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Pendleton County Boasts Bovine Brilliance in Competitions



Pendleton County 4-H members competing in the annual West Virginia Beef Expo Stockman's Contest were, from left, front row, Reagyn Atkins, Katie Heavner, Tori Heavner and Phoebe Pownell; second row, Colton Whetzel and Emily Schell; and third row, Branson Smith, Aiden Whetzel and Bella Hoover.

By Stephen Smoot

In the past month, Pendleton County youth could have been said to have brought home the bacon – except for the fact that the hardware earned came from judging livestock.

On March 22, 12 Pendleton County 4-H youth traveled to Rockingham County Fairgrounds in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for the fifth annual MC Livestock Stockman's Challenge. Starting at 8:30 a.m., youth from three divisions commenced judging. The categories were Pee Wee (5 to 8 years), juniors (age 9 to 13), and seniors (14 to 19 years of age).

The contest allowed students to judge in

three classes of cattle, and two each for hogs, lambs, and goats.

At the contest, 50 volunteer judges evaluated 280 youth representing three states.

MC Livestock has 25 years of experience in operating an Angus seedstock operation. Tom and Sarah McCall, owners, established their own farm in Greenville, Virginia. Education and preparing the next generation starts at home for the McCalls, whose two sons “are an essential part of what takes place on the farm.”

On their farm website, the couple adds that “we are strong supporters of 4-H, FFA, and the National Junior Angus Association.”



Four-H youth participating in the MC Livestock Stockman's Challenge judging event were, from left, front row, Colton Whetzel and Maddie Grace Nesselrodt; and back row, Ty Heavner, Emily Schell, Phoebe Pownell, Branson Smith, Aiden Whetzel, Hannah Schell, Marion Williams, and Bella Hoover. Not pictured are Jonah Seymour and Olivia Seymour, who competed in the Pee Wee contest.

They add that “there is no better way to raise children than to have them involved in organizations such as these.”

Bella Hoover took eighth place in the junior swine contest while Olivia Seymour earned fourth in the Pee Wee cattle division.

Nine 4-H'ers competed in the West Virginia Beef Expo Stockman's Contest held April 11 at Jackson's Mill in Weston. This competition has only a junior and a senior division. Juniors range from 8 to 13 years old.

Every division had both individual and team contests. The competition consisted of 10 classes worth 50 points apiece, adding up to a

total of 500 possible points. Four involved live animal evaluation, three focused on pricing, and one was on feeder grading.

Additionally, one of the classes had students examine performance data. Another was a “quiz class” that required competitors to answer 10 questions “without the use of notes.” Other classes had students look at quality assurance data and breed identification.

Katie Heavner took 24th as the overall individual senior.

Top teams and individuals could win both cash and trophies, while others placing lower won cash.



Titus Nulph

Nulph Qualifies as National Merit Scholar Finalist

Titus Nulph, a senior at Pendleton County High School, has been named a National Merit Scholar finalist. He achieved this prestigious recognition in February.

To become a finalist, Nulph had to submit a detailed scholarship application which included his academic record, participation in school and community activities, and honors and awards that he has received. The application also required descriptions of his leadership abilities.

The 2025 National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced between April and July.

The National Merit competition is an annual academic competition among high school students nationwide. More than 1.3 million students entered the competition by taking the PSAT, with less than 1 percent of high school students qualifying to continue as semi-finalists.

Multiple Units Respond to Smoke Hole Blaze

By Stephen Smoot

Shortly after noon on Monday, according to the Facebook page of the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management and 911, a call came in about a fire that broke out in Smoke Hole Canyon near Eagle Rock.

As crews responded to contain and extinguish the blaze, a firefighter suffered an injury, but it was not serious. He was transported to a local hospital, then treated and released.

Despite significant amounts of rain lately, warm temperatures with sustained breezes and windy conditions have a “wicking” effect. They draw moisture out of the ground and foliage, leaving them dry enough to spark.

According to the Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page, the “fire was originally dispatched

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United States Forest Service teams used air resources to help douse the fire near Eagle Rock.

Friends of the Library Receives ‘Grand’ Grant from United for Libraries and Penguin Random House

By Stephen Smoot

“As far as any of us know, I think it is the first time that the Friends of the Library has applied.” Rhonda Nash, president of the Friends of the Library, shared that the organization had made its first foray this year into the world of grant writing.

And their efforts paid off.

The Friends of the Pendleton County Library received support from a nationwide foundation that operates “a grant program serving rural and small libraries across the country,” as a release stated.

During National Library Week earlier this month, 51

libraries received grant awards of either \$1,000 or \$500. Friends of the Pendleton County Library was awarded the larger amount.

As the release explains, “grant funds will assist Friends of Library groups, or non profit groups that support libraries in their communities.” Groups such as the local Friends of the Library run enrichment programs for the community, such as summer reading programs for youth, outreach to seniors, bookmobile funds, technology upgrades, and more.

In Pendleton County, the Friends of the Library always seeks to run programs that bring different people into the facility for different reasons. The most popular include the

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Community CALENDAR

TMF Association To Meet Monday

The Treasure Mountain Festival Association will be meeting at 5 p.m. Monday at the bowling alley in Franklin. All are welcome to attend.

National Day of Prayer Service To Be Held May 1

The 74th annual National Day of Prayer is May 1. A prayer service will be held at 6 p.m. May 1 at the Franklin Church of God on Main Street in Franklin.

Poultry Exhibition, Sale Events Suspension To Be Lifted May 1

As of May 1, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture will lift the suspension on all poultry exhibitions, shows, swaps, meets, and poultry sales at flea markets or auction markets based on the following conditions being met:

- No HPAI detections in West Virginia commercial poultry or backyard flocks located near commercial premises during April 2025; and
- No major HPAI-related developments in neighboring states that would result in quarantine zones impacting West Virginia's poultry industry.

This decision follows careful monitoring of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza situation across the state and surrounding regions. The WVDA will continue to monitor the situation closely in collaboration with federal and state partners, particularly through the remainder of the spring wild bird migration season, which runs through mid-June.

Since early 2022, a nationwide outbreak of HPAI has impacted commercial and backyard poultry operations, prompting biosecurity measures nationwide. The original

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Pilgrim's Pride Donation to Help Start Locker Replacement Project at PCMHS

By Stephen Smoot

Last week's Pendleton County Board of Education meeting covered much about finances and the possible financial headwinds that may come in the future as state and federal officials pursue budget cuts.

Pilgrim's Pride, however, ponied up funds to help fix a developing issue — the age, wear, and tear on lockers in the middle school wing of the facility.

Along with the Pledge of Allegiance, those in attendance joined in the invocation, in which J. D. Wilkins, board president, prayed, “We ask that You would bless us this season.”

Carrie Nesselrodt, director of student services, shared that on April 9 the junior class had achieved 100 percent attendance for a Scholastic Aptitude Test school day

event. Nicole Hevener, assistant superintendent, said, “Their hard work is greatly appreciated.”

During the personnel section of the meeting, the Board accepted the retirement of Donnie Kopp. Kopp served as a coach or a game official for nearly five decades in both Harrison and Pendleton counties. He announced that he would vacate the position of varsity basketball coach after leading the team to the state tournament in March.

J. P. Mowery then updated the board on Pendleton County Schools' developments in its financial position and also the context of those. March ended with \$2,148,328.08 cash on hand. Between that point and the meeting date, when revenues and payouts were taken into account, that

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Jo Ann (Cooper) Watts

Jo Ann (Cooper) Watts, 83, of Seneca Rocks went to her Heavenly Home on April 14, 2025, at Grant Rehabilitation & Care Center in Petersburg. She was born on June 20, 1941, at Seneca Rocks and was a daughter of the late Russell Morral Cooper and Mary Bessie (Teter) Cooper. After graduating from Circleville High School in 1960, Mrs. Watts dedicated her life to her family, her passions and her community.

Her passion for cooking and baking for family gatherings was paralleled only by her steadfast faith and commitment to her church. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed playing softball in her day and playing the piano and the guitar. The family will hold close the lessons she taught through her actions and the way she lived her life. She was a blessing to all, and her memory will be cherished forever.

She was a member of Riverside Church.

Her husband, Marlin Lee Watts, preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 2000.

She was a devoted mother to her daughter, Rhonda Mauzy (Brad), and her two sons, Marlin “Sonny” Watts, Jr. (Karen), and Nick J. Watts (Sherry). Her love and guidance extended to her five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren whom she adored and cherished, Drue Mauzy (Nikita), Kayla Bryant (Justin), Paige Riggleman (Logan), Samantha Evans (Zach) and Keaton Watts, and Colin Mauzy, Ethan Mauzy, Raelyn Mauzy, Mary Mae Kimble, Jessie Kimble, Ava Bryant and Luna Evans; two sisters, Catherine George (Junior) of Baltimore, Maryland, and Betty Gordon (Donald) of Circleville; two brothers, Herbert Cooper (Dorothy) of Baltimore, Maryland, and Fred Cooper (Patricia) of Seneca Rocks; and numerous nieces and nephew.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters, Othetta Conrad, Geneva Champ, Ruthle Smith and Virginia Rose Rexrode; and three brothers, Daniel Cooper, Randy Teter and Carl Cooper, Sr.

A funeral service was held April 17 at Riverside Church on Dollytown Road in Cabins with Pastor Tommy George and Pastor P.J. Landis officiating. Burial followed at the Cooper-Bible Cemetery in Seneca Rocks.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverside Church, Dollytown Road, Cabins, WV 26855 or Grant Rehabilitation & Care Center, 127 Early Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Online condolences may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com.



Dale Lee Harper

Dale Lee Harper, 85, of Riverton passed away at his home on April 15, 2025, following an extended illness.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1940, in Simoda, the son of the late J. Paul Harper and Mary (Adams) Vandevander.

Mr. Harper graduated in 1958 from Circleville High School and was a member of the North Fork Baptist Church.

After graduation, he drove a dairy truck delivering milk for Hartzler Dairy Farms before moving to Beltsville, Maryland, and working at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

After marriage, he and his wife moved back to West Virginia where he was employed by Howes Leather Company in Bartow and later attended the West Virginia State Police Academy while employed at Huttonsville Correctional Center. He transitioned from there to driving a school bus for the Pendleton County Board of Education where he enjoyed the day-to-day interactions with the students until his retirement in 2002.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

On April 17, 1965, he married Shirley M. (Mallow) Harper, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory a daughter, Sandra Waldron (Randy) of Petersburg; a son, Mark Harper (Tammy) of Petersburg; two sisters, Kay Newbrough (Freddie) of Shinnston and Jo Ann Gilardi (Mike) of Bartow; five brothers, William Vandevander (MaryAnn) of Durbin, Daniel Vandevander and David Vandevander (Donna), all of Bartow, Dallas Vandevander (Becky) of Green Bank and Douglas Vandevander (Amy) of Thornwood; a brother-in-law, Fred Grear; and four grandchildren, Kelsey Longbon (Dalton), Kensey Harper, Alex and Adrianna Waldren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Judy Grear.

Funeral services were held April 17 in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg with Rev. Mike Clements officiating. Interment was at the North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memorials may be made to the North Fork Baptist Church, PO Box 46, Riverton, WV 26814.

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



Allen Steven Bowers

Allen Steven Bowers, 75, affectionately known as Steve, passed away on April 21, 2025, in Fort Washington, Maryland, at the In Loving Hands Assisted Living Home. Until the end, he bravely fought against the brain cancer that had suddenly struck him.

Born on Nov. 29, 1949, in Frankfurt, Germany, he was the only son and the first of four children to the late Allen Price Bowers and Hanni (nee Malcowski) Bowers.

Mr. Bowers’ family has a rich history of service and resilience. His father, Price, was a veteran of three wars, including World War II, where he was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge at Bastogne, Belgium. Price Bowers served in the 82nd Airborne and was part of the first wave of paratroopers deployed on D-Day when just 17 years old. His military career spanned multiple continents, including Germany, Korea and Vietnam.

His mother, Hanni, was a World War II refugee from Som, Hungary, who lost three brothers during the war. Her father had planned to bring the family to the United States before the war but was tragically killed in Chicago, Illinois, before he could fulfill his mission. Her experiences during the war profoundly impacted her life and that of Steve Bowers and his siblings, shaping her into the strong, resilient woman she became.

He grew up in Fort Washington, Maryland, attending St. Mary’s Catholic Elementary School and Fort Washington High School, from where he graduated in 1967. He then served four years in the U.S. Army, primarily stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland. During his time in the Army, he developed a strong sense of discipline and duty that remained with him throughout his life. After his honorable discharge, he continued his

education at the University of Maryland, earning a degree in criminal law and enforcement. He began a distinguished career in law enforcement, serving as a U.S. Capitol police officer for approximately 16 years, later retiring from FedEx after 20 years as a special investigator. He took great pride in his work and was dedicated to serving and protecting his community.

In addition to his law enforcement career, he was an avid traveler who enjoyed exploring new cultures. He visited family in Europe with his parents, traveled to Moscow, Russia, with his father, and took several solo trips to visit relatives. Fluent in German and French, he loved immersing himself in the languages and customs of the places he visited. In his free time, he enjoyed photography, reading about history and geography, skiing, gun collecting, skydiving, hunting and fishing. He was an accomplished hunter and fisherman, with trips to Alaska, Maine, the U.S. West, Canada and Africa under his belt. His love of the outdoors and passion for adventures were evident in everything he did.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, and his legacy of service, adventure and love will live on through the many lives he touched.

Surviving are two sisters, Peggy Ann Bowers and Rosalin (Roger) Fox, all of Southern, Maryland; a brother-in-law, Russell Tarbox; a niece, Jessica Tarbox of Mooresville, North Carolina; and numerous cousins in Europe and West Virginia.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Janette Tarbox, formerly of Southern, Maryland, and Mooresville, North Carolina; and his beloved paternal grandmother, Olive (Ollie) Price Bowers.

Olive Bowers was formerly of Upper Tract and Cumberland, Maryland, and from there she last moved and lived with Steve Bowers’ parents in Fort Washington, Maryland, to help nurture and raise him and his siblings during their adolescent years.

His inurnment will be beside his grandmother, Ollie, in Cherry Hill Cemetery at Upper Tract.

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



Edward Neil Day

Edward Neil Day, 75, of Franklin passed away April 2, 2025, in Franklin.

He was born July 7, 1949, at Morristown, New Jersey, and was the son of the late George Lawrence Day and Nell (Radder) VanHerwerden.

Mr. Day was a veteran, having served in the United States Navy.

He worked as a grounds keeper and was self-employed.

Surviving are two sisters, Georgean Aughy of Mifflintown, Pennsylvania, and Sherry Jayne Brown of Palmetto, Florida; and two brothers, William George Day of Franklin and Robert James Day of Palmetto, Florida.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Andrew Day.

All services were private. Arrangements were entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.



Joey Dean Jaynes, 57

Joey Dean Jaynes, 57, of Franklin passed away on April 18, 2025, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 13, 1967, in Shelby, North Carolina, the son of the late Rebecca “Becky” (Owens) Dalton and Paul Howard Jaynes.

Mr. Jaynes married Katherine Sue (Miller) Jaynes, who preceded him in death.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory a daughter, Tracy Ice (Olen); and two sons, Charles Frame (Dawn) of Sugar Grove and William “Scott” Frame (Doreen) of Petersburg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Frame; and a step-grandson, Jacob Frame.

In honoring his wishes, his body has been cremated.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Basagic Funeral Home, PO Box 215, Franklin, WV 26807.

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OBITUARIES

Linda Kay Kile, 74

Linda Kay Kile, 74, of Upper Tract passed away on April 17, 2025, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born on Dec. 22, 1950, in Petersburg, the daughter of the late Lester and Laura Etta (Kile) George.

Ms. Kile was a 1969 graduate of Franklin High School.

She had worked at Hanover Shoe Company for 30 years until its closing and later retired from Marshalls.



She leaves behind to cherish her memory a sister, Joy Marie Lantz (Steve) of Upper Tract; a brother, Charlie George (Tammy) of Upper Tract; a half brother, Raymond George (Rebecca) of Upper Tract; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers, Foster, Gladen, Andy, Stanley, and Casper; and six sisters, Ethel Davis, Catherine Kesner, Rebecca Kile, Lola Belle VanMeter, Minnie Borrer, and Mary Hedrick.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday at Kile-Kimble Cemetery on Ridge Road in Upper Tract with Pastor David Webb officiating.

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



James Franklin Breth

James Franklin Breth, 86, of Franklin passed away on April 18, 2025, at his home in Circleville.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1938, in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Ambrose and Wava (Batten) Breth.

Mr. Breth attended Purchase Line High School in Commodore, Pennsylvania, and was a member of the Father's House Church in Petersburg.

He had worked as a truck driver for Hinkle Trucking.

On Dec. 24, 1965, he married Shirley (Beam) Breth, who survives in Circleville.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind a daughter, Jamie Mae Brown (Bobby) of Seneca Rocks; a brother, William Breth (Terri) of Rockton, Pennsylvania; a granddaughter, Brooke Marlow (Charles); and two great-grandchildren, Hadassah Milstead and Isaiah Marlow.

In honoring his wishes, his body has been cremated.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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



Local violinists, Anna Blount, left, and Hannah Crawford, will perform at the Highlands Center in Monterey, Virginia.

Community Orchestra To Perform Sunday

The Highlands Community Orchestra, under the direction of Gretta Sandberg, has a fabulous concert in store beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Highlands Center located at 61 Highland Center Drive in Monterey, Virginia. The concert is dedicated to the memory of Johnny H. Hill. He loved the orchestra and was a wonderful contributor.

On the program is the J.S. Bach Double Violin Concerto (first movement) played by two violinists, Anna Blount and Hannah Crawford, both of Franklin. Other pieces being performed are the finale from Ludwig van Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and a James Bond Medley of movie favorites.

The orchestra is in its second year of performing at the Highlands Center. The performers come from all over the region with six players from Pendleton County, 13 from Pocahontas County, six players from Highland County, Virginia, and two players from Bath County, Virginia. There are three families who play together in this orchestra – three moms with their children.

Admission is free.

Entries Sought for Eastern's Art Show

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield is hosting a community art show from May 27 to June 13. A reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on June 3.

An online submission form needs to be completed by May 16. Entries need to be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 17 or 21 with pick up from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 14 or June 18.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: first place - \$250; second place - \$175; third place - \$125; two honorable mentions - \$50 each; student award - \$25 Amazon gift card and an Eastern gear pack; and Easton's choice - \$50.

For more information and online submission form go to https://easternwv.formstack.com/forms/eastern_community_art_show_2025.



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30 Years Ago
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Seneca Rocks
Had Visitors
7,000 Years Ago

Archaeologists working at the site of a visitor center to be constructed at Seneca Rocks have discovered that people have gathered under the majestic cliffs of Seneca Rocks for at least 7,000 years. One of West Virginia’s top tourist attractions, the Pendleton County site also may have been an ancient trading center.

“I imagine people came here then for many of the same reasons they come to this area now: for the fishing, the hunting and to be near the rocks,” said Ruth Brinker, an archaeologist for the Monongahela National Forest. “There’s evidence of a trail going west out of the valley and another one going up the gap to the east,” Brinker said. “We’re looking for exotic raw materials as evidence of trade, and we’re finding some.”

Researchers have found tools similar to items found in the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Kanawha Valley, Brinker said. There also is evidence of a permanent settlement, she said.

The archaeological survey is being conducted before the National Park Service builds the new visitor center to replace one that burned down in 1992. Construction is expected to begin next spring. More than 250,000 people visit Seneca Rocks each year.

SUGAR GROVE

Dandelions
Set Example for All

Dandelions . . .stop and take a good look at a colorful and sturdy dandelion. Consider its bright yellow color that festively decorates your lawn. Its fuzzy flower head is composed of hundreds and hundreds of tiny individual yellow petals—each a miracle in its own right. They put down deep roots while the flower stem stretches and strains to reach the sun. When the flower goes to seed, they are prepared to go where they’re sent by the wind and take root where they land.

YESTERYEAR
IN PENDLETON

Recycling Materials
Is Older Tradition

By Janet H. Conrad

Recycling is not a new thing! Only the term is new. My grandmother saved everything that came into her house. If it was not used in its original state, it was substituted for another need. Strings were rolled into balls — each type on a different ball. Paper bags (pokes) and wrapping paper were folded and stored. Grease and meat rinds were used to make soap. Old clothing was stored into woolen, linen and cotton boxes. The softer linens were

torn for handkerchiefs to be used in the cold season. They were hemmed or used torn, depending on the housewife. Sheets were turned — the outside moved to center seam or the best parts were made into pillow cases.

Rags were cut for carpets for both cotton and woolen rugs and usually woven in the home.

Leftover breads, cakes and cookies were crumbled and used in baked dishes.

Egg shells were placed in the oven to dry, then smashed into small pieces and fed to the laying hens for calcium in their diet. Table scraps, extra milk and bran (the inside shell of the wheat kernel that was brought back from the mill when the wheat was ground into flour) were fed to the farming hogs.

The dogs and cats were fed table scraps. But mush was made for that favorite hunting dog!

Buckwheat was grown near the colony of bees for hone that was made from the bloom of the buckwheat flower was considered more flavorful than other kinds.

Rich pine knots were brought from the woods to start the fires. These were split into sharp kindling and would burn with the touch of a match. Coal oil (kerosene) was used only in the lamps — this had to be bought. Dry chips from the woodpile were collected and piled on the kindling to help start the fire.

Actually, one could say that the quilt is really a product of recycling. Each scrap of material was saved, and the housewife’s need for beauty in her home was the source of her creativity in making a design that could use those small pieces — a challenge met and conquered. Not only did the quilts and comforters satisfy that hunger for beauty, they gave warmth in the unheated bedrooms.

At hog butchering time, I have heard the expression, “They use everything from the hog except the squeal!”

Buttons were cut from the garments and used over. The button box held memories of many past events. Buttons from great-grandfather’s Confederate uniform, Aunt Susie’s wedding dress, Baby Robert’s christening dress, and many others. Playing with the buttons on a rainy day was a treat, for grandmother had time to tell stories as she mended.

60 Years Ago
Week of April 22, 1965

100 YEARS AGO

By LON K. SAVAGE

Editor’s Note—This is the last in a series of Civil War articles that have been running during the past four Civil War Centennial years.

Johnston Surrender
As Civil War Ends

Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered his army to Federal General

William Tecumseh Sherman in North Carolina 100 years ago this week, and the fires of four years of Civil War sputtered out.

Johnston’s surrender was made without a fight; it was just so much book work, in fact after the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox on April 9. But with Johnston’s surrender, the war could be called legally at an end, although other Confederates continued fighting in isolated pockets for weeks thereafter.

Even before Appomattox, Johnston knew his little army could not defeat Sherman’s 60,000 veterans, and now that Lee was gone, he had to face both Sherman and Ulysses S. Grant. On April 12, Johnston had conferred with Jefferson Davis, president of the now-dead Confederacy, who was fleeing South from Richmond, and they had agreed that Johnston must follow Lee’s example.

So, Johnston sent a message from Durham to Sherman at Raleigh suggesting the surrender, and Sherman immediately began the negotiations. Messages went back and forth, and the two men met April 17 and 18 near Durham to work out the details.

The agreement they worked out brought only trouble for Sherman. The terms treated of political and civil matters; they allowed the Confederate soldiers to stack their arms in their own state capitals, and they gave certain recognition to state governments of the South.

Sherman sent the agreement to Grant, and it came back with a firm disapproval by both Grant and the cabinet in Washington. Moreover, it was published throughout the nation and criticized as being too lenient on the South.

Grant, himself, came to Raleigh to oversee the final surrender, and it was achieved without further ado, on the same terms that Grant had given Lee at Appomattox. Except for Sherman’s reputation, the fuss over the surrender meant little.

There still were loose ends to be wrapped up in the war, and first among these was the capture of Davis. That, too, came about in due time.

Davis, his cabinet and a detachment of troops had steadily moved South after Appomattox, and at every city, the traveling party grew smaller. Once in Georgia, Davis dismissed his cavalry escort and made his way farther South with his wife and a small retinue.

On May 10, Davis’ party was surprised in camp near Irwinsville, Ga., by Federal troops, and he was captured. He made one last attempt to escape by running from the camp, wearing his wife’s shawl and cloak which he had thrown around him in the haste of his departure. The incident gave rise to the widely published report that he was trying to escape the country disguised as a woman.

And so the war ended. Soldiers, cabinet members and officials of the Confederacy

made their way to their homes or were captured; Judah P. Benjamin, Secretary of State, fled the country to England. The last of the Confederate soldiers gradually disappeared; the last of the Confederate ships were hunted down, and the experiment in rebellion slowly died away.

105 Years Ago
Week of April 23, 1920

THE BOY SCOUT
HERO

A Play in Two Acts With Demonstrations of Scout Activities will be given at the Franklin Auditorium, Monday evening April 26th.

SYNOPSIS
FOR PROGRAM

Act 1. Bing tries to make a sale. “We don’t eat stolen chickens.” “Deze ain’t stole; dey wuz jest swiped when de farmer wasn’t lookin. “Red Mike in search of Bing. The accusation and the attack. “No you don’t.” Scouts overpower Red Mike and bind his hands and feet. Bing starts to leave. “Stay here in camp with us.” “Gimme a chance, fellers, won’t ye?” Red Mike threatens the boys and is reminded of a safe robbery for which he has been hunted. “I don’t wanna talk to no sheriff.” Red Mike released. “I ain’t got nobody now but youz guys an’ I’m goin’ to rake good or bust a suspender.”

Act 2. Two years have passed. Skinny relates a thrilling adventure in which Bing has proven a hero. “Here’s the snake’s rattle. “We’re proud to have you in our troop.”

CHARACTERS.

- “Bing Baker, A member of the Alley Gang.....Gabe Warner.
- “RED MIKE” FOGARTY. Bing’s Uncle, Burglar and Ex-Barkeeper.....Paul Lukens.
- “DEACON” PARSONS, Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop.....Ernest Bowman.
- “CURLY” COOVER. Patrol Leader of the Troop..... John Dice.
- “SCOUTMASTER” MR. BROWN.....R. L. Thacker.
- “RAZE”, The colored Cook of the Camp.....Richard Boggs.
- “HAPPY” Holmes, The wit of the Camp.....Harlan Calhoun.
- “SKINNY” Ford. Who Fights Rattlesnakes.....Casey Harrison.
- “PUDGE” PETERS, Who Tells of the Rescue.....Caroll Boggs.
- “BUDDY” RUDDY, A Live Wire.....Brooke Boggs.
- “TOOTS” WEAVER, The Troop Burglar.....Elliott Priest.
- “DICKY” BYRD, A small scout but a good one.....Maurice Campbell.
- “STUFFY” WYMAN, Always around at Meal Time.....Rush Kiser.
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SUIT INSTITUTED
TO SET ASIDE WILL
OF JOHN McCLURE

A suit has been instituted in the Circuit Court of this county by the heirs of the late Leonard Hammer whose wife was a niece of Colonel McClure to set aside his will on the grounds of incapacity and undue influence.

Under the will an estate valued at some three quarters of a million dollars was devised to about fifty persons, the Town of Franklin, and the Franklin Presbyterian Church. The will was made about eighteen months before his death, which occurred April 10, 1915. The suit which the law required to be brought within five years, was delayed until a few days before the expiration of the time limit. In the meantime the estate was practically settled up by the executors and all of the legacies were paid, including the sum of \$500.00 to the parties instituting the suit which they accepted under the will and receipted for.

In the eighteen months after the will was made, a number of large land deals were made by Mr. McClure, all of which have proven to be of great value to his estate.

As President of The Farmers Bank of Pendleton, a member of the large mercantile firm of McClure & Bowman Bros., and in the management of his large livestock business, he was brought constantly in touch with the best business men of the county who can testify intelligently as to his mental condition.

Probably more than one-half of Mr. McClure’s estate was devised to his widow, Rebecca J. McClure, whom he always regarded as his partner in business and whom he credited with being responsible for a great portion of his success. Those best acquainted with the family relationship were surprised that so small a portion of the estate was devised to Dr. Dyer and Mrs. Kitte Anderson.

The suit was instituted within a few days after the death of Mrs. Anderson’s husband, the late W. R. Anderson.

This suit, if it comes to trial will be an issue out of chancery and tried by a jury and will probably involve the largest amount ever at issue in the circuit court of this county.

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Smith Creek/
Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

The first month of spring season is past, but lately it’s been like summertime. This warm weather is bringing out the flowers on the fruit trees.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins — Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Sandra Vandevander, Larry Moyers, Freda Jamison, Sandy Washburn, Mary Alice Simmons, Anna Lee Mitchell and Carol Propst; prayer list — Richard Campbell, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Neal Eye, Donald Burns, Ruth Bauer, Rick Waggy, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Anna Mauzy, Jimmie Bennett, Gloria Moats, Ruthalene Judy, Frankie Judy, David Berg, Tim and Dee McCormick, Jim Judy, Jessie Simmons, Minny Rhoads, Mary and Gary Hess, Phil Downs, Larry Rexrode, Bill Snyder, Troy Bennett, Jim Fawley, Marcia “Marty” Warner, Tom and Judy Borror, Bob and Brenda Sites, Judith Ours, Nancy and Tony George, David M. Hartman, George Hevener, Danny Nelson, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Allen Beachler, Tonya Simon, Tom Butterworth, Sherry Hedrick, Bobby Parsons, Robert Bennett, Mary Alice Evick, Rick Phares, Debbie Eye, Merlin Harper, Virgil “Bub” Yokum, Hannah Hedrick, Barbara Judy Harman, Joyce Calhoun, John Moyers, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Jerry Warner, Sherman Bennett, Nellie Keplinger, Chuck Hiett, Betty Smith, Greta Pope and Chase Shepke.

Prayer thought: “Thank you God that you understand everything going on in my life and have good plans for me.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for April 14 through April 20, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: April 14 - 82°, 44°, .21” (78°, 53°), April 15 - 55°, 38°, .01” (76°, 62°, .01”), April 16 - 51°, 36°, .09” (75°, 46°), April 17 - 67°, 27°, frost (79°, 58°), April 18 - 79°, 51° (80°, 54°), April 19 - 85°, 62° (69°, 46°), April 20 - 80°, 61° (65°, 43°).

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Wildcats Enjoy Victories Both Big and Little in Past Week

By Stephen Smoot

Victories come in all forms and sizes. Some come big as life and twice as naturally. Others, one has to look harder to see them. For Pendleton County, a bruising schedule has helped the baseball squad see both kinds.

The first of the “little” victories came on a blustery, cold, and rainy night last week in Romney. In the top of the first inning, Hampshire’s season started off miserably as the team did not record a victory until April when they defeated Berkeley Springs. Leading to the scheduled contest against Pendleton County, they picked up wins against Parkersburg and Grafton.

Pendleton County got the first five batters aboard. Caleb Armentrout reached on an error, followed by singles from Travis Owens and James Vincell.

Vincell’s single produced a run batted in. Still recovering from his injury during football season, he has come into the lineup in recent weeks as a designated hitter. He has hit well for average and his power has started to return.

Next Chase Owens drove in his brother Travis on an error by the second baseman. Following that, the pitcher walked Cole Harper with the bases loaded to make the score 3-0.

After Chase Owens set down the first three Trojans in order, Noah Lockard drove home Spencer Hartman in the top of the second. In the bottom of that inning, Hampshire scored three to get back in the contest, but heavy rains and lightning forced its discontinuation.

Though not a win, and with the game in doubt when cancelled, the Wildcats battled a much bigger school on their home field.

Next came a trip to Franklin from rival Moorefield.

Here, Sam Yokum, head coach, started the left hander, Harper. Yellow Jacket hitters showed patience in the first inning, getting two on base through walks. Harper, however, relied on his defense to get the team out of the inning with no scoring damage.

Wildcat hitters demonstrated the same patience in their half of the first as Armentrout and Travis Owens earned free trips to



Cooper Smith slaps a hit into right field, driving in a run against North Marion.

first. Vincell singled to put runners at the corners as a throw from the outfield caught Armentrout trying to go into home plate.

With Connor Hartman in as a courtesy runner for Vincell on first and Travis Owens at third, Chase Owens drove a first pitch to left field for a double and the first run of the game. A Harper walk loaded the base for Cashton Kisamore, who jumped on the first pitch and sent it to left field for a base hit. Connor Hartman crossed home plate and put the second run on the board.

Walks dealt to Cooper Smith, Will Smith, and Noah Lockard all sent in runs, giving Pendleton County a 5-0 advantage after one inning.

Harper set down Moorefield in order in the second inning. In the bottom of the inning, he helped his own effort by driving in Travis Owens with a single to extend the lead to 6-0.

Moorefield picked up a run in the top of the third, but then saw Pendleton County hitting heat up even more. With one out, Armentrout, then Travis Owens hit singles to set up Vincell. Vincell hit safely to left to score Armentrout and put Owens on third. During the next at bat, he stole home to put his squad up 8-1.

Harper then pulled a hit to right field to drive in Chase Owens and Josiah Kimble, who appeared as a courtesy runner for Vincell.

Later, with the bases loaded, Spencer Hartman, Lockard, then Armentrout all earned walks. After those and a Travis Owens single, the Wildcats held a commanding 14-1 lead.

The game ended with a 14-2 win for the home team.

On Friday, Pendleton County traveled to Frank Loria Field in Clarksburg. This facil-

ity has all of the trappings of a solid minor league ballpark, complete with new turf. Baseball weather greeted both the Wildcats and the North Marion Huskies.

North Marion looks like a Class AAA version of Pendleton County. They carry a similar record and have similar strengths, but the team from Marion County comes from a much larger school.

Against such a team, the goal is to use adversity to get better. In other words, win the little victories when given an opportunity.

North Marion picked up nine runs in the first three innings. When Pendleton County came to bat, they encountered strong pitching and near mistake-free defense.

On the other hand, when Vincell came up in the first, he drove a pitch to the wall in left field and walked into second. For the team leader in home runs last year, this was his first extra base hit since coming back from his injury, a milestone in his recovery.

In the top of the fourth, the Wildcats got their first run across. Travis Owens hit a single to lead off the inning, followed by a Vincell ground ball base hit. Three batters later, and with two outs, Cooper Smith came to the plate with the bases loaded. He sent a tee shot to shallow right field that evaded the second baseman’s glove and drove in Travis Owens.

The next batter, Spencer Hartman, reached safely on an error and sent in Kisamore.

The Wildcats fell 13-3.

On Saturday, the Wildcats dropped a game, 10-4, to the red-hot Philip Barbour Colts, who support a 10 and two record in Class AA.

By the end of the week, the Wildcats had played in a series of games where they recorded a major victory over a regional rival and battled tough against a slate of larger schools.

With the postseason coming up, the Wednesday road trip against regional rival Tygarts Valley loomed large. The Bulldogs have dealt defeat to some of the same squads as the Wildcats and by comparable scores. The game could serve as a preview for who will battle for a state tournament berth next month.

Region 8 Planning and Development Council Receives Positive Audit

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, Region 8 met in the Petersburg office to hold its regular meeting and to hear a report on a regular audit of the organizational finances.

Melissa Earle, executive director of Region 8, discussed recent communications from other agencies. The first referred to the West Virginia School Mapping Initiative. An email stated that House Bill 3166 recently passed. This legislation provides funding and requires “counties to have school safety mapping data in a format consumable by emergency response software.”

Next, Earle cited an email from James Bush, Appalachian Regional Commission Program manager. It contained a chart of how local development district grants would be allocated. Region 8 will receive \$80,515, a little more than \$1,600 less than last year. All districts in the state combined will receive \$1,014,045, which is approximately \$20,000 less than in 2024.

Frank Wehrle, representing the Town of Franklin, inquired if the decrease would produce a significant impact. Earle replied that the reduction was not enough to affect programs at this point.

The council also received communications from Senator Shelley Moore Capito and Representative Riley Moore concerning deadlines associated with Congressional Directed Spending requests. Rhett Dusenbury attended the meeting representing Moore, while Chris Strovel appeared on Zoom for Capito.

Auditors provided welcome news to the council. The firm of P. B. Mares oversaw the audit and issued Region 8 an “unmodi-

fied opinion” The term sounds generic, but it represents the best possible outcome for an organization. Unmodified opinions, also called a “clean audit” reflect that the auditor has confidence in the organization and its processes.

During the meeting, they issued “a big thank you to Melissa’s team” and stated that “the audit went very, very smoothly. Roger Leatherman, president of the council, replied, “They’re happy with your report.” Scott Miley, Grant County commissioner, said to Earle, “Kudos to your team and your staff.”

Auditors made suggestions on anticipating legal changes that may come. Additionally, they made notations on items that did not warrant negative categorization, but that could also be done better.

Earle then discussed the completion of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The law requires that planning and development councils update them annually. The final step, council approval before submission to the United States Economic Development Administration, took place during the meeting. “We appreciate everyone’s help with that,” she told the council.

Ralph Goolsby, who facilitated community CEDS meetings for Region 8, praised both the council and Potomac Highlands communities. He said, “Where we had public meetings, people went and supported, asked relevant questions.” Those who participated, Goolsby stated, held “a deep concern for the future of the region.”

He added that multiple meetings gave a better picture, because “each time we have these meetings, you pick up on different nuances.”

Earle then stated that, although a fed-

eral Economic Development Administration grant had not arrived yet, that was true in many other years. “The council,” she said, “is a little bit more concerned about that this year.” She also shared that she was keeping

an eye on a set of federal grants, specifically those that fund aging programs.

That said, there is “not anything at this point that will cause the council issues . . . at this point, we’re good.”

EBT Cardholders Are Urged to Protect Benefits from Skimming

The West Virginia Department of Human Services is urging Mountain State EBT cardholders to take proactive steps now to protect their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits from skimming fraud ahead of May benefit issuance.

Across the country, reports of skimming devices on card readers have increased. These devices steal card numbers and PINs, allowing thieves to access and spend benefits, often in other states, before cardholders even realize their accounts have been compromised.

“This is about taking preventive steps to protect yourself from card skimming,” said Janie Cole, DoHS Bureau for Family assistance commissioner. “SNAP benefits help put food on the table for thousands of West Virginia families. We want every cardholder to know how to protect their benefits before they are at risk.”

DoHS encourages all EBT cardholders to:

- Check the card reader: Before inserting the card, inspect the machine for loose parts, tape, wires, or anything that looks unusual. If it seems suspicious, report it to store staff before proceeding with the transaction.
- Change one’s PIN monthly: Update one’s

PIN at the beginning of each month before the benefits are issued. Even if a person’s card number is stolen, it won’t be usable without the new PIN.

• Block out-of-state transactions: Go to ebt-EDGE.com or use the FIS ebtEDGE mobile app (look for the fried egg icon) to block out-of-state transactions. A person can unblock them at any time when needed.

If a person believes one’s card has been compromised, contact Office of EBT at 304-558-4126, West Virginia customer service at 1-877-716-1212 or FIS customer service at 1-866-545-6502.

DoHS will share these reminders through social media, and online platforms to ensure as many cardholders as possible are prepared before the May SNAP benefits are issued.

“If your EBT card and PIN are stolen, your benefits can disappear before you even realize what happened,” said Jacquelyn Hoppe, Office of EBT director. “Taking a few quick steps now can save you a lot of frustration later.”

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Pendleton County Commission Hears Update On South Branch Valley Day Report Center

By Stephen Smoot

The second April gathering of the Pendleton County Commission opened with a prayer from Roger Dahmer, commissioner. He asked, “Lord, we invite You into our meetings and proceedings.”

Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator, shared that the power company will resituate an electric pole near the courthouse. Power will be shut off during the operation, but Pitsenbarger shared that “as long as the generator is functioning, we’ll be here.”

Carl Hevener, County Commission president, asked for updates on 911 and emergency management. Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, shared that April is the official month recognizing 911 telecommunicators.

He added that “we appreciate everything our 911 personnel do.”

Darren Taylor came in from the South Branch Valley Day Report Center to give a brief update on operations.

According to the organization’s website, “the SBVDRC’s philosophy revolves around altering the behavior of specific offenders by offering them personalized and evidence-based treatment programs, along with accountability measures.”

Additionally, “the SBVDRC strives to attain two main objectives: reducing the rate of repeat offenses and probation revocations by transforming the behavior of participating offenders. This program offers a constructive alternative to incarceration for nonviolent offenders, who discover that they can lead a life of recovery and attain success.”

He opened by praising the Pendleton County Commission, saying that “I really appreciate that you guys start out with prayer. It sets a really good tone for the county and community.”

Aumann Initiated Into Honor Society

Wyndsor Aumann of Franklin was recently elected to membership into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Marshall University.

Aumann is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Hope and Prevention: A Shared Responsibility

Pendleton County Family Support Center and Pendleton County Partners in Prevention invite everyone to support Child Abuse Awareness Month — Hope and Prevention: A Shared Responsibility.

Prevention is hard work, but it’s also heart work. It’s about creating culture of care and compassion where every family feels supported and every child has the chance to succeed. It’s about meeting families with empathy, understanding their struggles, and working together to build a future filled with possibilities.

This April, as Child Abuse Awareness Month is honored, recommit to transforming lives by building a world where every child is surrounded by love, safety, and opportunity. When families are supported and hope is within reach, there’s no limit to what children can achieve. Let’s keep building a brighter future together.

Learn more about Prevent Child Abuse America @ preventchildabuse.org

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Taylor shared that the Day Report Center had received a \$112,000 grant from the West Virginia First Foundation. The WVFF manages funds distributed to West Virginia from the opioid settlement engineered by then-attorney general and present Governor Patrick Morrisey.

The purpose of the grants, as stated in the WVFF website, lies in backing “initiatives that align with our mission to combat the opioid crisis in West Virginia through evidence-based strategies and community-driven solutions.”

Taylor explained that the grant would help to cover salaries of two staff members on telehealth “to provide a lot of services.”

The Day Report Center works with the circuit court that covers Pendleton, Hardy, and Hampshire counties. The center serves 17 Pendleton County residents, 10 of whom, according to Taylor, would be incarcerated if not in the program.

“That saves \$210,000 from the county jail bill,” Taylor noted.

He brought a proclamation from the local community justice board of directors, a body that had included Hevener and will soon include Dahmer. Hevener said, “We appreciate your all’s service, It’s helped a lot of individuals.”

Taylor responded, “I have a great team that shares the vision.”

Next, Pitsenbarger gave an update on the recently commenced construction of the new courthouse annex, saying, “Everything’s going good. No hiccups as of yet. Parking will be an issue.” Commissioners then approved a measure to allow Pitsenbarger to sign off on change orders related to the project.

After commissioners approved levy rates for fiscal year 2026, Hevener recognized Jennifer Taylor-Ide who requested to share an item.

Taylor-Ide stated that she had been working with the

West Virginia Center of Budget and Policy to plan a public meeting regarding potential changes to Medicaid. She said that Pendleton County could see a significant financial impact.

“In my view, if changes are made, I think you all know that West Virginia and Pendleton County are heavily Medicaid dependent,” Taylor-Ide said.

Next, Mike Alt, training officer from Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, said “It is county government month, so thank you all for what you do.”

Hevener quipped, “I thought that was every month.”

Alt and Gillespie then discussed the continuing questions over whether or not the state would refill the EMS Salary Enhancement Fund. Alt shared that he heard it would be kept, but cut. Gillespie said that his sources in state government reported that it received no funding.

Alt reported that calls to PCER had dipped in the first half of April, then shared information on a critical incident stress management course conducted in coordination with Potomac Highlands Guild. He was thankful “to get them in the same room we were” to learn more about handling the emotional issues of responding to traumatic events.

He then asked if he could share a non emergency services related issue, asking if the county commissioners would consider a law requiring that itinerant merchants, traditionally known as “peddlars,” could be required to have permits to conduct business. The example he gave was a man in a truck selling goods while parked in Smoke Hole.

Alt explained that brick and mortar businesses have to abide by licensing and permitting laws when conducting certain kinds of business and that those selling roadside should not be exempt.

Hevener replied that he would speak with Dave Workman, a Hardy County commissioner, to learn more about if their law could apply.

WIC Modernizes Service Delivery With In-hospital Certification Pilot

The West Virginia WIC Program is making strides in reaching more families who could benefit from the program through a groundbreaking in-hospital certification pilot project. This initiative aims to connect with eligible families before they leave the hospital labor and delivery unit, ensuring they receive benefits and support without the need for immediate WIC clinic visits.

The pilot program was first launched as a part-time effort in 2023 and later expanded to a full-time program in September of 2024. The program enables WIC hospital liaisons to utilize electronic medical record reports to identify and then certify participants directly in birthing hospitals, allowing families to leave the hospital already enrolled in WIC and giving them access to breastfeeding peer counselors and nutrition education. These liaisons follow a structured process to certify applicants, including verifying incomes status, reviewing WIC system records, and securing permission before entering patient rooms. While services are prioritized to those within the six counties served by the Monongalia Agency (Doddridge, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, and Taylor), the program is open to all West Virginia residents.

“Strengthening partnerships between WIC, healthcare providers, and hospitals not only enhances service delivery but also ensures that West Virginia’s families receive vital nutritional support from the start of their child’s life,” said Dr. Arvin Singh, health secretary. “We are honored to be a part of this initiative and are excited to see how it continues to serve new program participants.”

“By eliminating the need for separate clinic visits, this program streamlines the certification process and improves participants retention,” added Heidi Staats, director of the

office of nutrition services. “Integrating WIC certifications into hospital discharge procedures, allows us to address participation barriers related to transportation, scheduling, and eligibility awareness.”

Since its inception, the program has certified 106 people, provided education to 203 families, and scheduled 116 in-clinic follow-up appointments and 223 hospital-based appointments. Additionally, the program lays focus on breastfeeding support, with 91 mothers initiating breastfeeding and 68 percent continuing beyond six months, a significant improvement over the statewide WIC breastfeeding duration rate of 36.65 percent.

With promising early results, the program plans to expand to seven additional West Virginia University Medicine hospitals across four local WIC agencies between FY2025 and FY2027, as funded with a WIC Infrastructure grant. This expansion aims to further assess the program’s impact, refine data collection methods, and enhance accessibility for families across the state. While challenges remain in measuring the direct impact on overall WIC participation rates, early trends indicate increased enrollment of postpartum mothers. Future efforts will focus on data refinement and evaluating the program’s influence on breastfeeding rates and participant engagement.

For more information about this program and its expansion, please contact Staats at Heidi.E.Staats@wv.gov or 304-558-0030.

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Smoke Hole Blaze

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as a small brush fire, but grew in minutes and moved rapidly up the mountain.” The site also described how fire crews got to the top of the mountain to contain and control.

The OEM noted that “terrain is extremely steep and rocky” in the area where the blaze erupted.

Upper Tract VFD noted “special thanks to all the mutual aid departments” which included Franklin Volunteer Fire Department, South Fork Volunteer Fire Department, Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department, Maysville Volunteer Fire Department, Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department, Mon National Forest, the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management, Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, and the UTVFD Auxiliary “for the food and drinks.”

From the United States Forest Service came a helicopter with the capacity to pick up and drop water on the site. It repeatedly maneuvered carefully into place and dropped the water with precision. UTVFD credited those drops, along with “hard work by many VFD members” with containing the fire, for the most part, by 4:45 that afternoon.

Despite the soaking evening rains, however, a few well-contained “hot spots” persisted within the fire line, burning into the night.

The area remains dangerous. UTVFD warns all that the “biggest issue is large trees and rocks are still currently falling onto Smoke Hole Road” and that it might take some time to clear the debris.

Despite recent rains and the winter snowfall, the federal website drought.gov states that last month was the 15th driest March in the past 135 years. The entire county has been placed in the “abnormally dry” category. Streamflow past the gauges in Brandywine and Franklin show the flows in the “low” category, which is the most extreme in terms of light streamflow.

Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, and Mineral counties are in the first stages of official drought already. Continued dry conditions will elevate the fire danger.

The Pendleton County OEM stated that the cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

Friends of the Library

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summer youth reading programs and the History Alive presentations that bring in re-enactors to portray historical and/or cultural figures of importance.

As part of the grant, and in addition to the \$1,000 cash award, the library receives a year of complimentary access to in-depth training for Friends of the Library board members, including “how to leverage the funds to build support for the library and the Friends group.”

Other trainings include instruction on library oriented “grant funding basics” to help develop application skills.

Nash explained that the organization had a pragmatic view of its chances of earning an award. “If we got it, great,” she remembered, “if not, we learned a little bit about how to do it.”

She also gave full credit to those whose hard work made it possible. “All accolades to the ad hoc committee,” said Nash, who then shared that Boyd Lucas, Jayne Germain, and Becky Puffenbarger worked with a consultant named Marchelle Dickerson.

“She’s a good writer and she has a lot of experience,” explained Nash.

Deborah Doyle, President of United for Libraries, stated that “these grants will empower rural and small libraries throughout the country to make a big impact locally, and to access United for Libraries resources on advocacy and fundraising to continue to support their libraries at this critical time.”

“Small and rural libraries in particular are essential to their communities,” noted Skip Dye, vice president of Library Sales and Digital Strategy at Penguin Random House. He added that “we are thankful to have the opportunity to provide them with this meaningful support.”

Nash explained that with both the State of West Virginia and the federal government trying to tackle budget concerns, “this couldn’t come at a better time.”

Grant funds will be used to address technology needs. The Friends of the Library for Pendleton County received the only grant awarded in the Mountain State.

“We were just thrilled,” shared Nash.

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected in Grant County Deer

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced the expansion of the Chronic Wasting Disease Containment Area after the detection of CWD in a Grant County deer.

“Grant County has been part of the CWD containment area since 2015 because of its proximity to affected counties,” said Paul Johansen, chief of the WVDNR’s Wildlife Resources Section. “While there is no evidence that CWD is harmful to humans, it is important that hunters abide by the carcass transport regulations to reduce risk factors that may affect our deer population.”

Grant County is the first new county where CWD has been detected in wild deer in the state since 2023, when cases were identified in Jefferson County. Previously, CWD cases were detected in Berkeley, Mineral, Morgan, Hardy and Hampshire counties.

To reduce the risk of further disease spread, the WVDNR has implemented restrictions on baiting and feeding deer and on transporting high-risk carcass parts out of the CWD containment area. Transport restrictions for Grant County will take effect during the 2025 deer hunting season.

Additionally, as a proactive measure, baiting restrictions will be implemented in Pendleton County during the 2025 deer hunting season. Feeding restrictions are currently in effect. While CWD has not been detected in Pendleton County, its close proximity to known cases of the disease makes risk mitigation efforts critical.

The WVDNR continues to offer free CWD testing to hunters who harvest deer in the CWD containment area during all deer seasons.

For questions about CWD, regulations and testing contact the WVDNR District 2 office at 304-822-3551.

Poultry Exhibition

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suspension in West Virginia was implemented out of an abundance of caution to protect the state’s poultry industry, which remains the largest contributor to West Virginia’s animal agriculture economy.

Biosecurity is still critical.

Although poultry events may resume, the WVDA strongly encourages poultry owners, event organizers, and exhibitors to maintain strict biosecurity practices: limit and monitor access to poultry areas; continue disinfection of equipment, vehicles, and footwear; keep domestic flocks separate from wild and migratory birds; and report any unusual illness, sudden death, or drop in egg production.

Sick birds need to be reported. To report signs of illness or unexpected mortality in poultry flocks, contact WVDA’s Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.

For the latest HPAI updates and guidance go to USDA APHIS – Avian Influenza Cases and Surveillance or CDC – Avian Influenza Information.

Pilgrim’s Pride

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balance dipped by about \$4,000.

Mowery also shared that PCS had earned a little more than \$82,000 in interest from its banking accounts.

Board members additionally heard an update on STEP 7 funding. This comes from the broader West Virginia Public School Support Program. Funds can support a number of elements of the school system, including technology and personnel. Pendleton County “has for many years” elected to devote 25 percent of that fund towards personnel and chose to do so again.

Out of the \$409, 505 that the county will receive, \$102,276 will go to personnel.

The county schools’ budget is essentially complete, but not due to the state until next month. Mowery said of it that he does “not expect to see significant updates” and that “the budget will be essentially the same. It’s a pretty solid budget.”

Every month, Mowery has provided information on the progress – or lack thereof – of the Secure Rural Schools funding. This federal program compensates counties with national forest lands by providing some funding to schools, but as Mowery said, “It still has not been resolved at the federal level.”

Because it is not a significant amount of the federal budgetary pie, the measure usually comes as a “rider” on a bill of prominence. West Virginia’s congressional delegation supports continuing the measure for a three-year extension.

Pendleton County Schools also underwent a recent audit. After sharing some of the highlights, Mowery reported that “the numbers are validated in the school system.” Wilkins noted, “Thank you and congratulations on the audit.”

Travis Heavner then delivered his facilities report. The highlight of that update lay in support of the effort to replace the aging and problematic lockers in the middle school section of Pendleton County Middle/High School.

He discussed “concerns I’ve heard from staff” and also “the age on them,” concluding, “they’re not in the best shape.”

Earlier in the meeting, Mowery described the situation as “a high need.”

A donation from Pilgrim’s Pride will help to get the project started. Heavner informed the board that three installments of \$4,500 would help initiate the project. He stated that the estimate for total replacement ranged between \$75,000 and \$80,000 and said he has been “talking to J. P. about ways to make that happen. It does need to be done.”

Heavner then informed the board about the impending Lantz project to replace windows in Brandywine Elementary School.

Another main project is being planned for the Franklin Elementary School HVAC system and other elements of infrastructure. Heavner told the board that he submitted a grant application to the State for funds to cover a \$900,000 project. Heavner shared that the HVAC system was “not quite right when they put it in.”

The grant would require approximately \$100,000 in matching funds from Pendleton County Schools. The board approved setting aside that money in case the grant was approved. Decisions on that set of grants will come in June.

Nesselrodt presented the attendance numbers, which she described as rebounding well from March. Last month, fluctuating temperatures and an outbreak of illness dampened progress made. That said, Nesselrodt shared that “things were looking a little rough” but attendance was “starting to pop back up and get back to normal.”

Brandywine Elementary School kindergarten enjoyed the best individual grade percentage at 96.875 percent. BES also had the best school mark at 94.192 percent. Second grade countywide earned the best number at 04.505 percent.

The overall county average, which includes those suffering from the initial symptoms of “senioritis,” hit 92.672 percent.

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TRUSTEE’S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated June 18, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust 125, at Page 489, Larry D. Gandee Sr. and Pamela A. Gandee did convey unto Jeffrey S. Bowers, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Pendleton County Courthouse, in Franklin, West Virginia, on

May 6, 2025, at 12:17 PM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Bethel District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

That certain real estate, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, if any, lying and being in Bethel District, Pendleton County, West Virginia approximately 5 miles east of Franklin, West Virginia, and approximately 1.0 mile north of US Route 33, and being more particularly described as Lot 41, containing 0.72 acres, more or less, of Fisher Mountain, Section-2, Phase-1, and being more particularly described by its metes and bounds in that certain Description and Plat of Survey of Fisher Mountain, Section 2-Phase 1, which survey was recorded the 31st day of October, 2008, and of record in the Clerk’s Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Map Book 7, at Page 21, which is made a part hereof by reference hereto as though the same were textually set forth herein and being a portion of the same real estate to which the Grantor obtained title by that certain deed dated August 24, 2007, recorded on the 24th day of August, 2002, and of record in the Clerk’s Office aforesaid in Deed Book 175, at Page 513, to which reference is herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

The hereinabove real estate is the same real granted and conveyed to the Grantor (s) herein by Deed dated 18th

day of June, 2009, and of record in the Clerk’s Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 182, at Page 337, to which reference is herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

This conveyance is made subject to those certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Fisher Mountain, Section Two, dated October 28, 2008, recorded October 31, 2008, and of record in the Clerk’s Office aforesaid in Deed Book 179, at Page 639, which are made apart hereof by reference hereto as though the same were textually set forth herein.

The Grantor(s) grant and convey to the Grantee, his assigns in title, a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress on the roads and streets of the Fisher Mountain, Section-2, Phase-1, as set forth in the aforesaid Declarations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Fisher Mountain, Section Two.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of Lot No. 41 Fisher Mountain, Section-2, Phase 1, Franklin, WV 26807.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Larry D. Gandee Sr. and Pamela A. Gandee, by Deed dated June 18, 2009, from LGI Land WV, LLC, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 182 at Page 337.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in “AS IS” condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Jonathan L. Wertman, Authorized Signatory

P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840, e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com 4-17-3c

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):

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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 November 9, 2007, executed by Borrower, Walter S Terry, to Timothy J. Amos, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Book 118, at Page 150. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 3368 Brushy Fork Rd f/k/a Hc 70 Box 21 B, Sugar Grove, WV 26815. Pill & Pill, PLLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated March 6, 2025, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 180, Page 478. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pendleton County, in Franklin, West Virginia, on the following date:

May 6, 2025 at 12:15 pm

Located in the District of Sugar Grove, County of Pendleton and State of West Virginia, to-wit: TRACT NO. 1: All that certain lot or parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 9 of the subdivision of the O.L. Dame Tract, lying and being situate on the west side of Brushy Fork Road, Pendleton County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Lot No. 9 of the subdivision of the O.L. Dame Tract, lying and being situate on the west side of Brushy Fork Road, Pendleton County, West Virginia, as is more fully set out and described in a map entitled "Subdivision of the O.L. Dame Tract West Side of Brushy Fork Road Pendleton County, W.Va.," and being the same real estate initially conveyed from O.L. Dame and Helen L. Dame by deed bearing the date on the 3rd day of October, 1974, which deed is of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 95, at Page 349. See Map Book 2, Page 44. TRACT NO. 2: That certain tract or parcel of real estate lying and being situate 200 feet northwest of West Virginia Secondary Route 30, the Brushy Ford Road, and 600 feet east of the intersection of said route and West Virginia Route 32, in Sugar Grove District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and being more particular described by its metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a bolt found on the line of Ira Meadows; thence, with this line N. 31-6-E. 50.02 feet to a iron pipe found, corner of S.E. Campbell; thence with his line and that of Davie Hayson S. 35-39-E. 99.60 feet to a bolt found, corner of James Coleman; thence, with two of his lines S. 52-02 W. 49.80

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TROUBLESOME VALLEY WATER EXTENSION

General Notice

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

TROUBLESOME VALLEY 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 **2:00 PM** local time on **May 15th, 2025**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The method of bidding will be as follows:

CONTRACT #1 – Water line Extension

Unit price contract to provide and install 2,765 LF of 6" DIP and 8,050 LF of 6" PVC water line; 30 LF of 6" high-way boring; 70 LF of steel casing; 9 gate valves; 3 air releases; 2 flushouts; 1 hydroconstant booster station; 1 traditional booster station; 43 anchor walls; ; and other work required to provide the complete system extension project.

CONTRACT #2 – Water Storage Tank

Lump sum contract to construct one (1) water storage tank measuring 14 feet in diameter by 28.5 feet in height to the overflow with a nominal volume of 32,000 gallons. Contract also includes access road and appurtenances to make a complete operating system.

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

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated June 25, 2018, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 158, at Page 404, Delbert A. Mowery and Rebecca J. Mowery did convey unto Seneca Trustees, Inc., Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to fore-close thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Pendleton County Courthouse, in Franklin, West Virginia, on

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in a "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 continuation 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.

May 6, 2025, at 12:19 PM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Mill Run District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

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Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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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 electronically. If electronic sharing cannot be accepted, a thumb drive will be shipped upon payment of the following deposit:

Plans and Specifications:

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| Contract No. 1 – Waterline Extension | \$ 50.00 |
| Contract No. 2 – Water Storage Tank | \$ 50.00 |

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

Plans and Specifications:

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| Contract No. 1 – Waterline Extension | \$ 250.00 |
| Contract No. 2 – Water Storage Tank | \$ 250.00 |

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. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

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

Pre-bid Conference

There will not be a Pre-bid conference for this project.

Bid Acceptance Period

This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for 90 days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

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.

This Advertisement is issued by:

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| Owner: | PENDLETON COUNTY PSD | |
| By: | CHARRELL BODKIN | |
| Title: | CHAIRMAN | |
| Date: | 4/21/25 | 4-24-2c |

feet to the corner fence post on said right of way between Glover and the Board of Education (upper tract grade school), S. 77 degrees 13 minutes E. 140.67 feet with the line of Lot No. 1 to a 1-1/4 inch iron pipe; thence N. 14 degrees 15 minutes E. 159.18 feet to a 1/2 inch iron pipe in a hollow, witnessed by a 14 inch twin locust on the same bearing 3.4 feet; thence, up the hollow N. 71 degrees 40 minutes W. 142.99 feet with the line of lot No. 3 to a 1/2 inch iron pipe set on the east right of way of U.S. Route 220, thence with the said right of way S. 30 degrees 35 minutes W. 172.90 feet to the beginning containing 0.54 acre or 23.511 square feet, more or less, which was conveyed to the grantors by Homer Glover, Jr. and Bonnie Waggy Glover, his wife, et al. by deed dated June 27, 1974, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in deed Book 94, Page 360.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 11758 Petersburg Pike, Upper Tract, WV 26866.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Delbert A. Mowery and Rebecca J. Mowery, by Deed dated June 27, 1974, from Homer Glover Jr., Bonnie Waggy Glover, William Glover and Joanne Dahmer Glover, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 94 at Page 360 A.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes. The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Jonathan L. Wertman, Authorized Signatory

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HELP WANTED

Scale House Personnel

The area's leading lime and aggregate producer has a position available in our Scale House. Candidates with strong communication and computer skills are encouraged to apply. The ideal candidate will have experience working closely with others in an office setting, and willing to learn skills such as, managing trucks to guarantee correct product loading, customer communication, as well as receiving and scheduling customer orders.

Greer Lime Company is an equal opportunity employer and offers competitive hourly wages and an excellent benefits package.

Interested applicants should send a resume to hvance@greerlime.com, mail to Greer Lime Company, 1088 Germany Valley Limestone Road, Riverton, WV 26814, or stop by in person.

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