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Terri McCoy was recognized Sunday as one of six women in agriculture at the State Fair of West Virginia. Family members joining her at the fairgrounds were, from left, Janet Boggess, Terri McCoy, Debbie Keefer, Terry Boggess, Braden McCoy and John McCoy. — Photo courtesy of Kami Keyser.

McCoy Presented Women in Agriculture Award from WVDA

By Stephen Smoot

“Terri has been a great asset to us, in not only our programming, but to Pendleton County agriculture in general” said Brooke Alt, one of Pendleton County’s West Virginia University Extension agents, about Terri McCoy. McCoy is one of six women across the Mountain State honored this year by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

McCoy spent her childhood until the age of 12 on her grandparents’ farm just off of US 33 between Ripley and Evans in Jackson County. “I was born into it,” she shared, going on to say that “My dad [Terry Boggess] has been heavily involved in agriculture. I was always surrounded by it from day one.”

Her first farming experience, though all the way across the state, was one that many in Pendleton County would find familiar. Just as in Pendleton, many of the farmers in that Ohio River Valley county work in cattle and hay.

She got involved in exhibiting early in life, showing her first sheep at the remarkable age of three, then her first calf at eight. In Jackson County, McCoy also joined 4-H. There, she says she learned “responsibility and accountability.”

McCoy was involved in all phases of farm life, saying “I learned to drive a tractor before I learned to drive the truck.”

At the age of 12, McCoy’s family moved to Greenbrier County, where she later attended Greenbrier East High School. She

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Pendleton County Moving Ahead with Water Study for US 33 Area East of Franklin

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, two announcements indicated how difficult the drought has made life for communities in the Potomac Highlands. The West Virginia Department of Highways deployed tankers full of non-potable water to Thomas in Tucker County, supplementing a dwindling water supply there. The City of Keyser also raised the possibility of restrictions on water use by the end of the summer if conditions failed to improve.

While the remnants of Hurricane Debby blessed the entire Eastern Panhandle with refreshing rains, the specter of dried up wells and streams has motivated local officials to keep an eye toward the future.

In its first meeting in July of this year, the Pen-

dleton County Commission gave its blessing and support to plans for a study that would take a snapshot of water resources along U.S. Route 33 between Franklin and Sugar Grove. It would also work toward possible plans to extend public water into the area.

Carl Hevener, president of the Pendleton County Commission, shared during the meeting that it “was never a push issue for Pendleton County before” due to the fact that “everybody drilled wells and had springs back in the day.” Hevener concluded, however, that “looking down the road 20 years is, however, how the county should view the need.”

Though the region endured significantly worse periods of drought in the 1930s, 60s, and late 80s, the current problems have revealed weaknesses that

could hamper or even prevent future development. Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Management coordinator, explained that “this drought has shown that we can be vulnerable to great stress on our public water supplies.”

The water study, according to official documents, will “field review the unserved areas generally known as Fisher Mountain, West Virginia State Police barracks/911 Center, school bus shed, Brandywine Lake Recreation Area/Campground, and Navy Base within Pendleton County.” It also stated that it would “include consideration of residential, commercial, and industrial properties within the study corridor.”

It will also “review existing served areas,” examining annual reports and rate charges and also studying how to extend public water from currently served areas.

Furthermore, the study will assess current “county and adjacent area water sources in the areas known as Brandywine and Franklin,” as well as treatment plant capacities, while looking at potential new water sources and also alternatives and options for possible service extension.

Gillespie stated that “it should be our goal to try and link as many of these (area public water systems and other sources) together as we can.”

Pendleton County Emergency Management operations are conducted from the building where the state police barracks and

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Franklin Business Community Shows Welcoming Face to Entrepreneurs

By Stephen Smoot

About an hour and a half off the road, and for rather colorful historical reasons, Keyser calls itself “the friendliest city in the USA.”

Local entrepreneurs, however, are saying that Franklin and Pendleton County may be one of the friendliest places for both new and established small businesses. They describe the warm relationships built between mutually supportive small businesses and craftsmen and women in Franklin and throughout Pendleton County.

“That means a lot to our county,” said Sherry Mongold with Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority. She also cited the efforts made by Linda Johnston, who moved here four years ago from Washington State, to establish a business with her daughter, Alicia.

Johnston moved to the area after having worked for the Seattle Times and also having run small businesses there. In Franklin she helped her daughter to establish Iron Rose on South Branch Street. Alicia Johnston, who is also a combat veteran active with the Our Five Boys Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Sugar Grove, owns the shop and her mother helps in myriad ways.

The mother and daughter team knew that a motorcycle and leather themed shop would be unconventional in Franklin, but Linda Johnston explained the secrets to their success thus far.

“We’re doing things for the community,” she said, showing products produced by local businesses and artisans that she sells alongside “high end quality” motorcycle apparel and gear, as well as a wide variety of leather clothing. She added that “I don’t want to sell anything that other stores offer.”

Local products offered include Pendleton County made maple syrup from Dry Fork Maple Works, honey from Monterey, Virginia, and other items made within 50 miles of Franklin. They sell these



Alicia Johnston

items in what they call their “chaos room,” where motorcycle rider tourists and also local shoppers can get complimentary water on a hot day.

The Johnstons then described a customer who was searching for clothes with a particular style. Though they didn’t carry the items, they referred the customer to another Franklin business that did offer those options. They also happily refer those seeking food and drink to local outfits, such as the Korner Shop, the Star Hotel, Elevated Grounds, and elsewhere.

Most local businesses understand that success comes from supporting the entire community. Economists call it the concept of the expanding pie. A business can either see itself as trying to snatch as big of a piece of the market “pie” as possible while trying to exclude others – or they support each other and make the whole “pie” bigger, enabling more to thrive.

Mongold also explained the success of local entrepreneurs in this fashion, “People have that dedication. They dream it. They see it. They do it.”

Jason Rawson from Elevated Grounds, like the Johnstons with Iron Rose, also credits both the supportive business community and the innate drive of an entrepreneur for his and his wife’s

success in Franklin’s historic downtown.

“The whole reason that I wanted to own a business was to give back to the community,” Rawson stated. He also noted that “community support is why so many local businesses have thrived.”

All the support in the world, however, only complements the hard work of the owner-entrepreneurs. “You have to have the drive to want to do it,” Rawson said, sharing that he and his wife also both work full time jobs in addition to running the coffee shop. He advised that one will never get rich doing it and that “you have to have the mentality to fight all the battles and never give up. There will be sunshine at the end of the storms.”

Developing a mutually helpful community of businesses and producers also drives the mission of the Pendleton County Farmers Market. During the past two years the farmers market has encouraged both local small businesses and area hobbyists alike to sell their wares there.

A grant last year helped the market to purchase a modern point of sale system to keep track of whose products were sold and for how much. “It worked. We liked it. Everyone enjoyed it,” said Annie Humes, director, last spring

State, Federal Relief for Drought Stricken Farmers Available

By Stephen Smoot

Even as rains fell to mitigate somewhat, if not end the drought, programs to assist local farmers have been rolled out.

Last week, the Potomac Valley Conservation District announced a cost-sharing program from the state conservation agency to help farmers with 50 percent of the cost of watering equipment up to \$500.

Governor Jim Justice shortly thereafter shared a relief program from his office. The announcement stated that the Emergency Drought Relief Reimbursement Grant Program “will provide financial assistance, in the form of reimbursement of eligible and reasonable expenses, to state, regional, county, and municipal agencies, including fire departments, that are providing assistance to maintain necessary irrigation and livestock water supplies.”

Assistance can be applied to counties officially declared as being in D2 drought status on the federal D0 to D4 scale, with D4 as the most serious. Pendleton County has seen D3 conditions for over a month.

Those local governments or agencies may submit applications to Krista Cox at krista.k.cox@wv.gov.

Andrea Landis, Pendleton County Director of the United States Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency, shared that they also have a relief program related to the drought – the Livestock Forage Disaster Program.

According to the federal government website disasterassistance.gov, the program “offers

payments to eligible livestock producers with eligible livestock. You must also be a producer of grazed foraged crop acreage.”

It goes on to state that “payments help producers with grazing losses suffered on native or improved pastureland due to a qualifying drought.” Landis said that payments are based on the number of grazing acres.

Pendleton County’s D3 drought status renders farmers here eligible.

Landis shared that many have already submitted crop reports and that those who have not will need to pay a \$31 fee to do so.

Brooke Alt from the West Virginia University Extension Service stated that her office had fielded numerous calls with questions about drought relief, but urged those with questions to contact Landis.

Heavy rains ranged in different parts of the county between two and six inches in the past week. Despite this help, according to the federal website Drought.gov, Pendleton County remains in D3 drought status.

Rainfall, however, has returned local rivers to at least normal flow, with the South Fork currently “much above” normal levels for this time of year.

Drought conditions are, however, expected to improve by the end of the month. The damage has been significant. Brad Smith, Grant County’s WVU Extension agent, told West Virginia Metro News’s Chris Lawrence that “late corn” never got a chance to germinate and that most farms in the region have no expectation of a second cutting of hay.

Community CALENDAR

Family Support Center in Franklin Sponsors Activities

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin will help sponsor a MountainHeart family fun day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Brandywine Elementary School. An air fryer class is scheduled at 4:30 Aug. 22 at the center. For more information, call 304-538-7711.

Free Clothing Closet Open Friday, Saturday

North Fork Baptist Church in Riverton is sponsoring a free clothing closet from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Come get some school clothes for the children.

Homecoming Set At Onego Church

The Onego Christian Church will be having its annual homecoming on Sunday. Sunday school will start at 9:30 a.m. and worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. A covered dish picnic will follow.

Everyone is invited to attend.

OBITUARIES



Judy Lane (Huffman) Lough

Judy Lane (Huffman) Lough, 77 of Petersburg passed away peacefully at her home on Aug. 11, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Feb. 13, 1947, in Petersburg and was a daughter of the late Lane Huffman and Goldie (Vance) Huffman.

Mrs. Lough was a 1965 graduate of Petersburg High School and Tri State Beauty Academy Class of 1967.

She worked as a teacher's aide for Grant County Schools for more than 35 years and touched the lives of many children. She was also very involved in the operations of her family farm.

She was a lifelong active member of Bethel Church where she played the piano for more than 60 years and served on various committees. She loved her church

family and her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Her many passions were playing the piano, gardening and cooking. She loved to bake and was known for her pies. She often carried food to anyone in need. She loved spending time with her family and watching her grandchildren.

Her loving husband, Gerald P. Lough, whom she married on June 25, 1966, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Matthew (Judy) Lough of Petersburg; a granddaughter Whitney (Blake) Cook of Maysville; a grandson, Aaron (Allison) Kessel of Petersburg; a great-granddaughter, Lily Mae Kessel; a special little girl, Cheyanne Ketterman; a brother, Gerald W. "Jerry" (Myra) Huffman of Petersburg; three sisters, Mary Ann Bennett of Petersburg, Nancy L. (Kenneth) Webster of Moorefield and Peggy L. Huffman of Falling Waters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Dick Huffman and Don Huffman.

A funeral service was held Wednesday in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Brian Henson and Pastor Greg Rotruck officiating. Interment followed in the Kline Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Bethel Church Youth, 3330 Franklin Pike, Petersburg, WV 26847 or Grant Memorial Hospice or Gideons International.



Emma Kate Hathaway

Emma Kate Hathaway passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Aug. 7, 2024, while a resident at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born May 14, 1940, at Upper Tract, the daughter of the late Earl and Lena (Heavner) Wheaton.

Ms. Hathaway was a 1958 graduate of Franklin High School and worked for the West Virginia Department of Highways.

She later lived in Asheville, North Carolina, and after relocating to Upper Tract, she worked as a teacher's aide and then as school secretary at both the former Upper Tract Elementary School and Franklin High School. After retirement, she worked part-time as the check-in lady at the

former Thompson's Motel. She enjoyed working at the Upper Tract polling place during elections and was well known by everyone in the community.

She was a member of Upper Tract Presbyterian Church and attended Petersburg Presbyterian Church.

She will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her.

Surviving are two sons, Nathan and Jason Hathaway, their spouses respectively, Helen and Laurel; grandchildren, Olivia (Nathan), Brenna and Jack (Jason); a sister, Patricia Swecker of Franklin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Richard Wheaton; and two sisters, Louise Mullenax and Jean Mays.

A funeral service was held on Sunday at the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Rev. Larry Hakes officiating. Interment was in Cherry Hill Cemetery at Upper Tract.

An animal lover all her life, in lieu of flowers, she would have appreciated a donation, in any amount, to PAWS, PO Box 804, Franklin, WV 26807 or one's local ASPCA.

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

Linda Lou Hedrick, 68

Linda Lou Hedrick, 68, of Craigs ville, Virginia, and formerly of New Market, Virginia, passed away Aug. 5, 2024.

She was born on May 24, 1956, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and was the daughter of the late Jarrett and Betty L. Lamb Hedrick.

Ms. Hedrick graduated in 1976 from Broadway High School.

She was a mechanic and worked various jobs. She enjoyed collecting football cards, coins and stamps.

Surviving are a brother, Kenneth W. Hedrick of Craigs ville, Virginia; two aunts, Maggie Gochenour of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Hazel Bennett of Franklin; and an uncle, Rob

Lamb of Kentucky.

Honoring her wishes, she was cremated and burial will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 1445 Rio Road E, Suite 104, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or online at www.cancer.org.

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Tractor Parade Honors Queen Pitsenbarger

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Ushering the Saturday 4:00 p.m. tractor parade was Wanda Pitsenbarger, queen. She looked regal. As she made it to the rescue squad building, she saw so many friends. Actually, she is known for not meeting one person that she couldn't learn to have as a friend.

Wanda, along with her twin sister, Wilda, was 28 days old when her mother, Lula, passed away. Her father, Gordon Smith, raised the 12 children, along with the help of the older ones. Life was not easy for this family.

While attending the Stoney Run one-room school, some of her teachers were John Puffenbarger, Leona Mitchell, Fred Simmons, and Arthur Eckard. When the school merged to Sugar Grove, she was a fourth grader, with her teachers being Warren Propst, Dewey Wilfong, and Cameron Eckard. Due to the fact that there was no bus system in place to further her education, she began to work.

She began her career as a housekeeper for Ella and Walter Mitchell. She and her sister, Wilda, went to Byrd's Restaurant to have a bite to eat before seeing a movie, and it was there that she met her future husband, (William) Harvey. She found him to be very persistent in his endeavor to marrying her. After getting married in Oakland, Maryland, they lived with his parents, Oliver and Virginia Pitsenbarger.

Wanda worked at Hanover Shoe Factory for 33 years, and after the homeplace burned, she and Harvey moved to town where she presently lives. In 2004, Harvey passed away, succumbing to cancer. She then worked at Brad Mitchell's greenhouse, which became Donolough's and finally Tracy Ruddle's. It was here where she met many persons and enjoyed the socializing.

She very much enjoyed the friendship of Carroll Kile, and during the years, they enjoyed life. She loved his children, and they in turn loved her. Lots of good memories are had over the years, but especially the strong bond she has with her family, are treasured most.

Her health was jeopardized recently, to the point of the hospital sending her home (without medicine) to live out her days. It was short of a miracle, many prayers, and her trust in the Lord that she has recovered. Her health has been restored. Indeed, a miracle! Wanda says that the Lord still had need of her, here.

She loves people and loves the fellowship and socializing that goes with that. She attends St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church, and the senior center. As she stated, she never met a person she couldn't learn to have as a friend. Her infectious smile allows one to be very comfortable, and happy.

Wanda is a very good cook. She also has a green thumb when it comes to gardening.

Her son, Ronald, and granddaughter, Jodi, along with Myles, Luke, and Audrey, great-grandchildren, are a joy to her.

So, a well-deserved honor as queen of the tractor parade leaves Wanda very happy. When paths cross, be sure to congratulate her.



Wanda Pitsenbarger

Life's little daily instructions include the following:

1. Wave at police.
2. Give children a thumbs up.
3. Be kind to a stranger.
4. Hold doors open for strangers.
5. Say "Good morning."

Rain fell and was it well received; bringing about 5 inches over the course of a few days. Little Stoney Run had some issues due to the amount of rain with the local residents having difficulty motoring to the main road. The river was muddy and swollen, as it traveled to meet the Potomac. Pastures have greened up overnight, and all seems to be much better.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

- Dale Carnegie: "If you want to gather honey, don't kick over the beehive."
- Rolf Van Der Wind: "Today is the first day of August...summer passes, and summer friends will melt away like snow in spring."
- Robert Louis Stevenson: "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant."

"Maybe I should just go home and ride my tractor." — Chuck Grassley

"Some of us grow up playing with tractors, some still do." — Unknown

Enjoying the tractor parade was the place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Judy Rader and Natasha Nieves spent the weekend in the home of Benny and Linda Custer in Verona, Virginia. Natasha returned to her home in Boca Raton, Florida, after spending several days visiting family and friends.

The 11th annual tractor parade is now history. The weather was balmy, bringing in a record crowd, to enjoy seeing the variety of tractors and to take in the lawn party. Tractor count recorded was 63 with Ava and Leslie Bowers receiving the People's Choice Award.

Motoring to this area on Saturday to take in the tractor parade/lawn party were Debbie and Paul Morre from Piney Point, Virginia. They also visited with Evelyn Varner.

This week's clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:

- In 1971, the helmet became mandatory in the major leagues.
- In 1794, Eli Whitney patented his cotton gin.
- The harp is the official national emblem of Ireland.
- At age 16, St. Patrick was captured from Britain by pirates and taken as a slave to Ireland in 432.
- The first modern shoelace was invented in 1790 in England by Harvey Kennedy.

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Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board Discusses Mon Forest Towns Planning Proposal

By Stephen Smoot

The end of last month brought more good news in the form of higher hotel and motel tax receipts for the county, as well as a discussion of the recent Mon Forest Towns grant and proposal.

First, the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau board heard the report of the finance committee. Members received a spreadsheet marked by a number of budget items, which included the estimated budget for each item, as well as what was actually spent.

As of the time of the report, in both the first and second quarters, the report showed that in the vast majority of cases, the CVB had underspent relatively to what it had originally estimated each item would require. This occurred in some part because the board was in its first year and did not have a specific idea of what each item would cost, but estimated conservatively.

Annie Humes remarked that "first quarter income from hotel-motel taxes was phenomenal" and "significantly over what was brought in January through March last year." The increase in that quarter was about 18 percent. In the absence of more precise statistics, local governments use hotel-motel tax receipts as a sign of health in the tourism economy.

Second quarter numbers also revealed that Pendleton County hotel-motel tax receipts jumped from 2023 in the period between April and June by just over 10 percent. Though "not as drastic," April through June is generally a period of strong tourist spending, so the percentage increase is still remarkable.

Pendleton County tends to historically post its strongest numbers in the third quarter of the year, which will extend into the fall.

Melinda Brooks provided the report for the grants committee. She stated that most discussion centered around the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area grant awarded for planning purposes. "It seems like there was some momentum built" from the community meeting held in June at Elevated Grounds.

Brooks said that the group "can fulfill its obligations," but that it "still has a lot of planning to do." They will hold another AFNHA community meeting in October.

The marketing committee reported that Amber Nesselrodt had attended the June Treasure Mountain festival meeting and offered that the CVB serve as an in-kind sponsor. Humes asked, "Does the board feel okay with that?" Janice Lantz responded that "hopefully we can get recognition for participation" by TMF.

It was suggested that some of the un-

used marketing budget be applied for the TMF sponsorship.

Much of the rest of the meeting centered around discussion of the planning grant for Mon Forest Towns. The grant will support West Virginia University Land Use Law Clinic work to help to facilitate a comprehensive plan based on the Mon Forest Towns, but potentially embracing the entire county.

A comprehensive plan would also require the creation of a planning commission that would bring stakeholders together to determine community priorities, identify assets and challenges, and create plans for future development.

Officials have already briefed the Pendleton County Commission on the issue. Humes said of the endeavor that "everyone should feel welcome to the table." Brooks noted that "it sounds like the comprehensive plan will focus on the

entire county and not just Franklin" as a Mon Forest Town. Humes said that they would take "deep dives" into the Town of Franklin and other unincorporated areas.

It was emphasized that the Mon Forest Towns comprehensive plan project is "not CVB driven, but CVB would be an excellent participant" because Mon Forest Towns is "CVB adjacent," as it was explained.

In the public comment period, Katie VanMeter, board member, passed along a request from Warner's Drive-In, saying, "They'd like to be featured more on the web page." Members discussed the request briefly, mostly trying to determine why it was already not more prominent on the site.

The board agreed to approve the request, with Brooks calling it "a 10-minute fix."

WARNER'S DRIVE-IN

A QUIET PLACE: DAY 1

AUGUST 16 & 17

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20 Years Ago
Week of August 19, 2004

SUGAR GROVE

Why Are Good Manners Passé?

Summer appears to be swinging silently in serenity. Summer has seemed too short, now that school is just around the corner. With that said, a new Carnegie Report reveals that students have poor logic, listening, writing and speaking skills. Perhaps one needs to go to deep roots than formal schools to find the origins.

Society demands two working parents and as a result, grade school teachers nationwide have to become more parent-like, because it is parenting that kids are starving for. It is quite noticeable that modern kids are a little rude. Then too, their concentration span runs short.

Whatever happened to good manners? They really are not generated; they are taught! If one were to begin educating children at an early age on the basic manners, they will have plenty of time to practice and perfect them before venturing out on their own.

- Teach simple table manners, such as chewing with the mouth closed, where to put the napkin and keep elbows off the table.

- Teach what RSVP is all about, as well as how and when to respond appropriately.

- Teach children to cover their mouths when they yawn, sneeze or cough.

- Teach them to chew gum with mouths closed, to not chew during serious occasions such as weddings and funerals, art museums and doctor visits and to dispose of the gum in an appropriate manner (not under tables, bleachers, chairs or on the street).

- Teach them to hold the door open for others.

- Teach them the importance of good eye contact, especially when speaking to adults.

- Teach children to say “please,” “excuse me,” and “thank you.”

- Teach one’s child to respect others. Even though they may have disagreements or different opinions with others, they still need to show respect.

- Try to teach some conversation skills so that they can at least communicate with an adult.

- Telephone manners are so important. Teach them what to say, such as “May I ask who’s calling?” or “May I take a message?” Make sure they know to use the cell phone in a private area and to put it on silent mode while in a movie, place of worship or other religious ceremony, concerts and museums.

- Teach them the value of a handshake. It can be more important than one thinks!

- Teach them that there are certain places and times for body sounds. Burping so loud that one looks to see whether there is a live cow promoting dairy products can be a source of amusement; however, when these body sounds do occur

“excuse me” is necessary and appropriate.

The bottom line is that parents have an obligation to do their part. Parents need to be involved with the children by talking to them, reading together, showing an interest in their schoolwork and setting high expectations. Perhaps all children are not honor roll students, but education still needs to be supported. It is important for Pendleton County and West Virginia to have nicer, well-mannered children. After all, good manners help them to become comfortable in social situations and enables them to develop good human relations—and much nicer to be around.

30 Years Ago
Week of August 11, 1994

American Bald Eagle Back from Edge of Extinction

American’s largest conservation group is celebrating the best news so far this year on the environmental front: the comeback of the country’s national symbol, the bald eagle.

“There is good news in our environment, something we can be proud to celebrate on Independence Day,” said Jay D. Hair, president of the National Wildlife Federation. “The American bald eagle is coming back from the edge of extinction.”

Just before the long July 4th weekend began, federal officials proposed that this success be recognized formally by reclassifying the bald eagle from “endangered” to “threatened” in 43 of the lower 48 states. “We support this proposal under the Endangered Species Act,” Hair said.

The bald eagle was once common enough in North America that Congress adopted the bird as the national symbol of the United States. One estimate suggests there were 250,000 bald eagles in North America before 1800. By the turn of the 20th century, though, biologists had begun to see a decline among bald eagles.

Pollution reached toxic levels in ecosystems throughout North America by the middle of this century. Bald eagles were harmed by the contaminants building up in the food chain, especially DDT. Meanwhile, people were altering bald eagle habitat throughout their range in the lower 48 states.

“This conversion of nesting and wintering habitats often left bald eagles without a home or resulted in the killing of eagles by electrocution, poisoning and shooting,” Hair said. “In 1964, a survey found fewer than 500 nesting pairs in the lower 48, and the population was still declining rapidly.”

Today, it’s a different story. Bald eagle populations have increased every year since 1986, and a 1992 U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service survey found evidence of 3,747 nesting pairs.

“Thanks to the hard work of volunteers, thanks to the

banning of DDT and, of course, the passage of the Endangered Species Act, the bald eagle is coming back,” Hair said.

60 Years Ago
Week of August 13, 1964

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.

Civilians Killed In Atlanta Bombardment

It was about breakfast time in Atlanta when the first shell exploded on the morning of August 9, 1864, 100 years ago this week. The people of the city were not too surprised as shells had been falling on the city for weeks, and already civilians had been killed. But there had not been a day like this one.

Outside the city, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman with his army of 100,000 Federals was tightening his grip on the city and on the Confederate army of Gen. John B. Hood who was defending it.

Hood’s artillery answered the Federal fire, and soon the full firepower of both armies was lobbing shells back and forth, as the people of Atlanta suffered tragic losses.

Wallace Reed, young Atlanta writer, described the bombardment as follows, according to A. A. Hoehling in his book, “Last Train From Atlanta,” (Thomas Yoseloff, Publisher).

“Shot and shell rained in every direction,” Reed wrote. “Great volumes of sulphurous smoke rolled over the town, trailing down to the ground, and through this stifling gloom the sun glared down like a great red eye peering through a bronze colored cloud. It was on this day of horrors that the destruction of human life was greatest among the citizens.

A Confederate officer was talking to a lady and her little boy when a shell struck, killing the officer and the boy. Another lady was struck and killed by a shell while doing her ironing. A well known city barber was wounded while standing on a street corner, and he died from shock after a leg had been amputated. A young lady was struck and fatally injured while on the way to a shed.

Many families in the city long since had dug bombproofs in their yards, and they spent much of the day in them. Hoehling wrote of an unconfirmed report that one bombproof, with a family of six and several neighbors inside it, was the target of a direct hit that crashed through the bombproof’s roof.

Houses and buildings crumbled under the artillery fire. A well known mansion, a button factory, an office building, stores and churches were among the buildings that were wrecked.

The day, Hood wrote later, “was made memorable by the most furious cannonading which the city sustained during the siege.”

The war in Atlanta had become total war, and it appeared only a matter of time before the city fell. Outside the city, Sherman edged his army farther and farther around the city, hoping to choke off aid from other areas.

Two days earlier, Sherman had written to army headquarters in Washington: “We keep hammering away all the time, and there is no peace inside or outside of Atlanta... One thing is certain, whether we get inside Atlanta or not, it will be a used-up community when we are done with it.”

Next week: Burning in the Shenandoah Valley.

70 Years Ago
Week of August 12, 1954

‘Bide-A-While Park’ Completed by Sugar Grove Farm Women

The Sugar Grove Farm Women’s Club last week put the finishing touches on a project which transformed an unsightly trash dump into an attractive roadside park.

Speaking of the project in which the whole community has taken an interest, Mrs. Dick Mitchell said, “The club and the community has long felt the need of a picnic area, and after searching for a suitable place to establish it, the grounds beside the ‘swimming pool’ was chosen. This spot was chosen because of its nearness to the favorite swimming hole of every youngster in the community, and because it is located at a place which has never been reached by floods.

Located about 1-1/2 miles northeast of Sugar Grove between the Brandywine/Sugar Grove Road, and the South Fork River, the park is 162 feet long by 48 feet wide. Two modern fireplaces with removable grates and four attractive picnic tables have been installed, and the grounds have been fenced with woven wire for the safety of children. Also a stairway has been added leading from the park down over the bank to the swimming hole.

In keeping with the recommendation of the State Farm Women’s Council to carry a project to help “Preserve West Virginia’s Beauty,” the Sugar Grove club began work on the roadside park over a year ago and only last week added the last coat of paint to the neat tables and fence posts.

“Before much planning could be done, a trash dump had to be removed. As we look at it now, it is hard to think that only a few months ago it was literally piled with broken glass, beer bottles, tin cans, brush, and everything else unsightly that people so carelessly toss by our roadsides.

“As we cleaned it off and cut brush, we found that Mother Nature had already planted our shade trees. Aspen, oak

and maple were growing at appropriate places for future shade.”

The club is making arrangements to install electric lights in the near future, and plans are also underway for the erection of another fireplace and playground equipment for the children.

A lease was prepared by J. T. Rexrode and Dick Mitchell and presented to the club members at the June meeting making the picnic area the property of the club as long as it is used for picnic purposes.

“The members of the club sincerely thank each and everyone who has assisted us in this project, either with work or donations,” Mrs. Mitchell said, and added, “We have named it ‘Bide-A-While Park,’ and invite the public to use it and enjoy it. It was established for your convenience.”

Mouth of Seneca Man Is ‘Farmer of Many Talents’

A man of many talents is Virgil G. Hedrick of Mouth of Seneca. Right now he is a farmer, and a farmer of considerable extent having a good size home farm and grazing farm, a herd of Hereford beef cattle, a flock of picked grade ewes, at least one horse which provides his children with a reliable means of transportation, besides chewing off the grass of the Hedrick lawn to a well clipped length. Pure bred males are always used for breeding purposes on the cattle herd and sheep flocks.

However, should you look up Mr. Hedrick this fall you will find he is beginning a new term of classes at the Mallow Elementary School. He expects to have 25 pupils this year to teach in all the grades—from one to eight inclusive.

And, in between times, with the able assistance of Mrs. Hedrick, the farmer-school teacher is also the operator of a modern motel which this year has doubled its facilities. The Hedrick Motel, built on a portion of the Hedrick farm which lies along Route 33, is now a 12-unit which boasts, in addition to its sleeping accommodations, two units with kitchenettes and a back porch overlooking the North Fork River.

Hedrick, who says school teaching is his first love, admits that farming is not bad and that his motel is doing pretty well.

The multi-operation of the Hedricks may prove a headache to the judges in the Farming For Better Living program in Pendleton County when they try to classify his program. However, the judges in the Farming For Better Living will have to admit one thing—the Hedrick family is certainly not resting on their laurels, or resting anywhere else, in making farming, teaching and motel operating a better living.

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Smith Creek/Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

What a happiness to have a large amount of rain that the area received. There was rain for three days that chased the high temperatures away which the area had prior to the rain. Residents can thank Hurricane Debby for bringing the rain.

Be on the alert starting Friday as the yellow school buses will be picking up kids on their first day back to school.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Sandy Washburn, Larry Moyers, Mary Alice Simmons and Sandra Vandevander; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Tristan Hartman, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Pam Rexrode, Neal Eye, Margaret Wimer, Donald Burns, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Ruby Gail Roberson, Ruth Bauer, Anna Mauzy, Linda Maxwell Looney, Leann Britton, Bennie and Mary Alice Evick, Jimmie Bennett, Ruthalene Judy, Wayne Kimble, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Gloria Moats, Jackie Smith, Tim and Dee McCormick, Judy A. Simmons, Nancy Blankenship, Rick Waggy, Frankie Judy, Jim Judy, Jessie Simmons, Lucy and Charlie Westfall, David Berg, Minny Rhoads, Mary and Gary Hess, Phil Downs, Larry Rexrode, Ethel Murphy, Bill Snyder, Troy Bennett, Marcia “Marty” Warner, Tom and Judy Boor, Bob and Brenda Sites, Nancy and Tony George, David M. Hartman, Judy Hott Vance, George Hevener and David M. Parkinson.

Prayer thought: “Loving God, thank you for the privilege of serving you. Teach me the value of working to honor you.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Aug. 5 through Aug. 11, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Aug. 5 - 92°, 58° (84°, 59°); Aug. 6 - 94°, 63° (82°, 60°, 61°); Aug. 7 - 85°, 67°, 91° (87°, 63°, 1.47°); Aug. 8 - 78°, 67°, 1.74° (79°, 63°); Aug. 9 - 83°, 66°, 2.62° (78°, 64°); Aug. 10 - 80°, 60° (80°, 63°, .02°) and Aug. 11 - 76°, 55° (82°, 60°).

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Wildcat Volleyball Ready to Spike the Competition Again in Fall Season

By Stephen Smoot

In recent years, Pendleton County Wildcat volleyball has relentlessly driven through rivals and other competitors throughout the region. Last year, they made the state tournament in Charleston for the second consecutive year, eliminating the number one seed Buffalo in first round action.

Now the team returns to the hardwood to add more accomplishments to what they achieved in 2023.

Madison Day will take over the program after serving as an assistant to previous head coach Rod Cooper. She previously was head coach for one year at her alma mater of Glenville State University, where she also played. Hannah Bailey, who played for Lewis County, has joined as assistant coach.

Bailey exclaimed that she is “excited to see what Madison can teach us” and is “excited to be a part of the team.”

The Wildcats will rely heavily on veteran Lizzie Alt for both play and leadership. Alt, who also stars in softball, “is my all-around outside,” Day stated.

“Lizzie started as setter, then moved to outside last year. She’s really improved,” Day said. The head coach called Alt her “custodian . . . she cleans up everything.”

Travel ball, said Day, ensured that Alt’s “volleyball IQ is very, very high due to exposure to different atmospheres.” The variety of venues, styles, and coaching that Alt received in travel ball helped to develop her into one of the most formidable players in the region. It also provided flexibility and an ability to make key adjustments quickly.

Day also shared that Emma Hartman continues to improve and develop. Only in her second year as a full varsity player, Day said that she showed flashes last season, but “has really come into her own . . . She’s changed into a totally different player.”

One of the fiercest of Wildcats is Baylee Beachler, who Day described as her “big dog in the middle.” Day added that “she’s owned that spot since she started” and is an important role model for the two freshmen also playing in the middle position.

To Day, the experienced players made a mindset jump last season. They started to embrace the idea of “it can never be enough.” Whatever success the girls had, they continued to crave more and worked diligently to achieve it. That carried over into all of the girls’ varsity sports last season as well.

Last year’s rock at setter, Carolyn Varner, is recovering from injury, but the team will see a lot of Brynlynn Waggy at that position in 2024. Waggy played for the first time on varsity last season and improved tremendously as it continued. The setter runs the offense by setting the table for the outside and middle players. Waggy brings, Day said, “A lot of natural ability” to the position.

Waggy brings “good communication,” said Day. Bailey added that “she’s got a great presence on the floor. She helps to bring the best out of them.”

Breana Bowers will patrol the back line, stepping into the “big shoes” left by departing senior Allie Cooper. “Breana can be effective. She’s not the same as Allie,” Day explained, “but she is just as good.”

The team also expects important contributions from Alyssa Bennett. Like Waggy, she moved up to varsity last year and gained experience in big games and critical situations. This year, said Day, “She’s just that much more confident. Her goal this season is to prepare to take over when Lizzie leaves, the dependable one who cleans up the messes.”

Callie Judy, a newcomer to varsity, “offers a lot of promise,” according to Day, who also shared that “she has put in a lot of time going to camps.”

Behind the varsity is coming a group of seven very talented and athletic freshmen, who the coaches expect will emerge as a power class when they get to their junior and senior years.

This season will see Pendleton County face a number of tough tests, including a major tournament early in the season at Greenbrier East. Last year, they upset Parkersburg, a triple A school with over 3,000 students. They will also face a Buffalo team still smarting from a state tournament defeat at the hands of the Wildcats.

For the season, “our goal is a PVC championship,” said Day.

Beyond the team, beyond the program’s reputation as a single A power, there is something more to what the girls bring to the table. Day explains it like this, saying, “Being a Wildcat is something they have taken with them and they embody that Wildcat tenacity, adaptability, ferociousness, being a predator, not prey.”

Day also said that “Coop had a saying. There is a difference between the hunter and the hunted. Being hunted is a lot tougher. Our program has gone to being the hunted,” in other words, the



Lizzie Alt rises to spike on an opponent in the West Virginia State Volleyball Tournament in Charleston last fall as Breana Bowers shifts to support.

team that every other program, even in double and triple A, circles on their schedule as a big game against a team to beat.

Updated Hunting, Trapping Regulations Released

Updated hunting regulations for white-tailed deer, wild turkey and black bear went into effect on July 1, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced with the release of its 2024–25 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

“With West Virginia’s world-class deer seasons and other small and big game hunting opportunities, hunters have a lot to look forward to this fall, so we want to encourage everyone to review these important changes and plan accordingly,” said Brett McMillion,

WVDNR director.

The updated regulations summary is available to download at WVDnr.gov/hunting-regulations. Hunters who wish to obtain a printed copy should contact their local hunting and fishing license agent or WVDNR district office. Copies are also available at the WVDNR’s Elkins Operation Center and South Charleston headquarters.

Major changes include the following:

- Antlerless deer season dates and open counties have changed (see pages 15–20).
- Fall wild turkey season dates and open

counties have changed (see page 44).

- Season dates and open counties for black bear firearms hunting seasons have changed (see page 41).

- The annual antlered deer bag limit for all regular deer seasons combined is two, except that three antlered deer may be taken in a West Virginia CWD Containment Area by Class XS license holders.

- Deer carcass transport regulations are now implemented for Jefferson County.

- Coyote night hunting is permitted only on private land with written consent of the private landowner from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31.

In Pendleton County, the antlerless deer season is scheduled for Oct. 24 – 27, Nov. 25 – Dec. 8, Dec. 12 – 15 and Dec. 28 – 31.

The archery and crossbow for deer will be Sept. 28 – Dec. 31 with buck firearm season Nov. 25 – Dec. 8 and muzzleloader season Dec. 16 – 22.

A split fall wild turkey season will be held in Pendleton County. Turkeys may be harvested Oct. 12 – 20 and Oct. 28 – Nov. 17.

Hunters may hunt bear with or without dogs from Dec. 9 – 13 in Pendleton County.

In addition to reviewing the updated regulations, hunters are reminded to purchase their 2024 West Virginia hunting license and stamps before the seasons start this fall. To purchase a license and stamps, visit WVhunt.com. To learn more about the WVDNR’s license products, such as durable license cards, visit WVDnr.gov/2024-licenses.

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Pendleton Youth Excel at Tri-County Fair

Pendleton County was well represented at the 104th annual Tri-County Fair in Petersburg.

New to the fair this year were the pre-teen and teen pageants. Bella Eye of Moyers was crowned the Tri-County Fair Pre-Teen, and Gabriella Trail of Brandywine was named second runner-up in the Miss Teen contest.

The demolition derby at the fair is always a popular event. Bronson Bogan of Franklin claimed the championship title in the full-size division. Runner-up was Tyler Propst of Sugar Grove. In the compact category, Adam Ruddle of Franklin placed third with Brandon Marston of Brandywine placing fifth and Andrew Mowery of Upper Tract, sixth. Also participating in the derby were Zachary Vint of Circleville and Brandon Spencer of Brandywine.

After weeks of working with cattle, goats, hogs or sheep, Pendleton County youth showed their animals at the fair. With tears in their eyes, some of the exhibitors sold their market animals.

Pendleton County youth claimed some top honors during the week.

Awards

Dottie Warner Memorial Outstanding Exhibitor Award — Tori Heavner, junior, and Travis Lewis, senior; Derika Shae Crites Memorial Scholarship and Premier Beef Exhibitor — Bailee Kiger; Shepherds Award, Master Showman and Premier Lamb Exhibitor — Katie Keyser; Herdsman Award — Lydia Heavner; Premier Goat Exhibitor — Kelby Rumer; Skill-A-Thon — Katie Heavner (third swine and goat, fifth sheep, and third overall senior) and Lydia Heavner (fourth swine), Ty Heavner (first beef and swine); and Kiger (third beef);

Carcass Evaluation — Lydia Heavner (fourth in goat and beef) and Aubrianna Holloway (seventh in beef);

Beef Showmanship — senior — Kelby Rumer, second, and Lydia Heavner, sixth; intermediate — Adalyn Rumer, second and Holloway, third; and junior — Jaelyn Rumer, second, and Maycee Woods, fourth;

Goat Showmanship — senior — Kelby Rumer, champion; intermediate — Ty Heavner, champion, and Tia Heavner, reserve champion; and junior — Gracie Hedrick, champion; Sheep Showmanship — senior — Adalyn Rumer, second, McKenna Hedrick, third, and Kelsey Clark, sixth; intermediate — Tia Heavner, first, Aiden Whetzel, second, Ty Heavner, third, and Kallie Keyser, fourth; and junior — Gracie Hedrick, first, and Jaelyn Rumer, second;

Swine Showmanship — senior — Lewis, third, and Lindsey Smith, fifth; intermediate — Olivia Gonshor, fifth; and junior — Jaelyn Rumer, third; and Pee Wee Showmanship — Maddie Grace Nesselrodt.

Feeder Calves

Tori Heavner — first in feeder heifer class; Brynleigh Ruddle — second in feeder heifer class; Branson Smith — first feeder calf heifer class and first in two feeder calf steer classes; and Woods — reserve champion feeder calf steer and second in feeder calf heifer class.

Open Breeding Cattle

Reagyn Atkins — second and fourth in commercial heifer classes;

Hannah Heavner — first in class of commercial heifers; Tori Heavner — reserve champion Simmental heifer and first in another Simmental heifer classes;

Ruddle — sixth in class of commercial heifers; Kiger — champion commercial heifer; Norah Hubbard — first in class of commercial heifers; Piper Hubbard — reserve champion commercial heifer; Adalyn Rumer — second in class of commercial heifers; Jaelyn Rumer — champion all other breeds; Kelby Rumer — reserve champion all other breeds; and Woods — third in class of commercial heifers.

Junior Breeding Cattle

Atkins — second and third in commercial heifer classes; Hannah Heavner — first in class of commercial heifers; Tori Heavner — reserve champion Simmental heifer and first in class with another Simmental heifer; Kiger — champion commercial heifer; Ruddle — second in class of commercial heifers; Adalyn Rumer — second in class of commercial heifers; Jaelyn Rumer — champion all other breeds; Kelby Rumer — reserve champion all other breeds; and Woods — first in class of commercial heifers.

Junior Breeding Sheep

Kallie Keyser — champion crossbred junior ewe and champion bred and owned ewe; Tia Heavner — reserve champion crossbred junior ewe and reserve champion bred and owned ewe; Crossbred Junior Ewes — Ty Heavner (second), Gracie Hedrick (fifth), Bella Hoover (first), Breyman Keesecker (second), Katie Keyser (third) and Phoebe Pownell (fourth); and Crossbred Yearling Ewe — Tori Heavner (first).

Open Breeding Sheep

Cheviot Junior Ewe — Tuff Heavner, champion; Crossbred Junior Ewe — Madalyn Griffin (ninth), Tia Heavner (second), Ty Heavner (second), Gracie Hedrick (fifth), Hoover (third), Keesecker (fifth), Kallie Keyser (first), Katie Keyser (third), Pownell (fourth), Jonah Seymour (eighth) and Olivia Seymour (first); and Crossbred Yearling Ewe — Tori Heavner (first) and Colton Whetzel (second).

Market Lamb

Ty Heavner — champion/champion middleweight and champion bred and owned market lamb;

Katie Keyser — reserve champion/reserve champion middleweight and reserve champion bred and owned market lamb;

Gracie Hedrick — champion lightweight; Lightweight class placings — Marley Champ (second), Owen Champ (third), Ryleigh Cook (second), McKenna Hedrick (first), Hoover (sixth), Keesecker (third), Adelynn Miller (third), Alanna Miller (fifth), Jameigh Miller (fifth), Brantley Propst (second), Emily Schell (second) and Hannah Schell (first);

Middleweight class placings — Britlee Basagic (second), Katie Heavner (seventh), Tia Heavner (first), Tanner Hedrick (eighth), Kallie Keyser (second), Lewis (fifth), Pownell (first) and Woods (eighth);

Heavyweight class placings — Tori Heavner (third), Jaelyn Rumer (third) and Adien Whetzel (second); and Tia Heavner (third) and Katie Keyser (fourth) in the bred and owned class.

Market Goat

Kelby Rumer — champion/champion heavyweight;

Jaelyn Rumer — reserve champion/champion middleweight;

Gracie Hedrick — reserve champion lightweight;

Cook (second) and Ty Heavner (second) in lightweight class; and

Atkins (fourth), Lydia Heavner (second), Tia Heavner (first) and Hoover (third) in their middleweight class.

Market Steer

Jaelyn Rumer — reserve champion middleweight;

Adalyn Rumer (second), Kelby Rumer (third), Hannah Schell (second) and Lindsey Smith (sixth) in their lightweight class;

Katie Heavner (sixth), Tori Heavner (fourth with two steers),

Holloway (third), Ruddle (fifth), Emily Schell (seventh), Branson Smith (third) and Lindsey Smith (seventh) in their middleweight class; and

Lydia Heavner — fourth in heavyweight class.

Market Hog

Kiger — reserve champion/reserve champion middleweight;

Lewis (third), Ruddle (sixth) and Lindsey Smith (third and seventh — two hogs) in their lightweight class; and

Gonshor (fifth), Holloway (second) and Lewis (third) in their middleweight class.

Pendleton Youth Representatives on Committees

Beef — Tori Heavner, goat — Tia Heavner, sheep — Katie Keyser, and swine — Lindsey Smith.



Tanner Hedrick



Aiden Whetzel



Bronson Bogan



Madalyn Griffin



Maddie Grace Nesselrodt



Scarlet Plaugher



Olivia Seymour



Kendall Schell



Braylee Propst



Tuff Heavner



Bella Eye



Jonah Seymour



Hallie and Harper Hedrick



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Britlee Basagic



Piper Hubbard



Jaelyn Rumer



Gracie Hedrick



Emily Schell



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Brynleigh Ruddle



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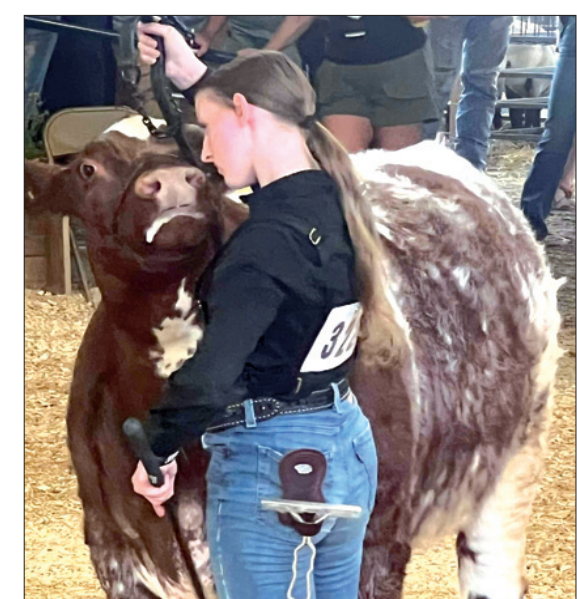
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Brynleigh Ruddle



Bailee Kiger



Hannah Schell



Aubrianna Holloway



Hannah Heavner



Branson Smith



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Katie Keyser



Tia Heavner



Kallie Keyser



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Lindsey Smith



Katie Heavner



Owen Champ



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Lydia Heavner



Ryleigh Cook



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McKenna Hedrick

Warner Family Gathers for Annual Reunion

Penned by Frances (Warner) Morgan, great-granddaughter

The descendants of Noah and Rebecca (Teter) Warner held their annual family reunion July 7 at the Clinton Hedrick Community Building in Riverton.

Who was Noah Warner? Noah was a son of Solomon and Priscilla (Smith) Warner. He was born Dec. 26, 1843, in Pendleton County, Virginia. In September 1862, at the young age of 18 years, he enlisted in the Confederate Army of the War Between the States. This was a year before West Virginia became a separate state from Virginia. Private Warner lived to see West Virginia become a state.

Much could be said about Noah's Civil War experiences, but a brief synopsis is Warner was wounded in action in Winchester, Virginia, by a mini-ball passing through the knee; he was later captured by Sheridan's Troops in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and sent to Point Lookout POW Camp in Maryland, and later sent to U.S.A. General Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. He was in the Prisoner Exchange and released Oct. 30, 1864, at Atkins Landing. He was claimed by the "Georgia Battery" and returned to his command Feb. 1, 1865, just before General Robert E. Lee's Confederate army surrendered to Union General Ulysses S. Grant.

Warner was engaged in many battles during the Civil War, and in several states, which included Maryland and Pennsylvania, as well as Virginia, and later West Virginia (after becoming a state). One of his assignments was guarding the supply train in Cashtown, Pennsylvania.

Warner was an educator and a farmer. On Jan. 1, 1866, he married Rebecca Teter, daughter of Phillip and Sidney (Bland) Teter. In the book of Genesis, God told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. I believe Noah and Rebecca did not disappoint. They brought 13 children into this world, two of which did not survive infancy, and it is believed there may have been several others that did not survive birth. (I do believe this poor woman should have faked more headaches!) Rebecca lived to be nearly 94 years, passing Aug. 26, 1937. Her obituary states at the time of her death, she left 72 grandchildren, and 153 great-grandchildren. At this time, I wouldn't even venture a guess on how many thousands there are of us. Yes, replenish the earth! Many of the citizens of Pendleton County, and elsewhere, have descended from this incredible couple. Noah and Rebecca's son, John William Warner, was still fathering children at age 77. Quite the man. Go for it! (Just think of all the envious men out there reading this text!)

However, this story is intended to be more about the incredible fact that a Civil War veteran, who was born almost 181 years ago, still has grandchildren living today. I can think of seven. At this reunion, we were blessed to have three of those with us, so this story is dedicated to them.

First, given special recognition at this reunion, was granddaughter Jessie Elizabeth (Warner) Sponaugle. Jessie is approaching 100 years of age. She is the daughter of Amby Warner and Surrilda (Waybright) Warner. If it wasn't for her twin sister, Bessie, Jessie would have the distinction of being their youngest child of seven. Imagine Surrilda's surprise when there was not one child, but two. In those days, no ultra sounds. Apparently, Jessie was the most eager.

Jessie was a home-birth, born Dec. 2, 1924, on the Hunting Ground. For those of you that may not know, Hunting Ground



Three of Noah and Rebecca (Teter) Warner's grandchildren, from left, Idelta Lambert, Jessie Sponaugle and Priscilla Mullenax, attended the annual family reunion.

is located in the shadows of Spruce Knob, which is the highest point in West Virginia. Speaking from experience, I can tell you at that time of year up there, temperatures are very frigid, and most likely in 1924 there was lots of snow — not to mention wind!

We think times are hard now; we don't know anything. Times were very hard back then. There was no electricity or modern conveniences, no phones, no inside running water and no indoor plumbing — imagine that. In winter, one tried to get the business in the out-house completed very quickly. A Sears and Roebuck catalog was placed by the seat, and when one heard the "rip" of paper, if anyone was waiting in line, they knew the "wait" was about over. In winter, the britches were being pulled up and buttoned, as one was rushing to get back inside the house to warm the bottom by the cozy wood fire. Nearly all the food was homegrown; one didn't rush out to the store to purchase canned food off the store shelf. Transportation was by horse and wagon — or by sled in winter — or by foot, when travel was necessary.

Jessie was born prior to the Great Depression. Now that was really hard times. The children pitched in to help with everything. Older ones tended to the younger ones while mother was giving birth to more. Aunt Jessie told me she helped in the garden, helped can the food to be stored in the cellar, milked cows, placed the buckets of milk in a cream separator, turned a crank to separate the cream from the milk, which they churned into butter, carried water from the spring or well, kept the wood boxes filled with split wood for the wood cook stove and the heating stove, washed clothes on a "wors" board and hung them outdoors on a clothes line, helped make the hay, and much more. Farming was done with work horses. She told me she stood on a chair to reach the dishpan on the wood cook stove to wash the dishes. They walked to and from Hunting Ground School each day — in the cold, rain, snow, sleet, wind, ice, and I am betting school never got called off. Teachers were dedicated to teaching readin, writin, and rithmetic, regardless!

Jessie was just a little over two years of age when her grand-

father, Noah, passed, but she remembers her grandmother, Rebecca, and remembers being at her funeral, which was held at her homeplace. Jessie, at age 99, is the last surviving member of her family.

Next to be recognized was Idelta Rebecca (Sponaugle) Lambert, age 98. Her life experiences were very much like Jessie's, so just turn the page back. Idelta was the daughter of the late Etta Bryan (Warner) Sponaugle and Harman Sponaugle. She is one of 15 children, of which two did not survive infancy. She was born in a log house Nov. 1, 1925, on the outskirts of Circleville. Her childhood log home in Circleville burned to the ground, when the shingle roof ignited from a spark from the chimney. Her mother salvaged some things by throwing them out the window, which Idelta still owns some of those today. Some of the boys from Circleville High School rushed to the scene, throwing water from buckets on the roof of the adjoining structure, preventing it from burning as well. Idelta was also born before the Great Depression. Her family did not own a vehicle during those early years. Once her father was able to acquire a vehicle, when the family traveled, they would all sing songs together wherever they went.

Idelta and her siblings walked to Circleville for both elementary and high school from their home, except when there was snow a friend of the family would haul them to school on a horse-drawn sled. I don't know if there were sleigh bells, but I imagine they were laughin all the way. That mode of transportation must have been lots of fun for kids, and probably the envy of a lot of others. I should know.

Idelta also remembers her grandmother, Rebecca, and bears her middle name. Idelta is the youngest of her many siblings and is the last surviving member of her amazing family.

Priscilla (Warner) Mullenax is the "baby" of these three granddaughters of Noah and Rebecca, since she is only 90 years of age. I think of Priscilla as being the social butterfly of our family. In addition to having a broad knowledge of the descendants of the Noah Warner family, she also knows most of the people of Pendleton County. Priscilla never meets a stranger. If she does not know someone, she will approach them and ask. During the years as I have attempted to trace our family, when I became stumped, I would place a call to Priscilla.

Like Jessie before her, Priscilla was also born on the Hunting Ground. She was the ninth of 10 children born to Charlie and Mary (Wimer) Warner. Midwives assisting with her birth were her two aunts. Like Jessie and Idelta, her young life was pretty much the same. She remembers she, and her brother, Paul, would sit on their father's lap. He would read to them as long as they didn't "carry on."

Priscilla has been nearly a life-long resident of the Hunting Ground, except for a couple short stints living away after she married. She also remembers her grandmother, Rebecca! Priscilla and her younger brother, Paul, are the last surviving members of the Charlie and Mary Warner family.

As one can imagine, these three cousins have seen many changes in their lifetime, having lived for almost a century. What stories they could tell, if only there was space to do so. Most notably perhaps was when Neil Armstrong successfully stepped foot on the moon on July 20, 1969. Jessie and Idelta have lived through the presidency of 17 different presidents!

I feel blessed to be a part of this amazing family.

County Commission Passes Emergency Proclamation

By Stephen Smoot

Prayers were answered last week. To open the Pendleton County Commission meeting, Roger Dahmer prayed for a "healing rain," which came in force by the end of the week with the arrival of the remnants of Hurricane Debby.

Meanwhile, the commission conducted its regular business. Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County Administrator, reported that the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department had requested funding to purchase "a couple of industrial sized fans" for their bay. Extreme heat plus non-working fans made conditions difficult for the first responders.

Terry Hedrick, from FVFD, provided an estimate for the cost of replacement fans and explained that the department needed a certain type. The estimate came to \$1,200, which the commission approved.

She then related that a concerned citizen had shared worries about the manhole covers near the community building and that Senator Shelley Moore Capito's staff sought to schedule a conference call with the commission.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services Coordinator, called in from the site of the new Seneca Rocks tower. He

reported that "we're progressing on the tower. We have the drill on site. We hit extremely hard rock." Though difficult, the work would not be halted by the presence of adverse subsurface conditions.

Gillespie then reported that he was "working with Motorola guys at the Seneca Rocks Volunteer Fire Department to install radios paid for by a grant."

Janice Lantz, executive director of Pendleton County Senior and Family Services,

came to the commission to "thank you all for continued support for the senior center." She went on to say that "we haven't gotten a funding increase in some time. Your all's support means a lot."

Lantz had questions about commission guidelines concerning an added \$5,000 awarded by the elected body to senior services. Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, said that the commission wished that the funds directly support senior programs.

In the ensuing discussion, Lantz discussed the challenges of the budgeting process for the center and received clarification from the commission. Commissioners explained that they preferred to see the funds not spent on the physical facilities or salaries. Lantz queried to find out where the dividing line was between direct and indirect support of seniors and their programs.

Next, Annie Humes came to speak on behalf of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau. She stated that the organization, due to the resignation of the executive director, was now undergoing a search for a replacement. Humes said, "I'm just here to ensure that there's good communication" during the transition period and to "make sure the commission priorities are clear and understood."

She added that "overall there is energy and positivity" in the organization and that "a level of transparency" is a priority.

The question arose as to whether or not the commission wanted a role in the hiring process. Hevener said that he was involved in the previous effort only due to the fact that the CVB had just split from the chamber of commerce and that he wanted to ensure fairness in the hiring process. Humes then said that she wanted to learn how the commission wished to be updated by the CVB and that she would go next to meet with the Town of Franklin to update the Council.

Next, commissioners heard from Gillespie that he had called Miss Utility to make sure that the placement areas for new signage at the Pendleton Community Building would not interfere with underground infrastructure.

"We've been cleared," he noted.

The new signs will warn large trucks to not park overnight on the public parking lot. A short discussion with April Mallow

in her role as county attorney confirmed that state code did not require an ordinance to enforce the warnings read on the signs. County governments have the right to make and enforce rules on their own property without a formal ordinance.

Commissioners then heard and passed a proclamation concerning the ongoing drought. It read that "a state of emergency has been declared by the County Commission of Pendleton County" concerning the officially declared D3 drought status.

It calls upon "public employees" to "exercise the utmost diligence of duties" and that "all citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary measures."

Toward the end of the meeting, commissioners recognized Mike Alt and Tina Eye, representing Pendleton County Emergency Rescue. They came with a memorandum of understanding in hand concerning use of state aid.

Alt said, "I definitely want to thank the commission for their support" and shared that in a month's time the unit had received 106 calls for EMS services with 98 requiring a response. Eye added "that's the most we ever had in a month."

They also "racked up 635 man hours last month alone," said Alt.

Dahmer asked if the heat had contributed to the rise in calls. Alt replied, "It's not categorized as such," but many were heat related. He then discussed the significant improvement in response times

Gillespie said, "Everyone's doing a great job."

Finally, commissioners discussed a contract offer from Webb Law Firm concerning a planned lawsuit against an online prescription drug platform. Mallow explained her concerns about the contract with the commission. The firm requested both a 25 percent contingency fee and also coverage of expenses.

Mallow explained that most firms use the contingency fee to cover expenses and that allowing the firm carte blanche to cover expenses could rack up costs very quickly. Dahmer said, "This could add up to an awful lot of money." Commissioners agreed to table discussion of the contract until they could gather more information as to whether Webb Law Firm's request was customary in this instance.

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McCoy Earns Women in Agriculture Award

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continued with 4-H and also joined the Future Farmers of America there. As part of their FFA, she remembered that "you kind of learn how to utilize everyone's different assets to do well as a team."

After graduating from Greenbrier East in 1990, McCoy attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. There, she continued showing livestock while also majoring in animal science.

After college, McCoy found the second love of her life (after farming.) Not surprisingly, she met her husband, John, at a fairground's sheep barn. Together, they now own and operate Brookwood Farms.

At Brookwood Farms, the McCoy's maintain centuries old Pendleton County traditions of livestock excellence while also utilizing the most advanced technology and techniques in the field.

According to the Brookwood Farms website, "our goal is to create cattle that can excel in both the commercial and purebred industries." There, they place a heavy focus on achieving excellence through genetics. "We emphasize a balance between phenotypic and genotypic attributes and don't sacrifice quality by chasing fads and numbers." "Genotype" refers to the genetic traits, both dominant and recessive and also expressed and not expressed. The animal's properties, including physical development and behavior, fall under "phenotype."

Brookwood Farms carries 130 purebred Angus cows, 25 Herefords, and 200 crossbred club lamb-producing sheep and also co-hosts the Genetic Alliance Bull Sale.

Proof of the excellence of their work came in 2023 when their animals won Grand Champion Market Lamb at the Iowa State Fair, Missouri State Fair, and State Fair of West Virginia – all in the same week!

The McCoy's also work to help support the learning of the next generation of farmers. Alt shared that 4-H kids have been allowed to practice for their judging contests on Brookwood Farm's lambs. They also sell lambs to young people for raising and showing.

That said, McCoy explained that "it's very hard to start from the ground up and make it" in farming today.

She went on to add that the cost of land alone can keep young people out of farming, but not necessarily out of agriculture.

"Agriculture is such a diverse area," McCoy explained, also saying that with creativity, almost anyone can get involved in the field in some fashion. She cited the fact that technologically and scientifically savvy young people can work with the latest advancements in the field.

On their own farm, for example, the McCoy's employ the latest techniques in artificial insemination and embryo transfer. According to the Mississippi State Extension Service, embryo transfer, or ET, "allows a producer to quickly multiply the genetics of the top females in the herd. When artificially inseminated with semen from bulls with high genetic merit, these top females produce calves with superior genetics."

"The technological advancements in the past 10 years," McCoy says, "are just incredible."

Preparing the next generation of farmers started at home with the McCoy's. "Our greatest accomplishment is that both of our sons are interested in agriculture and are pursuing it," McCoy stated. She went on to say that her oldest, Billy, is currently studying agriculture science at Iowa State and that their other son, Braden, studies agriculture business at Oklahoma State.

"That means a lot to us," she proudly shared, and added "it's wide open what they can do with their degrees."

Others honored were Esther Allen from Marshall County, Heather Duncan from Jefferson County, Cindy Jenks from Hardy County, Corinne Powell from Mason County, and the Honorable Carol Miller, who serves in the United States House of Representatives and hails from Cabell County.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

KAREN SUE SCHULZ (f/k/a Norma J. Zirk), Petitioner,

vs. CIVIL ACTION NO.: 24-C-11

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF L. CLEVELAND REXRODE (a/k/a L. C. REXRODE) and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM REXRODE (a/k/a WILLIAM E. REXRODE),

Respondents,

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF PENDLETON, to wit:

The object of the above styled Civil Action is to Petition the Court so that a ruling may be made and an Order filed, wherein it will be stated that Karen Sue Schulz is deemed the fee simple title owner, via the doctrine of adverse possession, of a certain tract or parcel of real estate containing 14 acres, more or less, located in the Sugar Grove District, Pendleton County, West Virginia and being one of multiple tracts of land that was presumed to have been rightfully bequeathed and/or conveyed unto her by that certain Last Will & Testament of Harvey Floyd Moyers of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia in Will Book 10, at Page 287, and by that certain Deed from Ida P. Moyers dated August 24, 1990 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia in Deed Book 140, at Page 487; and by that certain Deed from Vicki Lynn Grypa, dated December 14, 2023 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia in Deed Book 224, at Page 1.

since 1948 Karen Sue Schulz' parents, Ida P. Moyers and Harvey Floyd Moyers, along with herself and her sister, Vicki Lynn Grypa, have always believed they were the fee simple title owner of the aforesaid 14 acres tract. However, upon a recent review of title it was found that the original Deed unto Ida P. Moyers and Harvey Floyd Moyers, which is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia in Deed Book 71, at Page 109, did not actually convey the 14 acres tract, but instead only made a reference to same. Therefore, it is upon information and belief that the last known owners would have been L. Cleveland Rexrode (a/k/a L. C. Rexrode) and William Rexrode (a/k/a William E. Rexrode). Further, it is unknown as to the whereabouts of L. Cleveland Rexrode (a/k/a L. C. Rexrode) and William Rexrode (a/k/a William E. Rexrode) or whether they have departed this life and, in-turn, whom their beneficiaries and/or heirs may be.

It appearing, by Affidavit filed in this action, that there may be persons who could have an interest or may be affected by the decisions in this action and whose names and addresses are unknown to the Petitioners; it is hereby Ordered that each person which claims to have an interest in said property appear and serve upon Petitioners' attorney, James O. Heishman, whose address is 204 North Elm Street, Moorefield, WV 26836, an Answer or other defense to the Complaint filed in this action on July 24, 2024; otherwise, judgment by default may be taken against them at any time thereafter.

A copy of said Complaint with a more particular description of the subject property can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located in the Pendleton County Courthouse at 100 South Main Street, 2nd Floor, Franklin, WV, 26807.

Any interested persons may appear before the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Pendleton County Courthouse, located in Franklin, Pendleton County, West Virginia at 100 S. Main Street, Franklin, WV 26807.

Any interested person(s) may also serve upon the Petitioner's attorney, namely, Nathan H. Walters, Esquire, at his office address of P.O. Box 119/204 N. Elm Street, Moorefield, WV 26836, any Answer(s) you may have in the above referenced matter.

The purpose of this notice is relative to the Adoption of the above referenced minor child, namely, H.L.T. (DOB: March 27, 2017, age 7 years).

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 4:00 P.M.



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Outdoor: Canvas tent approx. 14 x 16 like new, old Elgin boat motor, climbing ropes from CMI, climbing belts and safety belts, military items (back packs, mess kits, phone), Coleman stoves and lanterns, waterproof backpacks, fishing poles and tackle, Ham radio, Ham radio tower, Ham radio tower motor, cycle gear, saddle bags and helmet for motorcycle, diving suits size 3x, 2x, and size 10, diving bottles (3 wit regulators and 4 without), lots of other diving equipment, Bell 6 speed bike, girls 3 speed Vintage Kent bike, new CB Radio, 16-foot old town canoe, large inflatable boat, and 3 boat anchors.

Vehicles: 1972 TR6 Convertible, Suzuki Windjammer motorcycle parts, and 5 x 8 enclosed trailer.

Miscellaneous: Shotgun shell reloader, scales and other reloading equipment, rifle and piston muzzleloader, large Field and Stream gun safe, metal ammo boxes, old roller skates, Sentry floor safe. Ammunition approx. 1000 rounds (.44, .45, .223, 308, 30-6, .22), Barnett Cross bow, Yukon NVRS Titanium rifle scope 2.5 x 50 (brand new), gun cleaning kits, and Copper Co Range with wood cook stove blue enamel, banjo, violin, and clarinet with cases, bowling balls, and bowling alley lockers, 1940 Boggs Mercantile Company Franklin calendar, and pictures of Dahmer's Motel and Restaurant.

Numerous other items not mentioned.

Terms: Cash or good check with photo ID on day of sale.

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of the parties of the Wayne R. Boggs and Curtis J. Boggs and with their line S 24 W 6 3/5 poles to a hemlock; thence with the same N 66 W 6 3/5 poles to an iron stake on the east edge of the old Sandy Ridge road witnessed by a large hickory tree, a corner of Milton Propst and Bruce Rexrode, thence with Bruce Rexrode's line N 30 E 4 poles with the old road to an iron stake on the east edge of the road; thence with Milton Propst's line S 89 E 6 3/5 poles to the beginning, containing one-fifth (1/5) acre, more or less.

These are the same tracts of real estate conveyed by Warren G. Heidt and Elizabeth A. Heidt to Tom E. Bogan aka Tom E. Bogan Sr. by Deed dated July 10, 2014 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 195, Page 322.

The Grantor further grants and conveys unto the Grantee, and his assigns, all rights of way and easements appertaining to the aforesaid real estate.

TERMS OF SALE:

1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-way, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.

3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.

5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

BY:

Jonathan L. Wertman, Esq.
 Pill & Pill, PLLC
 85 Aikens Center
 Edwin Miller Boulevard
 P.O. Box 440
 Martinsburg, WV 25402
 (304) 263-4971
 foreclosures@pillwv.com
 8-15-2p; 9-12-2p

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bid.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received

at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until September 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):

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 Description
 ContWrkTyp
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 COUNTY: PENDLETON

DBE GOAL: 7% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. 8-15-2c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the following estates is pending in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, 100 S. Main Street, P. O. Box 1167, Franklin, West Virginia 26807. The names of the personal representatives are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJEC-

TIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 8, 2024. Deadline for claims is October 7, 2024.

Justine Julie Li Estate - Scott Roger Douglass, Administrator; Rose Marie Robinson Estate - Mark Eliot Rob-

inson, Executor.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 2, 2024.

Elise M. White, Clerk of

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 Minimum Qualifications: Registered Nurse (WV) - Bachelor's degree in nursing or equivalent preferred. Driver's License.
 Interested applicants may pick up an application at our office at 365 Mill Road, Franklin or visit our website at www.psfso.org.

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PART TIME IN-HOME SERVICES COORDINATOR
 This position will be responsible for supporting our In-Home Services Program Manager (RN). Duties will include assisting with administrative duties covering the in-home services program including, but not limited to, managing incoming calls, outreach, corresponding with and scheduling direct care workers, filing, verifying paperwork for completeness and accuracy, help set up training for staff, help market programs. Limited travel required.
 Minimum Qualifications: Two years of experience in an office setting. Experience in Microsoft Office, Knowledge with social media platforms.
 Interested applicants may pick up an application at our office at 365 Mill Road, Franklin or visit our website at www.psfso.org.

FINANCIAL MANAGER
 Region 8 Planning and Development Council is looking for a detail-oriented, responsible, organized and dedicated individual to join our team of professionals. The position we currently have open is for a Financial Manager who can begin work immediately.
 We expect our new teammate to be proficient with standard accounting and office software, possess the technical abilities and experience to become proficient in infrastructure project accounting and management assistance, have good interpersonal and written skills, the ability to problem solve, and work unsupervised.
 The position requires a bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. However, candidates with related experience, a strong work ethic and a proactive mentality will also be considered. Experience in budgeting, planning and administration of State and Federal funds, payroll processing and human resource management is advantageous.
 Fringe benefits include employee health insurance and participation in a retirement system.
 Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and resume to: Executive Director, Financial Manager Position, Region 8 PDC, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847 or mearle@regioneight.org.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 10, 2014, executed by the Borrower, Tom E. Bogan, to The Moore Law Firm, PLLC, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Book 145, at Page 416. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 19 Sandy Ridge Rd., Sugar Grove, WV 26815. Pill & Pill, PLLC was appointed as Substitute Trustee by an APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated June 10, 2024, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 178, at Page 217. The Borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pendleton County, in Franklin, West Virginia, on the following date:

September 23, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

The following described tracts or parcels of real estate, together with buildings and improvements thereon located, lying and being situate in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described by its metes and bounds as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: BEGINNING at an iron stake at the North East edge of the Sandy Ridge road, thence S 89 E 118.5 feet meandering said road to a point in the center of the same, thence up over a ridge S 26 1/2 W 367.6 feet to a white oak (witnessed by a hemlock tree) Milton Propst corner, thence N 89 W. 118.5 feet to a point at an iron stake in the old road, Bruce Rexrode and Milton Propst corner thence with Rexrode and Propst line N 26 1/2 E 367.6 feet to the beginning, containing 1 acre, more or less.

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