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Federal and State Diesel Taxes Suspended to Provide Relief

By Stephen Smoot

At one time, diesel was the cheap byproduct of gasoline refining. Its allure lay in the facts that engines could get more fuel mileage out of diesel and that it cost much less than gasoline.

Over time, regulators added burdens to the production of diesel, slowly pushing the price higher as it became more costly to refine. This year, diesel prices leapt higher than the cost of gasoline. Earlier this year, supply disruptions from the conflict with Iran pushed prices higher. Now as Gulf nations in conjunction with the United States establish bypass routes for the export of Middle East oil and energy products, Ukraine strikes on Russian oil production and export facilities have maintained the higher price points as the Iran conflict fades as a factor.

Regardless of the reason, diesel remains the fuel that America uses for work. Tractor-trailers, farm equipment, and other vital machine equipment driving the economy uses diesel. When the price of this fuel rises, it pushes everything else up as well.

On October 6, President Donald Trump signed an executive order allowing use of "tax-free dyed diesel and deferring the federal excise tax through the end of the year."

"Red-dyed diesel" is identical to the diesel used for highway driving, but is intended for off-road use. Taxes from diesel and other fuels are used for highway maintenance. Red-dyed diesel is used on farms and in off-road vehicles, construction equipment, home fuel, and other uses and saves those who use it about a quarter a gallon.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, at the federal level "ordinary procedures for collection and enforcement will be suspended" with personnel assigned to this work sent to other tasks. The IRS will also make Trump's order retroactive to Oct. 1.

A week ago, Larry Pack, West Virginia treasurer, suggested that "state leaders . . . temporarily suspend state diesel fuel taxes to provide much needed relief to West Virginia farmers, loggers, and timber haulers struggling with rising fuel costs." He noted that several states, mostly in the South and Midwest, had done so already, following the president's lead.

Pack noted the "enormous financial burden on the industries that keep this state moving."

Diesel fuel price surges also have added extra and unexpected costs to school systems for transportation, as well as for many fire and EMS vehicles.

On Oct. 20, Governor Patrick Morrisey declared a 60-day state of emergency that gives him the authority to match Trump's declaration. He cited both rising prices and constricting supplies, as well as their ripple effects on prices of goods whose transport relies on diesel.

Chris Hamilton from the West Virginia Coal Association applauded the move saying, "The unprecedented rise in fuel costs for surface mining and coal haulage have added to the challenges facing West Virginia coal. The suspension will reduce cost pressure and help us compete in a very difficult market."

James Smith of the West Virginia Forestry Association and Rebecca McPhail from the Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia concurred in the action that "helps businesses keep trucks moving and keep costs under control."

Community CALENDAR

Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the post home in Sugar Grove.

Quilters To Meet

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin.

Library Friends To Meet Tuesday

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

All are welcome to attend.

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Moose Lodge in Franklin. If attending, contact Steve Conrad at 304-249-5694 by Monday.

Bradley To Be Portrayed Sunday

A native of Spencer, Col. Ruby Bradley will be portrayed by Becky Park, also of Spencer, at 2 p.m. Sunday in the community room at the Pendleton County Library in Franklin.

Veterans Day Program Planned

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the Richard Homan Memorial Park in Sugar Grove. Attendees are invited to enjoy refreshments following the ceremony. The event is being sponsored by the VFW Post 9666.

Thanksgiving Meal To Be Held Nov. 12

The Pendleton County Ministerial Association will host a community Thanksgiving luncheon from noon until 1 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Walnut Street Methodist Church in Franklin. The meal is free, but free will donations will support CAN.

Low Water Bridge Closure Extended

The bridge closure on County Route 220/12, Low Water Bridge Road, is extended through Nov. 20 for emergency repairs. Work will begin at the intersection of US 220 and County Route 220/12, Low Water Bridge Road and end at the intersection of County Route 220/15, Franklin Mobile Home Park Road. All motorists are to seek alternate routes, including Dickenson Mountain Road.

Pendleton CVB Reports Big Year for Lodging, Discusses Local Organization

By Stephen Smoot

According to metrics used by the State of West Virginia and Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, local lodging businesses enjoyed another year of rising profits. In fact, as Annie Humes, executive director, notes that "as of the end of the third quarter, the lodging businesses in this county are on track to have the best year they ever had." This continues a decade-long climb for this important segment of the tourism economy.

While other businesses also cater to visitors, whether for work or recreation, the hotel-motel tax is generally seen as the best bellwether. With the year more than three-fourths over, county lodging businesses have reported $2,086,000 in business so far this year. Compared to this time last year, that represents an increase of $130,000. The CVB receives tax information because it splits the six percent tax collected from these entities with the government.

Humes provided comparisons also to previous years. In 2022, the county saw for the full year $2,069,472, in 2023 $2,247,121, for 2024 $2,587,742, and last year they earned $2,672,443. The CVB projected that revenues would top $2.7 million this year and are on track to meet or exceed that. Humes added that the growth appears even more impressive when it is factored in that Pendleton County lacks a major resort like Snowshoe, popular chain hotels such as Holiday Inn, Hilton, or even the regional South Branch Inn.

Despite the healthy growth in revenues, local lodging owners and the CVB board have started discussions on how to enhance their businesses even further.

Humes stated that "so much of the work that the CVB is doing is in building relationships." That covers relationships with the CVB and other business organizations such as the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, relationships with other lodging and tourism businesses, and connections with anyone else who can help to augment their business growth. She added that "the CVB wants to be as helpful as possible for these businesses."

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Sugar Bottom Manor has been an Upper Tract landmark since before the Civil War. Mike Weaver recently purchased and restored the building for use as a bed and breakfast.

Weaver Brings Life to Historic Upper Tract House

By Stephen Smoot

Not far physically from U. S. Route 220 in Upper Tract, but seemingly a century away from the modern busy roadway, sits Sugar Bottom Manor.

At the graceful Federalist style house, one can better imagine the rhythms of life in the 1800s far more than the bustle of cars passing to and fro, north and southbound. While the house itself exudes elegant rural charm, much of the work towards restoring its original luster has come from the hands of Mike Weaver.

With love, care, and considerable skill, Weaver has restored the old house known to some as Sugar Bottom Manor and to others "the old Si Compton Place." "That's what I called it," Weaver said.

It serves as a bed and breakfast for those who appreciate and admire the painstaking work done since its construction in 1850, as well as being a landmark for the area by the families who during the years called it home.

Built in 1850 by I. T. Kyle for his family, the house reflects the later version of the Federal style of house design. The Kyle family settled in the Upper Tract region as part of a wave of

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Pendleton County Schools Given No Negative Indicators in Recent Report

By Stephen Smoot

In mid-October, the West Virginia Department of Education released to school systems statewide its West Virginia Department of Education Approval Status and Accreditation Report. This report covers both operational and academic effectiveness of all 55 county school systems and also charter schools in West Virginia. According to the WVDE, "the review uses performance data collected by the West Virginia Department of Education and compiled by the office of accountability."

According to the report only a small minority of county school systems earned no negative indicators. Pendleton County was one.

"The accreditation results for Operational Effectiveness and Student Performance and Success follow suit with our General Summative Assessment growth," stated Nicole Hevener, superintendent. She added that "the dedication and collaboration of all the staff, parents, and community is reflected in Pendleton County's success." This reflected the generally positive results from benchmark indicators released during the summer. Both school system staff and board members praised the results, but all agreed that more work and progress was necessary to fulfill expectations.

The first major category was operational effectiveness, which covers a spectrum of indicators. Systems are rated as either "meets requirements" or "needs assistance." Those in the latter category must address the named issue(s) in their annual strategic plan. The WVDE also may require specific corrective actions as well.

Under operational effectiveness, counties are rated on the following fields: career and technical education, child nutrition, county board member effectiveness, ESEA programs, facilities, finance, personnel, special education, transportation, and universal pre K readiness.

Student performance and success indicators include English language arts achievement,

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Unofficial Election Returns

GENERAL ELECTION RETURNS

	No. 2 South Fork Firehouse	No. 3 North Fork Elementary	No. 5 Pendleton Community Bldg.	No. 7 Pendleton Community Bldg.	No. 8 Upper Tract VFD Training Center	No. 9 Upper Tract Fire House	No. 11 Sugar Grove Rescue Squad Bldg.	No. 13 Seneca Rocks Firehouse	No. 14 Clinton Hedrick Community Bldg.	Total
U.S. Senate										
Shelley Moore Capito	200	132	362	186	146	103	197	94	121	1541
Rachel Petty Anderson	80	35	162	83	41	42	57	13	24	537
S. Marshall Wilson	13	8	11	9	2	8	9	6	6	72
U.S. House of Representatives										
Carol Miller	188	120	325	163	133	94	185	89	111	1408
Vince George	92	34	177	94	46	46	62	16	27	594
Belinda Fox-Spencer	5	10	10	8	2	7	7	2	7	58
State Senator										
Bill Hamilton	205	140	358	190	138	118	202	97	121	1569
Kevin Leon Carpenter	88	30	157	84	43	37	58	12	23	532
House of Delegates (67th District)										
Les Mallow	0	130	323	0	132	0	0	94	112	791
Mandy Weirich	0	38	193	0	50	0	0	14	31	326
House of Delegates (86th District)										
Steven Schetrom	197	0	0	174	0	108	186	0	0	665
Betsy Orndoff-Sayers	95	0	0	91	0	42	72	0	0	300
County Commissioner										
Carl Hevener	82	50	180	84	49	66	51	38	51	651
Seth S Bowers	206	107	348	188	129	91	223	61	87	1440
Amendment No. 1										
For	251	144	443	224	160	131	235	97	126	1811
Against	35	19	64	37	24	22	21	10	14	246

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Obituaries



Lola Alice Rexrode

Lola Alice Rexrode, 93, of Rockingham, Virginia, and formerly of Franklin passed away on Oct. 31, 2026.

She was born on Dec. 8, 1932, in Franklin, the daughter of the late William Harvey and Leah Zettie (Whetzel) Rexrode.

Ms. Rexrode attended Pendleton County Schools and had worked at Korner Shop Cafe for 10 years and had also worked at the Franklin Garment Company.

She was known as a compassionate person that always enjoyed taking care of others, and that spirit showed in the way she lived and in the connections she maintained through the years.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin.

She loved word searches, The Waltons, 6:30 News, and game shows.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory nine nieces and nephews, Sherry Wean (with who she lived), Keith Hedrick, Carolyn Wood, Dennis Wolfe, Nancy Wolfe, Marsha Nelson, Clinton Eye, Ronnie Rexrode and Larry Joe Rexrode; several great-nieces and great-nephews, including two special ones, Jolene Louderback and Steven Wean, Jr.; five caregivers, Phyllis Arey, Jolene Harper, Brenda Rexrode, Teresa Becks, and Laura Wilson; and her hairdressers, Debbie Dean and Niki Harden.

She was also preceded in death by five sisters, Florence Hedrick, Margaret Wolfe, Martha Rexrode, Christine Breeden, and Ruby Eye; and her fur baby, Cody.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin with Pastors Angela Lambert, Paul Shafer, and Troy Pearson officiating. Interment will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church.

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



Lucille Lorraine Arrigo

Lucille Lorraine Arrigo, 80, of Brandywine passed away at her residence on Oct. 30, 2026.

Born on Sept. 5, 1946, in Georgetown, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Karl and Mary (Smith) Lay.

Mrs. Arrigo lived a life rooted in faith, family, and care for others.

She was a graduate of Haverhill High School in Massachusetts. She went on to devote herself to work in foster care, a calling that reflected her compassion and steady generosity of spirit. Among the accomplishments that meant the most to her was fostering more than 47 children, offering care, guidance, and a sense of home to many young lives.

She was Catholic by faith, and that faith was an important part of who she was.

At the heart of her life was her family.

She married John F. Arrigo, who preceded her in death on April 18, 2006.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a daughter, Rose Muise (Shawn Grant) of Brandywine; two sons, David Arrigo (Savannah) of Franklin and Scott Arrigo of New Hampshire; two sisters, Grace Ray of Maine and Karlene Joyal of New Hampshire; a brother, Charles Lay of Arizona; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Dorren; and a brother, Jimmy.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated.

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



Virginia "Dottie" Dorothea (Armstrong) Mitchell

Virginia "Dottie" Dorothea (Armstrong) Mitchell, 84, of Doe Hill, Virginia, passed away Oct. 25, 2026, at her home.

She was born Oct. 30, 1941, in Williamsville, Virginia, a daughter of the late William Arlie and Margie Mae (Ervine) Armstrong.

A devout farmers' wife, Mrs. Mitchell spent sunny days in the hayfield and snowy nights in the sheep barn. She had a passion for growing beautiful flowers, preserving the fruits of her husband's garden, and tending to the needs of her beloved grandchildren.

In her later years, she enjoyed passing the time with her "dearly beloved" watching the squirrel families, and birds scamper about the yard. One could often find her at her grandchildren's ball games, livestock shows, and community events, quietly cheering them on with pride.

On Aug. 12, 1959, she was united in marriage to Carroll Charles Mitchell. Together they shared 66 years of marriage rooted in faith, commitment, love, and family. He preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 2026.

Surviving are three daughters, Patricia Marshall and husband, Wendell of Franklin, Karen Mitchell of Broadway, Virginia, and Leslie Armstrong and husband, Cole of Head Waters, Virginia; grandchildren, Kimberly Zdan, Warren Marshall, Lisa Neil, Sydney Armstrong, Anna Phillips, and Zach Armstrong; and a great-grandson, Carson Neil.

She was also preceded in death by all her siblings, Mildred Clements, Betty Griffin, Arlene Trayer, Buck Armstrong, Glen Armstrong, Sham Armstrong, Polly Ritchie, Constance "Connie" Townsend and Lena "Fay" Colaw; and half siblings, Becky Hupman, Brown Armstrong and Hallie Mackey.

A funeral was held Sunday at St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church with Rev. Jerry Smith officiating. Burial followed in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Warren Marshall, Cole Armstrong, Zach Armstrong, Justin Neil, Chris Zdan, Eli Phillips, Lowell Simmons, Gary Simmons and Mark Rexrode.

Memorial contributions may be made McDowell Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Delbert Rexrode, 527 Windrush Lane, Doe Hill, VA 24433.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.obaughfuneralhome.com.

Roy Eston Kisamore, 85

Roy Eston Kisamore, 85, of Churchville, Virginia, passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 30, 2026, at his home.

Born March 10, 1941, in Mouth of Seneca (Seneca Rocks), he was a son of the late Edward Jacob and Sybilla Clara (Allen) Kisamore.

Mr. Kisamore had worked as a self-employed logger; however, as the result of a logging accident early in his life he was unable to continue to work in the woods. In spite of his physical limitations, he was an accomplished small engine mechanic and enjoyed time spent hunting deer and groundhogs.

Surviving family members include his life-long companion, Yvonne Smith of Churchville, Virginia; a daughter, Juanita Wild and husband, Henry "Hank" of Riverview, Florida; a grandson and great-granddaughter, Dustin Greely and Tatum, both of Riverview, Florida; brothers, Ray Kisamore of Churchville, Virginia, Roger Kisamore of Quicksburg, Virginia, Dolan Kisamore of Mt. Jackson, Virginia, and Kenton Kisamore of Maurertown, Virginia; sisters, Ronna Bennett of Mt. Solon, Virginia, and Barabara Shoemaker and Carolyn Bly, both of Edinburg, Virginia; and a great number of nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by sisters, Gay Botkin and Ruby Miller; and a brother, Rex Kisamore.

Honoring his wishes, his body was cremated. There will be no formal services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Spinal Injury Association, 9702 Gayton Road Suite 306, Richmond, VA 23238.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.obaughfuneralhome.com.

Harlan D. Pitsenbarger, 94

Harlan D. Pitsenbarger, 94, of Franklin passed away Nov. 2, 2026, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

Full obituary may be viewed at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.

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Franklin Volunteer Fire Department

The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department is currently in the process of purchasing the community building from the Pendleton County Commission, but there are still a few steps to complete before everything is finalized.

Once the purchase is complete, our plan is to continue offering the building for rentals, just as it has been in the past. We know this space is important to our community, and we look forward to continuing to make it available for events and gatherings.

We hope to have the transition completed by January 1, 2027, and will share updated contact information once everything is finalized.

Until then, please continue to contact the County office at 304-358-7573 for all rental questions and reservations that are needed before the end of the year. If you would like us to pencil you in for events starting in 2027, please send request and information to FVFDRENTALS@GMAIL.COM and we will respond as soon as possible.

Thanks for your patience and support as we work through this process. We'll keep everyone updated as things move forward!

Terry Hedrick, 304-668-0336
President FVFD

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History ALIVE!
SUNDAY NOV. 8 @ 2 P.M.
A native of Spencer, WV, Col. Ruby Bradley was a decorated WWII Army nurse and POW and later Chief Nurse for the Eighth Army. She will be portrayed by Becky Park, also of Spencer.



PENDLETON COUNTY LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
History Alive! is a program of the WV Humanities Council.
Sponsored by Friends of Pendleton County Library & Pendleton County Committee for the Arts

Upper Tract Producers Report on Year's Activities

What a year the Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club has had throughout this past year. They were led by their officers Katie Heavner, president, Emily Schell, vice president, Hannah Heavner, secretary, Branson Smith, treasurer, Katie Keyser, reporter, Marley Champ, historian, and Aiden Whetzel and Maycee Woods, health officers. Other club members served as song and game leaders throughout the year.

They helped out and participated in quite a few different activities throughout the year. Club members collected and donated gloves and hats to the Upper Tract Fire Department Auxiliary for their warm hands, warm heart community project. Several members donated their time and tasty pies to help assist in serving the winter West Virginia University Extension farm dinner meeting held at the Pendleton Community Building.

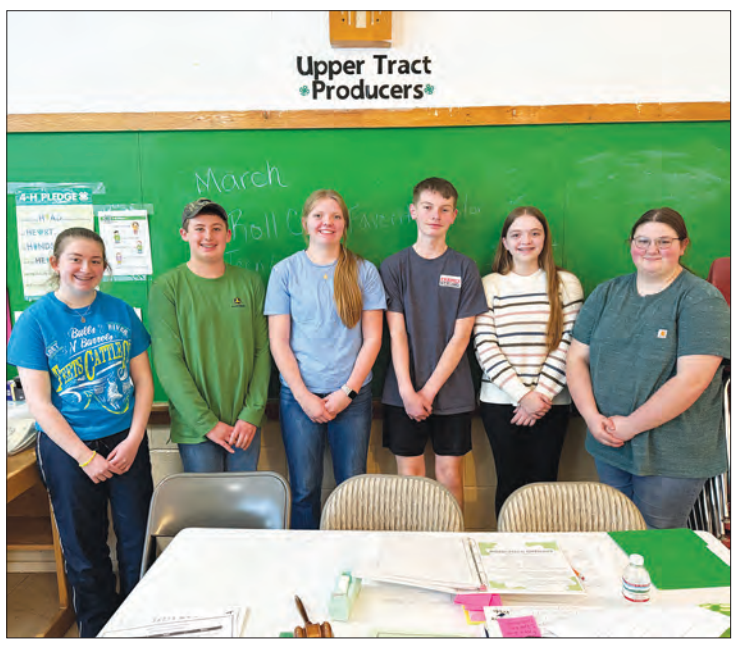
Several different guest speakers attended their meetings during the year and shared experiences and knowledge with the members. Curtis Beatty, Pendleton County forester, spoke about logging regulations, burn season, cost share programs and insect and disease assistance. He brought along his drone and gave a demonstration on how he utilizes it for his job. The members really enjoyed hearing and seeing the drone in operation.

Matt Stover and K9 Luna from West Virginia Natural Resources Police District also visited the club. He has been a game warden for nine years. He primarily enforces hunting and fishing laws and assists law enforcement. K9 Luna is a German Wirehaired Pointer dog that is a human tracking dog and also does article searching. She is one of seven across the state of West Virginia. The club members enjoyed hearing about Stover's occupation and meeting K9 Luna.

Club members made some field trips throughout the 4-H year. They traveled to the Reeds Creek Fish Hatchery where they thoroughly enjoyed hearing Jeremy Hedrick show and explain the process and steps that occur at the fish hatchery from the start of spawning eggs to releasing fish into the rivers throughout the county. They also had several members attend the county 4-H Pet Show held at Pendleton Manor where many of the residents really enjoyed visiting and seeing the variety of pets shown by club members. Also, several members participated in the Christmas parade and spread joy throughout main street while riding the float pulled by Santa and his tractor.

If anyone is interested in joining 4-H, please watch for announcements of the upcoming meeting in October that will kick off a brand new year for the Upper Tract Producers which will once again be full of activities, community service, fun, and excitement.

Submitted by Katie Keyser, club reporter.



Officers of the Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club included, from left, Katie Keyser, Branson Smith, Katie Heavner, Aiden Whetzel, Hannah Heavner and Emily Schell.



Matt Stover, along with K9 Luna, attended an Upper Tract 4-H club meeting. Members present to hear his presentation were, from left, front row, Ezra Boner, Officer Stover, K9 Luna, Layla Dudley, Brielle Raines and Emery Griffin; middle row, Everett Boner, Easton Boner, Sean Waggy, Madalyn Griffin, Levi Miller, Cody Miller, Coton Whetzel and Connor Raines; and back row, Katie Heavner, Hannah Heavner, Branson Smith, Aiden Whetzel

BES Students Achieve Academic Recognition

Ryan Lambert, principal of Brandywine Elementary School, has released the honor rolls for the first nine-week's grading period.

A Honor Roll

First grade — Ryleigh Eason, Maverick Fox, Josephine Harper, Adelyn Hensley, Brayden Lasley, Lucas Marsh, William Marsh, Liam Nicely and Jackson Wolcott;

Second grade — Qwendolyn Bodkin, Wyatt Cook, Isaiah Kobetic and Carly Mitchell;

Third grade — Dylan Hensley, Titus Simon and Demakleez Wood;

Fourth grade — Gaige Eye, Wyatt Hevener and Carter Mahoney;

Fifth grade — Hunter Bowers, Carson Mitchell and Bethany Teagarden; and

Sixth grade — Vianca Henderson.

A-B Honor Roll

First grade — Liam Blankenship, Hunter Moats and Laynee Ruddle;

Second grade — Alyssa Deavers, Luke Eason, Malcolm Graham, Mia Mahoney, Brantley Marston, Elizabeth Perry, Rein Poff, Cohen Propst, Alexander Rawson, Hadley Reel, Olivia Seymour and Russell Warner;

Third grade — Carter Braham, Miner Hedrick, Cayson Hevener, Braxton Kimble, Nathan Puffenbarger, Wyatt Ruddle and Bella Whitmore;

Fourth grade — Lucas Cruz, Annabelle Lockner, Alani Shockey, Colton Turner, Benjamin Weaver, Jacob Wheeler and Bentley Whitlock;

Fifth grade — Emma Gum, Faith Hough-Lachica, Wyatt Reel, Chloe Simmons, Colton Whetzel and Brody Whitlock; and

Sixth grade — Thomas Connor and Trevor Redmond.

WIC Announces November Schedule

During the month of November Pendleton County WIC Clinic, located at the health department in Franklin, will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays for full service. Limited services are also available from 2 to 4 p.m. on other days of the week. Call for details.

Pendleton County participants can receive services in Petersburg if alternate days or evening appointments are desired. The office will be closed Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day and Nov. 25, 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 304-358-3088 or 304-257-4936.

Horticulture Team Competes at Nationals



Pendleton County's 4-H horticulture team competed in the junior horticulture identification and judging contest held Oct. 9 - 11 during the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan. In the intermediate division, Hannah Heavner placed second and Ross Pownell placed third. Carrie Ruddle was the team's coach. Pictured are, from left, Jessica Hoover, extension agent, Heavner, Pownell and Ruddle.

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Times Past

20 Years Ago
Week of November 2, 2006

Community Building Ceremony Launches Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver had its official beginning in Pendleton County last Thursday at a community building ceremony.

It is a search and rescue program that involves placing wrist transmitters on individuals who may have a tendency to wander off and not be able to find their way back, or communicate their name and address to a potential rescuer.

Those individuals may have Alzheimer's, dementia, traumatic brain injury or other cognitive disabilities.

When a Project Lifesaver client becomes lost, law enforcement officers locate them through radio telemetry.

Pendleton County has joined three other West Virginia counties—Wood, Cabell and Jackson—as full participants in the program. McDowell County is on track to adopt the program.

Here, the program was adopted by the county commission, and it is the sheriff's department that primarily oversees and administrates the program.

30 Years Ago
Week of October 31, 1996

Former Teacher Reminisces About Civil War

By Masel Byrd

A sad story for me to tell is of the murder of my great-grandfather, Ambrose Meadows, during the Civil War.

Mr. Meadows was not a native of Pendleton County but came here prior to the war. He came from the Shenandoah Valley and married Catherine Hammer, daughter of the late George Hammer.

Mr. Meadows lived about three miles north of Franklin on the Harrisonburg road. He was a United Brethren preacher and a blacksmith by trade.

Due to a large spring of pure mountain water, known as the Buffalo Spring, flowing out through a nice level grove and other favorable surroundings, his home became an ideal location for camping and public gatherings of all kinds.

He was a highly respected citizen and was liked very much by all who knew him.

Mr. Meadows and his family were spending a very happy life when the Civil War came, which brought sadness into the homes and put the nation in distress.

During the war there was an army of soldiers in Pendleton County, known as the Rebel Scout. The Union men, who were called Yankees, had built telegraph lines over which they might communicate from headquarters to different places.

The Rebel Scouts had been sent here as detectives, and they spent their time in hiding around in the bushes to see what the Yankees were doing. This later gave them the name of Bushwhackers.

The Yankees had different places for headquarters and if anything looked suspicious about the enemy, the Yankees would report the news to other headquarters and form an army at once.

The day after the Battle of McDowell the people of Franklin were very much torn up and the Bushwhackers went down the road four miles from Franklin and cut the lines which belonged to the Union forces. From here they went to the woods and hid.

Along in the afternoon the Yankees tried to send a message over the lines and found they had been cut.

In searching for some time, they found where the lines were cut and tied across the road so they could not pass. This made the Yankees very angry.

The Bushwhackers then crossed the mountain to the home of Ambrose Meadows in order that they might get something to eat. When they reached the home of Mr. Meadows they saw some Union men in the house and heard them say if they didn't find out who cut the lines, they would burn every home in the county.

The Scouts were going to fire on the Bushwhackers but Mr. Meadows pleaded with them not to fire around his home as his wife was very ill at that time.

After having the flight one of the Yankees broke away and ran back to headquarters and reported the news that Ambrose Meadows had cut the lines and was harboring the Bushwhackers and that he must be killed at once.

Mr. Meadows had prepared to go to headquarters to stand a trial to prove his innocence, but was met on the way by the returning force of men who said there was no time for trial but that he must die at once.

On reaching his home he was made a prisoner in his front yard, while a force of men went into the house, (where lay the sick mother of three small children, the baby being only four days old) and set the house on fire.

There happened to be a few in the bunch who were kindhearted enough to carry the mother and her baby out into the yard, while the two little girls followed carrying their favorite little rocking chairs which their father had made for them.

An old brutish Yank grabbed the chairs away from the girls and threw them back into the burning house, but by persistent effort they managed to get one of the chairs out which has been preserved as a relic to this day.

Instead of taking Mr. Meadows to headquarters for a just trial, as they should have done, they took him a short distance from the burning house and brutally murdered him, mutilating his body with their bayonets and left him lying on the ground at a spot now marked by a stone erected by B. S. Hammer, who was one of the first to witness the sad scene.

Civil War days were characterized by numerous cruel acts and crimes, hard fought battles, hardships and distresses.

40 Years Ago
Week of November 6, 1986

Scars Still Remain A Year After The Great Flood

This week a year ago The Pendleton Times was not published. We had no electricity to operate our typesetting equipment, no water to drink or flush our toilets and no heat in our plant. We were unable to take the material we had assembled for publication to another plant because the roads were blocked, cutting off Franklin from surrounding communities. We couldn't even make a telephone call. For the first time, we knew what it was like to be isolated from the rest of the world.

But we were not alone in our predicament. All other communities in Pendleton County and in much of eastern West Virginia shared our plight, and, in fact, many were worse off than were we. It was the week of the great flood of 1985.

As news began to trickle in on Tuesday, we learned that heavy rains during the preceding week had saturated the ground and that this was followed by seven to 10 inches of rain in a 24-hour period which resulted in the worst flood ever to hit this area.

Electric and telephone lines were destroyed, roads and automobiles and farm equipment and houses were washed away and many people were drowned. Pendleton County and its people were in a shambles, both physically and psychologically. The devastation created by an invading army with saturated bombing could not have made conditions worse.

Particularly hard hit was the community of Riverton along with the lower North Fork area where farm land was torn to shreds and practically all the homes were either seriously damaged or washed away.

In the Smoke Hole area the raging flood waters filled the narrow valley extending from the mountainside on the east to the mountainside on the west sweeping away roads, campgrounds and everything in its path.

In the South Branch Valley, north and south of Franklin, tons and tons of rich topsoil were washed away and replaced by huge boulders and new river beds. Entire trailer parks and mobile home sites vanished from the scene with the only evidence of their existence being bits and pieces of the home strewn for miles downstream.

Three hundred electric power poles, 150 telephone poles and miles of electric and telephone cable were destroyed.

Damage to farms in the county was estimated at $175 million, and damage to roads and bridges at $50,000.

A hasty and incomplete count made shortly after the flood showed 58 single family homes totally destroyed and 300 damaged, with 130 mobile homes totally destroyed and 62 damaged. Also damaged and destroyed were 39 business establishments, 18 public buildings, 60 private bridges, 206 outbuildings, 51 barns and 204 recreational trailers.

Even worse than the property damage inflicted by the flood was the loss of life it caused. A total of 16 persons drowned in the raging waters of Pendleton County alone, and some of the bodies were not found until months later. Two still have not been recovered.

The following persons were victims of the flood in Pendleton County.

• William C. Hartman, 70, died when his mobile home was washed away at Kimble's Trailer Park at Upper Tract.

• Arson G. Hedrick, 90, and his sister, Eva Hedrick, 70, both of Onego, drowned when Brushy Run swept their home away.

• Cathy Marie Huffman, 23, of Franklin was washed away by Friends Run while her husband was seeking help. Her body has not been recovered.

• James W. Keplinger, 68, of Upper Tract, drowned when the South Branch of the Potomac swept away his home at Kimble's Trailer Park.

• Mervin E. Lamb, 74, of Upper Tract, drowned when the South Branch of the Potomac swept away his home at Kimble's Trailer Park.

• Sarah Pearl Lewis, 93, and nephew, John McMillion, 71, and his wife, Catherine McMillion, in her 60s, of Seneca Rocks, drowned when the North Fork of the South Branch washed away their trailer home. Mrs. McMillion's body has not been recovered.

• Delmer S. Nelson, 64, of Cherry Grove, drowned when flood waters washed away his truck.

• Willard R. Spencer, Sr., 37, his wife, Mary L. Spencer, his son, Willard R. Spencer, II, 17, and Mary Spencer's mother, Dorothy Lily, all of Route 7, Franklin, drowned when the Spencer home south of Franklin on U.S. 220 was washed away.

• Ivan L. Stone, 58, of Route 7, Franklin, drowned when his farm tractor was swept off U.S. 220 while attempting to rescue the Spencer family.

• Jody Whiteside, 16, of Seneca Rocks, drowned when he was swept away by the North Fork while trying to rescue a neighbor.

Because of the destruction of all means of communications with points out of the county, it was a matter of days before those in a position of providing aid knew of the devastation that had been inflicted on the county. But local residents in all sections of the county immediately began volunteering their services and organizing. Emergency personnel including members of fire departments, rescue squads, law enforcement personnel and other volunteers pooled their efforts and soon had established a degree of order out of the chaos. Teams were dispatched to isolated areas to bring medical aid and food to persons who were cut off from help, sources of drinking water were developed and information concerning sanitary practices was disseminated.

And then outside aid began pouring in. President Reagan declared Pendleton County a national disaster area on November 7. The National Guard arrived with heavy equipment to open roads, clean up and bury dead poultry and livestock and treat water for drinking purposes. The Red Cross and Salvation Army arrived with food, clothing and money, and food and clothes were sent into the county from church groups and individuals over a wide area. Volunteers from out of the area came in to help repair and clean mud from houses and restore living quarters.

Federal and state governmental leaders including Senators Byrd and Randolph and Governor Moore and others visited the county and through their efforts more assistance was provided. Within days after the flood, Governor Moore had let contracts for bridge and highway repairs, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency began collecting information for individual and public assistance projects. Federal funds were made available through the Soil Conservation Service to open river channels and begin the long process of removing rocks and debris from farm land and repairing eroded farm land.

Scars still remain and much damage was done that never can be repaired, but much has been done in recovery effort, so much, indeed, that the appearance of the county today, one year after the flood, reveals very little evidence of the devastation caused by the Great Flood of 1985.

70 Years Ago
Week of November 8, 1956

Franklin & Circleville Students See Auto Driving Demonstration

Students at Franklin and Circleville high schools will have front row seats November 14 when some of their classmates learn the facts of life-on-the-highways.

Brooke Boggs said the events will be in the nature of a test demonstration, designed to disprove the old notion that a car can be "stopped on a dime."

Two students, a faculty member and a policeman will take turns at the wheel of a specially equipped car—and they'll bring it to an emergency stop while traveling at 20, 30, or 40 miles an hour. Other students will check the results.

Boggs said the assembly will begin at 9 a.m. in Franklin. The demonstration will be held in Circleville Wednesday at 1 p.m.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Hello November, good-bye October.

Now that the time has changed, one will have to adjust to darkness happening earlier.

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, Grace and Albert Hammer, Lisa Dingess, Kitty Waggy, Donna Bennett, Mary Lou Wagoner, 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, 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, Carl Kimble, Jr., Linda Simmons and Harry Propst.

Prayer thought: "Loving Father, please give me the faith to trust You to take a step into the unknown, knowing You're always with me."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Oct. 26 through Nov. 1, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Oct. 26 - 67°, 32° (58°, 33°), Oct. 27 - 71°, 40° (55°, 32°), Oct. 28 - 69°, 43° (47°, 36°), Oct. 29 - 72°, 50° (44°, 37°, .59"), Oct. 30 - 75°, 45° (53°, 39°, 1.09"), Oct. 31 - 61°, 35° (46°, 40°) and Nov. 1 - 64°, 43° (61°, 39°).

Total rainfall for October was 5.75", compared to 2.36" in October of 2025.

Year-to-date rainfall is 34.75", compared to 41.17" for the same time period last year.

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Freedom and Peace Happen Only with Sacrifice of the Brave

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

The sky has been intensely blue, with an occasional puffy cloud floating overhead. November is ready to wrap her arms around these hills as one and all get ready for the cold weather. The woods are filled with a carpet of leaves while gusts of wind bring more to the grounds.

Veteran's Day is the next holiday, and if anyone deserves to be honored, it is the veterans. There is probably not a family in the United States who has not been touched by the death of veterans. Veteran's Day was formerly called Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I. It was the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

There is always a surge of patriotism when singing "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Faith of our Fathers," and "Blest be the Tie that Binds." And how about "Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain/For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain/America! America! God shed His grace on thee/ And crown thy good with brotherhood/From seas to shining sea."

The writer is in hopes that not too many people have taken one's freedom for granted, and thereby patriotism becomes lost. It is always nice to know that the veterans put on a program in the local schools for children to learn to appreciate the magnitude of honor so deserving of all veterans.

Oftentimes "Taps" is played at a veteran's funeral. It plays out with these words: "Day is done, gone the sun/ From the lake, from the hills. From the sky/All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light, dims the sight/and a star gems the sky, gleaming bright/From afar, drawing nigh, falls the sky, gleaming bright/ From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.

Thanks and praise, for our days/'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, neath the sky/As we go, this we know, Go is nigh.

Sun has set, shadows come/Time has fed, Scouts must go to their beds/Always true to the promise that they made/ While the light fades from sight/ and the stars gleaming rays softly send/To Thy hands we are souls, Lord, commend."

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Allow a lonely person to be seen.



Roy Pendleton Puffenbarger (Dec. 12, 1913 - April 20, 1985) and wife, Barbara Christina Smith Puffenbarger (Aug. 1, 1914 - Oct. 21, 1996), are pictured with their sons, Eldon and Wesley Puffenbarger. Roy was the son of James Wesley and Sarah Elizabeth Puffenbarger. Barbara was the daughter of George Andrew and Sarah Jane Hoover/Snyder Smith.

2. Be humble when victorious.
3. Make lists.
4. Set limits.
5. Be flexible.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Be healthy and take care of yourself, but be happy with the beautiful things that make you you." — Beyonce

"Life is short, and it's up to you to make it sweet." — Sadie Delaney

"If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail." — Jan Karon

"The quieter you become, the more you hear." — Ram Dass

"Whatever you are, be a good one." — Abraham Lincoln

Sitting outside to enjoy the weather and beautiful landscape is the best place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Judy Costello spent Friday night with her mother, Evelyn Varner.

Friday, Eddie Rader of Davis visited with Willard and Judy Rader.

The community's Halloween party went off with a blast. The Sugar Grove Rescue Squad and the Sugar Grove Lion's Club who sponsor this activity were surprised with the costume variety worn by the children. All in all, the games, food, etc. were readily received.

Clickety clacks for the chin waggers are as follows:

•Elephants are the only land mammals that cannot jump.

•The world's oldest wooden wheel has been around more than 5,000 years.

•There are parts of Africa in all four hemispheres.

•The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long.

•Sudan, Africa, has more pyramids than any other country in the world.

November birthdays are as follows: Jack Bowers, second; Tammy Propst, Roy Bowers, Ronnie Lambert, Judy Waggy, Terry Harper and Donna Hoover, third; Robby Fisher and Rachel Price, fourth; Marleta Wimer and Danielle Grogg, eighth; Bill Pennybacker 11th; Betty Wilfong, 12th; Bob Grimm, Paul Mallow, Tonya Hedrick and Lyle Hartman, 13th; Erma Moats, Bella Eye and Kara Townsend, 14th; Pat Bodkin, 15th; and Paula Mitchell and Brady McClannahan, 16th.

Concerns are for Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave Basagic, "Bo" Boggs, Glenn Dahmer, Stanley Dahmer, Clinton Eye, Isaac Eye, Brenda Fisher, Carl Gant, Sue Hall, Clyde Hamilton, Chip Harper, Armanda Heavner, Starr Hedrick, Keith Hoover, Mickey Huffman, Cynthia Hurry, Gary Jamison, Mike and Lisa Jamison, Marsha Keller, Tara Kelley, Keith Kimble, Lori Ann Lambert, 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, Kitty and Curtis Waggy, Jr., the family and friends of Sandra Washburn and Edwin Wimer.

Upper Tract House

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German settlement during the frontier times.

"I tried to do it right," said Weaver, who added "I'm pretty proud of it."

Federal style emerged during and after the American War of Independence as a lighter version of the Georgian houses popular in Britain and America through the 1770s. Federal style, called Adam style in Britain, shared with the Georgian designs a symmetrical setup of rooms, hallways, and other house attributes, such as gabled roofs and classical artistic details. Federal homes also reflect a more refined and restrained lighter style of design and décor. That said, Kyle ensured that his house would be built to see the passage of centuries instead of years. As Weaver shared, the walls of the house are seven bricks thick, providing both structural integrity and more protection from cold winter winds and the boiling summer sun.

Like many such homes in the South Branch Valley region, including the Van Meter house in Old Fields, these houses served as the centerpiece for large and productive farms. Weaver stated that historically, the property grew corn and soybeans.

During the years the house and property changed hands a number of times. Each proprietor understood the significance and value of the sturdy old home, but 175 years of weather and wear brought some tarnish to the shine of the place.

Weaver made priorities of not only restoring the original look, but also in renovating the historic details inside and out. Some damage came from time, but other restorations had to undo well-meaning work during the years to shore up and revitalize the structure. A significant problem lay in the breakdown of the old bricks on the exterior of the home. Weaver brought in Mike Richter who "took the walls apart and reset the bricks the way they should be done."

Additionally, parts of the building to the right of center had experienced serious water damage from water flowing into interior walls. Weaver worked to eliminate the damage and restore the original, or period look, as much as possible.

Behind the house, along with a patio constructed around an old water well, sits a white structure that housed both the slave quarters and the summer kitchen. Weaver currently is working to restore the function of the kitchen side for guests. A "major project" for the future is restoration on the old barn on the corner of the property.

The front rooms were known as the gentleman's parlor and the ladies' parlor. The former room was converted into a bedroom and has darker hues and a more masculine style. One can see no evidence of the water damage noted earlier. The ladies' parlor now serves as a common area to gather and play games, watch television, or relax in the comfortable, yet period styled, furniture.

Weaver worked to find antiques and antique-appearing furniture and furnishings to complete the feel of traveling back in time. He found an old post office desk "a neat ol' thing, I think" with myriad cubbies for holding mail. It now serves as the home of local tourism promotional literature for the benefit of those staying there. He also put on display a remarkable collection of old tools "people used on the farm in those days."

Another aspect of authenticity comes from the general lack of closets in the home, same as in the period. Instead, Weaver has purchased and used massive old wardrobes that contain space for hanging clothes, as well as drawers. One is 10 feet in height, constructed of white oak and painted to look like walnut. He also got creative in some ways, such as using an old captain's chest as a coffee table.

A number of families called the place home, including the McClures associated with John B. McClure, the Cattle King of West Virginia. Morris Mallow and his family also held the land for some time as well. Weaver talked much of the contributions of Zelene Harman. She served as an attorney and Guardian ad Litem for children in the court system. Harman also served with the Pendleton County Historical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Daughters of the Confederacy. Harman and her husband, Max Miller, used the home as a place to bring together family, friends, and community, especially at Halloween.

On her passing in 2025, Miller decided to put up the house for sale, having no family in the area. Weaver said that his daughter told him jokingly, "Dad, Max wants to sell that home. I'd love to live there. Won't you buy it for me?"

After laughing a bit, Weaver came to the idea that "It would make a really nice B and B. I thought 'it would be a nice place if it was fixed up.'" And thus started the adventure of restoring a piece of county history and of the histories of many area families.

Kyle would certainly recognize the work performed by him and restored by Weaver and others. He might not recognize a modern kitchen with a Nespresso coffee bar, television sets, and a koi pond set in what once was a small swimming pool.

He would also recognize the best amenity. When one stands in the front yard, looking down the driveway between two fields that seem ready for planting, a person can almost imagine themselves in 1850 again.

An old house has a lot of memories. In this case, almost all good ones. Weaver has put in the work to help renters make their own memories as they enjoy one of the most beautiful settings in West Virginia.

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New WV Cryptids License Plate Available

West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles has unveiled a spooktacular new license plate.

The license plate, designed by West Virginia artist Jesse Corlis, features nine different cryptids, with stories and ties to locations all around the mountain state:

Flatwoods Monster, a.k.a. "Braxie" – Braxie originated from Flatwoods (Braxton County) around 1952. Of the characters on the plate, Braxie is featured most prominently.

Mothman - According to legend, Mothman was first sighted in 1966 in Clendenin (Kanawha County) and later became associated with the collapse of the Silver Bridge in Point Pleasant (Mason County.) The plate features Mothman flying through a wooded scene, just behind Braxie's shoulder.

Bigfoot – With sightings all over the United States and many counties in West Virginia, Bigfoot was most recently seen holding the new license plate at the Summersville Bigfoot Festival. Bigfoot graces the right hand side of the plate, among the characters featured in a shadowy blue.

Sheepsquatch - A multi-county area from Boone County to Mason County boasts the origins of the Sheepsquatch stories. On the license plate, Sheepsquatch, and the remaining characters, are featured as smaller forms, all living in harmony in the friendly blue background of the wooded scene.

Batboy - Greenbrier County's Lost World Caverns area in Lewisburg brought the Batboy stories.



Veggie Man – Veggie Man is a Fairmont (Marion County) native, originating around 1968.

Werewolf – The Webster County Werewolf stories date back to the 18th Century and Native American folklore. Quite a spook in life, but as friendly as the rest of the cohort on the plate.

Ogua – From the Hoult area of Marion County, along the Monongahela River, Ogua rounds out the all-West Virginian otherworldly friends.

Grafton Monster – Originating from Taylor County around 1964, this pale, whistling or bellowing creature calmly graces what may go down in history as the Best. License Plate. Ever.

"First and foremost, I would like to pay tribute to Jesse Corlis, the talented graphic artist who designed the cryptid license plate, along with several other license plates you see traveling the roads of West Virginia every day. One particularly popular design is the Pollinators plate, better known as the 'Bee plate.'" said Everett Frazier, DMV commissioner.

"As a huge fan of West Virginia's rich folklore, I couldn't be more excited to see legendary cryptids like Mothman and Braxie the Flatwoods Monster featured on our new license plate," said Stephen T. Rumbaugh, transportation secretary.

Corlis developed the plate while working at the Kanawha City DMV headquarters. Other plates by Corlis include the Protect Pollinators plate and the Turtle wildlife plate. While Corlis brings a grand scene together for the small, metal license plate, his artwork also graces the sides of enormous buildings and bridge piers around West Virginia and surrounding states.

DMV guests looking for a West Virginia road trip with their authentic Corlis "Cryptids" license plate may wish to visit some of his most prominent murals around the state, including: Silver Bridge Memorial at Point Pleasant, Bear, and Octopus Bridge Piers and Streetcar, both at Charleston, Pies and Pints at Fayetteville and Charleston, Days of Gassaway at Gassaway with Braxton County High School Student Emily Garrett, Museum of American Glass at Weston, El Jardin del Amor, by former Mi Cocina de Amor restaurant at Charleston, and more in West Virginia and beyond.

"This design not only celebrates our state's unique culture and storied heritage on every road we travel, but it also serves as a lasting tribute to the incredible artistic legacy of Jesse Corlis," said Rumbaugh.

"Tragically, Jesse passed away in 2023 before he had the opportunity to see the cryptid plate come to fruition," said Frazier. "We recognize his creativity, talent, and contributions to the West Virginia license plate program, and we are proud to see his work celebrated through this unique design."

Corlis is described by his family as living his whole life as an artist, even the parts between the hours worked designing and creating art. He embodied the West Virginia DMV vision of serving guests, as guests - not merely customers. While painting one of his murals on the bridge piers under the interstate in Charleston, he talked with a man named Will, who was facing homelessness. Corlis then proceeded to help Will get his driver's license, combining art, the DMV, and a heart that was born to serve others.

Guests can purchase the new plate at all DMV offices around the state.

Wildcat Runners Make Their Mark at States



Pendleton County cross country ladies prepare for their trek to the state competition. Pictured are, from left, Mary Beth Hebb (coach), Allison Reuss, Callie Dunn, Shayne Clutter, Makayla Turner, Daisy Hartman, Carly Kimble and Jennifer Apple (coach).

By Stephen Smoot

One could not have asked for a more perfect day to run for a state title last weekend. Temperatures in the low 70s under cloudy skies and almost no wind at all greeted the cross country ladies from Pendleton County who traveled four hours one way to get there.

Pendleton County brought its full complement of runners on the girls' side, having earned the right to race in the regionals the prior weekend.

The girls stood in at one o' clock in the afternoon ready to race. The first mile of the course rounded the Cabell Midland baseball field, traversed the campus, then went in and out of a wooded hollow. Mile number two took the runners through meadows and landscapes east of campus. The final third of the race once again took the girls around the baseball and softball fields before ending on the track at the football field.

Not one of the girls who competed last weekend will graduate from high school this year, meaning that Pendleton County will likely continue to see its cross country program race forward.

Callie Dunn led as she has most of the year. She gave her season best, placing 26th and running a 23:55.7. Carly Kimble placed 56th with a 27:29 while Allison Reuss placed 64th with a 30:32.6, Makayla Turner 65th with a 31:07.7 and Daisy Hartman ran for a 41:59.3.

Dunn represented the fastest Potomac Highlands school runner outside of East Hardy's Shay Barb. Pendleton County placed ninth overall with 217 points. Only Pendleton County, Ritchie County, St. Mary's, Trinity Christian, Wheeling Central Catholic, Wirt County, Charleston Catholic, and Gilmer County fielded full teams. About 76 runners competed.

Bright Lights, Big City, No Problem for Wildcats in 49-7 Win

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Wildcats continued their travels in the Old Dominion last week, taking on the Thomas Jefferson Science and Technology School that has just more than 2,100 students, about 600 more than Class AAAA Jefferson High School in West Virginia. That same school had lost to Pendleton's opponent, Stonewall Jackson High School, by a score of 30-14, which made the student population appear much less interesting.

The Colonials had no answers for the Wildcats, who scored 16 in the first quarter and 19 in the second, giving them a 35-7 advantage at the half.

With a comfortable lead and the reserves filing in later, the Wildcats picked up a touchdown and an extra point in both the third and fourth quarters to put the home squad away. The final score was 49-7.

One advantage conferred in the win comes in beating a team that would qualify for Class AAAA if in West Virginia. This provides significant help to the Wildcats, who have played a rugged schedule this year in terms of size of opponents.

Mason Miller once again drove the Wildcat offense, hitting 17 of 27 passes for 220 yards and four touchdowns. The game gave him valuable opportunity to experience an artificial surface, which allows for faster running by his receivers and those who cover them. Braylon Willis ran nine times for 92 yards, including a 33-yard burst and a touchdown. Noah Kobetic ran five times for 39 yards and a touchdown, Wyatt Haynes nine for 13, and Travis Owens twice for one yard and a touchdown.

Britton Lough caught three passes for 38 yards, and a touchdown Owens four for 55 and a touchdown, Cameron Wyatt four for 42 and a touchdown, Jonah See four for 42 and a touchdown, and Cayden Hensley one for 38. On defense, Albert Ramos Rivera and Liam Simmons both earned sacks while Chase Rohrbaugh and Greyson Boggs both picked off passes.

Friday, the end of the season caps off with Pendleton County hosting Cameron for the final game of the regular season.

This season, Cameron has put together a five and four record, including a decisive 42-6 victory over Tucker County. Most recently, they lost a tight game to East Hardy 28- 21. Cameron still occupies the sixth rank to the Wildcats' seventh in the Metro News power rankings. Prior to last Friday's results, the two teams held a seventh-place tie in WVSSAC playoff rankings.

Metro News power rankings are voted on by a panel and have no significance in terms of WVSSAC playoff selection or seeding.

Cameron's quarterback has completed 38 of 81 passes on the year for 464 yards. Their real strength on offense, however, lies in the rushing attack. Soier Reed has 105 carries for 847 yards, followed by Talen Brown with 54 rushes for 700 yards even.

Yards per rush averages, however, are similar to Wildcat running backs. Willis averages almost eight yards per carry while Cayson Armstrong averages 7.4 yards per touch.

Pendleton County quarterback Miller has one yard shy of 1,800 in passing on the season with Owens closing in on 1,000 yards catching the ball.

Bradley To Be Portrayed at Local Library

Colonel Ruby G. Bradley (1907-2002), WWII and Korean War Army nurse, will be portrayed by Becky Park of Charleston Sunday at 2 p.m. in the community room at Pendleton County Library in Franklin.

When Bradley retired from the U.S. Army in 1963, she was the most decorated woman in American military history. A native of Spencer, she was captured in 1941 by the Japanese in the Philippines and was a prisoner of war until 1945. She continued her work as a nurse in the prison camp. In 1951, she was named chief nurse for the Eighth Army and supervised more than 500 nurses in Korea. In 1958, she attained the rank of colonel.

Bradley is one of the many available character presentations offered through the West Virginia Humanities Council's History Alive! program as a means of exploring history by interacting with noteworthy historical figures. These programs provide audiences with the opportunity to question those who have shaped our history.

Historical characterization is the vehicle for this program. Humanities scholars have carefully researched a variety of sources about the figures they portray such as journals, letters, official documents, speeches, autobiographies and research by other scholars in developing their presentation.



Refreshments will be provided.

This program is sponsored by the Pendleton County Friends of the Library and the Pendleton County Committee for the Arts.

Steps Outlined for Medicaid Members Ahead of 2027 Eligibility Changes

The West Virginia Department of Human Services is reminding Medicaid members to take steps now to prepare for new federal eligibility requirements that will take effect in 2027.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, certain adults ages 19 through 64 enrolled in the Medicaid Adult Expansion Group will be required to complete 80 hours per month of qualifying activities to maintain Medicaid coverage.

Qualifying activities may include employment, participation in a work program, education, or volunteering. Members may combine activities to meet the 80-hour monthly requirement. Members may also meet the requirement by earning at least $580 per month. Seasonal workers may qualify based on their six-month average income.

What should Medicaid members do now?

Medicaid members are encouraged to:

• Keep information up to date. Review and update contact, household, and eligibility information with DoHS.

• Report changes. Report changes in employment, income, or household circumstances through WV PATH.

• Complete required reviews. Complete Medicaid eligibility reviews and provide requested information by the stated deadlines.

• Learn about the new requirements. Visit wvmedicaidhelp.org to learn more about qualifying activities, exemptions, reporting requirements and important timelines.

Members can report changes, apply for benefits and complete eligibility reviews through WV PATH at www.wvpath.wv.gov.

For more information about the 2027 Medicaid eligibility changes, including who may be affected, qualifying activities, exemptions and what members need to do, visit wvmedicaidhelp.org or call the DoHS Customer Service Reporting Center at 1-877-716-1212.

CVB Reports Big Year

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Humes and members of the CVB board have held very early and very preliminary discussions about forming a local organization of lodging businesses. Mike Weaver, who just renovated and opened a historic bed and breakfast in Upper Tract, has also helped to generate interest.

Pendleton County has what could seem to be a surprising number of such businesses. According to AirDNA, the area has 104 listings on various platforms. The number certainly extends higher than that as some larger lodging businesses operate their own booking and do not use third parties. The highest performing businesses earn more than $70,000 per year with the average a little less than $27,000. BNB business in Pendleton County outperforms the region in every metric of success for these types of businesses.

One area of potential growth lies in helping established businesses attract more customers. Humes stated that occupancy rates hover at about 50 percent, "which means there is lots of room for growth, both in local booking and in length of bookings for our existing business owners."

Collaboration, even outside the region, can lead to boosts in business. Gillum House, a Harrison County bed and breakfast, has published information for fans of the West Virginia-based video game Fallout 76. It helps enthusiasts of the game find points that exist both in the game and in reality. Seneca Rocks, the Sugar Grove Navy Base, Green Bank Observatory, Dolly Sods, The Greenbrier, Mount Storm and other locations are part of the game, either under their actual or fictional names.

It could also help to use local events, such as Treasure Mountain Festival, Trout Fest, or Maple Days, to create ways to market the business and the area more effectively.

Pendleton County Schools

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math achievement, ELA progress, math progress, English learner progress and four year graduation rate.

Examples of counties in the intensive support category include Tucker for math achievement, Randolph for math achievement and math progress, and Pocahontas for attendance. Almost all intensive support counties had problems with mathematics and attendance. The WVDE has made attendance, specifically reducing chronic absences, a priority in recent years.

Affluence and population density did not automatically translate to success under the indicators. Along with Pendleton, Calhoun, Gilmer, and other counties with economic and population challenges performed well. Hampshire, Jackson, Marshall, Pleasants, Putnam, and a few others also had no negative indicators.

Hevener gave credit for Pendleton County's success to the full school system team, saying "It is a joy to work with a team with the collective priority of our motto, 'Providing Children Success,' and I am thankful for the hard work that was devoted last year and continues to be this year."

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IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF Valerie June Padgett to June Thorpe Padgett

FAMILY COURT CASE NO.: 26-P-18

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME:

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of January, 2027, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, Valerie June Padgett will apply by Petition to the Family Court of Pendleton County, WV, at the Courthouse therefore in the City of Franklin for the entry of an Order by said Court changing the name from Valerie June Padgett to June Thorpe Padgett. Any person who has an objection to the change of said name for any reason may appear at the time and place set forth above and shall be heard in opposition to such change.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of November, 2026.

June T. Padgett
PETITIONER
187 Leonard Lane
Franklin, WV 26802
11-5-2c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 5, 2026. Deadline for claims is January 4, 2027.

Michael A Rose Estate – Daniel Rose, Administrator;
Carroll Lee Sponaugle Estate – Karen Sue Sponaugle & Susan Diane Paden, Co-Executrixes;
Pamela Joy Clifton Estate – William A. Rowe, Jr., Executor;
Gary Eldon Sturgeon Estate – Justin Lee Dean, Executor.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on October 29, 2026.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 11-5-2c

(2025-C-000001-PENDLETON COUNTY-GEORGE REXRODE)

To: GEOFFREY D. LYSTER, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

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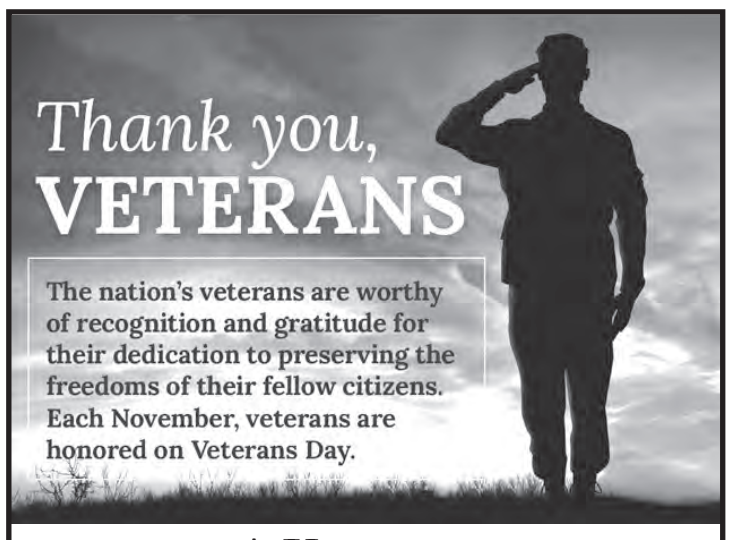
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Given under my hand October 14, 2026

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PENDLETON County, State of West Virgina

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FHS Classmates of '56 Gather for Reunion



The Franklin High School Class of 1956 celebrated its 70th anniversary Aug. 15 at the Moose Lodge in Franklin. Classmates attending were, from left, seated, Evelyn Swadley Johnson, Mary Ora Black Arbogast, Elinora Bean Lancioni and Elsie Mae Harper Lambert; and standing, Garry Simmons, Richard Lough, Roy Propst and Sue Ann Thompson.

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

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

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

SGR403A 15.38 Acres, w/4-6 Bed, 2 Bath Contemporary Home. Make it your Residence or it would make a great Retreat Center. Great views, surrounded by mountain ranges. Double Kitchen, dual W/D Hookups, 2 Heat Pumps, 37KW Generac backup generator, Spacious workshop/garage. Large Spring Fed Pond. Franklin District, Pendleton Cty. ~~**$929,000.00**~~ ~~**$879,000.00**~~ ~~**$789,000.00**~~ **REDUCED $667,000.00.**

SGR402A 0.62 Acres w/3 Bed, 1.5 Bath Ranch Home located in Upper Tract, WV. Shop, Metal Roof, Carport, Unfinished Basement, Septic, Public Water. Nice level lot. Mill Run District, Pendleton Cty. ~~**$269,000.00**~~ ~~**$229,000.00**~~ **REDUCED 199,000.00.** UNDER CONTRACT

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 Bdrm 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.**

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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2015 FORD F-350 CREW CAB LONGBED 4X4, XL pkg., 6.7 liter diesel, auto., ldd., 144K miles, white, good cond	**$24,900**
2014 FORD F-250 CREW CAB S/BED 4X4, 6.7 diesel, auto., ldd., white, 131K miles	**GREAT BUY FOR $26,500**
2008 FORD F-550 4X4 UTILITY TRUCK, w/ mechanic's crane and auger, 6.4 dsl., auto., air, etc.	**SPECIAL ~~$26,900~~ $19,500**
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2005 FORD F-350 4X4 KING RANCH DUALLY, 6.0 diesel, auto., ldd., white & tan, only 60K miles	**$44,900**
PASSENGER VEHICLES	**SALE**
2025 FORD BRONCO 4-DR "BADLANDS SASQUATCH PKG.," V-6, auto., ldd., blue, only 6K miles, 72K new	**$49,500**
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2021 FORD EXPEDITION LIMITED 4X4, 3.5 Ecoboost, auto., ldd., black cherry, 92K miles, very clean	**$32,900**
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2019 LINCOLN MKC AWD, 2.3 liter 4-cyl., auto., ldd., black, local trade in w/only 64K miles, ex. cond.	**SPECIAL ~~$19,900~~ $17,900**
2018 FORD EXPLORER XLT "SPORT PKG" AWD, 2.3 4-cyl., auto., ldd., dark cherry, 115Kmiles, very sharp	**SPECIAL ~~$18,900~~ $17,900**
2017 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DR SPORT 4X4, V-6, auto., ldd., white, 89K miles	**SPECIAL ~~$18,900~~ $17,900**
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