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Energy Express focuses on a series of weekly themes centered around student art and readings. The first week theme was "Myself."

## WVU Extension Service's Energy Express Combines Education and Summer Fun

By Stephen Smoot

Children rising into grades first through sixth in Mineral, Grant, and Hampshire counties have benefited for years from a program that is now seeing its inaugural summer in Pendleton County.

Energy Express has come to the area, the 48th site in the 26th county since the program commenced over three decades ago with two pilot locations. Mineral County has the longest running Energy Express program site in the state.

Tanya Wehrle and Corrie Wagoner assist in organizing and running the program for WVU Extension Service. Wagoner shared that "the kids are having fun. They don't know they've learned."

Wehrle followed by saying that Energy Express does not resemble "a traditional classroom where it's work, work, work." That said, as Wagoner explained, the program started as one wedding child nutrition with enrichment of reading skills. The goal all along has lay in "preventing the summer slide by use of colorful and captivating

books," as well as art and vocabulary development.

Each summer brings a new set of broad themes around which activities center. This summer focused on each person's relationships with others. In week one, students focused on "Myself."

Pendleton County participants also enjoy the benefit of WVU Extension Service partnering with Experience Learning and the Pendleton County Library. Students go to a weekly library program on Wednesdays. Experience Learning takes the children

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## County Sees Rain Related Threats Recede as Summer Heat Settles In

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County has seen dangerous and severe amounts of rain in the past month and will see the full onslaught of summer heat during the next several days.

Much of Pendleton County through May continued to see residual drought conditions, as defined by the

federal website drought.gov. The intensity of last year's drought meant that those conditions persisted through most of the ninth wettest May in the 131 years of keeping records, an average of 2.69 inches higher than normal. To date, 2025 has served as the 49th wettest year of that 131-year span.

Over the past 30 days, the North Fork and South Fork valleys, as well as the southern tier have seen between 150 and 200 percent of the normal average rainfall. A corridor roughly following the South Branch River extending south of Franklin witnessed between 200 and 300 percent of the average rainfall amounts seen between 1991 and 2021.

Constant rain and cloud cover kept temperatures cool as well. The South Branch and South Fork valleys saw average temperatures between one and three degrees below the 30-year average. Most of the western tier experienced between three and four degrees below normal.

The highest elevations around the Allegheny Mountain and Spruce Knob area saw temperatures dive between four and six degrees colder than a typical 30-day span.

Conditions changed drastically last weekend as the full force of summertime heat hit the state and region.

In Franklin, temperatures will range in the mid-90s through today, then drop slightly to the low 90s starting on Friday. Starting today there will be a 30 percent chance of rain or thunderstorms, rising to 40 percent by Saturday.

The north and western areas of the county will likely not see temperatures extending past the 85 to 90 degree range, but will see 40 percent chance or less of showers starting today.

Sugar Grove, Brandywine, and the Fort Seybert areas will see conditions similar to Franklin.

A heat alert was issued from 11 a.m. through 9 p.m. Monday by the National Weather Service. That was the only one issued for Pendleton County at the time of publication. The warning covered the South Branch and South Fork, but not the North Fork or that valley's surrounding ridges and mountains. That said, residents should check the National Weather Service or the Facebook page Pendleton County WV Office of Emergency Management 911 for updates on the severe heat and its potential impact on people and the area.

The National Weather Service issues three kinds of heat alerts. Each one marks a specific level of danger. An "Extreme Heat Watch" urges those in the affected area to "be prepared." It states that people should "reschedule outdoor activities in the coming days. Make sure that children, the elderly, and pets have a place to cool off during the heat.

Second, a heat advisory "is issued for dangerous heat conditions that are not expected to reach warning criteria." It instructs that "if you must be outside, be sure to drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks in the shade."

The onset of "extremely dangerous heat conditions" will trigger an "Extreme Heat Warning." It urges all to not perform work or other tasks outside, but to "drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks" if that cannot be avoided.

It also says "stay indoors in an air conditioned space as much as possible, including overnight." Also vital, "check on family and neighbors."

## Pendleton County Farm Crawl Promises History, Fun, Food, And Farming Education



The Ouelette family's OMG Acres will join the first annual Pendleton County Farm Crawl. Their goal is to run their land in such a way as to preserve the history and natural beauty of the historic Trumbo farm in Fort Seybert.

By Stephen Smoot

This Saturday, Pendleton County will witness a perfect recipe for family fun. Take the fundamentals of the history and culture of local farming, add a healthy helping of food, then add in a dash of education and entertainment. Finally, finish off with the inclusion of visitors from all ages enjoying the experience of learning about farming from the 1700s to today.

The final result? Pendleton County's first annual Farm Crawl.

As many Americans in urban and suburban areas have lost contact with where food comes from and how it gets to their table, agricultural states like West Virginia have created innovative ways to get visitors and locals alike back on the farm.

Indeed one recent study showed that 40 percent of Americans have never met a farmer. This lack of contact has contributed to the federal government especially attempting policies that reflect inferior knowledge of farms, farming,

and farmers.

Jessica Hoover, one of Pendleton County's two West Virginia University Extension agents, and Annie Humes, new executive director of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, seek to change that.

Humes related that she and Hoover "have both had the opportunity to hear" from officials in Hampshire County and elsewhere who have seen great success in linking farms together in an agricultural tourism event.

Once they reviewed the successes elsewhere, Humes shared that their reaction was "absolutely! Let's do it!"

Hoover, through the West Virginia University Extension Service, "was responsible for coordinating the crawl in Pendleton County."

The original model came from the idea of "pub crawls" that became popular in college towns about 20 years ago. Frostburg, Maryland, adapted the idea to create a more family-friendly wintertime hot cocoa crawl. Patrons have a

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## PCB Puts the 'Community' In Community Bank

By Stephen Smoot

On Tuesday last week, most of the Franklin area hunkered down as heat and humidity coincided with a planned maintenance outage by Mon Power.

Not the staff of Pendleton Community Bank, however. From there came an army of Kelly green T-shirt clad volunteers who sallied forth into the county to perform community service volunteer work.

"Our team loves it," shared Monika Marshall, PCB representative, who added, "it's a chance to have a day for team building and do something fun in the community."

The idea started last year when the area faced another planned power outage. "In the past when the bank closed, people stayed home and we paid them," explained Marshall. Last year they came up with a different idea, to send staff into areas of the community that needed light volunteer help.

Marshall stated, "We replicated the idea and picked new organizations to support." Calls went out to different community organizations and teams of volunteers deployed to each.

With summer temperatures rising that day, some staff for whom exposure to heat might be dangerous traveled to Pendleton Manor to perform volunteer work and visit with residents.

Others went to Warner's Drive-In to help the arts and culture nonprofit spruce up their facility. "At their new stage, they needed folks to rake rocks up," said Mar-



Taylor Southerly and Tammy Clutter, as well as the whole PCB team, stepped up to help a number of community organizations.

shall. Volunteers there also filled in potholes in the driveways where rain had washed out certain spots.

Others split up to give needed and appreciated help to the Upper Tract, Franklin, and South Fork Volunteer fire departments. In Franklin and on the South Fork, they cleaned up the cook shacks that will soon go into use for community fundraising events. They also cleaned equipment and vehicles.

UTVFD's Facebook page shared the appreciation that all of the departments felt at PCB's staff lending a helping hand. "Today the support Pendleton Community Bank gave to us goes above and beyond!" the post stated. It went on to add that "the

employees spent their day helping others when they could have been complaining about no power."

"But instead they helped clean the Upper Tract VFD Training Center and Upper Tract VFD Firehouse and apparatus."

Others worked on projects at Brandywine Elementary School.

PCB also showed its appreciation to its hardworking volunteers by providing a picnic lunch at Ruddle Park. "For us, it's a part of who we are," said Marshall. "One of our core values is being community-centered." She explained that the day of service helped them to "live out that value in a meaningful way."

## Community Calendar Presentation Set To Focus on County Leaders

Two local authors, Dyer Anderson and Erick Hedrick, will provide an in-depth presentation on the biographies of a few Pendleton County leaders at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Ruddle Presbyterian Church. Refreshments will be served.

The program is being sponsored by the Pendleton County Historical Society.

## Summer Reading Program Underway

The Pendleton County Library's free Summer Reading program, which this year carries the theme "Color Our World" is being held each Wednesday morning through July 23. The section for toddlers is from 10 to 10:45 a.m., while those of elementary school age will take part from 10:45 to 11:30 am. There are live presenters and engaging activities planned for both each week. At noon on July 26 the summer party will wrap things up on a high note. Registration is required, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call the library at 304-358-7038.



# OBITUARIES



Della Jean (Eller) Spitzer

Della Jean (Eller) Spitzer, 84, died peacefully in her sleep on June 6, 2025. She was born June 3, 1941, in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. Ms. Spitzer retired to Mount Jackson, Virginia, after a long career as a fingerprint specialist with the FBI in Washington, D.C. For the past 20 years, she lived in Franklin with her loving friend and companion, Karl Esser. She will be missed.



Robin Kay Kimble

Robin Kay Kimble, 65, of Riverton passed away on June 22, 2025, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin. She was born on July 15, 1959, in Petersburg, the daughter of Helen (Bennett) Kisamore of Seneca Rocks and the late Robert Pennington. Mrs. Kimble attended Circleville High School and was a homemaker. She attended North Fork Baptist Church and enjoyed spending time with

her family. She married R. Duane Kimble, who survives in Riverton. In addition to her mother and husband, she leaves behind to cherish her memory a son, Curtis Kimble (Lisa) of Riverton; three sisters, Diane Long (Kenneth) of Seneca Rocks, Kathy Johnson (Roy) of Circleville and Angie Curl (Scott) of Petersburg; three grandchildren, Kaleb Steinbrecher, Mariah Redmond, and Kaden Kimble; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Tracy Pennington. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Harold Mullenax officiating. In honoring her wishes, her body will be cremated with inurnment at Mallow Cemetery on Bennett Gap in Riverton at a later date. Memorials may be made to Seneca Rocks or Circleville fire departments. Memories and words of comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com).



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# Free Quilt Documentation Event Scheduled

A “West Virginia Quilt Documentation” event will be held at the Landes Art Center in Petersburg from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on July 11 and 12. Doors will open at 10 a.m. The volunteers from the “West Virginia Quilt Documentation Project” will be present to document quilts made in or residing in West Virginia. This ongoing effort aims to preserve West Virginia’s quilt artistry and history for future generations. Roberta Gellner, project coordinator, emphasizes the significance of documenting quilts for future generations. “These quilts hold immense pride for West Virginians, and taking the time to have them photographed and documented ensures that their stories are not lost,” Gellner stated. “Volunteers from across the state will examine the quilts and record pertinent information about them and their creators. This data will be stored in the West Virginia Culture Center Archives and The Quilt Index ([www.quiltindex.org](http://www.quiltindex.org)), a comprehensive national database of quilts from various regions.”

Each quilt owner is limited to two quilts per event to provide equal opportunities for participation. Quilts must have been made before 1975. Well-loved, well-worn quilts, family heirlooms, and treasures are welcome, as are quilts with unknown makers. Quilts should be brought as they are. Please refrain from washing, repairing, or altering them in any way solely for documentation purposes. The documentation process typically takes approximately 45 minutes and provides an opportunity for the owner to photograph their quilt while displayed and learn about the pattern, timeframe, fabrics, and techniques used in its construction. The quilt documentation is provided free of charge. Quilt owners must make an appointment to bring their quilt for documentation. To schedule an appointment, contact JoAnn Harman at 304-703-2059. Since 2016, the project has documented more than 800 quilts and their makers.

It is a source of pride for the owners of these quilts to have their quilt information recorded in the national database, which is utilized by researchers and scholars in family genealogy, local history, American History, and Women’s History. The event will also receive local support from the Grant County Historical Society and the Grant County Community Educational Outreach Service. The West Virginia Quilt Documentation Project is supported by West Virginia Quilters Inc. in collaboration with the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. For more information, go to <https://www.wvquilters.org/documentation1.html>.

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Interested parties may inspect any of the fleet by contacting Charles Miller for an appointment at 304-358-2588 between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, during non-holiday hours

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## SOUTH FORK FIREMEN’S LAWN PARTY

### Friday and Saturday June 27 & 28

5 p.m. - ?

South Fork Fire Department (Brandywine)

**~ ~ Friday ~ ~**

Music • 7 p.m.  
**DJ Tony Calhoun**  
(sponsored by PCB)

**~ ~ Saturday ~ ~**

Parade • 6 p.m.  
(parade registration 5 p.m. at Brandywine Firehouse)

Music by Mike Eye  
7 p.m.

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**Friday, June 27**  
Meatloaf  
Scalloped Potatoes  
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**Monday, June 30**  
Spaghetti w/Garlic Bread  
Peas/Carrots  
Tossed Salad  
Baked Apples  
Birthday Cake w/Ice Cream

**Tuesday, July 1**  
Fish, Tator Tots  
Cucumber Salad  
Peach Crisp

**Wednesday, July 2**  
Steak N Cheese Sub w/Peppers, Onions, Let & Tom  
French Fries  
Cantaloupe

**Thursday, July 3**  
Pork BBQ  
Baked Beans, Slaw  
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**Friday, July 4**  
**Happy 4th of July**

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Meal times are from 11:45 to 12:45. All meals served with 2% milk & bread. Reserve your meals. Reservations served first. Menus are subject to change.  
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# Mitchell Earns Top Honors at WVU Sponaugle Graduates from Law School

Cody Mitchell was selected to receive a 2025 West Virginia University Foundation Outstanding Senior Award. This award was established in 1995 and marks the 30th anniversary of the WVU Foundation.

The Outstanding Senior Award honors students for their contributions and achievements in scholarship, leadership and service. Only the top-ranking academic scholars of the 2025 class were eligible for this award. Being selected for this means he was in the top 1 percent of the graduating seniors at WVU. The field of applicants was exceptional, and only a selected few were chosen for the honor.

“Every year, I continue to be in awe of the WVU Outstanding Seniors,” said Corey Farris, dean of students. “They have made incredible contributions to WVU, the state, and the nation. As the top 1% of their graduation class, I have no doubt their futures are bright. We’ll continue to see great accomplishments that make our world better from these outstanding graduates.”

As a WVU Foundation Outstanding Senior Award recipient his name will be listed in a permanent membership register housed in the Scholar’s Lounge in the Mountainlair.

Mitchell is the son of Greg and Pammy Mitchell of Upper Tract and is a 2022 graduate of Petersburg High School. He graduated from WVU with a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness management and applied economics.

His activities included being the president of the WVU Collegiate Farm Bureau, active member of Baptist Campus Ministries and Reformed University Fellowship, while receiving his American FFA Degree



Cody Mitchell

in Indianapolis, Indiana.

He worked for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in the Morgantown and Moorefield offices, while regularly speaking at different area churches. He plans on attending Liberty University Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Virginia, this fall to pursue his master of divinity degree, all while continuing his passion for spreading the gospel.

Article and photo courtesy of The Grant County Press.

Kyle C. Sponaugle graduated May 16 from the West Virginia University College of Law with a doctor of jurisprudence degree.

While in law school, he was active in the veterans’ clinic and received five CALI awards in the areas of legal writing, legal research, torts, professional responsibility and trial advocacy.

He is the son of Kevin and Pam Sponaugle of Franklin and the grandson of Gaylon and Ruby Sponaugle of Franklin, Maxine (Jeffrey) Rader of Moyers and the late Jerry K. Lambert of Comfort.

He resides in Morgantown with his daughter, Juniper.



Kyle C. Sponaugle

## Pendleton County Farm Crawl

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menu of different locations to go and enjoy different styles of the same theme.

Mountain State Maple Days, of which Pendleton County has emerged as a premier participant, utilizes the same model.

Hoover last January described the single day event as “a self-guided tour through participating Pendleton County farms and agribusinesses” which will provide “an inside look at daily operations and allows participating stops to showcase what they offer.”

A lucky number of seven establishments will welcome visitors from near and far. Some, such as Swilled Dog and Dry Run Spirits Distillery, participate in the permanent spirits trail connecting Pendleton and Randolph counties. Dry Run and another participant, Mountain Cajun Getaways, also feature prominently in Mountain State Maple Days.

Swilled Dog operates in Upper Tract, Dry Run Spirits Distillery in Dahmer, and Mountain Cajun Getaways calls Circleville home.

The Pendleton County Farmers Market in Franklin, which will participate in the crawl, has served as a hub for agriculture education, entrepreneurship, and promotion of local farmers and gardeners selling their broad spectrum of products. Additionally, Blackthorn Lavender has produced and sold a number of goods produced from lavender grown on their Sugar Grove land.

OMG Acres represents a new entry in the field of area agricultural interests opening their gates to the public.

Avery Ouellette and her husband, Dan’s, journey to joining the Farm Crawl started a decade ago in Washington DC. Says Ms. Ouellette, they were “craving more time in nature close to the mountains.”

Along with their friend, Mark Mueller, they started evaluating their options in the mountains of both the Old Dominion and the Mountain State. They spent “a couple of years looking at different properties” until they happened upon a historic farm for sale in Fort Seybert. They “immediately fell in love with the beautiful piece of land” that was farmed by the Trumbo family.

A Trumbo family member from Brock’s Gap in Virginia was attached to the garrison at Fort Seybert, but along with several other men, were absent on a task that took them away from the fort during the infamous massacre led by Chief Killbuck. Mary Lee Keister Talbot’s book, “The Dyer Settlement and the Fort Seybert Massacre,” penned in 1937, shared that “very early . . . word got into the middle colonies, especially Pennsylvania, that there was very beautiful and fertile country in the river valleys to the southward.” This included the South Fork River that graces the Fort Seybert area.

Interestingly enough, that publication also calls the stream “Moorefield River.”

The beauty of the land and the region that served as a magnet for so many grew into an inspiration for the family’s efforts toward conservation.

After obtaining the

land in August of 2017, the Ouellettes started strategizing different ways to develop their holding while maintaining a mission to protect the natural beauty and functions of the land. “We wanted to be thoughtful about nature and the agricultural aspects to preserve,” Avery Ouellette added.

The year 2020 brought a double shock to their efforts. COVID hampered any work they wished to do. Even worse, their friend and partner, Mueller, received a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

Though expected to pass in months, Mueller survived for years, passing in November 2022. According to his obituary, “he spent thousands of hours” at OMG Acres “(cunningly recruiting friends to perform unpaid manual labor) restoring the beauty of the land and its buildings.”

Part of the legacy of Mueller includes his work on the historic buildings of the property, including the Trumbo cabin, which served as one of the first white settlements in the area, as well as a historic church.

“It’s really amazing,” said Avery Ouellette. While the property remains a work in progress, the family has proudly offered access during the Farm Crawl to visitors from afar and locals seeking to reconnect with family and area history.

Farm crawlers can also learn about family farming history on the opposite side of Pendleton County. Sites Homestead, located under the imposing limestone cliffs of Seneca Rocks near the Discovery Center, also joined the official itinerary.

Jeremiah Hyslop, from the United States Forest Service, explained that the purpose of including the Sites Homestead lay in “educating the public about relevant cultural history and supporting our community.”

Hyslop wrote in short description of the landmark in 2024 that the family that originally spelled their name in the more Germanic Seitz, constructed a home there in 1839. He added that “the Sites family originally resided in a pen log cabin, which was called such because it was approximately one log long and one log deep. Some 30 years later, the family expanded the farmhouse to the two-story structure which stands today.”

Ever since, the Homestead has served as a witness to history and a monument to the hardy families that hacked their livelihoods from the wilderness.

Part of the story of the Homestead also lies in studying how the land supported families through food production. A forest service volunteer, who holds status as a master gardener, and also an AmeriCorps worker assigned to the Appalachian Forest Natural Heritage Area, has developed a garden project. Its goal lies in “focusing more on vegetables that have cultural significance and heritage plants that have been propagated from the garden for 25 years.”

As Hoover explains, the event in Pendleton County is part of “statewide efforts to promote agritourism in the state” as it works to “promote and celebrate the thriving agritourism industry we have in the county.”

The Pendleton County Farm Crawl will take place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday.

## WVU Extension Service

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on field trips all day on Fridays to learn at sites such as Sweetwater Farms near Sugar Grove and Spruce Knob Lake.

AmeriCorps volunteer college students serve as “mentors” that lead classes, teach, and engage the children. This year, 154 college students throughout West Virginia assist the program. They receive an educational award, a living allowance, and credit for community service hours.

They are joined by seven junior volunteers, mostly in middle school grades, but some as old as 17. “We did a lot of training in the first two days,” said Wagoner, “so they’d understand what’s expected of them.” Wehrle and Wagoner recruited them in the months preceding the program. Two have siblings participating.

After reading to the group, one of the mentors in a group of rising third and fourth graders worked on vocabulary. She asked, “What do we think formidable means?” This inspired a brief discus-

sion, after which she said, “Yes, it’s about inspiring a fear.” They also discussed the meaning of “compassion.”

Next to reading, art takes a main stage in the daily activities. Wehrle, who has organized art shows at Franklin Elementary School, explained that the focus lay on “found art,” or objects one can make from items that most people would otherwise toss in the trash.

Earlier, children in one class found a millipede on a sidewalk. Fascinated with the creature, they reproduced it by using “found art,” including popsicle sticks to represent its myriad legs. She explained that the art uses very broad themes. The children, however, have wide latitude in how they use art to express themselves within the themes.

Energy Express boasts tremendous success in achieving improvement. In 31 years, the program has served 1.7 million healthy meals to approximately 84,000 children.

Nearly 90 percent of children involved increase or

maintain their reading level, ensuring that skills learned remain in place going into the next fall.

In the opening days, the students were read to from a book called “Magic Ramen: the Story of Momofuko Ando.” This work shared the origin of ramen noodles and the story of the culinary craftsman who created it. Some classes recreated ramen with Play Doh, but a more ambitious challenge awaits.

For the open house on July 16, toward the end of the session, the children will make homemade noodles for inclusion in a spaghetti dinner. They will not be ramen, and they will have more original character than uniformity, but they will help to tell in a unique way the story of those who enjoyed and learned from their time in the program.

Parents and others who come will also see the walls of art that accumulated during the several weeks. Wehrle told of how the program does not send art home until the end of the term. “They can see all the art of the whole program,” she added.

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JULY 2

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### WHITE REUNION

Berlin & Clara White  
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Sunday, July 13



River Rock Hideaway  
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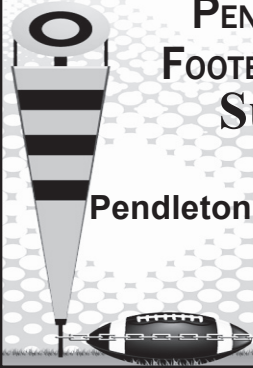
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# Neighborly Alliance Nurtured Strong Pioneer Communities

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Neighbors were essential for survival and community during the pioneer days. They relied on each other to overcome the challenges of settling in a harsh environment.

They interacted and supported each other by relying on mutual aid. Oftentimes someone had a surplus of food and they would share with neighbors. The demanding tasks like building barns and houses gathered folks in the neighborhood to come and help. This would be called “raising bees.” Then there would be various tasks like fetching water, protecting crops, and managing livestock.

Close bonds were formed which included social gatherings and parties. There was a strong sense of unity in the shared struggle of existence. What was crucial was knowing and supporting one’s neighbors for survival in times of danger. Actually, the neighborly relationships were built on interdependence, cooperation, and strong sense of community. This was the essence and heart of pioneer life.

Older siblings cared for younger siblings. Pioneer families stayed close together in later years as well, with multiple generations sometimes living under the same roof, or close by.

There was always work to do. Women had “workings” where they helped each other harvest beans, peas, and vegetables. And it held true that when people gathered together, they talked and developed close ties to each other. Their survival depended on it.

Yes, the pioneers enjoyed getting together, by visiting and building family relationships. Reunions and Christmas were important traditions. Reunions instilled a sense of pride in family, distant kin, and cousins.

As time marches on, traditions, customs, and neighborliness have been affected by the changes of society. Has it been for the better? Let the reader decide.

Life’s little instructions include the following:

1. Never talk bad about the food when a person is the guest.
2. Don’t eat the last piece of something one didn’t buy.
3. Dress well, no matter what the occasion.
4. Never be ashamed of where one came from.
5. Attend a reunion.

What a change there has been in the weather. This week’s prediction of temperatures in the 90s calls for one to pull out the summer clothes. Last week’s rains brought 6 inches in some areas, and nearly 4 inches in others. That alone will bring on the second cutting of hay and the gardens.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

“Continue to share your heart with people even if it’s been broken.” — Amy Poehler

“Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life.” — Mark Twain

“Do you ever wait for the longest day of the year and then miss it?” — F. Scott Fitzgerald

“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.” — Eleanor Roosevelt

“I avoid looking back. I prefer good memories to regrets.” — G. Kelly

Sitting with feet in the creek is the best place to hear the “Talk of the Grove.”

The blue wildflower has spread all over the bottom field of



Attending Sinnett Lane School around 1908 were, from left, front row, Fred Harper, Charles “Odd” Rexrode, Lester Hoover, Ernest Hoover, Mary Jane Rexrode Hoover, Phoebe Eye Simmons, Elva Eye Sinnett, Salley Harper Propst and Lona Eye Hoover; middle row, Willie Harper, Harry “Tut” Hoover, Charles Propst, Floyd Shrader, Mattie Moats Wimer and Betty Moats Cayton; and back row, Marion Wimer, Ella Rexrode (teacher), Bessie Sinnett Propst, Linnie Moats Cayton, Carrie Propst Moyers and Isaac Harper. Photo courtesy of Kathy Nelson.

the Homan farm. It is quite a sight to behold. Mountain laurel continues to bloom on Reddish Knob, but the prettiest happens to be almost to the end of the Black Thorn Road, next to the Virginia/West Virginia border.

Ronnie and Tammy Lambert, along with Justin, April Colby and Chloe Simmons, enjoyed a week at Holden Beach in North Carolina. While there, they had fun searching for shark teeth, sea biscuits and shells. Ronnie and Colby also enjoyed surf fishing, with each of them catching several sharks and a few other fish.

The Sugar Grove Lions Club members met at the VFW pavilion Thursday evening for their regular monthly meeting.

Bill and John Rader have returned to their respective Floridian homes, following a brief stay.

The estate auction of Other (Dick) and Naomi Mitchell took place Saturday with a sunny warm day. Many bidders were present, enjoying the food prepared by Linda Rexrode. Items went to their new homes with a high bid for the kidney bean baskets at \$1,000 each.

The Benjamin Mitchell reunion was held Saturday at New Market, Virginia. Those attending from this area were Benjamin, Dinah, and Myra Mitchell, Gernon Hoover (along with nephew and niece, Michael and Rachel), Barbara Mitchell, Sam and Brenna Cockran, and Tom and Paula Mitchell.

This week’s clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- West Virginia has more Methodist churches than any other state or place in the world.
- Canada has more lakes than any other country, with more than 2 million lakes.
- Abraham Lincoln was a licensed bartender.

• During his lifetime, Vincent Van Gogh is known to have sold only a single painting.

• In 1971, Alan Shepard played golf on the moon.

Concerns are for Mike Adams, the Bob Adamson family, Charles Anderson, John Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave Basagic, Allen Beachler, Liz and Mick Bodkin, “Bo” Boggs, Larry Byers, Joyce Calhoun, Marie Cole, Stanley Dahmer, Phil Downs, Jennifer Errett, Isaac Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Carl Gant, David Gillispie, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, Sharon Harr, Steve and Armanda Heavener, Hannah Hedrick, Jack and Starr Hedrick, Chuck and Tracy Hiatt, Jim Hiner, Evan Hise, Tim Hively, Henry Hodges, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Julia Homan, Keith Hoover, Delbert Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Bob and Cynthia Hurry, Linda Jones, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Tara Kelley, Tom and Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Laura Kropp, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Donna Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Audree Marsh, Anna Mauzy, Ed May, Gene and Joan McConnell, Gary McDonald, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tom Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, Jim Moats, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Dwight Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryle Paine, Terri Parker, Andy Pond, Wayne Price, Janice Propst, Alda Propst, Janis Propst, Marilyn Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Virginia Propst, Eldon “Butch” Puffenbarger, Tom Rader, Willard Rader, Brandon Reel, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Linda Fay Rexrode, Bernie Sasscer, the Sylvia Schrader family, Annie Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Greg Simmons, Judy Simmons, Nelson Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Ed and Carolyn Smith, Natalie Stephenson, Tina Stuben, Steve Stump, Linda and Larry Vandevander, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Estelle and Don Wagner, Mary Louise Waldschlager, Amby Waybright, Jr., Mike Waybright, Rene White, Sherry Wilfong, Judy Williams and Ann and Ed Wimer.



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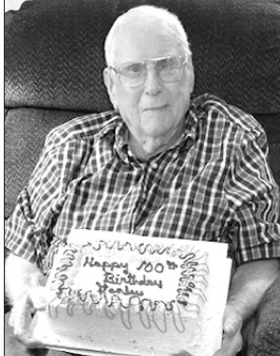


## Heartfelt Thanks

Thanks to everyone who remembered my 100th birthday with cards, calls, visits, gifts, Gideon Bibles, and other acts of kindness. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

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# Streamlined CDL Medical Certification Began June 23

Effective June 23 holders of Commercial Driver's Licenses in West Virginia will no longer be required to submit a medical examiner's certificate to the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles. Instead, the medical provider conducting the physical examination will directly enter the information into a secure database, which will automatically be transmitted to the DMV.

Under the new process, medical providers will have until the close of business the day following the examination to input the information into the system. As a result, CDL holders will no longer need to submit a paper copy of their medical

examiner's certificate to the DMV. While the certificate can still be obtained from the provider, it is not necessary for submission to the DMV.

This change is designed to help drivers update their medical records more quickly and accurately, reducing the risk of issues such as downgrades or being placed out of service due to an expired medical card. The DMV encourages all CDL holders to stay current with their medical certifications to ensure uninterrupted service.

Additionally, there will be no paper medical certificates accepted after June 23.

## PCMHS Honor Rolls Announced

Ali Judy, school counselor, has released Pendleton County Middle/High School's honor rolls for the fourth nine-weeks grading period.

### Principal's Honor Roll All A's

Seventh grade — Beckett Aumann, Kinley Bennett, Kya Brogan, Mackenzie Day, Bella Eye, Vaylee Harper, Cayden Hensley, Alayna Huffman, Kallie Keyser, Carmella Paugh, Journey Rowe, Lainey Simmons, Branson Smith and Aniyah Spencer;

Eighth grade — Tatum Aumann, Ava Bowers, Laney Bowers, Tia Heavner, Ziva Jones, Abigail Judy, Carolina Kimble and Katelyn Myers;

Ninth grade — Chesnee Colaw, Callina Dunn, Sam Eason, Dylan Eye, Alaena Fertig, Mason Harper, Katie Heavner, Katie Keyser, Chloe Kisamore, Candace McQuain, Travis Owens, Albert Ramos-Rivera, Alyssa Swain, Kaylee Teter and Danielle Warner;

Tenth grade — Alex Adams, Zander Adams, Trey Armentrout, Cole Harper, Spencer Hartman, Ty Heavner, Summer Hull, Callie Judy, Cain Nulph, Gabriella Trail, Susan Vincell and Madison Wells;

Eleventh grade — Madison Arbaugh, Breena Bowers, Mason DiFalco, Corbin Dove, Kaitlyn McQuain, Orrin Merrick, Jaiden Mitts, Leah Nesselrodt and Chase Owens; and

Twelfth grade — Elizabeth Alt, Sawyer Apple, Caleb Armentrout, Hannah Bennett, Kacy Bennett, Leah Bennett, Emma Hartman, Lydia Heavner, Aubree Keiter, Paigelyn Long, Jacob Mitchell, Julia Mongold, Titus Nulph, Addison Rexrode, Nicholas Rhodes, Jenna Smith and Avery Townsend.

### Regular Honor Roll 3.0 Average

Seventh grade — Jada Alt, Reagyn Atkins, Allison Barbour, Anthony Bowman, Weston Boyer, Eulaila Dahmer, Daisy Hartman, Hannah Heavner, Jackson Hedrick, Ty Johnson, Miley Kimble, Noah Kobetic, Shane Lamaster, Makayla Lambert, Cheyenne McLane, Maiya Mongold, Jasper Nelson, Emma Puffenbarger, Jayden Rexrode, Taylor Rexrode, Chase Rohrbaugh, Ava Sherman, Alivia Smith, Jacob Thompson, Josie Verdoni, Azalea Waddell, Lori Wehrle, Aiden Whetzel and Makynna Whetzel;

Eighth grade — Emma Alexander, Lily Brogan, Marley Champ, Landon Davis, Kaylee Ellinger, Cohen Hielt, Isabella Jameson, Carly Kimble, Mason Miller, Evie

Nulph, Kinsley Price, Bryce Propst, Jude Propst, Jaxon Simon, Jacey Thompson, Addison Traub, Makayla Turner, Lauren Williams, Ashlyn Wimer and Jackson Wimer;

Ninth grade — Bella Alt, Ty Armentrout, Jax Bennett, Charity Chan, Victoria Chan, Shayne Clutter, Jack Connor, Susan George, Jordyn Gibson, Jared Greathouse, Lukas Halterman, Kasen Hammer, Kayla Harper, Connor Hartman, Logan Hawk, Aubriana Holloway, Alanna Miller, Shyenne Morris-Hedrick, Marleigh Moyers, Phoebe Pownell, Ben Puffenbarger, Colton Roberson, Allison Reuss, Jonah See, Lauren Sisson, Broty Sites, Cooper Smith, Taya Smith, Natalia Stearns, Katie Thompson, Lexy Tingler and Cameron Wyatt;

Tenth grade — Arianna Alt, Cayson Armstrong, Bryce Basagic, Alyssa Bennett, Olivia Gonshor, Dakota Kimble, Trace Lambert, Autumn Lockard, Noah Lockard, Britton Lough, Christopher Maxson, Braxton Mongold, Jaidah Nesselrodt, David Noble, Jessica Parker, Bryn Reel, Keira Reel, Ashlin Rexrode, Bentley Ruddle, Hannah Schell, Colby Simmons, Liam Simmons, Malcolm Smith, Madison Sword, Ronald Thompson, Alex Tracy, Zackary Tracy, Madison Waybright-Bird, Allan Wehrle, Kourtney Whetzel, Brody Wimer and Brennan Wyatt;

Eleventh grade — Jestani Atkins, Zackary Boggs, Cayden Boone, Landen Champ, Barrett Cook, Kaylin Cooper, Emily Conrad, Evelyn Ditch, Logan Fisher, Tildon Graham, Larissa Greathouse, Garrett Hartman, Kiera Heavener, Makinley Hedrick, Jaydon Hess, Dakota Huffman, Braylin Hull, Cashton Kisamore, Gena Lambert, James Martin, Ruby McClanahan, Jameigh Miller, Nichole Mullen, Emily Poling, Vivian Pownell, Clara Raines, Taylor Roberson, Dalton Rohrbaugh, Lindsay Simmons, Madison Simmons, Jonas Turner, Carolyn Varner, Brynlynn Waggy, James Waybright, Cheyanne Whetzel and Isabelle Zirkle; and

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## Public Service Commission Welcomes Comments

The writer supposes it would come as no surprise to one that most of the comments received at the Public Service Commission are from people who are complaining about their utility services or the rates they must pay.


The public is invited to comment on any and all cases before the commission. It certainly is a person's right, and the commission welcomes the comments.

There are multiple ways by which a person can file comments with the commission. These include filing online, by mail, or physically coming into the commission to state one's mind while the commission is in session.


Formal comments are comments filed in cases that are docketed by the commission as regular cases, or what is termed as formal cases. In those instances, they are given a case number and proceed through the commission's entire process.

In such cases, the commission publishes the information that is involved.

For example, when a sewer company seeks a rate increase, that company must file a petition with the commission, opening a case.



**Public Service  
Commission  
Chairman  
Charlotte Lane's  
Column**



The company tells what it is seeking. The commission gives that case a number to track it, and it becomes a formal case. The commission generally then requires the utility or petitioning party to publish a notification in a local newspaper about what the company is seeking.

Then the public is invited to comment on that case and any other that becomes a formal proceeding.

Last year, the public filed a total of 1,467 formal comments with the commission.

Of that number, 1,168 were in the form of a protest against what the utility was seeking.

Another 299 were filings made in support of what was being asked of the commission.

The largest number of complaints, 895, came in cases involving electric power rates.

The second-highest category was cases involving

natural gas companies.

It is not surprising that fuel companies, such as electricity and gas, have so many complaints. Their rates tend to fluctuate more than others.

Last year the commission also had 240 informal complaints filed. Those are observations of a general nature and are not tied to a specific case before the commission.

Again, complaints against electric rates led the list at 85, followed by complaints about water service and gas.

The commission takes close heed of a person's comments. The commission files them in each case where it can properly identify what the comments are concerning. The commission takes notice of what a person says.

So, please let the commission know how one feels and what one thinks. The commission always like to hear from a person.



## SKSRT Awards NFES Students For Perfect Attendance

Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone awards a \$25 certificate each month, September through May, to a student at North Fork Elementary School who has perfect attendance. Monthly winners were, from left, Kimberly Sponaugle, daughter of Dustin and Kelly Sponaugle, Layla Warner, daughter of Stephanie Nicholas, Elaina Raines, daughter of Bobbie and Sara-Jo Raines, Andelyn Vance, daughter of Andy and Heather Vance, Hannah Sponaugle, daughter of Isiac and Patricia Sponaugle, Kaleb Michael, son of Allen and Kyomi Michael, Jason Thompson, son of April Thompson, Makenna Bell, daughter of Leslie and Courtney Bell and Jena Miller, SKSRT's general manager. Not pictured is Nicholas Harper, son of Scott Harper.

## Generator Safety Paramount During Periods of Extreme Weather

By Stephen Smoot

Though it is not clear yet what started the fire in a Franklin residence last week, extreme weather conditions can leave residences reliant on portable generators to maintain power to essential needs, such as freezers, oxygen machines, and more.

These differ from the larger systems that come professionally installed and have a high capacity to provide power to a residence, business, or government office.

Brian DiFalco from the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department explained some of the dangers that can emanate from these helpful devices. He shared some tips on how to stay safe when using them.

First, "make sure they are not close to combustibles." This advice holds not only for gasoline powered, but also propane generators. Care should be taken to keep them a safe distance away from combustible materials, which can include different types of siding. Do not place under a wooden deck or other covering. At least 60 inches should separate a generator from combustible items and three feet from non-combustible, as well as an 18 inch separation between the device and a wall.

Additionally, the National Fire Protection advises placement in a location convenient for maintenance and also access by first respond-

ers. Keep vegetation closely cropped to at least three feet from the generator and adhere to general maintenance requirements for it.

These include, according to firefighterline.com, regularly inspecting equipment, checking oil levels, cleaning equipment, cleaning or replacing air filters, and checking fuel lines for leaks or damage. Also use appropriate cords and outlets and regularly check for problems.

DiFalco also advises that one should never operate a generator inside. Even when outside, ensure that a running generator should operate in a well-ventilated area. He warns that the potentially deadly gas "carbon monoxide will spread" unless "far enough away from the home." Carbon monoxide can enter through nearby open windows, cracks, or small holes and accumulate in poorly ventilated areas.

Another problem that commonly occurs lies in overloading portable generators. DiFalco states that one should "only use it to power essential appliances, not your whole house." Prioritize needs, such as health care equipment, freezers and refrigerators, air conditioning when temperatures rise, and other needs.

Overloading a generator can result in the outbreak of fire.

Experts recommend keeping a Class C fire extinguisher handy. This type is appropriate for electrical fires.

## Fire Damages Franklin Residence During Planned Power Outage

By Stephen Smoot

In the middle of a month of storms battering Pendleton County, Mon Power held a planned outage for the area in and around Franklin.

Businesses, government offices, and residences, where possible, turned to generators to keep refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and more running as crews performed routine maintenance. At about 9:30 a.m. last Tuesday, the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call concerning a fire possibly involving a generator.

FVFD once again saw a quick response prevent a larger disaster. They were dispatched to an older home on the 300 block of High Street. Within five minutes, Engines 23, 26, 22, and Tanker 23 reached the scene.

The fire breached the walls and consumed the inside of the structure. As Brian DiFalco with the FVFD reported on Facebook, "upon arrival, crews found heavy fire on the rear of

the structure and heavy smoke from the entire residence."

Crews ran a hose to the rear of the home and extinguished the fire on the exterior rear wall, then confronted the blaze inside. A crew "made an aggressive interior attack through the front door." There they found "high heat and no visibility" as they tracked down flames consuming three rooms in the back of the house.

Although the fire was out by 9:50, crews continued to pump water into the building to ensure that the fire did not reignite.

With homes constructed on that street in close proximity, the timely arrival of the FVFD and the efficient work of firefighters not only prevented the fire from burning the entire home, but also from spreading to neighboring residences.

One resident suffered minor burns, but did not accept transport to a hospital. FVFD units received aid from Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department, Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, Pendleton County

Office of Emergency Management, and Mon Power.

The community also stepped in to assist the crews. Firefighters labored under rising summer temperatures under a hot sun. T&K Markets and Potomac Hardware both provided cool drinks to keep crews hydrated.

DiFalco also praised the help of the staff of Pendleton Community Bank. Since the planned outage prevented the bank from opening, staff went around the county to do community service. Some had already gone to help clean fire departments around the county that day. As DiFalco described, "These employees assisted in cleaning apparatus and equipment after the call."

Once again, the community showed its ability to spring into action and help. "A successful outcome at a fire such as this is made possible by dedicated members working together while being supported by businesses and residences in our town," said DiFalco.

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IN RE: The Marriage of: Kimberly Lee Ann Cole Petitioner,

and

Lyndon Burle Cole, JR, Respondent.

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

**THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.** THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

**To the Above-Named Respondent:**

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Lyndon Burle Cole, JR. is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Respondent serve upon Kimberly Lee Ann Cole, Petitioner, whose address is 53 Rabbit Lane, Brandywine, WV 26802, West Virginia, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before July 31, 2025. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition may be obtained from the office of the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of

said Court June 19, 2025.

Shalee D. Wilburn  
Clerk of the Court  
6-26-2c

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BOND AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE PENDLETON COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION**

A public hearing will be held on the following entitled Ordinance at a meeting of the Board of the Pendleton County Building Commission (the "Building Commission") to be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Pendleton County Courthouse, 100 South Main Street, Franklin, West Virginia, and at such hearing any person interested may appear before the Building Commission and present protests, and all protests and suggestions shall be heard by the Board of the Building Commission and it shall then take such actions as it shall deem proper in the premises upon an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE PENDLETON COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF PENDLETON COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025 A (COURTHOUSE ANNEX PROJECT) TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO FINANCE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A COURTHOUSE ANNEX FACILITY FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PENDLETON COUNTY, AND TO PAY OTHER COSTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND APPROVING THE LEASING OF SAID FACILITY TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PENDLETON COUNTY, ALL AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEED OF TRUST, AN AGREEMENT AND LEASE, A LEASE ASSIGNMENT AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE TERMS AND SECURITY OF SUCH BONDS; DEFINING AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE SERIES 2025 A BONDS; PROVIDING GENERALLY FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES AND SECURITY OF THE HOLDERS OF THE SERIES 2025 A BONDS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

The above quoted title of the Ordinance describes generally the contents thereof and the purposes of the bonds contemplated thereby. The Building Commission contemplates the issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 A (the "Series 2025 A Bonds") described in the Ordinance. The proceeds of the Series 2025 A Bonds will be used to (i) pay the costs of the acquisition of real property, construction, renovation, improvement, furnishing and equipping of the Courthouse Annex Facility; and (ii) pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2025 A Bonds and certain other costs in connection therewith. The Series 2025 A Bonds are payable solely from lease rentals payable to the Building Commission by the County Commission of Pendleton County. No taxes may at any time be levied for the payment of the Series 2025 A Bonds or the interest thereon.

The above entitled Ordinance was adopted by the Board of the Building Commission on June 17, 2025. A certified copy of the above entitled Ordinance is on file with The County Commission of Pendleton County, on behalf of the Secretary of the Building Commission, protests, and all protests and suggestions shall be heard by the County Commission and it shall then take such actions as it shall deem proper in the premises upon an Ordinance entitled:

Following the public hearing, the Building Commission intends to enact the Ordinance upon final reading.

/s/ Elise White  
County Clerk  
6-19-2c

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PENDLETON COUNTY**

A public hearing will be held on the following entitled Ordinance at a meeting of The County Commission of Pendleton County

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**PENDLETON COUNTY PSD  
PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
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 12:00 PM local time on July 10th, 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" highway 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**

Unit price 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, including the foundation, site work, site piping and telemetry. 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

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](http://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:		
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:		
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:**

Owner:	<b>PENDLETON COUNTY PSD</b>	
By:	<b>DARRELL BODKIN</b>	
Title:	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	
Date:	<b>6/16/25</b>	1c

Ordinance was adopted (the "County Commission") on second reading by the Board of the Building Commission on June 17, 2025. A certified copy of the above entitled Ordinance is on file with The County Commission of Pendleton County, on behalf of the Secretary of the Building Commission, protests, and all protests and suggestions shall be heard by the County Commission and it shall then take such actions as it shall deem proper in the premises upon an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PENDLETON COUNTY**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE PEND-

## Residents Encouraged To Be Safe During the Summer Season

From hiking to biking, camping to climbing, on a board of ATV, safety first is the message from the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and the West Virginia Fire Commission Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The combination of alcohol and hot temperatures can increase dehydration and case a person's Blood Alcohol Content to reach a higher level more quickly. This can lead to impaired judgment, slowed reaction time and loss of coordination. Elevated BAC levels can impact the body's ability to process the alcohol consumed and lead to a life-threatening situation, such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke or even death.

Recreational activities on the water pose a greater risk of injury and death when alcohol is consumed. In 2024, there were 15 boating incidents, with six fatalities in West Virginia. The WVDNR Law Enforcement Section will be working throughout the summer season to enforce the laws and keep everyone safe. The WVDNR Law Enforcement Section's efforts increase for "Operation Day Water," a nationwide enforcement campaign designed to heighten awareness and enforcement of boating under the influence, will take place during the Fourth of July weekend. According to Capt. Goodson with the WVDNR, last year 63 natural resource police officers participated in "Operation Dry Water: and 815 vessels wee contacted. During this three-day campaign, 50 citations were issued, three boating under the influences were issued and 126 boating warnings were issued.

As much as pools, lakes and rivers are part of summer, so are cookouts, fairs, festivals and fireworks. The United States Consumer Products Safety Commission reports that in 2023 there were eight deaths and an estimated 9,700 injuries involving fireworks. In addition, Tim Rock, WV State Fire Marshal's Office public information officer, reported that according to the National Fire Protection Association there are on average 19,700 emergency room visits due to grilling accidents and 10,600 home fires caused by grilling.

Fred Wooton, West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control commissioner, encourages all West Virginians to be safe, responsible and look out for one another this summer season.

LETON COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION (THE "BUILDING COMMISSION") LOCATED AT 100 SOUTH MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, WEST VIRGINIA, PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA FOR USE AS AN COURTHOUSE ANNEX (THE "COURTHOUSE ANNEX PROJECT") BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND THE ISSUANCE BY THE BUILDING COMMISSION OF ITS LEASE REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 (THE "BONDS"), TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AND THE PAYMENT OF COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND RELATED COSTS; AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPOSED COURTHOUSE ANNEX TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS, IMPROVEMENTS, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, RIGHTS OF WAY AND APPURTENANCES ASSOCIATED THEREWITH BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION FROM THE BUILDING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT TO BE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERED OF A CREDIT LINE DEED OF TRUST,

SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND THE BUILDING COMMISSION IN FAVOR OF THE PURCHASER OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

The above quoted title of the Ordinance describes generally the contents thereof and the purpose of the Lease contemplated thereby. The County Commission contemplates that the Building Commission will issue Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 A (the "Bonds") to: (i) pay the costs of the acquisition of real property, construction, renovation, improvement, furnishing and equipping of the Courthouse Annex Facility; and (ii) pay costs of issuance of the Bonds and related costs. The Bonds will be payable solely from lease rentals payable to the Building Commission by County Commission. No taxes may at any time be levied for the payment of the Bonds or the interest thereon.

The above-entitled Ordinance was adopted by first reading the County Commission on June 3, 2025. A certified copy of the above entitled Ordinance is on file with the County Commission for review by interested parties during regular office hours.

Following the public hearing, the County Commission intends to enact the Ordinance upon final reading.

/s/ Elise White  
County Clerk  
6-19-2c



# BOE Sees Workman's Compensation Insurance Premium Drop for Next Year

By Stephen Smoot

The first meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education was one of the briefest of the year, but consequential moves still took place.

After reciting the Pledge, the board members and others present heard their president, J. D. Wilkins, give the customary invocation. He prayed, "We thank You for the day and thank You for the school year that we had."

First, the board considered a short slate of retirements and resignations. They then went to approve the posting of the positions of administrative mentor and extracurricular

transitional trainer.

Wilma Pitsenbarger, board member, requested more information on both positions and received the explanation that both provide supplemental training and support for new personnel.

New hires included Kristy Tritapo as assistant principal at Pendleton County Middle/High School, Jonathan Eye as the middle school head girls' basketball coach with Bethany Whetzel serving as assistant.

The board also approved recommended changes in supplemental pay. This included \$800 for certain middle school coaching positions, \$2,000 for high school cheer head coach and \$1,000 for the assistant coach of that squad.

Certain other positions that worked more than 200 days also received supplemental pay changes.

J. P. Mowery then stepped in to give the treasury and finance reports. The former report showed that it was, as Mowery explained, "another good month for the month of May cash flow wise." He reported a month ending balance of \$3.178 million after one of the last batches of tax receipts came in.

June, however, will see an expected "significant reduction" as payroll checks go out.

The interest report also showed good results. With a 4.39 percent interest rate, the balance in the bank earned approximately \$86,000 for the month and \$112,000 for the year to date. "That, again, is very good," stated Mowery, who shared that the budget only anticipated \$75,000 in interest.

Mowery then brought up option for workman's compensa-

tion insurance for the year 2025 to 2026. After reviewing different options, he recommended Travelers "who we've had for years" for that service.

Travelers proved the most attractive option and was approved. They offered \$22,335 as the year's premium, reduced \$1,200 from the previous year. "That's pretty rare. It's rare for anything to be decreasing in this day and age," shared Mowery.

The reduction came because of the flawless record of Pendleton County Schools in having no workman's compensation claims for the past five years. "As boards of education go, that's about as low as you can go," Mowery stated.

Sonny O'Neil, board member, questioned Travelers estimate of total expected claims of \$59,000 from the school system, saying that "for no claims in five years, that seems high." Mowery explained that the insurance company takes into account the possibility of a claim with "extreme" costs, such as hospitalization, when coming up with that number.

He also stated that he had asked the same question of experts around the state.

Board members then took up a request from the Christian Assistance Network to renew their lease of the Kline Building for their food pantry operation. Charles Hedrick, superintendent, informed the board that "it's the same terms we've had," that include a nominal lease of \$10 for the year.

It was approved.

The final act of the meeting was Nicole Hevener taking the oath of office to assume the position of Pendleton County Schools superintendent on July 1.

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**FRANKLIN**, Birchwood Drive, 3BR, 2BA, bath, brick ranch house, oak hardwood floor, large deck, pool, **\$229,000 \$209,000**  
**\$198,000 REDUCED \$178,000.**

**MOYERS** - 49.16 acres, mostly cleared, old farm house, good condition log outbuilding, spring and stream. **\$289,000.**

**BLACK THORN MOUNTAIN ESTATES**, 6.18 acres, Lot #22, top of mountain, great views, all wooded, HOA applies, west of Doe Hill Road. **\$74,000. \$64,000. REDUCED \$50,000.**

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**FRANKLIN** - 4 BR, 1BA, 2-story house with 84.49 ac. Woodland and rented pastures. WVPT2000922. \$540,000.

**FRANKLIN** - 4 BR, 1.5 BA, Log home on 2 +/- ac, with additional acreage available. WVPT2000872. \$315,000.

**FRANKLIN** - 3 BR, 2.5 BA home with 1 car garage on 0.43 ac. Heat pump/AC, WVPT2000846. \$225,000.

**BRANDYWINE** - 1 BR, 1 BA rustic log cabin on 32.28 ac bordering national forest. Solar and propane. WVPT2000860. \$239,000.

**FRANKLIN - DRY RUN** - WVPT2000800 \$225,000; 8 acs. 3 BR mobile home, deck, pool, lg garage.

**PETERSBURG** - WVGT2001048 \$239,900; 4BR 1 1/2 BA, heat pump/AC, new cabinets.

**SMOKE HOLE** - WVGT2000894 \$975,000 \$899,000; 13.93 +/- ac., 2 Story Cabin, 3 rentals cabins, 2 ponds, electric hookups for campers.

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2003 FORD F-550 REG CAB 4X4 FIRE TRUCK, 6.0 diesel, auto., red, ldd w/accessories, only 45K miles.....	\$49,500
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**SGR378A** 0.31 acres w/3 bed/2bath & 2 bed/1 bath Duplex, Full basement, oil heat, investment opportunity, 15 A/B Meadow Lane, Franklin. **\$324,900.00.**

**SGR377A** Family Retreat! 10 acres w/4 Bed, 3 Bath Cabin, Finished Basement w/additional family room. Primary Bdrms Upst & Dwnstrs w/en suites & WICs. Full size kitchen, Wood & Propane Heat. Septic & Cistern. Buck Ridges Development, Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$349,900.00.**

**SGR376A** 0.28 Ac & 0.22 Ac 64 Mulberry St., Franklin District. 3 Bed, 2 Bath home w/2 Car Attached Garage, Full Basement, Lots of Outbuildings and Located at the End of Street. **NEW LISTING \$289,900.00.**

**SGR374A** Spectacular View! 2.81 Ac w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin w/Loft, located on Kile Knob. Propane cook stove & lighting. Propane & Wood Heat. On site Septic, Cistern Water Source. **NEW LISTING \$299,000.00.**

**SGR371A** 0.04 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath 1600 sq. ft. Home located in Franklin. Town Water/Sewer. Double Pane Windows, Mini-Splits, Woodstove & half basement. Large deck on back w/Nice Mtn. View. Lot #4, Franklin Corp. ~~\$156,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$139,000.00.**

**SGR370A** 599.19 Acres located in Sandy Ridge area, Franklin District. Excellent Hunting, Food Plots, Timber, Catfish Pond, Mountain Views w/Roads Throughout. **\$1,695,000.00.**

**SGR367A** 2.75 Acre wooded building lot at end of Highland Estates Subdivision, Lot 13, Grant County, Perk approved. Some restrictions. **\$59,999.00.**

**SGR366A** 5 Acres w/Cabin, Buck Ridges Development. Panoramic View. Lots of upgrades: New Vinyl Siding, New flooring throughout, New Solid Surface Countertop, Freshly Painted Interior, Two Bed, Two Bath, Large Loft. Finished walkout basement. Hot Tub conveys. 1000 gallon Cistern supplies water to cabin. New 8x12 storage shed. New 1 car garage. **NEW LISTING \$320,000.00**  
~~\$349,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$299,900.00.**

**SGR364A** 2.65 Acres w/2006, 3 Bed, 2 Bath Ranch Modular, Hardwood floors, New Metal Roof, Well, Septic, 2 Car Garage & separate 10x20 Bay Garage w/concrete floor. Located in Riverton. **NEW LISTING \$349,000.00**  
~~\$379,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$299,000.00.**

**SGR363A** 3 Bed, 1 Bath Home located in Franklin Corp., Heat Pump, Propane Wall Unit, Electric Baseboard and Central AC, Town Water & Sewer, Double Pane Windows, Deck, One Car Garage & Storage Shed. **NEW LISTING \$169,000.00.**

**SGR361A** 1.32 Acres w/4 currently rented residences located in Brandywine, Bethel District. Public Water. **NEW LISTING \$134,900.00.**

**SGR360A** 0.98 Ac. in Brandywine, w/2 Unit Apartment Bldg. and a 35'x60' Mobile Home. All units occupied. **NEW LISTING \$129,900.00.**

**SGR355A** 0.241 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 Bath 2475 sq ft home located in the town of Franklin. Finished basement, covered front porch. **NEW LISTING \$259,000.00.**

**SGR354A** 50.96 Acres w/1 Bed, 1.5 Bath Cabin, Spacious Loft. Gas FP. Hardwood Valley Subdivision. Some Restrictions. Beautiful wooded setting. **\$389,000.00.**

**SGR351A** 1.53 Acres w/3 Bed, 1 Bath Rancher. Attached Garage, 16'x20' Unattached Garage. Kellers Ridge, Petersburg. ~~\$249,000.00~~ ~~\$239,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$215,000.00.**

**SGR349A** 0.341 Acres, with Commercial Bldg or can convert to Residential. Newly Renovated, 2 Baths, New Central AC, Commercial Freezers, 2 Septics. Great location along US RT 33 East. **\$299,000.00.**

**SGR343A** 5 Acre lot w/Log Siding Cabin, Buck Ridges Development. Great View. 2 Bed, 2.5 Baths. Walkout Basement with newly remodeled bath. New carpeting in Basement. Expansive covered deck provides even more outdoor living space to enjoy. Wood floors upstairs. Spring Water. **\$283,000.00.**

**SGR340A** 327.98 Acres, with 4 Bed, 3.5 Bath Home w/2 car garage and Barn. Property adjoins lands owned by Fisher Mtn. Golf Course. Expansive view of Shenandoah Mountain and Fisher Mountain Golf Course. Year round spring-fed creek w/several other Springs and nice bldg. sites. **NEW LISTING \$2,250,000.00.**

**SGR337A** 2.79 Acres, w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin. Wood Ceiling, Paneled walls, LP heat. 8'x8' outbuilding. Well, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$129,000.00**  
~~\$149,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$99,900.00.**

**SGR326A** 141.74 Acres, Raw Land, Buffalo Hills. Excellent Hunting, Franklin District. **\$379,000.00.**

**SGR316A** 10.35 Acres, Entry Mountain, Some Covenants & Restrictions. Nice View. **\$89,900.00.**

**SGR302A** "The Hollow" Restaurant, fully furnished, at the corner of US RT 220/US RT 33W, Franklin. Property adjoins neighboring motel. ~~\$425,000.00~~ ~~\$320,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$299,000.00**  
~~\$299,000.00~~ **REDUCED \$229,000.00.**

**SGR056** Highland County property. Pasture, several year-round Springs, Hunting, High Speed Internet, Electric, 1.3 miles of public Road Frontage. Awesome view of Blue Grass Valley. **\$2,973,000.00.**

**SGR441 Residential lots**, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte 33 East of Franklin. Lots from **\$20,760.00.**

**SGR247 Residential lots** with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from **\$14,630.00.**

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