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County Receives Much Needed Rain on Monday



State Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt told West Virginia Metro News last week that the lack of rainfall could threaten crop germination and health in the area. "If you're there and it's happening to you, it's a drought. The weather service hasn't actually called it a 'drought' yet, but to me it's a drought," he added.

Emergency Responders Raise Concerns About Reimbursement Policies, Limited Resources and Expanding Responsibilities

By Stephen Smoot

"When you invite people in, you get all kinds of issues and the infrastructure is not here to support it." Mike Alt, chief of the Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department, explained that the growth of adventure tourism throughout the county could overstress the system in place and its resources. Several issues currently serve as barriers to county emergency services being able to respond and work as efficiently as they wish. Alt also stressed that the growth of tourism and the jobs it brings is vital to Pendleton County.

One major issue that affects emergency response lies in how Medicare and Medicaid reimburse ambulance trips. Trips are assessed by measured distance between the incident location and the destination hospital. Regardless of patient need, only trips to the nearest hospital get fully reimbursed. Alt says that "patients must be told that they are liable for the difference in payment now." If an individual has a heart attack in Seneca Rocks, for example, the ambulance service only received reimbursement for the distance to Grant Memorial Hospital, *Continued on Page 7*



Dillon Poling

Poling To Compete in National Contest

After earning a gold medal in the SkillsUSA West Virginia contest, Dillon Poling will be competing in the national contest June 19 - 23 in Atlanta, Georgia. Poling competed in the state contest in March during the SkillsUSA West Virginia State Leadership and Skills Competition at the Falcon Center and Feaster Center in Fairmont. He earned the gold medal in the technical computer applications competition. According to the SkillsUSA website, competitors demonstrate installation, configuration and use of Windows, Mac OSX and Linux Professional Operating Systems and one or more integrated office suite packages including email, word processing, spreadsheet applications, database applications, presentations applications, internet browser applications, etc. The use of open-source software such as OpenOffice is preferable. Microsoft Office and other integrated office suites can be used. The utilization of instant messaging, collaboration and social networking software will be required during the contest. Competitors are expected to perform in teams while demonstrating individual technical skills. The competition includes an oral presentation demonstrating the student's ability to communicate with others, a hands-on skills demonstration and a written examination. He attended the South Branch Career and Technical Center in Petersburg and will be a senior at Pendleton County High School this fall. SkillsUSA West Virginia is a nonprofit organization that collaborates with students, teachers and administrators in career and technical education. The organization connects students with the industry leaders who are seeking a skilled workforce.

Community CALENDAR

Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Pilgrim's will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" for 60+ Seniors Friday at the Franklin Senior Center (304-358-2421). Meals will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. To reserve a free lunch, call today.

Circleville Church To Host VBS

Circleville Presbyterian Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 19 to 23. Lunch will be provided daily. All children ages 4 to 18 are welcome to attend. There is no cost. For more information, contact Pastor Fletcher Hutcheson, Jr., at 304-567-2059.

VBS Planned at High Rock Church In Seneca Rocks

Hooray! It's time to charge into medieval times—a world brimming with breathtaking castles, regal kings and queens, fire-breathing dragons, and brave knights and epic battles. The Riverton United Methodist Charge will be having "Keepers of the Kingdom" Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 25 - 29 at High Rock Church in Seneca Rocks. Participants will have dinner, class time, games, music, crafts, and science experiments. To register, call 304-567-2213 and leave the child's name, grade in school and t-shirt size.

Drug Court Graduates Testify to Their Struggles in Overcoming Addiction

By Stephen Smoot

Countless individuals packed a circuit courtroom in Romney to celebrate the passage of addicts into productive lives at the regional drug court graduation last Friday. A standing room only crowd came to hear stories of struggle and salvation with the guidance of the drug court system and others. "It warms my heart to see so many people here today," said Judge Charlie Carl of the 22nd Circuit, which includes Pendleton, Hardy, and Hampshire counties. Franklin attorney Kevin

Sponaule, who was praised by Judge Carl and also traveled three hours to and from the proceedings, said that drug court "gives participants an opportunity to have the only chance to get a handle on their addiction and turn their lives around." Judge Carl took time to explain that drug court serves as a painful and difficult journey for most participants. He lauded the four who completed the process, saying "this is their special day." Robert Smith, an earlier drug court graduate, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Judge

Carl followed by introducing special guests who support and assist drug court, such as county prosecutors, representatives from the Day Report Center and Potomac Highlands Guild, defense attorneys, and others. Judge Carl also cited the support of county commissioners, saying "if you see any commissioner in Hampshire, Hardy, or Pendleton counties, give them a hug." He thanked state legislators for their help as well. In turning to the graduates, Judge Carl said, "It's a lot easier for any of these *Continued on Page 7*

Regional Day Report Center Receives Major Grant from Governor Justice

By Stephen Smoot

Governor Jim Justice announced last week that 30 "communities corrections" projects will receive grant funding. Regionally, \$190,000 will go to support operation of the South Branch Day Report Center serving Pendleton, Hardy, and Hampshire counties. As Governor Justice explained, the funds support "community-based corrections programs to provide the judicial system with sentencing alternatives for those offenders who may require less than institutional custody." Last week, the Pendleton County Commission heard a detailed report on how the Day Report Center operates from executive director Dar-

ren Taylor. Taylor has served in that role since January of 2022. At the time, he started with 20 clients. Now the center serves 100, which he counted as a substantial improvement. Taylor previously served in a federal law enforcement capacity and shared that "trying to help and keep them out of jail is new to me," but very rewarding as well. Day Report Centers work with non violent offenders whose criminal acts stem from drug use and/or addiction. According to a Department of Health and Human Resources "provider manual" covering the topic, the centers "are responsible for carrying out the dual purpose of imposing sanctions on and

providing services to offenders. From this dual purpose stems the over-achieving responsibility of supervising the offender in the community." The goal of the program lies in "providing offenders with the necessary structure and guidance to facilitate a productive transition of re-entry into the community. This facilitation involves both sanctions and services." With regional jail bills a headache for every county in the state, programs that supervise non violent offenders and hold them to account help to lighten the financial burden. They also allow offenders to maintain employment and, when appropriate, stay with their family sup- *Continued on Page 8*

West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals Sanctions Circuit Judge Williams

By Stephen Smoot

When children first earn their drivers' licenses and venture forth on the road the first time, all wise parents give their kids "the talk." When an officer pulls one over, the driver should always answer with yes sir or no sir. Answer all questions politely. If a person has a reason to dispute the tickets, wait until court and do not argue with the officer, deputy, or trooper for any reason. In July 2021, Deavonta Johnson, who was an officer in good standing with the Moorefield Police Department, pulled over Judge Carter Williams on suspicion of breaking the law pertaining to using a cell phone



Judge Carter Williams

while driving. West Virginia law enforcement has received special training to identify such situations to protect driver safety. *Continued on Page 7*

OBITUARIES



Craig Allen Adams

Craig Allen Adams, 74, of Wellsburg passed away June 6, 2023, in Franklin.

He was born on Sept. 11, 1948, in Wheeling, the son of the late Mearl J. and Margaret (West) Adams.

Mr. Adams was a 1968 graduate of Wellsburg High School. He retired in 2012 from Eagle Manufacturing in Wellsburg. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, where he served from 1968 - 1970.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge #1564 and the Masonic Lodge #2 in

Wellsburg.

He enjoyed hunting and being outdoors. His favorite pastime was making memories with his family, especially his grandchildren and relaxing at their cabin in Franklin.

On Sept. 5, 1970, he married Rose Elva "Rosie" (Huffman) Adams, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory three sons, Mark Adams (Melody) and Travis Adams, all of Wellsburg and Brian Adams (Amanda Simmons) of Franklin; three grandsons, Andrew, Alex, and Zander Adams; a sister, Kay Junura (John) of New Cumberland; and several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Willard Huffman officiating. Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery with military honors conducted by the U.S. Navy.

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



Alan Roy Shelly

Alan Roy Shelly, 81, of Circleville passed away on June 8, 2023, at his home.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1942, in Livermore, California, the son of the late Chili and Helen Imogene (Olsen) Shelly.

Mr. Shelly was a 1958 graduate of Livermore High School and a member of the Russian Orthodox Church by faith. He graduated from the University of California at the Berkeley Campus, with a master's degree in

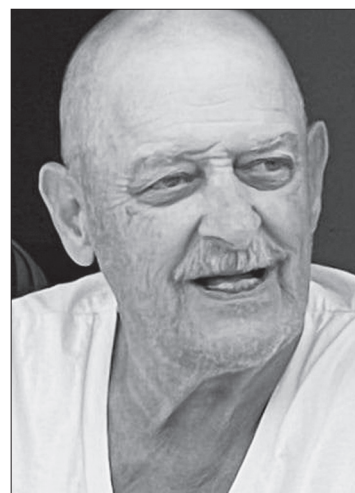
physics and a doctor of philosophy in economics.

He traveled the world and became fluent in several languages. He had worked as a college professor at Michigan State and the University of Colorado in Denver, Colorado, and later retired from the U.S. Senate as an economist.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory a daughter, Roxane Waldron of Olympia, Washington; a stepdaughter, Rebecca Shibley-Thomas (James) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; five grandchildren, Jacob, Owen, Ryan, Miranda and August; a brother, Glenn Shelly (Eldene) of Healdsburg, California; closest friend and buddy, Tom Davis (Kim) of Franklin; and a special friend, Cheryl Taylor (Robert) of Hedgesville.

In honoring Mr. Shelly's wishes, his body has been cremated. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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Stephen Warren Propst

Stephen Warren Propst, 73, of Sugar Grove passed away June 11, 2023, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

He was born on May 17, 1950, in Moyers, the son of the late Warren and Irma Mae (Arbogast) Propst.

Mr. Propst attended Franklin High School. He had worked as a Power Lineman for 30 years in Hudson, Ohio.

He was a member of St.

John's Lutheran Church and the American Legion Post #0685 in Streetsboro, Ohio. He enjoyed spending time with his friends at the Korner Shop and Aumanns Custom Auto.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory two sons, Christopher Propst (Jayme) of Elkton, Virginia, and Nathan Propst of Franklin; a sister, Dolores Orcutt of Twinsburg, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Dillon, Madison, Warren and Coraline.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Eva Elizabeth Welch.

In honoring Mr. Propst's wishes, his body has been donated to WVU Medical Science.

A celebration of life will be held at a later time.

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Pendleton County Board of Education Reviews Upgrades and Updates

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Board of Education followed a busy agenda in its first June meeting starting, as always, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer from J. D. Wilkins, board president. He asked "Your blessings on all who have finished."

First, the board reviewed end-of-year resignations and hires. Notable hires included Lori Moore as principal of Franklin Elementary School. She steps in for Barbara Whitecotton who accepted an administrative post within the county school system.

The board announced the new policy on open transfers of students. The West Virginia State Legislature passed bills that enable students to transfer to schools outside of their zone of residence. Pendleton County originally set a date of June 30 as the final date for submission of transfer requests, but the board agreed to extend that to July 31 just for 2023.

Exceptions to the transfer rules include excluding students who have demonstrated discipline, attendance. Classroom limits could also prevent approval of the transfer.

An honors course for geometry was also added by board decision.

The board also heard an attendance report for months nine and 10 of the school year. The entire system posted strong numbers, but North Fork Elementary School stood out. The North Fork first grade led all grades in the ninth month, but the same school's second grade enjoyed 100 percent attendance for the final month of the year. Attendance overall fell in the

last month, pulled down by the usual spike in senior absences in May.

Dolly Rexrode earned praise for the success of the skills development program that she administered. Fourteen students underwent training from local welders, fast food businesses, hardware stores and more. Charles Hedrick, superintendent, said "she has done a phenomenal job."

The virtual education program, which served eight students this year, also received praise. Travis Heavner stated that all eight enjoyed successful years.

In facilities management, the board heard four separate bids on construction of a fieldhouse behind the school to serve outdoor athletic squads. All bids came in higher than the board and superintendent intended and were rejected. Board member Sonny O'Neil suggested that material costs may come down in the future, which would help to generate more acceptable bids.

The Pendleton County Middle/High School gymnasium painting, however, has moved forward. Heavner reported that "they started on Monday. We're getting updates on the top, getting rid of that old green, and painting the door frames." Board members inquired about the location of championship banners. Heavner responded, "Yes, I will check on that."

Heavner also reported on the continuing saga of the alternate education building. The old structure was demolished easily. Construction of two sections of the new building was sourced to a Huttonsville Correctional Facility inmate training

program. Delays in construction have pushed back the date of installation. Also, the height of the buildings and typical trucks for moving them exceeds the height of the exit gate. Heavner continues to seek out companies that can deliver the load.

J. P. Mowery delivered reports on the financial health and spending of the school system. He highlighted the rise in county liability rates, but explained that the problems behind the rise came from situations in other counties forming the insurance pool in which Pendleton participates. Participation has always given Pendleton savings in the past.

He also shared information on individual expenditures. This included approximately \$15,000 to provide Brandywine Elementary School with new locks, \$3,575 for a virtual tutoring program, and \$945 to repair band instruments at Franklin Elementary School, among others.

They also agreed to the renewal of the lease for the Christian Assistance Network. "I think it's been a win-win for the board," said Hedrick and the lease received unanimous approval.

A representative present from C.A.N. said, "Thank you for what you do."

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Resident Recalls School Days

As another school year comes to a close for students and teachers in Pendleton County, I think back and remember the beginning of my school days until the end. Twelve years seems like forever, but the person school is helping you become determines what you will do with the rest of your years, however many that might be. I'm proud to say that I had really good teachers each of the 12 years I attended school!

I started school at the one-room school in Doe Hill, Virginia, in September of 1947 at 6-1/2 years of age. There wasn't a school close to the Siple Place nor a bus running on the Thorn that I recall. It was decided I would stay with Aunt Cleo and Uncle Vernon who were living at Doe Hill at the time. I still had a walk of over a mile to the school.

I was a pretty adventurous person but walking to school those first several months was no adventure, I assure you!

We were taught to stay away from the farm animals, especially the horses, from the time we were able to walk and be outside. The horses, Clay and Bute, were kept in the long field that went to where the lane to the main road started and I had to walk through that field. These two horses were just as mean as the ones at the Siple Place had been. I learned very quickly to walk along the fence, and this worked well unless I needed to cross the fence as there was a herd of Black Angus cattle and a big bull on that side of the fence. The animals were one thing to manage but the airplane/airplanes were something else. I don't know if there was just one airplane or more that would pick that exact location to practice air stunts. I would hide in a fence corner until the plane moved on. There was an airport in Monterey, Virginia, but I to this day don't know why those planes would practice over that field. I sure was glad when the rest of the family moved to Doe Hill. Where was Aunt Cleo you might say—well, most people don't know this, but she was just as much afraid of farm animals, and probably moreso, than I was!

My first teacher was Mrs. Edna Armstrong, and she was teaching grades one through eight. I don't remember how many of us there were, but I was the only one in first grade. Mrs. Armstrong would start with me, and we would do what required her help and then I worked by myself while she moved on with the next grade. Completing my work usually didn't take too long, so I would listen to what she was teaching the other students.

There was always a morning and afternoon recess. We played Tag and Hide and Seek mostly, but sometimes the older students played softball. The room was heated with a coal burning stove that was in the middle of the room. The drinking water was carried in a bucket from a spring that was across the road and a small stream. There was a foot bridge to cross in order to get to the spring. We didn't have individual cups, so everyone drank from the same dipper. Imagine that being allowed today. There was no hot lunch—everyone carried lunch

from home. Some students were lucky enough to have a lunch pail but I carried mine in a paper bag. I was lucky to have that. I ate a lot of scrambled egg sandwiches and grape jelly sandwiches my first two years in school. I really didn't like that jelly after it started to crystallize.

There was one outside toilet up in the field some distance from the school. Everyone was expected to go to the toilet during recess and trips out there were few during class. We all know where there are children, there is going to be mischief.

Doe Hill School was no different. I remember one of the older boys went to the toilet and a couple of the others shut the door from the outside with him in there. When class started, he wasn't there, and Mrs. Armstrong soon knew why. I don't ever remember that happening again. She was business and she meant business.

There was a stool in the corner next to the blackboard. That stool had a special purpose, and a few students were honored to sit there with a dunce cap on their head. I'm glad to say I never received that honor. I also remember students standing in front of the blackboard with their noses in a chalk ring. I don't ever remember a paddle being used.

As I mentioned earlier, the family moved to Doe Hill in November of my first year in school. Where I had been walking over a mile to school from Aunt Cleo's, now I walked over two miles from where we lived. If the weather was bad daddy would ride Jerry, the riding horse, and take me to school.

I finished the first grade well prepared for second. I knew all about Baby Sally, Dick and Jane, and Spot and Puff. I loved those little books! I knew the alphabet, could print my name, count and write my numbers, and tie my shoes. Like a lot of small children, I had a hard time learning to tie my shoes. I also found that I couldn't use right hand scissors and thank goodness there were left hand scissors. I still use my left hand when using scissors.

I started second grade and my sister who is 11 months younger than me, started first. I don't remember why but I remained at Doe Hill School while she rode a bus to McDowell, Virginia. She was always by my side when I did my first-grade homework, so she had memorized what I was doing. Mrs. Ervine, the first grade teacher at McDowell, found my sister already knew all she was teaching the other students, so my sister was returned to Doe Hill and Ms. Audra Judy, my teacher, decided it was no point keeping her in first grade, so she joined me in second grade. We finished school together—graduating in 1960.

I think that Ms. Audra Judy was the last teacher to teach at Doe Hill School. She was from Pendleton County and stayed with the Moyers family while teaching there. I just loved Ms. Audra and she has remained the favorite of all my teachers. I never dreamed that one day Ms. Audra and I would both work for the Pendleton County Board of Education. Although both older, mar-

ried and now widows, with children of our own, that bond and friendship from many years gone, is still there. I consider Ms. Audra "Judy" Arbogast one of my dearest friends to this day.

With the Doe Hill School closed we were all set to start third grade at the McDowell School. That didn't happen as the school burned down. We spent third grade with Mrs. Ruth Pullin at the Hiner Church. I don't remember who did the cooking, but we did have hot lunch there. My sister and I both got the chickenpox while in the third grade. The construction of a new elementary school was done while we were at Hiner Church, and we started fourth grade in the new school. The old school had been a high school but after it burned, all high school students were sent to Monterey High School.

My sister and I finished elementary school at Stone-wall Elementary and started eighth grade at Monterey High School. One of the classes we had each week, after starting in the new building, was week day religious education taught by Ms. Elsie Coffey. I really liked this class and Ms. Coffey was very thorough in her teaching. All students took part in the discussion and work she presented. No one was excluded!

In all my 12 years of school there wasn't a single book we weren't allowed to read, if able to read, and none pulled from the shelves. We were encouraged to read and assigned books to read and then to write a report on what we had read.

My sister and I continued in the same grade all through high school. We both had basically the same classes except for my junior year when I chose practical math and she took general business. I made it through that class by the "skin of my teeth" as the saying goes.

One would think that siblings in the same grade, doing the same assignments would help each other. I can honestly say that wasn't the case and that I worked hard for and earned every single grade I ever received.

Did I look forward to the close of school each spring? Of course I did. That meant that I would have time to roam over the hills, after chores and enjoy nature. I always enjoyed and still do what nature offers. Was I excited when school started back in the fall? I was. I didn't know what to expect or what the teacher would be like, but I was ready to give my all. A new school year meant that I had a few new clothes bought with money from selling huckleberries.

I have fond memories of my school days and all those special teachers who worked with me and taught me the skills and lessons I would need to become a successful adult. I should have said "thank you" many years ago.

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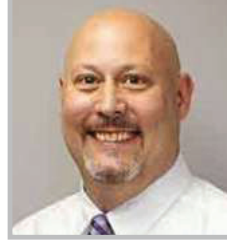
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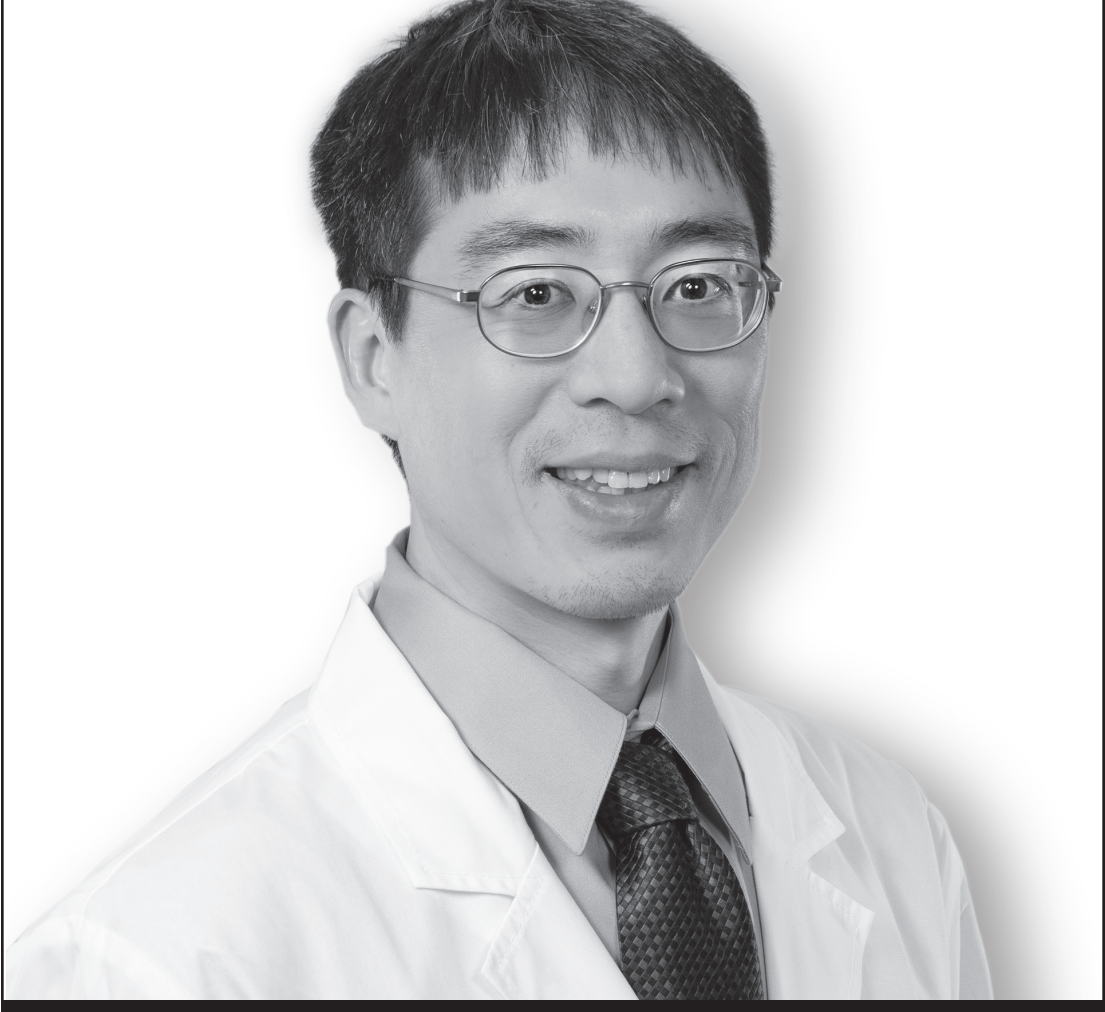
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Fewer Farmers In United States

The United States is depending on a fewer number of people to raise agricultural products.

Latest figures show that in 1990, there were 67 million people living in rural areas, about 27 percent of the U.S. population. But, only 4.6 million people lived on farms, about two percent of the population.

The figures show that farm resident population declined by 24 percent in the 1980s and 25 percent in the 1970s. While the rural population is increasing, the farm population is declining.

SUGAR GROVE

Abundant Foliage Foretells Hard Winter

With the use of satellites, forecasting the weather has become a little more accurate than in days gone by. Our forefathers depended solely on nature for their weather forecasting and surprisingly they were quite successful. The abundant green foliage this spring is a sure sign for an unseasonably bad winter. Many of the older generation have made comments regarding the unusual amount of green foliage—time will only tell whether this prediction will be correct!

Tips for Successfully Transplanting Young Plants

Preparing young ones for a move can be tricky. Just ask any gardener.

For weeks, backyard growers have been carefully raising little seedlings indoors. Now, it's time to transplant. The success of the move will depend on how well prepared both the plants and the garden are.

If possible, transplant on a cloudy day or in early evening to keep the plants from wilting under the hot sun.

About two hours before transplanting, thoroughly water the soil in which the plants are growing. Handle the plants carefully to avoid disturbing the roots and bruising the stems.

50 Years Ago
Week of June 14, 1973

General Store Luring City Folk

The general store could be facing its biggest crisis since the "Indians" threw all that British tea into Boston harbor and produced a brief shelf shortage.

American tourists are turning the old general store into a pale imitation of its once ever-present, robust, self-anything shelf.

The supermarket has taken over that description, thanks to mass merchandising and market research. Some historians feel that the general store, or country store, is an anachronism that has little to offer a modern world beyond a taste of the Good Old Days.

Throughout the country, there are several hundred

emporiums calling themselves general stores. Most were revived or reborn in hopes of luring citified folks who remembered or heard tell of the cracker barrel days, and yearned for them again.

But sure as "old fashioned penny candy" now costs 2 cents, today's general store is as quick to sell new souvenir sunbonnets as to offer long-gone American history.

Back in the 1700s general stores were born in a single room. Then they quickly grew into community centers where gossip was exchanged by women-folk, where opinions were expressed at the potbellied stove, where traveling salesmen traded news from "down the road apiece."

Today synthetic general stores often do a Saturday afternoon business every day, ringing up profits on an 1880 cash register retrieved from an antique shop.

Some general stores are in fact survivors of the last century. But they are in constant danger of being cleaned out by more and more American travelers, usually lured by the new intentionally old-time stores equipped with aged artifacts as well as artful imitations.

60 Years Ago
Week of June 20, 1963

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.

W. Va. Enters Union Amid War, Strife

West Virginia became a state 100 years ago this week — ironically while Confederate troops under General Robert E. Lee streamed across the state's eastern panhandle to invade the north.

It was June 20 that the rugged mountainous area that used to be part of Virginia entered the Union as the 35th state. The occasion was marked by ceremony at the state capitol, Wheeling, but elsewhere it drew relatively little attention. West Virginia entered the union while the Civil War—which had brought the state into existence—ragged on every front, and most of the people in the nation were too busy with the war to pay great attention to the new state.

West Virginia's creation as a state had been two years in the making. Shortly after Virginia had seceded from the Union in April, 1861, northwestern Virginians began efforts to keep their state loyal to the Union.

First, they had formed what they called a reorganized state of Virginia, acting somewhat as if the old one had gone out of existence. A new governor and new United States senators were named; a new General Assembly was formed. The secession of Virginia was nullified.

By the end of 1861, the northwestern Virginians

had decided to set up their own state—a new state—and were busy writing a new constitution.

During 1862, the constitution was completed and started its long journey through Congress. On January 1, 1863, President Lincoln signed the West Virginia statehood bill.

But that was not the end. In February of '63, a constitutional convention in the state ratified changes made by Congress in their state constitution, providing for the gradual abolition of slavery. In March, West Virginia voters approved the constitution by a vote of 18,862 to 514. On April 19, Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring the admission of West Virginia to the Union, effective two months thereafter. And two months thereafter, June 20, 1863, became West Virginia Day.

On that day, crowds gathered at the red brick Linsley Institute building, the temporary capitol, at Wheeling.

Under a bright sun, on a flag draped platform, the state's officers were installed. Immediately afterward, the two houses of the legislature withdrew to their chambers to begin writing and adopting laws, and the state was in business.

But the admission of West Virginia by no means interrupted the war. Even as the admission ceremony was being held in Wheeling, Lee's army streamed northward through the Shenandoah Valley, across the West Virginia panhandle, across the Potomac River into Maryland and headed for Chambersburg, Pa. And at Vicksburg, Miss., Federal troops continued blasting at the surrounded and trapped Confederates in the city, waiting for the doomed city to fall.

Next week: Lee Enters Pennsylvania.

West Virginia Marks End of 100 Years of Statehood

Today is West Virginia's birthday. One hundred years ago today, thirty-five small girls in red, white and blue dresses welcomed the first governor of the state, Arthur I. Boreman.

The place was at Wheeling, at high noon. The girls represented the states that had been admitted, West Virginia being the thirty-fifth.

West Virginia was a key state in the Civil War. If she had seceded with Virginia, it would have meant that the South would have controlled territory along the Ohio River to a point of Pittsburgh and to the East within fifty miles of Washington.

If the people west of the Alleghenies had not remained loyal to the Union, the war would have been much longer, there would have been greater destruction of property, and many more lives would have been lost before peace could have been declared. West Virginia contributed importantly to the binding together of the states

into one great nation.

70 Years Ago
Week of June 11, 1953

Lie Detector Used On Twenty Youths

Trooper Bill Cunningham announced this week that a polygraph was recently used to determine the guilt or innocence of twenty boys in connection with the robbery last winter at Franklin high school. The polygraph, commonly known as the lie detector, pronounced all of the boys innocent.

The instrument records changes in blood pressure, pulse rate, respiration, and muscular reflexes. The continual disturbances associated with lying produce changes in these bodily activities, in spite of the individual's attempt to hide them. Changes in these activities are therefore taken as evidence of the likelihood of lying.

Anglers Catch 5,000 Trout At Spruce Lake Opening

Fifteen thousand fish and 10,000 fishermen were on hand last Saturday for the dedication of Spruce Knob Lake.

Fishermen stood in line to toss in their hooks.

It was so crowded they called off the dedication ceremonies.

It was like an Oklahoma land rush when a cannon was fired as a signal that fishing was legal. More than 3,000 fishlines hit the water simultaneously. At the same time, 381 boats, poised on a hillside above the lake, were pushed into the clear, cold water.

About 1,000 fishermen had established camps near the lake on Thursday and Friday.

Many of the anglers had taken stations on the lake shore at daylight to assure themselves of a place to fish.

The lake had been stocked with about 15,000 rainbow trout earlier this spring.

The conservation director estimated that about 5,000 trout were caught.

Spruce Knob Lake was constructed last winter on the headwaters of Narrow Ridge Run in Monongahela National Forest, about 30 miles from here.

It was the first major project built with funds paid by fishermen and hunters for the National Forest hunting and fishing stamps.

Spruce Knob Lake will be restocked periodically to maintain an ample fish population.

PO Box Rents Up

Effective July 1, the rental fee for post office lock boxes will be increased. The basic rent schedule now in effect has not been changed since 1907 and the increased charges are made to conform with the increased cost of providing the equipment and maintaining the service.

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Editorials ---

ONE FOR THE BOOK

A resolution calling for an amendment to give the vote to 18-year-olds is being debated in Congress. An unusual Senate hearing was held on June third. Often these Congressional hearing last for weeks but this one lasted less than ten minutes.

Senator Kilgore said he was for the bill but since he had other work to do, could he be excused? Senator Humphrey sent word he had other business. Only one veterans' organization, the Amvets, supported the measure.

If a man is old enough to be sent to Asia to die for his country, he should be old enough to vote for the politicians who play such a major role in his destiny.

It seems that the several hundred thousands of Americans who vote the communist party ticket every election are more intelligent voters than the young soldiers.

THE ARMISTICE

Syngman Rhee, president of the South Korea republic, said this week that his country will not accept the armistice proposal which is now being outlined. In a letter delivered to Rhee Monday, President Eisenhower said, "The moment has now come when we must decide whether to carry on by warfare a struggle for the unification of Korea or whether to pursue this goal by political and other means."

An Armistice at this time would be acceptable to most Americans, but it would be a death warrant to the young Korean republic. As much as we have sacrificed, Korea has given her all. Cities have been leveled, farms ravaged, and millions of people murdered.

Certainly President Eisenhower must know that Korea will not be united by "political and other means." Once the shooting stops, Korea's dream of a unified country will be smashed. The Reds are not going to be talked out of North Korea.

American diplomats have certainly made a mess of this little peace-loving country. When the peace was being written, they permitted the country to be cut in half—half free and half slave. Had they but had the good sense to adhere to the words of Lincoln, "a house divided against itself cannot stand," the Korean war would have been averted.

Now that the country has been ravished and raped, they want to call a halt. It will take a century to rebuild Korea to her pre-war status. The little country we were going to save faces a long, dark night—in worse shape than she was when the whole mess started.

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Smith Creek Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

This is the last full week of spring as summer begins June 21. It seems like spring started out cold as usual. Spring is going to end with warm weather, in preparation of summer.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Ruby Propst, Larry Moyers, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Mary Alice Simmons, Reva Hartman, Sandy Washburn and Sandra Vandevander; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Brian Wilton, Tyler Moore, Tristan Hartman, Ronald Hayes, Becky Hedrick, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Doug Judy, Jack Judy, Ronnie Bowers Sr., Allen Kile II, Ruth Simmons, Roberta Bennett, Olin Hoover, Quinley McConnell, Etha Mae Bowers, Mary Jo Wilfong, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Charlotte Copley, Billy Rowe, Myrtle Hammer, Jimmie Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Margaret Wimer, Doris Simmons, Harry Allen Warner, Sherman Bennett, Melford Moates, Barry Simmons, Cameron Beachler, Vestyl Bible, Wendell Nelson, Norma Reel, Nancy George and Sarah Thomas.

Prayer thought: "Ever loving God, you promise that you'll never leave me. Help me to hold on to your promises even when I'm struggling."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for June 5 through June 11, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: June 5 - 73°, 49° (78°, 46°); June 6 - 72°, 43° (79°, 51°); June 7 - 74°, 50° (77°, 59°, .12"); June 8 - 73°, 40° (82°, 58°, .01"); June 9 - 71°, 46° (79°, 57°, .8"); June 10 - 79°, 43° (76°, 59°) and June 11 - 81°, 51° (73°, 54°, .14").

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Valued Community Sawmill No Longer Exists

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Sawmills were an important business in a little community like Sugar Grove. Before trucks were available to haul heavy logs to the mills, the sawmill was moved to the area where the timber was being cut. Moving the mill around was quite a difficult task. In those days, the roads had many sharp curves, and the narrowness with steep grades created caution. There was a large platform called a carriage, which moved the log into the sawmill's teeth. A large belt ran from the engine which in turn turned the circular saw.

Once the lumber was cut, it was on its way to the planer. Berlin Kiser owned a large planing mill. It is said that Berlin commented that he could always tell when lumber came from the Waggy Mill because it was cut perfectly.

Most of the demand for lumber came from the farmers. They were in need of building a new house or barn. Most houses were of the makeup of being two stories, with an added porch. Dwellings were of mostly pine in makeup. Huge trees were cut into uniform sizes, often with a rough cut for the exterior walls, or planed smooth for floors or furniture wood.

Timber and posts were used for buildings, shingles for the roofs, laths, boards and patterns for siding, and planks for the flooring. Saw sharpening was a secret process, with the sharpener working in an isolated area. Today's market calls for trucks to transport the logs to their respective locations. So, the community sawmill no longer exists.

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Age is a number.
2. Kindness matters.
3. Grudges cause pain.
4. Travel expands a person.
5. One isn't always right.

The fickle weather has confused the wearer of clothing. Dressing in layers has been the order of the day. Rain is desperately needed for the parched area. Hay makers are pretty well done with their first round of making hay.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." — Mahatma Gandhi

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." — Audrey Hepburn

"It has been easy to hate and destroy. To build and to cherish is much more difficult." — Queen Elizabeth II

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." — Pablo Picasso

"If you spend too much time thinking about one thing you never achieve anything." — Bruce Lee

Sitting on the porch swing for a while is perhaps a thing if one wants to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Upon reading last week's Sugar Grove column, the writer heard from Sandra McLaughlin who added some more information to those students receiving their high school education



Students attending the Westburn School in Stoney Run during the 1915 – 1916 school year were, from left, front row, Camden Mitchell, Ralph Waggy, Cecil Waggy, Herbert Wilfong, Cloda Waggy, Roy Wilfong and Mary Puffenbarger; middle row, Eva Waggy, Erma Mitchell Wilfong, Margie Puffenbarger, Lucy Simmons, Shirley Puffenbarger, Lizzie Wilfong Simmons and Gertrude Mitchell; and back row, Roy Simmons, Tyre Rexrode (teacher) and Mervin Mitchell.

in Virginia since there was a lack of bus transportation to the Franklin High School. She also noted inclusion of her grandmother, Mabel Simmons Kiser, attending the Dayton, Virginia, school where she worked in the kitchen for her room and board. She noted that her skirts were A-lined while the girls who were monetarily endowed wore dresses with pleats. Her step-brother, H. Pink Bowers, also attended Bridgewater High school, where he roomed with a farmer to earn his room and board in order to continue his education. It was his senior year that he was elected president of his class. His classmates remained friends throughout the course of their lifetime, which is a very unusual occurrence.

Bill and Donna Arrington spent time at Corolla Beach, North Carolina, with Tiffany and Bruce Whitlock. They then went to Morgantown to celebrate Zeke Arrington's fourth birthday. They had a good time.

Marleta Wimer, Terri Grogg, Claude Castleberry and Stephen Grogg were visitors of Rosalee Grogg.

The Coach Pitch tournaments are over with The Strike Force placing second. The players learned a lot as they progressed throughout the games.

St. John Lutheran Church's lawn party was a huge success. A nice crowd enjoyed the many activities, good food, and the fellowship of neighbors and friends. Of course, the weather played a huge part in this!

Willard and Judy Rader and Kevin and Malintha Custer enjoyed a delicious luncheon picnic. They also visited with Benny and Linda Custer on Sunday in Verona, Virginia.

Clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:

- Birds don't sweat, but they do pant.
- Oregon has the most ghost towns in the country.
- Crickets weigh less than a paper clip, but can jump over two

feet.

•Fremont, Michigan, is home to Gerber, the baby food capital of the world.

•Smokey the Bear was rescued from a 1950 forest fire in New Mexico.

Birthdays include Junior Evick, 16th; Bill Nelson and Mary Child, 17th; Jaylee Brubeck, 18th; Carrol Mitchell, 19th; Jack Koontz and Alda Propst, 22nd; Jerry Wimer, 23rd; Benny Nesselrodt and Lester Propst, 24th; Donna Rader and Sheila Lambert, 25th; Marshall Harper, Mike Johnson, Bob Hurry and Don Vandevander, 26th; Amanda Kiser, 27th; Sunette Propst, 28th; Jeanie Koontz, 29th; and Polly Hartman, 30th.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, the Debbie Beal family, Marie Cole, Jed Conrad, Jeff Craig, the Jack Eye family, Mary Eye, Donna Fleisher, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Gary and Jackie Hills, Virgil Homan, Jr., Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Mike Jamison, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Danny Kimble, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Neil McLaughlin, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Barbara Parker, Sutton Parrack, the Charles Pennybacker family, the Walter Mahlon Pitsenbarger family, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Sheldon Propst, the Steve Propst family, K.D. Puffenbarger, Harley Propst, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, John Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Erin Simmons, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Judy Williams and Margaret Wimer.

County Commission Receives Report on Community Corrections

By Stephen Smoot

As Pendleton County awoke to smoky, hazy skies from Canadian wildfires, the county commission took up business at its first scheduled meeting for the month of June

Carl Hevener, commission president, opened the meeting, followed by a prayer from commissioner Roger Dahmer, who implored that "we pray for your guidance Lord."

First, Karen Pitsenbarger delivered the maintenance report. The courthouse ramp's construction will start on June 19 and will take approximately three weeks. She added, "Hopefully that will stay on schedule."

Commissioners heard from Darren Taylor, executive director of the South Branch Valley Day Report Center, which serves Pendleton, Hardy, and Hampshire counties.

A day report center in West Virginia works with non violent offenders who find themselves in trouble with the law as a result of substance abuse. Day report center programs work to prevent offenders from going to jail, enabling them to face accountability for their actions while also continuing to engage with jobs and family when appropriate.

Taylor reported that when he started last year the center served 20 clients. Now it works with around 100. The Pendleton County office is located in the Pendleton Business Center, alongside the Department of Motor Vehicles and Department of Health and Human Resources offices, which should offer convenience to visiting clients.

One major change for participants lies in the ending of telehealth services on July 1. Taylor explained that "DHHR and the

courts would rather have in person anyway," because telehealth in this scenario is often much less effective.

He added that referrals have climbed, which has created an infusion of money to mitigate declines in state support.

Taylor also emphasized that they "try to reach them through therapy and stay in the community."

Also, Scott Somerville appeared to speak on behalf of the Facebook group Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County. He shared with the commission a study conducted by North Carolina State University's Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy.

The study focused on left-leaning tourists at the Outer Banks islands off the North Carolina coast. It singled out a certain political point of view to see how likely advocates of green energy would react to the presence of wind turbines in the ocean viewshed. It concluded that "there is a substantial portion of the survey population that would change their vacation destination if wind farms were placed in visual range of the beach. Those "most amenable to viewing wind farms" would still expect a 10 percent discount on the price of their rentals.

Somerville stated that "I cannot think of anyone in this county who is against tourism."

Next the commission took up a letter of interest in appointment to the board of parks, submitted by Amber Nesselrodt.

Commissioners voted to appoint Nesselrodt, who also serves as director of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Chad Bowers, Pendleton County Sheriff, reported the hiring of Brandon Ours as a new deputy. Ours previously served as a certified officer in Grant County. Bowers also shared that "we got two new cruisers last week" and that he is currently pricing snow plows.

Finally, commissioners discussed allowing access to Title II funding compensation for units who responded to the April wildfires - Moorefield's fire department and Pendleton County Emergency Response.

In regards to Moorefield, Hevener explained that "they're operating under a mutual aid agreement" which allows them to access the funds. Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency coordinator said, "It would be a nice gesture to let them know it's there."

Hevener also noted that "we got thank you notes from some of the services for our donations." The Pendleton County Commission approved monetary donations to each service that aided the county against the wildfires. Some responded with thanks, but expressed that they were just doing their jobs and that the donation was appreciated, but not necessary.

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To my friends, family members, and church family who supported us in our time of grieving the passing of my son, Stephen Ogden. I would like to express our sincere appreciation to those who sent cards, flowers, food, phone calls, visits, and prayers. Your many acts of kindness were greatly appreciated.

I would like to give a special thank you to Pastor Mike Boggs for the beautiful message, Tomlyn Funeral Home for their help and guidance, and Pastor A.H. and Mrs. Belt for their prayers and support during this difficult time.

Halene Sponaugle Ogden

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What a Way to End the School Year



On the last day of school, three Pendleton County High School students decided to travel to school by a different mode of transportation. Instead of riding the bus or being dropped off, Tanner Rodgers, Brandon Cook and Brady Bowers, drove their tractors to school

PCB Announces Promotion of Kile and Dean to Vice Presidents

Springer Inducted Into Phi Kappa Phi



Kelsey Dean



Stephanie Kile

Pendleton Community Bank encourages team member success through personal and professional development and has announced the promotions of Stephanie Kile and Kelsey Dean to vice presidents.

Kile has been promoted to vice president, operations manager. She joined PCB in 2016 and most recently held the title of assistant vice president, operations manager. Based in Franklin, she supports team members and customers across the bank's Virginia and West Virginia footprint by overseeing the loan and deposit operations departments.

She is active in the community and serves as a business member for Franklin Elementary School's Local School Improvement Committee. She has prior served on the advisory board for the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce and Pendleton County Convention & Visitors Bureau. She also holds a bachelor's degree from Shepherd University and completed the West Virginia School of Banking program. Outside the office, she enjoys

spending time in the great outdoors, traveling, hiking, baking, and spending time with her husband and family.

Dean, who has served PCB since 2021 as assistant vice president, marketing director, has been promoted to vice president, marketing director. She is based in Harrisonburg, Virginia, but serves the bank's Virginia and West Virginia footprint driving marketing strategy for the organization. She holds a bachelor of arts from Bridgewater College, a master of business administration from Liberty University, and completed the management development program through the Virginia Bankers Association.

Outside the office, she serves on the board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Harrisonburg-Rockingham County in Virginia and enjoys volunteering in the community with PCB teammates. During her free time, she loves spending time with her husband, family, and dogs, as well as traveling to new destinations, most recently visiting Hawaii.

Katherine Springer of Franklin was recently initiated into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. She was initiated at West Virginia University.

Springer is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Applications Available For Mourning Dove Hunt

Applications for a controlled mourning dove hunt at the South Branch Wildlife Management Area in Hardy County are now available, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced.

The annual controlled hunt is scheduled for Sept. 1-2. Mourning dove hunters who wish to participate may apply in person at the WVDNR District 2 office in Romney or call 304-822-3551 for an application. Applications must be delivered to the District 2 office by close of business on June 30 or postmarked by July 1.

South Branch WMA is located at the upper end of what is known as the "trough section" of the South Branch River in Hardy County. Hunting is by permit only on Sept. 1-2, which is the first two days of the mourning dove season.

Successful applicants will be notified by mail or email before Aug. 1. Hunters who are chosen during the lottery drawing will be assigned a day to hunt and a shooting station at no charge and may bring two guests. A map showing the location of shooting stations will be included with notification of successful drawing. No permits will be necessary to hunt doves after Sept. 2.

The 2023-24 West Virginia Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations will be available by the end of August at WVDNR offices and online at WVdnr.gov/hunting/hunting-regulations.

For more information about the controlled mourning dove hunt, contact the WVDNR District 2 Office at 304-822-3551.

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Drug Court Graduates

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participants to go to prison. This takes a supreme effort." Adele Lavigne later described the intense nature of the drug court program.

Participants must attend four meetings per week, do 18 hours of community service weekly, take between three and nine classes per week, find productive employment, and, as Lavigne explains "we're forever calling them in for extra stuff." The almost exhaustive pace of drug court leaves little spare time for participants to engage in self-defeating behaviors as well.

"This is a hard road," Lavigne said, adding that "they fought it and they made it."

Kendra Lewis then took the podium to bear witness to the struggles she endured before and during drug court. In what seemed a common theme, Lewis described taking her first alcoholic drink at the age of 12 alongside her mother in a bathroom. Only a few years later, injuries from a car crash and the subsequent pain prescriptions introduced her to opioids.

"Percs and molly (MDMA) were the cool thing," in 2013, she explained.

Lewis bore three children during her descent into drugs. In 2015, one "was born withdrawing." She remained on the radar of law enforcement, saying that when her first born was four months old, "I was busted by the DEA."

She lost custody of her children and "fell in love with heroin" along the way, but admitted that "my girls deserved more than I could give them."

Though she worked hard to get clean through the Day Report program, she relapsed. COVID's mandated virtual meetings did not support her as well as face to face. Also, "I found myself around old people."

After the struggles, Lewis finally committed herself to recovery, but still faced supreme challenges. One of the obstacles to recovery comes from the fact that sometimes good recovery centers are not a one size fits all solution. Addicts who endured trauma often have sensitive triggers and they can often hop from center to center before finding the right environment.

Only when Lewis could "accept my past and make peace with it," as she said, could she truly enter the recovery phase that involves transformation and transition. As she closed her talk, she said, "Today I have learned that I have value within myself."

Susan Kesner rose next and told the attendees "I had a lot of trauma." She also "found drugs and alcohol at age 12."

Kesner admitted "I never thought I would make it out alive."

She endured not only severe psychological and emotional trauma as a teenager, but also debilitating drug connected physical injuries as a teenager. Kesner described living for a year with a massive "hole in my arm," a wound that extended down to the bone and could not heal so long as she continued the addict lifestyle.

The wound even affected her nervous system, leaving her fingers on that side paralyzed and her mental state as "not caring if I lived or died, wishing for the latter."

In 2021, Kesner entered the drug court program with the resolve that "I knew I needed help and was willing to go to any lengths." She benefited from "classes, meetings, therapy, and all around structure." Today she feels "stronger, healthier, happier, and proud to be two years clean."

Derrick Stewart ascended to the podium last. Stewart, today aged 35, shared that "I started drinking and doing drugs at age 11." He described falling into addiction in sixth and seventh grade, only to get clean to play football in eighth grade.

After playing the season, Stewart fell into a mental trap where, as he put it, "I was either going to be clean, or I was going to put anything in my body."

Stewart was sent to Salem and returned home at the age of 21, when he "started smoking meth." During these dark times, fueled by alcohol and methamphetamines, he "would do anything I could to make a quick buck" to feed his addiction.

He started off in the day report program, but said "my mental illness was out of control" and he "wanted to die." COVID interfered with his treatment as it did many others and contributed to a relapse. When he missed appointments, Stewart landed in jail but, as he describes "it was needed. I could have avoided it if I cared about my life."

Drug court, in Stewart's case, likely saved yet another life. He announced plans to "start going to meth anonymous meetings" and credited Phoenix House with teaching him "to live recovery 24/7."

Soon, Stewart will start working to help others along their own journey to sobriety.

Sara Brown also graduated, but chose to not recount her story.

Sponaugle afterward shared that drug court graduations offer "things that most of us will never see or have to think about." He described the ceremony as "very moving."

Drug court graduations also provide the hope that others need to believe that recovery can not only happen, but could lead to productive and happy lives beyond.

After the graduates spoke, the attendees saw a short movie of the experience of the four graduates. Notably, the musical accompaniment came from Katy Perry's "Fight Song" This hit pop ballad includes the lyric "take back my life, song," which is essentially what each of the four did with support and help from countless others.

Emergency Responders

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despite the fact that they have no cardiac unit. Patients who need to go to Harrisonburg, Virginia, Cumberland, Maryland, or other sites with cardiac beds must cover the difference.

In many cases patients struggle to pay those bills and the ambulance service falls behind as a result.

Alt also explained that insurance officials rely on Google Maps to judge reimbursement rates. Google Maps only marks the most direct route, not the safest or fastest directions to choose. "That's what we have to go to Charleston about," he said, "the reimbursement rates."

Reimbursement rate restrictions have hit emergency response services just as the cost of basic equipment has increased. Alt explained that "the price of equipment has quadrupled." An ambulance that used to cost approximately \$50,000 now has risen to \$325,000. Cot prices have shot up 21 percent to more than \$33,000.

Even worse, larger state emergency services buy in bulk as a hedge against long delivery times. Smaller agencies with restricted budgets cannot do the same. They often bear the brunt of delivery issues. Alt says, "It's little agencies like us that suffer."

Delivery times can take as long as three years, a frustration also felt by the school board when ordering buses and the sheriff's department searching for new cruisers.

As Alt and Tina Eye described, in earlier years when a number of major employers were still located in Pendleton County, many would still pay wages when volunteer responders left on calls. This prevented the volunteers from shouldering the burden of lost wages in addition to saving lives. "People who are working can't afford to go on calls," Eye stated.

Additionally, the length of transport can keep a responder away for hours. Sometimes they have to stay gone all night, then work the next morning. Many also work outside the area and have to commute hours to and from work as well. Reservoirs of personal time have dried up, leaving even those who wish to volunteer often unable to do so. Eye shared that "once they work 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 hours, they don't feel like staying up all night."

Eye shared worries about response times. With emergency services struggling to recruit and add manpower, response times have suffered. "We've done a better job," she explained, "but some are working or retired."

One advantage that both Alt and Eye emphasized was the quality of the manpower serving Pendleton County now. They praised the volunteers who currently can do more to help.

Alt laid out that the needs of the emergency services include education, recruiting, retention, and reimbursement rates. "If we can fix that," Alt says, "we can provide better service."

Circuit Court Judge

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Johnson had pulled Williams over the year before when he allegedly ran a stop sign.

According to West Virginia Record, an outlet that covers state legal and judicial news, "the officer said Williams was holding a cell phone in his right hand near the steering wheel while driving." Next, the quoted filing states "respondent immediately identified himself as 'Judge Williams'" and "from the outset the respondent acted in a manner unbecoming a judicial officer."

Johnson explained to Williams the reason for the stop and asked repeatedly for license, registration, and insurance. Williams refused to hand over the legally required documentation as he accused Johnson and other officers, saying "you all have yours in your hands. I've seen it many times."

Then Officer Johnson discovered that Williams' license had expired three months prior.

Williams called Moorefield police lieutenant Melody Burrows, saying "your boy pulled me over for being on my cell phone and I wasn't on my cell phone!" Burrows later shared that Williams referred to the black police officer as "your boy" repeatedly.

West Virginia Record goes on to describe a subsequent call to the Moorefield Chief of Police, Steven Riggelman, saying that he had words with "one of your boys" and threatened to call state police on town officers he saw on his phones.

Riggelman told the judge to not call him at home while he was with his family, prompting Williams to hang up. He then called the former Moorefield chief of police Steve Reckart, criticized the department and Johnson. Williams then allegedly issued a vague threat to "treat future cases involving the department differently."

He also claimed he was "sick and tired of Moorefield PD running around like a bunch of thugs, harassing innocent, hard-working people."

At 10 p.m. the same evening, Williams went to the home of Carol Zuber, Mayor of Moorefield, to complain about the Moorefield Police Department and Johnson in particular.

Williams had been stopped previously for not only running the stop sign, but also expired registration and failure to wear a seatbelt.

In none of those cases, even the one in which Williams berates Johnson, was the judge ever issued a ticket. Only after the fact in the July 2021 incident, was Williams issued a ticket for cell phone use while driving.

Three weeks later, Williams reached an agreement with the West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals to recuse himself from Hardy County cases in general and Moorefield in particular.

The Associated Press reported last month that the West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals issued its final ruling in the ethics and conduct case. Williams received a six-month suspension without pay and a \$5,000 fine for conduct that "ventured past coercion into retaliation." This doubled the suspension recommended by the Judicial Hearing board.

Beth Walker, Chief Justice of the West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals, was quoted by the AP as writing that Williams' behavior "can only reasonably be interpreted as coercive, and the calls made thereafter were a blatant invocation of his office."

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Highlands Bankshares Declares Quarterly Dividend

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. has announced unaudited earnings of \$782,000 for the first three-month period ended March 31. This represents a decrease of 15% from the \$917,000 earned during the same period in 2022. On a per share basis, net income was \$0.58 for the first three months of 2023, compared to earnings of \$0.68 per share for the three months ended March 31.

On April 11, the board of directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.45 per share to be paid on May 4 to all shareholders of record as of April 27. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.53%.

Jack H. Walters, chairman and chief executive officer of the holding company, stated, "The banking industry has been much in the news of late with the highly publicized failures of a couple of large regional banks. We are pleased that we, along with most other community banks, have a

much different business model. The vast majority of our depositors are fully covered by FDIC insurance and our customer base is well diversified. We are proud of being one of the best capitalized bank holding companies in West Virginia, and believe that it provides our shareholders and customers peace of mind during turbulent times. Turning to earnings for the current quarter, Q1 earnings benefited from an improving net interest margin as well as excellent loan growth compared to the year ago period, however this was offset by the write down during the quarter of a corporate bond in our investment portfolio that we determined would ultimately not be collected."

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. operates 12 banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia through its two wholly-owned subsidiary banks, The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, and offers insurance services through its wholly-owned subsidiary HBI Life Insurance Company.

Grant from Justice

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port systems as they seek to improve their lives.

Taylor admits that the program did not receive the full support requested, but added that its "not a total loss that we didn't get what we asked for." referrals from DHHR and parole boards have increased with each participant bringing funding with them.

"We're very rural with all three of our counties," Taylor told the Pendleton County Commission. Rural services always include challenges with those who live in remote locations with limited access to transportation.

He also explained the vital importance of services delivered to the recovery of addicts. "Therapy is key," Taylor stated, adding that "we try to reach them through therapy" and other community services to keep clients out of jail. He named Potomac Highlands Guild as one of the important organizations partnering with Day Report to fill needs.

Taylor also shared that the center earned a federal grant to pay for three part-time aides. Each work 20-25 hours per week. He said that "we are doing pretty well on the sustainability front. The

staff includes an LPN hired specifically for telehealth virtual meetings. Those meetings cease in July, due to inferior results compared to face-to-face visits, but Taylor shared that he would make every effort to keep the nurse on.

The grant also pays for screenings of applicants. With limited resources, Day Report can only take in those who are appropriate for the level of help provided. Taylor explained that "sometimes people are too far gone and need immediate medical care."

He added that many addicts have too many substances affecting their systems for Day Report to serve as the right program fit.

Many in the community confuse Day Report with drug court or think they are the same program. Drug court has a more intensive set of programs designed for more severe addicts and self-destructive behaviors. Day Report, however, does provide crucial support and is a vital partner for the drug court program.

Friends of the Library Mull Plans for Fall Events

By Stephen Smoot

Bibliophiles and supporters of the Pendleton County Library gathered to discuss fall plans last week, always with the mandate to "support the concept of books and the written word."

With no July meeting scheduled due to members vacationing, discussions had to focus on both the short- and near-term plans of the group.

The Friends of the Library decided to reschedule their meeting for August. They set the time for the business meeting at 3:30 instead of 4 p.m. That meeting will focus on plans for the Friends' book sale during Treasure Mountain Festival.

Board member Mike Rechlin asked, "Does the library do anything for authors?" He then proposed that the group organize an authors' event to hold alongside the book sale. "I know that they do that at the Highland County Maple Festival," he added.

Board members also discussed how to use that concept to benefit the Friends of the Library. Authors could sell and autograph books at the event, setting aside \$1.00 per purchase for the Friends. "It's a way to support the library and books," said Rhonda Nash. She added that although Franklin does

not have a dedicated bookstore, "it's nice that the library sells books."

The group asked that any local author who is interested call Madeline Hoover at 304-358-7489.

Next, discussion turned to the annual History Alive program that in recent years has featured actors and actresses portraying individuals such as Charles Schulz of "Peanuts" fame and the investigative journalist Nellie Bly.

Board members explained that the group alternates between male and female each year. This year is slated for a female representation and the board agreed to select a woman of color to fill the role. Options include Harriet Tubman, who led slaves to freedom, and Sacagawea, the American Indian guide and companion of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark as they explored the continent.

They then agreed to check into the availability of those and other performers, with the final decision to come later. Moreover, they chose to plan the event for a Sunday, rather than Saturday. Finally, they selected a time frame between the middle of October and the second week of November in which to ultimately plan the event.

Ready to Retire, Apply Online with Social Security

By Tony Stutts

Social Security District Manager in Petersburg

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Nesselrodt Named to Dean's List

Tony Nesselrodt, Jr. of Brandywine was named to the 2023 spring semester Dean's List at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia. He is a history and political science major.

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Deed Book 79 at page 417. Subsequently, Fred Dolly and Bertha Dolly conveyed 2.3 acres out of the 3-1/5 acre tract in that deed dated November 17, 1976, and of record in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 97 at page 430.

This being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed Wesley S. Haggerty and Tiffani D. Corbin by Scott A. Whetzel, et ux., in that deed dated the 23rd day of June, 2021, and of record in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 216 at page 238.

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Women's clothing, shoes, coats, household items, home decor, furniture, kids' toys and more! Priced to sell! Everything must go! 6-15-2c

POSTED NOTICES

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Absolutely No Trespassing on the late William H. or Mary Mick property (Elk Mtn, Big Run) without my written permission. Any/All Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. NO EXCEPTIONS. 6-15-2p April Davis

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Automatic Cruise
Power Window & Locks
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Under 60,000 miles.

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NOTICE

No motorized vehicles are allowed on the property/grounds of Brandywine Christian Church. This prohibition includes all recreational vehicles or equipment other than those specifically contracted by the church. 6-15-4p

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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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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 5TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440, TDD: (304) 926-0493 and VOICE-TO-TDD RELAY: 1-800-422-5700.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Sub-

Friday, June 16, 2023

beginning at 12:00 Noon, of that day at the front door entrance of the Pendleton County Courthouse, Franklin, West Virginia, offer for sale at Public Auction

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0030-E-D
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY AND THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY
Request to approve new depreciation rates for the Companies' existing and future capital assets pursuant to Rule 20 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On January 13, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (Companies) requested that the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) approve new depreciation rates for their existing and future capital assets pursuant to its rules and statutory authority. The new depreciation rates have been suspended by the Commission until further notice with the intent to place any new depreciation rates into effect at the same time as any rates stemming from a base rate case filing. The base rate case was filed on May 31, 2023, Case No. 23-0460-E-42T. The requested net change in the annual depreciation charges is an increase of \$75,472,059 per year and is principally due to an increase in generation depreciation rates.

Should the total depreciation rate increase be granted in full and incorporated into base rates, the average monthly bill for their various classes of customers would be changed as follows:

| Customer Class | Average Increase/month | Net% Increase |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Residential | \$6.14 | 5.1% |
| Commercial | \$19.92 | 5.2% |
| Industrial | \$7,387.48 | 4.0% |
| Streetlighting | \$8.53 | 2.1% |

The Companies estimate that for an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month, the net rate impact of the requested increase will represent a monthly increase of \$6.14 to a total bill of \$126.34. The rate impacts shown above are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a net increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive net increases that are greater or less than average. Additionally, these proposed increases are based on a Class Cost of Service Study that will be updated in the Companies' upcoming base rate proceeding which will alter these proposed rate increases among the Customer Classes.

By Order dated March 3, 2023, the Commission set an evidentiary hearing that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 and continue (if necessary) through Friday August 25 in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene in the proceeding should file a written petition to intervene not later than June 30, 2023. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Ms. Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/online_comments/default.cfm until the date of hearing by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

Pendleton County 911 is seeking applications for a full-time dispatcher

A 911 dispatcher's job is much more than answering 911 calls. We are a group of highly trained professionals who are dedicated to making a positive difference in our community. We pride ourselves on the level of dedication we bring to the table and would like for you to be a part of our team. If you want to make a difference in your community, then let us help you develop that passion and turn it into a career of a lifetime!

Applicants must be able to communicate effectively by radio and telephone, accurately comprehend auditory inputs, remain calm and react appropriately under stress, work in a smoke free environment, and establish and maintain effective working relationships with user agency personnel and the general public.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED.

Applications may be picked up at the Pendleton County Courthouse from Karen Pitsenbarger, County Administrator or requested by email at karenp@pencowv.com

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of PENDLETON have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Circuit Courtroom (2nd Floor) on the 26th of June, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts of lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

| CERT # | SOLD | TICKET | NAME | NAME 2 | DESCRIPTION | DISTRICT | AMOUNT DUE |
|---------------|------|--------|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|
| 2022-C-000004 | 2021 | 1331 | TOURVILLE TORI M | | 1.09 ACS LOT#10 | BETHEL | \$261.22 |
| 2022-C-000006 | 2021 | 4156 | MAYS ZELMA S | | PROPST GAP | FRANKLIN | \$343.83 |
| 2022-C-000012 | 2021 | 7511 | SHREVE MICHAEL J | | .53 AC NORTH MILL CREEK | MILL RUN | \$1,133.94 |
| 2022-C-000013 | 2021 | 9369 | TIBERIUS ENTERPRISES | | S FORK | SUGAR GROVE | \$2,795.44 |
| 2022-C-000015 | 2021 | 10598 | PROPST JEFFREY | | ONEGO .7 AC | UNION | \$1,193.72 |

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale.

Given under my hands this 22nd of May, 2023.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of PENDLETON County

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Joclyne Souza

Souza Receives Price Scholarship

Joclyne Souza, a senior at Pendleton County High School, was awarded the R. Kenneth Price Jr. Scholarship on May 15. This scholarship is donated in memory of R. Kenneth Price, Jr, the superintendent of Pendleton County Schools from 2001 - 2005.

She plans to attend West Virginia University in the fall and has been accepted to their honors engineering program for fall 2023,

with a specialization in aerospace engineering. She will be getting a head start this summer in their ACES summer program. She is the daughter of Saprina Berkstressor of Brandywine.

While attending Pendleton County High School, Souza was an active member in National Honor Society, BETA and Upward Bound and was the active co-president of the stu-

dent council her senior year. She continues to participate in 4-H by volunteering as a camp counselor to mentor younger participants. She always went above and beyond to help others whether it was through volunteering her time outside school or mentoring younger students in academics. She was always ready to lend a helping hand.

Thank You For Reading
The Pendleton Times

Free Sports Physicals

Franklin Office:
Tuesday, June 20th: 8am - 10am
Wednesday, June 21st: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Please Call the Office to Schedule Your Appointment!
 Check Here Weekly for New Dates!

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| 2021 FORD E-450 34 FT MOTORHOME "Forest River Pkg.," 7.3 gas V-8, auto., ldd., dual slide-outs, automatic leveling, leather couch w/recliners, flat screen TVs, etc., only 6,000 miles..... | \$79,500 |
| 2021 FORD F-150 "SHELBY SUPER SNAKE," 2K miles, red, new condition..... | SPECIAL \$109,500 \$104,900 |
| 2020 JEEP GLADIATOR 4X4 CREW CAB TK., V-6, auto., ldd., silver, 39K miles, very sharp..... | SPECIAL \$44,900 \$39,900 |
| 2018 TOYOTA TACOMA EXTRA CAB 4X4, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., white, one owner w/103K miles, ex. cond..... | \$27,900 |
| 2017 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW 4X4, XLT pkg., 5.0 V-8, auto., ldd., 151K miles, ex. cond..... | \$23,900 |
| 2016 FORD E-450 CARGO "ENCLOSED WALK IN VAN," V-10 propane power, auto., ldd., extra shelving and side boxes, just in off lease w/59K miles, multiple uses for this unique vehicle..... | FOR ONLY \$24,900 |
| 2015 FORD F-250 REGULAR CAB 4X2 UTILITY TRUCK, 6.2 liter gas V-8, auto., air, etc., 129K miles..... | \$19,500 |
| 2015 FORD F-350 CREW-CAB 4X4 UTILITY TRUCK, 6.7 dsl., auto., ldd., white, 79K miles..... | \$49,500 |
| 2015 FORD F-250 SUPERCAB SHORTBED 4X2, 6.2 liter gas V-8, auto., ldd., light blue color, only 33K miles, ex. cond..... | \$19,900 |
| 2014 FORD F-350 CREW CAB LONGBED 4X4, XLT pkg., 6.2 gas V-8, auto., ldd., black, 150K miles..... | \$23,900 |
| 2012 FORD F-250 CREW CAB SHORTBED LARIAT 4X4, 6.7 dsl., auto., ldd, black & tan, 179K miles..... | \$24,900 |
| 2010 FREIGHTLINER M106 HD TANDEM AXLE UTILITY TRUCK, dsl., auto., knuckle boom crane, welder, compressor, etc..... | \$29,900 |
| 2009 FREIGHTLINER M106 SINGLE AXLE HD UTILITY TRUCK, dsl., 6-spd., mechanic's crane, welder, air compressor, etc., 94K miles..... | \$29,900 |
| 2007 FORD F-350 SUPERCAB S/BED 4X4 "CUSTOM BUILT," 7.3 diesel, 6-spd., ldd., must see to appreciate..... | \$37,500 |

PASSENGER VEHICLES.....SALE

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 2021 KIA RIO S 5-DR HATCHBACK, 1.6 4-cyl., auto., ldd., white, only 7K miles, like new cond..... | \$19,900 |
| 2020 HUNDAI SANTA DE SE, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., champagne, 53K miles..... | \$25,900 |
| 2019 SUBARU LEGACY L AWD 4-DR SEDAN, 2.5 4-cyl., auto., ldd., light blue color, only 33K miles, ex. cond..... | \$24,900 |
| 2019 SUBARU CROSSTREK PREMIUM AWD, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., blue, only 47K miles, ex. cond..... | \$28,900 |
| 2018 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN, V-6, auto., ldd., charcoal, 106K highway miles..... | \$17,900 |
| 2018 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM AWD, 2.0 4-cyl., auto., ldd, blue 102K miles, very sharp..... | \$19,900 |
| 2016 FORD EXPEDITION XLT AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., black, 146K miles..... | \$16,900 |
| 2014 FORD EXPLORER AWD "POLICE INTERCEPTOR," 3.7 liter V-6, auto., ldd., white, 170K miles..... | SPECIAL \$14,900 \$10,900 |
| 2005 FORD E-350 CARGO VAN, 6.0 diesel, auto., air, etc., white, only 134K miles..... | \$8,995 |
| 1997 FORD MUSTANG COBRA CONVERTIBLE, V-8, 5-spd., ldd., white, tan leather, only 49K miles, ex. cond..... | SPECIAL \$29,500 \$27,500 |

Tree Skirts Sought for US Capitol Christmas Trees

Monongahela National Forest is seeking assistance from groups and individuals to provide some of the dozens of tree skirts that will be needed as part of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree initiative. In addition to providing the 70 to 80-foot tree that will be displayed on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol this holiday season, smaller trees will also be provided to federal offices in Washington, DC, along with ornaments and tree skirts.

Guidelines for tree skirts:

- Make skirts out of any durable material.
- Aim for a 5-foot diameter skirt.
- Include an opening in center for the trunk.
- Include a slit to allow skirt to circle the trunk. Design the skirt to overlap in the back or include ribbon ties, snaps, buttons, or Velcro as closures.
- Stitch, write, or attach one's name, name of group,

and home county to the back of the tree skirt.

- Include a note with the names and mailing addresses of those who contributed.

• Tree skirts cannot include commercial logos or be divisive or offensive.

• Tree skirts cannot be returned.

This year's theme for the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree is "Endlessly Wild and Wonderful." With that in mind consider creating a tree skirt with a theme celebrating West Virginia such as:

- Appalachian Culture – West Virginia Style;
- Famous West Virginians;
- Iconic spots in West Virginia and Monongahela National Forest;
- Multiple uses of National Forests;
- Outdoor recreation;
- Plants, animals, and habitats of West Virginia;
- Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl;

• State symbols (https://www.wvlegislature.gov/Educational/Kids_Page/symbols.cfm);

• Unique West Virginia foods; or

• West Virginia history.

Completed tree skirts may be dropped off at any Monongahela National Forest office or mailed to Gaulty Ranger Station, 932 North Fork Cherry Road, Richwood, WV 26261.

For more information contact Rosanna Springston at (304) 846-2695 or rosanna.springston@usda.gov.

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@ Burgess Farm Service
 Moorefield 1:00-1:45

@ Southern States
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 Franklin 3:45-4:30

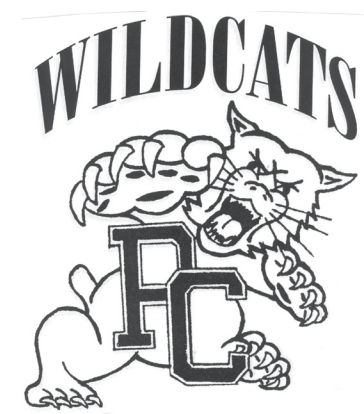
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SGR290A 0.82 Acres, Raw Land located in Bethel District along US RT 33 East. Public Water available. **NEW LISTING \$15,000.00.**

SGR289A 3.12 Acres w/2-3 Bed, 2 Bath Immaculate Manufactured Home. New Metal Roof. Detached guest quarters, Recently remodeled baths. **NEW LISTING \$249,000.00.**

SGR287A 0.20 Acres w/3 Bed, 1.5 Bath Doublewide Home, close to local amenities. Franklin Corp., Pendleton County. **NEW LISTING \$429,900.00 REDUCED \$100,000.00.**

SGR284A 1.21 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home located in Green Acres Subdivision, Pendleton County. **NEW LISTING \$229,000.00.**

SGR634 2.77 Acres, 106K sq. ft., Public Water avail. **UNDER CONTRACT**

SGR278A 583 Acres w/2 Story, 4 Bdrm, 1 Bath Farmhouse, 106K sq. ft., 100' deep, adjoins National Forest, Native Trout Stream. Circleville District, Pendleton County. **NEW LISTING! \$1,973,455.00.**

SGR277A 17.81 Acres w/4 Bed, 3 Bath Home, 2-4 Car Garages, Hiking/ATV Trail, Well water w/deeded access to Spring. Sugar Grove District. Covenants & Restrictions apply. **NEW LISTING \$499,900.00 REDUCED \$484,900.00.**

SGR271-A 1.84 Acres, Potomac Heights Subdivision, Williams Rd., Franklin District, Pendleton County, WV. **\$14,000.00.**

SGR270A 1.97 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Well, Septic, Sugar Grove District, Pendleton Cty. **NEW LISTING \$99,000.00.**

SGR258B 3.42 Acres, w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home. Sugar Grove District, Falcon Lane. **\$259,000.00.**

SGR250A 81.01 Acres, more or less, Lot 7, Seneca Lookout, adjoins National Forest. Spring on property. North Fork hiking trail crosses. Union District. Covenants & Restrictions. **\$519,000.00.**

SGR246 242.36 Acres, more or less, w/5 Bed, 2-1/2 Bath Contemporary Home as well as a Farmhouse on property. Pond, Magnificent Views. Conservation Easement. **\$998,700.00.**

SGR245 0.96 Acres w/2 Bed, 1.5 Bath 1900's Remodeled Cottage, Seneca Rocks. **\$249,900.00 REDUCED \$234,900.00.**

SGR244 0.14 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath, 106K sq. ft. Home, Bonus Room, Metal Roof, Mini-Splits. Franklin Corp. **\$149,900.00.**

SGR241 60.24 Acres w/Cabin. Exceptional Views, Excellent Hunting w/Hunt Stands in place. Bathhouse, Electric Nearby, Cistern, Small pond. Close to National Forest. **NEW LISTING \$289,000.00.**

SGR236 World Class View Overlooking Germany Valley! Log Cabin, 70.08 Acres, 2 bed, 2.5 Baths. Seneca Lookout. Some Restrictions. **\$799,000.00.**

SGR223 0.6673 Acres w/Spacious 3 Bed, 2 Bath Home, 2090 sq. ft., 1 Car Detached Garage. Franklin Corp. **\$329,900.00 REDUCED \$299,000.00.**

SGR216 0.662 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath, 908 sq. ft. Cabin located in close proximity to Brushy Fork Lake and National Forest, Sugar Grove District. **\$79,900.00 REDUCED \$74,500.00.**

SGR197 557.7 Ac., Raw Land, Excellent Hunting, Joins National Forest, No Utilities, Potential Food Plots, Watering Holes, Bldg. Sites w/Views. Milroy District, Grant County. **\$1,749,000.00.**

SGR193 391.70 Acres, Hayfields, Pastureland, Native Brook Trout Stream, Marketable Timber, 360 deg. Views. Franklin District, Pendleton County. **\$1,399,000.00.**

SGR188 22.72 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Hunting, Bldg. Sites. **\$179,900.00.**

SGR187 8.87 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Bldg. Sites. **View \$79,900.00.**

SGR156 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, Electric nearby, Water available. Hardy County. **\$95,900.00. REDUCED \$89,900.00.**

SGR128 2-3 Bedroom Ranch w/Full Basement on 0.6386 Acres, more or less, Moyers Gap Rd, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$469,900.00 REDUCED \$149,900.00.**

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.**

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.**

MENU

Pendleton Senior & Family Services

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

SPONSORED MEAL

Pork

Scalloped Potatoes

Fresh Veggies/Fruit

MONDAY, JUNE 19

HOLIDAY-CLOSED

Juneteenth Day

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

HOLIDAY CLOSED

West Virginia Day

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Fish Sandwich

Tator Tots

Slaw, Fruit

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Lasagna

Collard Greens

Garlic Bread

Grapes

Meals served daily at the Franklin center from 11:45 to 12:15. Two percent milk served with every meal. Menus are subject to change.