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This major obstruction of trees growing just upstream of the low water bridge in Franklin has Pendleton County officials concerned. Those worries have been expressed to federal officials. Photo courtesy of the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management.

Pendleton County Officials Bring River Worries to Federal Officials

By Stephen Smoot

In recent years, Pendleton County officials have continually raised concerns about conditions on the riverbed along major waterways in their jurisdiction.

To the Pendleton County Commission, Rick Gillespie, emergency services coordinator, noted last year the rise in the riverbed and accumulating obstacles, particularly on the South Branch River. This came after intense storms dumped heavy rains on the area more than a year ago, flooding parts of the Pendleton County Senior and Family Services center by the Town of Franklin Park.

Concerns over the safety and integrity of the nearby community building sparked the move to purchase the old Franklin Elementary School and move both county and state offices. While the Town of Franklin has partnered with Mon Forest Towns to start addressing stormwater issues in its impermeable surfaces, such as

parking lots, a rising river itself creates a different flooding scenario.

Mike Alt, Pendleton County Emergency Rescue training officer, has also repeatedly described fallen trees creating dangerous, and potentially deadly, obstacles for rafters, canoers, and kayakers trying to navigate in the Smoke Hole area.

One major area of growing concern lies in a rapidly accumulating obstruction in the South Branch River just south of Franklin and the low water bridge. As rocks piled together over time, the obstruction gathered enough soil to support the growth of grasses and scrub trees. The “significant obstruction,” as Gillespie describes it, could create more danger during times of severe flooding.

A similar obstruction has grown in the South Branch River just upstream of the US 220 bridge at Petersburg Gap between Petersburg and Moorefield. Both the Hardy and Grant County Commissions

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Warnerfest Helps Drive-in Show Appreciation to Supporters

By Stephen Smoot

Signs of fall include the whistles and the crack of the pads for football season, the changing of leaves from shades of



Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Richard Homan Memorial Park in Sugar Grove.

County Democrats To Gather Today

Pendleton County Democrats will meet at 6 pm today in the basement of the Pendleton County Library in Franklin. All are welcome.

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Moose Lodge in Franklin. If attending, contact Steve Conrad at 304-249-5694 by Monday.

Free Community Meal Scheduled For Sept. 10

12 Baskets - Free Community Meal will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept 10 at Thorn Spring Park. Cookout themed meals with burgers, hotdogs, beans, watermelon, and dessert will be served. All are welcome.

green to brilliant color, and the rise of excitement for the Treasure Mountain Festival.

It also means an end to splashing in a swimming pool or a river, the close of summer vacation, and the winding down of yet another successful run at the Warner's Drive-In.

This year, the theater fully implemented use of its music and theater stage alongside that of showing motion pictures. Many came out to enjoy live music and other performances, starting in May with a group of Pendleton County Middle/High School students.

In deep appreciation for the support, organizers decided this summer to put together a thank-you party for the community whose support keeps the theater going.

Present were several vendors, food sales, and live music from regionally popular bands, such as the Soda Pop Gypsies, the Jesse Milnes Band, and Steve Bailes and Raincrow. A group of cloggers also showed their traditional dancing skills.

Jared and Katie VanMeter helped out with taking the nominal entry fee. That covered the cost of putting on the event and also helps add to fun-

draising totals for the non profit organization.

Katie Van Meter shared that “I never feel more blessed than when people come and love the drive-in.” She added that the event had a steady stream of attendees all day. Since it lasted from noon to 8:30 p.m., visitors were allowed to leave and return without having to repay the entrance fee.

Kristin Dingess also helped at the entrance. She said of the reentry policy “people don’t feel stuck. They can come in and out. Five dollars for the whole day is a good deal.”

She added that a number of cars with out-of-state plates came in to hear the music. We used any way we could to get the word out and get people here. The Franklin Town Council member also noted that the event brought to the area a number of performers and tourists, which always benefits the tourism economy.

Vendors shared in the enthusiasm of organizers, expressing the hope that the theater will hold the event next summer. Katie VanMeter also reported that “people are already asking to see when we will do another one of these.”

Pendleton County Farm Bureau Honors Mitchell, Receives WVFB Update at Dinner

By Stephen Smoot

At the close of a summer that brought both challenges and blessings from sometimes wild and generally fickle weather, the Pendleton County Farm Bureau gathered Saturday night. Attendees came for fellowship, but also to listen to an update from the West Virginia Farm Bureau, conduct organizational business, and enjoy a delicious dinner courtesy of Potomac Highlands Recreation Center.

New to the regular proceedings was the invitation issued to House of Delegates candidates running for districts that will represent Pendleton County. Mandy Weirich is running in District 67 for the seat that Elias Coop-Gonzales currently holds and attended as the Democratic nominee. Republican nominee Les Mallow could not attend due to a death in the family.

Betsy Orndoff-Sayers is running as the Democratic nominee for District 86, currently held by Bryan Ward. He has also declined to run again. Steven Schetrom is the Republican nominee for that seat. Locally, the Pendleton County Commission was represented by Carl Hevener and Roger Dahmer.

Greg Bowers, the master of ceremonies, stated that “we’ve never done this before, but since both seats are open, members here have the



Thomas Mitchell's lifetime of service to the county and the field of agriculture was honored by the Pendleton County Farm Bureau last weekend. Photo by Regina Smoot.

opportunity to speak to the candidates.”

It was also announced that the Pendleton County Farm Bureau would follow the example of the American Legion and start offering scholarships for skills education in the trades. Shortages in fields such as plumbing, electrician work, diesel me-

chanics, and many other fields locally and across the nation spurred the move.

Another novelty was introduced as part of this initiative. A large blue bucket was brought to the front of the room. Attendees were asked to donate what they could, but the total amount within

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Community Banks Show that Banking Should Begin at Home

By Stephen Smoot

An old and very true maxim teaches that “charity begins at home.” In the American financial system, it should be just as commonly recognized that banking should also start at home, in the communities of the people they serve.

“The community bank model is very unique” noted Bill Loving, the recently-retired president of Pendleton Community Bank and former chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of America. The ICBA calls community banks “an integral part of main street” because “they reinvest local dollars back into the community and help create local jobs.”

At the most basic definition, a community bank is defined by the Federal Reserve System as “having less than \$10 billion in total assets.” It adds that “this portfolio has the largest number of institutions of any federal reserve portfolio.” That institution also evaluates community banks on not just assets, but also “risk profile, business activities, and operational complexity.”

They are “not defined by size, but by the model it operates,” said Loving.

Loving explained that community banks embrace a defining strategy of focusing financial activity back into the communities they serve. They “create economic value in that area” potentially doubling the impact the area would otherwise create. Deposits made by the community help to fund loans and other services that only focus on that locality, as opposed to supporting services in other states or even foreign countries.

“We’re not taking deposits and sending them to New York to fund a loan in Florida,” he explained.

Challenges over time have come from federal regulators. The bank crisis of 2008 seriously afflicted every major bank in the United States except BB&T. Regulations passed by Congress subsequently put community banks under the same exacting regulations as major institutions.

What most do not realize about increased regulations is that they always favor larger and wealthier companies and institutions. Smaller competitors trying

to comply with the same rules have the same cost of doing so. That cost is a larger relative obligation to a smaller company than a larger.

Larger companies sometimes see increased regulations, or higher minimum wages, as forces that create disadvantages for community banks in one sense, locally owned small businesses in another. Community banks, through the ICBA and other institutions, argued successfully that “a differentiation by size and character of the bank” should affect the regulatory environment and response.

Community banks serve a national purpose in supporting rural localities, but they also have different missions and purposes than large “megabanks.”

“Our model operates on one model, trust,” explained Loving. That comes from both a risk-averse, financially conservative strategy in business operation and in community support. “Think about when people in the community start looking for contributions, such as the Little League. The first place they think about is their local community bank.”

The three community banks that serve Pendleton County, PCB, Highlands Bank, and Burke and Herbert, all contributed to give Pendleton County Middle/High School athletics new scoreboards and other support in the past several months.

Highlands Bank serves as an example of how community banks evolve to meet changing conditions. Based in Petersburg, the former Grant County Bank had only one branch in its namesake locality. With branches opening in Berkeley County and elsewhere, the name Grant County Bank had sentimental value, but potentially confused customers elsewhere. The name changed to reflect the bank’s success.

Community banks also can cross state lines in their operations. PCB has several branches in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Its name changed from Pendleton County Bank. Burke and Herbert was established in 1852 and is one of the oldest banks in continual operation in the United States. Merger with Summit Community Bank gave it a footprint in West Virginia.

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River Worries

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have reported their fears for that important bridge if large-scale flooding dislodges that obstruction.

Gillespie recently engaged officials from the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the National Weather Service in a Zoom call he shared with the Pendleton County Commission that “I have shared my drone photos of the river . . . and . . . the attached 2003 Google Earth view.” He explained to federal officials that the river had no obstruction in 2003. The problem started in 2011 and has steadily grown worse and potentially more dangerous in the intervening years.

He also “pointed out a concern that Sam Yokum has with the North Fork near their campground (at Seneca Rocks) as well as having mentioned the undermined trees that fall in the Smoke Hole section.”

Gillespie explained that he encouraged them to “conduct a study of all three of our major streams and they concurred that is likely good first step and a needed step.” He added that the federal government had some grants available to fully fund such a project should Pendleton County be determined to be “economically disadvantaged.”

If the county did not meet that designation, a match from the county or state might be necessary to secure funds for the study. In the past, the federal government has shown resistance to efforts to clean up and/or dredge down the riverbed in problem areas.

Pendleton County has also succeeded in starting a project to help warn communities downstream on the different forks of the South Branch River of rising waters.

Until now, the federal, state, and local officials have relied on two old fashioned stream gauges at Brandywine on the South Fork and at Franklin on the South Branch. These gauges measure streamflow. One can see their results on different federal government information websites, such as those monitoring for flooding or drought conditions.

With recent years bringing both high-intensity storms and serious drought conditions, Gillespie requested funds for six additional gauges with modern capabilities from the Pendleton County Commission. He stated that it “graciously” provided assistance.

“We are happy to report that the first of those gauges has been installed and is in operation,” stated Gillespie. It opened operation on the North Fork near Seneca Rocks on Aug. 26, reporting the river depth at 1.54 feet when turned on. It registered a drop of just under two tenths of an inch through the afternoon of Aug. 27.

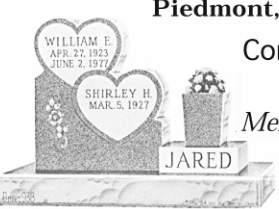
Appreciation was shared for the “partnership and expert work” by the West Virginia Flood and Integrated Warning System. They operate a public dashboard where anyone online can access stream level information.

“Once complete, the early warnings that we will receive for rapid stream rise will prove invaluable and may one day save lives,” added Gillespie.



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Community Banks

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Community banks have also evolved along with changes in the way customers do their banking. Loving noted that his career spanned “the days of the check to the day of the digital investor.” The rise of digital financial transactions and companies that specialize in them “create a challenge for all institutions” but “we’ll find a way to work through that.”

When customers use those kinds of institutions, their communities do not enjoy the multiplier effect of the money circulating through local banks and their customers. Dollars placed in the care of community banks have much more impact locally than their mere face value as they circulate through a community via loans and other transactions.

Community banks compete by balancing the needs of customers who prefer legacy, face-to-face services with those who favor as little direct human interaction as possible when doing banking. Loving explained that the challenge lies in ensuring that all customers feel valued and well-served, regardless of whether they go to a branch or conduct transactions online.

At the end of the day, regardless of how one prefers to bank, community banks take pride in ensuring that a human voice is on the line when a customer calls with a problem. Personal service and good financial reputation make up the foundation of how community banks do business.

One way in which PCB has responded to the challenge of digital preference customers is in the ITM. As opposed to an ATM, automatic teller machine, the ITM is the interactive teller machine. During banking hours and days, the ITM can connect a customer with help quickly.

Community banks also tailor their activities to the needs of their area and local economic conditions. Banks in the Potomac Highlands by necessity must have an agricultural and small business focus. Agriculture and small business, both those that serve locals and tourism, serve as the foundation of local economic activity.

Bruce Fitzwater, president of Grantsville-based Calhoun Banks, described a different focus for his bank. Located in a rugged section of the state with more sparsely scattered communities and fewer large farms, Calhoun Bank has for a long time followed a strategy of first and foremost providing residential loans. He shared that “64 percent of our loan portfolio is mortgages” and that “we strive to help people out with their homes.”

“Each home loan is different,” he added, explaining that they work closely with each applicant to try and structure home loans to fit their needs and conditions, as opposed to what might be easiest or most profitable for the bank.

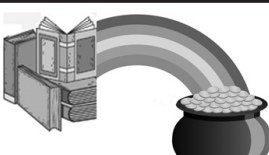
Like Loving, Fitzwater emphasized the importance of a community bank and its staff to the community, including “our folks working at ball games in the concession stands” and “judging contests.”

PCB, Highlands Bank, and Burke and Herbert Bank employees have the same high level of commitment, from PCB staff working as coaches and volunteering in festivals to Highlands Bank’s golf support of charity golf tournaments at Valley View in Moorefield, to the good efforts of Burke and Herbert staff throughout the area.

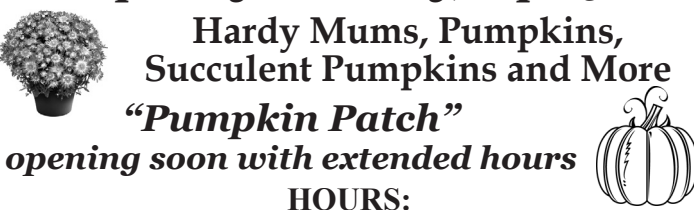
Community bank presidents could rightly ask when the last time was that someone saw a Chime, Citibank, or Wells Fargo employee volunteering to help out personally and locally. They could also point out that Bank of America appears on no Little League baseball jerseys.

Nor would any of those institutions find it financially worthwhile to focus, as community banks do, on the economic success of small towns and rural areas.

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Wayne Hedrick

Farm Bureau

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would remain secret. At the close of the meeting, those who wished bid on the bucket. They took the risk that the bid might outstrip the amount actually in the bucket. As it turned out, that didn’t matter.

Dahmer offered the invocation, in which he prayed, “We thank You for the opportunity to celebrate farmers.”

While the annual gathering conducts serious business, the tone of the meeting is always playful with the familiarity of friends and family who have worked with and known each other for decades. Bowers led the charge, telling stories of questionable validity, but dead panned, yet laughable comedy.

Steve Conrad took the podium to introduce Dwayne O’Dell, telling another story more humorous than accurate about the keynote speaker. O’Dell, government affairs director for the West Virginia Farm Bureau, laughed and said, “I’m always nervous when Steve Conrad tells stories on me.” He then joked that the three things to fear in life are “honeybees, bulls, and lobbyists.”

O’Dell then discussed some of the interests and business of the West Virginia Farm Bureau.

He noted that the West Virginia State Legislature had achieved notable successes in reducing the income tax burden on taxpayers by 30 percent. Later in his presentation, he revealed that state leaders envisioned the shifting of the rest of the income tax burden from individuals to private sector data centers constructed and operated in the state.

Half of the state’s share of data center tax revenues will go towards eliminating personal income taxation in West Virginia.

West Virginia currently is host to a number of powerful data centers, mostly operated by the United States government. In recent years, private sector firms have seen the Mountain State as a lucrative place to build these facilities.

Other states have eliminated income taxes by shifting revenue collection to sales taxes. Economists consider sales taxes a more difficult burden on the poor and working classes.

He also discussed legislation addressing access to privately held farm and forest lands by law enforcement or government regulatory workers. Senate Bill 84, passed this year, forbids placement of a camera on private property for surveillance purposes without a warrant or consent. They may place the camera outside of the property, but viewing into it.

O’Dell also explained that health trends may make “protein” food production more lucrative. A large number of diabetics and others choosing protein over carbohydrates will change food markets for the foreseeable future.

For 40 years, the Pendleton County Farm Bureau has conferred an annual service award. This year, organizers successfully hid the fact from S. Thomas Mitchell that he was the honoree for 2026.

A 1957 Franklin High School graduate, Mitchell followed Horace Greeley’s advice to “go west, young man” and furthered his education at Monterey Peninsula College in California. He then returned to the area and earned a business and accounting degree from James Madison University.

For over two decades, he labored in the field of banking for the National Bank of Keyser, Pendleton County Bank and with the State of West Virginia’s banking department. Then in 1977, drawing on his childhood roots growing up on a poultry farm, he started his own turkey operation with Rocco.

For more than 30 years, Mitchell not only focused on producing high quality birds, he also pushed at the forefront of industry innovation. Also, like a number of area farmers during the years, he served on the Pendleton County Commission. In his “spare time” he drove a school bus for a quarter of a century with some of his passengers still remembering him very fondly.

Local service clubs and organizations benefited from his experienced contributions. He served as treasurer for his church and also the Sugar Grove Lions Club, as well as serving as a charter member of the Sugar Grove Rescue Squad. His family includes his wife, Paula, three children and seven grandchildren. Many were on hand to enjoy as he accepted this honor and recognition of his contributions to Pendleton County.

Collectively the Pendleton County Farm Bureau elected to retain the same officials in the same leadership roles.

Then attendees celebrated members achieving milestones in membership. Rodney Dahmer, Raymond and Melanie Mowery, David G. Warner and Michael and Cynthia Yokum all have 20 years in. Eddie Sites was recognized for 30 years as a member.

Glenn Dahmer was announced as a 60-year member.

Finally came the auction of the bucket. Bidders pushed the amount quickly with Carl Hevener (Silver Spring Farm, LLC) and Tom and Tammy Simmons (Glenfield Farm) winning the prize with an \$820 bid. They donated the proceeds in the bucket, \$550, back to the Pendleton County Farm Bureau.



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Pendleton County Exhibitors Earn Top Honors at State Fair

Pendleton County exhibitors represented their community well at the 2026 State Fair of West Virginia, bringing home numerous placings, championships, and premier exhibitor honors across multiple livestock species and horse events.

Starting in the goat barn, several Pendleton County youth earned recognition in both showmanship and market classes. Gracie Hedrick was named champion novice goat showman and exhibited the reserve lightweight market goat. Reagyn Atkins earned fifth overall lightweight market goat and was named eighth overall junior goat showman. Bella Hoover placed third in class in the lightweight division and fifth in class in the heavyweight division, and was recognized as ninth overall novice goat showman. Tia Heavner captured champion intermediate goat showman honors and earned second and fifth place finishes in her market classes. Breymann Keesecker finished as 10th overall junior goat showman and earned third and fifth place class placings. Ty Heavner placed third in his market class. Adalyn Rumer was named reserve senior goat showman, while Jaelyn Rumer earned reserve junior goat showman

honors.

Moving into the market lamb barn, Katie Keyser brought home fifth overall market lamb and third overall intermediate lamb showman honors. Kallie Keyser was recognized as third overall junior lamb showman and placed sixth in her market class. Tia Heavner earned fourth overall intermediate lamb showman and recorded two fourth-place and one fifth place finish in her market classes. Tori Heavner was named fourth overall junior lamb showman and placed seventh in her market class. Ty Heavner finished as eighth overall senior lamb showman and earned one fourth-place and two eighth-place class finishes. Hedrick was recognized as 11th overall junior lamb showman and placed 13th in her market lamb class. Keesecker earned eighth and 10th place class placings, while Aiden Whetzel received seventh and 10th place class placings.

In the beef barn, Tori Heavner had a successful week, earning sixth overall junior beef showman, first in class with her breeding heifer, fourth in class with her prospect steer, third on hoof and second overall carcass merit honors with her performance steer. Brynleigh Ruddle



Gracie Hedrick

Katie Keyser

Tori Heavner

Lindsey Smith

was recognized as eighth overall novice beef showman. Bailee Kiger earned eighth overall senior beef showman and a class win with her breeding heifer. Aubrianna Holloway brought home third overall market heifer honors. Branson Smith also exhibited a market steer.

In the swine division, Lindsey Smith was named ninth overall senior showman and earned second and sixth place finishes in her market classes. Tia Heavner was recognized as seventh overall intermediate showman and placed seventh in her market class.

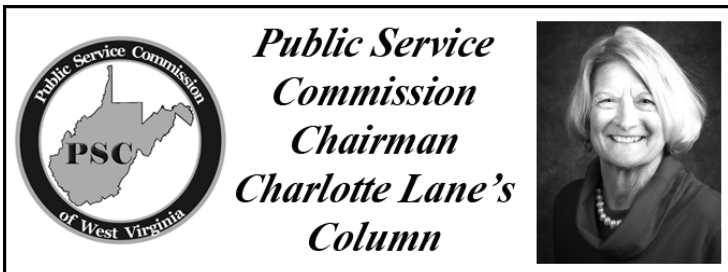
Premier exhibitor awards combine junior showmanship placings, class placings, and skill-a-thon scores into one overall ranking. Pendleton County's premier exhibitor results included Tia Heavner, fifth, senior goat; Keesecker, fifth junior goat; Tori Heavner, fifth junior lamb and fourth junior beef; Kallie Keyser, third junior lamb; and Katie Keyser, fifth senior lamb.

Kiger also earned honors in the horse arena, placing fourth in draft horse under saddle and second in draft under saddle youth competition.

A new addition to the state fair this year was the Wether Dam Ewe and Doe Show, held in conjunction with the open livestock shows. Katie Keyser earned champion intermediate commercial ewe showman and third overall heavyweight commercial ewe honors. Kallie Keyser was named reserve junior commercial ewe showman and placed 11th in her ewe class. Tori Heavner received fourth overall junior commercial ewe showman and 10th in her commercial ewe class.

The accomplishments of these exhibitors reflect the dedication, hard work, and commitment of Pendleton County youth and their families. Their success at the State Fair of West Virginia continues to showcase the strength of the county's livestock and youth development programs on a statewide stage.

PSC Chairman Reflects on Labor Day



Public Service Commission
Chairman
Charlotte Lane's
Column

West Virginia appears to be engaged in an economic resurgence as one remembers to celebrate the workers of the state who made this possible.

September 7 is Labor Day. It is traditionally thought of as the last day of summer.

The idea of celebrating labor began in 1882 to honor working men and women. It became a federal holiday two years later while Grover Cleveland was president.

One might think with the new emphasis on data centers and discussion of Silicon Valley that computer and electronics would lead the nation's current employers.

But Walmart, Amazon, and Kroger — all employee-heavy — are the top three employers in the United States. Of the top 10 national

employers, only IBM, at No. 9, is focused on high-skilled technical and professional roles.

In West Virginia, the coal industry remains a major employer and provider of fuel for the electric power industry. Natural gas, while it has a smaller workforce, is a growing part of that energy sector, too. The utilities that provide one with electricity, water, sewer, and other public convenience services also are major employers.

As with the nation as a whole, the economy of West Virginia has changed significantly since the first Labor Day.

Where once there were major heavy and labor-intensive industries, now there is smaller, more specialized plants. The major growth areas seem to be the Eastern Pan-

handle, the Interstate-79 corridor between Morgantown and Flatwoods, the lower Kanawha Valley, and the Northern Panhandle.

There have been some good and strong economic location announcements in recent years.

The Public Service Commission regulates in some way most of the new industries locating here. It is hoped they bring good jobs with them and help reverse the state's migration of population.

The commission oversees many of the power rates — electricity and/or natural gas — that will fuel these operations, or provide power for security, telephones, and other systems that they will be needing.

The world has certainly changed since the writer was a young girl living in the shadow of mighty industrial complexes that once filled the Ohio River Valley, but are no more.

And she hopes the world continues to change and develop in positive ways. It's good to remember the past, but important to look forward to exciting new opportunities for the future.

She sees only bright things for the nation and state, and wants to thank the men and women who worked so diligently to get everyone to where they are today.

Propst Clan Gathers for Reunion

The Cleveland Propst family descendants gathered Aug. 2 at Ruddle Park for their annual reunion.

Those in attendance were Leta Kimble, Sheila Torrance, Tom and Debbie Turner, Raven, John, Baylor and Beckham Sicili-

ano, Tyler, Alexis, Adler and Letty Evans, John and Nancy Bilheimer, Johnny, Becky, Maggie, John and Jesse Bilheimer, Jessica and Mark Bagdon, Jennifer and Maverick Marando, Richard and Pam Smith, Tony and Janet Smith and David Meadows.

WIC Announces September Schedule

The Pendleton County WIC office has moved to the Pendleton County Health Department at 273 Mill Road in Franklin.

During the month of September, Pendleton County WIC Clinic will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for full service. Limited

services are also available from 2 to 4 p.m. on other days of the week. Call for details.

Pendleton County participants can receive services in Petersburg if alternate days or evening appointments are desired. The office will be closed Sept. 7, 11 and 16-18.

WIC offers nutrition edu-

cation and healthy foods to pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants to age 1 and children to age 5. Either parent or a designated guardian can bring a child to appointments.

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Correction

Landyn Warner was inadvertently identified in the photos of 4-H and FFA members showing animals at the Tri-County Fair.
We apologize for the mistake.

10 Years Ago
Week of September 1, 2016

Respected Local
Dentist Retires

Teter Takes Down Shingle
After 65 Years of Service

One of the area’s most respected medical professionals has taken down his shingle in anticipation of enjoying the golden years of retirement. Dr. H. Byrd Teter, DDS, officially retired on Friday after serving the community for 65 years. Ruthalene Judy, his faithful assistant for 51-1/2 of those years, also retired.

Teter started his practice in Franklin in July of 1951, but soon after he joined the military and served in a dental clinic at Chanute Air Force Base just outside Rantour, IL, following the Korean War.

Teter graduated from Bridgewater College in Virginia and Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, which later became part of the University of Maryland, the oldest dental school worldwide.

When asked what retirement may hold, Teter, 91, replies simply. “The good Lord has always looked out for us, but I think I will start by catching up on my ‘honey-to-do’ list.”

Warner Drive-In
To Re-Open
September 9

“The Pendleton community and surrounding areas have outdone themselves,” said Bob Davis, chairman of the Warner Drive-In Cultural and Resource Center board of directors. “So much so, that we are ready to open the gates again.”

Warner’s Drive-In, which closed two years ago due to the high cost of a digital projector, will re-open on Friday, Sept. 9th with the Disney movie, “Finding Dory.”

Opening the drive-in to show movies once more is just the first step in a long list of aspirations of the group. As a corporation, the WDI plans to construct a stage at the base of the screen, repair the roof and interior of the building and put up a pavilion at the back of the property.

Origin of
Labor Day Explained

Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summertime fun and a day when thousands of people gather across the country for their final big barbecue blowouts. Labor Day has evolved into a holiday about relaxing with friends and family, and that has led to its origins getting somewhat lost in the celebratory shuffle.

Created by the labor movement in the late 19th century, Labor Day was established to highlight the achievements of American workers, both from a social and an economic perspective. Labor Day highlights one of the main benefits of being

a citizen of the United States, the ability to have professional freedom and contribute to the prosperity and strength of the country through gainful employment. Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894.

Celebrated annually on the first Monday of September, it is believed that Labor Day was first promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which also organized the first labor-related parade in New York City. Although the true fathers of Labor Day remain a topic of debate, some historians maintain that Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor put forward the first Labor Day proposal in May 1882 after witnessing a labor festival in Toronto, Canada.

20 Years Ago
Week of September 7, 2006

County Resident Earns
Best New Song Award
In National Competition

Pendleton County music lovers with Internet access should do this now: Go to newsong-festival.com and find a number titles “Where Are You Moses?”

There, one will find that Mountain Stage, the nationally renowned, West Virginia-based organization which mounts contemporary music concerts heard coast-to-coast on public radio, lists the results of its 2006 best new song contest.

The contest is juried, and one of the three co-winners this year is “Where Are You Moses?”

That powerful, wrenching song about the devastation of New Orleans, LA, by Hurricane Katrina was co-written by a resident of Pendleton County, Tracy Rush, who lives in the Dry Run area, and Dave McCormack, who is based in Saint Albans and will open for the young Nashville-based sensation, Ashley Gearing, at this year’s Treasure Mountain Festival on the evening of Sept. 16.

30 Years Ago
Week of September 5, 1996

Franklin
To Get Traffic Signal

The first traffic signal installation in Pendleton County is among contracts added to the Division of Highways’ September 10 bid opening, Governor Gaston Caperton announced today.

“This project typifies our state’s continuing growth,” the governor said, noting that the signal had been requested by the Town of Franklin for an area where turning radii had only recently been improved.

The contract calls for a signal at the intersection of North Main Street (US 220) and Maple Street (US 33) to relieve periodic traffic backups and improve access to Franklin High School.

SUGAR GROVE

A Favorite Fishing
Hole Is Special

There are many fishing spots that each of us hold dear to our hearts. It’s a place where one can slip off sneakers and squish one’s toes in the mud! All around is the shrill call of the katydids, the buzzing of the bees, and the sleepy bullfrog blinking in the sun. Every once in a while, the rousing “ribbit” sound is uttered. Dragonflies dart above the water, and occasionally a water snake glides through the water. Waiting patiently for a nibble...and as time passes by, a pebble to be skipped over placid water to break the monotony of time. Landing a big one would be great...it doesn’t matter...that fishing spot is pretty special.

40 Years Ago
Week of September 4, 1986

Graduation Held at
Scholars Academy
On Spruce Knob

The Honorable Arthur M. Recht was awarded the inaugural Great West Virginia Scholars Academy on August 24. The ceremony was part of the graduation festivities for the West Virginia Scholars held at the Woodlands Institute campus near the summit of Spruce Knob Mountain.

To become a West Virginia Scholar — the state’s highest academic award — students are selected from over 30,000 high school juniors for exceptional academic promise and have demonstrated motivation. In addition the students are selected for their ability and desire to develop scholarship skills — particularly writing. They undertake several academic programs including a rigorous 100 page autobiographical thesis during the summer.

The recipient of the Great West Virginia award is selected by the West Virginia Scholars. Judge Arthur Recht received a handcrafted white oak rocking chair, designed specifically for the West Virginia Scholars Academy’s annual award. The chair was designed and crafted by Franklin craftsman, Jim Underwood.

PCI Softball Team
Finishes with
Record of 55-16
With Runner-up Trophy
In USSSA
Class C Tourney

The Pendleton County Insurance Softball team sponsored by Morris Homan, concluded its 1986 season with the county regular season championship and the league tournament championship.

PCI finished with an overall record of 55 wins vs. 16 losses while being runner-up in the USSSA Class C State Tournament at Parkersburg. This marks the third runner-up trophy in the state tournament after winning the state in

1980 under the name of Brandywine.

The softballers of PCI finished the county league with a 33 and four record.

The PCI team has done very well in the state tourney play, finishing fifth or better in five of the last seven years.

They have earned world tournament berths in six of the last seven years, earning the reputation of one of the most consistent teams in the state.

70 Years Ago
Week of September 6, 1956

Sawmill Training School
Is Being Held Here
For West Virginia
Operators & Foresters

State forestry personnel and sawmill operators from throughout West Virginia are attending a three-day State Sawmill Training School in Franklin this week.

The school is being held in the Pendleton County Courthouse and will last from Wednesday morning until Friday at noon. It will include a tour of the Max Ruddle mill in Franklin to observe the manufacture of specialty products and mill-site instructions at the Cammack sawmill 13 miles south of Franklin on US 220.

Bill Miller, Pendleton County Forester, explained that the purpose of the school is to discriminate up-to-the-minute information concerning sawmill operation among sawmill operators of the state, and to promote greater sawmill practices among the operators and state forestry personnel of West Virginia.

The school is being held in Franklin, Miller remarked, because Pendleton County is one of the biggest producers of forest products and also because there are a number of sawmills in the county.

EDITORIALS

A Commendable
Attitude ---

Franklin’s mayor and town council displayed a commendable attitude over the past weekend by issuing courtesy cards providing for free parking to members of the National Speleological Society who were attending the group’s Labor Day Reunion here.

Although the spelunkers do not spend a great deal of time in town where they could take advantage of the free parking privileges as most of their activities have their setting outside of town, still this little act of courtesy let the visiting cavers know that they were welcome in Franklin and that the town officials appreciate their selection of Franklin as the site of their reunion.

And the thoughtful gesture had its desired effect because one of the spelunkers was heard to remark: “We knew that some of the local merchants were glad to see us come, but when we were given the courtesy cards by

the town officials, it made us feel like we were being welcomed by the whole town.”

Large cities are always putting forth great effort to attract conventions and meetings into their areas for the simple reason that it is a real stimulus to business. One hundred-fifty people cannot spend a weekend in a town without leaving a considerable amount of their money there.

So we think it is a fine thing for our town council to take the initiative in making visitors feel welcome in Franklin, especially since the tourist business is so important to Pendleton County.

Jimmy and Billy Ryan
Find a New Home in the
West and Like it ‘Fine’

Life has taken on a rosier hue for two young Franklin boys who heard the cry, “Go west young man,” and took it seriously.

Jimmy Ryan, 10, and his brother, Billy, 9, left Franklin August 6 and are making their new home in Salt Lake City, Utah. And according to a letter received here Monday by their grandmother, Mrs. Evelyn Lambert, they like the “wide open spaces of the West” just fine.

Upon the death about three years ago of the youngsters’ father, William Edward Ryan, it became pretty much of a struggle for their mother to keep her four boys together. And when she went to Pittsville, Maryland, about a year ago to work in the Chesapeake and Armour Packing Plant, the two boys remained here with their grandmother.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. A. Dean Dewey, of Salt Lake City, learned of the two boys through Glenn Sponaule who was in the west. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey contacted the youngster’s mother and after assuring her that they could give the boys a good home, they came to Franklin for them. They are now taking steps to adopt them.

So now that the boys are in the great wide west and like it so much, they are looking forward to a brighter future, playing in their new dad’s radio shop or on his farm. Their family and friends here wish for the boys the best of luck and a happy future.

Pendleton County’s
536 Korean Vets
Reminded of GI
Benefits

Pendleton County has 536 Korean Veterans eligible for training under the GI Bill covering that conflict, an “An alarming number of these will lose their benefit eligibility before the coming school year if they fail to take steps immediately,” is the prediction of J. Lawson Adkins, director of veterans education and training for the State Department of Education.

Smith Creek/
Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

It is a new month. Good-bye August! The first weekend in September is Labor Day weekend with Labor Day being on Monday. A lot of places will be closed Monday, including the schools. The traffic will come through the area as families take advantage of a three-day weekend. If traveling, be careful on the road.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins — Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Larry Moyers, Sandy Washburn, Mary Alice Simmons, Anna Lee Mitchell, 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 Borrer, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Tom Butterworth, Bobby Parsons, Rick Phares, Gretta 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, Lucy Westfall, Donna Bennett, Peggy Pitsenbarger, Amy VanMeter, Lynwood Pennington, Bob Hoops, Ronnie Pitsenbarger, Connie Hartman, Wyatt Hott, Carl Thompson, Kaylee Bennett, Mickie Huffman, Woody Hoover, Rhonda Stump, Pollyanna Johnson, Shirley Propst, Brenda Allen, Max Propst, Brenda Kiser Fisher, Harold Michael, Teddy Hartman, Phyllis Ruddle and the family of Jimmy Bowers.

Prayer thought: “I praised you every day, loving God, knowing that because You sustain all things. His blessing is wonderful day after day.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Aug. 24 through Aug. 30, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Aug. 24 - 73°, 53° (77°, 64°), Aug. 25 - 77°, 47° (75°, 55°), Aug. 26 - 83°, 51° (73°, 48°), Aug. 27 - 84°, 62°, .09” (74°, 44°), Aug. 28 - 78°, 58° (73°, 45°), Aug. 29 - 80°, 56° (75°, 50°) and Aug. 30 - 85°, 61° (74°, 44°).

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In Battle of Quarterbacks, Wildcats Pull Away Late at Petersburg

By Stephen Smoot

Two of the best quarterbacks in West Virginia high school football took the field in Petersburg last Friday night when fourth ranked in Class A Pendleton County engaged a host of Vikings, ranked in the top 10 in Class AA.

Both teams offer much more than great quarterback play, showing balance on offense, defenses capable of big plays, and postseason experience. In recent years, though, Petersburg has put the Wildcats through some hard luck games.

However, the hard luck started for Petersburg. Under perfect conditions for late August, the Vikings took the opening kickoff to their own 30. On the first play from scrimmage, a strong nine-yard run resulted in a fumble recovered by Pendleton County. Peyton Matheny, Viking quarterback, bounced back and forth like a pinball, exploding forward for yardage before the fumble.

Matheny brings extraordinary quickness and a strong arm to the Viking offense. Every time he gets the ball in his hands, he has a Tavon Austin-like ability to use quick moves to create space. Matheny is a threat to score on every play.

Colton Roberson, captain of last year's Class A all-state squad, has developed along the lines of former West Virginia University great Major Harris. He runs more often downhill, using strength and shiftness to pick up big yardage plays. That said, his strong and accurate arm led to a number of big plays downfield in his first two years as a starter.

Last season, if the Wildcats had one Achilles' heel, it was in the first few minutes of action. Opposing teams at times struck first. Pendleton County's quick strike offense usually negated early disadvantages. However, there was no such problem on Friday night.

On the first play from scrimmage, Roberson chugged through defenders, breaking arm tackles and getting to the Viking 15. After a flag made it first and 17 from the Viking 24, Roberson tossed a quick out to Britton Lough on the right for 17 yards. Lough then took a wide receiver screen inside the 10. Roberson capped the drive with a run off the left side.

Travis Owens' kick made the opening score 7-0.

Last year's opener against Keyser saw Wildcat receivers dicing up the Golden Tornado man-to-man defense for deep passes. Petersburg tried to keep Wildcat receivers in front of the defensive backfield. All night, Zac Smith, head coach, dialed up plays that saw his accurate quarterback hitting swift receivers in stride on crossing patterns, usually with no need to slow down for the ball, allowing them to explode upfield for big gains.

The first half played out like a heavyweight fight between the two squads. The Wildcats ended the first quarter with a 14-6 advantage, but Petersburg fought back to a 21 all tie at the half.

Pendleton County came out of the half hungry. Starting from their own 29, Roberson took the ball himself on the speed option and pushed forward to the 42. Helped by moderate gains and one of many Viking personal fouls on the evening, the Wildcats had fourth and inches at the Viking 35.

Despite the fired-up crowd, Roberson gave the ball to Owens who motioned into the backfield. He easily picked up the first down. Cameron Wyatt advanced the ball to the 25 on a similar play.

A few plays later, Braylon Willis got the handoff and blew through a big hole on the right side. He fought through two would-be tacklers at the goal line for his touchdown.

Willis made big plays with his athleticism last year, but the raw talent had to stand in for an injured senior. This year against Petersburg, he showed more patience in finding holes, following blockers, and getting the most out of each play, showing tremendous consistency with his play.

The Vikings punched back on their next drive, going 66 yards in seven plays. One subtle detail showed the experience and leadership on the Wildcat defense. On second and 20, the defense lined up with the outside receiver on the left uncovered. Before the snap, Roberson moved to cover the receiver until the cornerback could get into position.

This resulted in an incomplete pass, but the move showed maturity. Pendleton County did not have to burn a time out, nor did they give up a big play on a mistake. Players corrected a problem quickly on their own.

On third and 20, however, Matheny performed another magic act. He went back to pass, moved around until he found a crease in the defensive line, rocketed through it,

Pendleton County Golfers Keep Their Eyes on Preparing for the Postseason

By Stephen Smoot

"It's been a good season so far," reports Mike Eye, Pendleton County head golf coach.

On Aug. 18 at Valley View, nine golfers combined for a score of 181 in competition with Moorefield, Petersburg, and Washington. Landon Davis and Dylan Eye both placed in the top 10.

Not long after in a match with teams from Tucker County and Notre Dame, the Wildcats had four top 10 finishers. Davis scored a 40, Eye a 42, Jake Thompson a 48 and Hayden Kimble a 52.

Coach Eye explained that the team "got a hot start and things have settled a little bit." He went on to add that "our first match, everyone was firing on all cylinders. Everyone is shaking out close to where we thought they'd be."

The team has a varsity squad of six players. Eye shared that his one and two golfers are in tight competition, as well as his third and fourth. Fifth and sixth are pretty close as well. As he described, competition among teammates is spirited, but never breaks team camaraderie. "They're not out there to outdo each other," the coach noted.

Rankings are objectively determined by a national high school golf website called iivamamaker, which covers West Virginia high school action.

The coaching staff this year added a new wrinkle to the system to enhance competitiveness. The seventh ranked player on the team once per week can pose a nine-hole challenge to the sixth place player for their spot on varsity.

One of the reasons why the team "settled a

bit" after the first week lay in commitments by some of the players that pulled them away from the links. After being "off our rhythm," for a time, the commitments are past and "everybody is here for the duration."

As opposed to football where every regular season game has consequence, golf season represents two months of preparing one's game for the matches that truly matter. "It all comes down to the regional tournament," stated coach Eye. "You have to do well on that day. It doesn't matter if you were number one all season."

The challenge lies in each team reaching "their peak at the right moment."

The coach had praise for how his team has worked to prepare for that moment. "I'm there seven days a week, even when we don't have practice. I help to clean the driving range, picking up balls," he stated. "They give us a lot of privileges, so I help when I can."

One of the key privileges lies in free access to the course as long as the players walk. On days when the team has no practice and no game, yet the course is open, players will come on their own time to hone their games. "The bare minimum, just coming to practices and play is not enough to improve," Eye commented.

"I've seen all of them out there on our so-called days off. It's making a difference," stated the coach, who added that it also shows their love of the sport.

The ultimate goal of the squad lies in developing the kind of consistency it takes to prevail in the regionals with a trip to Wheeling as a very attainable prize.

For a squad finding its legs only a few years ago, that represents tremendous progress.



Zac Smith, Wildcat head coach, talked in preseason about the weight room work of his team. It showed in the play of the offensive line and all others during the game. Here Bryce Basagic grades the road for quarterback Colton Roberson. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

and picked up a critical first down.

In the first half, the defensive line found itself behind the Viking quarterback and chasing him. As the game progressed, the line played with more discipline, staying in front of Matheny to bottle him up. While it did not work on this play, the Wildcats were more effective against his scrambling plays as the game wore on.

Matheny scored on first and goal at the nine when he rolled right and followed blockers into the end zone. The crowd came alive as the public address announcer shouted, "We have a new game" with the score now Vikings 28, Pendleton County 27 after the kick.

Wyatt took the kickoff deep, started left, then followed blockers upfield to the Wildcat 40. Willis on the first play from scrimmage worked his way forward for six yards.

Two plays later came one of those kinds of plays that old men will talk about decades from now. After a penalty on second and nine, Roberson took the ball on the speed option and moved to his right. He pulled back his arm in a freeze option pose on the run, froze the defender, then hit Owens about 10 yards downfield on a crossing route in stride. The receiver turned up and outraced the defenders to another Wildcat score. With the conversion good, Pendleton County now owned a 35-28 advantage.

Petersburg took the ball back on the kick at their own 35. Their potent offense advanced the ball, but the defensive line did an outstanding job on this drive of keeping Matheny corralled. They forced deep throws into dangerous situations, one after defensive lineman Wyatt Hoyt broke free and pressured him.

Matheny did get a big run on a second and 26, with Lough making a touchdown saving tackle at the 22. A few plays later on first and goal inside the 10, a snap went over the quarterback's head and rolled back to the 26. On third and goal from the nine, however, the defense recorded a crucial sack, forcing a field goal attempt that fell short.

The Wildcats started at their own 12, but a Viking personal foul quickly moved

Wildcats Rally, Then Roar in Opener Against Rams

By Stephen Smoot

The kids these days have a high level compliment that they share with each other, "O.G." It technically means "original" or "old gangster," but is usually applied to someone who is calm and cool, collected and effective in tight and tough situations, especially someone a bit older.

On opening night, an "O.G." showed up big time for the Pendleton County volleyball teams against the visiting Highland Rams.

New Head Coach Haley Terry, new head coach, had her team prepared to battle last week, but admitted that it felt "a little awkward." Until last year, it was Terry roaming the Highland sideline, directing that squad.

Chesnee Colaw launched the opening salvo of the 2026 season. It led to a Kinsley Price spike and a 1-0 lead. Price then tapped the ball lightly to the middle for the second score. Shortly after, during a volley started by a Colbie Wimer serve, Price blocked a Ram attempt at the net.

In the first set, the Wildcats played precision volleyball, receiving and setting up their front line players well. Phoebe Pownell helped to break the game open during her serve with four aces as she helped the Wildcats build a 14-3 lead. A Ram miscue gave the serve back, this time to Alyssa Bennett, who rattled off three more aces.

Highland made up some ground by the end of the set, which concluded in a Tia Heavner spike and a score of 25-12.

The visiting squad appeared much improved, once they got settled in. Highland has demonstrated improvement in recent years and it showed in the second set. Underdog squads often bring their best when down one set to nothing, and the Rams were no exception. They caught the Wildcats a bit flat footed in the opening of the second set and showed their own prowess.

Highland took the first

them out to the 40. Petersburg gave up a great deal of yardage on personal foul penalties, especially in key situations.

Another penalty followed pretty quickly as defenders tackled Willis by the facemask in the open field, pushing the visiting team closer to their objective.

On first and 10 from the Petersburg 40, Willis showed his utility. Ahead by a touchdown, time starting to tick away on the home team in the fourth quarter, the Wildcat running back gave his quarterback respite and helped his team eat the clock. He ran right, followed his blockers down the sideline, and exploded past the sticks for a 16-yard run.

Not long after, Roberson walked into the endzone on a two-yard run. The conversion extended the lead to 43-28, but the Vikings had more time to play. On the fourth play of their drive, the Petersburg quarterback hit a receiver in stride on a crossing pattern, moving from the Wildcat 41 to the 19. A pass to the right corner of the end zone brought the Vikings within 43-35 with a little more than two minutes to play.

An onside kick attempt in the "bull rush" style failed to get the Vikings the ball back. When the final horn sounded, the Wildcats could enjoy knocking off a quality Class AA rival that had their number for several years.

Pendleton County achieved excellent balance on offense. Roberson accounted for 167 yards passing on 13 of 15 throws. He also had 89 yards on 11 carries for 256 total yards. Willis had a strong day on the ground with 10 carries for 76 yards, Cayson Armstrong averaged 14.2 yards per carry on five attempts for 71 yards.

Owens and Wyatt each carried the ball once and each picked up five yards. Will Smith also carried the ball one time for five yards.

In receiving, Owens led the team with 87 yards on four catches. Lough also had four receptions for 38. Wyatt pulled in two for 25, Armstrong one for eight, and Jonah See two for nine.

In total, the Wildcats had 251 yards on the ground and 167 through the air, providing a balanced attack, featuring a number of weapons and giving opposing defensive coordinators even more headaches this year.

On defense, Ty Heavner had a sack. Spencer Hartman and David Noble combined for another. Wyatt led the team in tackles with nine, followed by Roberson and Owens with seven. Lough, Sam Eason, and Heavner with six, Ronnie Thompson with three, Rylan Tilley, Brennan Wyatt, and Albert Ramos-Rivera with one.

The preponderance of defensive linemen and linebackers racking up tackles also serves as a strong and positive sign for the rest of the season.

Friday, the Wildcats travel to Baker for a 7 p.m. game with the East Hardy Cougars.



Phoebe Pownell sets the ball as Tia Heavner gets into position to make a play against Highland County. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

three scores of the second set on their way to an 8-3 advantage over the Wildcats. Then came a long pause while officials examined the scoring. Pendleton County's girls huddled up with each other and their coach as they prepared to rally. Highland's squad took a much more loose approach to the delay as their coach spoke with officials.

Shortly after play resumed, the score was Highland 10 and Pendleton County six. Enter the Wildcat "O.G."

Olivia Gonshor, who has contributed to Wildcat basketball success in recent years, "came into practice and tryouts and showed enough to put her on varsity," said Terry. "She showed me that 'I deserve to be here.'"

She then showed everyone that she deserves to be here. With Gonshor's team on its heels a bit with mistakes and playing hesitant, she opened her serve with eight aces in 12 serves. As the senior righted the ship for her squad, her teammates settled back in. By the time the Rams got the serve back, they stared up at an 18-11 disadvantage.

The last score in that series came from a Wimer cross court spike.

Pendleton County cruised in the rest of the set, with Katie Heavner scoring a cross court shot for the 24th point. Pownell served up an ace to close it out at 25-14.

In the third set, the Wildcats worked to close out the opposition. Wimer served strong early with a number of aces as they pulled out to a 7-2 lead. In one exchange, freshman Ava Bowers dove to the floor to keep the ball alive for another successful home team volley and score. She executed a similar hustle play later in the set.

Spikes from Wimer and Price down the set kept momentum on the side of the home team. Wimer's serves helped to close the set out with three aces. A Price spike sealed the 25-11 victory for Pendleton County.

Today, the Wildcats travel to Petersburg for a tri-match with Martinsburg and Petersburg. The Vikings as of this writing has raced out to a three and one record early in the 2026 season, with wins over Keyser, Paw Paw, and Tygarts Valley and a loss to Washington.

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

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 3, 2026. Deadline for claims is November 2, 2026.

Susie Mae Thompson Estate - Nancy Bergdoll, Executrix; Richard Dale Washington Estate - Joyce A. Michael, Executrix; James G. Harper Estate - Wilma R. Harper, Executrix; Jimmy Lee Bowers Estate - Kimberly Bowers, Administratrix.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 28, 2026.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 9-3-2c

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, September 11, 2026

beginning at 10:00 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, August 27, 2026

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, October 26, 2026

Decedent: Alfred Olen Armstrong, Highland County, VA
Filed by: Shirley R. Armstrong,

Spouse, Doe Hill, VA 2026.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 8-27-2c

(2024-C-000014-PENDLETON COUNTY-BDW MANAGEMENT INC)

To: EDWARD CLINTON GRANT JR., MICHAEL W. HOWDYSHELL, JOHN M/DELANO, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year certificate number 2023 - 8512 \$351.02

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Additional taxes with interest..... \$0.00

Auditor's Certification, Publication and Redemption fee plus interest..... \$144.82

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest..... \$533.31

Additional Statutory Fees with interest..... \$634.73

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You may redeem at any time before October 31, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand August 4, 2026

Christal G. Perry
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FHS Class of 1958 Holds 68th Reunion



Franklin High School Class of 1958 held its 68th class reunion on Aug. 8 at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Attending were, from left, front row, Janice Sevier Carpenter, Patty Shaw Harper, Wilma Hevener Mitchell, Thelma Wimer Lohr and Barbara Moyers Gutshall; and back row, Billy Hartman, Betty Heavner Puffenbarger, Kitty Bennett, Sylvia Kimble Ours, Gene Boggs, Margaret Stone Bolton and Elton Bowers.

West Virginia Farmers Market Mini Grant Application Period Opens

By Stephen Smoot

Traditionally, farmers markets had one basic purpose — provide a venue for farmers to bring produce convenient for customers to buy.

With the resurgence in the past few decades in interest about where food comes from, consuming as much fresh food as possible, and generally improving the health of Americans through better food choices, farmers markets have grown their mission to harvest more attention and customers.

Additionally, West Virginia's Department of Agriculture recognizes the growing convergence of appreciating freshly grown local foods and the Mountain State's ever-expanding tourism market. As the West Virginia Agritourism Initiative explains, "across the state, agritourism partners are creating meaningful connections between agriculture, community, and visitors. From pick-your-own farms and family markets to wineries, distilleries, and educational experiences, these destinations reflect the creativity and collaboration."

Supporting that growth is a grant of up to \$5,000 available from the West Virginia Farmers Market Association, supported by the WVDA.

Applications opened on

Aug. 7 during National Farmers Market Week and will extend through Sept. 18 at 11:59 p.m. West Virginia State Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt noted, "Local farmers markets and the producers who support them are vital to our state's economy, as well as food security."

He added that "when we saw bottle necks in the national food system, it was West Virginia farmers who stepped up to feed our citizens. The pandemic proved how important local agriculture is to our communities, so this week get out and support those markets and their farmers."

Regionally, these grants have proved vital in supporting the different missions of differing markets. Each organizer and community has a different perception of farmers markets and what they can do for customers and community. A diversity of styles and efforts makes them even more enjoyable for locals and tourists alike.

A 2023 grant helped the Franklin-based Pendleton County Farmers Market to purchase a modern point of sale system. Its director, Annie Humes, used it to further the goal of reducing sale barriers to local producers by creating an efficient consignment sale system.

Humes continues to encourage anyone interested in producing for sale, even in small amounts, to engage the Pendleton County Farmers Market with the goal lying in encouraging producers to try direct sales to customers through the market.

The Wardensville Farmers Market in Hardy County used a 2025 grant to

purchase equipment and support marketing. That business sells locally grown and produced foods, attracting a large tourism base of customers to the town. The market also engages in projects to educate young

people in agriculture business and production.

Humes also serves as Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau director and often organizes educational and fun events at the market as well.

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