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Heavy rains falling quickly have resulted in more potential for water damage at the bottom of the hill. This July 2025 photo came after one such storm.

Town of Franklin Accepts Federal Grant To Help Address Stormwater Problems

By Stephen Smoot

In 2025, a series of heavy rain storms that moved through Pendleton County revealed the deteriorating situation concerning flood water and its danger to structures, especially at the bottom of the hill near the Town of Franklin Park. Pendleton Senior and Family Services was particularly afflicted twice by rising waters. Only the efforts of the staff kept damage to a minimum.

Heavy rains that dump inches in a compressed amount of time put the Town of Franklin in a potential pincer. The debris-choked riverbed of the South Branch of the Potomac River has actually risen instead of eroded, making an overflow of the banks more possible. Stormwater flowing quickly down impermeable roads and parking lots means it ends up in the most vulnerable locations much more quickly. Add in a patchwork sanitary sewer system, part of which could date back a century, and the problem becomes apparent.

Since, the Town of Franklin and supporting agencies have worked on exploring, planning, and now providing solutions for the issue. Grant funding supported a community meeting, distilling information from it into a plan of potential mitigation options, and then, finally support for a tangible construction to reduce stormwater flow. That will take the form of renovating the town parking lot with permeable pavers and a stormwater catching system that will both slow the flow and filter pollutants from the water.

Grant funding comes from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program. The $604,953 grant plus a $174,400 matching contribution will pay to build "a transformative green infrastructure project that will reduce flooding, improve water quality, and strengthen the resilience of downtown Franklin for generations to come," shared a release from the Town of Franklin. A grant information sheet from the NFWF adds that

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Morrisey's Rural Health Transformation Programs Start to Take Shape Across WV

By Stephen Smoot

"The overall vision is to dramatically improve healthcare outcomes for people in the state of West Virginia," said Governor Patrick Morrisey a few days after he made major announcements at Minnie Hamilton's Gilmer County facility. Three grants to Minnie Hamilton will bring advanced technology to bear on mitigating challenges in delivering health care and related services in rural West Virginia.

With the passage of the "One Big Beautiful Bill" last summer came $50 billion in grant funding that will go to states between 2026 and 2030. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will operate the program. According to a White House release the program "is uniquely designed to promote innovation and long-term sustainability of rural healthcare." It explained that "when legacy programs link funding to reimbursements for services provided, they do not promote long-term sustainability." Rural hospitals have lower volumes of patients, but must maintain a certain level of service access to accommodate unforeseen situations such as pandemics or natural disasters.

Each state provided a blueprint of how it would use funding, subject to approval by CMS. West Virginia received $199 million for 2026 and about $500 million for the life of the program. According to the governor, this represented one of the highest per capita awards in the region. The original stated goals included expanding access through both in-person and digital or virtual medicine, investing in attracting medical talent while retaining workers already in state, improving transportation access for patients, and developing a slate of prevention programs to help rising generations not have to contend with chronic disease.

Last week, he shared that he was "focusing on the fundamentals" of key state issues. He shared his list of health care priorities currently, saying, "We need to make sure we're bringing healthcare closer to patients. So that means more telehealth, investing in technology, and it means mobile healthcare clinics as well. One of the announcements we made this week is going to enable a number of counties to have better access to mobile healthcare. Other announcements allowed us to invest heavily in telehealth."

West Virginia's blueprint focused on linkage between health care problems bedeviling the state and also the social and economic impacts. Federal government missteps in creating a nutrition chart that encouraged the eating of carbohydrates and also initially seeing powerful new narcotic medicines in the 1990s as not addictive when they helped to fuel serious chronic health care problems for decades after. West Vir-

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Community CALENDAR

Westward Road To Present Concert

Westward Road is coming to Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Franklin for a free concert at 5 p.m. Saturday. Anyone and everyone is invited.

County Democrats To Gather Today

Pendleton County Democrats will meet at 6 p.m. today in the small room on the left as one enters the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. All are welcome.

Early Voting Runs Through Oct. 31

Early Voting began Wednesday and runs through Oct. 31 in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office. Hours of early voting are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, and 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays. All voters must show photo id. No political or campaign materials are allowed on courthouse property during early voting.

Open Mic Poetry Reading Planned

An open mic poetry reading will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday in the community room of Pendleton County Library in Franklin.

TMF Association To Meet Monday

The Treasure Mountain Festival Association will be holding its monthly meeting at 5 p.m. Monday at the bowling alley in Franklin. All are welcome to attend.

Stoney Creek To Perform Saturday

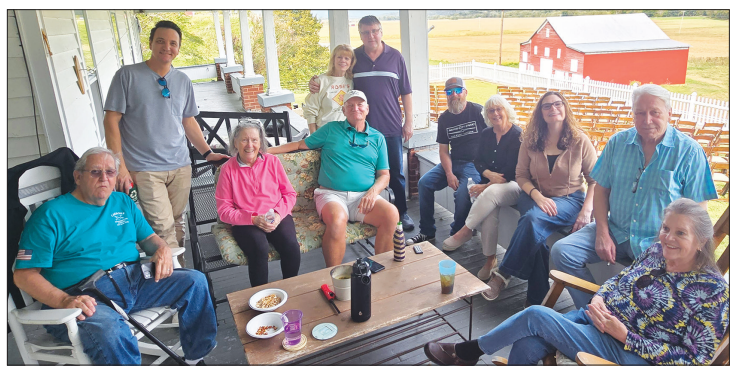
Stoney Creek Bluegrass Band, along with Aly Swain, will perform at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Yokum's Princess Snowbird Campground pavilion at Seneca Rocks.

After School KIDZ Program To Begin

Franklin United Methodist Church will resume its After School KIDZ program on Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 28, at 162 N. Main Street in Franklin. For more info, contact Barb Hamilton at 304-668-3300.

The Richness of Both Local and Family Traditions Are Alive at the Poor Farm

By Stephen Smoot



None of the Munley extended family call Pendleton County their native home, but generations have used the privately held and privately used Poor Farm as a family gathering spot, their own treasure in the mountains.

"Come then, and with the sun's dawn light let's cheerfully discover what place this is, what men live here, where this people's city is, and let's explore from the harbor in all directions. Now pour libations to Jove and call, with prayer, on my father Anchises, then set out the wine once more. So saying he wreathed his forehead with a leafy spray, and prayed to the spirit of the place." Publius Vergilius Maro – "The Aeneid"

Family had come streaming in from around the United States all day on the first Friday in October. More than a couple hundred people made their way to Pendleton County, a place none of them called their native home. They drove in from Harrisonburg, Virginia, Petersburg, and elsewhere to converge on one of the most historic and iconic spots in Upper Tract, the Poor Farm.

Today, it serves as a magnet drawing generations of the Munley family together throughout the year. The private residence is not available for short-term rental, for tours, or for anything else public. For several generations of the Munley family, however, this has served as part of the foundation of family. The Poor Farm today seems to have its own genius loci that keeps ties strong and relationships never too far apart even over thousands of miles. Although many associate a powerful "sense of place" to the culture of West Virginia, and more broadly the Appalachian Mountains, not a soul among the hundreds who come to the Poor Farm regularly hail from this area.

Yet the pull of place to those who love it and have experienced it remains extraordinarily powerful to the family.

Patrick Munley, a patriarch of the sprawling family, shared that the property had come a long way since it was once called "Dad's Pig in a Poke."

He shared his memories of his wife, Donna, himself, their children and ever-extending family coming to the Poor Farm through the decades for family parties, reunions, holidays, or just because. The family comes in frequently and randomly all year long, but always sets aside holidays and other events for huge mass gatherings.

On this occasion, Munley, his brothers, and others cracked jokes on the front porch, gave each other good-natured ribbing, and enjoyed the warm breezes of a perfect early fall day. On this occasion, family members were all day long arriving for a much-anticipated wedding. Neat rows of wooden chairs were arranged perfectly on the front yard, angled so that stunning miles of views down the South Branch Valley lay behind the happy couple flying in from Los Angeles. Rows of recently harvested corn, fields just denuded of hay, and the flanking ridges of green dotted infrequently with autumn colors provided a perfect backdrop for the ceremony and sacrament.

The history of poor farms extends deep into American and English history. Governments constructed them in the 1600s and 1700s as the destitute tried and failed to find more prosperous lives in the cities of Britain, England. Poor houses in cities contained dozens of indigent men and women engaged in manufacturing. Poor farms in the countryside housed the same populations, but engaged in growing food to support their own needs and also for the sale of excess to pay for the facility.

By the mid-1800s almost every county in the United States had some kind of poor farm. They generally appeared in remote areas away from towns for reasons of both cheap land and to separate the residents of the farm from townspeople.

William Rexrode wrote on "Growing Up on the Poor Farm" in 2008. The original facility moved during the Great Depression from Fort Seybert to Upper Tract at a time when the production of chickens and turkeys were

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Franklin Gives Clinical Course in Local Government to Boy Scout Troop

By Stephen Smoot



Local Boy Scouts earned badges by attending a town council meeting and asking questions of the mayor and council.

It was certainly not planned that way, but a local Boy Scout Troop received an education in the nuts and bolts of how local government works well from the Town of Franklin mayor and council last week.

A group of several scouts, each pursuing an advanced badge on their road to earning status as Eagle Scout, came to the meeting to observe government at work, then ask questions about the law and United States Constitution afterwards.

They were treated to an example of how local government works to try and get an issue right. In this case, they watched as the town council held extended discussion on potential dedicated sheriff's department parking on Chestnut Street at the Pendleton County Courthouse.

Bob Horan, mayor, welcomed the young men and the town commenced the business of the day.

Much of that business centered around the parking issue. In the September meeting, two separate discussions about parking took place. One focused on Main Street in front of the courthouse and McCoy House, discussing how parked vehicles there impeded visibility with traffic when turning onto Main Street. The other centered on the need for the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department to have dedicated access to a ramp to the courthouse basement generally used when transferring prisoners from vehicles into temporary custody at the courthouse.

Tim Thompson, Pendleton County sheriff's deputy, has attended recent meetings to explain his department's position and needs while answering any questions posed by town officials. He explained in the past that occasionally the department receives prisoners who are dangerous in and of themselves or whose criminal acts may put them in danger of revenge from victims or their families. He stated that having the prisoner transports able to park as closely as possible to the entrance enhances the safety of both law enforcement and the prisoners in their custody.

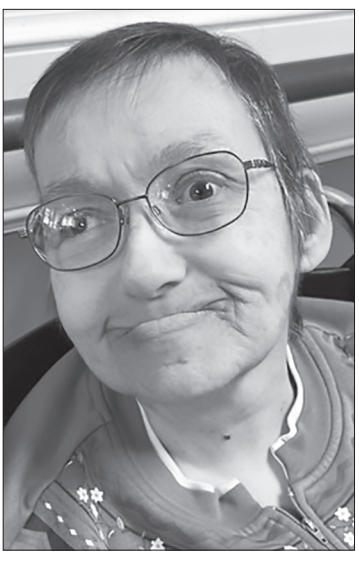
Along the way, the town gave its blessing to a parking committee composed of Michelle Connor, who along with her husband has helped the town obtain important grant funding, Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, and Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator and others. They as of the October meeting had not yet come up with recommendations for solutions for Main Street.

A misunderstanding soon became clear when the town officials started discussion of the Chestnut Street and sheriff's department parking issue. The town council had granted the sheriff's department permission to place cones in the space that prisoner transports would require. That became a painted "No Parking" zone with crosshatches painted in due to legal requirements connected to the completion of the courthouse annex. The miscommunication came up when town officials shared that they had approved the concept of dedicated spaces on Chestnut Street while the parking committee assumed that was not yet a done deal.

Part of that came from the fact that the town had not yet had time in its maintenance schedule to measure

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Obituaries



Sandra Clair Washburn

Sandra Clair Washburn, 70, of Franklin went to be with her Lord and Savior on Oct.18, 2026, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born on July 20, 1956, in Canton, Ohio, the daughter of the late Edward Lee and Margaret J. (Newcomb) Washburn.

Ms. Washburn will be remembered as a loving and caring woman with a big heart. Those who knew her experienced the kindness and warmth she carried throughout her life. Her faith was central to who she was, and having Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior all of her life was among the accomplishments she held most dear.

A 1977 graduate of Franklin High School, she took pride in her education and in the milestones that shaped her life. Graduating from high school was one of the achievements she treasured, reflecting both perseverance and personal pride.

She was a member of Living Faith Church in Franklin and a resident of the Pendleton Manor for several years.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a sister, Mary M. Warner of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a niece, Vicki Warner of Charlottesville, Virginia; and many cousins and friends that she dearly loved.

Her family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Stephen Teter officiating. Interment will be in Blue Grass Cemetery at Blue Grass, Virginia.

Memorials may be made to Pendleton Senior and Family Services, Gideons International, or Living Faith Church.

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

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Trio Gift Box (Navels, Pears, Apples) - $31
Citrus Mix Box (Navels, Grapefruit, Clementines) - $34 (2/5 bu)
Farmers Vegetable Box - $39 (25-26 pounds)
Fresh Fruit Sampler - $31
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Morrisey's Rural Health Transformation Program

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ginia has higher than average rates of chronic drug addiction, diabetes, heart disease, and related health issues. Morrisey's program focused on mitigation of current challenges while putting a focus on prevention.

Morrisey said, "It's an opportunity of a lifetime for West Virginia, because it's the first effort we've ever seen that tries to engage in prevention. and attack the root causes of problems before they exist and take people out of the workforce."

The Federal Reserve Economic Data shares that labor force participation has seen the rates struggle during the decades. The late 1970s saw it dip to a little higher than 51 percent, rising by 1990 to almost 56 percent. That slowly dropped by January 2017 to 53 percent with a nadir in April 2020 of 52.7. It has bounced between 53 and 55.5 percent since then. The Mountain State has the lowest percentage while Nebraska has nearly 70 percent of eligible people working.

Chronic health problems related to low rates of workforce participation thus represent a long term issue that the state has struggled to address for decades.

Getting that participation rate up, according to the governor, represents the goal of a healthier workforce. The idea lies in getting the body and mind healthy, then the individual will be able to focus on improving his or her condition in other ways. "To me, that's the essence of rural health transformation," he said, "because we need to get more people in the workforce. We need to get people healthier. This is a great opportunity to do that. So what does that mean practically? It means that we're trying to make sure that there's strong access to healthcare for people in the communities, access to nurses, access to hospitals, access to physicians."

Improvement in workforce participation also translates to easier attraction of investment that brings jobs and tax revenue to the state. Some of the areas that have seen the least progress in economic development unfortunately sometimes also have the highest levels of chronic health issues.

WVU Medicine has seen great success in sending mobile testing units for breast and lung cancer into rural areas and the rural health transformation will build on that, plus expand opportunities for telehealth, as well.

Laws, however, may serve as a barrier to expansion of telehealth in some fields. For example, West Virginia requires that to offer telehealth services in optometry, a doctor must be physically present in addition to the provider online. This creates barriers because many communities struggle to attract the services of such professionals. Even Keyser, the second largest city in the Eastern Panhandle with about 10,000 people living in town and nearby, saw one of its main eye clinics shut down services for months because it had no eye doctor on site.

Better access to medicine through advanced technology makes getting to the doctor less of a challenge for rural residents. Those who keep up with regular visits tend to have fewer chronic health problems, but transportation for many remains a struggle. Bringing medicine as close to people as possible reduces barriers.

"All of it does tie together. Good economics are tied inextricably with better healthcare outcomes," shared Morrisey.

Your Candidates Fighting for Pendleton County

Rachel Fetty Anderson
U.S. Senate
"Integrity, Empathy, Accountability"

Experience:
Public interest attorney, community advocate, member of Civilian Police Review and Advisory Board, former Morgantown City Council member

What Rachel Stands for:
- **Healthcare:** Accessible, affordable, and excellent single-payer healthcare
- **Education:** Fair use of tax dollars to support excellent public educational services
- **Water and Utilities:** Access to clean drinkable water and reliable and reasonably priced utility service
- **Affordability:** "We can't afford to pay higher prices because the government goes to war or allows corporate monopolies to fix prices."

Kevin Carpenter
WV Senate
"Putting WV kids first"

Experience:
Retired from 28 years at WV Dept of Tax and Revenue, small business owner

What Kevin Stands for:
- **Strong communities:** Invest in infrastructure, expand broadband access, strengthen emergency services
- **Working families:** Living wages, expand economic opportunity, increase vocational training, support small businesses, provide affordable healthcare
- **Honest government:** Restore trust in leadership through transparency
- **Protecting our future:** Promote responsible environmental policies, invest in sustainable opportunities for future generations

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Vince George
U.S. House
"Working for working West Virginians"

Experience:
Former WV Legislature staffer, WV Environmental Council, WV Citizen Action Group, teacher at Fairmont State University, Shepherd University, and Martinsburg High School

What Vince Stands for:
- **Expand affordable healthcare** access, including Medicare-for-all, SNAP
- **Double the minimum wage** to reflect the real cost-of-living needs
- **Ensure West Virginians have clean water**
- **End expensive forever wars** and investing those resources back into our communities
- **Pro-worker, pro-miner, but anti-exploitation:** Local communities should have a say on data center locations.

Mandy Weirich
WV Delegate 67
"Serving our communities, fighting for our future"

Experience:
Social worker specializing in older adults/ seniors, educator, former police officer

What Mandy Stands for:
- **Lower costs for families:** Affordable healthcare, fair utility rates
- **Maintain strong public schools:** Prepare students with careers close to home
- **Support local businesses:** Invest in training for better paying jobs
- **Protect seniors and Veterans:** Healthcare, meet needs of family caregivers
- **Respect our rural communities**

Betsy Orndoff-Sayers
WV Delegate 86
"WV native with roots in education and community"

Experience:
Two-term mayor of Wardensville, active member of Wardensville Lions Club and VFW Capon Post 2102; former restaurant owner, teacher, and Hardy County School Board member

What Betsy Stands for:
- **Access to affordable housing**
- **Low-cost child care**, healthcare, and needed addiction treatment programs
- **Pubic school** funding and support
- **Fixing PEIA** insurance system and foster care system
- **Clean water** for every West Virginian
- **Community input on high impact projects:** wind farms, solar fields, and data centers



Holly Hubbs' quilt titled Blizzard Quilt was selected for the People's Choice Award.



Nine Sisters quilt, made by Melinda Walker, captured the Judges' Choice Award.



Pam Sexton's America 250 fabric challenge project titled Patriots Heart took top honors.



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Seth Bowers is a lifelong Pendleton County resident who is dedicated to practical solutions, responsible use of taxpayer dollars, and a stronger community for today and future generations. With a background in business, public service, and a deep commitment to our local communities, Seth is ready to put his experience to work for Pendleton County.

- **EDUCATION** — A West Virginia University graduate with a bachelor's degree in Business Management, Seth gained the skills and knowledge to understand finance, budgeting, and responsible management. His education helped prepare him to make thoughtful, fiscally responsible decisions for Pendleton County.
- **FAMILY BUSINESS** — For more than 20 years, Seth has worked alongside his family at Bowers Garage & Body Shop, a locally owned and operated business. They provide quality automotive repair and 24/7 towing services with honest work, fair service, and a commitment to customers. Seth takes pride in building lasting relationships, treating people with respect, and being there for our neighbors — whether it's routine maintenance or a roadside emergency.
- **FIRE & EMS** — A dedicated member of the South Fork Fire Department since the age of 16, Seth serves as Assistant Fire Chief. He has also served as a volunteer EMT for 14 years. His service reflects a lifelong commitment to helping others and keeping our community safe.
- **SCHOOLS & YOUTH** — Seth actively supports local schools, athletics, and youth organizations. He volunteers as a football coach at Pendleton County High School because he believes in investing in our young people and helping them build a brighter future.
- **AGRICULTURE & RURAL VALUES** — As a Farm Bureau member, Seth strongly supports our local farmers and agricultural community. He values our rural way of life and is committed to protecting the land, natural resources, and small-town character that make Pendleton County special.
- **SMALL BUSINESSES & ECONOMIC GROWTH** — Seth supports local small businesses, encourages job opportunities, and works to strengthen our local economy. He believes in supporting the entrepreneurs, family businesses, and working families that keep Pendleton County moving forward.
- **FAMILY & COMMUNITY** — Seth is a proud husband, father, and lifelong Pendleton County resident. He is committed to being accessible, responsive, and working hard for the people of our community.

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Providing New Winter Clothing For Needy Children

Contact information: Kelly or Annie Pendleton County Family Support Center/ Eastern Action
304-538-7711 or kllmower@easternaction.org addotson@easternaction.org

Donations are due by October 30th, 2026

The need is great! Pendleton County children without winter clothing will be cold without your help.

What is Warm the Children Program?

It's neighbors helping neighbors. Pendleton County Times readers are asked to donate to the fund, with all proceeds being used to buy new winter clothing for Pendleton County children in need. None of the donations will be used for administrative costs. All money donated is used to purchase new warm winter clothing and footwear.

How will children be identified?

Applications will be available at the Pendleton County Family Support Center October 1, 2026 thru October 30, 2026. Children from Birth through age 18 (If in School or Home Schooled) are eligible. Applications can be completed by visiting the Family Support Center located at 30 Maple Ave Franklin.

How will the clothing be purchased?

Family Support Center staff will coordinate families and volunteers to shop online for their winter clothing and footwear.

How can I help?

By donating time, money or both! Contact the Family Support Center at 304 538-7711 or simply complete the coupon and mail it to:

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Warm the Children
101 Alt Ave., Petersburg, WV 26847

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Times Past

10 Years Ago
Week of October 6, 2016

SUGAR GROVE

A Good Corn Crop Provided a Happy Year Ahead

President Thomas Jefferson hailed those who tilled the earth, calling them "the chosen people of God, if He had a chosen people." Corn was destined to become the main crop per hill, leading to the old folk saying:

"One for the blackbird,
One for the crow,
One for bad weather
And one to grow."

A good crop of corn would translate into fat hogs, meat for the table, lard for the biscuits and grease for the lamps. Surplus corn meant whiskey while the fodder and shocks fed the family's milk cow during the winter months.

Corn production flourished during the settlers' time. There seemed to be no end to the many blessings it brought. This love of corn dates back to the early 1600s, when the Jamestown settlers were struggling to survive.

It was maize that saved them, thanks to the help of the Algonquin Indians who were so kind and always kept a year's supply in storage. Chief Powhatan was very cooperative. He sent some of his people to teach the English how to use the grains of his country. They soon learned how it provided them with a variety of food.

The pioneers in these valleys used corn husk mattresses, which were soft and comfortable. They used corn cobs for fuel, kindling, pipes, stoppers in jugs and even fertilizer. The children made corn husk dolls and played with hair, beards and mustaches fashioned of corn silk. Women made corncob syrup, which became a delicacy. The gristmill ground the corn into flour, and from there, there were biscuits and many other good foods to enjoy. Corncob jelly used to be a favorite jelly and is one of the more unusual Appalachian jellies. Corncob jelly comes out with a surprisingly red color and tastes a lot like apple jelly.

Week of October 13, 2016

New Kids Club, AWANA, Is Being Formed In North Fork

The Riverton United Methodist Charge will soon begin a new kids' club program for all kids ages preschool through eighth grade. AWANA is an acronym for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, which comes from 2 Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." God is changing the world through the ministry of AWANA by equipping leaders to reach kids with the gospel and engaging them in long-term discipleship.

20 Years Ago
Week of October 19, 2006

Pendleton Offers Prescription Drug Discount Card

Pendleton County had launched a discount card program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The county is making free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Countries that offers average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The card may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, only if prescription drugs are not already covered by their health plan.

30 Years Ago
Week of October 17, 1996

DAHMER

The first killing frost and freeze was October 4, and these cold temperatures and frosts continued for three mornings. The late freeze in the spring was May 14 with a 26 degree reading. This makes the growing season the shortest for a number of years or about 142 days with plenty of rain. One Franklin gardener stated, "It was the worst garden I ever had." For the writer, it was one of the best gardens. Although for some gardens, it was too much rain. The big pumpkin at Kenneth Harper's driveway is a sight to behold. This big, sweet pumpkin (old name hog pen pumpkin) was a surprise from Herbert and Mary Lee Eye and was grown in the Eye garden.

Everett and Dennis Mitchell found some native chestnuts to eat on their farm Sunday evening.

40 Years Ago
Week of October 16, 1986

Properly Cured Garden Vegetables May Keep Through Winter Months

Sweet potatoes, pumpkins and winter squash will keep for four to six months if they are harvested, cured and stored properly.

Horticulture specialists with West Virginia University Extension and Public Service say that the leaves of sweet potato plants provide the signal of harvest. Once the leaves start to turn yellow, they explain, the tubers won't get any larger and they should be dug.

The first frost is also a warning not to delay digging. Sweet potatoes readily deteriorate under cold, moist conditions.

Harvest pumpkins and winter squash when the fruit has developed its mature color and the surface can no longer be easily scratched with a fingernail. Cut the mature fruit from the plant with a sharp knife, leaving an inch or two of stem attached.

Senator Byrd Says Air Force Will Expand Presence In West Virginia

U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., said that an Air Force task force recently sent to West Virginia at Byrd's request has come up with "a promising list of initiatives for the state," including the creation of a 50-member Air Force Reserve civil engineering squadron.

Byrd, who received a briefing on the initiatives from Tidal McCoy, assistant secretary of the Air Force, called the proposals "an excellent first step" on behalf of West Virginia.

In addition to the civil engineering squadron, Byrd said the initiatives include:

• An increase in the number of security police at the Charleston and Martinsburg Air National Guard units from 30 to 44 personnel at each site;

• A stepped-up military construction schedule for Guard projects at Martinsburg and Charleston; and

• Coordination with West Virginia University's artificial intelligence laboratory to examine possibilities for cooperation in science and technology programs.

"I will continue to work closely with the Air Force, the Army, and the Navy to identify future prospects, missions, and programs," Byrd said. "I believe there remain a great deal of untapped potential in West Virginia."

Prisoners to Help Beautify State

A limited number of inmates in the West Virginia Department of Corrections have been formed into work crews to assist the West Virginia State Highway Department in cleanup and beautification efforts throughout the state, Governor Arch Moore said today.

The Governor said the department has made 42 inmates available for cleanup work. Those inmates will be divided into seven six-man crews. Once accepted by the highway department for work, the inmates will be transported to the job sites from Work Release Centers in Charleston, Huntington and Beckley, the Anthony Center in Neola and the Huttonsville Correctional Center.

To date the highways department has accepted a total of 24 of the inmates to work in four crews throughout the state.

Two crews consisting of six members each have already assisted the Department of Highways in Kanawha and Cabell counties. The two crews removed trash and brush from along a number of roadways and performed improvements to medians and limited landscaping. Other crews will begin cleanup work this fall.

50 Years Ago
Week of October 21, 1976

Exercise Machine Given School

The Franklin High School Sports Boosters Club has purchased a weight machine for use in the athletic and physical education programs at the high school. The machine has many uses and will help the athletes with their training in the different sports. The cost of the machine was $1080.95.

Over the past year the club has been busy raising funds for its many activities. Members have sold advertisements for football and basketball programs, sold chances on game footballs and sold chances to shoot baskets at home basketball games. Club activities include serving snacks for visiting ball clubs, helping the athletic department with money wherever needed, holding a sports banquet for all the athletes of the school and purchasing trophies.

DAHMER

Our first snowfall fell Sunday morning with accumulation of one inch on the South Fork Mountain range. Then Monday morning there was a general freeze. This explains why the black and turkey buzzards were passing through Saturday.

A number of folks are predicting a bad winter. The wooly bear or worm has more black showing than last year.

60 Years Ago
Week of October 20, 1966

County Boy Wins Highest Degree Offered by FFA

Curtis Wimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wimer of Cherry Grove, was awarded the American Farmer Degree offered by the Future Farmers of America, at the 39th Annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., last week.

Wimer is one of six West Virginia farm boys who received the high degree which is given for obtaining achievement in farming and rural leadership. Each received a gold key, certificate, and a $100 check from the National FFA Foundation.

Young Wimer is a 1963 graduate of Circleville High School. His present farming program consists of 21 breeding ewes, three brood sows, 45 acres of mixed hay, five acres of clover, a half acre of potatoes and eight feeder calves.

His record in FFA activities in the Circleville chapter has been outstanding. He served as sentinel, parliamentarian and secretary of the chapter, and as state vice-president for a year. He now is a sophomore agriculture education major at Potomac State College at Keyser. His FFA advisor was Eston Leatherman, vo-ag teacher at Circleville High School.

Approximately 10,000 FFA members and guests from 50 states and Puerto Rico attended the national convention.

70 Years Ago
Week of October 25, 1956

Simpson Selling Out I-H Business

Walter G. Simpson, owner of Pendleton Supply Company in Brandywine, announced yesterday that because of ill health, he is selling out his business and that he will retire. He said his doctors have advised him to get out of business just as soon as possible.

Simpson has had the local agency for International-Harvester farm machinery and appliances and International trucks for a number of years and has built up a thriving business in Brandywine.

He has been associated with the International-Harvester Company since 1919 with the exception of nine years when he was with the West Virginia Conservation Commission.

He said yesterday that he has been reluctant to give up his business but that his health will not permit him to continue with it any longer.

EDITORIALS

Trick or Treat – – –

At least some of the little witches, ghosts, goblins and scarecrows who ring your doorbell this Halloween will not be up to their usual "hi-jinks." Instead they will be collecting pennies, nickels and dimes for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund which provides milk and medicine for children in under-developed countries. And in learning to "share instead of scare," they will be part of a new and growing Halloween tradition.

This activity will be sponsored locally by the Pendleton County Council of United Church Women. You will be able to tell the children that are participating in it by the distinctive UNICEF arm bands and tags that they will be wearing.

The children will meet at the Fire House at 5:30 p.m. where they will be assigned to supervised groups. At the conclusion of the drive they will return to the Fire House and join in the annual Halloween parade and party which is being sponsored by the Franklin Volunteer Fire Company.

Both the United Council of Church Women and the Franklin Volunteer Fire Company are to be commended for the constructive approach they are taking to this day which was looked upon by many with considerably less enthusiasm not too many years ago.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

The area had the first frost of the fall season this past Sunday morning. Some folks who traveled over Allegheny Mountain reported seeing snow. This is only the beginning of cold weather.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins — Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Larry Moyers, Mary Alice Simmons, Anna Lee Mitchell, and Carol Propst; prayer list — Richard Campbell, Kenny Williams, 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, Gretta Pope, John Moyers, Virgil "Bub" Yokum, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Sherry Chambers, Shirley Bland, Chris Phares, Robin Gery, Nancy George, Grace and Albert Hammer, 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, Tom Mitchell, Glenn Dahmer, Vicky Simmons, Ruby Gail Roberson, Cody and Helen Evick, Rocky and Sheila Evick, Mercedes Aumann, the family of Ruth Bauer, the family of Reed Kimble, the family of Sheldon Ruddle, the family of William "Billy" Warner and the family of Sandy Washburn.

Prayer thought: "What a great reminder to rely on God and make sure the things that enter our heart are pure."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Oct. 12 through Oct. 18, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Oct. 12 - 70°, 50° (56°, 35°, .18"), Oct. 13 - 81°, 49° (55°, 50°, .02"), Oct. 14 - 82°, 58°, .48" (71°, 46°), Oct. 15 - 62°, 53°, .42" (70°, 43°), Oct. 16 - 79°, 49° (62°, 47°), Oct. 17 - 51°, 34°, .11" (68°, 32°, frost) and Oct. 18 - 59°, 28°, frost (74°, 55°).

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Autumn's Grandeur Emerges in the Colorful Presence of Nature

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchel

It really does feel like time flies, especially when transitioning from the height of summer right into autumn. The shift from July to October marks a major change in seasons. As of now, one has officially entered full fall territory.

There are those who are ecstatic with the crisp new days of autumn and the occasional scent of woodsmoke in the air. There are those who loathe to let summer go, saying it had been the best summer of all times. But no one can hold on to summer once the trees begin to turn on their spectacular colors. Once the show begins, even the summer die-hards give up and welcome the great spectacular mountain autumn scenes.

Very soon, the leaves will be turning and the show will begin. The regimental march will herald the season. Maples will be on fire, oaks will be russet and gold in color, and fat persimmons will take on the look of melted gold, waiting for frost to turn their bitter flesh to honey. Sassafras, dogwood, poplars, and redbud will be torched by the autumn brazen fire...displaying their colorful tapestry along every ridge and hogback, in every valley and gorge.

Very soon, the air will be miraculously devoid of humidity with the snap and crackle ring in the air. Autumn is a time of beauty, of harvesting and of shedding the old. The joys of fall truly saturate every sense. One's eyes take in the vibrant reds, oranges, yellows and waning greens of the trees. One's noses inhale the clean, fresh air mixed with the scents of newly-lit fireplaces and warming foods. One's bodies feel the soft comfort of longer pants, tops, loose scarves and shoes. The flavors of fall both excite and soothe the taste buds.

Shadows will stretch longer and darker, shorter daylight bringing on early sunsets, all readying for the autumn/winter months.

So, sit back and enjoy what will be unfolding right before one's eyes. Nature will be directing the chorus line of colors for each one of the readers to bask in those delights.

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Avoid unnecessary meetings.
2. Be faithful.
3. Be humble.
4. Avoid junk food.
5. Sing a song,

Both Sunday and Monday mornings hit the 28-degree mark. Quite a difference from the balmy 85 degrees. The frosts hushed the landscape (being the most breathtakingly beautiful landscape) and everything appeared innocent again.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"How bravely autumn paints upon the sky the gorgeous fame of summer which is fled." — Thomas Hood

"Think well of all, be patient with all, and try to find the good in all." — Muhammad Ali

"If you think about it, everything we do in life is set to some kind of music." — Peabo Bryson

"It is in giving that I connect with others, with the world, and with the divine." — Isabel Allende

"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree." — Emily Bronte

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggers are as follows:

- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- The Basenji, a small dog from Africa, has no bark.
- The United States president with the largest family was John Tyler with 15 children.
- Kangaroos can jump 40 feet at a time.
- Each of the camel's eyes has three eyelids — two to keep out sand and one to wipe off dust.

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

Charles and Pidge Anderson's grandsons, Charles and James Anderson, along with Vera Taylor and Okley Dawn, great granddaughter, spent several days with them. They were from Princeton, Kentucky. Frank Wright did a good deed by helping Joe repair the porch and house. This was where the tree fell from the storm. Charles has a trip to Charlottesville, Virginia, this week to see his surgeon.

Good to hear that Tom Mitchell is at the Pendleton Manor to receive therapy, following open heart bypass surgery.

The chicken and ham potpie dinner seemed to be very much enjoyed by the community. St. John Lutheran had theirs two weeks ago, and St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church had theirs Sunday.

Ruben and Krista Nieves of Boca Raton, Florida, are spending two weeks visiting Krista's parents, Willard and Judy Rader. Ruben, Krista and Judy visited Sunday with Benny and Linda Custer at Verona, Virginia, and enjoyed a delicious meal. Bill and Charlene Rader of Plantation, Florida, are spending some time at the Rader home place in Sugar Grove.

The senior citizens enjoyed a bus trip this past Friday to the Natural Bridge Safari Park. From this community, Rose Brackman and Evelyn Varner took in the tour.

Janet Judy and Terry Harper were Sunday afternoon visitors of Evelyn Varner.

Wanda Pitsenbarger and Evelyn Varner recently visited with Cleo Simmons of Staunton, Virginia.

Having celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 22, Jimmy and Linda Rexrode celebrated again with the public enjoying an open house with light refreshments on Sunday at the Harold Miller Ruritan Building in Oak Flat.

Birthdays for the remainder of the month include Ann Thompson, 16th; Sharon Crider, Jessica Parker, Tonya Simon and Grace Hammer, 17th; Jenny Rogers, Ruth Nelson, Terry Godfrey and Duane Borror, 18th; Betty Lou McGahey and Kenneth Morris, 19th; Vonda Borror and Karen Schulz, 21st; Angie Propst, Gary McDonald, and Cindy Puffenbdarger, 23rd; Shelby Bible, 24th; Teresa Evick, 26th; Logan Fisher, 27th; Teresa Bowers and Jim Brown, 28th; Mike Simmons, 29th; Debbie Propst, Dottie Mitchell and Sue Sponaugle, 30th; and Judy R. Rexrode and Chris Wilburn, 31st.

Concerns are for Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave Basagic, Laramie Botkin, "Bo" Boggs, Cappy and Letha Caplinger, Glenn Dahmer, Stanley Dahmer, Clinton Eye, Isaac Eye, Brenda Fisher, Carl Gant, Sue Hall, Clyde Hamilton, Grace Hammer, Chip Harper, Armanda Heavner, Starr Hedrick, Bob Hoops, Keith Hoover, Mickey Huffman, Cynthia Hurry, Gary Jamison, Mike and Lisa Jamison, Marsha Keller, Tara Kelley, Carl Kimble, Keith Kimble, Melissa Lambert, Skip and Roger Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Harold Michael, Dennis Mitchell, Dottie Mitchell, Tom Mitchell, Helen Nash, Willa Nelson, Ronald Pitsenbarger, Alda Propst, Eldon Puffenbarger, Willard Rader, Jimmy Rexrode, Robbie Sites, Carolyn Smith, family and friends of Patricia Smith, Kitty and Curtis Waggy Jr., and Edwin Wimer.

Request for Bids

The Pendleton County Commission is seeking bids to do snow removal for the winter/spring 2026-2027 season.

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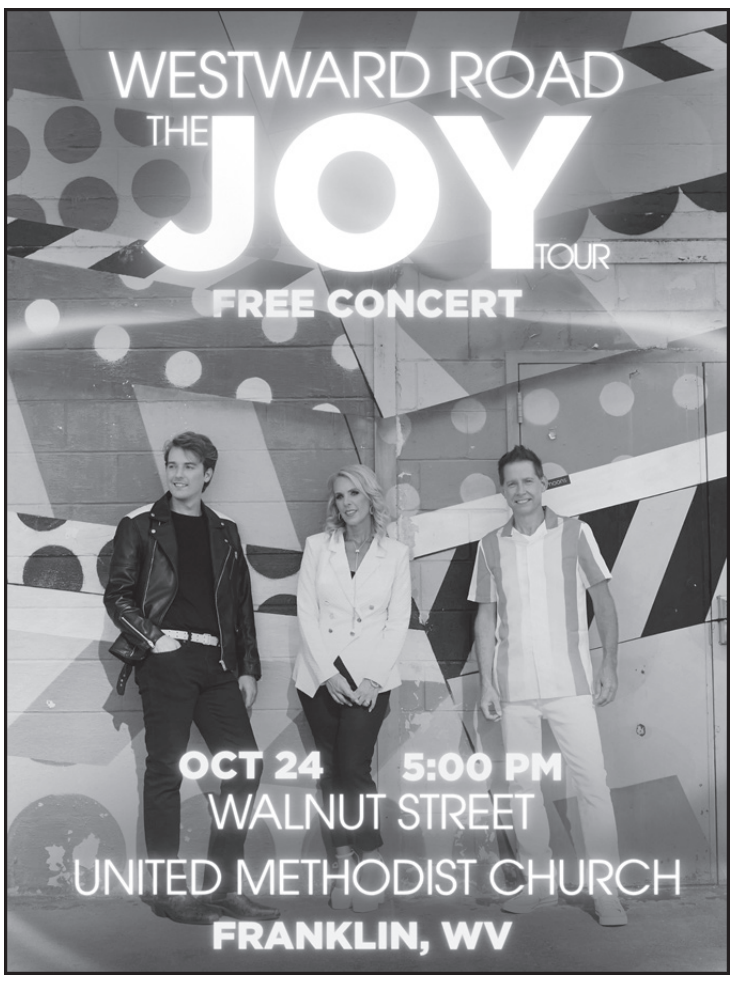
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Homecoming 2026

Senior Candidates



Arianna Alt is the daughter of Brian and Ashley Alt of Upper Tract. She is on the track and field team, as well as a member of Educator's Rising and the vice president of senior student council. She enjoys painting, drawing, hanging out with friends, and going on hikes with her dog, Ozzie. After graduation, she plans to attend Potomac State and then West Virginia Univeristy to receive her bachelors degree in animal and nutritional science, as well as a degree in business management so she can open her own veterinary clinic one day. Her favorite memory from high school is when Mrs. Propst played an April Fool's joke on the middle school students and told them to take off their shoes and run because of a flood.



Taylor Hoover is the daughter of Roger and Trisha Hoover of Brandywine. She is involved in gymnastics and a member of pep club. She enjoys doing art, hanging out with her friends and family, and doing hair and nails. Upon graduation, she plans to attend cosmetology school with the hopes of opening her own salon.



Callie Judy is the daughter of Jeremy and Andrea Judy and was also escorted by her sister, Abby, and best dog, Princess. She is a four-year member of the PCHS volleyball and softball teams, as well as being involved in the National Honor Society. She enjoys painting, hunting, and spending time with her family. Her future plans are to attend college to become a children's therapist. During her time at PCHS, her favorite memory is painting the mural at the 911 center.



Jaidah Nesselrodt is the daughter of Kristen and Warren Marshall. She is involved in gymnastics and a member of the pep club. She enjoys hanging out with friends and traveling. Her future plans are to attend PVCC and become a radiology tech. Her favorite memory is from her sophomore year when she was a cheerleader and the team went to states.

Freshman Representatives



Kinley Bennett is the daughter of Sherri Bennett and the late Jeremy Propst. She is on the PCHS volleyball and basketball teams, an all A Honor Roll student, and the treasurer of Educator's Rising. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends and family, playing with her animals, and doing pageants. She wants to graduate high school with all A's and then go on to college to become a pediatric nurse. Her favorite memory at PCHS is all of the friendships she has made, along with having a great time playing sports with her teammates.

Beckett Aumann is the son of Gannon and Heather Aumann of Franklin. He is a member of the Wildcat Golf Team and enjoys hanging out with friends, baking, and playing golf in his spare time. He is still exploring options and keeping an open mind about his plans after high school. His favorite memory as a student at PCHS is earning his all PVC medal in golf this year.

Pendleton County High School King and Queen



King Jeremiah Kobetic and Queen Callie Judy

Junior Representatives



Kayla Harper is the daughter of Elliott and Jessica Harper. She is a member of National Honor Society, pep club, band, and choir. Her hobbies include gaming and playing the piano. After high school, she plans to work in wildlife conservation. Her favorite memory at PCHS is staying in the music room with members of the music department making music and singing together.

Dylan Eye is the son of Mike and Erin Eye of Brandywine. He is on the PCHS golf team and a member of National Honor Society, pep club, band, and choir. In his free time, he enjoys playing the piano and playing golf. After high school, he plans to pursue a college degree and prepare for a career in pharmaceuticals. His favorite memory from his time at PCHS was earning low medalist honors at the 2026 Regional Golf Tournament.

Sophomore Representatives



Evie Nulph is the daughter of Dan and Laura Nulph of Franklin. She is involved in theatre and a member of the track team. She enjoys running, sketching, and decorating for the holidays. After high school, she plans to go to college and work toward a career in criminal profiling. Winning the regional track meet with all of her friends is her favorite memory at PCHS.

Bryce Propst is the son of Chad and Jackee Propst of Franklin. He is on the football and baseball teams. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing sports. He plans to pursue a career in the financial industry, specializing in investing and stock market analysis. Much to Ms. Hott's dismay, his favorite memory is when her phone was stolen.

Crown Bearers



Catherine Eye is the seven-year-old daughter of Jonathan and Shanna Eye of Franklin. She is a second grader at Franklin Elementary School and attends St. Paul Lutheran Church. She enjoys doing arts and crafts, gymnastics, cheerleading, and playing with her dolls and stuffed animals.

Luke Eason is the seven-year-old son of Mike and Rachel Eason of Brandywine. He is a second grader at Brandywine Elementary. When he is not cheering for his big brother on Friday nights, he loves fishing, hunting and playing football with his dad. His favorite place in the summer is the beach.

Ivy Huffman is the seven-year-old daughter of Brandon Huffman and Whitney Hedrick. She is in second grade at North Fork Elementary School. Her activities include playing basketball, being outdoors, playing with her goats, learning new gymnastics skills, and spending time with her parents, two sisters, Addie and Ellie, as well as her grandparents, cousins, and friends.

Photos courtesy of Light in Motion

Senior Candidates



Jeremiah Kobetic was escorted by his mom, Emily Kobetic, and his best friend Autumn Lockard. His hobbies include art, hanging out with his friends, and sleeping. His future plans are to attend cosmetology school. All of his classes with his friends hold his favorite memories.



Trace Lambert is the son of Chris and Penny Lambert of Franklin. He is a member of FFA and the Archery Club and on the honor roll. He enjoys hunting, fishing, working on his truck, and riding his dirt bike. After high school, he plans to work with his dad at his family's carpentry business, Jerry Lambert Construction. His favorite memory as a student at PCHS was when he and Landon gave Mr. Hudson his retirement gift of a cane.



Will Smith was escorted by his brothers, Leroy and Tucker Smith. He has been a member of the varsity football team and enjoys fishing and hanging out with his friends, in his free time. He is enjoying his last year of high school and has not yet decided on a specific path after graduation. When asked what his favorite memory was from his time at PCHS, he said just the people and relationships he has built with everybody.



Rylan Tilley is the son of Acie and Ashley Tilley. He is a four-year member of the football team. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and working on vehicles. After graduation, he plans to attend Wyotech to become a mechanic.

Eighth Grade Representatives



Skye Dahmer is the daughter of Brooke Selmon and Justin Dahmer. She is on the Middle School volleyball and basketball teams. She enjoys photography, hunting, and traveling. After high school, she plans to attend law school and become a defense attorney. Her favorite memory at PCMS is when she watched the JMU and WVU volleyball game with her team and coach.

Acie Tilley is the son of Acie and Ashley Tilley of Upper Tract. He is on the PCMS football and wrestling teams and enjoys riding dirt bikes, hunting, and fishing. His future plans are to become a wind tech and his favorite memory at PCMS is scoring his first touch down.

Seventh Grade Representatives



Tinley Basagic is the daughter of Morgan and Jessica Basagic of Franklin. She has been on the PCMS volleyball team for two years. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing volleyball, and going boating and camping. She plans to attend college and become an ultrasound tech. Her favorite memory from her time so far at PCMS is listening to Mr. Eye's funny past and present stories.

Hyrum Hartman is the son of Jay and Kim Hartman of Franklin. He plays football, basketball and baseball, and enjoys hunting in his spare time. His future plans are to attend West Virginia University and then become a pilot. His most favorite memory of his time at PCMS is beating the East Hardy football team 40-14.

Wildcats Overcome Challenging Conditions To Wear Down Warriors

By Stephen Smoot



Pendleton County's defense battled a power running attack that tried to grind yards in the mud and muck. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

Into every football team's life, a little rain must fall. On Friday, temperatures in the mid-80s plunged into the high 60s as a cold front brought in more pleasant temperatures, but also soaking rains.

This presented both a strong challenge and a learning experience to sophomore quarterback Mason Miller, who last week did not see a single one of his pass attempts touch the turf as an incompletion. While Pendleton County came into the game with the more successful team, few things equalize more than wet, muddy, and sloppy conditions. In 2015, Keyser scored the biggest upset in its history when it became the only team to hand Fort Hill a defeat in a span of several years. The very next week, the winless Hampshire Trojans saw the Golden Tornadoes get from F5 to F0 in a churned up muddy field. On that day, Hampshire High School scored their biggest upset ever.

The lesson? Anything can happen in the mud and for the first half, the elements weighed in on the ebb and flow of Friday's game.

Pocahontas County received the kickoff and started deep in their territory on their own 28, courtesy of Malcolm Smith's spring downfield and sure tackle. On their first play from scrimmage, Spencer Hartman stopped the play for a one-yard loss in the middle of the field. On the subsequent play, Ty Heavner "Ty-ed" down the running back for another one-yard loss. Eventually they punted it away, having only moved backwards on their first drive.

At 10:17, the Wildcats received the kick and took it to the 40. Pendleton County attempted to establish the passing game, but here the mud had its effect. Pass plays, especially in the Wildcat offense, require precision and chemistry. Both the quarterback and the receivers in the first half struggled in the passing game. A slippery field slowed receivers and upset the normal excellent timing enjoyed this year regardless of who has played quarterback. After three downs took the offense almost nowhere, the Wildcats punted to the Warrior 32.

The prior week, the power running game of the Bath County, Virginia, traditional wing-T challenged the defense, especially in runs directly at the middle of the fast pursuing defense. Pocahontas County added on many plays a wingback to their shotgun offense, an unusual move, but one that put an extra blocker in to attack the defensive line. The Warrior running attack drove straight ahead and found space to run, putting together a solid drive to the Wildcat 34.

Sam Eason dropped the running back looking for room in the middle for a negligible gain. Then Britton Lough, Albert Ramos-Rivera, and Wyatt Hoyt gang tackled the back for a gain of one. On third and eight, Lough, who seemed to have his Wildcat claws on a number of big tackles all night, wrapped the ankles of the back for a loss of four. Pocahontas County put a pass in the air on fourth down, but found Cameron Wyatt who intercepted the ball and ran it out to the 23. The offense did not gain a yard on the next possession and punted the ball back to, where else, the Pocahontas County 30. Early on, the game took on the aspect of a field position battle.

Again, the Warriors backed up with Smith again making a solid tackle to force fourth and 14 at the 1:46 point. Travis Owens took the punt, jitterbugged back and forth between several tacklers, then accelerated up field to the Warrior 35. A give to Cayson Armstrong on second and 10 saw him gradually angling towards the sideline, pushed out at the three. Owens came in to run the Wildcat formation play at the quarterback position. He gave an option left look until the defense started sliding that direction, then cut into the left through the resulting hole into the endzone. The conversion failed, leaving the score at 6-0.

Life then came at Pocahontas County fast. Their one play drive ended with a fumble at the 25. Then with 16 seconds left in the first, Pocahontas County let Owens run up field with man coverage. Miller fired a beautiful arcing pass that dropped into Owens' hands as he crossed the goal line. Miller came in for the two-point conversion. Perhaps for the first time all year, he went under center. After the snap, he wheeled sharply right and tossed to Wyatt to set the score at 14-0 at the end of the quarter. Pendleton County had played more cleanly for fewer points in games this year, but had a substantial lead for that point in the game.

To start the second quarter after the kickoff, the Warriors put a full house backfield look into their shotgun formation. After making a first down at their own 42, on the subsequent play Lough slipped inside the blockers and ended the running play at the 38. They made some yardage back on second down, then earned a first down at the Wildcat 44. On third down, Lough and Jonah See stopped the play to set up a fourth and four, but the Warriors punched the next play through for a first down at the Wildcat 32. Rylan Tilley made sure that Pocahontas County gained nothing on first down, which is generally the key to slowing or stopping the momentum of a running attack. On third and nine, See sprinted over and leapt in front of the receiver, distracting him enough to prevent a catch.

Pocahontas County misfired on a pass on fourth down and Pendleton County took the offensive again. On second down and 10 at the Wildcat 30, Armstrong took a handoff and sprinted to the Warrior 31. After Miller duped the defense into jumping offsides, Owens took a pass on first and five to the three. There, he tried to elude about five tacklers and nearly succeeded, but set up a first and goal from the three. The conversion was no good, making the score 20-0.

Then the Warriors started to battle back, taking the ball at their own 40. After advancing to the Wildcat 34 at the 3:48 mark, they got a receiver behind the coverage, fired the ball deep to him, and earned their first score of the game. The second touchdown came with 16 seconds left. A blocked kick ended scoring in the first half at 20-12.

The Wildcats came out in the third quarter looking for efficiency and consistency on offense, despite the onerous conditions. Starting with solid field position at their own 44, they saw Braylon Willis start generating offense for the home squad. After a five-yard gain put him at midfield, Pendleton County used him as bait. As the play developed, one could see Willis being set up for a screen and the defense closed in to defend. Miller instead dumped a pass to Wyatt as he positioned himself in front of the coverage, then ran by them after pulling in the pass all the way to a score. Owens led the Wildcat play for the two-point conversion and put the score at 28-12.

Pocahontas County's record may not show it, but they have good talent on their team and were not daunted by the deficit at 11 minutes in the third. A 14 play, five minute drive earned them a touchdown, bringing them to within 10 with 18 minutes left in the game. A two-point conversion gave them the 20 they had when the game was over.

Pendleton County ran the kick to their own 35. A few plays later on third and four, Willis followed Hoyt and drove 19 yards to the Pocahontas County 41. Not long after, on first down at the 28, Miller threw to the right towards Owens. A defender closed on the ball trying to grab an interception, but Owens' hands got their first. He spun and raced to the endzone, only to have that nifty play called back for a penalty. It only deferred the outcome for two plays. Lough took a screen pass in the flat. Eason hustled up to about the 10 to lay a block springing Lough for another touchdown. Willis picked up two more points to set his team up with a 35-20 lead with 3:35 left.

While the score technically remained in reach, a team relying so much on the run takes a lot of time to score. Pendleton County added 15 more in the fourth for a commanding 51-20 score, but after a game that left coaches with work to do before Friday.

Pendleton County crosses Shenandoah Mountain Friday to take on Stonewall Jackson. They opened the season with a 17-12 loss to Bath County. They enjoyed two wins this season thus far, one coming against future Wildcat opponent Thomas Jefferson School of Science and Technology from Alexandria, Virginia.

Pendleton County Golf Shows Itself A Rising Program at Wheeling

By Stephen Smoot



Hayden "Striker" Kimble follows through on a challenging shot in challenging conditions during the state golf tournament.

Ask coaches Mike Eye and Dayne Davis of the Pendleton County golf squad what the secret is to continued success. The answer always boils down to one word — not just teamwork, but teammates.

There's a difference between the two words. John Lennon, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, and George Harrison played for the same team, a highly successful one at that. Within that dynamic came heated clashes between Lennon and McCartney over their contrasting musical styles. Starr and Harrison, tremendous talents in their own right, got relegated to the background with little to no voice at all.

The Beatles gave a great example of teamwork, but not of teammates.

Not so of the Wildcats who hunt joyfully as a pack. At the start of the season, Eye and Davis established a fluid varsity roster. One could earn their way on it, but that would displace another on the margin between varsity and junior varsity. This encouraged the sharpness of competition and gave incentives to continue practicing and improving. Every player has spent significant time this season at Fisher Mountain on their own time, honing their games and preparing for competition. That preparation time, granted to players for free, is only part of the strong and solid support Fisher Mountain has provided to the golf team since its inception.

Even more important, these teammates always back each other up. They collectively celebrate victories and also come together after setbacks both individual and collective. Each player encourages the other, regardless.

Practices paid off as Pendleton County bested their 2025 State Golf Tournament performance. Another factor lay in the constant battles in the region between Pendleton County, Tucker County, and Tygarts Valley. Davis explained that the other two schools enjoyed an edge in age and experience, which also includes more physical maturity. The Wildcats bested the pack at regionals out of sheer work ethic and discipline.

Golf serves as a sport where one competes against oneself as much as anyone or any other team on the course. One can measure improvement competing in the same place and under similar conditions. Last year, the Wildcats went to Wheeling and shot a collective 615, placing eighth. This year Pendleton County moved up the standings to sixth, but the more impressive improvement came in the team score. In golf the low score beats the higher. This year's Pendleton County Wildcats shot a 560 on the same course.

The linksters at Wheeling last week faced the same summerlike upper 80s temperatures as the cross-country team at Hampshire, but with an extra taste of Ohio Valley humidity. Part of the athleticism of high school golf comes in carrying one's own gear over long distances up and down rises. Davis shared at the time that the team faced a challenge from the heat and struggled on day one a bit. They shot 280, which put them teamwise eight strokes behind fourth place Tygarts Valley. Although the heat had even more impact on day two, the team battled to a historic sixth place finish, best in school history.

The top golfer from this region in Class A was Alijah Row-Sponaugle from Tygarts Valley who scored a 177 and placed ninth. Nathan Davis from Tucker County scored 179 and ended in a tie for 13. Dylan Eye was the top Wildcat in the field, shooting 182, good for 16th place. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission has been tardy in posting scorecard results on its website, however, an inquiry to Grok gave unofficial results. It shared that Landon Davis shot a 187, Hayden "Striker" Kimble scored a 197, and Jacob Thompson finished at 203.

Wildcat fortunes look promising going into next year. Regional rivals will lose their top performers to graduation while Pendleton County not only returns its full squad, but also will see talented middle schoolers rising into the growing ranks of the team. The program started with love, but from scratch, by Charlie Burgoyne not long ago will be seen as a strong competitor for a Class A state title next season

Wirt County took the state title after having missed the tournament last year. They were followed by St. Mary's, Charleston Catholic, Gilmer County, Tygarts Valley, the Wildcats, Greater Beckley Christian, and Summit Christian Academy.

Pendleton County Cross Country Grabs Third in PVCs, Looks Ahead to Regionals

By Stephen Smoot



Callie Dunn qualified for the Potomac Valley Conference all-tournament team. Pendleton County earned a third-place finish in the PVCs, bested only by Frankfort and Keyser. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

Indian summer settled in last week, which brought delight to those seeing the end of summer heat with trepidation. Temperatures in the mid to upper 80s last week in Romney made the Potomac Valley Conference championships for cross country even more challenging.

Runners competed not in the cool of the morning as per usual, but in late afternoon as the sun starts its descent in the west. Hampshire's rugged course with steep hills both up and down added to the challenges faced. The unseasonally warm temperatures likely had an effect on most of the runners.

Five harriers took to the course for the Wildcats against a field of Frankfort, Keyser, East Hardy, Hampshire, Berkeley Springs, and Tucker County. Only Pendleton County, Frankfort, and Keyser had enough runners competing and finishing in the race to earn official team results. Frankfort topped the field with 26, Keyser followed with 40, and Pendleton County 63.

Callie Dunn led the Wildcat pack, placing ninth with a time of 25:25.4, a slightly higher time than her previous race this year at Hampshire. Her performance qualified her for the PVC all-tournament team.

Carly Kimble placed 21st at 30:35.6, Shayne Clutter 23rd at 31:35.6, and Makayla Turner 28th at 36:00.9

Pendleton County's entire squad of Dunn, Kimble, Clutter, Allison Reuss, Makayla Turner, and Daisy Hartman are slated to travel to South Harrison High School Saturday to run in the Region II competition.

Conditions expected for the regional competition could not be more different than PVCs. Runners will start at 9 a.m. after a night with lows expected in the mid-30s. Through the chilly, sunny, and probably also foggy, morning, runners will find the South Harrison track less challenging in some ways than Hampshire. The course ranges around the outside of the baseball field and through the low-lying hill beyond the outfield. Runners will continue to the other side of the campus, eventually finding the finish line at the football field.

Single A teams sending teams include Pendleton County, East Hardy, Pocahontas County, Tucker County, Tygarts Valley, Clay-Battelle, Notre Dame, Trinity Christian, and Union.

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Traditions at the Poor Farm

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expanding tremendously due to the invention of incubators and other technology. The South Fork Valley had ties to commercial production in Moorefield and Rockingham County, Virginia, whereas north of Franklin, farmers continued with traditional crops and livestock.

With the valley blessed with rich soils and huge tracts of flat land, planners put the buildings of the farm on a knoll overlooking productive lands. It promptly started serving those struggling hard in the difficult times.

"I hear people complain about poverty. They can't tell me a thing about poverty. I know all about it. The only thing we got was what we ate and the clothes we wore," shared James Russel Helmick to Rexrode.

"We slept on chaff ticks, or straw ticks as they were sometimes called," he remembered, adding that the work required that they "had to take the cows to pasture every morning and go get them of the evening." He and some of his fellow residents walked the 10 to 15 cows up and down old US 220 every day. In those days, even large herds of thousands of cattle were driven on the public roads. "They grew all the food we ate," remembered Helmick, going on to say that "they grew all the food we ate. They had a garden, and they had fruits and butchered hogs and beef."

Resources to give anything beyond basics needed for life had diminished for government and community. Food "wasn't too good. About the only time we ever had a special dinner was on Sundays when visitors would come out so they could see how good we were eating." Helmick shared, "It was a hard life, but you had to put up with it and learned that you could. We came through it all right."

Even Christmas remained just "what you heard somebody talk about" and "we never got to go anywhere, just stayed there at the Poor Farm except for going to school." Later in the decade, children got to move to the new children's home in Elkins, including Helmick. He went to school and even earned a Golden Horseshoe Award for knowledge of state history. Tragedy was never far away, though. "My dad passed away at the poor farm. I think that was about 1938. I was at Elkins and didn't find out about it till six months later," Helmick commented.

Poor farms faded from use as the modern welfare state committed to helping struggling people and families in their own domiciles. Pendleton County's passed into private ownership by the 1950s.

Munley recalled that in 1968, the year after his service to the cause of freedom in Vietnam concluded, his father had loaned $10,000 to a woman in Fairfax County, Virginia. She had acquired the property and dreamed of establishing a school there. That said, life happens as it often does and those plans fell through. No longer able to fulfill her dream, she signed over the Poor Farm to the Munleys. "Dad's Pig in a Poke" included the structures on the property and its 268 acres. He flew his own plane into Petersburg and drove up US 220 to Upper Tract to survey what he had bought. The family arrived in the dead of night. He recalled that "we couldn't wait to see what it was like in the day."

The Munleys tried to figure out what to do with the place. At times, they rented residential space. Most of those who rented there, with the notable exception of Mike Weaver who also helped to restore and maintain the buildings during the 1980s, did not treat the historical property with respect and the family eventually stopped offering lodging there.

A spirit of place engages best the spirit and love of family and those two merged together for the Munleys. "My mother had 13 kids. Then 13 kids had 34 grandchildren," noted Munley. Of course, his dad knew how to put the kids to work. He shared that his father would say, "Let me show you something," which would lead to several days of work on the structure. Few things build love of, and respect for, place quite like pouring one's sweat into it. As generations came, the massive family continued to grow. Most would lose contact over two or three generations, but The Poor Farm has always pulled family back, even though Pendleton County was never home to any of them. Children especially loved the spacious grounds where they could explore fields, forests, and creeks. Others were drawn to the legendary toy room put together upstairs by Munley. It holds hundreds of toys for every age, as well as part of his own personal library.

Downstairs on a long wall filled with family photographs is tacked an old-fashioned piece of lined paper for use in early elementary grades. On it, a child wrote, "I love visiting my gramma in West Virginia. She has a pond and she has 15 acres of land. There is about 20 rooms in the mansion."

While the property has its own dramatically unique appeal, the community setting made Pendleton County special to all who made their way there. As family gathered on the afternoon of the rehearsal dinner, one could hear folks sharing plans. One said he and his wife loved going to "that corner restaurant." Others made plans to see Seneca Rocks while in town. Munley took delight in describing his most challenging hole at Fisher Mountain, the eighth. "We call it the 'he hate me' hole," he and his brothers laughed. "When you get on the green, if you don't hit it hard enough, it will roll back to you and beyond!"

On the hill overlooking the original house and caretaker building, teams raised a massive tent for the reception. Second Empire style and other antique chairs were placed in a circle outside for lounging and socializing by a decorating team from Morgantown. Saturday brought the nuptials of Sean Munley and Kaitlin O'Connor, both left behind for a little while the bright lights and fast paced culture of Los Angeles for the bucolic upper South Branch Valley and the easy rhythms of Mountain State farm country.

Sean Munley recalled the hold that the Poor Farm had on him and other youngsters in his family in their youth. The past O'Connor and present Kaitlin Munley then shared that the two families had much in common, saying, "I am one of nine children." Nearly 180 came from both families, providing a perfect "opportunity to blend our two family trees." She shared repeatedly what an honor it was to her and her family to share a part of the history of both family and property. "This place has literally gathered families together" during the course of the Munleys' tenure as owners.

She added that "this is a story of family and place."

The Munleys could have envisioned a thriving business, sold the land for an enormous sum, or found some other monetarily profitable use for the property, but had a much more vital ideal in mind.

In the words of Marcellus Tullius Cicero, the land and its particular genius loci helped the family to "follow the bonds between brothers and sisters, and next those of first and then of second cousins; and when they can no longer be sheltered under one roof, they go out into other homes, as into colonies. Then follow between these, in turn, marriages and connections by marriage, and from these again a new stock of relations; and from this propagation and after-growth states have their beginnings. The bonds of common blood hold men fast through good-will and affection; for it means much to share in common the same family traditions, the same forms of domestic worship, and the same ancestral tombs."

Franklin Stormwater

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"the Town of Franklin . . . will install green stormwater infrastructure practices on the town's municipally owned parking lot and adjoining sidewalks in the heart of downtown."

As the town's release explains "for years, heavy rainfall has caused localized flooding in downtown Franklin, resulting in flooded streets, parking areas, and water immersion into nearby businesses. This project directly addresses these documented flooding issues while improving one of the community's most visible and heavily used public spaces."

It shares that the project will include multiple features to trap and filter stormwater and prevent rapid flow to the river and surrounding areas. These include permeable pavers, similar to those installed recently in the parking lot of the Moorefield Town Park. They have the appearance of traditional asphalt with small pores to trap and redirect water. Permeable materials will also be used to construct sidewalks nearby on Main and Spruce streets. Stormwater will go into "underground Silva Cell systems that allow stormwater infiltration and treatment." To aid in the capture of water, the lot will feature natural green space islands "planted with native species."

Underground infrastructure will receive work. The lot's function as a Treasure Mountain Festival center of events will be improved by "enhanced lighting and streetscape improvements," as well as ADA-compliant pedestrian features.

As the grant announcement document shared, the parking lot represents "one of downtown Franklin's largest contiguous impervious surfaces" extending for 1.73 acres. The system is expected to capture and treat 1.6 to 1.8 million gallons of stormwater per year that might otherwise create inconvenience in town or carry road and other pollutants to the South Branch River.

In a larger sense, the project also demonstrates the catalyst role that the Mon Forest Towns has come to represent in both mobilizing the community to gather information on needs, as well as assisting local governments in securing grant funding for a variety of purposes all designed to enhance their ability to sustainably develop stronger local economies.

Discussions have already commenced with both the town council and the appointed parking committee on developing alternative parking for the area while construction is taking place.

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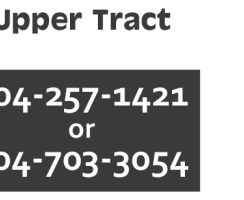
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		DISTRICT-01-BETHEL	
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0000000087	BODKIN LUCY, 21.80 ACRES	LAKE PROPERTY SOUTH FORK 4/7	201.60
0000000088	BODKIN LUCY ELLEN,	5.64 ACS PROPST GAP	1090.74
0000000089	BODKIN LUCY ELLEN, 30 ACS	PROPST GAP	354.10
0000000232	DAVIS JERRY JR, 4.32 ACS	ROUGH RUN	117.76
0000000233	DAVIS JERRY JR, 4 AC	ROUGH RUN	656.43
0000000346	FLEMING JEREMEY A,.763 AC	SWEEDLIN VALLEY	212.78
0000000347	FLEMING JEREMY & KAREN,	8.55 ACS SWEEDLIN VALLEY	176.79
0000000348	FLEMING JEREMY & KAREN,	5.03 ACA TRACT #2 SWEEDLIN VALLEY	157.96
0000000349	FLEMING JEREMY & KAREN,	.71 AC TRACT #1 SWEEDLIN VALLEY	91.40
0000000350	FLEMING JEREMY & KAREN,	.84 ACS SWEEDLIN VALLEY	317.01
0000000351	FLEMING JEREMY A &,	2.38 ACS SWEEDLIN VALLEY	105.93
0000000352	FLEMING JEREMY A &, 2.17 ACS	SWEEDLIN VALLEY	225.49
0000000388	GARBER WAYNE E, .45 ACS	ROUGH RUN	354.16
0000000564	HOTEN CLAD C, .48 AC	BRANDYWINE	75.27
0000000741	MARINERS VILLAGE LLC,	BRANDYWINE 2.2046 ACRES	4743.58
0000000858	MOYERS REBECCA, 1 AC	BRANDYWINE	305.62
0000000917	PENNINGTON BETH LYNN &,	1.70 ACRES LOT# 34 SOUTH FORK	239.06
0000000918	PENNINGTON BETH LYNN &,	1.73 ACRES LOT# 31 SOUTH FORK	150.58
0000000919	PENNINGTON BETH LYNN &,	3.30 ACRES LOT#30 SOUTH FORK	223.29
0000001017	RED BARN FARMS LLC,	45.43 ACRES SOUTH FORK	1953.14
0000001018	RED BARN FARMS LLC,	1.20 ACS SOUTH FORK	85.33
0000001019	RED BARN FARMS LLC,	20.44 ACS. SOUTH FORK	293.52
0000001020	RED BARN FARMS LLC,	15.94 ACS STONY RUN	220.80
0000001149	SCHELL TERRY RAY, 1.02 ACS	PROPST GAP	474.67
0000001175	SHOCKEY SHANNON, 4.01 ACS	BRANDYWINE	532.77
0000001176	SHOCKEY SHANNON, 0.627	HAWES RUN	212.92
0000001224	SINNETT HARVEY JR, SOUTH	FORK MT 2.81 AC 2.81 AC	172.49
0000001273	SWIGUNSKI JERALYN &, .25 AC	SO FORK	107.67
0000001341	TRIPP LLC, 4.07 AC	SHENANDOAH MT	994.10
0000001342	TRIPP LLC, .066 ACS	SHENANDOAH MTN	70.88
0000001476	WEIMER DAVID & KRISTIN K,	.92 AC ROUGH RUN	947.67
0000001477	WEIMER DAVID & KRISTIN K,	.77 AC ROUGH RUN	164.17
0000001505	WILLIAMS JOHNM 1.04 ACS	LOT#61 FISHER MTN ESTATES	134.82
0000001519	WRIGHT TERESA N &, .67 ACRE	BRANDYWINE	368.19
0000001523	YOUNG KYLE ALLAN &,	12.63 ACRES SWEEDLIN VALLEY	617.89
		DISTRICT-02-CIRCLEVILLE	
0000001681	ARBAUGH MICHAEL WILLIAM &,	.50 AC CORRECTIVE DEED NORTH FORK MICHAEL & KATHY--LE	234.01
0000001903	DEHAVEN CARRIE, 2.50 ACRES	ELK MT	85.48
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0000002046	HEDRICK ROBERT & ASHLEY,	0.72 ACS NORTH FORK	344.16
0000002053	HIGH SPRUCE LLC, .55 ACRES	SPRUCE MT	1233.44
0000002166	LAMBORNE MICHAEL & SHIRLEY,	119.39 ACRES NORTH FORK HILLS	1025.77
0000002167	LAMBORNE MICHAEL & SHIRLEY,	ANN 36.22 AC NORTH FORK HILLS	1326.72
0000002177	LITTLEHALES BATES JODY,	4 ACS ELK MT	157.01
0000002178	LITTLEHALES BATES W &,	2.50 ACS ELK MT	134.98
0000002179	LITTLEHALES BATES W	JOSEPHINE, 3.26 ACS ELK MT	109.56
0000002569	TINGLER RICKY, 21.07 ACS	ELK MT	535.05
0000002572	TINGLER TIMMY & MELINDA,	2.62 ACS ELK MT	198.47
0000002579	UPP JACQUELINE W REVOCABLE,	183.57 ACS TRACT #1 NORTH FORK	2617.15
0000002580	UPP JACQUELINE WILKINS	TRUSTEE, NORTH FORK	199.65
0000002671	WARNER DAVID & MARK &,	8.1 ACS BIG RUN	308.69
0000002736	WHEELER CASSIE MARIA,	BIG RUN .185 ACRES	211.91
0000002770	WIMER PAUL G, 137.77 ACS	HUNTING GROUD	1349.79
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0000002908	ANDERSON JOHN D JR &,	DIANNE M 1.383 AC SOUTH BRANCH	657.82
0000002946	BARR WANDA FAYE, PROPST GAP	0.34 ACS	342.85
0000002947	BARR WANDA FAYE, .14 AC	PROPST GAP	107.67
0000003048	BOSTIC BELVA M, 5.21 ACS	SMITH CREEK	554.02
0000003120	BROTON CHESTER F &,	24.79 ACS W S BRANCH INCLUSIVE SURVEY	914.49
0000003254	CLEMMER PATRICIA R, 40 ACRES	ENTRY MOUNTAIN	385.62
0000003270	COOPER JANET NOVACK	TRUSTEE, 3.08 AC THORN CREEK PARCEL B PARTITION DEED	262.50
0000003271	COPLEY CHARLOTTE Y, .6 AC.	HALLS HILL	259.42
0000003283	CROUSE DEBORAH L, .77 AC'	NORTH FORK MT	415.77
0000003346	DEPUE BRYTTIAN ALEX,	0.73 AC RUDDLE	141.75
0000003347	DEPUE JOHN GLEN, .45 AC	RUDDLE	267.95
0000003348	DEPUE JOHN GLEN, 30.2 ACRES	RUDDLE	335.13
0000003349	DEPUE JOHN GLEN, 14.88 ACS	RUDDLE	207.52
0000003405	EDISON BLAIN & BRIAN,	ENTRY MT .20 ACRE	96.27
0000003406	EDISON BLAINE & BRIAN &,	ENTRY MT .25	73.51
0000003407	EDISON RUTH WRIGHT & HEIRS,	.87 AC ENTRY MT	105.93
0000003467	FARLEY HEATHER C, 10.98 ACS	BUCK RIDGES TRACT #12	785.17
0000003549	GOLDSMITH BELINDA, 29.1 ACS	N FORK MTN	633.80
0000003693	HARTMAN EDWIN V & SUSAN O,	40.43 ACRES N FORK MT	842.26
0000003777	HESTER AARON C & CRYSTAL,	.30 ACS BUFFALO RUN	276.72
0000003778	HESTER AARON C & CRYSTAL,	.148 AC TROUT RUN	135.70
0000003779	HESTER CRYSTAL A &,	.84 ACRES SMITH CREEK	191.75
0000003837	HOOVER RICHARD E & CAROL S,	.183 ACRE HAMMER MT	81.83
0000003838	HOOVER RICHARD E & CAROL S,	18,500 SQ FT OR .42 AC HAMMER MTN	189.27
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0000003947	JAMESON KAREN L, 17.5 ACS	"ROS" THORNY MEADOW	878.10
0000003966	JOHNSON ELVIN &, LOT 3	THORNY MEADOW 0.62 AC	151.46
0000004009	JUDY MICHAEL R &, 2.056 ACS	LOT #1 DEPUE SUB DIV	637.37
0000004080	KIMBLE LABREESKA K,	14.17 ACS SMITH CREEK	458.40
0000004233	MACGREGOR ROBERT B &,	SMITH CREEK 240.05 ACS	719.49
0000004334	MERRITT JOHN A, 3.08 AC	LOT C-5 ENTRY MT	184.74
0000004350	MILTON ANDREA &, LOT #17	.25 ACS SOUTH BRANCH	344.60
0000004351	MILTON ROBERT J &, 2.63 ACS	LOT #5 CASTLE MTN CAMPS	224.52
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0000004466	MURPHY JUSTIN ISAAC, SOUTH	BRANCH 82.5 X 300	84.82
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0000004521	NIBBLINS DIANNE HAROLD,	.75 AC ENTRY MT	277.46
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0000004578	PITSENBARGER FARMS LLC.	2.744 ACRES HAMMER MTN	1117.61
0000004579	PITSENBARGER FARMS LLC,	2.296 ACRES HAMMER MT	1255.54
0000004591	POE THOMAS R & ANDERSON	JUDITH, 3.18 ACRES TREASURE MOUNTAIN	82.22
0000004592	POE THOMAS R & JUDITH	ANDERSON, 5 ACS LOT #8 BUCK RIDGES 1ST ADDITION	441.76
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0000005050	SMITH HOPE QUINN, 4 AC	DRY RUN LOT #3	240.23
0000005059	SMITH RODNEY, 0.82 AC CEDAR	KNOW	138.33
0000005060	SMITH RODNEY, 0.93 AC CEDAR	KNOB	107.67
0000005182	TIDD PATTY, 0.83 ACS SO	BRANCH	313.08
0000005211	VANDEVANDER DENVER, .13 AC	FRIENDS RUN	73.22
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0000005496	WRIGHT TERESA, 4.64 ACRES	ENTRY MOUNTAIN	241.02
0000005497	WRIGHT TERESA N, 3.08 AC	LOT #C-2 ENTRY MT	153.65
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0000005750	FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE,	.05 ACRE COURT STREET	401.19
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0000005864	KING CHARLES L & CAROL,	.34 ACRES HALLS HILL	709.81
0000006088	THOMPSON BECKY LYNN,	0.16 AC CIRCLE DRIVE 82.6X106.9 LOT 2	521.80
0000006107	UNDERWOOD JANET, LOT W	COURT STREET 73.26 X 68.64	578.64
0000006108	UNDERWOOD JANET, .035	EAST COURT STREET	70.59
		DISTRICT-05-MILL RUN	
0000006336	AUVILLE RICHARD ET ALS,	1.02 AC BRUSHY RUN	459.80
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Proposed Constitutional Amendment on November Ballot Clarified

West Virginia voters will consider one proposed amendment to the West Virginia Constitution during the November 2026 General Election. Kris Warner, West Virginia Secretary of State, is encouraging voters to review the proposed amendment and understand the limited role of the secretary of state's office in the constitutional amendment process.

The amendment, titled the "Citizenship Requirement to Vote in West Virginia Elections" was proposed by the West Virginia Legislature during the 2026 regular legislative session.

Warner said, "The duty of the office of the secretary of state is to ensure that any amendment approved by the Legislature is placed on every ballot in the state so voters can make the final decision. A majority vote is required for passage. If approved by voters, the amendment would become part of the West Virginia Constitution upon ratification."

According to the language approved by the Legislature, the proposed amendment would establish that only citizens of the United States who are also citizens of West Virginia are entitled to vote in elections held within the state.

Under the current West Virginia Constitution, Article IV, § 1 provides that "the citizens of the state" are entitled to vote in elections held within the counties where they reside. Article IV, § 1 does not expressly state that a voter must be a citizen of the United States.

The proposed amendment would change Article IV, § 1 by expressly providing that only citizens of the United States who are citizens of West Virginia are entitled to vote in elections held within the state.

West Virginia election law already requires a person to be a United States citizen to register to vote. If approved by the voters, the proposed amendment would add that requirement expressly to Article IV, § 1 of the West Virginia Constitution.

Boy Scouts

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out and paint lines demarking spaces on Chestnut Street, from which the sheriff's department would get at least some of their request for space to park additional law enforcement vehicles. Some question arose as to whether room existed for two or three spaces. Bruce Manor, town recorder, made the motion to give the department the spaces. Horan tabled the motion until later in the meeting.

Kristen Dingess, council member, took the lead in reading minutes from the previous meeting to clear up the misunderstanding. She said, "My understanding was that the discussion was totally about Main Street" and that the sheriff's department spots represented "a separate discussion."

Frank Wehrle, town administrator, confirmed that the parking committee had proceeded as if no decisions on Main Street or Chestnut Street had been made yet.

Through a discussion that went back and forth, sifting through what was known and trying to figure out what was unclear, the Boy Scouts saw government working with citizens for mutual understanding and problem solving.

Later in the meeting, Connor provided the report from the parking committee that established the need for additional parking downtown. Gillespie had noted in the past that though the population of the region has been declining, more individuals own and use their personal vehicles. That has been a cultural shift in the past few generations from families that shared one car in the past. The problem, noted Connor, lies in finding "ideal spaces."

Another factor in the discussion lies in the awaited report from the West Virginia Department of Highways on Main Street traffic patterns and problems. Wehrle said completion could "take two weeks or two months."

Minor, who also serves as director of the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management, when the discussion returned to sheriff's department parking, said that department vehicles will always need spaces somewhere to park. Thompson added that much of the parking lot used by the courthouse actually is owned by the church next door and courthouse use is by permission on days when the church does not need it. Currently when deputies have to be in the courthouse in numbers, vehicles sometimes need spaces in the town parking lot.

Dingess proposed that everyone "walk through this and see what everyone's thinking was when the vote (to establish sheriff's department parking) was taken." Larry Thompson, council member, said, "I think we voted to pass that and that's over and done." Wehrle said that "I don't think it was decided how many." Minor cut the Gordian Knot with a proposal to "designate by feet and not by spaces," the sheriff's department parking, and let the department figure out how many vehicles it could fit in the space. Dingess also agreed with Tim Thompson that county law enforcement vehicles will often have to take public parking somewhere in town.

Andrea Bodine, council member, pointed out that in an emergency response situation, having the sheriff's department vehicles convenient to the Courthouse would provide a better response time.

Kyle Dailey, the scoutmaster who arranged the visit, cited his military experience in security affairs and said, "I don't think anyone but law enforcement should be parking there," because it increases the risk that a malefactor may establish a position close to law enforcement and prisoners in their charge.

Council approved Minor's motion. Council also approved a stormwater management plan that will be discussed in another article.

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SGR400A 5 Bed, 3 Bath home located in Franklin District on 2.5 acres offers privacy in peaceful, wooded surroundings while being near schools and all town amenities. Attached 2 car garage, partially finished basement, fenced yard, Heat Pump & Central AC, 3 Fireplaces, Well, Septic and Water Filtration system. ~~$549,000.00~~ **REDUCED $525,000.00.**

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

SGR392A Custom Canadian White Cedar Log Home. 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 3,088 sq. ft. Cabin on 119.45 acres located in Hidden Valley. Red Oak and Mexican Tile flooring. Two Car Garage & partial basement. Mature plants and trees. Some Restrictions apply. Franklin District. ~~$919,000.00~~ ~~$899,000.00~~ ~~$849,000.00~~ **REDUCED $799,000.00.**

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

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 opportunities. Excellent Hunting. Life Estate on 6 Acres. Franklin District. **$169,000.00.** SOLD

SGR374A Spectacular View! 2.81 Ac w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin w/Loft, located on Kile Knob. Propane cook stove & lighting. Propane & Wood Heat. On site Septic, Cistern Water Source. **NEW LISTING** ~~$299,000.00~~ **REDUCED $270,000.00.**

SGR340A 327.98 Acres, with 4 Bed, 3.5 Bath Home w/2 car garage and Barn. Property adjoins lands owned by Fisher Mtn. Golf Course. Expansive view of Shenandoah Mountain and Fisher Mountain Golf Course. Year round spring-fed creek w/several other Springs and nice bldg. sites. **NEW LISTING $2,250,000.00.**

SGR316A 10.35 Acres, Entry Mountain, Some Covenants & Restrictions. Nice View. **$89,900.00.**

SGR302A "The Hollow" Restaurant, fully furnished, at the corner of US RT 220/US RT 33W, Franklin. Property adjoins neighboring motel. ~~$425,000.00~~ ~~$320,000.00~~ ~~$299,000.00~~ ~~$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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2022 KIA SORENTO AWD PREMIUM EDITION, 2.5 liter, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., light gray, 92K miles	**$23,500**
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2021 FORD EXPEDITION LIMITED 4X4, 3.5 Ecoboost, auto., ldd., black cherry, 92K miles, very clean	**$32,900**
2021 JEEP WRANGLER 2-DR HARDTOP "80TH ANNIVERSARY PKG.," V-6, auto., ldd., orange, 64K miles	**SPECIAL ~~$24,900~~ $22,500**
2021 KIA SELTOS PREMIUM PKG., AWD, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., bronze, 104K miles, ex. cond.	**$16,500**
2020 FORD EDGE SEL AWD, 2.0 liter 4-cyl., auto., ldd., Ruby red, 116k miles, very sharp	**$14,900**
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2017 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DR SPORT 4X4, V-6, auto., ldd., white, 89K miles	**SPECIAL ~~$18,900~~ $17,900**
2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., copper color, 118K miles, sharp	**$14,900**
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FRANKLIN - 2 BR, 1 BA Lindel[illegible]me on 2.26 acres. ~~$180,000~~ ~~$170,000~~ $160,000. Under Contract

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