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The Green Bank Observatory and National Security Agency facility at Sugar Grove both use the cover of the NRQZ, but many similar facilities elsewhere do not utilize the 1950s era restrictions.

Opposition to National Radio Quiet Zone Intensifies as Services Suffer

By Stephen Smoot

Earlier this month, Pendleton County passed a strongly worded resolution calling for "Dissolution" of the National Radio Quiet Zone or "total waivers of any NRQZ restrictions imposed on Public Safety Radio Frequency Bands currently in use, as well as all the commercial cellular/wireless bands, and commercial satellite internet providers."

Last week, Webster, Tucker, and Upshur counties joined by passing their own resolutions, as did the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority. Other counties have opened discussions to sign on in opposition to the NRQZ.

Commissioners from Randolph, Pocahontas, and Pendleton counties also met last week to discuss the continuing problems with the NRQZ. The resolutions show state and federal elected and other officials that local government sees

the NRQZ as a serious impediment.

The NRQZ dates back to 1958 "to minimize possible harmful interference to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia and the radio receiving facilities for the United States Navy in Sugar Grove, West Virginia." It continues to affect more than 10,000 square miles in West Virginia and Virginia.

Restrictions related to the NRQZ create tremendous challenges for Pendleton County in a number of ways. Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, recently described those restrictions as "strangling" to WBOY in Clarksburg.

NRQZ mandates hamper both cellular and wireless internet use, which leaves large sections of Pendleton, Pocahontas, and other counties difficult to develop economically.

A sampling of potential, versus actual, capabilities

of certain towers in the region illustrates the problem. Capabilities are measured in ERP (Effective Radiated Power) watts and also in what directions the tower may broadcast. ERP is an estimate of the "combination of the power radiated by the transmitter and the direct power capacity of the antenna in a given direction," according to Telcomtraining.com

A sampling of towers in Pendleton, Randolph, and Tucker counties show the level of restriction faced. A tower serving Circleville, if the NRQZ did not exist, would transmit at the full allowed level of 100 ERP watts. NRQZ mandates impose a cap at .3 - or one third of one percent of a single watt.

A tower near Seneca Rocks (the one in existence, not the one currently under construction) would have a power capability of 24.1 normally, but may only use 1.7 ERP watts.

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Deadlines Must Be Met for Taxpayers To Get Vehicle and Other Tax Credits

By Stephen Smoot

In March of 2023, Governor Jim Justice signed into law a historic tax cut bill. It took months of divisive debate and negotiation, but a number of beneficial provisions came with it. Many taxpayers, however, remain confused about how to receive certain tax credits associated with the bill.

Part of that confusion came from the counties' understandable concerns about financially being made whole from the credit. Originally, the State Legislature planned to eliminate the tax and give counties funding to compensate yearly. Counties expressed the concern that in hard times, the state might not be able to make the payment and counties would lack crucial funding.

The Legislature compromised on the issue by requiring that taxpayers pay counties on time, then submit a form to receive a credit for the tax directly from the state. This provides the solution that makes the most sense, but adds some complexity for taxpayers.

Three tax credits emerged from that bill.

The first, and most widely applicable, is the Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit. To receive this credit on vehicles, both businesses and individuals must pay on time. Businesses must pay the first half of their taxes by Sept. 1 and individuals by Oct. 1.

The Oct. 1 deadline has

confused a number of taxpayers. Other deadlines apply as well. To collect the full credit on taxes filed for 2024, the entire tax bill must be paid by the final day of the year, Dec. 31. If the second half of owed taxes is paid between Jan. 1, 2025, and the final

payment date of April 2025, then the credit must be applied on taxes filed for 2025.

Class C, J, M, and R vehicles do not qualify for the credit.

The Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit

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56th ANNUAL TREASURE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL



Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 19

- 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. — Country Store Open
- 9 a.m. — Campsites Open at Ft. Seybert
- Noon - 4 p.m. — Book Sale Open - Library
- Noon - 5 p.m. — Boggs House Open
- 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. — Kids Corner (ages 6 & under) - Community Bldg.
- 6 p.m. — Coronation of Queen - Main Stage
- 6:30 p.m. — Jonathan Zinn/Fender Ridge- Main Stage

Friday, September 20

- 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Flea Market Open
- 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Craft Building and Country Store Open
- 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Kids Corner (ages 6 & under) - Community Bldg.
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. — Book Sale Open - Library
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. — Boggs House Open
- 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. — Quilt Show Open - Community Building
- 11 a.m. — Bill Wellington - Town Parking Lot
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Tea Room Open - McCoy House
- Noon - 3 p.m. — Muzzleloader Shoot - Fort Seybert
- 1 p.m. — Bill Wellington - Town Parking Lot
- 1:30 p.m. — Historical Walking Tour - Courthouse Steps
- 2 p.m. — Justin Hensley - Town Parking Lot
- 3 p.m. — Youth Heritage Pageant - Main Stage
- 4 p.m. — Justin Hensley - Town Parking Lot
- 5 p.m. — Raymond's Gymnastics - Main Stage
- 6 p.m. — Karl Behrens - Town Parking Lot
- 6:30 p.m. — Beard and Mustache Contest - McCoy House
- 6:30 p.m. — Jack & Davis Reid - Main Stage
- 8 p.m. — Square Dancing with Bill Wellington & Friends - Town Parking Lot

Saturday, September 21

- 7 a.m. — Treasure Hunt - Craft Building and Headquarters
- 8 a.m. — Antique Cars, Trucks, Tractors - Franklin Town Park
- 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Flea Market Open
- 8:30 a.m. — Quilt Guild Presentation - Main Stage
- 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Craft Building and Country Store Open
- 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. — Kids Corner (ages 6 & under) - Community Bldg.
- 9 a.m. — Hit & Miss Engines - Bowling Alley Parking Lot
- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. — Muzzleloader Shoot - Old Fort at Fort Seybert
- 9 a.m. — Horseshoe Pitch - Singles - Town Park
- 9 a.m. — Period Costume Contest - Main Stage
- 9:30 a.m. — Children's Games - Town Park
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. — Pumpkin Weigh-in - Main Stage Area
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. — Boggs House Open
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. — Book Sale Open
- 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. — Quilt Show Open - Community Building
- 10 a.m. — Historical Walking Tour - Courthouse Steps
- 10:30 a.m. — Little Switzerland Cloggers - Main Stage
- 11 a.m. — Pumpkin Painting Begins - Main Stage Area
- 11 a.m. — Maysville Express - Town Parking Lot
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Tea Room Open - McCoy House
- 11:50 — Pumpkin Contest Winners Announced - Main Stage
- 12:30 — Off the Rails - Main Stage
- 1 p.m. — Donnie Carmen - Town Parking Lot
- 1 p.m. — Final Set of Treasure Hunt Clues Released
- 3 p.m. — TMF Parade - High School to Courthouse
- 4 p.m. — Jay Halterman - Main Stage
- 4:30 p.m. — Cornhole Tournament - Town Park Ball Field
- 5 p.m. — South River Express Tim Kyger - Town Parking Lot
- 5:30 p.m. — Treasure Hunt Key Opening Ceremony - Main Stage
- 6:15 p.m. — Spencer Hatcher - Main Stage
- 7 p.m. — Reenactment of Fort Burning - Fort Seybert
- 7:20 p.m. — Bryer Moyers - Main Stage
- 8 p.m. — Spencer Hatcher - Main Stage
- 8 p.m. — Square Dancing with Bill Wellington & Friends - Town Parking Lot

Sunday, September 22

- 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Flea Market Open
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Craft Building and Country Store Open
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Kids Corner (ages 6 & under) - Community Bldg.
- 9 a.m. — Redeeming Grace Outreach - Town Parking Lot
- 9 a.m. — Servant's Heart - Main Stage
- 10 a.m. — Slusher Scramble - The Highlands Golf Course
- 10 a.m. - Noon — Quilt Show Open - Community Building
- 10 a.m. — Love Christian Assembly - Main Stage
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Tea Room Open - Craft Building
- Noon - 3 p.m. — Boggs House Open
- Noon - 4 p.m. — Book Sale Open - Library
- Noon - 4 p.m. — Muzzleloader Shoot - Old Fort at Fort Seybert
- Noon — Horseshoe Pitch - Doubles - Town Park
- Noon — Servant's Heart - Main Stage
- 1:30 p.m. — Owl Hoot/Turkey Call - Main Stage
- 2 p.m. — Presentation and Walking Tour of Franklin in Flames (1924) - Franklin Presbyterian Church

Teen Court Program Approved for County and Will Start in December

By Stephen Smoot

Creative use of the court system has created a number of second chance opportunities for adult offenders in the area. Day Report and Treatment Court (formerly called "Drug Court") have provided a number of powerful success stories.

These diversion programs keep families together, push former offenders down productive paths, and free local governments from the costs of jailing prisoners.

Pendleton County will soon see a new program to help teenaged offenders to find their second chance as well through teen court.

Ta-Yare Meade, a case manager with Eastern Regional Family Network, addressed the Pendleton County Commission earlier this month. She shared that on Sept. 4, Judge H. Charles Carl III signed an administrative order to allow Meade and others to work toward establishing the teen court program in Pendleton County.

Referrals will start in December.

Jurisdictions have implemented different types of teen courts for different reasons across the United States, perhaps starting as early as the 1940s. The State of West Virginia passed enabling legislation in the 1990s, joining many states that established them. The American Probation and Parole Association states that "teen courts constitute one avenue for employing concepts such as positive peer influence, accountability, competency development, and youth involvement to offer communities a prevention and early intervention program."

Meade explains that "teen court is a unique 'second chance' justice program for youth between the ages of 11 and 18, if still in high school, who are alleged to have committed a status offense or an act of delinquency which would be a misdemeanor if committed by an adult."

Offenders get referred to teen court by the circuit court, magistrate court, prosecuting

attorney's office, probation office, law enforcement, and school resource officers. The youth must be "a suitable candidate for the program."

Adult judges preside in teen court, but all other participants come from the offender's peer age group. The prosecutor, defense attorney, and jurors are all teenagers themselves. Adult attorneys mentor both the prosecution and the defense in each case. Cases proceed in most ways as an adult court would, with opening statements, presentations of evidence, examination, cross-examination, a verdict, and sentencing.

"A sentence can," as Meade says, "include mandatory community service, jury duty in future teen courts, and participation in an educational, prevention, intervention, or family support program." Sentences match the severity of the offense and may involve restitution in certain cases. Juveniles thus sentenced have six months to complete it. Upon completion, charges get dismissed. Non completion or additional charges put the offender into violation of the program.

At that point, the prosecuting attorney's office will likely take up the charges and file them in official court.

Meade emphasizes that two of the many significant benefits of teen court come in responsibility and accountability. Many children who come to be involved, whether through offending or volunteering to help, come from households facing serious challenges. "The teen court program," Meade stated, "helps to reinforce self-esteem, build confidence, provide motivation for self-improvement, and promote a healthy attitude toward authority."

It also works to educate children "about the impact of their actions on themselves, victims, and their community." Participants gain benefits also learned in club and extracurricular activities, such as social, public speaking, and citizenship skills while learn-

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Community CALENDAR

Blue Grass Mass Planned at Faith Lutheran Church

Everyone is invited to attend the Blue Grass Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday on the lawn of Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin. Come and enjoy the worship and the Arbaughs and Friends bluegrass gospel.

Family Support Center in Franklin Sponsors Activities

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin will sponsor a Generation Day from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday and a home safety training session Sept. 26 beginning at 5 p.m. at the center. For more information, call 304-538-7711.

Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Christ Central Community Church and Rev. David Morris will be sponsoring an evening "Lunch on Us" meal for seniors aged 60+ on Sept. 26 at the Franklin Senior Center. Activities begin at 3 p.m. with music at 4 p.m., followed by the meal at 5 p.m. To reserve a free meal, call 304-358-2421 by 2 p.m. on Sept. 25.

OBITUARIES



Emily Sue Propst Englund

Emily Sue Propst Englund, 83, of Lovettsville, Virginia, and formerly of Franklin moved to heaven to live with Jesus on Sept. 10, 2024.

She was born July 31, 1941, at Franklin, the daughter of the late Herbert and Catherine Ruddle Propst.

Mrs. Englund attended Franklin Elementary and Franklin High School, graduating in 1959.

She was employed by Potomac Edison Power Company in Washington, DC, and retired as a special education aide in Loudoun County, Virginia. Her love was working with children.

She was a member of Laurel Hill Church of Christ.

Her husband, Richard Englund, survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffrey Scott Englund (Shannon) of Lovettsville, Virginia; two grandchildren, Will Englund and Catherine Englund of Lovettsville, Virginia; two sisters, Doris Short of Franklin and Sandra Propst of Mardela Springs, Maryland; two brothers, James "Garb" Propst of La Plata, Maryland, and William "Bill" Propst (Phyllis) of Manassas Park, Virginia; a brother-in-law, Billy Swadley of Salisbury, North Carolina; a sister-in-law, Nancy Booth (Howard) of Huntingtown, Maryland; and numerous nieces and nephews, including a very special niece.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Jean Swadley; a brother-in-law, Jess Short; a sister-in-law, Shelva Propst; a brother-in-law, Eddie Englund; and a nephew, Charlie Booth.

A funeral service was held on Saturday in the chapel of the Kimble Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Turner officiating. Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery at Franklin.

Memorials may be made to Laurel Hill Church of Christ, c/o Robin Kile, 239 Sugar Camp Lane, Franklin, WV 26807.

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



Jeralyn Nancy Wolcott

Jeralyn Nancy Wolcott, 87, of Franklin and formerly of Newport, Vermont, passed away on Sept. 13, 2024, at Sentara RMH in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She was born on June 25, 1937, in Newport, Vermont, the daughter of the late Harold and Evangeline (Foster) Lewis.

Mrs. Wolcott was a graduate of Newport High

School in Vermont. She had worked as a secretary for Citizens Utility until her retirement in 1989.

Her husband, William Wolcott, preceded her in death on Feb. 3, 2013.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a son, Glenn Wolcott (Paula) of Brandywine; a brother, Harold "Mickey" Lewis (Mona) of Newport, Vermont; two grandchildren, Amber Sponaugle (Sam) and Matthew Wolcott (Kayla); and four great-grandchildren, Eliana Sponaugle, Emilia Sponaugle, Jackson Wolcott, and Jace Wolcott.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated.

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

Jeffrey O. Simmons, 64

Jeffrey O. Simmons, 64, of Franklin passed away Sept. 14, 2024, at his home.

Arrangements, under the direction of the Kimble Fu-

neral Home in Franklin, were incomplete at press time. The full obituary can be viewed at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.

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Apple History and Trivia Revealed

Though apples are enjoyed across the globe, many people associate apples with the United States of America. That's in spite of the fact that the first apples were cultivated on the opposite side of the world from North America in Asia. There are more than 7,500 known cultivars of apples that produce various characteristics for flavor and appearance.

Apples are often a topic of discussion in the fall, when many trees produce their largest bounties of fruit. Autumn is a good time of year to take a closer look at apples, and explore some of the most popular varieties for picking and eating.

Apple Origins

Malus domestica, or the common apple tree, is a descendent of apple trees that originated in Central Asia in what is now southern Kazakhstan. Apples have been grown for thousands of years in Asia and Europe. The original apple tree was the wild apple, or *Malus sieversii*. DNA analysis has confirmed that the wild apple is the progenitor of the cultivated apple enjoyed today.

European colonists likely brought apple seeds and trees with them when they emigrated to North America, introducing that part of the world to the apple tree. Records from the Massachusetts Bay Company indicate that apples were being grown in New England as early as 1630.

Americans also enjoy the popular story of Johnny Appleseed, who was believed to have distributed apple seeds and trees to settlers across the United States. While apples can be produced from seeds, nowadays many apples are propagated by grafting so that they retain the parent tree's characteristics of flavor, hardiness and insect resistance.

Apples and Symbolism

Apples have become the main symbols of

many different stories and tales throughout history. Apples are linked to the Biblical tale of Adam and Eve and their ultimate expulsion from the Garden of Eden. However, the apple is never named in any of the religious texts as the fruit Eve picked from the tree of knowledge. Apples have appeared in fairy tales and folklore. The Brothers Grimm had the character "Snow White" fall ill after eating a poisoned apple. In Norse mythology, the goddess Iounn was the appointed keeper of golden apples that kept the Aesir young forever.

Apples have also played a role in science, most notably Sir Isaac Newton's study of gravity. While myth surrounds the story of Newton and an apple falling from a nearby tree, it's likely that witnessing an apple fall from a tree did spark something in the famed scientist.

Most Popular Apple Varieties

Many varieties of apple stand out as perennial favorites. In the United States, the Red Delicious is the country's most popular grown apple. It was called the Hawkeye when discovered in 1872. The Golden Delicious is the second most popular grown apple in America. The Delicious apples tend to have mild, but grainy flesh that can fall apart when cooked, so they're best used for snacking. Cortland, Empire, Fuji, Gala, McIntosh, and Macoun are some of the other most popular varieties. Those interested in baking with apples can select among Granny Smith, Jonagold and McIntosh. These apples tend to be crisp and tart and hold up better in recipes.

Apples have been enjoyed for thousands of years. While apples are a staple of autumn, they can be enjoyed all year long thanks to their widespread availability.

Lower Taxes - Something To Celebrate

By Deb Miller, JD, WV Senior Legal Aid Volunteer

Thanks to a 2019 tax law change, a group of West Virginians already pay no income taxes on the Social Security Old Age, Survivors and Disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind and Disabled benefits they receive.

West Virginia recipients of Social Security/SSI with federal adjusted gross incomes of \$50,000 or less (\$100,000 or less for a married couple) currently avoid those state income taxes altogether.

The 2024 legislative session passed a tax reduction law that applies to all other West Virginians receiving Social Security/SSI, regardless of income.

While federal taxation of these benefits is not affected, a phase-in of the lower state income tax rates is involved.

In 2024, those whose federal adjusted gross income (which is used on the West Virginia income tax return) is higher than \$50,000 for an individual or \$100,000 for a married couple will be taxed 35 percent less on their Social Security/SSI benefits on their state tax return.

In 2025, 65 percent of the benefits won't be taxed on their state tax return.

In 2026, the full amount of the Social Security/SSI income will be tax-free on their West Virginia tax return.

For example, Samuel's federal adjusted gross income in 2024 is projected to be \$75,000. It will be transferred to his state return for calculation purposes. Of that amount, \$35,000 is from Social Security benefits.

Samuel is single and his adjusted gross income for West Virginia tax purposes is over the \$50,000 maximum income threshold for an individual. As a result, he will get a 35 percent reduction in state taxes on his Social Security income in 2024. In 2025, 65 percent of his Social Security will not be taxed on the state return. Finally, in 2026, all of Samuel's Social Security will be tax-free on his West Virginia tax return.

This tax reduction does not apply to federal taxation of the benefits, retirement fund distributions outside of the Social Security/SSI system, or taxation of other types of income.

Legal issues about taxation and other matters are important ones to resolve. In appropriate situations, West Virginia Senior Legal Aid may be able to help those age 60 and older who live in the state. Call 800-229-5068 to seek assistance.

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Absentee Ballot – Sept. 20 (Fri) mailing begins

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Register to Vote – Oct. 15 (Tues)

- Register at Pendleton County Clerk's office
- Use WV's online portal or call state elections office

Early Voting – Oct. 23 to Nov 1

- Avoid the lines and vote at your convenience by voting early in person
- All early voting is at the Pendleton County Clerk's office (County Court House).

Election Day – Nov. 5 (Tues) - Vote in person at your polling station

- Know your polling station: contact the Pendleton County Clerk's office or check the WV online portal
- You will need an acceptable form of ID, such as a driver's license or voter registration card

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Essential Tips Listed for Staying Safe When Lost in Woods

Getting lost, especially in the wild woods of West Virginia, can be overwhelming, but with the right knowledge and preparation, a person can increase one's chances of survival and find one's way back to safety.

From the West Virginia Emergency Management Division's Search and Rescue Coordinator, the following tips can help a person stay calm, make informed decisions, and ultimately, make it out of the woods safely. Whether one is a hunter or just an occasional hiker, this information could be a lifesaver when a person finds oneself facing the unexpected while in the woods.

Here are 10 important tips from WVEMD's Search and Rescue veterans about what people can do if they become lost:

1. **Stay Calm and Stay Put:** The moment a person realizes one is lost, stop moving. The best course of action is often to stay put. Panic and wandering can make it harder for search teams to locate a person.
2. **Signal for Help:** Use items such as whistles, mirrors, bright clothing, or a flashlight to attract attention. Three short whistle blasts, flashlight beams (flicking flashlight on and off), or other signals repeated in a series of three represent the universal distress (SOS) signal. A person may build a fire to signal rescuers, but only if it is absolutely safe to do so.
3. **Tell Someone One's Plans:** Always inform a friend or family member about one's planned route and estimated return time. This information can greatly assist search teams in locating a person if needed. Make sure to include where one is parking a vehicle.
4. **Carry Essential Supplies:** Pack a small survival kit containing water, food, flashlights (more than one), a first aid kit, multi-tool, an emergency or "space" blanket,

and a whistle. An extra survival supply is a filtration straw which allows one to drink water more safely from creeks or streams in an emergency. These items can support a person until help arrives. Include medications vital to one's health, such as epi-pens, asthma inhalers, diabetes supplies, etc. A cell phone does not replace survival items like a map or flashlight. Always carry essential supplies in the survival kit.

5. **Stay Visible:** If a person needs to move to find help, stay in open areas and make oneself visible. Avoid dense vegetation or steep terrain that might hinder one's movement.

6. **Follow Waterways:** If a person is in an unfamiliar area, following a river or stream can often lead one to people.

7. **Stay Hydrated and Rest:** Conserve energy by staying hydrated and resting when needed. Overexertion can lead to exhaustion and disorientation.

8. **Use Landmarks:** If a person has a map and can identify landmarks, one might be able to navigate oneself back to safety. Always carry a map and compass when venturing into unfamiliar territory.

9. **Stay Warm:** Hypothermia can set in quickly, even in mild weather. Dress in layers and use the survival kit to stay warm. Carrying an emergency or "space" blanket can keep one warm and help signal for help.

10. **Stay Positive and Stay Vocal:** Maintain a positive mindset and keep talking to oneself or to searchers. This not only boosts one's morale but can also help search teams locate a person.

Please note that these are general guidelines and may need to be adapted based on the environment and situation a person finds oneself in. Always prioritize one's safety and follow any instructions provided by local officials or search and rescue teams.

New Portal Helps Residents Access Vaccine Records

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

The West Virginia Department of Health's Bureau for Public Health has launched a new resource for residents in need of their vaccination records. The new system allows patients to review their immunization history and print their own official records at MyIRMobile.

"Immunizations are an important part of staying healthy," said Sherri Young, DO, MBA, FAAFP. "This is just another tool to empower people with the most up-to-date information possible when it comes to their healthcare."

Data is pulled directly from the West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System and can be accessed from any computer or smart device, reducing the administrative burden on healthcare provider staff. Patients, parents, and legal guardians will be able to access their personal records through the portal.

Using a simple registration process, MyIR allows users to create and activate an account, utilizing a two-step verification process to match the registration information and locate an exact match in the immunization registry. Users can also add dependents under the age of 18 to their MyIR account. Once a registered account is verified, vaccination records will be available for users to view and print on demand. The certified vaccination records provided by the portal will be accepted by places that require proof of immunization. MyIR is HIPAA-compliant, and records are only available to authorized users.

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10 Years Ago
Week of September 11, 2014

SUGAR GROVE

Education Was the Responsibility Of Church and Home

The beginning of education in Pendleton County was very much a responsibility of the church and home. Teaching children in those early days was considered very private. Parish pastors assumed responsibility for the education of their parish children. Illiteracy was great, typically among women and the poor. Signatures were made with an initial or mark. Pioneer life required learning trades or activities, such as log home construction, chopping wood and hunting for the men and cooking, spinning, weaving and knitting for the women. So, this type of learning was considered too many to be more important than the three Rs. It was not until after the Civil War that the schools were generally provided for the children of West Virginia. This was the beginning of the community-centered one-roomed schoolhouses.

To focus in on a particular one-room school, that being the Wilfong School of Sugar Grove, and built on land owned by John Wilfong, was decided in 1898. It was quite a busy place Monday through Friday of each week. Creek-swelling rains called for parental protection. This was also a time when progress had not destroyed walking energy, working ambition, or school discipline. In 1926, the same land was decided to the board of education by Early Wilfong, the new landowner, near the mouth of Brushy Fork.

The building had no electricity and was heated by a wood stove. A dug well was next to the schoolhouse, and a water bucket and dipper was used for each pupil's drinking glass. Slates and slate pencils with a scant supply of books were the meager supplies made available to the educational process. All eight grades, as well as all subjects appropriate for each grade, were conveniently seated together, boys and girls separated. Blackboard races for drill work in subjects, such as arithmetic or English, called for repetition in itself. Pupils who were not in great need of constant study at their seats usually benefited much from listening in on class exercises for other grades ahead of them. Frequently, upper class members were helpful by taking care of primer and other lower grade classes, while the teacher took care of the advanced classes. Regular seat work, prepared work for the next class and recitations with much question and answer activities were interspersed throughout the day.

Most days almost always opened with devotional features, a few songs (patriotic, sacred, folk, ballads, love and sentimental, and not infrequently the West Virginia

Hills), Bible readings, the Lord's Prayer and scripture discipline and a sufficient amount of work was expected and usually required.

Pupils carried their lunch in a basket, bucket or satchel which was kept on the cloak room's shelf which was just inside the building. Coats and overshoes were kept here also.

Depending on the weather, indoor and outdoor games were played. Paddle ball, Fox and Geese and Prisoner's ball were some of the favorite outdoor games.

Programs for special days, such as Christmas and egg hunts at Easter, were always special as parents and friends would come. Friday afternoons were sometimes used for spelling bees, blackboard games and memory games. During fair weather, the school room was scrubbed, by washing windows, scrubbing desks, floors, walls and blackboards, and polishing the stove, as well as cleaning up the outside surroundings.

Occasions, such as peanut socials, were held each school term with the monetary proceeds being given to buy books for the school library. Students soon learned that work was work and play was play.

This school closed in 1940 and pupils were transported to Sugar Grove. Dewey Wilfong was its last teacher. Other teachers were Arthur Eckard, Perle Puffenbarger, Arthur Eye, John Puffenbarger, Alma Donald, Leona Mitchell and Cameron Eckard.

The building was torn down, and the lumber was used for an additional room to the Sugar Grove School. As the noted educator, the late Charles S. Nelson, once said, "Changes have come, as change must; but not all should be called progress."

20 Years Ago
Week of September 16, 2004

Brushy Run Hit Hard By Frances

Last Wednesday's heavy rains brought relief from the intense dry spell of recent weeks, but folks in the Onego area and other parts of the North Fork Valley would rightly say there was a bit too much relief.

According to local state road chief Darell Warner, the Brushy Run Road in the Onego vicinity was devastated by the heavy rainfall.

Warner estimated the amount of damage as several hundred thousand dollars. He reported that the road was "completely washed out in five places."

Many private bridges in the area also were damaged, a vehicle washed away, and there was water in at least one home.

A state bridge on Brushy Run Road was made impassable, and there were several 200-to-300 foot stretches of road that were undermined.

Warner reported that four and a half inches of rain had been measured at the state road headquarters in

Franklin by about 3:30 p.m. last Wednesday. Then, around 4:30 p.m., following a lull, it started raining hard again.

At least six inches of rain is reported to have fallen in the Onego area in less than 24 hours, Warner said.

60 Years Ago
Week of September 17, 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.

Sheridan Beats Early, North Whoops In Joy

Phil was beginning to get a reputation as another "do-nothing" Federal general. For six weeks he had had an army in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and in that time he had not once really tangled with Jubal Early's Confederates. Ulysses S. Grant, Sheridan's boss, was getting a little restive.

So, 100 years ago this week, Grant paid a visit to Sheridan and told him to fight. The results surprised even Grant.

The word from Grant was all Sheridan needed. For a month, he had been eyeing Early's Confederates. When Grant called, Sheridan's army was at Berryville, Va., only a few miles from Early's army, spread out along the Opequon Creek near Winchester. Grant had hardly left when, at 2 a.m. on September 19, Sheridan moved into battle.

Sheridan's attack had a bad start. On the way to the battle, his supply wagons and ambulances got snarled in a ravine, blocking the way for his fighting men, and the advance slowed to a crawl. By the time his men reached Opequon Creek and crossed it under fire, it was almost noon, and his army had lost much of its formation.

Early took quick advantage of the situation. Finding a hole in Sheridan's line, he threw a division into and routed one of Sheridan's divisions.

But once in battle, Sheridan proved to be a master. Dashing along his line on a black horse, he hustled stragglers forward, he re-formed divisions, re-organized lines and sent staff members beating the brush to get his soldiers back into the fight.

And somehow, along in the afternoon, the Yankees again were moving ahead, their battle flags bent forward as they surged anew into the fight. Sheridan himself led one corps into battle.

Early's men began falling back and took up a new line closer to Winchester, but the Federals pushed on, closing up gaps, faltering occasionally but continuing the pressure.

And then the bottom dropped out of Early's defense. As evening approached, two solid divisions of Union cavalry came over the crest

of a hill and thundered at full gallop, their sabers drawn, down into Early's left flank and rear. Like a tornado, the cavalrymen—with General Custer among their leaders—ripped into Early's lines, through them and over them, and Early was overwhelmed. He hastily retreated.

But Sheridan was not through. Next morning, his men swept up the Valley in pursuit and found Early behind new fortifications at Fisher's Hill near Strasburg. After one day of reconnoitering, Sheridan pushed his men into attack again.

As the battle grew on Fisher's Hill, Sheridan's Sixth Corps stole quietly to the right, up along Little North Mountain, then down again. At evening, they suddenly burst forth and charged into Early's left flank and rear. Again, they ripped into Early's lines, through them and over them, and again Early and his men made for the rear.

The victories in the Valley electrified the North. Sheridan got a gold sword from Congress and a "God Bless You" from President Lincoln. On top of the victories at Atlanta and Mobile Bay, the victories in the Valley made it appear the war was almost won.

Next week: Hood Heads for Tennessee.

EDITORIAL

The Case of the Disappearing Dime ---

When the man tied his tie and put on his coat, he also took the dime from his dresser. On his way to work, he used the dime to buy a paper. The newsboy spent the dime for a cup of coffee at a shop where the proprietor gave the dime in change to a man who bought a pack of cigarettes. This man left the dime as a tip when he bought his lunch and the waitress spent it for bobby pins that afternoon at the dime store. The dime store gave it in change to a woman who bought a pair of sunglasses and she spent it for a roll of mints at the candy shop. The man in the candy shop gave the dime in change to a man who bought his wife a box of chocolates.

In a single day, the dime served as a medium of exchange in eight transactions. But there it stopped. For the man who bought the chocolates is not only a thoughtful husband, he is also a dime-saver. When he got home, he dropped the dime in a cigar box in his dresser drawer where it will remain—along with 157 earlier dimes—and more to come.

70 Years Ago
Week of September 16, 1954

EDITORIAL

Twelve Men, Good and True ---

Have you ever received from the sheriff a summons ordering you to appear at the courthouse for jury duty? If so, the first thought that entered

your mind probably was, "Out of all the people in the county, I'd like to know how they happened to get me?" If that question has occurred to you don't feel that you are alone in your thinking because around court time a lot of people are wondering that very same thing.

If you really want to know how it has happened that you have been chosen for jury duty, the answer is something like this: The judge of the circuit court appoints two men of opposite politics to serve as jury commissioners for terms of four years each. Each year the jury commissioners prepare a list of names of approximately 240 persons of sound judgment and good moral character whom they think would be well qualified to serve as jurors. No names are placed on the list who have served on a jury within a period of two years, nor is anyone's name placed on the list who requests to serve. At the time of preparing the list of persons available for jury duty the jury commissioners write each of the names thus selected on a ballot and deposit the ballots in a box known as the "jury box."

At least thirty days before a term of court at which a jury is wanted, the clerk issues a summons in the name of the state requiring the jury commissioners to appear at the clerk's office at least twenty days before the term of court for the purpose of drawing the names of persons to be summoned for jury duty during the term.

On the day appointed in the summons the jury commissioners meet at the clerk's office and proceed to draw the required number of names (usually 42) from the "jury box." The commissioners then make a list of these names, known as the venire facias, which the clerk hands to the sheriff to be served commanding them to appear on the first day of the term of court or on the day so desired. The sheriff may serve the persons named in the writ of venire facias either in person or by registered mail.

The foregoing is the method used in the selection of petit jurors. Grand juror is selected in a similar manner except that a separate box is kept for the names of persons available for grand jury duty, and only 16 are drawn for duty at a term of court, whereas, 42 are usually drawn for petit jury duty.

The right to trial by jury is one of the distinguishing features of the old English Common Law. It was incorporated in the Magna Charta in 1215 and was brought by the early colonists to America where it has become a part of the birthright of every free man. The right to such a trial is secured by the constitution of every state in the Union.

While jury duty is an onerous task, it must be ever preserved as a bulwark of human liberty.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

This is the weekend that the crowd comes to the Town of Franklin. The Treasure Mountain Festival begins today. Let's hope the weather holds off as weather forecast calls for rain for the area all week. But, the area sure does need the rain.

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, Donald Burns, Wanda Pitsenbarger, 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, 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, Jim Fawley, Judy Hott Vance, George Hevener, David M. Parkinson, Joy Warner and Laura Kopp.

Prayer thought: "Heavenly Father, thank you for forgiveness. Thank you that you invite me to move forward, upward and onward for your glory."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Sept. 9 through Sept. 15, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Sept. 9 - 72°, 37° (81°, 58°, .03°); Sept. 10 - 77°, 44° (74°, 60°, .61°); Sept. 11 - 82°, 48° (79°, 58°, .01°); Sept. 12 - 73°, 55° (81°, 53°, .18°); Sept. 13 - 77°, 52° (77°, 56°); Sept. 14 - 78°, 54° (73°, 48°) and Sept. 15 - 74°, 49° (75°, 43°).

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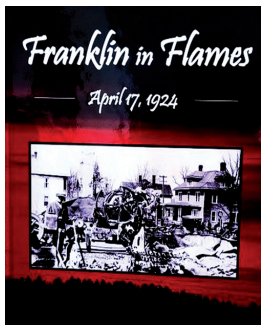
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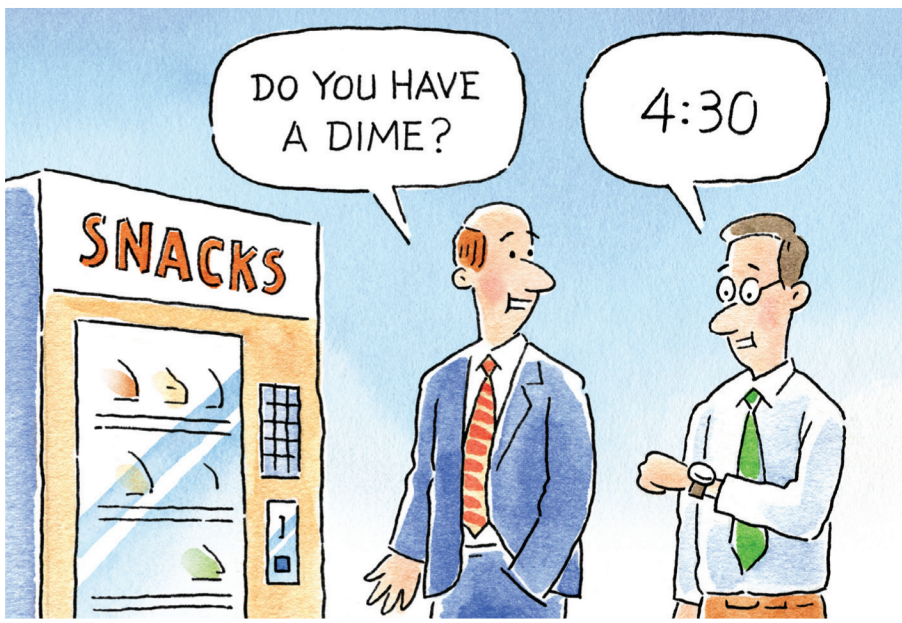
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Folk Wisdom Is Disappearing with New Generations

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Ever wonder what happened to all those sayings that were around 50 years ago? Mergatroyd...recall that one? Heavens to mergatroyd!

One had a jalopy to drive. What the heck is that? A lot of these expressions have become obsolete because of the march of technology.

The writer hopes her readers are feeling "Hunky Dory" when reading this.

Some of the phrases, or expressions included the following: Don't touch that dial; Make a carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; All hung out and dry; Put on the best bib and tucker; Straighten up and fly right; Heavens to Betsy!; Gee whillikers!; Jumping Jehoshaphat!; and Holy Moley!.

In those days, one was in like Flynn and living the life of Riley; not all the tea of China could accuse anyone of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Why life was swell, but swell has gone by the wayside - beehives; pageboys and D.A.; of spats, fedoras; poodle skirts; saddle shoes; pedal pushers; and knickers.

One soon discovers that the words and phrases that were with one's youth have all but vanished. Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle, or, that is a fine kettle of fish! These were as omnipresent as oxygen, and are no longer used on one's tongues, pens, or keyboards. In a blink, they are gone. Poof! Where have they all gone?

Long gone are the following: The milkman did it; It's your nickel; Don't forget to pull the chain; Clear as mud; A hard nut to crack, sticky fingers, chomping at the bit, off the hook, shell out money, knuckle down, cool as a cucumber; Knee high to a grasshopper; Going like sixty; I'll see you in the funny papers; Don't take any wooden nickels; Wake up and smell the roses; What's that racket; Oh, horse feathers!; Fiddlesticks!; Monkey business!; Okidoki; Shake a stick; If I had my druthers; Knickers in a twist; Pony up; Preaching to the choir; If his lips are moving he's lying; and Oopsey-doopsey.

It turns out that more of these words and phrases are just as lost as Carter has liver pills.

See ya later, alligator! After awhile crocodile!

Life's little instructions to make one's week go well include the following:

1. Make every effort to be kind.
2. Write a thank you note.
3. Give someone the benefit of the doubt.
4. Offer to take a shopping cart back to its cart station.
5. Call home just to say "hi."

The community is still in search of rain. Most mornings have heavy fogs which are burned away as soon as the sun appears. The sun dog made its appearance early Monday morning. Tomato growers are busy with their canning recipes, whilst corn is being put away. Thank goodness the temperatures are not that of stark raving heat. Some farmers are attempting to make a second cutting of hay, which will be much needed for



Whitney Almer Propst (April 16, 1898 - July 9, 1964) was the son of Albert Propst (Dec. 25, 1873 - Nov. 7, 1938) and Neva Jane Propst (Apr. 27, 1880-July 17, 1970). He was married to Grace Mabel Rexrode (Oct. 25, 1903 - Jan. 14, 1989), the daughter of George Washington Rexrode (Feb. 23, 1872 - Jan. 25, 1953) and Carrie Leanna Propst Rexrode (Feb. 12, 1886 - Oct. 14, 1953). Whitney and Grace had two children, Bryan Stover and Anita Grace.

winter food.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"When Americans lend a hand to one another, nothing is impossible." — Jeff Parness

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." — Maya Angelou

"I think people who have faults are a lot more interesting than people who are perfect." — Spike Lee

"September tries its best to have us forget summer." — Bernard Williams

"Family is not only an important thing. It's everything." — Michael J. Fox

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

• The first frozen foods were launched by Clarence Birdseye back in the mid-1920s.

• "Corduroy" comes from the French "cloth of the king."

• An average human drinks about 12,000 gallons of water in a lifetime and uses the bathroom six times per day.

• In Medieval Times, thunderstorms were believed by some

to be the work of demons.

• Without using precision instruments, Eratosthenes measured the radius of the Earth in the third century B.C., and came within one percent of the value determined by today's technology.

One is blessed and so thankful to sit on the front porch to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Eddie Rader of Davis visited Monday in the home of Willard and Judy Rader.

Rose Smith, of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, spent the week assisting Phil Downs as he recuperates at his home.

Residents are beginning to notice the small change in the fall foliage. Trees are beginning to dress for the annual pageant.

Enjoy the Treasure Mountain Festival weekend. Be sure to support the local food stands, as this often is their only fundraiser.

Remaining birthdays for this month include Brittany Lehman, 16th; Sarah Hedrick, 17th; Bill Rexrode, 18th; Travis Beachler, 19th; Tyler Grogg, 20th; Neva Rexrode, Jason Smith and Beth Moyers, 21st; Jammy Ruddle, 22nd; Woody Hoover, 23rd; Ruthalene May and Lori Robinson 24th; Robin Evick, 25th; Charles Anderson, 26th; Jim Kile and Emily and K.J. Simmons, 27th; Debbie Sites and Justin Bowers, 28th; Ann Kiser and Chase Owens, 29th; and Morgan Hoover, Chuck Frame and Vickie Rawley, 30th.

Concerns are as follows: Bob Adamson, Dyer Anderson, John Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Richard Bennett, "Bo" Boggs, Marie Cole, Christian Dasher, the George Dasher family, Phil Downs, Benny Evick, Isaac Eye, Linda Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Thelma Fleisher, Carl Gant, David Gillespie, Lola Graham, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, Marlene Harman, Missy Harrison, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, Jim Hiner, Evan Hise, Tim Hively, George Hevener, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adalbert Hoover, Donna K. Hoover, Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Tim L. Hoover, Debbie and Enos Horst, Lisa and Mike Jamison, Jessica Janney, Alice Johnson, the George Judy family, Richard Judy, Ruthlene Judy, Marsha Keller, Kim Kline, Ginger Knight, Tracie Knight, Laura Kopp, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Ronnie Lambert, Rex Landis, the Noah Mallow family, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Ed May, Gene and Joan McConnell, Gary McDonald, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tom Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, John Morford, Bill Mullenax, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Andy Pond, Janice Propst, Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger, Alda Propst, Janis Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Tom Rader, Brandon Reel, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Linda Fay Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Dennis Rigglesman, Mike Roberts, Donna Ruddle, Jenny Ruddle, Mary Sawyers, Brittany Shriver, Annie Simmons, Greg Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Judy Simmons, Nelson Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Tina Stuben, Steve Stump, Elizabeth Terry, Linda and Larry Vandevander, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Judy Waggy, Estelle Wagner, Mary Louise Waldschlager, Rene White, Norman Wilfong, Judy Williams, Ann and Ed Wimer and the Margaret Wimer family.

Pendleton FFA Members Earn National Chapter Award

The Pendleton County FFA chapter has been recognized in the 2024 National Chapter Award Program from the National FFA Organization.

The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters throughout the country that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a program of activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for pro-

viding educational experiences for the entire membership.

Chapters that received star ratings during judging this summer and will be recognized Oct. 23 - 26 at the 97th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis.

All star-rated FFA chapters receive honors made possible by corporate sponsor John Deere and New Holland.

"New Holland is proud to recognize and celebrate the exemplary FFA chapters that are part of the National Chapter Award Program," said Mark Lowery, director of

network development at New Holland. "They are successfully enriching their communities and preparing FFA members to be the future leaders of our company and industry, which is important work that we are honored to support."

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 1,027,200 student members as part of 9,235 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

MENU Pendleton Senior & Family Services

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

TMF **NO LUNCH SERVED**
Breakfast 7-10 A.M.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Chicken Pot Pie w/Mixed Vegetables
Cauliflower/Cheese Orange

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Lasagna, Salad
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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Bicycle Safety Is Important

Join the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program and the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's safety initiative to educate the public about the importance of bicycle safety and encourage more people to ride safely and wear helmets.

For Drivers:

•Traffic safety is a shared responsibility. When driving, look out for bicyclists and never drive distracted or impaired. Bicyclists do not have the same protections as a vehicle.

•If a driver sees a bicyclist, slow down. Bicyclists are most often killed by drivers who strike them with the front of their vehicles, often at high speeds. The higher the vehicle speed, the higher the likelihood a bicyclist will be seriously injured or killed.

For Bicyclists:

•Just like seat belts help save lives in a motor vehi-

cle crash, bicycle helmets save lives, too. When biking, always wear a helmet.

•A concept called Safety in Numbers shows that when more people ride bikes together, drivers behave more safely around them on the roads. Studies of Safety in Numbers show drivers are more cautious, and bicyclists are safer on roads with more bicyclists.

•Compared to vehicles, bikes are more difficult to see because of their smaller size. To make it easier for drivers to see a bicyclist, have reflectors and lights on the bike, and wear retroreflective and bright clothing.

General:

•Bicycling is good for the environment and one's health. It's good for one wallet, too. Bicycling is an inexpensive and reliable way to get to the places a person wants to go.

•Fewer vehicles on the road means less traffic air pollution. Unlike motor vehicles, bicycles produce zero carbon footprint.

•U.S. Census reports have shown that people in low-income, marginalized communities and communities of color often rely on walking and biking as their main sources of transportation. This means safer bicycling is critical in addressing transportation inequities.

Nationwide in 2022, there were 1,105 bicyclist and an estimated 46,195 bicyclists were injured.

For more information about bicycle safety, visit [NHTSA.gov/BicycleSafety](https://www.nhtsa.gov/BicycleSafety).

For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit www.highway-safety.wv.gov or call 304-926-2509.

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A Special Thanks

The **FAMILY OF NOAH MALLOW** would like to thank you very much for the cards, flowers, food, phone calls, donations and kind expressions of sympathy shown following his sudden passing.

Thank you to Basagic Funeral Home for your comfort and compassion, Pastor Brad Mitchell for the sentimental service, and Franklin Volunteer Fire Department for your service and dedication for fallen member 216. Your last call will forever be cherished in our memories of a wonderful man. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and of great comfort to all of the family.

Third Time Not the Charm for Wildcat Squad Seeking Top 10 Trifecta at Petersburg

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County faced a tall order in the opening third of its season. The Wildcats met a trio of top 10 teams, defeating number one Greenbrier West and number nine East Hardy. Last Friday, however, they fell to a Petersburg Viking squad that may be better than both.

The Vikings, whose school population alone would put them in class AA, but was reassigned back to single A due to other factors, dominated two class AA squads, Berkeley Springs and Wyoming East, in its first two weeks of competition.

The last time Pendleton County traveled to Petersburg, torrential rains pounded the field throughout the game. This contest fared better weather-wise, with their animated public address announcer saying "God blessed us with a beautiful evening."

The Vikings, under first year head coach Shane Shockey, received and started at their own 42. After gaining only eight yards, they punted to the Wildcats who also punted on their first possession.

Petersburg ended up in solid field position at the Wildcat 40, taking 13 plays to cross into the endzone and score the first points of the contest.

The Vikings bottled up the Wildcats deep in their own territory for the first three plays of the series. Then, on third and nine at his own 18, James Vincell fired the ball out to receiver Corbin Dove at about the 40. Dove accelerated past defenders and sprinted into the endzone. A Gabe Harvey kick put Pendleton County up 7-6 early.

The ensuing kickoff and personal foul called on Pendleton County gave the Vikings the ball at midfield. On second and 11, the Petersburg receiver held on to a nine-yard catch despite getting an old-fashioned "bell ringer" hit from the Wildcat defender. Two plays later, the Petersburg quarterback



The Wildcat defensive front has made big stops in every game this season as Pendleton County has gone two and one against top 10 ranked teams.

found his man in the right back corner of the endzone. Another failed kick left the score 12-7 with only a handful of seconds left in the first quarter.

Wildcat fans may as well get used to hearing the name Payton Metheny. The freshman quarterback has stunned Viking opponents similar to how Pendleton County has shocked opponents with the electricity of Colton Roberson. Metheny brings both tremendous athleticism and accuracy in the passing game. Time and time again, Wildcat defenders got into position on receivers only to see passes fly just over or past their outstretched hands.

The freshman quarterback for Petersburg played with the poise of a freshman in college.

Pendleton County ran six plays before hav-

ing to punt the ball back to Petersburg. The Vikings set to work, once again attacking with the pass. On second and 10 from the Wildcat 31, Metheny struck again, arcing a pass just over the fingertips of the defender to the receiver for another touchdown.

The defender was there, but the pass was nearly impossible to defend.

With just over seven minutes left in the first half, the Vikings got the ball again. Metheny made one of his few mistakes on third and four at his own 43. He tossed the ball over the middle, but found the Wildcats' Roberson. Roberson pulled in the pass in the middle of the field, ran all the way to the right sideline, cut left, then took the ball almost to the opposing sideline, then spun around tacklers in an effort to gain a score. They stopped him short and a penalty

flag pushed Pendleton County back to the Petersburg 37.

Chase Owens helped his team power forward as the Wildcats sought to close the gap before halftime. On third and one at the Viking 35, he battled for eight yards. Later from the 12, Roberson took a direct snap in. The Harvey kick made the score 19-14 with 1:59 on the clock.

Petersburg refused to settle. They returned Harvey's kickoff back into Wildcat territory, where the kicker himself made a big touchdown saving tackle. On second and 10 from the Pendleton County 12, Josiah Kimble timed his hit to the receiver's arm perfectly to dislodge a potential touchdown catch, but Petersburg scored on the next play to push the score to 25-14.

In the third quarter, the Vikings forced the Wildcats to punt on their initial possession. Their quick strike offense took six plays to score their final touchdown at the 6:23 mark in the third, giving them a 31-14 advantage.

But the Wildcats were not through. This group never stops fighting and kept pushing for a comeback. Petersburg drove the ball to the Wildcat 44 and went for a first down on fourth and four with 7:55 in the game. Wildcat defenders beat their blockers and threw Metheny to the ground to get the offense back the ball.

Vincell smartly threw a pass away on second down to set up a third and 10 on the Viking 34. He threw right and found Kimble, who shortly thereafter found the endzone. The Wildcats then cut the lead to 31 to 20. Pendleton County forced Petersburg to punt with 5:38 left to play, but the Viking defense stymied efforts to score.

The final score was 31-20.

Friday, Pendleton County takes a break from playing the very best that West Virginia class A has to offer. They travel to Richwood, who has lost two games this season by a total score of 105-8.

Wildcat Volleyball Victorious Versus Ram Visitors

By Stephen Smoot

Over the early weeks of the season, Pendleton County volleyball has worked to shake off the rust of the offseason, incorporate newcoming players with veterans, and overcome a key injury.

All of this reloading led merely to a number one ranking in West Virginia single A, according to Max Preps.

Last week, the Wildcats hosted Highland County, Virginia. The Rams made the trek north on US 220 to play the best the Mountain State had to offer in this division.

The Rams served first, with Brynlynn Waggy setting up Lizzie Alt for a shot to the middle of the defense and the initial score of the game. Highland tied the set at one, but then saw Alt spike it to the back right corner.

Baylee Beachler took over the serve with the score 2-1. Her second was a blistering line drive serve only a few inches above the net, and it caromed off the fist of a back line player. Beachler followed that up with a similar ace. In eight games, including the Highland contest, she has racked up an impressive 31 aces.

The Rams tried to stay with the Wildcats and succeeded for a time. After Emily Poling set up Avery Townsend for a spike that pushed the lead to 8-5, Highland scored two to come within one.

After slicing the lead for an 8-7 score, another Townsend spike gave her squad a two point lead. From here until the end of the set, the Rams could only muster four points. Poling closed the set by firing an ace



Madison Day, head coach, brings the team to the sidelines to talk strategy during the number one ranked Wildcats' win against Highland County.

for the final point.

Alyssa Bennett kicked off the second set for Pendleton County, driving her serve to the middle of the defense for an ace. Waggy, as she did at the start of the first set, gave Alt a perfect set to spike on the Rams.

Alt had 15 kills in the first game against

Moorefield alone and 65 total for the season, making her and Beachler a dominant duo with a strong set of players around them who bring great effort and high volleyball IQ.

Highland saw Pendleton County pull away from the very start. The Wildcats

started with an 11 to one run that gave them a commanding lead. Beachler took the serve with the score at 7-1 and proceeded to pick up four straight aces.

Shortly after, Callie Judy stepped in to serve. New to the varsity this season, she has come off the bench to give solid play on the backline, as well as consistently strong serving. She fired six serves, including two aces. When her service closed, her team had built an 18-3 lead.

Alt took over the serve not long after and drove the ball to two aces herself. The final point came off an Emma Hartman serve as Waggy set up for a Beachler spike.

Highland tied the third set at three, but a Poling ace put her team ahead. After the Rams again tied the score, Poling set up Townsend for a tap to the middle of the floor and a 5-4 advantage. The Wildcats then ran off eight straight. Poling twice set up Townsend for scoring shots and also scored three aces in the run.

Aubree Keiter also showed hustle as she scampered after balls hit to the back, getting the ball in position for the setters to work. As the Wildcats pulled away in their winning set, Breena Bowers, Hartman, Bennett, and Poling all scored aces. The final set ended when Highland got the serve, but promptly fired it into the net to give the Wildcats their 25th point and the victory.

On Tuesday, the Wildcats hosted the Bulldogs from Tygarts Valley. Today, they face the East Hardy Cougars at Baker, and then the varsity squad travels Sept. 24 for matches against Tygarts Valley and Notre Dame.

National Radio Quiet Zone Opposition

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Outside of the NRQZ, the broadcast radius is generally 360 degrees. The Seneca Rocks tower can only broadcast 213.8 degrees and Circleville 227.3 degrees. Another tower near Valley Head faces limits that restrict it to a third of normal broadcast radius.

Lower levels of allowed power and radius translate to the need for more towers, often funded by state and federal government grants with local government matches.

Even worse, as Gillespie told WBOY, "In our world today, we rely not only on digital radio systems, but data systems such as mobile data terminals, police vehicles and ambulances. In several ways, there is no workaround because everything we rely on is being limited by the quiet zone."

One of the major changes since the imposition of NRQZ rules has been the emergence of almost universal reliance on wireless services. As Gillespie describes "now, police officers have mobile data terminals in their cruisers. Ambulances have devices that allow them to transmit EVGs and other information to doctors at medical command bases," allowing doctors to communicate with ambulances to ensure the best care possible.

Under the NRQZ, however, emergency services must "lose coverage areas that both AT&T and T-Mobile have been willing to add to our towers," keeping first responders almost tied to the same technology used when John F. Kennedy was president.

For a time, Starlink seemed to offer an alternative for individuals, businesses, and emergency responders. Gillespie described mobile Starlink units as "worka-

rounds" in areas where radios won't work under NRQZ restrictions. "Now that they are creating Starlink dead zones," says Gillespie, "we have lost that last resort solution as well."

The National Science Foundation, which operates the Green Bank Observatory, stated in a release that "new techniques" will "allow communities near radio telescopes to access high-speed internet." Gillespie on Facebook calls the release "misleading" because "as they have told us . . . there will be some locations where it will not work."

He also related how one "customer had successfully used Starlink for almost two years and now their service has become horrible."

Additionally, he shared that "we have asked both Starlink and the leaders of the quiet zone organizations to provide us with the exact size and locations of the dead zones they are creating and they have not done so."

Even compromises offered to mitigate NRQZ mandates have produced more frustration than satisfaction. In 2023, the NRQZ agreed to allow Pocahontas County to use a low power radio band for emergency communications, but that still forbade 911 calls from cell phones and normal first responder radio communications.

The NRQZ also granted a waiver to Pendleton County to use more powerful VHF band radio devices than the UHF currently in use, but county officials estimate that it would cost approximately \$6 million for the county to take advantage.

Tax Credits

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applies to, as the West Virginia Tax Division website states "eligible veterans who are owners of a homestead which is used or occupied exclusively for residential purposes." This applies to veterans with a disability rate of 90 to 100 percent.

To qualify, the veterans' disability has to come from the Veterans Administration. A doctor's opinion or SSI qualification do not count.

This tax applies to real estate taxes owed by qualified veterans. Just as with the vehicle tax credit, they still must pay the taxes to the county by Oct 1. and by April 1 to qualify.

The Small Business Property Tax Adjustment Credit applies to ad valorem taxes paid by businesses worth \$1 million or less.

According to the state, this covers 50 percent of "the true and actual value of all personal property owned by the small business in West Virginia, including the true and actual value of all personal property of related entities. This aggregate should include all automobiles. Automobile payments for which a Motor Vehicle Property Tax Credit was received will be factored out when determining the total amount of the Small Business Property Tax Credit that will be received if the small business is eligible."

Any tax that falls into delinquency at any time will not qualify for a tax credit

Nephrologist Joins Staff At Davis Medical Center

Davis Medical Center welcomes Dr. Sharmil Suma Kumaran, MD, to its medical staff. Dr. Kumaran, Nephrologist, brings a wealth of expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the kidneys.

His office is located on the first floor of the outpatient clinic at Davis Medical Center in Elkins.

Kumaran received his medical degree from Government Medical College, University of Calicut in Kozhikode, India. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and further specialized in nephrology and hypertension with fellowship training at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York.

"Dr. Kumaran is a crucial asset to Davis Medical Center and the community," said Mark Doak, interim CEO. "Many people in this region are affected by hypertension and kidney disease. His expertise in providing specialized care for these conditions makes him an essential part of our health-care team."

Kumaran's practice encompasses a wide range of nephrology specialties, including but not limited to chronic kidney disease - early diagnosis and tailored treatment strategies; end-stage renal disease - dialysis management and kidney transplant support; acute kidney injury - prompt intervention and kidney replacement therapies; hypertension - specialized management focusing on renal-related issues; diabetic ne-



Dr. Sharmil Suma Kumaran, MD

phropathy - integrated care for diabetes-related kidney complications; proteinuria and hematuria - evaluation and long-term management; glomerular diseases - expertise in treating glomerulonephritis with customized regimens; kidney stones - advanced diagnosis and non-invasive treatment options; polycystic kidney disease - comprehensive care and genetic counseling; and electrolyte disorders - expert management of imbalances such as potassium and sodium levels.

Beyond his professional achievements, Kumaran enjoys traveling, hiking, watching movies, cooking,

and playing badminton. His diverse interests reflect his commitment to a balanced lifestyle that complements his dedication to patient care.

Patients seeking expert nephrology care can schedule appointments at Davis Medical Center. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact 304.637.9302.

Registration Is Open for Youth Garden Training Program

Is a person interested in working with kids on agriculture and nature-based projects? Is one looking to build relationships with folks doing youth agriculture work across the state of West Virginia? If one answered yes to either of these questions, then Future Generations University's Sprout School Program might be for one.

Generously funded through Northeast SARE Professional Development funds, Sprout School is a free, nine-month training program for educators, community leaders, farmers, etc. who are interested in designing and implementing agriculture, agroforestry, nutrition, or local foods programming with youth. Beginning on Oct. 1, Sprout School participants will have the opportunity to gather virtually on a bi-weekly basis and chat about topics ranging from creating pizza gardens to local food sourcing in schools to selling products from school gardens (like pickles).

In addition to these virtual learning sessions, Sprout School participants receive one-on-one coaching to guide them through every step of choosing and completing a youth agriculture project. If participants are working directly with West Virginia youth, they will receive \$375 to spend on materials for their projects, as well as a \$200 stipend for participation.

Sprout School participants are also invited to in-person quarterly networking events. At these events, attendees complete hands-on agriculture and nutrition activities, connect with one another, and see examples of successful youth agriculture projects from throughout the Central Appalachian region. The next in-person networking event will be held on Sept. 27

and 28 at West Virginia State University in Dunbar.

"As someone new to my position, Sprout School has allowed me to make important contacts and has also bolstered my confidence in my ability to work within my community!" wrote Lydia Cyrus, Farm to Institution coordinator at Refresh Appalachia.

Cyrus and Shelly Keeney, regional foodshed coordinator at Refresh Appalachia, participated in a previous cohort of Sprout School and completed a Sprout School project. For their project, they led a series of workshops centered around introducing kids to the concepts of plant dyeing, edible flowers, and healthy eating habits through hands-on activities and exploration. In these classes, students got the opportunity to watch fabrics change colors using pigments found in plants and taste test edible flowers like pansies.

Another Sprout School project example comes from Emily Church, sales manager at Snowville Creamery. Her Sprout School project allowed her to develop the Good In, Good Out Curriculum, a series of lessons focused on connecting socio-emotional learning and agriculture. When asked if she would recommend the Sprout School program, Church said, "Without a doubt, get yourself to Sprout School! This opportunity pushed me to nail down the project budget and lay out the basic curriculum outline. Without this opportunity, I would not be as far as I am currently."

Join Sprout School to bring one's own youth agriculture project to life. To sign up for the Sprout School cohort beginning Oct. 1 or receive more information about the program, email sprout@future.edu.

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Teen Court Program

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ing about the struggles and challenges often faced by others.

Socialization and education from the program lead to strong bonds among participants. Meade shared that "our teen volunteers form friendships with each other and offenders that, if not for teen court, may never have been formed. Meade describes the development of a growing, supportive community of peers that operates much like those created by Day Report and Treatment Court because friendships made here "can be inspirational and help others overcome fears."

Meade has operated a teen court in Grant County that included a number of Pendleton County participants. She explained how she engaged the "Law and Public Safety" class at South Branch Career and Technical Center. Shelly Crites, director, Julie Colaw, assistant principal, and Monica Bennett, class instructor, helped her to integrate teen court volunteering into the class.

Students "assumed the roles of prosecutors, defense attorneys, bailiff, and clerk." Two Pendleton County students acted as defense attorneys and bailiffs in cases. All SBCTC students could serve on the jury, which involved more students from Pendleton County.

She described how one of her Grant County students, who "had set his career goal to be a DNR officer," started "realizing what he is capable of with his knowledge of the law and his performance as a defense attorney and as a prosecutor." The student changed his career path from law enforcement to lawyer.

Teen volunteers, with parental permission, can fill out the roles needed. They receive mandatory training.

Smith Family Gathers For 60th Reunion

The family of the late Gordon and Lula Smith gathered for their 60th family reunion on Aug. 31 at the Staunton Church of the Brethren pavilion in Staunton, Virginia. This yearly event was started in the mid 1960s after the death of Gordon Smith on April 19, 1963.

One might say that there was a "mini reunion" each Sunday as one or several of the children and their families went to visit their daddy on Sunday.

The two remaining Smith children, Cleo Smith Simmons and Wanda Smith Pitsenbarger, were present at the reunion, along with 17 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, nine spouses, and eight friends. The oldest person attending

was Cleo Simmons, age 100, and the youngest was Audrey Marie Plumley, 47 days old, who is the great-granddaughter of Pitsenbarger.

The past year was saddened by the death of Barry Simmons just days after the 2023 reunion. The family helped Cleo celebrate her 100th birthday and also rejoiced with Wanda as she continues to recover from being brought back to life in the emergency room followed by many days in the hospital.

There were two family members in the hospital on this day—one in Augusta Medical Center and one at Sentara RMH.

Those present at the first reunion were young and starting their own families. Today, many are in the senior group and life isn't treating many very well. Another reunion will be planned for 2025, and only God knows who will be left to attend. For some members of the family, each new day is received as a blessing.

Violet R. Eye
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SRRDA Hears Presentations and Proposals For Energy and Digital Development

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority convened in Franklin to hear presentations and discuss the status of projects. They also added a new board member.

Sherry Mongold, SRRDA administrator, introduced Jena Miller, saying she was “originally from Elkins . . . moved to Pendleton County in 2010 . . . and now she works for SKSRT.”

Miller serves as executive director for the telecommunications company and has steered the organization toward expanding service through grant funding. Mongold touched on this, saying, “She has a lot of knowledge to bring to the board.”

Monty Castle then rose to speak on behalf of Continent 8, a company developing the capabilities of the data center near Petersburg. Castle described the company’s work in elevating the facility to tier three status. Charleston hosts another tier three center and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Fairmont facility have these capabilities, but no one else.

Attaining tier three status, which Castle said should happen in the first quarter of next year, will remove a major impediment to obtaining federal contracts to use it. Raising the power capacity, among other upgrades, will elevate its status. Proximity to Washington, DC, and location outside of the “blast zone” around the nation’s capital make the data center near Petersburg potentially attractive.

Sarah Moomau, board member, asked what help the board could provide, to which Castle said “just approve.”

Moomau said “I think it’s very exciting.”

Mark Bayliss, a member of the Federal Communications Commission advisory council and president of the West Virginia Broadband co-op shared serious concerns about the future of digital technology in the United States and how it is tied to Red China’s push for global dominance.

Bayliss described a growing problem coming in the future as the United States strays farther and father from an energy policy designed to generate sufficient

power for the needs of the public, government, and business.

He explained that the growth of artificial intelligence and other digital capabilities will take a monumental amount of power generation. Currently, 70 percent of the world’s internet traffic runs through centers in Ashburn, Virginia, many near Dulles International Airport.

The dynamic of the global internet economy is complex. The United States has three percent of the world’s active internet users, a level described by Bayliss as “insignificant.” A much higher percentage of people in more populated east and central Asian countries use the internet more often. Companies that run the undersea cables that contain the fiber optic used by the internet make more money the longer the distance signals have to travel.

One of the only nations in the world that generates enough power to run the data centers and other digital infrastructure is the United States. Companies make money by putting the infrastructure in the United States where there is less use and transmitting signals to East Asia, which has areas of much more intensive use.

Bayliss told the attendees that “keeping the United States ahead in data center operations is absolutely critical.” As long as the United States can keep generating enough energy to stay ahead of data center and other needs, it can remain comfortably ahead of Red China’s own efforts.

Since 2004 an energy production trend has developed. Bayliss shared that Red China embarked on an ambitious plan to become the top power producer in the world. At the time, they trailed far behind the United States, producing on the same level as Great Britain. Over two decades, Red China expanded its power production in the most efficient areas, mostly coal and natural gas.

That is where West Virginia coal enters the equation. Coal mined in the Mountain State helps to power Red China’s rapidly expanding coal power production capacity.

Western scientists a generation ago started ringing

the tocsin on the issue of what they called global warming. Western governments have pushed for various levels of “climate change” policies to restrict energy and other product development. This has created havoc in both politics and the economy while hamstringing energy production to the levels of two decades ago.

Bayliss explained how as the power needs of the digital economy continue to explode, Western governments have chosen to expand the burdens on the grid with electric vehicle mandates just as they have also moved against coal and natural gas in favor of wind and solar. Neither of the latter set have even close to the capability to handle the demands expected of them in the next few decades.

As the West has slowed down its development, Red China has accelerated theirs. They have surpassed the United States in production of energy by building tremendous numbers of plants. By 2023, China had more than 1,140 coal fired power plants, the most in the world.

This led to the point of Bayliss’s talk. He represents plans to establish, with the blessing of state government, a microgrid at the Mount Storm power plant run by Dominion Resources. The microgrid would expand power production capacity while creatively recycling the added emissions. The plant would pump excess carbon dioxide into large greenhouses built in partnership with West Virginia University. The extra CO2 enables 200 percent faster growth with 60 percent less water.

The combined operation is expected to create 100 agricultural jobs.

Finally, SRRDA heard from Jamie Grove. He currently owns a company called Mini Museum that responsibly and ethically obtains, packages, and ships small pieces of priceless artifacts around the world. They had relied on DCGOne’s operation in Pendleton County to help them package their goods, but that operation may soon cease.

Grove described his intention to take over the operation as his own business and work over the next four years to not only bring in enough business to meet capacity, but to expand that as well.

New Technology Revolutionizes Breast Cancer Diagnosis at DMC

Davis Medical Center in Elkins is excited to announce their new cutting-edge technology for stereotactic breast biopsy, enhancing the capabilities in early breast cancer detection and diagnosis.

“The Pristina Serena™ 3D / Hologic Brevera® is the industry’s best technology for stereotactic breast biopsy,” said Joseph Dibacco, RT (R), Davis Health

System director of diagnostic imaging. “We are now able to offer our patients a more accurate, comfortable, and efficient procedure. The patient’s experience with this new machine is unlike anything else we’ve used in the past.”

Stereotactic breast biopsy is a minimally invasive procedure that uses advanced imaging technology to precisely locate and sample suspicious areas in the breast. It is normally recommended when abnormalities are detected on a mammogram that are not palpable or visible with ultrasound.

“As a mammography technologist, I can’t stress enough the importance of getting regular mammograms for early detection of breast cancer. Our 3D mammography catches potential issues before they become more serious. And now having access to the Hologic Brevera® Breast Biopsy System, Davis Medical Center is providing the best breast care for women in the region,” said Debra Howell, RT (R) (M).

“Patients are reporting greater comfort during the procedure, and less anxiety during the diagnostic process because results are quicker,” Howell added.

“This new technology improves the precision of our biopsies,” said Alex Brown, MD, radiologist. “Our team is excited to leverage this advanced system to deliver better outcomes for our patients.”

The DMC Breast Center is open Monday through Friday and offers select Saturday hours for working women or women with transportation challenges. Patients generally wait less than two weeks for a mammogram appointment and breast biopsies are scheduled within one week.

“It’s understandable that women are anxious when their mammogram detects a suspicious mass or lump,” Howell said. “Timely follow up care is our priority. We deliver results quickly bringing greater peace of mind to our patients.”

For more information about mammography or stereotactic breast biopsy at Davis Medical Center, call the patient access center at 304-637-3185.

HELP WANTED

PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR OPTION PATHWAY BUS DRIVER

Details can be found on the county website:

<http://www.pendletoncountyschools.com/page/employment>

Please apply by October 1:

If you have questions, please contact:

Ms. Jerrica Stingo, Assistant Superintendent
Pendleton County Schools
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jerrica.stingo@k12.wv.us

HELP WANTED

PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR CONTRACTED BUS DRIVERS

•North Fork Elementary School to Pendleton County Middle/High School

•Brandywine Elementary School to Pendleton County Middle/High School

Rate: \$60/day plus mileage

Contract drivers must meet the requirements including having automobile liability coverage of a minimum of \$1,000,000, insurance plan, have a WV Division of Motor Vehicles (WVDMV) inspection annually, have a Criminal Investigation (CIB) and FBI background checks, a DMV background check, be First Aid/CPR/AED certified, pass an operator physical examination annually and a minimum of 8 hours of approved training.

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PUBLIC AUCTION Old Furnace Road Area Personal Property and Real Estate September 21 at 9:30 a.m.

DIRECTIONS: 2845 Earmans Loop, Rockingham, VA 22802
JD 2155 diesel w/521 loader 2450 hrs (like new) RESERVE, '49 Farmall A (VG) RESERVE, 7' snow blade w/ hyd angle, brush hog 7' blade, 14x28 tractor chains, log chains and binder, hand scythe, large 120v light, lots of metal gas cans, lots of hand tools (pipe cutter, pipe wrenches, large hand grinder, small tank, anvil, several vices, Stanley plane, socket sets, and many more shop tools), all kinds of electrical tools, all sizes electric wiring & boxes, lots of bolts and nuts, file cabinets, 2 large bolt bins, hand brace & bits, lots of yard tools, hand sprayer, axes, hand T post driver, pipe snake, ropes, weed eaters, 2 wheel barrows, lawn roller, aluminum 24' extension ladder, cast iron tub, numerous animal traps, numerous antique hand tools, lots of old Bridgewater Steam & Gas buttons, several old HEC pole trucks, 1929 & 1931, license plates, Fisher wood stove, galvanized coal bucket, brass scales, numerous oyster cans, old milk bottles, ceiling lights, 8'x12' box trailer, barbed wire, fence wire. **HOUSEHOLD:** several nice kitchen tables and lots of wood chairs, Lazy Boy recliners and reclining sofa, end tables, lots of kitchenware, lots of nice china (lots of carnival glass, Shirley Temple glass, and more), pots & pans, lots of baking dishes, lots of canning jars, lots of glass tops, silverware, Old Hickory knives, lots of skillets (some cast iron), numerous crocks, mixers, blenders, old drop leaf table, afghans, blankets, lots of books (Heartland books), Foxfire books, Aladdin lamp/kerosene lamps, numerous dressers (4&5 drawer), 3 full bedroom suites, Singer sewing machine, 6 gun safe, Lance cedar chest, numerous porcelain, canners/pots & pans, Shenandoah's Pride boxes, GE dryer, Hotpoint washer, medium size chest freezer. Many, many more items too numerous to mention. You have to come see them! Finding new items every day!

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Vehicles: 1984 Nissan pickup, 1970 Chevy (2-4 barrel carbs), 1989 Mack cattle trailer (10 speed), 1968 Chevy 2-ton truck (for parts), truck bed w/cab, mini bike, 1977 Pontiac Grand Prix, Buick Skylark (no title), truck bed w/fenders, 1979 Bonneville

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Mobile Home sold AS IS

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Miscellaneous: 40-gal. iron kettle, deer lamps, deer mounts, sleds, milk cans, crocks, washboards, wagon wheels, bikes, ammunition, power tools, bob sled, air compressors, (2) generators, chicken coop, new tree stands, Husqvarna riding mower, F544 Stihl weed eater, chainsaws (Echo, Stihl, Homelite), tractor chains, horse drawn sled, and much more.

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DELINQUENT LAND TO BE SOLD
FALL PUBLICATION LIST

Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land or undivided interests herein in the County of Pendleton which are delinquent for the nonpayment taxes for the year of 2023 will be offered for sale by the undersigned sheriff at public auction at a later date. You have until October 31, 2024 to pay your delinquent taxes or it will be sold to the state.

Each unredeemed tract or lot, or each unredeemed part thereof of undivided interest therein, will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder for cash in an amount which shall not be less than the taxes, and charges which shall be due thereon to the date of sale, as set forth in the following table.

Please call the Sheriff's office at 304-358-2214 before paying your 2023 Delinquent taxes which are coming up for land sale. The amount printed as total due for 2023 taxes includes some fees to be added ONLY if the land is sold.

Table with columns: Ticket, Taxpayer Name, Property Description, Total Due. Includes entries for District-01-Bethel and District-02-Circleville.

DISTRICT-02-CIRCLEVILLE

Table with columns: Ticket, Taxpayer Name, Property Description, Total Due. Includes entries for District-02-Circleville.

DISTRICT-03-FRANKLIN

Table with columns: Ticket, Taxpayer Name, Property Description, Total Due. Includes entries for District-03-Franklin.

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DISTRICT-04-FRANKLIN CORPORATION

Table with columns: Ticket, Taxpayer Name, Property Description, Total Due. Includes entries for District-04-Franklin Corporation.

DISTRICT-05-MILL RUN

Table with columns: Ticket, Taxpayer Name, Property Description, Total Due. Includes entries for District-05-Mill Run.

Table with columns: Ticket, Taxpayer Name, Property Description, Total Due. Includes entries for District-06-Sugar Grove and District-07-Union.

DISTRICT-07-UNION

Table with columns: Ticket, Taxpayer Name, Property Description, Total Due. Includes entries for District-07-Union.

ments project.

CONTRACT #2 - Water Storage Tank

Lump sum contract to construct one (1) water storage tank measuring 14 feet in diameter by 24 feet in height to the overflow with a nominal volume of 27,000 gallons.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Cerrone Associates, Inc., 97-14th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00AM - 5:00PM and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

The Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations:

- 1. Construction.com 1(800) 393-6343
2. Contractors Association of West Virginia, 2114 Kanawha Blvd., East, Charleston, WV 25311
3. Office of the Owner, Pendleton County PSD, 200 Confederate Road, Franklin, WV 26807

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of Cerrone Associates, Inc. located at 97-14th Street, Wheeling WV 26003. They may be ordered by check or online at the following webpage: www.cerrone1.com.

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents will be delivered by Dropbox. If Dropbox cannot be accepted, a compact disk will be shipped upon payment of the following deposit:

Table with columns: Plans and Specifications, Contract No., Amount. Includes entries for Waterline Extension and Water Storage Tank.

Printed copies will be shipped, upon payment of the following deposit:

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The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Pre-bid Conference

There is no Pre-Bid Conference for this project.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

DBE REQUIREMENTS

Each Bidder must fully comply with the requirements, terms, and conditions as set forth in the contract documents to achieve Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation during the performance of this contract.

The bidder agrees to make "good faith efforts" to subcontract a portion of the total value of the contract to Disadvantaged businesses. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) good faith efforts as outlined in 40 CFR 31.36(e).

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: PENDLETON COUNTY PSD
By: DARRELL BODKIN
Title: CHAIRMAN
Date: 9/10/24 9-12-2c

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated 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, and being more particularly described by its metes and bounds as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: BE-GINNING 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.

TRACT NO. 2: BE-GINNING at a white oak stump east of the cabin on the land 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-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

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

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots, or part thereof or an individual interest therein, may be redeemed by the payment to the undersigned sheriff before sale, of the total amount of taxes, interest and charges due thereon up to the date of redemption. Given under my hand this 5th day of September, 2024. Bradley D. Kimble Sheriff of Pendleton County

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PENDLETON COUNTY PSD
PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
SANDY RIDGE WATER EXTENSION

General Notice

The Pendleton County PSD (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

SANDY RIDGE WATER EXTENSION

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received either in person at the Pendleton County PSD office located at 200 Confederate Road, Franklin, WV 26807 or through mail at PO Box 861, Franklin, WV 26807, until 1 p.m. local time on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The method of bidding will be as follows:

CONTRACT #1 - Water Lines and Booster Stations

Unit price contract to provide and install 34,240 LF 4-inch water line; 2,280 LF of 3-inch water line; 1,300 LF 2-inch water line; 1,030 LF of directional drills; 152 LF of high-way bores; 50 LF of high-way open cuts; 80 LF of stream crossings; 24 gate valves; 6 Air Release Assemblies; 9 Flushout Assemblies; 1 80 GPM hydroconstant booster station; 1 50 GPM booster station; and other work required to provide the complete system improve-

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YARD SALES

MULTI-FAMILY yard sale Saturday, September 28, 8 a.m. until 7. Located in front of Doc Eye's old office on Route 33 coming out of Franklin, 44 Old River Lane. Come get some great deals, priced to sell! 9-19-2c

CLOSING NOTICES

PENDLETON County Health Department will be closed Friday, September 20, 2024. Sorry for any inconvenience. 1c
FAITHFUL Friends Animal Clinic will be closed Saturday, September 28. Greg Bowers, Sarah Bowers, DVM. 9-19-2c

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

At the January 11, 2024, meeting, the Pendleton County Board of Health approved an addendum to WV 64 CSR 8.9.a and 8.9.f, which references minimum acreage for onsite sewer system is 2 acres, the addendum is to increase to 5 acres for any subdivided lots.

Detailed information can be obtained at the health department, located at 273 Mill Road, Franklin, WV. The public is invited to comment, in writing, on the proposed addendum for 30 days. The deadline for written comments is October 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Any person who would like to make verbal comments may contact Amber Hedrick, Administrator, to be included on the next regularly scheduled board of health meeting.

Any questions or comments may be addressed to Pendleton County Health Department, P. O. Box 520, 273 Mill Road, Franklin, WV 26807. 9-19-4c

CASE NO. 24-JA-23

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: Derek Wimer-Father of J.S.

You are hereby notified of the above styled action pending in the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia. The above named Respondent has been identified as the father of J.S. a child born June 20, 2012. The action pending is an abuse and neglect case which can result in the termination of parental, custodial and/or guardianship rights to the above children which is the subject of these proceedings. You are advised that every parent, custodian and/or guardian is entitled to and has a right to counsel at every stage of this proceeding.

An Adjudicatory/Accelerated Disposition hearing is currently scheduled in this matter for October 18, 2024 at the hour of 1:00pm. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Grant County Courthouse, 5 Highland Ave., Petersburg, West Virginia. You should appear at this hearing to protect and defend your interests. You can obtain a copy of the Petition filed in this matter and further information about the case from the Grant County Circuit Clerk's Office, telephone number 304-257-4545, or from Grant Sherman, an attorney that has been appointed for you at 304-822-4740. Failure to appear and/or file a response to this action can, and probably will, result in the loss of your rights to said children.

John G. Ours
Prosecuting Attorney
Grant County
State Bar No. 2791
P. O. Box 515
Petersburg, WV 26847
304-257-2323 9-19-2c

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Special Commissioners, namely, Duke A. McDaniel and Nathan H. Walters, by virtue of that certain Initial Hearing Order, entered within Grant County, West Virginia Civil Action No. 24-C-3, by the Honorable James W. Carrier Jr., Grant County Circuit Court Judge, and styled as Naomi Jean Kimble, Plaintiff v. Grant Edward Kimble & New Creek Wind, LLC., Defendants. Your undersigned Special Commissioners will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder(s) at the backdoor of the Grant County Courthouse, located at 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847, on

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024 AT NOON—12:00 P.M.

the following described tract or parcel of real estate:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate containing **313.09 acres**, more or less, lying and being situate in **Union District, of Grant County, West Virginia**, and designated as Parcel 21 on Tax Map 208 of the Union District of Grant County, West Virginia Assessment records.

The aforesaid 313.09-acre tract or parcel real estate is more particularly described as follows: "All that certain tract or parcel of real

estate containing 315.09 acres, more or less, by calculation of the Grant County, West Virginia Assessment records, together with any and all rights, rights-of-way, structures, minerals, easements, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in Union District, Grant County, West Virginia, and being considered as the residue of an original tract containing 370 acres, with said 370 acre tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds in that certain Deed from Delphia M. Hanlin unto Vauda H. Kimble, with said Deed dated August 2, 1972, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book 101, at Page 265. LESS HOWEVER, an 11.00 acre out-conveyance unto the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, by that certain Deed from Grant E. Kimble, Naomi J. Kimble, and Lloyd W. Kimble, with said Deed dated September 28, 2007, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 238, at Page 77. LESS HOWEVER, a 40.08 acres out-conveyance unto the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, by that certain Deed from Grant E. Kimble, Naomi J. Kimble, and Lloyd W. Kimble, with said Deed dated October 17, 2007, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 238, at Page 83. LESS HOWEVER, a 0.01 acre out-conveyance unto the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways by that certain Deed from Grant E. Kimble, Naomi Jean Kimble, and Lloyd W. Kimble, with said Deed dated February 11, 2009, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 248, at Page 678. LESS HOWEVER, a 0.85 acre out-conveyance unto Blondell M. Arbogast by that certain Deed from Grant E. Kimble and Naomi Jean Kimble, with said Deed dated June 9, 2016, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 274, at Page 643." LESS HOWEVER, a 2.00 acre out-conveyance to Naomi J. Kimble, by that certain Deed from Duke A. McDaniel and Nathan H. Walters, in their capacity as Special Commissioners, relative to Grant County Civil Action 24-C-3, with said Deed dated September 3, 2024, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 315, at page 103. Reference is also made to the Last Will & Testament of Vauda H. Kimble, also of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Will Book 10, at page 472.

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CERT NO	YEAR SOLD	NAME1	NAME2	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT
36186	2020	O'CONNER VIOLET		22 ACS GERMANY VALLEY 1/5 INT (GAS & OIL RIGHTS ONLY)	UNION
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G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands for Pendleton County

IN THE MATTER OF: B.M.W. Minor(s) under the Age of 18 Years
Civil Action No. 24-FIG-3
THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
To the above named Respondent:
It appearing by affidavit in this action that after diligence to determine the address of Kara Willis, residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that she serve upon Amil M. Jackson, whose address is 7765 Upper South Branch Rd., Franklin, WV 26807 an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action, on or before October 10, 2024. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.
A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 5th day of September, 2024,
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Classmates of '69 Reminisce at Reunion



Franklin High School class of 1969 graduates gathered for their 55th class reunion on June 15 at the Ancient Oak Kitchen at the Fisher Mountain golf course. Attending the reunion were, from left, first row, Pat Mitchell Hammer, Deb Bowers Mitchell, Jody Evick Olkowski, Deb Keplinger King, Sarah Moats Morgan, Pam Ruddle Miller, Karen Bodkin Simmons, Judy Calhoun Vandevander and Walter Simmons; second row, Mike Rexrode, Kaye Dunkle Simmons, Donnie Crider, Neal Eye, Don Teter, John Vandevander and Jim Brown; and third row, Rose Moats Jones, John Sponaugle, Lee Simon, Bill Miller, Sherwin Kimble, Dean Moyers, Darrell Bodkin and Whitney Moats.

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