

Only for Veterans & Their Families...

Mountain-Cajun Getaway in Circleville is More Than Just a B&B

By Ken Bustin

Sometimes a story turns out to have much more to it than meets the eye. This one was like that. The invitation to a “ribbon-cutting” at the Mountain-Cajun Getaway in Circleville initially sounded like a quick trip to Circleville to snap a photo and write a caption of a paragraph or two announcing a new Bed & Breakfast. But it wasn’t. Instead, it was a very poignant reminder that reporters should always leave their preconceived notions back at the office when they set off to cover something.

Yes, there was a ribbon-cutting. Yes, the charming residence at 163 Upper Timber Ridge Road in Circleville looked for all the world like a folksy, Cajun-themed B&B. But once the ribbon had been cut and the photo snapped, it turned out that instead of the story being finished, it had only just begun.

Meet the new establishment’s gracious hosts, Melissa and Chris Grimes, whose initials (MCG) correspond perfectly with those of their new venture, Mountain-Cajun Getaway. We didn’t think to ask if that was actually planned or just a happy coincidence, but either way it makes both easier to remember.

Chris is originally from Circleville, and the residence-turned-getaway is his family homestead. Melissa is from southern Louisiana, eventually transplanted to West Virginia as a result of meeting and marrying Chris. But she didn’t travel light. She brought with her, as you would expect, a deep knowledge of and affection for all things Cajun, which is immediately evident from the first step inside the door, where one not only sees a variety of visual cues – items that relate to and illustrate Cajun culture – but is also instantly enticed by the intoxicating, savory aromas of Cajun cookery, in this case chicken and sausage gumbo simmering on the stove (which, as we learned shortly, tasted every bit as good as it smelled).

The idea for the getaway came about almost by happenstance. Although this was his family home, and he enjoyed coming home for visits, Chris said he really never expected to return to it to live full time. He’d told his dad as much years before.

But, now recently retired after 22 years in the military, 14 of which were spent as a member of Naval Special Warfare forces, Chris well understood the pressures and stresses on military personnel and their families, especially those whose duties had included combat. He was well aware of the grim



The official ribbon-cutting for the Mountain-Cajun Getaway in Circleville held last Tuesday, was when the establishment shifted gears and became the full-time mission for the couple who founded it. Left to right are Ciara Lambert, executive director of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau, proprietors Melissa and Chris Grimes and Felicia Cook, Chamber and CVB board member. Following the ceremony, those present adjourned inside for a tour of the accommodations and a delicious Cajun-style lunch

statistics on divorce, mental illness and suicide for combat vets and their families. He wished there were ways to help mitigate those unhappy results.

While stationed at Virginia Beach, Virginia, for a number of years, he noticed that his periodic visits to the family homestead in Circleville – now his own after his parents had passed away – served

the very therapeutic purpose of allowing him to decompress. He would return to home and duty in Virginia Beach much more centered and relaxed. This improvement in his state of mind did not go unnoticed by some of the fellow servicemen with whom he worked – and they often commented

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EDA Board Meeting Discussions Cover a Wide Spectrum of Topics

The regular meeting of the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board was held February 9 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin.

Chairman Kristen Dingess called the session to order at 4:04 p.m. Members Bob Horan, Joan Ashley, Dayne Davis, Cory Thomas, Jamie DiFalco, Kristin Dingess, Jeremy Harper, Carl Hevener, Brooke Alt, and Briana Bruns were present, along with Amber Nesselrodt, office administrator, and Laura Brown, executive director. Members Carl Warner and Bill Loving were absent.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021, regular meeting passed with a unanimous vote. Subsequent motions to approve, in turn, the financials for December and January were likewise carried with all in favor.

The recreation committee reported that EDA continues to provide support to Experience Learning on their bike trail project. A grant proposal for \$779,000 and \$200,000 from Experience Learning has been submitted and is under review. More information concerning how COVID has made an impact was requested. If approved, the grant funds will be used to construct bike trails, a welcome center, and camping.

A report of the business recognition committee covered Maple Days, the first of which took place on February 19, with the second scheduled for March 19. Maple producers in Pendleton County will hold special events, tours and tastings.

The Future Generations University Appalachian Program works alongside the WV Maple Syrup Association to produce a program which focuses on sustainable land-use practices and woodlot management. Training in the production of maple syrup can be had through their certificate program. FGU was featured as one of the speakers at the EDA roundtable March 2.

The committee reported that Future Generations had asked how the EDA could be involved with Maple Days, and that resulted in partnering with them for the EDA’s Be Local Campaign. The EDA will be featuring a local maple producer each week during Maple Days, and will highlight each producer in Pendleton County and include directions to their site and special events they are having – events, tours and tastings. There will be two gift basket giveaways. One of those took place during EDA’s Round

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Community CALENDAR

TMF Association To Meet March 10

Treasure Mountain Festival Association will meet at 6 p.m. March 10 at the bowling alley in Franklin. All interested parties are invited to attend.

LEPC Meeting-Scheduled

Pendleton County’s Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at noon March 10 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin.

Farmland Protection-Board To Gather

The Pendleton County Farmland Protection Board will meet today at 7 p.m. in the Pendleton County Commission office in the courthouse in Franklin.

Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 10 at the post home in Sugar Grove.

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 9 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.



The damaged low water crossing at Seneca Rocks.

Funded by Roads to Prosperity Program...

WV Department of Highways to Build a New Bridge at Seneca Rocks

Funding from the \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity program will replace a low water crossing at Seneca Rocks with a 140-foot steel truss bridge.

“This low water crossing provides the only emergency access into Seneca Rocks for vehicles, and has been closed since it was damaged by a log truck in 2019,” said Tracy Brown, P.E., state bridge. “Because of the nature of the project, it would be very difficult to find funding for the new bridge without the Roads to Prosperity program.”

The low water crossing carries Roy Gap Road over the North Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River at the base of Seneca Rocks, near the United States Forest Ser-

vice Seneca Rocks Discovery Center.

A log truck damaged the pipes that carry water through the existing structure, causing water to run over the top. The West Virginia Division of Highways was forced to close the low water crossing in 2019, cutting off an access point for emergency vehicles into Seneca Rocks and homes in the area.

The new steel truss bridge will be raised far enough above the water to eliminate problems with flooding. The new bridge and abutments will include stamped and stained concrete and painted steel to blend in with the environment.

The project is expected to cost about \$1.7 million and is scheduled to go to bid in March.

PCMS Students Win Awards at Science and Engineering Fair



The Eastern Panhandle Science and Engineering Fair for elementary and middle school students was held February 18 in Ranson. Four top winners from Pendleton Middle School were honored to attend and brought home awards. From left to right: Leah Nesselrodt, honorable mention in animal and plant science; Kaitlyn McQuain, honorable mention in chemistry and biochemistry; Ruby McClanahan, second place in engineering; and Mason DiFalco, honorable mention in chemistry.

Another Continuance in Pendleton County vs. Frontier Mediation

Pendleton County’s formal complaint against Frontier Communications went to a second mediation session on February 24. At the conclusion of that session, Frontier once again moved for – and was granted – a continuance, this one until Tuesday, March 8, at 9 a.m. The mediation is being conducted remotely, using conference calls, before mediator Bridget D. Davis. Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Management Services coordinator, is arguing the matter on behalf of Pendleton County, while Frontier’s position is being argued by four of its staff – David Morris, John Tipton, James Ford and Angie McCall – according to filings with the Public Service Commission (PSC).

Pendleton County filed the formal complaint after authorities felt unsatisfied that a prior informal action covering the same essential issue, had produced acceptable results.

Following the filing of the formal complaint by Pendleton County, several weeks ago, both parties consented to have the matter heard by a mediator, in the hope of keeping the proceedings less adversarial and more cooperative, as well as to expedite the process. If the parties had not opted for mediation, the matter would have been heard by an administrative law judge or the full Public Service Commission. If mediation is unable to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of both parties,

either may appeal the matter and have it heard by the administrative law judge or the full Commission.

The deadline for successfully concluding the current mediation is March 14, after which, if it remains unresolved, it will be referred to the Administrative Law Judge or the full Public Service Commission for their resolution.

Responding to a request for comment, Gillespie explained that a confidentiality requirement during the proceedings prevented him from discussing specifics, but said he continues to feel hopeful of an amicable resolution without having to resort to a full hearing. He said that he has been pleased to observe that Frontier has

recently replaced additional damaged or broken utility poles and removed branches and brush near some lines. One of the allegations of the complaint cited a lack of proper maintenance and repair of poles and lines, and sought an order compelling Frontier to promptly repair and thereafter properly maintain its infrastructure.

Other issues addressed in the complaint included Frontier’s failure to respond to requests for assistance at the scene of vehicular accidents which had broken or damaged utility poles or downed roadside communications lines; numerous and prolonged services outages which interrupted the ability of customers to reach 911 or emergency services;

failure to provide backup power supplies on newer hybrid subscriber lines to ensure continued operation in the event of a loss of utility power; and Frontier’s failure to ever complete and activate a secondary communications line to serve the 911 center in Franklin, leaving emergency communications vulnerable to a single point of failure which would sever Pendleton County’s connection with the outside world.

Currently, all of Pendleton County’s emergency communications are carried on a single roadside cable along Route 33 over Allegheny Mountain. This cable has been damaged or severed multiple times

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OBITUARIES

Lita Charlene Rush



Lita Charlene Rush, 64, of Franklin passed away Feb. 24, 2022, at her home.

She was born on May 5, 1957, in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of Betty Ruth (Potts) Eichhorn of Middle River, Maryland, and the late Edward Lee Webb.

Mrs. Rush graduated from Overlea High School and attended Mary Washington University. She was a homemaker.

Her husband, William E. Rush, survives.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Rush leaves behind to cherish her memory, a daughter, Nichole Marie Rush of Baltimore, Maryland; a son, William Rush, Jr. of Franklin; a sister, Erica Lyn Herget of Essex, Maryland; a brother, Harold Wilson Webb of Middle River, Maryland; and a grandson, Dayne Rush.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Baltimore, Maryland.

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

Lanny Allen Marshall



Lanny Allen Marshall, 66, of Franklin passed away at his home on Feb. 27, 2022.

He was born on July 16, 1955, at Harrisonburg, Virginia, and was the son of the late Samuel Ronald Marshall and Margie Johnson Clover.

A 1973 graduate of Franklin High School, Mr. Marshall had worked at Tyson and Cargill, and as a heavy equipment operator at the Bath County, Virginia, pumped storage project, Hott & Miller and Simmons Backhoe Service. He also worked as a logger with both Leonard Landis and David Bowers.

He was a jack of all trades and felt dedicated to helping others. When his son was young, he very much enjoyed attending his ball games and served as a Webelos Leader for Boy Scouts of America Pack #0162 in Franklin. He loved fishing and hunting and was a member of Franklin Moose Lodge #769.

Surviving are a son, Jordan Marshall of Franklin; a dear friend who was like a son, Jonathan Simmons of Franklin; three half sisters, Debbie Coleman (Robert) of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Donna Warner (Lynn) of Franklin and Dinah Mitchell (Benny) of Sugar Grove; a half brother, Eddie (Mary Ann) Simpson of Franklin; nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

A graveside service was held Tuesday at Cedar Hill Cemetery at Franklin with Pastor Tim Johnson officiating.

Memorials may be made toward his final expenses, c/o Kimble Funeral Home, PO Box 159, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

Clara Johanna Nelson



Clara Johanna Nelson, 87, of Franklin passed away Feb. 23, 2022, at Louisa Health and Rehab Center in Louisa, Virginia.

She was born on Aug. 12, 1934, in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of the late Charles and Clara (Kaniecki) Skotarski.

Mrs. Nelson attended school in Baltimore, Maryland. She was raised in the Catholic church and had attended North Fork Church of the Brethren. She had worked at the sewing factory and was a homemaker. Her passion was spending time with her family.

Her husband, Robert Jennings “Bob” Nelson, preceded her in death.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a son, Robert J. Nelson of Baltimore, Maryland; a daughter, Joella Allen of Baltimore, Maryland; a sister, Dorothy Freeman of Baltimore, Maryland; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, William and Charles “Chuck” Nelson; a daughter, Darlene Cox; a brother, Junior; a sister, Margaret; and two grandsons, Jason and Johnnie Nelson.

The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Ezik Norris officiating. Interment will be in North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memorials may be made to Franklin Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 902, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

Janet Lea Runion



Janet Lea Runion, 76, of Brandywine passed away on Feb. 25, 2022, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 26, 1945, in Charleston, the daughter of the late James Everette and Beulah Mae (Treadway) Lasley.

Mrs. Runion graduated as valedictorian from Clear Fork High School in Colcord. She attended White Oak Adventist Church in Artie and had worked for more than 20 years before retiring in 2008 from Federal Air and Aviation.

On Sept. 1, 1961, she married Terry Runion, who survives in Brandywine.

In addition to her husband, she leaves behind to treasure her memory two daughters, Terri Farley (Vaughn) of Charleston and Kimberly Pitsenbarger (Jeff) of Brandywine; a son, Heath Andrew Runion (Alicia) of Ft. Myers,

Florida; two sisters, Cheryl Wall of Goodview, Virginia, and Angela Williams of Artie; two brothers, Doug Lasley (Sandra) of Lawton, Oklahoma, and James Robert Lasley of Hinton; 12 grandchildren, Leigh Evick, Gayle Combs, Meghan Evick, Kalah Runion, Lilly Runion, Raven Runion, Kitiara Runion, Jeremy Pitsenbarger, Robert Novack, Matthew Pitsenbarger, Eathan Runion and Heath Runion Jr.; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Earl and John Lasley; and two sisters, Willa Estep and Sandra Dingess.

A funeral service was held Wednesday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Brad Mitchell officiating. Interment was in Sugar Grove Cemetery in Sugar Grove.

Memorials may be made to South Fork Volunteer Rescue Squad, c/o Charlotte Hoover, 124 Black Thorn Rd., Sugar Grove, WV 26815.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com.

Luther Clay Hedrick



Luther Clay Hedrick, 92, of Franklin died Feb. 23, 2022, at his home.

He was born Aug. 30, 1929, at Franklin and was the son of the late Leonard Hedrick and Betty Jane (Puffenbarger) Hedrick.

Mr. Hedrick had worked at Marvel Poultry and for many years was a janitor/maintenance worker with Pendleton County Schools, retiring in 1993. He was a member of Christ Central Community Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Propst, and by his second wife, Eva Florence (Rexrode) Hedrick.

Surviving are three sons, Terry Hedrick (Margaret), Cody Hedrick (Barbara) and Keith Hedrick (Sarah), all of Franklin; a sister, Alice Johnson of Franklin; five grandchildren, Darren Hedrick, Warren Hedrick, Kristen Hedrick, Adam Hedrick and Aaron Hedrick; and three great-grandchildren, William, Bryson and Gracie.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Luther Hedrick, Jr.; four brothers, June, Elmer, Fred and Bill Hedrick; and two sisters, Etta Sponaule and Ida Vandevander.

A funeral service was held Saturday at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Sam Harper officiating. Interment was at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to Grant Memorial Hospice, 100 Hospice Drive, #2, Petersburg, WV 26847, Franklin Vol. Fire Dept., PO Box 902, Franklin, WV 26807 or Franklin Rescue Squad, PO Box 966, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

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Table on March 2, and the other the last week of Maple Days during the week of March 19th.

Restaurants and businesses participating in Maple Days can register on the WV Maple Producers Association web page and offer a maple “dish” during Maple Days. It features an interactive map, where people can search for and select different maple activities and tours, along with local restaurants.

Moving to the single piece of old business, the Board was informed that the next Business Roundtable was scheduled for March 2 at the South Fork Ruritan Building at Oak Flat. There will be a presentation by Robert Hammer with the Small Business Association and a presentation by the Future Generations University Appalachian Program on agritourism.

There were several items to be considered as new business. The first was a presentation by E. L. Robinson Engineering, to update the Board on the Pendleton Industrial Park Wastewater Project. E. L. Robinson employee Brandon Conley met the EDA board via Zoom. He stated that the original project was projected at \$5.9 million, but they are now looking at an “individual industrial project” for an estimated \$2.5 million.

The individual industrial permit would allow a 15,000-gallon flow per day. It requires the completion of a beneficiary form by the tenant, and then the Region 8 Planning & Development Council will start writing the grant. Brown stated that she had reached out to tenant Swilled Dog to complete the beneficiary form, but did not receive a response. Brown said that Loving will reach out to them to review the beneficiary form and explain that there are no disadvantages to completing it. The Board asked how long the grant process will take once that is submitted, but Conley said he was unsure. Ashley made a motion to move forward with E.L. Robinson and the Individual Industrial Permit, which was seconded by Harper. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Brown reported to the Board that she had been approached to ask the Board if they would be interested in selling the land behind the Pendleton Industrial Park. The Board agreed that they were not interested in selling the land. No action was taken.

Alt made a motion to go into executive session to discuss cleaning bids. The Board voted to enter executive session at 4:41 p.m., returning to open session at 4:56. Davis made a motion to select Wright Way Cleaning for a one-year contract with a six-month probationary period. Any breach of the contract would cause it to terminate and the second highest bidder would then be selected. Thomas seconded the motion, and it carried with a unanimous vote.

Security systems were next up for discussion. A representative from Advance Technology and Chad Bowers, sheriff, had inspected the Pendleton Business Center to view the building and suggest placement locations for security cameras. Advance Technology had been requested to prepare a quote to submit to the EDA to purchase security cameras, but the quote had not been received by the time of the Board meeting, so the Board tabled the discussion until the next

meeting.

Discussion next turned to office equipment. Brown said that the EDA would like to purchase a smartboard for the office that could be transported to meetings and special events, as well as being available for Zoom meetings and presentations. Thomas made a motion to approve establishing a budget of \$5,000 for the purpose of purchasing a smartboard. Bruns seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

A request was made for authorization to purchase a commercial printer to better support the operations and workload of copies, scans, etc. in the EDA office, the current small desktop printer being deemed inadequate. Alt said she will donate a new printer from the county 4-H office that is not being used. DiFalco made a motion to approve the purchase of a printer with a budget of \$650 established. Thomas seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Brown told the Board that there needs to be an asbestos assessment at the Pendleton Business Center. The Board concluded that more information was needed, and tabled the discussion.

The EDA's Grants Program was considered next. Brown said it was desirable to continue the Grants Program for small businesses. The EDA would like to apply for the Eastern Grant. Pendleton Community Bank would contribute an additional \$1,750, for a total of \$6,500 in grant funds, which is a 30% increase from last year. Bruns made a motion to approve allowing EDA to apply for the Eastern Grant and continuing the Grants Program. Thomas seconded the motion and it earned a unanimous vote of approval.

Brown reported to the Board that she has been attending the MonForest town meetings since the summer of 2021. She requested that she be named representative for Seneca Rocks, with Alt to serve as alternate. Bruns made a motion to approve the request. Davis

seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

An amendment to Article IV, Section 2 of the EDA by-laws was requested by Brown. The new language would provide that, once a lease is approved by the Board, and it has been signed by the tenant, the executive director can sign on behalf of the EDA. DiFalco moved to approve adding the executive director as an authorized signatory on a lease. Harper seconded the motion and the vote was all in favor. Since changes to the by-laws must be voted on twice, the Board will vote on the measure again at the next meeting.

Discussion turned to the development of a county plan. Brown stated that she would like the EDA Board's support in developing a county strategic plan. Development of such a plan would take up to two years, and the county commission would need to pass a resolution allowing the EDA to develop a county plan. The planning commission would consist of no fewer than five members and no more than 15, and Brown would be the EDA representative on such a body. Davis made a motion to ask the county commission to approve a resolution to develop a county plan. Ashley seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote passed it.

Davis made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Bruns seconded the motion and the Board voted to enter into executive session at 5:57 p.m. Subsequently, Davis made a motion to return to open session at 6:10 p.m., which was seconded by Thomas and passed. Davis made a motion to go forward with discussions with the Pendleton County Chamber Board and Convention and Visitors Bureau Board regarding future collaborations between the offices. Harper seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn carried unanimously and the session ended at 6:17.

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in the past, as a result of runaway truck accidents on the mountain which have broken or damaged utility poles.

Contacted for comment about the matter, Frontier had, by press time, not responded. However, a previous outreach about the overall matter, did receive a reply from Frontier spokesperson, Brigid Smith, who said, “In response to your query, Frontier operates a

highly complex and interconnected telecommunications network with sophisticated electronic equipment. When Frontier experiences issues with this equipment, we work diligently to respond as promptly as possible to minimize the impact for its customers. Frontier regrets any inconvenience to impacted residents in Pendleton County.”

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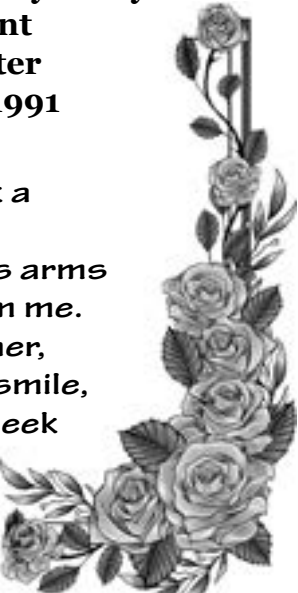
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Pendleton Races to Sectional Co-Championship Berth



Pendleton's Ana Young scores two of her season-high 35 points in the victory against Tygarts Valley in the Class A Region II Section 2 championship clash.

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – Coaches want their teams to be peaking at the end of the season and the Pendleton girls basketball team could be hitting their stride at the right time.

Pendleton raced out to score a season-high in points to cruise to a 65-29 victory against Tygarts Valley in the Class A Region II Section 2 title contest Feb. 25 in Franklin.

Ana Young netted a season-high 35 points to lead the way for the Lady Wildcats. Young scored the game's first nine points. She connected on two 3-point field goals and added an old-fashioned three-point play in the opening moments. Pendleton scored a season-high 26 points in the first quarter.

Pendleton coach Micah Bailey said his players were taking shots within the offense and not forcing or hurrying shots.

"I think the big difference was we were shooting good looks, as opposed to just getting looks," Bailey said. "Ana shot very well and she stayed within her wheelhouse."

Avery Townsend chipped in with eight points in the victory. Lizzie Alt and Kinley Hartman both added six points for Pendleton.

Landrie Lanham was the lone Tygarts Valley player to

reach double figures, scoring 14 points.

Pendleton jumped out to a 26-4 advantage at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Wildcats maintained their 22-point cushion at halftime, leading 30-8. Pendleton extended its margin to 57-19 heading into the final quarter.

Bailey added the victory against Tygarts Valley was the team's best effort on both ends of the court this season.

"If I had to say it was our first complete game of the season," Bailey said. "If you are going to have a complete game this is when you want to have it. The offense just rolled smoothly, took great looks."

"Defensively, we communicated, we limited them to one shot. Still fouled too much, but it's something we have to eliminate or cut down on. I think it was our first complete game, we took care of the ball and really didn't have any turnovers."

Pendleton (8-11) was scheduled to square off with Union on March 2 in Franklin with a berth in the state's Elite Eight in Charleston on the line. It would be the fourth

meeting between the two schools this season. Union defeated Pendleton in the season opener 55-48 on Dec. 1 in Union. Pendleton responded with a 43-34 victory on Dec. 11 in Petersburg in the consolation contest of the annual holiday tournament. Union edged Pendleton 38-34 in the last matchup on Feb. 10 in Franklin.

It is the second consecutive season Pendleton and Union have battled for the Region II co-championship. Bailey said if his players have a repeat performance like they did against Tygarts Valley, they will return to Charleston for the second consecutive year.

"If they do all little stuff and they hit the details," he said. "All the little stuff is what adds up."

Bailey added the little things are limiting the second-chance opportunities for the opposition, rebounding, limiting turnovers and "all the other little stuff."

"It will be an intense game," Bailey said. "We will be intense and I'm sure they will be as well."

Trio Keeps Pendleton On Winning Track



The trio of seniors – Cole Day (top right), Braden McClanahan (top left) and Tanner Townsend (bottom left)– have led the team to a 16-3 mark this season and are ranked sixth in the latest Class A coaches' poll.

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – The trio of Cole Day, Braden McClanahan and Tanner Townsend may not have played a big part in Pendleton's success as sophomores, but they watched the foundation being built.

As juniors, they had vital roles as Pendleton advanced to the Class A state championship matchup.

In their final season, the trio has the Wildcats back in the conversation as state championship contenders.

Since their freshman year, Pendleton has posted a 71-12 record. The team reeled off 40 consecutive victories during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons before falling to Man in the state title contest. The Wildcats are ranked sixth in the latest state coaches' poll.

Day said seeing the success on the hardwood has put Pendleton on the map and sent a message to its opponents.

"It sends out a statement for where we are, I think we have

been overlooked," Day said. "The past four years we stood out as a county in this state. It just shows who we are and who we could be and what we are able to do."

McClanahan agrees with his teammate and believes others in the state have underestimated what the Wildcats are able to accomplish on the court.

"I'm glad we are on the map now, everybody should have known who we were before, but everybody knows who we are now," he said.

Townsend mentioned the disappointment his sophomore year of finishing the season with a 23-0 record and advancing to the Elite Eight, but not being able to complete for a championship due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"We made it to state but we didn't get to play," Townsend said. "We worked hard all season. Last year we made it all the way to the championship and did what we could. We just have to work hard [to get back this season]."

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Wildcats Turn Back Yellow Jackets

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – Two of the three contests between the bitter rivals this season have been decided by one possession.

The latest matchup between Pendleton and Moorefield didn't appear to be headed that way until the fourth quarter. The Wildcats turned back a furious comeback by the Yellow Jackets to hold on for a 70-67 victory Feb. 23 in Franklin.

Pendleton jumped out to a 19-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and held a 34-20 lead at halftime. Moorefield slowly started to inch its way back into the contest by trimming the deficit to 10 points heading into the final quarter. The Yellow Jackets outscored the Wildcats 27-20 in the final eight minutes.

Pendleton coach Jeremy Bodkin praised his team's effort in the first half in building a double-digit advantage. He also had positive things to say about the way Moorefield battled back in the second half.

"We played really well in the first half," Bodkin said. "Moorefield came out in the second half and hit shots. It didn't matter if they were contested or wide-open shots."

Cole Day led the way for the Wildcats with a season-high 29 points. Clayton Kisamore added 18 points, Tanner Townsend knocked in 11 and Jacob Beachler had 10 in the victory. Kisamore grabbed 11 rebounds to finish with a double-double.

Coleman Mongold paced the Yellow Jackets with 30 points. Dean Keplinger scored 16. They were the only Moorefield players to reach double figures.

Pendleton was scheduled to square off with Pocahontas County on March 1 in Franklin in the first round of the Class A Region II, Section 2 playoffs. The winner will advance to face with the victor of the Harman-Tygarts Valley contest at 7 p.m. Friday at the site of the higher seed. The losers of both first-round contests will have their seasons come to an end.

The Wildcats earned victories in both matchups with the Warriors this season. Pendleton secured a 73-56 win on Jan. 8 at Pocahontas. The Wildcats downed the Warriors 75-62 on Jan. 31 in Franklin.

Bodkin said it will be difficult to defeat a team three times in one season. He added Pocahontas has improved during the season and will be tough out.

"They've gotten better and we've gotten better," Bodkin said.

He added Pendleton must defend against Ethan Armstrong and Jamie Vandevender. The duo combined to score 47 points in the loss in Franklin. Vandevender netted 26 points that night and Armstrong added 21.

Townsend scored 24 points in the win and Kisamore added 20 to pace Pendleton. Day had 18 points for the Wildcats.

In the earlier defeat, Armstrong scored 13 points. Sean Beverage paced Pocahontas with 20 points. David Gibb chipped in with 13 points in the loss.

Kisamore netted a team-high 19 points to lead Pendleton. Beachler, Braden McClanahan and Townsend notched 12 for the Wildcats.

"We will try to get it into the post into Cole and Jake," Bodkin said. "We have to play solid defense. We will have to play our butts off."



Pendleton's Cole Day looks for room against Moorefield's Silas Inskip. Day scored a season-high 29 points in the Wildcats' victory.

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Weather Lore Predicts Future Conditions

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Weather lore is always interesting to follow. Ever hear of the saying, “March comes in like a lamb, and out like a lion.”? The same saying reversed as in “March comes in like a lion, and out like a lamb.”

- There are other sayings worth noting:
- If winter has lots of snow; expect a fruitful crop to grow.
 - If January has no snow; in March expect flakes to blow.
 - If there’s a thunderstorm in late September; expect a snow in late November.
 - If October has heavy frosts and winds blow wild; expect January to be quite mild.
 - Clear cold moon; frost coming soon.
 - When heavy frost is on the grass; snow seldom comes to pass.
 - When the ground and grass is dry at morning light; expect snow before the night.
 - Chimney smoke hanging low; a likely sign of coming snow.
 - For every fog in August; expect a snow in winter.
 - Red sky at night; mountaineers delight.
 - Red sky in the morning; mountaineers take warning.

Weather lore is related to the prediction of the weather and its greater meaning. This lore has been passed down through speech from normal people without the use of measuring instruments. The usage can be dated back to primeval men when the study of stars assisted in their navigation. In time, much of these studies of weather were useful for helping farmers with their harvests, merchants with their trade and determining the weather for the next day for the common man.

Just for fun, observe the weather lore, and see how it determines each day’s forecast.

Daily lessons for life include the following:

1. Wear polished shoes.
2. Marry only for love.
3. Rekindle old relationships.
4. Stop blaming others.
5. Don’t expect life to be fair.

Each day seems to bring more busloads of robins to this community. Their morning chirping is quite amusing.

This week’s quotes are the following:

“When you hire people who are smarter than you are, you prove that you are smarter than they are.” — R.H. Grant

“Truth is, everyone is going to hurt you. You just got to find the ones worth suffering for.” — Bob Marley

“If you have no enemies, you are apt to be in the same predicament in regard to friends.” — Elbert Hubbard

“What happens is not as important as how you react to what happens.” — Thaddeus Golas

“Wherever you go, no matter the weather, always bring your own sunshine.” — Anthony J. D’Angelo

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- The Chick-fil-A chicken Sandwich recipe was perfected in Truett Cathy’s first restaurant by asking customers for feedback. Customers told him he had made it just right.

- In July, 2001, the rainfall in Kerala, India, was blood red.
 - Cape Farewell, Greenland, is the windiest place on the planet.
 - Sandstorms can swallow up entire cities.
 - About 2,000 thunderstorms rain down on earth every minute.
- The fireplace is still the best place to hear the “Talk of the Grove.” The nice warm weather called persons out of their homes to do things that they haven’t been able to do for a long time due to COVID. Recently, the writer caught Charles and Sue Rexrode looking at gardening items in Costco. The conversation that followed was one of congeniality.

Sourdough pancakes were the special order at Mike and Lisa Jamison’s home early Saturday morning. Enjoying the breakfast were Mike and Bethany Eye, Kent Simmons and Tom and Paula Mitchell. Mike and Lisa are well known for their culinary skills, as well as their welcoming home.

Coming for the weekend to celebrate Phil Downs’ birthday were Tara Kelley of Springfield, Virginia, and Gay Stafford of Lorton, Virginia.

Last week’s visitors in the home of Rosalee Grogg were Junior and Marleta Wimer, Hendrix Bogan and Skyler Grogg.

Ava Bowers had a great basketball season with the Tigers. They had their championship game on Saturday and won. Shaun, Ava and Leslie Bowers, along with Laura George, spent the weekend in Davis. They enjoyed sledding at Blackwater Falls Saturday night with Brian, Reshella and Hudson Leary.

Celebrating Ben Puffenbarger’s and Chris Huffer’s birthdays at AGK Saturday evening were Wes, Becky, Ben, Emma and Nathan Puffenbarger, Butch and Mary Puffenbarger, Chris and Crystal Huffer and Robert, Nancy and Robby Hodges.

Judy Rader enjoyed spending the weekend in the home of Benny and Linda Custer. On Saturday, they visited with Jimmy Reed in Culpeper, Virginia.

Butchering of hogs took place Saturday at the home of Jonathan Fox. Many hands, including Evelyn and Eugene Varner, helped



William Byron Simmons (Aug. 8, 1900 - May 14, 1987) was the son of Gabriel (April 19, 1864 - Feb. 18, 1948). His siblings were Lloyd, Irene Florence, Walter Raymond, Edgar Boyd, Luther Malcolm, Harry Elbert (Dick), Clarence Elmer and Alva Ruth. William Byron married Mertie C. Pitsenbarger (Nov. 8, 1908 - Feb. 5, 1979). The couple who had no children, lived in Washington, DC, and then retired to Harrisonburg, Virginia.

with the day-long activity.

Wanda Pitsenbarger accompanied Evelyn Varner to Staunton, Virginia, where they visited with Cleo and Vernon Simmons.

Helen and Rhonda Nash enjoyed a recent overnight visit from granddaughter/niece, Myah Hidalgo of Richmond, Virginia. Although their time together was brief, it was filled with lots of good food, movies and love.

Concerns for this week are as follows: the Larry Blankenship family, Larry Byers, Scherry Chambers, Charlotte Copley, Jeff Craig, Joy Darnell, Jeff Evick, Lee Roy and Ina Evick, Mary Eye, Ron Gilkeson, Lola Graham, Marlene Harman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, the Luther Hedrick family, Starr Hedrick, Winona Judy Hewitt, Lorena Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Margaret Kiser, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Morris and Sue Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Naomi Michael, Joe Moats, Ernie Morgan, Aaron Nelson, Kathy Nelson, Ken Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Betty Lou Propst, Garry Propst, Nathan Propst, Sheldon Propst, Eldon Puffenbarger, Willard Rader, Don Rexrode, Bishop Matt Riegel, Donna Ruddle, Barbara Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Ona Smith, the Sharon Smith family, Ona Smith, Stanna Smith, Patricia Swecker, Harry Lee Temple, Charlotte Thompson, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Jack Vogel, Ruthene Warble, Amby Waybright Jr., Ron White and Judy Williams.

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Coronavirus Numbers Continue to Drop

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – Pendleton County remains listed as a green county on the state’s coronavirus map as West Virginia recovers from last month’s surge.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources coronavirus website lists Pendleton County’s positivity rate at 0.36, 0.4 and 0.47 on the Feb. 26, 27 and 28 updates, respectively. The positivity rates are in the green range.

Pendleton’s other indicator used by state health officials to determine a county’s color were in the yellow range for the three days. The infection rate was 11.48, 14.35 and 19.13 on the Feb. 26, 27 and 28 updates, respectively.

There were four new coronavirus cases reported since Feb. 22 in the county by Pendleton County Health Department officials. There were three cases reported on Feb. 24 and one case announced on Feb. 25 on the office’s Facebook page.

Health department officials said they no longer “actively follow cases” and are no longer sure when “illnesses start” to calculate an end date for individuals to remain quarantined.

Gov. Jim Justice during his Feb. 23 coronavirus press briefing announced the number of active cases, hospitalizations, ICU patients and patients on ventilators are on the decline.

“We’re really making improvement,” Justice said. “We are making some progress but I ask everyone to still not forget the West Virginians we’ve lost.”

There were 3,574 active coronavirus cases in the state on Feb. 23, a drop of more than 83% in one month.

The WVDHHR coronavirus website lists 27 cases of the Delta variant in individuals in the county. There has also been one case of the Omicron variant in a county resident since the start of the pandemic.

There have been 238 breakthrough cases in county residents. There remains one breakthrough case in a county resident. A breakthrough case is defined as an individual testing positive for the coronavirus despite being deemed as fully vaccinated.

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Mountain-Cajun Getaway in Circleville is More Than Just a B&B

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on it to him.

Eventually, some of them asked if they, too, might be allowed to have the opportunity to have a getaway to the homestead in Circleville? Before long, several of his co-workers and their families had availed themselves of the opportunity for a getaway to the relative quiet and tranquility of the hills of rural West Virginia. The results were always positive, and it started Melissa and Chris thinking about the possibility of expanding the opportunity beyond informal invitations to friends. Soon, the idea gelled and took shape, and Mountain-Cajun Getaway was born.

The resolve to expand and formalize their original effort into a full-time endeavor, with a clearly-focused and expanded mission, came when Chris retired, and he and Melissa actually made Circleville into their home full time.

This is neither the only, nor even the first, such outreach to vets. There are more than a few other such efforts, country-wide. But what does make it stand apart from the others is its emphasis on not only the vet, but their family.

"There are others who do things for veterans – for instance, taking them hunting," said Chris. "But most of them do little or nothing for their families." He said he knew from first-hand observation how the "operational tempo of training detachments, work ups, and ultimately deployments caused turmoil for even the strongest of families. I saw many strong families bend and unfortunately become broken due to the pressures of this stress."

"We all think the service member is the one who endures all of the stress, fatigue, injuries and loneliness. But the family as a whole, missed anniversaries, birthdays, ball games, award programs, births and the day-to-day joys that being together as a family brings. So, when a military member serves, so does the entire family," says Chris, adding, "My wife and I have been blessed during my active-duty military service in the U.S. Navy, to be a part of such a supportive community, one that has supplied in times of need, celebrated in times of happiness, consoled in times of grief, and stepped up in any way needed. Our community was our family." They hope that their offering will be just like an extended family to their visitors.

Though she has come to love it here in West Virginia, Melissa admits that she often misses Louisiana, with all of its Cajun food, music and festivals. To maintain strong ties to her original home, she hopes to invite about 10 families from Louisiana to come as guests each year. And when the couple visits Louisiana, "we'll be bringing them

things from West Virginia – like maple moonshine," Melissa says with a big grin.

Mountain-Cajun Getaway's offerings will be "activities based off of family-building," he declared. Those will "utilize nature's therapy" – the relative beauty and quietude of the West Virginia hills – to the fullest extent possible, and also include such things as gardening and canning, fishing and hunting trips for all of the family members interested in going rock climbing, ziplining, train rides, scenic tours, swimming, golf, and in season skiing, tubing, snowshoeing and ice skating. They hope to be taking the kids on scavenger hunts, spending time working with them in a workshop, and doing maple sugaring and syrup-making.

"We want to utilize local resources," says Chris.

They hope to act as a mentor to both veterans and their spouses and kids.

"We'll take only one family at a time," said Melissa, explaining that, with five bedrooms and bath on the second floor, a family can take over the whole floor and be together in a private space of their own, not unlike being at home. The five bedrooms, themed individually from history to Disney, provided ample room to accommodate even a large family.

And when it is time to eat, they can join their hosts on the first floor and often be treated to some of Melissa's authentic Cajun cuisine.

In this kind of atmosphere, they hope that their guests will have a chance to "...repair family division, regain cooperative parenting skills, remove distractions, and refocus on the family unit."

Mountain-Cajun Getaway also serves Gold Star families – those who have lost a loved one in the line

of duty – whose need for emotional healing and repair of the remaining family unit is even more acute. Though many of the offerings are the same, Chris said they make an even stronger effort there to serve as mentors to the kids, offering "hands-on teaching of things that would have been taught by dads."

Of course, all of this requires funding, and concurrent with making the mission a full-time pursuit, MCG recently attained official Section 501(c)(3) non-profit status, making donations tax deductible. And what are their funding needs?

"Our funding needs are three-fold. First, creating onsite amenities for our guests. That includes strength and cardio equipment, bikes and helmets, kayaks and paddles, fishing equipment," as well as a storage unit in which to house them. "Second, subsidizing the cost of offsite activities... so they can experience all that West Virginia has to offer. And finally, hosting these families with meals and facilities during their stay."

The fundraising activities don't

just take place here. For example, there is a dinner auction planned – in Louisiana – on June 22nd. A fundraiser auction in yet another location fetched \$4,000 for a vacation at the getaway home, and a repeat of it is planned. Also in the works, is an auction for a week during Maple Days next year.

The proceeds from the sale of t-shirts and koozies, available on their website, also go to help fund the effort.

And the Navy Special Ops are coming in April to do a site survey, with an eye toward officially sponsoring family getaways as support and therapy for families. Their mission, clearly, is not just to provide a vacation.

Several local businesses have partnered with or supported MCG, as well. Those include a fish hatchery, a plant nursery and several restaurants. They also enjoy the support of the chamber of commerce, the Pendleton County Historical Society and Future Generations University. Local and national veterans' organizations and mili-

tary family service centers help to identify deserving families to benefit from the experience.

Do these getaways have a positive impact on families?

Survey says... they do. MCG conducts "here-and-now" surveys with their guests, as well as follow-up

surveys, and the results have been very encouraging.

"But," says Chris, "the ultimate measure of our impact will be the restoration and strengthening of the families our veterans fought so hard to keep safe and find their way home to."

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Pendleton EDA is seeking accepting bids for the

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**•Pendleton Industrial Park
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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 March 3, 2022. Deadline for claims is May 2, 2022.

Wesley M. Teter Estate - Tonya Michelle Nesselrodt, Administratrix; Stanley Keith Helmick, Jr. Estate - Martha Helmick, Administratrix; John Robert Kemper Estate - Kathleen Lockard, Executrix; Jesse Ray Judy Estate - Arlie S. Judy, Jr., Executrix; James J. Garrett Estate - Patricia Alt, Executrix; Patti Jo Via Estate - Marilyn V. Bonnett, Executrix; Eston Wayne Propst Estate - Melissa Harrison, Executrix.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 28, 2022.

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

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

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

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, May 2, 2022

Decedent: Richard Raines, Fairfax County, VA
Filed by: Sara Raines, Spouse, Herndon, VA

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 28, 2022.

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated September 23, 2005, executed by the Borrowers, Michael Alt and Denise Alt, to R. Vance Golden, III, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Book 106, at Page 692. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of HC 62 Box 55B, Upper Tract, WV 26866. Pill & Pill, PLLC was appointed as Substitute Trustee by an APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated August

13, 2019, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 161, at Page 580. The Borrowers defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pendleton County, in Franklin, West Virginia, on the following date:

March 29, 2022
at 8:45 a.m.

That certain tract or parcel of real estate containing 0.40 acres, lying and being situate on the west side of U. S. Route 220 and 0.6 mile south of the intersection of said route and the Ridge Road in Mill Run District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described on a Plat of Survey and Description of Survey attached to a Deed conveying the property to Michael Alt and Denise Alt dated April 7, 2000 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 153, at Page 95. The foregoing 0.40 acre is part of a 0.955 acre tract conveyed by Glodie and Curtis Alt to Glenville and Ilene Alt by deed dated April 10, 1986, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 115, page 492.

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code §11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of

the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

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Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Pendleton County, West Virginia and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Pendleton County, West Virginia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Pendleton County, West Virginia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until March 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):

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PCMHS Students Participate in Get-A-Life Program

Lesley Cook and Liz Warner, Communities in Schools coordinators at Pendleton County Middle/High School, collaborated with the West Virginia State Treasurer's office to host a "Get-a-Life" program on Feb. 18 for eighth-, 10th- and 12th-grade students at the school.

The program is a hands-on financial education experience to engage students with realistic family budget scenarios. Students are given a card with a job title, family size and monthly income. The students will purchase a car, house, insurance, groceries, furniture, gas and other items to see how well they can budget their finances. A "green reaper" also issues "accident" cards which are unplanned expenses. The intent of the exercise is to provide a real-life activity to assist students with understanding living expenditures and to ponder their future and the importance of education.

Assisting with the exercise were community members Jessica Basagic and Teresa Heavner from Pendleton Community Bank; Brianna Bruns and Larry Smith from Summit Bank; Laura Brown from the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority; Justin Bowers from Bowers Auto Sales; Jim Brown from State Farm; Elizabeth Scott from the Town of Franklin; Shelby Layton from T&K Markets; Ciara Lambert from the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce and Pendleton County Visitors Bureau; Sonny O'Neil from the Pendleton County Board of Education; David Basagic from Basagic Funeral Home; Katie Harmon from the WV Treasurer's Office; and Steven Barnett and Ali Judy from PCM/HS.

Math Field Day Winners Announced



Pendleton County Schools held its annual county math field day Feb. 22 at Pendleton County High School.

The top three students in each grade level advance to the regional competition on March 14 at Potomac State College in Keyser. Alternates will fill in if one of the winners can't participate in the regional contest.

Winners, along with placing, grade level and school represented, were, from left, front row, Alex Adams (second alternate, seventh, Pendleton County Middle School), Leah Nesselrodt (first, eighth, PCMS), Madison Arbaugh (second alternate, eighth, PCMS), Susan Vincell (first alternate, seventh, PCMS), Avery Townsend (third, ninth, PCHS), Emma Hartman (second, ninth, PCHS), Jacob Thompson (second alternate, fourth, North Fork Elementary School), Laney Bowers (first, fifth, Brandywine Elementary School) and Mason Miller (first alternate, fifth, NFES); middle row, Dylan Eye (second alternate, sixth, BES), Albert Ramos-River (first, sixth, BES), Bryce Propst (second, fifth, Franklin Elementary School), Alayna Huffman (first, fourth, NFES), Vaylee Harper (second, fourth, NFES), Izzy Jameson (third, fifth, NFES), Anthony Henderson (second alternate, fifth, BES), Beckett Aumann (first alternate, fourth, FES) and Noah Kobetic (third, fourth, BES); and back row, Ben Puffenbarger (third, sixth, BES), Kali Johnson (third, seventh, PCMS), Katie Heavner (first alternate, sixth, FES), Jack Conner (second, sixth, BES), Jonas Turner (second, eighth, PCMS), Liam Simmons (second, seventh, PCMS), Ty Heavner (first, seventh, PCMS), Zykijah Wright (first, ninth, PCHS), Titus Nulph (second, ninth, PCHS), Jacob Mitchell (first alternate, ninth, PCHS), Chase Owens (first alternate, eighth, PCMS) and Corbin Dove (third, eighth, PCMS).



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SGR185 74.41 Acres, Strawders Run. Pasture, Hunting, Views, Creek & Spring fed Pond. Franklin District. **\$249,000.00.**

SGR182 Homesteaders Dream! 6.49 Acres, 2 houses, Guest Cottage, 2 Greenhouses, Barn, Shop, Fenced Pasture, Mature Fruit Trees, Berry Bushes, Goldfish Pond, Bethel District. **\$305,000.00 REDUCED \$300,000.00.**

SGR181 0.39 Acres, w/Brick Ranch, 3 Bed, 2-1/2 Baths, Full basement, Franklin Corp. **NEW LISTING \$249,000.00.**

SGR176 2.02 Acres Raw Land, Rocky Mountain Rd, Deer Run area. Electric nearby. **\$19,900.00.**

SGR174 8.94 Acres, w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Doublewide, unfinished basement, Heat Pump, Propane, Central AC, Shop. **NEW LISTING \$299,000.00.**

SGR173 3 Acres, Raw Land, North Fork. **NEW LISTING \$24,900.00.**

SGR168 0.37 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Home located in Franklin. **UNDER CONTRACT \$279,000.00.**

SGR165 1.1 Acres w/4 Bed, 2.5 Bath Ranch Home w/Attached 2-car garage. Located in Franklin District. **UNDER CONTRACT \$349,000.00.**

SGR164 0.43 Acres w/3 Bed, 3 Bath Home. Full Basement, Franklin Corp. **UNDER CONTRACT \$199,000.00.**

SGR158 5 Bed, 4 Bath Victorian Home, located in Monterey, VA. **\$525,000.00.**

SGR157 867.21 Acres w/3 Bed, 2.5 Bath Pole Barn Structure w/4-car garage, Cornfields, Pasture and Woodlands, Monterey, VA. **\$1,300,000.00.**

SGR156 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, Electric nearby, Water available, Hardy County. **\$95,000.00.**

SGR154 39.80 Acres, w/1950's Renovated home, 4 Bed, 1 Full Bath & 1 Unfinished Bath, Circleville District. **\$399,000.00 REDUCED \$380,000.00.**

SGR152 50.96 Acres w/1 Bed, 1.5 Bath, 1666 sq. ft Cabin w/Loft, Franklin District. **\$349,000.00.**

SGR148 137.68 Acres Raw Land, Building Sites w/Excellent Views, Active Spring, 2 Ponds. **\$499,900.00.**

SGR130 0.36 Acres, w/House & Bunkhouse located in Harman, WV. **\$269,000.00.**

SGR107 28.99 Ac, more or less, Raw Land, Eldon Heights, Franklin District. **\$249,000.00.**

SGR104 6.71 Ac, more or less, former elementary school. Endless opportunities. **NEW LISTING \$449,000.00.**

SGR078 2181.4 Ac Farm w/Flood Control Dam, Springs, Waterfall, 1 Unfinished Bath, 1 Unfinished Kitchen, on both sides of 2 Public Highways, Barn, 3 Silos, Pasture Fields and more. **\$4,500,000.00.**

SGR042 Five Unit Townhouse property located in Brandywine. Each unit has 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, LR and Large Kitchen. Near National Forest for hunting and fishing. Perfect for retirement income, live in one and rent the others! **\$399,000.00.**

SGR980 6.69 Acres, Raw Land, Oakwood Estates Subdivision, Franklin District. **\$40,000.00.**

SGR892 5.297 Acres, Raw Land, High Valley Subdivision, Franklin District. **\$58,000.00 REDUCED to \$56,500.00.**

SGR634 2.77 Acres, Raw Land, Hawes Run, Great Commercial Property, on US 33, Brandywine. **\$75,000.00 REDUCED \$69,500.00.**

SGR441 Residential lots, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte 33 East of Franklin. Lots from **\$20,760.00.**

SGR247 Residential lots with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from **\$14,630.00.**

Highland County Maple Festival Returns March 12-13, 19-20

The tradition of the Highland County Maple Festival in Virginia returns March 12-13 and 19-20. Since 1959, visitors have been drawn to Highland County, Virginia, to tour real maple sugar camps for a cultural and culinary adventure. All-you-can-eat pancake and buckwheat cake meals, over 100 arts and crafts vendors and live entertainment make this county-wide event a fun outing with lasting memories for the entire family.

Traditional hours of the festival include Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., though visitors can get a jumpstart to the day with an all-you-can-eat pancake meal as early as 7 a.m.

This year, the festival features 10 unique sugar camps open for the public for free tours. Visitors have the chance to view traditional and modern techniques for creating maple syrup from tree to bottle. In addition to pure maple syrup, some local camps offer a variety of flavored maple syrups infused with native plants or aged in spirit barrels, as well as black walnut syrup, hickory syrup, and even birch syrup. New for 2022, the familiar faces of Back Creek Farms that have been set up for years at the courthouse lawn in Monterey, Virginia, will now have their sugar camp open for tours along beautiful Back Creek in the western portion of Highland County, Virginia.

All four days of the festival will feature entertainment. On March 12, enjoy the popular bluegrass band Southern Rail Express at noon and the acoustic high energy duo of Scuffletown at 7 p.m. On March 13 at noon, take a step back in time for a showing of the 1921 silent film Tol'able David that was filmed in Highland County, Virginia, courtesy of the Highland Historical Society. On March 19, put on one's dancing shoes with square dance workshops

from noon to 2 p.m., concluding with a full square dance at 7 p.m. with callers Ellen and Eugene Ratcliffe and music by Juanita Fireball & The Continental Drifters. On March 20th, finish up the festival with crowd favorites The Little Switzerland Cloggers starting at noon. All entertainment at The Highland Center is brought to you with the assistance and sponsorship of the Highland County Arts Council. For more entertainment options, visitors of all ages can listen to bluegrass music at Southernmost Maple in Bolar starting at noon on Saturdays, or those 21 and up can groove to the acoustic blues of Delta Junction at Hull's Hideaway Restaurant & Tavern in Monterey, Virginia, starting at 8 p.m. on March 12th.

This year will mark the first time the festival has been held since 2019 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Additional hand sanitizer units will be placed throughout populated areas in Monterey and McDowell, Virginia. Disposable masks will be provided at the entrance to the arts and crafts show at Highland County Public Schools. Please stay home

if a person has symptoms of COVID-19, and follow recommended guidelines for isolation/quarantine if a person recently had COVID-19 or was exposed to COVID-19.

In 1999, the Library of Congress designated The Highland County Maple Festival a "Local Legacy," and in 2014, the Governor of Virginia signed a bill into law designating the festival as the "official maple festival of Virginia." Even in its absence in 2020 and 2021, the festival was announced as the 2021 first-place winner for Best Food or Drink Festival of the Shenandoah Valley Region in Virginia *Living's Best of Virginia* issue, receiving the distinction for the second consecutive year. It has also been awarded the top spot in the best family entertainment category in the 2021 Best of the Valley by readers of *Harri-sonburg's Daily News-Record*.

Full details on all the festival happenings can be found at www.highlandcounty.org/maple-festival, with posts highlighting the festival available at www.facebook.com/HighlandCounty.



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