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Grinch and Cindy Lou Rest Before Winter Wonderland Fest



The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who take a break at Potomac Hardware before Saturday's Winter Wonderland festivities at the town park.

Expanded Broadband Service Available Soon in Sugar Grove

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the first order of business for the Pendleton County Commission lay in swearing in new commissioner Roger Dahmer. Dahmer won election to represent the Central District in last month's election.

After the swearing in the commission went to the first order of business, which was discussion of maintenance costs in specific county buildings. The community building and rescue squad need \$2,920 and \$900, respectively, to replace old lighting. The rescue squad will receive the cost of labor as a donation. The health department also needs \$2,200 for equipment repairs.

During discussion, Commissioner Carl Hevener suggested that they "do it all and be done with it." The commis-



Gene McConnell, Pendleton County Commission president, swears in new commissioner Roger Dahmer, right.

sion agreed and unanimously voted to fund repairs, "especially since they [Lightner's Electrical, LLC] are donating to the rescue squad," Hevener said.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, informed the

commission that a firefighting vehicle was undergoing repairs in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and requested funds to pay the invoice. The county commission elected to tap into Title III funds to cover the bill. Title III funds sup-

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Community CALENDAR

Music Concert To Be Held In Circleville

The Snowy Mountain Music School will be presenting a music concert at the Historic Circleville High School at 2 p.m. Saturday. The concert includes performances by children and adult string groups. The concert is free, donations are welcome. All are welcome to attend.

Local Churches To Present Programs

A joint Christmas program, "That Special Night," will be presented at 9 a.m. at Francis Asbury United Methodist Church and at 11:15 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church on Sunday. Breakfast will be available at 10 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church. Church offerings will go to Burlington United Methodist Children's Home (Family Services, Inc.) in Burlington.

Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Franklin will present its annual Christmas program at 4 p.m. Sunday evening. Everyone is welcome to attend the programs.

PCM/HS Band To Perform Dec. 22

The Pendleton County Middle/High School marching band will present a Christmas concert at 6 p.m. Dec. 22 at the high school.

Morrissey's Staff To Visit Dec. 21

A representative from Attorney General Patrick Morrissey's office will meet with residents from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Pendleton Senior and Family Services Center in Franklin.

911 Center Meets Challenges As Number of Calls Rise

By Stephen Smoot

Over the past month, Pendleton County's emergency response team has seen a much higher than usual number of fires and other calls. Telecommunicators handling area 911 service report that the number of calls rose to even higher levels than usual this time of year. More calls have put more stress on both the system and the responders.

Diana Mitchell, administrator of the county 911 center, said that much of the increase has come from "full blown structure fires." She

adds that "we've never had that many in that short of a time frame. It's more than we usually have in a whole season, meaning the winter months."

More calls place more strain on a system that already faces staffing shortages. As Rick Gillespie, emergency services coordinator for Pendleton County, explains, most of the time, "there's a single dispatcher. If we have a big emergency, it goes from totally quiet to you can't do things fast enough."

Mitchell said, "It's like

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Chuck King has served as a Pendleton County 911 Telecommunicator since 2001.

Santa Claus Greets Local Children



St. Nick stopped by a local family photoshoot event on Friday to greet children and spread holiday cheer as families sipped hot chocolate and enjoyed cake pops offered by local vendors.

New BOE Board Member Takes Oath of Office

By Natasha Wilson

The Pendleton County Board of Education met with members of the Franklin Elementary School Local School Improvement Council, Faculty Senate, and Parent-Teacher Organization on Dec. 6. Members of the BOE were updated on the current Faculty Senate report by Amy Rexrode, Faculty Senate president, followed by the 2022-2023 Strategic Plan, student achievement report, LSIC annual productive and safe schools report by Kimberlee Hevener, assistant principal at FES. Barbara Whitecotton, principal at FES, concluded the opening reports with an update on curriculum and innovative practices.

All board members were

present for the meeting, either in person or by teleconference.

Following a call to order by JD Wilkins, president of the BOE, Katie Hott took the oath of office, becoming the newest member of the board.

Nicole Hevener, associate superintendent, announced the employment of eight individuals. The board members unanimously approved Christina Arbaugh, long term substitute and half time cook at Brandywine Elementary School; Kimberly Keplinger, before and after school tutor at BES; LeeAnn Shreve, before and after school tutor at FES; Dolly Rexrode, job exploration coordinator at Pendleton County Middle/High School; Sam Harper, bus driver; Taylor Townsend, restricted

substitute teacher; Kaylee Edwards, restricted substitute teacher; and Brian Cooley, restricted substitute teacher.

The board approved the purchase of planning contracts presented by Hevener: Joshua Perrson, teacher support and mentoring.

The financial report was presented to the board members by J.P. Mowery, business manager/treasurer. Mowery covered the October 2022 treasurer's report as well as an outlining of bills to be approved for the month of November. A discussion was held regarding the internet hotspots that are currently set up around the county and the need for further conversation was highlighted as to whether the hotspots should

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After 75 Years of Service Former Thompson Motel Receives Renovation, Eyes Tourist Market

By Stephen Smoot

"We're new to it. We want to do it right. We're going to be very patient."

Just as Pendleton County has joined the state in committing considerable resources to boosting tourism, a long-time lodging fixture in Franklin will receive major upgrades as it turns to a new

business model. New owners Jesse Thorpe and Brandon Conard have already commenced renovating the old hotel for use as both lodging for visitors and also permanent apartment housing.

Thorpe explained that the motel dates back to 1948. At the time of its construction, its size outstripped any other

in use in the state. A 1954 addition provided 41 units for visitors to the region. Until the construction of the interstate highway system, US 220 served as a main route of traffic connecting north and south.

Modernization has already started with the replacement of flooring and the addi-

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EDA Discusses Grants, Votes in Board Officers

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority held its final meeting of 2022 to discuss big plans for the coming year and to elect board officers.

Laura Brown, EDA executive director, started the

meeting with praise. After a recent audit, she reported that "our books are the best we have ever seen." She added, "That's a big kudos to our office administrator and our finance committee."

The board next discussed progress on the Brownfields

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OBITUARIES



Running Deer

Running Deer, 85, of Franklin passed away Dec. 8, 2022, at her home.

She was born on Aug. 1, 1937, in Gainesville, Florida, the daughter of the late Eulee and Opal Merle (Cutts) Hall.

She was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. She had worked as a "Grandma" at Franklin Elementary School and she had previously worked as a receptionist at Park Motel in Petersburg. She loved children and reading to children.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory two daughters, Cloud Ramirez of Virginia and Mariana Lamas (Cody Jameson) of Circleville; a son, Santiago Lamas of Franklin; and four grandchildren.

In honoring Running Deer's wishes, her body has been cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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



Lucy Pauline Waggy

Lucy Pauline Waggy, 97, of Reeds Creek passed away Dec. 9, 2022, at the home of her son.

She was born April 15, 1925, at Upper Tract and was the daughter of the

late John and Fannie Hedrick.

Mrs. Waggy was a 1945 graduate of Franklin High School. She was a homemaker and was a member of the Reeds Creek United Methodist Church, where she served as treasurer for 49 years.

Her trademark in life was her boundless cheerfulness and the ability to make friends wherever she went. She loved people.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

On June 29, 1946, she married Carson E. Waggy, who preceded her in death on May 17, 1999.

She is survived by a daughter, Maxine Hays (Jim) of Mechanicsville,

Virginia; two sons, Charles Waggy (Paula) and Dennis Waggy (Pat), all of Franklin; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren

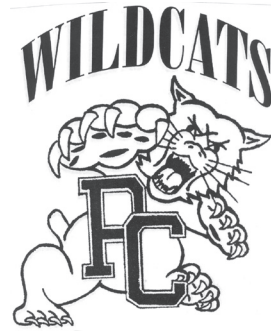
She was also preceded in death by two grandsons, Brandon Waggy and Edward Waggy; a step-grandson, six sisters, Ina Hartman, Icie Clark, Eula Kimble, Nellie Galippo, Mary Thompson and Madeline Whitecotton; and two brothers, Alton Hedrick and John Hedrick.

A funeral service was held Sunday in the chapel of the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Rev. David Webb officiating. Interment was at

Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to Reeds Creek United Methodist Church, c/o Pam Hedrick, 744 Pretty Ridge Road, Franklin, WV 26807.

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



County Commission

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port local first responders whose area of coverage includes national forest lands.

Additionally, Gillespie reported that Governor Jim Justice's Next Gen 911 council lost the Eastern Panhandle representative to retirement. Commissioners agreed to pen a letter of recommendation on his behalf recommending that he receive an appointment.

Gillespie also took time to praise Pendleton County 911 dispatchers who "have been inundated with a lot of unusual calls, things we've never had before." He added, "I want to applaud the folks out there. They've all done a wonderful job." Gene McConnell, county commission president, later added "Our 911 dispatchers always do a great job with limited resources."

Laura Brown, executive director for the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority, announced that Sugar Grove may soon enjoy limited expanded broadband access.

Funding for the expansion comes from the Emergency Connectivity Fund, which comes with very specific and federally imposed guidelines for who may be eligible for the service. Brown advised that the county "needs all Sugar Grove residents who want to be connected to be library patrons to be eligible for the school grant." The funding for service is also limited to a relatively small geographic area and specific addresses, but does include the soon-to-be-constructed biking trails at Sweetwater Farm as of August 2023.

Service limits in part stem from the fact that expanded broadband must connect to lines already in place that terminate in the Sugar Grove region.

Finally, commissioners took up the year-end task of con-

firming various board appointments and reappointments:

Board of Health - Emily Hott and Carmen Rexrode; 911 Board - Carl Williams;

Board of Parks - Gene Boggs, Kent Gardiner, Rick Waggoner and Pat Waggy;

Building Commission - Jim Brown agreed to stay on until someone replaced him;

EDA - Joan Ashley, Jeremy Harper and Dayne Davis confirmed, but the EDA board is currently at its minimum and needs additional members; and

Farmland Protection Board - Rick Waggoner, but this board also needs more volunteers.

The final board position discussed was the county's representative on the Northeast Regional EMS Board, or NEREMS. This organization exists to "promote and provide continuing education and info sharing with EMS providers." Commissioners learned that the NEREMS board "used to be active," but in recent years had not been. Inquiries from Pendleton County on various issues failed to provide answers. As Gillespie noted, "it's like pulling hen's teeth to get a response." He added that he'd "check and see what its purpose is, if any."

Tina Eye had suggested that Mike Alt, chief of the Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department, receive the appointment. Though they rarely meet or act, McConnell said, "this sounds like an opportunity." Gillespie said that the board could be an avenue to get EMS concerns heard at a higher level.

The county commission also approved a two-hour Christmas luncheon for courthouse staff on Dec. 15. During the luncheon, the offices will be closed.

BOE

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be maintained after the current funding runs out.

Travis Hevener provided several updates regarding the county school facilities including an overview of recently completed projects and a handful of upcoming projects that consisted of updating the men's restroom at the PCM/HS concession stand and installing flooring in the BOE office space.

New business discussed included an educational leave plan, the first reading of sug-

gested policy changes, senior community service employment program host agency agreement and memorandum of understanding between the grow your own West Virginia teaching pathway to teaching program, identified county, and institution(s) of higher education in WV.

The board members unanimously accepted the minutes from the previous meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at the PCS BOE annex building.

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PENDLETON MANOR



'Tis the Season' To Enjoy Christmas Caroling Births

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

It is impossible to imagine the winter holidays without carolers. They are as iconic as Christmas trees and egg-nog for the season. Most of the famous songs were probably learned early at church and elementary school programs. Even though one grew up singing, listening, and getting those catchy caroling tunes stuck in one's head, the history of this tradition is largely unknown.

An early version of caroling dates back to the 13th century. Singing remained separate from Christmas until Saint Francis of Assisi incorporated the songs of well wishes in his Christmas services. He encouraged the church members to embrace this music during the season, and so they began taking the songs home to enjoy with their families.

These songs stuck around for several hundred years, being passed down from family to family. Finally, some were collected, written down, and published in 1582. In time, they spread to cultures across the world.

Most people have committed to memory a few lines to the song, "Silent Night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright." The first legend surrounding this tune comes from an Austrian priest by the name of Joseph Mohr. He composed this song on a broken church organ with his friend Franz Gruber. "Silent Night" was originally a poem written by Mohr. Little did he know that this song would grow to become one of the world's most legendary Christmas carols.

If one can name the gifts from all 12 days in "Twelve Days of Christmas," then one is in pretty good shape for the holiday caroling season. This song is rooted in the 18th century England. "Joy to the World" is another famous carol. The lyrics come from the Old Testament, but it wasn't crafted into an official song until the 19th



Members of the Jack Mountain Gang, from left, Roy Ellinger, Tom Kimble, Benjamin Mitchell and Carl Kimble, bagged this 325-pound bear Saturday morning in the Sugar Grove area.

century.

Caroling is still embedded in the Christmas season. Carolers brave the frigid winter air to sing Christmas well wishes in neighborhoods and churches across the country. For example, "good tidings we bring to you and your kin. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" or "jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way! Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh," are very popular to sing to neighbors and family. Caroling is one of the most favored ways for friends and family to get into the holiday spirit.

Life's little instructions to make one's life better each day include the following:

1. Work hard.
2. Be humble and kind.
3. Be thankful, always.
4. Give love, and smile!
5. Hold the door open for shoppers.

The last week has been quite dreary. Some showers made it to the neighborhood. Temperatures have been in the 40s, jacket and coat weather.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"The world is a place where the extraordinary can sit just beside the ordinary with the thinnest of boundaries." — Jodi Picoult

"Blow, blow, thou winter wind. Thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude." — William Shakespeare

"I have found that if you love life, life will love you back." — Arthur Rubenstein

"Don't let yesterday use up too much of today." — Will Rogers

"If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't under-

stand it yourself." — Albert Einstein

Sitting by the fire is a good place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Wesley Puffenbarger spent most of last week bear hunting in Buckingham County, Virginia. The group had a great first week of bear hunting.

St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church celebrated its Christmas by having a dinner following worship service on Sunday.

Marleta Wimer paid a visit to her mother, Rosalee Grogg, this past week.

It was the first time since COVID that St. John Lutheran Church could put on a Christmas program. This past Saturday, they presented "Whispering Pines" to a filled church of attendees.

Bob and Judy Grimm motored to Ohio for an early Christmas with Chris and P.J. Grimm and their respective families. They also enjoyed a Christmas get-together with Bob's nine brothers and sisters and their respective families. On their way home, they made a stop in Morgantown to join Rodney Kiser and his family for lunch. It was a wonderful weekend.

Phil Downs plans to have an open house at his home this coming Saturday. He welcomes friends and neighbors to attend beginning at 4 p.m.

This week's clacky-clacks for the chin waggars are the following:

- About 700 languages and dialects are spoken in India.
- There are 535 active volcanoes in the world.
- Some birds have dialects.

The song of one kind of bird may sound different in different parts of the world.

•The Vikings built a wooden ship as long as a football field.

•Starfish have an eye at the end of each arm.

Nashland had a full house for nearly two weeks recently. Visiting Helen and Rhonda Nash for Thanksgiving and hunting season were Robbie and Jack Nash and Braden Parent of Palmer, Alaska, and Todd Nash of Rhoadesville, Virginia. Calli, Hannah, Madalyn, Nolan and Tucker Fox of Bumpass, Virginia, came for a weekend. Also making a visit were Vickie Nash of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Terri Lowery of Spotsylvania, Virginia. Lots of food and gallons of Peachy's sweet tea were consumed, and plenty of laughter and hugs were shared.

"Pidge" Anderson received news from her sister, June, that her brother-in-law had passed away. He lived in North Carolina. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Up-coming birthdays for the remainder of the month are as follows: Debbie Horst, 18th; Katelyn Frank, 20th; Roger Kiser and Glenna Koontz, 21st; Carly Mitchell, Terri Grogg, Sharon Gillispie, Tasha Bowers and Sara Harper, 22nd; Betty Lam and Suzanne Brubeck, 23rd; Brenda Sponaugle, 24th; Jesus and Dottie Lambert, 25th; Macie Mitchell, Clad Hotten and Melissa Dahmer, 29th; Maria Bowers Miller and Doug Pitsenbarger, 30th; and Bobby Armstrong and Clinton Bowers, 31st.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, Jack Bennett, Jimmie Bennett, Bill Brackman, Jed Conrad, the

Hall DuBois family, Jeff Evick, Ina Evick, Dan and Margaret Ferrell, Ron Gilkeson, Lola Graham, Steve and Armanda Heavner, the Anthony Henderson family, Gary and Jackie Hills, Virgil Homan, Jr., Charlee Marie Hoover, Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Doris Hull, Bob and Cynthia Hurry, Lisa Dawn Jamison, Alice Johnson, the Beth Johnson family, Kim Kline, Richard Judy, Melissa Lambert, Tammy Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Naomi Michael, Gary Mitchell, Gloria Moats, Joe Moats, Melvin Moats, the Junior Murphy family, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, the Ken Nelson family, Ruth Nelson, Bennie Nesselrodt, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Betty Lou Propst, Kathy Propst, Sheldon Propst, Mary Puffenbarger, Verla Puffenbarger, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Kent Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, the Evelyn Marie Hartman Ruddle family, Annie Simmons, Barbara Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Tom Simmons, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Stanna Smith, Patricia Swecker, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, the Trenton "Tiny" Varner family, Ron White, Judy Williams and Larry Wimer.



Baylor Kollins Siciliano

John and Raven (Turner) Siciliano of Harrisonburg, Virginia, proudly announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Baylor Kollins Siciliano, born Nov. 2, 2022, at 1:39 a.m.

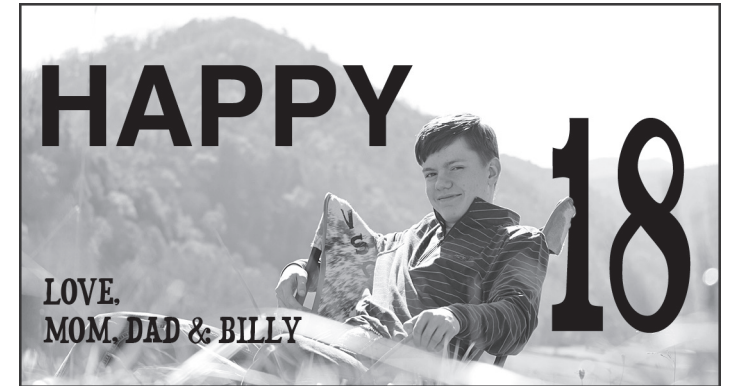
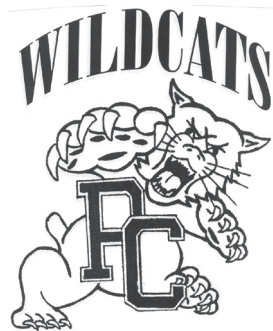
She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19" long.

Paternal grandparents are Ann and Mark Siciliano of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Maternal grandparents are Debbie and Tom Turner of Franklin.

Maternal great-grandparents are Boyd and Leta Kimble of Franklin.

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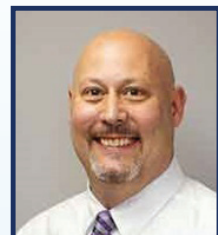
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30 Years Ago
Week of December 10, 1992

Pendleton Deer Harvest Hits Record 3,402 For 2 Weeks Firearms Season

A record all-time deer kill may have been set in Pendleton County during the firearms season the last two weeks.

A total of 655 deer were checked in last week during the second week of the season. Last week's harvest added to the 2,747 killed the previous week brings the total for the two weeks to 3,402. Last week's kill of 655 compares with 247 taken during the second week of the firearms season last year.

This year's kill is up dramatically from last year's 2,041, and it exceeds the previous high of 3,245 set in 1986.

Reed Hammer, Department of Natural Resources game manager for Pendleton County, attributes the large kill this year to factors: mast is scarce and deer are not far back in the woods but out in the open where they are more susceptible to the hunter, and regulations this year permit the killing of a second deer of either sex.

Despite the large kill, officers report less hunting pressure this year than in previous years.

Several trophy deer have been taken this year.

DAHMER

The folks who live out in the country and have a TV receiving signals from an antenna some distance will find the small gauge open copper wire almost impossible to buy. The writer had this problem and through the goodness of the heart of Reed Hammer and Eddie McLain, they knew how to overcome this problem.

40 Years Ago
Week of December 9, 1982

Byrd's Eye View
By U.S. Senator
Robert C. Byrd

Relief For Our Footwear Industry

Recently, when I was in West Virginia, I went to the Parsons Shoe Company in Tucker County, which now employs some 150 West Virginians.

When the plant was operating at peak capacity, there were twice that many employees, but a downturn in our domestic footwear industry—brought about largely by the unfair trade practices of foreign shoe manufacturers—has caused massive unemployment at Parsons and at other shoe companies in our state.

Relief from these unfair foreign trading practices and from the flood of cheap shoes coming into the United States must be forthcoming for our shoe manufacturing industry, which comprises a vital portion of the economies of six West Virginia counties.

Over a year ago, import relief for a portion of our domestic shoe industry—re-

lief offered some protection from cheap imports—was terminated.

Since then, over 20,000 footwear workers have been thrown off their jobs, and today, over 60 percent of our domestic market has been taken over by foreign imports.

I also described for US Trade Representative William Brock the plight of 325 West Virginians who worked at the Bata Shoe Company in Elkins, which was recently forced to close its doors because of the troubles in the domestic shoe industry.

Because of the barriers overseas, foreign footwear cannot enter most countries of the world, and consequently, much of it is diverted to our country, which affords little or no import protection.

Week of December 9, 1982

Corridor H, if Ever Built, Will Go Through Pendleton

Construction Is Doubtful

If the highway known on paper as Appalachian Corridor H is ever built, it will follow the southernmost route from Elkins to Strasburg, Va., the state department of highways has decided.

But the lack of federal funds for highway building has pushed the possibility of starting the \$329-million project far into the future.

DOH will take 1-1/2 years to complete the final version of the EIS, which is the southern route that will continue east from Elkins, pass through Wymer, Seneca Rocks, Petersburg, Moorefield and Wardensville to Strasburg, Va.

The highway was first proposed in 1965 as a way of lining Interstates 81 and 79.

The northern route would follow a course via Montrose, Parsons, Thomas, Mt. Storm, Baker and Wardensville.

DAHMER

On Sunday morning, many here were surprised to see a snowfall of eight and one-half inches with a chilly 16 degree temperature reading. On Monday morning, the coldest spot appeared to be eight below zero at John Harper's, Alva Harper's and Wilbur J. Seveir's, all of Moyers.

50 Years Ago
Week of December 21, 1972

DAHMER

Saturday we had a real old time winter day, with howling winds and whirling snow and low temperature that chilled both man and beast to the bone.

Carlous Puffenbarger of above Sugar Grove who was never known to butcher a poor hog, received 36 gallons of lard from three hogs and this does not include the hog heads.

Probably the oldest man in Pendleton County is Dr. R. L. Thacker who will observe his 95th birthday December 29.

EDITORIAL

Because It's Christmas - - -

We rejoice in the sound of the words and the glory of the message: "— on earth peace, goodwill to men." But we do not always feel the meaning in our hearts and put it to work in our lives.

One who did was Henry Van Dyke, the late American clergyman, writer, and poet whose famous "Story of the Other Wise Man" has brought joy and inspiration to thousands of people over the years. Among his writings is a piece called "The Spirit of Christmas," and we think you'll like it as much as we did. We are happy to print it, from us to you:

"We are thinking of you today because it is Christmas—and tomorrow because it will be the day after, and so on through the year. We may not be able to tell you about it every day, but that makes no difference, the thought and the wish will be here just the same..."

"Because it is Christmas"—so many things follow. "Because it is Christmas"—the world stands still for a while, in reverent memory of the Christ child's birth. "Because it is Christmas"—we hope anew for peace on earth, goodwill to men. "Because it is Christmas"—we resolve that the Spirit of Christmas will stay with us throughout the year.

Of course, the Spirit of Christmas should not be confined to a single day—nor is it. For all those who truly believe in "good will to men" honor it in their hearts and live it in their lives, every day of the year. They cherish the continuing warmth of friendship, the ever-new rebirth of the Babe who lived to teach us peace and love. And though friends may be far away or seldom met, that too "makes no difference"—the steady flow of hope and goodwill continues to bind together those who put their trust in the power of loving kindness, and in all that we mean by humanity.

60 Years Ago
Week of December 13, 1962

100 YEARS AGO

By LON K. SAVAGE

Editor's Note—The following is one of a series of articles on the Civil War. Each weekly installment covers events which occurred exactly 100 years ago.

Lee Crushes Burnside At Fredericksburg

Gen. Robert E. Lee, his staff gathered around him, stood on the ridge of Telegraph Hill 100 years ago this week just west of Fredericksburg, Va., and gazed down through the lifting fog below. It was almost too good to be true.

Off to the left below him stood the town of Fredericksburg, shrouded in the mist. To his front, a plain

stretched from the hill on which he stood to the Rappahannock River beyond. Ponton bridges led across the river to another range of hills rising on the river's other side. To his right and left, nestled in hillside rifle pits and gun emplacements, Lee's 80,000 men waited patiently.

It was 10 a.m., December 13, and as the fog rose, the sun rays fell to the plain, where they glinted off thousands of bayonets. There, fully in Lee's view, the huge Federal army of Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside, 100,000 strong, moved to and fro, flags and pennants waving, bands playing, all preparing for a hopeless attack on Lee's hillside position.

Lee's troops had watched during the past two days as the Federals put up their pontoon bridges and crossed the river. The Rebels had shot at the construction crews, harrassing them until Burnside finally shelled Fredericksburg with his artillery. Then the Federals crossed, as the Confederates took position in the hills, their guns zeroed in on the plain that the Federals had to cross.

Burnside ordered his men forward in two attacks, one on each of the Confederates' flanks, and the men moved resolutely forward to the slaughter.

To Lee's left, the Federals poured from the streets of Fredericksburg, yelling "Hi, Hi," and swarmed across the plain toward a sunken road and stone wall, behind which 2,500 Confederates waited in an impregnable position.

The Confederate artillery and muskets volleyed into the charging Federals, knocking them down by scores, but new waves of men followed them. Six times the Federals charged, according to one general's count, and the blue clad bodies piled three deep at points.

A Federal officer, viewing the scene from a Fredericksburg church steeple, cried, "See how our men, our brave fellows, are falling." And another described it: "The whole plain was covered with men, prostrate and dropping, the live men running here and there, and in front closing upon each other, and the wounded coming back." Not one armed Federal reached the stone wall alive, but 5,000 fell in the attempt.

Off to Lee's right, Federal Gen. George C. Meade led another attack with equal vigor but with little more success. At one point, his men broke through the line of "Stonewall" Jackson, but Lee quickly sent forth reinforcements, drove the Federals back and patched the hole.

The sun set early that short December day, and the attack melted away to the cries of the wounded and dying on the frozen battlefield. In all, more than 12,000 Federals and 5,000 Confederates were casualties.

Next day—it was Sunday—Burnside was near tears. "Oh! those men! those men!" he wailed, referring

to the dead and wounded. "I am thinking of them all the time." Then, facing up to the harsh realities of war, he withdrew the remnants of his army across the river whence it had come.

Next week: Grant is halted.

70 Years Ago
Week of December 11, 1952

DAHMER

Charles W. Hoover, who will soon be 79 years old, is still active and keeps in good spirit and can relate old time stories accurately and well. He will always remember the deep snow which fell in 1889, or sixty-three years ago, when he was living in the home of Henry Rexrode (Uncle Henry). His son, Aaron, and Z. J. Bowers and others had gone across Shenandoah Mountain with wagons to haul goods from Harrisonburg back to Pendleton. They camped on the Virginia side when the snow fell, and it took them several days to get back with the horses. Mr. Hoover was left at home to take care of the feeding. The first morning after the snow had fallen, Uncle Henry wanted Charley to go to the "Old Place" and feed the cattle, which was quite a distance from home. Uncle Henry concluded to walk out on the old porch. He did so and in some way or manner fell down off the porch into the deep snow with a big kerchug! and a real cooling off, and a new experience for Mr. Rexrode and one to be remembered by Mr. Hoover.

New Four-H Club Is Formed at Riverton

A group of Riverton youth met with the assistant county agent Ken Bragg at the home of Mrs. Lela Ruddle and organized a new Four-H club under the name of "Dixie Hustlers." Officers are Sue Phares, president; Joan Ruddle, vice president and song leader; Norma Jean Raines, secretary and treasurer; and Charles Robert Teter, reporter.

Mr. Bragg explained the different projects to the new clubbers and led them in learning the pledge and a club song.

Mrs. Ruddle is the club leader and Mrs. Estyl Ruddle is assistant. Mrs. G. E. Teter and Mrs. E. B. Phares comprise the adult council for the club, which will meet on the third Thursday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

This is the last full week of fall as winter starts on Dec. 21. Even though it feels like winter, the area residents are still waiting on that first snowfall to lay.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Shelda Warner, Vestyl Bible, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tessi, Ruby Propst, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Mary Alice Simmons, Reva Hartman, Sandy Washburn, Sandra Vandevander and Larry Moyers; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Brian Wilton, Tyler Moore, Tristan Hartman, Ronald Hayes, Becky Hedrick, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Doug Judy, Ronnie Bowers Sr., Allen Kile II, Ruth Simmers, Roberta Bennett, Raven Hoke, Harry Allen Warner, Quinley McConnell, Etha Mae Bowers, Mary Jo Wilfong, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Rodney Crites, Charlotte Copley, Randy Bennett, Carolyn Gilbert, Glenn Sites, Billy Rowe, Myrtle Hammer, Kathy Propst, Jimmie Bennett, Marcia C. "Marty" Warner, Paul Mallow, Sandy Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Ed Hammer, Braden McClanahan, Jack Judy, Ruthalene Judy, Jason Rexrode, Kent Rexrode and the Evelyn Ruddle family.

Prayer thought: "This Christmas season, may you receive God's great gift in Jesus by faith. May you humbly praise Him anew for all He has done for you."

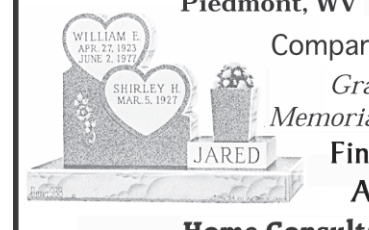
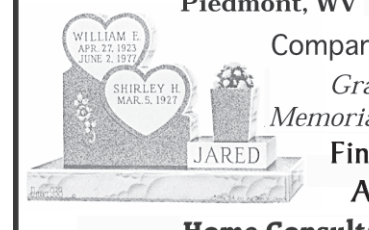
High and low temperatures and precipitation for Dec. 5 through Dec. 11, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Dec. 5 - 45°, 19° (54°, 34°, .02°); Dec. 6 - 48°, 37°, .01° (62°, 37°); Dec. 7 - 62°, 50°, .14° (38°, 21°); Dec. 8 - 50°, 40°, .03° (40°, 23°); Dec. 9 - 48°, 24°, .02° (41°, 19°); Dec. 10 - 45°, 36°, .04° (58°, 38°, .06°) and Dec. 11 - 49°, 39°, .02° (62°, 34°, .12°).

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911 Center

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going from zero to 120 in the blink of an eye." Chuck King, one of the county's 911 telecommunicators, shared that "last night we got six calls in less than an hour."

Fortunately, callers can usually rely on experience at the other end of the line. Both Mitchell and King have served at the center since its opening in the spring of 2001.

Officials have moved from using the term "dispatchers" to "telecommunicators" in recent years. This reflects the addition of vital pieces of technology that help the telecommunicator play a stronger role in coordination, but also require more ability and experience. Use of both the phone in tandem with computer and online resources requires more of these workers than ever. Eighteen states, including West Virginia, have legally reclassified the status of 911 telecommunicators as "first responders," to recognize the importance of their role in successful rescues.

Gillespie backs the move to redefine the position, saying that "they are the first responders. They may not go to the scene, but they are the first to respond."

When calls come in, especially simultaneously, it leads to what Gillespie

calls "multitasking on steroids." The 911 responder must take the call and almost always must follow a script to make sure that responding units have the proper information. While some express annoyance at script based questioning, or providing the same information more than once, questions can assist telecommunicators in dispatching the proper type of ambulance, for instance. Other cards help telecommunicators talk callers through specific emergencies, such as those requiring emergency CPR on the spot.

As the telecommunicator asks questions, information populates on one screen. Another screen helps the telecommunicator identify precisely where the call is located.

In many cases, especially structure fires, units from multiple fire houses, often in multiple counties, will respond. The telecommunicator must coordinate all of these efforts to ensure the most efficient response.

With no more than two, usually only one, telecommunicator available to handle emergencies, multiple simultaneous calls put serious strain on the telecommunicator, as well as the system itself. When helpful, the telecommunicators

will call the original caller back to check on progress.

Keeping up with the advances in technology and techniques requires regular training, regardless of level of experience. Mitchell says that "it's a lengthy program to get certifications and these certifications are maintained." King adds that many require 24 or 48 hours for each certification each year.

One major source of frustration for those needing emergency response comes when the response does not come as rapidly as the caller might wish. Gillespie explains that "all volunteer agencies are having staffing problems." King adds that "we don't have the volunteer resources that we had 15 years ago."

Mitchell also explains that the team understands the frustration when responses seem long, saying that "we're catching most of these callers at the worst moments of their lives and we completely understand that."

Motel Renovation

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tion of other amenities. As Thorpe says, we're doing everything right, including fixing any structural issues that we find." New beds and bedding will also greet guests. Thorpe praised the work of Nick Rexrode, who is leading the reconstruction efforts.

Marketing efforts will also use 21st century techniques. Thorpe said that "the website just went live last week." Although the motel has lacked "an online or social media presence" until now, digital marketing will soon reach out to potential visitors.

Thorpe expects that the new signage for the property will come in the next week.

"We decided to convert the building with offices in it into apartments," Thorpe explained. He add-

ed that "some are efficiencies and some are larger." The apartments can have up to three bedrooms, but also come in different sizes. Although the motel could offer 41 total rooms, Thorpe and Conard do not see that business model as sustainable. Because business drops off considerably in the winter, offering apartments to permanent residents brings reliable revenues that can sustain it when few motel guests are staying. The motel will have 20 rooms for overnight guests.

One thing that the partners will not change is the staffing. Thorpe shared that it's "very important to keep them in place. They're wonderful ladies." One employee has 38 years of experience and another has worked there for 30. Thorpe

says "They are part of the draw."

Moreover, Thorpe stated, "It's very important for us that we take care of the community." To the partners, this means making sure that the hotel and apartments will only welcome guests and tenants who share that dedication. Thorpe says, "It's better to make less and have the right tenants in place. We are trying to clean it up. We won't just take anyone with money." He envisions that most guests will be either tourists or "local businesses having people come in to conduct business."

Thorpe explained that the partners' plans for the hotel would be very long term. "We're family men," he said, "long term investors. We want to leave this to our kids."

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PCHS Wildcats Lose Season Opener to Double A Keyser

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County's boys basketball squad opened their season on the road last week at Keyser. The always tough Golden Tornadoes featured an experienced and athletic squad coached by Scott Furey, who coached a state championship track team for Keyser in 2016. Though always a tough out at home, Keyser needed its best game to defeat Coach Jeremy Bodkin's Wildcats.

The Golden Tornadoes started fast, controlling the opening tip and sinking a three-point shot 10 seconds into the action. Early on, Keyser looked to their big men to establish a presence in the paint with both scoring and rebounding while seeking high percentage shots beyond three-point range.

In the first two minutes of action, Keyser staked an early 7-2 lead before the Wildcats responded. Josiah Kimble drained a three-pointer, followed by an offensive rebound and putback, then a steal by Clayton Kisamore led to a fast break layup. This gave Pendleton County its first lead at 9-7.

Both teams looked to push the pace. The Wildcats did so with an effective man-to-man defense and, later in the game, used a full court press while Keyser's athletes pushed the ball up the floor at every opportunity without deploying a full court press at all. This sometimes led to ragged play as both offenses tried to establish consistency.

The Golden Tornadoes took advantage of Wildcat miscues as the first quarter ended, using a 13-2 run to close out the stanza. This run saw Keyser rebounding effectively and stymieing the Wildcat offense with steals.

Pendleton County started the second quarter down by nine, but center Jacob Beachler made a statement immediately with a powerful shot block. Keyser then put Kisamore on the free throw line for two made shots. Every time the Wildcats saw Keyser surging in front, they found an answer in Kisamore - for whom the Golden Tornadoes had no answer all night long.

After about three min-



Evan Teter lofts a free throw during the Wildcats' big win against Frankfort.

utes passed in the second quarter, the Wildcats pulled back into a tie. Brayden Beachler hit a key three-pointer, followed by another Kisamore bucket with an assist from Jacob Beachler.

The Wildcats also got strong play from their bench. Forward Zykijah Wright came off the bench to block a shot with about 4:30 left in the second quarter. His strength and athleticism helped to keep Keyser off the boards while also providing solid defense, especially at the post. Pendleton County closed the half down by two, 31-29.

Coach Bodkin said after the game that "we must take care of the ball better and box out." Early in the game, his team missed some opportunities to get rebounds and make plays. He explained, "We have to do a better job of coming out of the gate early."

Trying to pressure the Keyser ballhandlers, Pendleton County came out in the second half in a full court press. The team also did a better job keeping Keyser off the boards with even guards attacking the glass effectively for rebounds. The Wildcats allowed Keyser to stake an early four-point lead at 36-32 and spent much of the quarter eating away at it while the Golden Tornadoes did just enough to stay ahead. With 2:30 left

in the third quarter, Chase Owens connected on one of two free throws to pull Pendleton County within one at 40-39, but Keyser followed that with a three-pointer.

The Wildcats went into the final quarter down 47-43. The rest of the game boiled down to Kisamore and the Wildcat offense finding ways to score and the Keyser defense executing well their defense against the Pendleton County fast break. Kisamore throughout the second half used his height advantage to break down Keyser's man to man, get close to the basket, and make plays. Jacob Beachler contributed with strong offensive rebounding, while Kimble continued to connect on long range shots.

With 1:07 left in the game, Keyser called a time out up 56-54. Thirty seconds later, Jacob Beachler dropped a turn around jump shot close to the rim to tie the game at 56. Undeterred, Keyser put the ball in the hands of their big center with time running out. Although well-defended, the shot dropped and Keyser escaped with their first win of the season.

After the game, Coach Bodkin praised his team's overall effort, saying "they played hard." He added, however, "Give credit to Keyser. They were ready to play."

Kisamore led all scorers with 20 points, followed by Kimble with 11, Brayden Beachler with eight, Dusty Smith with six, Owens with five, and Jacob Beachler and Dustin Vandevander each with three.

The Wildcats traveled to Frankfort last Thursday night. Kisamore scored 30 and Kimble 14 as they routed Frankfort in Short Gap 75-43. Also scoring was Jacob Beachler and Smith with seven a piece, Owens with six, Vandevander with five, and Brayden Beachler and Evan Teter each scoring three.

Results from Tuesday's game against East Hardy were unavailable at press time.

The Wildcats host Tygarts Valley on Friday and travel to Tucker County on Dec. 21.

Union Has No Answer for PCHS Girls in Tip Off Tournament



Ana Young slices through defenders as she drives on a fast break. Photo courtesy of Robin Alt.

By Stephen Smoot

After a tough outing playing understrength against Moorefield in the opening rounds of the Tip Off Tournament in Petersburg, the Lady Wildcats rebounded well against a familiar foe. Pendleton County upended Union again for the second time in as many weeks, this time prevailing 54-29.

The Wildcats took control early against the Tigers and never let up, taking the opening tip, then scoring quickly on a Gabby DePue putback of a missed shot. Coach Micah Bailey deployed the team in a man-to-man defense and full court press that pressured Union all night. In a patient and workmanlike style, Pendleton County carefully crafted a solid lead and never looked back.

Both DePue and Ana Young delivered effective games in the first quarter. DePue added a block to her initial layup and strong rebounding. Young pressured the defense by putting the ball on the floor and executing silky smooth moves to evade defenders and hit open shots. At 2:40 left in the first quarter, for example, she used a head fake to help bypass a defender before draining a 15-foot shot. She also frustrated Union with timely defensive plays to break up their fast breaks and offensive plays.

In the first game against Pendleton County, Union worked the ball into their powerful post players who initially made a lot of plays on offense. In this game, Union passed the ball more

around the horn than into the post, using outside shooting to try to counter Pendleton County's superior athleticism. They relied heavily on the scoring senior Isabella Harvey early to try to keep pace.

The Wildcats did not break free of the Tigers until the second quarter, however. They took a slender 13-9 lead into the quarter, but saw Jameigh Miller drive and score a layup only 10 seconds in. Just over a minute later, Young swiped the ball from Union, missed her initial shot, but got the putback to give her team a 17-11 lead.

Defense and rebounding fueled much of the Pendleton County game. As Coach Bailey explained, "we got up and got in their face. It definitely paid off, that extra bit of pressure."

At this point, the Pendleton County defense shut down the Union offense. Over the last six minutes of the quarter, the Lady Wildcats outscored their opponents 12-4. Baylee Beachler, Avery Townsend and Young each stole the ball at key points with Townsend and Young getting layups at the other end of the floor.

After halftime, Townsend continued to make plays on defense, including two steals in the first minute of the third quarter. Beachler also came off the bench to provide strong defense inside, including a block of a post shot. Young also

continued her thievery of Union possessions, using a steal and layup to put her squad up 39-18 with less than four minutes left in the quarter. DePue also continued her block party, stopping a fast break with a block toward the end of the quarter. She also took a Lizzie Alt pass to the post to score a layup.

Coach Bailey's team kept their momentum headed into the final quarter with Young hitting a three-point shot to put her team up 44-25 with 6:26 remaining in the game. Only in the fourth quarter did Union try to exploit its size advantage inside on offense, although they mainly drew fouls rather than executing shots. This patient and time-consuming approach played into Pendleton County's hands with a 20-point lead.

The Lady Wildcat bench continued the onslaught when Coach Bailey pulled his starters about halfway through the final quarter. Julie Mongold buried a three pointer with three minutes to play. Scoring ended with a three-pointer from the right wing by Kiera Heavener, ending the scoring at 54-29.

Pendleton County travels to Spring Mills tomorrow night and plays Martinsburg at 2 p.m. Saturday. The Lady Wildcats host Tygarts Valley on Monday, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



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LPN/CARE MANAGER PENDLETON COMMUNITY CARE, INC.—Pendleton Community Care, Inc., seeks a full-time Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to work 40 hours per week as a Patient Care Manager at PCC in Franklin. This would also include providing coverage at our satellite sites in Riverton and Harman, when needed. Requirements include good verbal communication skills, and ability to work evenings and Saturdays. Prior experience in patient training, use of electronic health records and emergency care are pluses. Duties can include administering injections, phlebotomy, obtaining vitals, assisting clinicians with procedures, interviewing patients, managing electronic patient records, following up with quality measures and other related duties as assigned. Competitive wages and benefit package. Please email to jwimer@pcc-nfc.org or mail to Pendleton Community Care, Inc., Attn: Care Manager Job Opportunity, PO Box 100, Franklin, WV 26807. If you have questions, please call 304-358-2355 ext.1165 to speak with our HR Coordinator. PCC is an EOE employer. 12-15-2c

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NOTICE RECOVERY CELEBRATION Saturdays at 6 p.m., Fairview-Bethel United Methodist Church, Siple Mountain Road, Fort Seybert. (signed credit available) Meet-Greet-Eat. 5-12-tfn

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Notice of Public Hearing

Pendleton County Schools will conduct mandatory public hearings for community comment on the 2023-2024 public school calendar. The first hearing will be held January 3, 2023 at the Pendleton County Board Office Annex at 5:30 p.m. The second hearing will be held on January 17, 2023 at the Pendleton County Board Office Annex at 5:30 p.m. 12-15-2c

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property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

TERMS OF SALE: Twenty Percent (20%) in hand on day of sale or evidence of credit acceptable to the secured party, and balance at closing, not to exceed thirty days. Announcements made at sale take precedence over any written notice or advertisement.

The undersigned Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids received, and to continue said sale from time to time, upon announcement thereof given verbally on day of sale and any continuance thereof. The secured party reserves the right to purchase the property at such sale. Persons interested in viewing the property may contact Jeffrey S. Bowers, PO Box 849, Franklin, West Virginia 26807, (304) 358-3333.

DATED this 1st day of December, 2022.

JEFFREY S. BOWERS, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
P.O. BOX 849
FRANKLIN, WV 26807
(304)358-3333
12-15-2c

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING QUALIFICATIONS

The Pendleton County Public Service District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, is in the process of obtaining engineering services to develop, design, and provide construction administration and resident project representation for a water extension project along Route 220 North.

Professional services will include (1) preparation of bidding and contracting documents, (2) participation in the evaluation of bids received, and (3) monitoring and inspection of construction activities to ensure compliance with plans and specifications. Procurement of said services shall be in accordance with Chapter 5G of the Code of West Virginia. Contracts are to be awarded on a fixed fee basis. All consultants interested in being considered for this project must submit a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management/staffing capabilities and related prior experience.

The aid of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly technical qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents will be interviewed, and the firm judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a final proposal which would include fees for said services.

Please submit all requested information no later than 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 29, 2022, to Angie Curl, Region 8 Planning and Development Council, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847. Interested firms should contact the Region 8 PDC at 304-257-2448 and can view the suggested proposal format at <https://www.regioneight.org/proposal-format>

Attention is directed to the fact that the PSD will undertake the project with State and Federal funds. The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to records provisions and all other requirements as related to federally funded projects.

The PSD will afford full opportunity for minority/disadvantaged business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin in the contract award.

Darrell Bodkin, Chairman

EQUAL HOUSING LENDER
12-15-2c

Know Return Policy Prior to Buying a Gift

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is encouraging consumers to know store return policies when buying holiday gifts.

"It's always important to ask the sales associate about the store's return process when buying Christmas gifts," Morrissey said. "Knowing a store's return policy can save a lot of time and potential headaches. You don't want to miss the return window or be caught off guard by any surprising return conditions."

A purchase or gift receipt will accelerate the process and ensure the person one is giving the gift to receives the full purchase value should the present need to be returned. Some stores may only offer in-store credit or a gift card for returns without a receipt.

Additionally, many retailers offer both an online outlet and a physical store. This means consumers, at times, may only be able to return an online purchase to the online store, which could leave the recipient responsible for shipping fees with any return.

Shoppers should also beware of "all sales final" policies. Merchants must exchange or refund money for defective items. Nonetheless, returns of size and preference still may be refused.

Tips to help include:

- Know the store's return/exchange deadline. Many are extended for holiday purchases.
- Do not open the original packaging or remove tags. Some stores will not accept returns that have been opened or appear to have been used.
- If the store's return policy is out of sight, ask for it. A reputable merchant will post return and refund policies in a clearly visible place near the point of sale.

Consumers with questions regarding holiday returns can contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

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Economic Development Authority

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Technical Assistance grant. Grant funds help with the environmental cleanup of the site among other issues, including the roof. The EDA received \$15,000 for a 10-month effort. A committee will explore options, including potential uses, for the innovation park and industrial park shell as well.

Board members brought up the possibility of asbestos mitigation in the building, but learned that the most extreme removal measures are only necessary when asbestos is cracked or otherwise damaged. In those cases, the fibers get into the air and become a hazard for human health. If the asbestos is not damaged, it's best to leave it in place and cover it with flooring.

With elected officers' terms nearing completion, board

chairman Dayne Davis requested nominations to fill four positions and the board to approve. Davis will return as board chairman. Cory Thomas will serve as first vice chair and Jeremy Harper as second, and J. P. Mowery will take the combined secretary and treasurer role.

Brown then shared a report on the EDA roundtable from the prior week. She told the board that the EDA received the highest number of applicants yet for business grants. In previous years, the EDA awarded \$3,000 grants. This year, they distributed a grant of \$5,250 split among six local businesses. Brown proposed to ask local businesses to donate funds to help push the grant amount to \$7,000. She said of the entire roundtable that "it went really well."

FCC Asked to Put Anti-Robotext Protection in Place

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey has supported the Federal Communications Commission's proposal to help cut down on unwanted text messages by requiring mobile wireless providers to block texts from invalid, unassigned or unused numbers, and from numbers on a Do Not Originate list.

"These texts and calls are not only annoying, they are used by bad actors to dupe people into different kinds of scams," Morrisey said. "The FCC's proposal, I believe, will quell these intrusions and stop scammers from taking advantage of consumers."

Attorneys general work to protect consumers in their states and have long been at the forefront of fighting to reduce the number of robocalls that plague Americans. But scammers are shifting to using robotexts to run the same scams.

Just like spam calls, spam texts are an irritation and can result in people losing millions through phishing texts, imposter scams and links containing ransomware. In 2021, the FCC received more than 15,000 consumer complaints about unwanted texts and, in 2020, scammers stole more than \$86 million through frauds perpetrated via scam text messages.

The bipartisan coalition of 51 attorneys general support the FCC's proposal to require mobile wireless providers to

block unlawful text messages at the network level if they originate from fraudulent numbers.

Further, the attorneys general are asking the FCC to continue pushing the wireless industry to develop call authentication technology for text messages so people can know if the texts they receive are from spoofed numbers and law enforcement can investigate where these texts are coming from.

Morrisey joined his counterparts from Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming in sending the letter to the FCC.

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