in Class AA in a late game pressure situation. Last Friday, he had a chance to work against a team that posed somewhat less of a threat than any of the squads faced thus far this year.

Tygarts Valley came into the game without a win and left in the same condition. They posted narrow losses to Valley, Tucker County, and Webster County before a 20 to nothing setback to Bath County, Virginia.

In his first varsity start, Miller posted efficient numbers, completing 10 of 15 passes for 301 yards and four touchdowns. The offense for Pendleton County served as the very definition

of balanced. Against Miller's 15 passes, the Wildcats executed 15 running plays. Braylon Willis had an excellent day on the ground with 11 rushes for 110 yards and two scores. Cayson Armstrong also rushed for a strong seven yards a carry average, gaining 35 yards on five attempts.

Miller hit on deep plays. Cameron Wyatt pulled in two receptions for 131 yards and two touchdowns. Travis Owens led in the number of catches with five, gaining 94 yards in his efforts. He also ran back a kick 92 yards for a touchdown. Britton Lough brought in two catches for 55 yards and a touchdown while Jonah See had one big catch for 21 yards and a touchdown.

One of the best signs of a solid defensive day comes when the defensive linemen rack up tackles. Spencer Hartman led all with seven solo tackles, two for loss. Sam Eason was second on the team with six stops, and Ty Heavner ranked fifth in tackles with four. Almost one third of the team's 64 stops came from those linemen. Owens had five tackles, Wyatt and Wyatt Haynes five, Wyatt Hoyt, Rylan Tilley, Liam Simmons, and Lough with three. David Noble, Carson Alt, Ronnie Thompson, and Noah Kobetic had two, and Jayden Souza, Albert Ramos Rivera, Bryce Propst, and Jackson Wimer had one a piece.

Pendleton County had 446 total yards to the Bulldogs' 255. Much of the yardage and their six points came late against Pendleton County reserves.

The Wildcats opened the floodgates early and poured 21 points into the first quarter, adding six in the second. Two touchdowns a piece came in the third and fourth quarters, giving the Wildcats a 54-6 win.

Friday, Tucker County comes to Franklin. In recent years, the Mountain lions have tended to reload rather than rebuild, but come into this season's game with a two and three record. They opened with a 31-16 loss against Pocahontas County, whose only other win came against Richwood. Tucker County has a narrow victory over Tygarts Valley and an overtime win versus Clay-Battelle. Blowout losses came against East Hardy and Cameron.

One virtue of a front loaded schedule comes in getting the biggest matchups against the best teams out of the way early. The schedule lightens somewhat in the second half of the season. Bath County has a three and one record and Pocahontas County has shown improvement. On Oct. 23 and 30, Pendleton County plays against two Virginia hero namesake high schools in Stonewall Jackson and the Thomas Jefferson Science and Technology school in Alexandria, Virginia. Neither the Clarksburg-native general nor the third president would be impressed by their records thus far on the season.

The final game of the season pits the Wildcats against a once again powerful Cameron squad.

Two years ago, James Vincell started the season at quarterback with Colton Roberson, a talented freshman standing behind the senior. After leading the team to an upset of number one Greenbrier West, Vincell, the current catcher for the Concord University baseball team, fell to injury. Against a powerful Tucker County team, Roberson performed well in a loss. That said, it was against the Tygarts Valley Bulldogs that the then-freshman got his feet under him as a lethal talent on both offense and defense.

Tygarts Valley came into the game without a win and left in the same condition. They posted narrow losses to Valley, Tucker County, and Webster County before a 20 to nothing setback to Bath County, Virginia.

In his first varsity start, Miller posted efficient numbers, completing 10 of 15 passes for 301 yards and four touchdowns. The offense for Pendleton County served as the very definition

Miller hit on deep plays. Cameron Wyatt pulled in two receptions for 131 yards and two touchdowns. Travis Owens led in the number of catches with five, gaining 94 yards in his efforts. He also ran back a kick 92 yards for a touchdown. Britton Lough brought in two catches for 55 yards and a touchdown while Jonah See had one big catch for 21 yards and a touchdown.

One of the best signs of a solid defensive day comes when the defensive linemen rack up tackles. Spencer Hartman led all with seven solo tackles, two for loss. Sam Eason was second on the team with six stops, and Ty Heavner ranked fifth in tackles with four. Almost one third of the team's 64 stops came from those linemen. Owens had five tackles, Wyatt and Wyatt Haynes five, Wyatt Hoyt, Rylan Tilley, Liam Simmons, and Lough with three. David Noble, Carson Alt, Ronnie Thompson, and Noah Kobetic had two, and Jayden Souza, Albert Ramos Rivera, Bryce Propst, and Jackson Wimer had one a piece.

Pendleton County had 446 total yards to the Bulldogs' 255. Much of the yardage and their six points came late against Pendleton County reserves.

Friday, Tucker County comes to Franklin. In recent years, the Mountain lions have tended to reload rather than rebuild, but come into this season's game with a two and three record. They opened with a 31-16 loss against Pocahontas County, whose only other win came against Richwood. Tucker County has a narrow victory over Tygarts Valley and an overtime win versus Clay-Battelle. Blowout losses came against East Hardy and Cameron.

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West Virginia Farm Bureau's O'Dell Shares Look Ahead

Senior & Family By Stephen Smoot not heard about the controversy about what's called near the Kanawha Valley was constructed around

He shared first the recent successes enjoyed by the WVFB in achieving its legislative goals. O'Dell noted a bill that addressed the application of the state sales tax on forestry equipment, but not for agriculture. It removed the tax on equipment used in forestry, such as bulldozers, vehicles, and other necessities which is "a significant tax advantage for most people in the forestry business."

Next, O'Dell mentioned Senate Bill 84 which took on the topic of drone and camera surveillance. He explained that the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources and other "state organizations had purchased drones and were able to fly those over private property and this bill changes that. They can still go with permission or by warrant." He also stated that seven states had passed legislation limiting access to private property by DNR and other state officials.

Related to the topic, O'Dell brought up the controversy over “Flock” cameras. These devices use artificial intelligence to examine and analyze imagery with the capability of tracking individuals. Police officers in some jurisdictions have already been caught abusing their power. “You may have

O'Dell pointed out that they have served well in helping law enforcement more quickly track down offenders in child abduction cases. The cameras also “capture the data of everyone who goes through that intersection.”

O'Dell then turned to data centers, topics that he called "controversial." He shared that he has seen "seven or eight pretty solidly proposed for West Virginia and another five or six that are also being proposed." He shared that some have criticized their energy use, but added that House Bill 2014 allowed high impact data centers to construct their own power source. Industry trade journals have also shared that is the expected trend, especially with legislation coming at the state and federal level requiring companies building them to shoulder the burden of higher rates that may come as a result.

He then shared information on the tax revenues expected and where they would go. Half of the revenues allocated to the state go into a personal income tax reduction fund. "In West Virginia, you folks that are still working, you pay a little over \$2 billion in personal income tax," he commented.

“By the number of those data centers being proposed, you could wipe out the personal income tax,” O'Dell said. Other states have also zeroed out the income tax, but increased the more regressive sales tax to make up for the loss. The State of West Virginia seeks to shift the burden of personal income taxes from individual tax payers to companies operating data centers.

“The other big issue will be power generation or at least electric lines. It certainly is a private property right,” he explained. Referring to the proposed transmission line projects being constructed to expand capacity and prevent shortages and losses of power during peak periods, he said, “The grid is pretty old” and added that some vital infrastructure

Moving on from that topic, O'Dell said, "Here's a big one. The level of what I call the courts intervening in things that they have no business in and no constitutional authority." He added that "you read in the paper all kinds of things about the courts making a decision, that ultimately has to go up in the Supreme Court, and it's weighing down on the entire legal process in the United States. That will have a huge effect on farmers also."

For much of American history, state and federal courts acted in restraint and would not consider cases they felt were best handled by the legislative branch. Increasingly, courts have broadened their field of activity to the point where some judges rule on their personal opinions and not the law.

O'Dell then touched on the shortage of lawyers in West Virginia and rural areas across the country. "The problem is they're concentrated in the bigger cities. Places like Franklin, other rural areas, do not have much access to legal counsel. This slows down business contracts, land purchases, and other vital aspects of day-to-day business for farmers and other businesses. Some counties have reported that they struggle to find lawyers to help process estates."

"Secondly, I believe the MAHA (Make American Healthy Again) movement that Secretary (Robert) Kennedy (Jr.) is guiding for President Trump will have a major effect," O'Dell shared that health concerns are pushing shifts in the American diet. "I really believe the GPL-1 drugs will have an effect on our society because those who take that medication generally are placed also on a diet of higher protein. That will drive the meat business in United States in a different fashion in the next few years than I believe is currently going on."

Finally, O'Dell warned of a dangerous threat from urban youth and their dalliance with socialism. The economic philosophy of Karl Marx, whether one calls it communism or socialism, led to the murder of millions of farmers in Russia, Red China, Cambodia, and elsewhere as lands were stolen from farmers and natural rights infringed against all

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South Branch Adult Treatment Court Graduation Is a Message of Hope and Grace

By Stephen Smoot

“We have a very special class to celebrate,” stated H. Charles Carl, circuit court judge. He stood before a large group of treatment court graduates, their families, friends, treatment team members, and community supporters to open the day.

As per usual, all gathered at the community building in Hampshire County Park between Romney and the scenic Trough. Blue skies, pleasant temperatures, and the music of song-birds greeted all as they arrived.

The South Branch Adult Treatment Court, one of several statewide, combines the efforts of judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and social welfare workers and organizations. The program provides step-by-step pathways to avoid addiction, embrace better life habits, learn to function sober and independently, then go forth into the community and, often, give back. Each step offers ways to step up and accountability if the participant stumbles in some way. The first such court program appeared in Ohio County. A strong early advocate was the late judge John Yoder of Jefferson County.

Richard Largent, a United States Army veteran and 2026 treatment court graduate, led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carl then introduced the treatment team, which included himself, Judge John Treadway, April Mallow, Pendleton County



The judges, prosecuting attorneys, social workers, counselors, and others who form the South Branch Adult Treatment Court team were on hand to celebrate the graduating class of 2026.

prosecuting attorney, and many others.

Elected officials and representatives spoke briefly. Delegate Rick Hillenbrand rose first and told graduates, “Today is your day. I want to recognize you, the graduates.” He praised them for “being willing to do the hard things” and finished with “God bless you all and congratulations.”

Delegate David Cannon also showed in support, but did not speak.

Rhett Dusenbury, senior field representative for United States Congressman Riley Moore, shared that no matter whether the previous day’s battle was won or lost, “every day the sun comes up and gives you another chance.”

United States Senator Jim Justice also sent “warm wishes,” according to Carl.

Sarah Royal, probation officer and program director, spoke next. Most of her opening words celebrated the career and impact of Adele Lavigne, WVCORR counseling therapist who will retire after more than two decades of service.

“Adele was one of the first people I met and have been fortunate enough to work with her for 20 years. Because of her, I am who I am,” shared Royal. She then addressed the graduates, saying, “We love you. We’re proud of you.” Royal then introduced Lavigne.

“My heart is so full,” expressed Lavigne. She explained her initial resistance to working with recovering addicts, noting she once told Royal, “I don’t do addiction.” She then added that the decision to start working with those in recovery “has been the

greatest gift of my life. Not a day goes by that you don’t learn something or feel something.”

The Staten Island, New York, native next shared, “By the grace of God I was put here.” Lavigne then described that “this is not a job. It’s a lifestyle for us because it is a lifestyle for them.”

She concluded with “life is hard when you are sober. Life is hard when you are not sober. Life is harder in recovery.” Though retired, Lavigne said that she will remain available to help the program and participants in any way she can.

Miranda Filius, a 2017 graduate, spoke next, sharing that “I came . . . broken, lost, and wearing a mask” then adding that “I’ve been given a second chance to live, break the cycle again as

I raise my two beautiful daughters.”

Two graduates hailed from Hardy County, two from Hampshire, and one came from Greenbrier, but now resides in, and even has a business in Hampshire.

Melissa Valkos spoke first among the graduates. The confident young woman stepped to the podium to share her story. “It feels like I have been here all my life,” she started, adding that “my mind and my body is refinished.”

Valkos stated emphatically that “everything that happened is my fault” but treatment court taught her “to be a better version of myself.” She explained that during the throes of her addiction that she believed that strong feelings and sharing emotions made her appear weak. The program gave her “tools and knowledge” to overcome not only drugs, but some of the mental traps that kept her “sealed off” from any who could help.

She said to Royal “I’m glad you were in my corner.”

Next up came Andrew Hudson from Greenbrier County. After he “personally thanked everyone at this table” he said, “Adele, I know you will be around like I will.”

“I got a lot of love and a lot of respect for you all,” he said to the treatment team. “I didn’t want to be there, but I didn’t know that I needed to be there,” Hudson admitted.

He then shared, “I spent so much time on the run, living on almost nothing. Today, I’m not on the run. I’m on the hunt” for a continually better life in sobriety.

After the graduates who wished to share their stories did so, a slideshow showing the journey of each was played. Then came the lunch reception of fried chicken, macaroni and potato salad, and more.

Many lingered on for an hour or more after the close of the presentation, sharing fellowship, stories, and support.

The most important message shared on that day was that hope and grace are still there for those who have lost hope and felt beyond the healing power of grace.

Verizon Responds

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are in use across the affected locations

In a recent 17-page letter, Verizon shared that they “will confirm whether a commission-approved replacement service is available at the customer’s address prior to transitioning that customer off of POTS [Plain Old Telephone Service] over copper network facilities.” The Federal Communications Commission, the commission referred to by Verizon, requires that replacement technology provide “substantially similar levels of network infrastructure and service quality as the service being discontinued.”

One of the reasons given by Verizon for discontinuing the century-old service lay in the opportunity cost spent on maintaining the aging network. Verizon was quoted by the Rappahannock News as stating that “every day that passes without approval is a missed opportunity to unleash resources for investment, reduce inefficient energy consumption, and free useful copper for more valuable purposes.”

Last Friday, the FCC halted the process of approving Verizon’s request to investigate further. It stated that the pause did not reflect a determination to deny the request.

The Pendleton County OEM shared, after speaking with state officials, that “it is our understanding . . . that no disconnection can occur without an approved alternative.”

“If a location lacks fiber, adequate wireless coverage, or another approved replacement voice service, they will not discontinue the existing copper line service,” stated the Pendleton County OEM. They added that the FCC required that Verizon inform a number of customers who are not part of Verizon’s plan of disconnection.

Furthermore, it encouraged “if you end up being advised that your location has an alternative service, such as cellular, and you do not, challenge that claim with Frontier/Verizon and also contact the FCC. We have found that FCC maps, particularly related to cellular telephone coverage, are not accurate and do not represent real life coverage.”

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working with the festival. It’s a countywide event. Everyone bands together,” he added. He also stated that the festival is well-organized with “as low a level of incidents as you can expect.”

Organization of TMF was assisted by a number of first-time and younger individuals taking part in organization and administration. As Humes described, “They were stepping into roles that older folks who had been doing for years were ready to retire from.” Other regional festivals and events have contended with the struggle of recruiting help to continue into the future.

She went on to share that “I cannot explain the astonishment I have for the people showing up in so many different capacities for the festival. There’s not one single person who makes it all happen but it depends on all who show up.”

“For such a small community, that’s so impressive, she concluded.”

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APPLICATION FOR A CLASS 5 UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT

November 5, 2026 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 03 - Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract of parcel of real estate, lying and being situate 425 feet West of W. Va. Secondary Route 220/6, the Entry Mountain Road, approximately 1.2 miles West of the Town of Franklin, adjoining the land of E. E. Hott on the North and on the South, East and West by the lands of Marion Wright, Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and is more particularly described by its metes and bounds as follows:

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The State of West Virginia will act on the above application in accordance with the West Virginia Legislative Rules, Title 47, Series 13, Section 14.24 issued pursuant to Chapter 22, Article 11 and Article 12.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this public notice. Comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304-2345 ATTN: Michelle Finney, Permitting

The public comment period begins October 01, 2026 and ends October 31, 2026.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to issuance of the permit. Correspondence should include the name, address, telephone number and email address of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. A public hearing may be held if the Director determines there is significant public interest in one or more issues relevant to the draft permit.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated May 27, 2000, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Book No. 79, at Page 151, and modified by Corrective Affidavit recorded in Book No. 174, at page 518, Anna Wright and Valery Wright and Charles Wright did convey unto Stephen L. Thompson, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2018-RPL3 Trust to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Pendleton County Courthouse in Franklin, West Virginia, on

November 5, 2026 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 03 - Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron pipe located S. 89 30' W. 57.9 feet from a steel jack stand, corner of Marion Wright and Eldon E. Hott, thence S. 89 30' W. 104.36 feet with the line of Hott to a 3/4" iron pipe; thence S. 0 30' E. 104.36 feet to a jack handle witnessed by a cap in the 5" oak in a clump of four oaks at 2.70 feet; thence N. 89 30' E. 104.36 feet to a 3/4" iron pipe; thence N. 0 30' W. 104.36 feet to the beginning and containing 0.25 acre or 10,891 square feet as surveyed and calculated by Edward Paul Morton, Sr.

BEING the same property conveyed to Valery Wright, Charles Wright and Anna Wright by deed from Marion Wright, dated March 15, 1976, recorded May 13, 1978 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 99, page 340.

A 30 foot right-of-way through the 1.6 acre and 0.75 acre tracts of Marion Wright is also conveyed. It runs from the Northwest corner of the 0.25 acre tract to the East boundary of Marion Wright's 0.75 acre tract and is described as follows: Beginning at the 3/4" iron pipe N. 89 30' E. 57.9 feet; thence S. 66 E. 40.39 feet; thence S. 34 E. 103.10 feet; thence S. 54 E. 95.13 feet to the East side of Marion Wright's 0.75 acre tract.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: Entry Mountain Rd, Franklin, WV 26807.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record

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Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee will, by virtue of authority vested in him by that certain Trust Deed dated June 25, 2021 by and between JONATHAN L. SIMMONS to Jeffrey S. Bowers and J. Stuart Bowers II, Trustees, securing the Pendleton Community Bank, Inc. in the payment of a certain Promissory Note, said Note now in default, and said Trust Deed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 169 at page 284, on

FRIDAY,

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Open Position: Cook

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Meal Preparation
- Serving Meals
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- Must be 18+ years old
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- Dependable, Punctual & Trustworthy
- Must work well with others
- Positive Attitude
- Possess a Food Handler's Card & CPR Card or be willing to obtain one upon employment.



October 16, 2026

beginning at 11:00 AM, of that day at the front steps to the Pendleton County Courthouse, Franklin, West Virginia, offer for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder the following described real estate:

The following described tracts or parcels of real estate, together with any buildings and improvements thereon located, lying and being situate in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

TRACT NO. ONE: That certain lot or tract of real estate, lying and being situate on the east side of Propst Gap Road about one mile southeast of the Town of Franklin in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a post on a line of Okey Bowers'; thence with new lines N. 49-1/2 E. 9.12 poles up a hill to an iron post on hillside; S. 73-1/2 E. 17.60 poles along a hillside to a post; S. 32 W. 9.36 poles down said hill to a post in a line of Okey Bowers' and with said line N. 69-1/2 W. (old call) 19.56 poles to the beginning, containing **1 acre, more or less**, and being the same real estate granted and conveyed to Ciera D. Martin (aka Ciera D. Nine-Miller) and Dustin Nine-Miller, by Deed dated January 26, 2017 and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 202, at Page 257, who thereafter granted and conveyed the same to Jonathan Simmons, Grantor herein, by that Deed dated the 25th day of June, 2021, of record in the Clerk's Office aforesaid in Deed Book 216 at page 196, to which references are herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

TRACT NO. TWO: The following described tract or parcel of real estate, lying and being that certain triangular shaped lot or parcel of land, 1 mile from Franklin, on the Propst Road, in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, adjoining and between the lands of W. M. Boggs, the lot of Jacob A. Propst and the lot of the said Leah Bowers, containing **74-1/2 square rods, or 0.47 acres, more or less**, designated in the 2020 Land Book of Pendleton County, West Virginia, as Tax Map 28, Parcel 26, and being the same real estate granted and conveyed to Ciera D. Martin (nka Ciera D. Nine-Miller) and Dustin Nine-Miller, by Deed dated May 12, 2017, of record in the Clerk's Office aforesaid in Deed Book 203, at Page 568, who thereafter granted and conveyed the same to Jonathan L. Simmons, Grantor herein, by that Deed dated the 25th day of June, 2021 of record in the Clerk's Office aforesaid

in Deed Book 216 at Page 196, to which references are herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

The Grantor further grants and conveys to the Grantees, their heirs and assigns, all right of ways to the property herein conveyed, including, but not limited to, the right of way as more particularly set forth in a prior deed of conveyance, namely Deed Book 62, at Page 505.

This conveyance is made subject to all exceptions, reservations, covenants, conditions, easements, and rights-of-ways created or mentioned in prior instruments of record affecting the property herein conveyed, as well as granting and conveying any and all rights of ways or easements of benefit for said property.

Said Substitute Trustee was duly appointed by instrument dated April 29, 2025 and of record in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office in Trust Deed Book 181 at page 13.

The real estate taxes are assessed on the 2026 Pendleton County Land Records in Franklin District on Tax Map 28, Parcels 25 and 26.

Reference is hereby made to all instruments in the chain of title for any and all pertinent purposes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

TERMS OF SALE

\$5,000.00 on day of sale and balance upon closing, not to exceed thirty days. Announcements made at sale take precedence over any written notice or advertisement.

Persons interested in the property may contact James Paul Geary II, 104 N. Main Street, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847, (304) 257-4155 or Darla A.

Jones, Pendleton Community Bank, Inc. (304) 358-2311.

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

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

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

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must be filed with the Pendleton County Commission within 60 days after the date of first publication or within 30 days of the serving of this notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

First Publication Date: Thursday, October 1, 2026

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, November 30, 2026

Decedent: Robert R. Locklin, Henrico County, VA
Filed by: Tracy A. Locklin, Son, Herndon, VA

Decedent: Charles Dennis Grimes, Carroll County, MD
Filed by: Kimberly Lynn Beckman, Stepdaughter, York, PA

Subscribed and sworn to before me on September 25, 2026.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 10-1-2c

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FHS Classmates of '60 Gather at Wood Grill



The 1960 graduating class from Franklin High School gathered July 18 to celebrate its 66th year of graduating. Eleven classmates from Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland gathered at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg, Virginia. While socializing, cards were signed for classmates unable to attend. Plans are to gather again next year. Classmates attending were, from left, seated, Kathleen Moyers Eye, Judy Eckard Rader and Richard "Cricket" Bennett; and standing, Phyllis Miller McCleaf, Barbara Puffenbarger Barker (deceased), Louise Nesselrodt Pence, Maxine Propst Miller, Carl Kimble, Steve Conrad, Lorena Bodkin Hoover and Donald Simmons.

Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund Accepting Grant Applications

The West Virginia Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund announced that it is accepting grant applications for land-protection projects. The deadline is Oct. 31.

Land-protection projects may include important wildlife habitats, working forests and farmlands, and hunting, fishing and outdoor recreational areas. Applications for both large and small grants will be accepted. Large grants are those totaling more than \$25,000. Up to \$700,000 may be awarded in total.

Applicants should complete their application and deter-

mine project eligibility using the fund's assessment tool and technical assistance manual, available at commerce.wv.gov/outdoor-heritage-conservation-fund.

The Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund, created by the West Virginia Legislature, invests in conserving wildlife habitats, natural areas, forests, farmlands and recreational spaces. It acquires property interests and awards grants for conservation projects aligned with plans like the Wildlife Conservation Action Plan.

An 11-member board of trustees, comprising stakehold-

ers from land trusts, state divisions, recreation groups and experts, guides the fund's efforts.

To learn more about the Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund, visit commerce.wv.gov/outdoor-heritage-conservation-fund.



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SGR426A 1.15 acres, raw land with well, septic and electric, fruit trees and road frontage on North Mountain, Franklin District. **\$44,000.00.**

SGR425A 3 Bedroom/1 bath home, new shingle roof, with a separate 1 bedroom guest house, double door garage with reinforced floor, on 1.01 acres, Franklin District, Pendleton County. **\$324,999.00.**

SGR424A 10.92 acres, 3 Bed/2 Bath doublewide, Elk Mountain area, close to Spruce Knob, Seneca Rocks, Snowshoe, no restrictions, backs up to National Forest, Circleville District. **\$235,000.00.**

SGR422A 1.891 Acres, w/3,637 sq. ft., 3 Bed, 3 Bath Brick home located in Franklin Corp. LP Furnace, Heat Pump & Baseboard Electric. Public water & sewer. Barn, Camper Shed and Garage. ~~\$429,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$405,000.00.**

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 over/low sleeping, Septic, 1800 Gallon Cistern, Washer/Dishwasher, round 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, top of Peter Gap, gorgeous mountain views, 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 Decks, Full Finished basement, Screened in Porch, Spring Water. Higher clearance vehicle recommended. Buck Ridges Development. Some Restrictions. **\$285,000.00.**

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.**

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~~ ~~\$879,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$667,000.00.**

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~~ ~~\$229,000.00~~ **REDUCED 199,000.00.**

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~~ ~~\$849,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$799,000.00.**

SGR385A 11.54 Acres w/3+ Bed, 3 Bath Cabin located in Buck Ridges Dylomt. Screened porch, Deck, Stone Patio, Private Road, Hardwood floor, 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 **SOLD**

SGR381A 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.**



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2021 TOYOTA TACOMA EXTRA CAB 4X4, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., white, 156K miles	\$21,900
2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW SHORTBED 4X4, XLT sport pkg. 2.7 V-6, auto., ldd., silver, 118K miles.....	\$24,900
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2016 FORD F-350 CREW CAB PLATINUM DUALY 4X4, 6.7 diesel, auto., ldd., 110k miles, black	\$39,500
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2006 FORD F-250 CREW CAB S/BED LARIAT 4X4, 6.0 diesel, auto., ldd., wht/tan, 223K miles	\$18,500
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2022 KIA SORENTO AWD PREMIUM EDITION, 2.5 liter, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., light gray, 92K miles.....	\$23,500
2022 SUBARU LEGACY 4-DR SEDAN "Premium Pkg.," ldd w/options, perfect condition, charcoal, 111K miles	SPECIAL \$19,900 \$17,900
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2020 FORD EDGE SEL AWD, 2.0 liter 4-cyl., auto., ldd., Ruby red, 116k miles, very sharp.....	\$14,900
2020 SUBARU OUTBACK AWD WAGON, 2.5 liter, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., olive green, 114K miles	SPECIAL \$19,500 \$17,500
2019 LINCOLN MKC AWD, 2.3 liter 4-cyl., auto., ldd., black, local trade in w/only 64K miles, ex. cond.....	\$19,900
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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. ~~\$340,000~~ \$290,000.

SMOKE HOLE - 13.93 +/- ac., adjoining National Forest, 2 story cabin, 3 rental cabins, 2 ponds. ~~\$849,000~~ \$749,000 or best offer.