THE PENDLETON TIMES (USPS 425-240)

Serving the Community since 1913

\$1.00 Volume 112, Number 30

Franklin, Pendleton County, West Virginia 26807

Thursday July 24, 2025

Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Two secret Santas will be sponsoring a Christmas in July evening meal for seniors aged 60+ on July 31 at the Franklin Senior Center. The meal will be served at 5 p.m. Please contact the senior center at 304-358-2421 by 2 p.m. July 29 to reserve

Family Support Center in Franklin **Sponsors Activities**

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street is sponsoring a free pool day on Friday.

On Saturday, organization will be teaming up with WIC to serve up some fresh fruit salsa from 9 a.m. to noon at the Farmers Market in Franklin. There will also be crafts for the

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

Lane Closures **Scheduled on** Smoke Hole Road

County Route 2 (Smoke Hole Road) in Pendleton County will have lane closures from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning today through Monday, excluding the weekend, for paving.

Crews will begin paving at milepost 2.70, near Calen Lane, and end at milepost 5.48, near Shreves Store.

Emergency vehicles, school buses and United be accommodated. All other motorists are to expect delays and/or seek alternate

Local Churches To Host VBS

A one-day Vacation Bible School, "Yee Haw: Celebrating God's Greatest Gift," for all children ages 3 to 12 will be held Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin. Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m. followed by the program from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. A free will offering will be collected for flood victims.

"Unlocking the Fruits' is the theme of Vacation Bible School scheduled from 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 28 through Aug. 1 at the First Baptist Church in Brandywine. A kickoff will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Anyone from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade is welcome to attend. A light supper will be served every evening. For questions, call 304-249-5202

It's party time Franklin Assembly of God Church in Franklin. The church will host Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8 p.m. July 29 - 31. All kids ages 5 to fifth grade are invited to come see what the fun is all about. There will be games, music, crafts, stories, prizes, food and much more.



Pendleton County participants in West Virginia Poultry Association Youth Day competition were, from left, front row, Kallie Keyser, Gracie Hedrick, Tori Heavner and Bella Hoover; and top row, Branson Smith, Ty Heavner, Tia Heavner and Katie Keyser.

Pendleton County Junior Team Prevails in Poultry Judging

By Stephen Smoot

County teams traveled north to display poultry prowess in state level competition.

Once again, Pendleton County youth earned awards from superior demonstrations of knowledge and skills.

"Young people continue to be our future," said Hardy County Commissioner and

former West Virginia University Extension Agent Once again Pendleton David Workman. He added that Youth Day serves as "the opportunity to initiate them into the industry that is so important to us." Importantly, young people can focus "not only on the consumption part, but also the production part."

> And Youth Day covers both of those bases.

Those participating came bright and early to compete last Wednesday morning. Some traveled only a few miles to get to the competition site at Moorefield High School. A team clad in matching green shirts came from Doddridge County to match their skills against the home standing teams from Pendleton, Hardy and Tucker

Continued on Page 2

Pendleton County Sheriff Releases Information

Release from Bradley D. Kimble, Sheriff of Pendleton County

July 21, 2025

On Friday, July 18, 2025, the Pendleton County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) arrested a juvenile male, in connection with the double homicide on July 10, 2025. The juvenile was States Postal vehicles will taken into custody without incident. The ar-

rest is the result of relentless investigative work by PCSO with the assistance of the West Virginia State Police, Charleston Police, ATF, the West Virginia Fusion Center, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources Police, and Rockingham County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff B. Kimble

Pendleton County Sheriff's Office

Volunteers Bring 'Energy' to Pendleton County Board of Education Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

"We couldn't have done this without our partners," shared Brooke Alt as she praised the community for the success of the inaugural Pendleton County Energy Express pilot program.

Pioneered in Mineral County nearly 30 years ago, Energy Express had a two-part mission. It exists to ensure that children who need it get sufficient nutrition during the summer months. Also, it works to "prevent the summer slide" in elementary-age academic skills. Classes start in mid-June and run through July.

Unlike any of the other programs operating across the state, Pendleton County enjoyed a partnership with Experience Learning. That organization took the students on educational field trips every Friday to areas such as Spruce Knob to learn

Alt brought to the meeting a group of instructors and other volunteers who took their passion and talents to Franklin Elementary School this summer for Energy Express. In the front of the room sat a pile of art projects completed by students of different grades for attendees to examine.

Hannah Bennett led a class of third and fourth graders. Although not going into education, she shared how much she enjoyed seeing the students "learning how to read better or spell more strongly."



Brooke Alt introduces Energy Express instructors and volunteers at a Pendleton County Board of Education meeting.

She told the board, "I love this program because I am helping them with the summer slide.'

Sierra Braham, who is planning to study elementary education, led first and second graders. She enjoyed seeing the children "use their imagination to do different tasks." Baylie Curry, also planning to teach in elementary school in her future, said, "My kids really love art and drama." She added that their "reading and spelling skills have

progressed so much." After the instructors shared their stories, Alt discussed the cascade of volunteer help from the community. Members of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department brought an engine to talk about firefighting and emergency medical services. Darren Kimble came from Brandywine Fox's to show the kids how to make a pizza — then all got to eat their tasty projects.

Pendleton Penny, the coun-

ty schools service dog, even

paid a visit to engage the kids. Alt talked about how the community came together to help with their emphasis on "found art" projects. She said, "A lot of found art came into the office. I think Robin Kile cleaned out her craft closet."

"We've been really blessed with our community going along with any crazy idea we have," said Alt, smiling.

Kids and volunteers also lent a helping hand as they learned the value of helping out. They cleaned up trash, pulled weeds, and even put a new sand pit in at FES.

Burke and Herbert Bank sponsored an open house that featured a spaghetti dinner. About 80 came to enjoy the meal and learn more about what the kids had been doing in the first half of summer.

Alt shared that "we started with 40, had 32 to 34 enrolled, and 20 to 30 there any given

WV Poultry Association Hosts Intelligence Briefing at **Education Dinner at Oak Flat**



Madeline Johnson, poultry queen, and Aubrey Simmons, teen poultry queen, man the smoker at Dean's Gap Farm, showing off their culinary skills for the WVPA dinner at the Ruritan building in Oak Flat.

By Stephen Smoot

Though the bulk of activities associated with the West Virginia Poultry Festival take place in Pendleton's neighboring northern county, Hardy County, the West Virginia Poultry Association holds informational dinners in both counties, known as major producing areas.

Ward Malcolm, current president of the WVPA, welcomed all who attended the dinner. It was hosted by the South Fork Ruritan Club. Some of the farmers in attendance come from families whose agricultural traditions date back to George Washington's teenage years. The land itself has produced providently since then, making it only natural that a dinner celebrating the poultry industry, and warning of threats to it, would take place there.

The large crowd that gathered last Tuesday evening included Dale Walker, former WVPA president, Dayne Davis from Pendleton Community Bank, Steve Conrad from the Pendleton County Farm Bureau, and many others active in Continued on Page 2

105th Annual **Tri-County Fair** (Pendleton, Grant & Hardy Counties)



Fairgrounds in Petersburg Schedule **Events**

Saturday, July 26

6 p.m. — Preteen/Teen Pageant

Sunday, July 27

5 p.m. — Livestock Exhibitors' Meeting/Clinic

Vesper Following Meeting 7 p.m. — Jeff and Sherri Easter (Gospel)

Monday, July 28 9 a.m. — 4-H/FFA Beef Skill-a-Thon

10 a.m. — Breeding Cattle Show 1 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Feeder Calf Show

3 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Beef Showmanship

7 p.m. — Pig Scramble

7:30 p.m. — Queen Scholarship Pageant

Tuesday, July 29

10 a.m. — Breeding Sheep Show

1 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship 4 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Goat Showmanship

7:30 p.m. — Renegade Monster Trucks

Wednesday, July 30

10 a.m. — 4-H/FFA Market Lamb Show

4-H/FFA Sheep and Goat Skill-a-Thon 2 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Market Goat Show

6 p.m. — Parade

8 p.m. — Mullin's Pickers (Bluegrass) 9 p.m. — Parade Awards

Thursday, July 31

(Kids' Night - \$1 Admission for Everyone) 8 a.m. — 4-H/FFA Market Hog Show

1 p.m. — Livestock Fitting Contest

5 p.m. — Pedal Power Contest

6 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Market Heifer Show

4-H/FFA Market Steer Show To Follow

6 p.m. — Power Wheels Derby (ages 3-5) 6:30 p.m. — Power Wheels Derby (ages 6-7)

Friday, August 1

9 a.m. — 4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship 2 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Swine Skill-a-Thon

Lamb + Goat Obstacle Course 5 p.m. — Master Showmanship Competition 7:30 p.m. — Lamb/Goat Costume Contest

8 p.m. — TUSK - Classic Fleetwood Mac

Saturday, August 2 10 a.m. — Pet Show

11:30 a.m. — 4-H/FFA Livestock Awards

1 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale 7 p.m. — Demolition Derby

Gates Open at 8 a.m. Monday - Saturday Exhibits Open at 4 p.m. Monday - Friday; 2 p.m. Saturday Rides Open at 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday

OBITUARIES



Earl Smith

Earl Smith, 85, of Florida passed away on July 6, 2025.

He was born on June 9, 1940, in Circleville, the son of the late Lora Murphy Smith and Richard Pershing Smith.

Mr. Smith retired from A&P after 30 years. He worked for IGA, Richfood, and P&M sales. He then started his own construction business D&E and built many homes in the

His wife, Debbie Smith

survives. Also surviving are a daughter Terri Knicely (Harold); son-in-law Craig Mitchell; grandchildren, Chad Knicely, Jordan Knicely, Megan Evans (Logan), Brandon Mitchell Codie Mitchell (Jenna) and Emma Kyger (Josh); and 13 great-grandchildren; stepsons, Jimmy Bell (Cindy) and Scott Bell (Morgan) step-granddaughter, Jes sica Prather; and a sister, JoAnna Robbins.

He was also proceeded in death by his children, Jeffrey Earl Smith and Kimberly Rae Mitchell.

At his request all services were private.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.mcmullenfh

Local arrangements were by McMullen Funeral Home in Rockingham, Virginia.

PenCo Junior Team Poutry Judging

Continued From Page 1

Starting at 9:30 a.m., the various individuals and their teams opened the judging competition. Young people evaluated cuts of meat in different conditions. After judging and ranking the cuts of meat, the judges then requested in the "reasons" stage of the competition why the contestants had placed the items as they did.

Competitors not only showed their knowledge of poultry and related aspects of the industry, they also demonstrated public speaking, social, and other skills sometimes found wanting in young people.

After the youth luncheon came the opening of a type of competition different than that concluded in the morning. About 30 individuals in wide ranges of age made their way to large tents set up across the north parking lot from the high school. Awaiting them were small portable grills, charcoal, lighter fluid and, depending on which meat they preferred to cook, chicken or turkey breast.

Also, for almost a decade now, each received one of the most vital tools, a meat thermometer.

Cady Mitchell, an 11-year-old rising sixth grader from Upper Tract, shared how much she enjoyed the grilling competition and explained her chicken's unique flavors.

"I used Italian dressing, then I put some seasoning, Kinders. Then I put Blue's Hog," she explained, and concluded of her masterpiece, "I thought it was great!"

As in the judging competition, the two pillars of the event come in the form of both fun and learning. Mitchell explained that "I think it's a lot of fun, seeing all of the experience out here, seeing all the cookers, learning how they cook chicken."

At 3:15 p.m., all who participated gathered in the cafeteria of Moorefield High School to learn the names of the winners.

Alex Smith of the Hardy County West Virginia University Extension Service announced the winners. Each winner had a photograph taken with Madeline Johnson, poultry queen, Aubrey Simmons, teen queen, or one of the younger members of the court.

First, all there got to christen the new inflatable chicken mascot that had greeted visitors at the door that morning. After great discussion, it was concluded that his name must always and forever be "Cluck Norris."

In the juniors category, Pendleton Juniors A took first place with 1,395 points. Kallie Keyser, Tia Heavner, and Branson Smith made up that squad.

Hardy County Juniors A earned second place with 1,233. Mitchell, Lelia Bradford, Dannika Vetter, and Allison Ours composed that team. Hardy Juniors C also placed with a score of 1,022 posted by Geoffrey Williams, Grant Alt, and Wyatt Martin.

Senior team results saw Hardy County Seniors A, composed of Ronan Straight, Marcus Cremann, Brylee Reel, and Emily Parish, earn first place with 1,416 points. Hardy County Seniors B came in right behind in second place. Riley Cullers, Drake Kimble, and Emily See earned 1,221 points.

The top five in juniors were Keyser of Pendleton Juniors A with 553 points, then Brett Webb from Doddridge County with 481, Mitchell from Hardy Juniors A with 481, Bryce Herndon from Doddridge County with 448, and Heavner from Pendleton A with 443.

In seniors individual scoring, Ty Heavner from Pendleton County A earned first place with 564, Makinley Branson from Hardy County took second with 548, then Katie Keyser from Pendleton Seniors B with 544, Ronan Straight 511, and Jocelyn Sherman with 505.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pendleton County Middle/High School will be destroying student files on students who graduated in 2019. Records will continue to be kept on all students who are now in school.

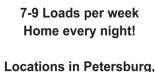
Federal and state laws require that we provide public notification of our intent to destroy these records and that we provide the opportunity for students and their parents or guardians to review these records prior to their destruction. We will begin this process on July 7, 2025. Records will be available to review or receive until July 31, 2025.

If you have any questions or wish to review or receive records, please contact Dr. Derek Lambert at 304-358-2573 or email drlambert@k12.wv.us.

NOW HIRING

CLASS A CDL DRIVER FOR FUEL TRANSPORT

\$65,000 - \$85,000 **ANNUALLY** 7-9 Loads per week



WV and Romney, WV No wait time to unload!

for the option.



Salary paid by load. Benefits include: paid time off, paid holidays, uniform allowance, 401K retirement, Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance for employee and family, short term disability, and life insurance. ALL FREE to employees.

> PETERSBURG OIL COMPANY

If interested, please call 304-257-4440. Applications can be picked up in the main office at Petersburg Oil Company. 112 S. Grove St., Petersburg, WV 26847

WV Poultry Association Hosts Dinner Continued From Page 1

the field.

Malcolm reserved special thanks for Pendleton Community Bank, sharing that "they make these dinners possible." The South Fork Ruritans, with help from the West Virginia Poultry Queen and Teen Queen, produced the dinners.

Madeline Johnson earned poultry queen in a recent pageant while Aubrey Simmons wore the sash of teen queen. Both traveled to Dean's Gap Farm in Fort Seybert to man a smoker that produced the incredibly tasty turkey breast served that evening. Malcolm explained that they will soon represent the area at the West Virginia State Fair and receive more similar opportunities down the road.

Matt Monroe from the West Virginia University Extension Service gave an invocation, praying, "Thank You for this industry."

After the invocation, one table of attendees at a time rose to line up for a buffet style dinner including the smoked turkey, scalloped potatoes, salad, green beans and ham, gravy, a dinner roll, blackberry cobbler, and vanilla ice cream.

As the dinner concluded, Dr. Joe Moritz rose to introduce Thomas Link, an intelligence officer with the United States Department of Homeland Security. Link moved from intelligence roles with the U. S. Department of Defense to the U. S. Department of Homeland Security in 2008. One of his most important roles places him at the West Virginia Fusion Center as a liaison.

He opened by sharing a story about discussing security

Pendleton County Schools will be conducting routine vision, speech and hearing screenings on all preschool and kindergarten students.

Pendleton County will receive a speech screening. Students new to West Virginia in the first grade and up will receive a hearing screening. Students in second and fourth grades will receive a vision screening.

Students who are referred for testing by the school psychologist will receive a hearing and vision screening, and possibly other relevant screenings per the referral (i.e., gifted, dyslexia, autism).

If a parent does not want their child to participate in the screenings, a written notice needs to be sent to the Director of Student Services by August 8, 2025, at Pendleton County Schools, P.O. Box 888, Franklin, WV 26807, Attn: D. Mullens.

clearances with West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey. Link then provided, essentially, an intelligence briefing to those in attendance about some of the most prevalent established and emerging threats to American agriculture.

He stressed that, though the intelligence was not classified, that those in attendance would not share specifics of issues discussed.

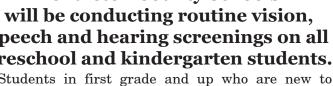
Some events discussed reflected similar concerns as a recent news item not mentioned by Link. Federal law enforcement, for example, recently arrested two travelers from Red China who claimed to be going to the University of Michigan to study a fungus that could threaten multiple major United States crops. They had the fungus on their person, but had no permission to violate U.S. border protection laws to bring it in. Authorities also doubted their story and they remain under investigation.

Other concerns shared could be addressed by legislation backed by United States Congressman Riley Moore. He has repeatedly backed bills that would prevent purchases of farmland by Red China.

Cybersecurity and threats of taking over or disrupting certain networks and systems were also discussed.

Link covered much more ground in his talk. He encouraged all those present to make themselves partners with the efforts of DHS to protect American farmland by reporting unusual activity, should it seem to fit the issues discussed in the presentation.

After the presentation, Johnson and Simmons returned to the front of the room to help pass out innumerable door prizes. As all collected their prizes, Malcolm dismissed and thanked attendees. They sauntered into the still warm and humid July twilight, still talking about the issues discussed



Students in first grade and up who are new



302 Golf Club Drive, Franklin 304-358-2261 www.fishermountain.com

July Events •Saturday, July 26, 5 - 8 p.m. Jonathan Zinn Live Music at Fisher Mountain





\$24⁹⁵

Restaurant Hours: Fridays - 4 - 8 p.m. Saturdays - 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday Brunch - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Germany Valley Limestone Rd., Riverton

Sunday Buffet July 27 · Noon - 3 p.m.

Bistro Tenders, Chicken Piccata,

Grilled Pork Chop, Caesar Salad, Saffron Rice, Boulangere Potoates, Cauliflower au Gratin, Snap Peas, Rolls/Butter and

Assorted Desserts

RESTAURANT HOURS:

Friday, Saturday and Monday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday Noon - 5 p.m. (Sunday Buffet Noon - 3 p.m.

> Menu Items Available All Day.) Seneca Caverns Open

Friday - Monday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 3328 Germany Valley Road., Riverton

304-567-2691

The 2017 Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap data reports high levels of food

Pendleton County expects to have four schools participate in the CEP. The program

PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS PROVIDE MEALS TO

STUDENTS AT NO COST

Franklin, W.Va. - Students in Pendleton County will have the opportunity to eat a no-

cost breakfast and lunch at school through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

program. The CEP was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and provides universal meal service to children in high-poverty areas. This is the fourth year

The CEP serves as an alternative to collecting, approving and verifying household

directly certified for free meal benefits, the entire school qualifies for the option.

help meet a crucial need for many students in our county," said, Nicole Hevener,

Superintendent of Pendleton County Schools. "We know academic achievement

increases when our students are well-fed and ready to learn, and we must provide

eligibility applications for free- and reduced-price eligible students in high-poverty Local Education Agencies (LEAs). If at least 25 percent of a school's student population is

"I am proud that Pendleton County Schools will be participating in the CEP program to

secure and reliable access to nutritious meals so all students have a chance to achieve

insecurity and hunger across the country. In West Virginia, more than 14 percent of residents, and over 79,000 children, live in food insecure households.

For more information, contact Holly Walker at (304) 358-2207 ext. 99329

allows the school system to feed nearly 850 students each day.

at the highest level possible."

Morrissey Headlines, Bennett and Miller Family Farms Recognized at WVPA President's Dinner

By Stephen Smoot

"Let me emphasize a couple of things," said West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey last Friday night as he stood before 300 plus who came to join the West Virginia Poultry Association in its yearly celebration of the industry.

"What you do here is really critical," he explained, adding that growers, producers, and others "play a critical role in helping West Virginia and the nation eat healthy." The governor then touted the powerful nutritional benefits of poultry and said "thank you for the hard work you

He also assured that while governor, he would not neglect the Potomac Highlands as state government has from time to time during the decades.

The West Virginia Poultry Association held its celebration at Misty Mountain Farms in Fisher, inviting all to a 4:30 reception and a 6 o' clock president's dinner. Weather conditions made the name true to the place as gossamer clouds of fog clung to the surrounding mountain and ridgetops.

Many came to the reception to enjoy incredible views of the natural wonders of the area while socializing and enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Close to six o'clock, all filed into the main hall to take their seats for the

After the governor's message to open the dinner, Dave Workman, Hardy County commissioner, offered the blessing, saying, "Bless the fellowship . . . and the hands that prepared the food."

Attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner of chicken and stuffing, roast turkey, green beans and ham, mashed red potatoes, gravy, rolls, salad, and a plethora of desserts.

Ward Malcolm, president of the WVPA, served also as master of ceremonies for the program. He recognized the poultry pageant queens, WVPA scholarship recipi-

\$



Governor Patrick Morrisey kicked off the WVPA President's Dinner by praising the hard work of farmers and others in the poultry industry.

ents, and window display winners. He also noted that "as the governor said, this is the biggest part of agriculture in West Virginia."

Malcolm also introduced author Rick Shockey who was in the area promoting the second in his Hardy's Heroes series that discusses each of the soldiers from that county lost in the second World War.

In West Virginia, the core of the poultry industry extends along lines connecting production centers in Moorefield and elsewhere with numerous growers. Most come from Pendleton and Hardy

Poultry represents West Virginia's largest agricultural sector.

Well-earned honors and accolades dominated the last half of the dinner presentation, with Pendleton County well-represented among the Producers of the Year. Others honored came from Hardy, Grant, Hampshire, and Rockingham [Virginia] counties.

Paige McNeely, representing Pilgrim's, took the stage to announce that company's Broiler Producer of the Year. She asked Jimmie Bennett and his wife, Vickie, to come to the podium. McNeely read off a slate of impressive statistics from the family operation, including the raising of seven flocks, selling 440,000

hens totaling 1.9 million



Jimmie and Vickie Bennett of Riverton were honored as Pilgrim's Broiler Producers of the Year. Paige McNeely, left, introduced them.

She noted that the farm was "top grower for the Moorefield complex for last year."

Bennett also represented the Pendleton County Commission as one of its elected officials at the dinner.

Another Pendleton County agricultural establishment, Oak Flat Farm, won Grower of the Year from the Virginia Poultry Growers' Cooperative. Chad Larson, representing VPGC, introduced Bruce Miller and his wife, Connie.

Chad Larson, left, representing VPGC, announced Oak Flat Farm and Connie Miller.

as its Grower of the Year. Also pictured are Bruce Miller, Tim Hook,

He said that "we appreciate what they do for the coopera-

He called Connie Miller their "scheduling guru" as she has run that for the coop since its founding in 2004.

She started with Wampler Longacre in 1989 and stated that "the farm has done well because of Bruce and Tim's (Hook) attention to detail."

Board of Education Continues with Review of New and Changed Policies in Special Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

In an effort to get new policies in place before the new school year, the Pendleton County Board of Education has held special meetings to do legally required readings and reviews. Changes range from simple grammatical fixes and substitution of terms to entire policies mandated by new state law.

J. D. Wilkins opened the meeting with the customary invocation, praying, "We thank You for the guests we have this evening," referring to the instructors, volunteers, and others who showed to present on Energy Express.

Board members first heard reports from J. P. Mowery about monthly bills paid and other treasury and financial information. Some recent expenditures include \$6,285.49 for new tile at Brandywine Elementary School, \$9,500 for painting the plethora of exterior doors at Pendleton County Middle/High School, and \$4,198.03 for a "long list" of repairs on one of the school buses.

Katie Hott, board member, asked if the repaired bus was one that would be in service for a long time to come. Mowery answered in the affirmative and stated that new buses start at \$150,000. Additionally, orders currently take at least a year or more to complete.

Mowery then zeroed in on the repair needs of the Harold K. Michael building. He said that the building is insured up to \$70,000 for repairs and the bid from Lantz Construction came in at just over \$69,000. Though insurance should cover most costs, he said, "I'm not going to guarantee that we won't have to put a little local money in it."

He shared that they expected repairs to conclude in mid-

Mowery then went over policies for review, starting with 5460

regarding graduation requirements. "They are largely the same." he noted, but the number of credits required decreased by one. Additionally, as Nicole Hevener, superintendent, explained about the credit recovery process, "The grade the student earned in the credit recovery course will be transcribed."

Policy 7540 establishes "an acceptable use policy" that sets expectations for employee use of personal electronic devices. Though "personal use is still allowed," Mowery explained that "we don't want to see teachers on phones all the time when kids

our phones for work," pointing out that the expanse of some school buildings makes use of cell phones for staff and faculty communication convenient. She also later stated that employees "can't use PEDs while driving a county car." Lengthy guidelines also come in this policy regarding use of

Hevener added that "there are times when we need to use

artificial intelligence. The new policy includes strict prohibitions on student use of AI to complete schoolwork. Several guidelines instruct faculty on acceptable uses of AI by students.

Also, the policy reads, "AI usage by our elementary-age students is not appropriate."

Mowery said, "We're not trying to achieve perfection."

Discussion then centered on the impact of the school discipline act that came from SB 199. All agreed to move forward with current discipline policies until the state provides clarification.

Derek Lambert, the incoming principal of PCM/HS, provided an update on progress over the summer at the school. He shared ideas on better career and technical education experiences for students, a planned open house, and more.

The next special meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on July



We are seeking additional housing for our Moorefield, WV facility

BROILERS

Contact **Duke Dunkle** 304.703.7407 Larkin.Dunkle@pilgrims.com

Upgrade incentives and new housing incentives available.

Fuel pay incentives of \$.05/sq. ft. paid year round. All litter amendments and bug spray paid

year round.

We offer many opportunities to expand existing farms. Upgrades can be done within one year of transfer.



Contact MIchael Mallow 304.538.5352 Michael.Mallow@jbssa.com

Pilgrim's Moorefield Breeder Department is seeking additional housing for hatching egg production for our growing facility.

Extended term contracts and new increased building incentives are available!



208 S. Main St. Moorefield, WV 26836



Visit our website www.pilgrims.com

EOE, including disability/vets

Contact us





30 Years Ago Week of July 27, 1995

SUGAR GROVE

Survey Indicates Farm Folk Value Freedom, Pursue Happiness To Fullest

A recent "Progressive Farmer" farm survey of the general rural population indicates that most farm folk pursue happiness to the fullest. At the same time, they are aware of the problems that affect their rural life. Rural families have been found to be fiercely independent and value personal freedom. They also have a great love for the land and nature. A part of their daily rural life is involvement in community affairs. Families who spend time together are strongly committed to each other and count on friends, church, and relatives for support when dealing with stressful events. Farm families are more likely to share and celebrate special events such as holidays, birthdays, and reunions. A high concern is the problems related to drugs in the community, crime, environmental issues, and alcohol related problems. Despite these pressures, farm families say they enjoy the slower pace of living in the country.

40 Years Ago Week of July 18, 1985

> Finding Wild Edible Plants A Challenge

A VIEW FROM SENECA By: Anna Kisamore

Our ancestors used dozens of wild edible plants sometimes during the year, but with every passing year, this fades as generations become more urbanized and modernized.

Also, because our wild areas are becoming smaller and fewer in number, it becomes a challenge finding wild edible plants. Don't become discouraged because there are still enough edible plants left to please the avid plant hobbyist, naturalist, and gourmet cook!

Below is a list and description of the use of wild edible plants found in this

Spicebush—Found in damp woods, and streamsides. Used in tea and seasoning. Tea is made by steeping the young leaves, twigs, and bark for about 15 minutes in a quart

Lambs-quarter—Found on waste grounds. Used for cooked greens, cereal, and flour. The tender leaves and tips are excellent steamed or broiled for 10-15 minutes. The entire young plant is edible, whereas from the older ones, quantities of young tender leaves can be stripped.

Day lily—Found on waste ground, roadsides. Used in salads, cooked vegetables. Prepare young flower buds like green beans, or when older, like fritters.

Dandelion—Found in lawns

Blauch

Sink Repair and Installation

✓ Leak Repair

and roadsides. Used in salads, cooked vegetables, fritters and coffee. The flowers are excellent dipped in batter and fried. To make a coffeelike beverage, bake the roots in a slow oven until brown and brittle, then perk like commercial coffee.

Mustards—Found on waste grounds. Used in salads, cooked greens, cooked vegetables and pickles. The clusters of unopened flower buds, boiled for three to five minutes, are a delicious substitute for broccoli. Do not overcook. As a pot herb, young plants are collected and parboiled for 20 to 25 minutes in mildly salted water.

Queen Anne's Lace (Wild Carrot)—Found in fields and waste ground. Used as a cooked vegetable. Prepare the first year's root like garden carrots. Caution: early leaves resemble poison hemlock.

Wood-Sorrel—Found in cool, moist, deciduous or evergreen woods. Used in salads and cool drinks. To make a refreshing drink, steep the leaves for 10 minutes in hot water, chill and sweeten. Rich in Vitamin C.

Cattails—Found in fresh or brackish marshes, and shallow water. Used in salads, cooked vegetables or pickles. This is probably the best plant and one of the most versatile of our native edible plants. In late spring, the green immature flower spikes can be gathered and boiled for a few minutes. Serve with butter and eat like corn on the cob.

50 Years Ago Week of July 24, 1975

Railroad to Stay In South Branch Valley

WASHINGTON — U. S. Senator Jennings Randolph was notified on Monday by Chessie System officials that it has withdrawn its application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for abandonment of the Petersburg to Green Spring rail line in eastern West Virginia. Randolph said it was his belief that "this action constitutes a recognition of the potential for development in our rural areas and smaller towns and a realization of the importance of having viable rail systems for the movement of goods and products."

If half the expected companies located in Petersburg and Moorefield industrial parks utilize rail service, they are estimated to generate from 1,700 to 2,600 rail cars per year. If 75 percent of the future plants in the industrial parks use rail service, they would generate from 2,600 to 3,800 railroad cars annually.

Randolph said with the positive decision by the Chessie System, an anticipated employment of over 1,200 persons could result by 1978.

60 Years Ago Week of July 29, 1965

U. S. Senate Passes Bill **Providing for Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks Area**

STAGGERS INTRODUCES SIMILAR BILL IN HOUSE

Washington, D. C.,-Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area—a proposed 100,000-acre tourist center for West Virginia moved another giant step toward reality last Friday as legislation embodying the proposal was approved by the U. S. Senate, it was announced by U. S. Senators Robert C. Byrd and Jennings Randolph.

The legislation to create the major new facility in Grant and Pendleton counties now moves to the House for action.

A bill identical to the Senate bill was introduced in the House of Representatives on June 17 by Rep. Harley O.

"In years to come, visitors from the United States and the world-over will come to West Virginia to enjoy the scenic beauty that abounds at Spruce Knob," said Byrd.

"By preserving this area, the Senate has guaranteed for these generations the joy that comes from seeing nature at its finest."

Sen. Randolph added: "The Senate, in passing the authorizing legislation for Spruce Knob, is in agreement with the National Park Service evaluation that West Virginia's recreation resources, if properly preserved, and developed, will serve not only the population of our state but also many millions of persons from adjacent states."

The U.S. Forest Service has estimated that the area will attract as many as 5 million visitors annually by the year

Points of interest to be contained within the area are Spruce Knob, the highest peak in West Virginia, with an elevation of 4860 feet, Spruce Mountain, Seneca Creek, segments of the Potomac River, North and Cave Mountains, Seneca Rocks and other geological and topographic features.

70 Years Ago Week of July 21, 1955

Inspection Law In Effect; **Four Stations Named**

West Virginia's new auto inspection law, making it mandatory that all motor vehicles be checked for mechanical fitness is now in full swing. The lack of stickers prevented starting the inspection on July 1 as originally planned, but they now have arrived and inspections are being made daily.

Motorists will be given until October 1 to have the vehicles inspected before the enforcement phase of the new law begins, according to Sergeant T. S. Myers, officer in charge of the program.

The following inspection stations have been approved for Pendleton County: Hedrick's Garage, Kline Motor Sales, Pendleton Motor Sales,

PO Box 453

MacArthur, WV 25873

WE ARE

HIRING

and Sites Chevrolet.

The inspection will cover such items as registration, brakes, lights and signal devices, steering apparatus, mirror, horn, windshield and other glass, windshield wipers, exhaust system and license tags, Sergeant Myers

A charge of \$1.25 will be made for each inspection which must be done at an approved garage or station, identifiable by a large blue and gold sign. Auto owners will be given through September 30 to have inspections made, but after October 1, any auto not bearing an official inspection tag will be in violation of the law, Sergeant Myers stated.

HOW HAS FRANKLIN CHANGED SINCE 1873?

Ever wonder what Franklin was like in 1873?

Watch The Pendleton Times for a forthcoming feature on the people who lived in Franklin over 75 years ago and a map showing where they lived.

How many of them will you

EDITORIALS

The Family Farm Is Stronger ---

Is the family farm a passing institution? John Bird, associate editor of Better Farming, doesn't think so. He tells why in a Reader's Digest article carrying the dramatic title, "They're Inventing the Drudgery Out of Farm Life."

His article deals with the enormous progress that has been made in getting farm jobs done swiftly, efficiently, and economically. He writes: "Mechanization is bringing fundamental changes to U. S. farm life. Going, at last, is the traditional dawn-todusk drudgery which has been the age-old lot of people on the land. The up-to-date farmer has evolved into a power-minded production engineer who is quick to acquire the latest labor-saving implements and who also invents many of his own. As a result, each hour of work is becoming more productive, life in the country is more enjoyable and the family farm

is growing stronger than ever." He also observes, "Ask almost any farmer, 'What is your greatest labor-saver?" and he will point to his tractor, or give it a fond pat—the modern model is a compact, fast-moving power package that not only pulls heavy loads but also hoists, pushes, digs, cuts, pumps, shakes and

Mr. Bird goes on to describe some of the other poweroperated tools that American enterprise and ingenuity have brought to agriculture. The farmers of past generations just wouldn't believe such miracles could exist. Machines are revolutionizing agriculture as completely as they are revolutionizing industry.

Phone: 304-890-3071

dustin@precisionfirm.com

WEEKLY NEWS **ANALYSIS**

Week of July 20, 1945

MORE SHOES

80 Years Ago

As a result of army order cutbacks to become effective in September, there will be an increase of 3,000,000 pairs of civilian shoes per month. The council based their

hopes for a more generous issue of civilian ration coupons on an increase in the supply of sole leather. The industry was given a

60-day period to prepare for increased production to meet civilian requirements.

SOAP FAMINE

Increased domestic buying of soap has resulted from suggestion by Herbert H. Lehman, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration director, that rationing of soap be started.

The emphasis placed on the world's tight soap situation has brought about critical shortages in many sections of the country. Manufacturers state that there is very little that can be done to increase available soap supply and nothing in the way of substitutes is available.

U. S. AIR KING: Nazi Flying Boat

Two years before the end of the war, Germany built a 200,000 pound flying boat, the world's largest. The plane had a range of 6,000 miles and could carry 40,000 pounds of cargo. The designer had plans for a 400,000 pound craft. The German flying boat was wrecked and set afire by six U. S. Mustang fighters late in March before it had a chance to be used against the Allies.

PLANS WELL **UNDERWAY FOR COUNTY 4-H CAMP**

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

Camp Equipment Flashlight or lantern; notebook and pencil; wash basin; toilet articles; knife, fork, spoon, tin plate, tin cup and bowl, tea towel; 1 cot, or empty tick, pillow and bedding

FOOD LIST FOR ALL

1 live chicken, 1 lb. ham (no substitute for ham or chicken), 1 lb. bacon or side meat, 1 doz. eggs, 1 lb. butter, 1 glass jelly or jam, 2 qts. canned fruit (no berries), 1 doz. cookies, 6 lemons, 1 small box cocoa, 1/2 lb. spaghetti, 1 gal. apples (if you have any), 1/2 cup dried soup beans, 6 carrots, 4 onions, 1 head cabbage, 1 cucumber, 1 doz. tomatoes, 6 ears corn, or 1 pint can, 1/2 gal. green beans-raw or 1 qt. canned beans.

If raw vegetables listed are not available, bring the equivalent in canned goods.

(ISSN 2833-8979) Michael Showell, Publisher The Pendleton Times is published weekly by

THE PENDLETON TIMES

(USPS 425-240)

Mountain Media LLC, 77 North Main St., Franklin WV 26807. Periodicals Postage Paid at Franklin WV 26807 and at additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Pendleton Times P.O. Box 906, Franklin, WV 26807

Subscription Rate: \$37.00 a Year In-State \$39.00 a Year Out-of-State Phone: 304-358-2304 Email:

ads@pendletontimes.com

Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

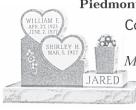
The first month of summer just passed, and the area had heat and rain. With all the rain, it's been hard to get time in to cut the grass.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins — Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Sandra Vandevander, Larry Moyers, 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, Neal Eye, Donald Burns, Ruth Bauer, Rick Waggy, Anna Mauzy, Gloria Moats, Ruthalene Judy, Frankie Judy, David Berg, Tim and Dee McCormick, Jim Judy, Jessie Simmons, Minny Rhoads, Larry Rexrode, Troy Bennett, Jim Fawley, Tom and Judy Borror, Bob and Brenda Sites, Judith Ours, Nancy and Toney George, David M. Hartman, George Hevener, Tonya Simon, Danny Nelson, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Tom Butterworth, Sherry Hedrick, Bobby Parsons, Robert Bennett, Mary Alice Evick, Rick Phares, Virgil "Bub" Yokum, Hannah Hedrick, Barbara Judy Harman, Joyce Calhoun, John Moyers, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Chuck Hiett, Betty Smith, Gretta Pope, Chase Shepke, Woody and Libby Hoover, Sherry Chambers and Ginger

Kimble. Prayer thought: "The years have taught me that when casting our cares on God, He sustains us. God bears our burdens and He knows our

High and low temperatures and precipitation for July 14 .25" (92°, 61°), July 15 - 83°, 65°, .01" (93°, 67°), July 16 -84°, 66°, .21" (96°, 67°), July 17 - 85°, 64°, .19" (84°, 66°, .88"), July 18 - 85°, 68°, .91" (75°, 65°, .26"), July 19 - 81°, 67°, .01" (86°, 57°) and July 20

Piedmont, WV 1-800-924-6701



Compare our prices and **SAVE** Granite - Marble - Bronze Memorials - Markers - Mausoleums Final Date Engraving Service

Home Consultations Available EXPERT DESIGN AND SUPERIOR WORKMANSHIP Area Representative: Dave Sponaugle



Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Games ~ Music God has Crafts ~ Stories

great plans for you and me! Jeremiah 29:11

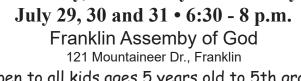
through July 20, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: July 14 - 84°, 64°,

concerns.

- 80°, 68°, .08" (79°, 67°, .25"). TRI-STATE MEMORIAL CO.

Available - CALL TODAY

Circleville, WV 1-304-668-6716



Open to all kids ages 5 years old to 5th grade

Prizes ~ Free Food and MORE!

Come see what the FUN is all about!

 $^{oldsymbol{arphi}}$ Garbage Disposal Repair and Installation $^{oldsymbol{arphi}}$ Emergency Plumbing Repair **⊗** Trenchless Replacement Harrisonburg Office (Headquarter 911 Chicago Avenue Harrisonburg, VA 22802 (540) 434-2589

Commercial & Residential Plumbing Services

NOW SERVING

Brothers, Inc. PENDLETON COUNTY MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS "Enriching Lives"

⊗ Cast Iron Pipe Repair System

www.blauchbrothers.com

a rts

Coordinator Part-time position will report to the Board of Directors and assist in the coordination of performances,

Program & Event

PRECISION LEGAL

YOUR TRUSTED INVESTIGATIVE FIRM

WV Lic. F241106025827

DUSTIN BOGGS

MANAGING MEMBER

www.precisionfirm.com Licensed • Confidential • Experienced

> workshops, camps, and other special events. Visit www.highlandcountyartscouncil.org for full job description.

Questions can also be directed to highlandcoarts@gmail.com.

Page 4 - July 24, 2025 - The Pendleton Times

Electricity Eased the Burdens of Every Day Life derson, John Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Let's continue with the greatest generation's way of life at that period of time. They were survivors, to say the least. Before electric lines graced the mountains, valleys, pastures, and meadows, homes were lit up with kerosene lanterns. Kerosene was an expensive commodity and not very easy to get since stores were few and far between. That explains why everyone went to bed early, shortly after dark, and rose with the morning's sunrise in order to conserve

Once electricity arrived, each room in the house had one bare light bulb in the very center of the ceiling. There was a string hanging down to turn the light off and on. Were one to need the light during the night, all one had to do was to stick out the hand and walk towards the center of the room, hoping to grab on to the string to turn on the light.

Most of the light strings were too short for children to reach. So, there was no fear with them having fun by turning the light on and off continuously. Should the child need the light, an adult would have to assist in pulling the string.

In order to use the chamber pot during the night, a string would be attached to a nail hammered into the wall just above the headboard of the bed. A simple wave of the hand during the night resulted in locating the string very quickly, and there would be light to see the path to get to the pot.

Those were the days!

Life's little lessons include the following:

- 1. Be grateful.
- 2. Inspire.
- 3. Don't sweat the small stuff.
- 4. Smile. 5. Think positive.

The heat has been quite exhaustive everywhere. Most persons are making the best of staying cool. Friday afternoon rains were well received. So far, they have been gentle rains which is a good thing.

Queen Anne's Lace has been busy waving its beauty to the motorists. The "happy face" stays in the shadows of the tree branches where it seems a little cooler.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Storms make trees take deeper roots." — Dolly Parton "Being lost is worth the being found." — Neil Diamond

"The love you take is equal to the love you make." — Paul

the game." — Babe Ruth "The Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the Earth."

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing

Prince Charles

92nd Annual

Dunkle-Hiser-Burgoyne Reunion

Sunday, August 3

Sitting under an umbrella is the best place to hear the



John Pendleton Dyer (Nov. 19, 1845 - Sept. 12, 1905) and his wife, Mahulda Florence Bolton Dyer, (Jan. 3, 1863 - Jan. 7, 1948) are pictured. Their son was Foster.

"Talk of The Grove."

Phil Downs enjoyed the visits of Eric Tichenor, K.D. Puffenbarger, and Kathy Rexrode. Clickety-clacks for the chin waggers are as follows:

Chicago is known as "The Windy City."

- •A fortnight is the name given to two weeks.
- Brazil's official language is Portuguese.
- There are 24 time zones in the world.
- The Cherry Blossom is Japan's national flower. Concerns are for the following: Mike Adams, Charles An-

Saturday • July 26 8 AM-2 PM

Parking Lot

Arkansas.

Louise Waldschlager, Amby

Waybright, Jr., Mike Way-

bright, Rene White, Sherry

Wilfong, Judy Williams,

Ann and Ed Wimer and flood

victims making every effort

in their recovery efforts in

Texas, North Carolina, West

Virginia, Missouri, Virginia,

Kentucky, Tennessee, and

NWP Mowing

540-908-9910

LAWN CARE

Rated PG 13

\$6 for Ages 12 & Over

\$4 for Ages 5-11 Free for Under Age 5

Movie Starts at Dusk

Snack Bar Opens at 6 p.m.

Carryouts are welcome

Keep up-to-date at WarnersDriveInWV.org

or Facebook.com/WarnersDriveInWV

3169 Petersburg Pike, Franklin, WV

Mowing, weed eating, hedge and small tree trimming. Both commercial and residential can benefit

HAULING SERVICES

Mulch, junk/trash and building supplies Call for pricing.

HARTMAN'S SERVICE STATION 502 Lee Ave • Franklin, WV 26807 304-358-2574



Trimmer Line • Blowers

Been in Business over 50 Years!

STATE INSPECTIONS OIL CHANGE ~ GREASE JOBS SELL NEW TIRES ~ BATTERIES AC WORK ~ BRAKES ROTORS ~ TIE RODS **SCANNER HOOKUP DIAGNOSIS**

GET YOUR VEHICLE CHECKED OUT TODAY.



Autobody Repair and Painting

105 Arlie Lane, Brandywine (near Intersection of Rt. 33 & Sweedlin Valley Rd.)

304-249-2109

Hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Garrett Aumann, Owner

Over 25 Years Experience All insurances accepted

Doug Richmond, PS Land Surveyor

40 years of experience in large and small projects

Licensed in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland

959 Cowpasture River Rd., S Head Waters, VA 24442 Home 540-396-4862 • Cell 540-373-4045

Jim Crites Sales & Service on all makes of Vacuum Cleaners

Specializing in Electrolux and Rainbow Vacuums 3 Spruce Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847 or drop off at Country Cars & Trucks 304-257-8540 • jimcrites@hotmail.com

TOP NOTCH TREE SERVICE



Locally Owned w/20+ Years Experience

Tree Removal is not a hobby

It's our full-time business! SPECIALIZING IN >

FULLY INSURED W/\$2 MILLION PLUS

July 24, 2025 - The Pendleton Times - Page 5

•Tree Removal/Pruning •Brush Clearing •Land Clearing •24/7 Emergency Services

Free Estimates! • Call Justin Will at 540-474-2222

Seneca Rocks Fire Department Mt. Zion U.M. Church, Deer Run Picnic Lunch to Begin at 1 p.m. NEW & USED ITEMS FOR SALE

Healthy Saturday

WVUMedicine.

6:00 am - 9:00 am **GRANT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION

- Limited to **200** people.
- Appointment Only ~ Please contact Julie Kesner at 304-257-5806 by July 31, 2025, to register.
- No walk-ins.
- Masks are optional.

Profile 1 - \$20 • Profile 11 \$25 • Profile 111 (males only) - \$30

A1C Test (offered by Judy's Drug Store) - \$20.00

Vitamin B12 Test - \$10 Vitamin D Test - \$20

Elder abuse is an intential act or failure to act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult (age 60 or older). Physical Signs of Elder Abuse:

 Dehydration or unusual weight loss Elder Abuse • Missing daily living aids • Unattended medical needs **Awareness** Unexplained injuries, bruises, cuts or sores

Unsanitary living conditions and poor hygiene

Emotional/Behavioral Signs of Elder Abuse: •Increased fear or anxiety •Isolation from friends or family

 Unusual changes in behavior or sleep Withdrawal from normal activites

Financial Signs of Elder Abuse:

•Fraudulent signatures on financial documents •Unpaid bills Unusual or sudden changes in spending patterns

> PENDLETON Community Care, Inc.

*No patient denied services because of inability to pay!

Franklin (304)358-2355 • Riverton (304)567-2101

Harman (304)227-4134 www.pccnfc.org



MENU Pendleton Senior & Family Services

FRIDAY, JULY 25 Ham. Scalloped Potatoes Peas, Pineapple Hot Fudge Sundae Monday, July 28

Chicken Fillet Sandwich **Potato Wedges** Mixed Vegetables Apple Tuesday, July 29

Lasagna, Garlic Bread Carrots, Pears WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Meatballs **Buttered Potatoes Collard Greens** Strawberry Cheesecake

THURSDAY, JULY 31 **EVENING MEAL@5PM** Turkey w/Dressing & Gravy **Mashed Potatoes**

Green Beans Cranberry Salad Birthday Cake



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.

304-358-2421

Check Out Our Website Pendleton Times.com



It's Miller Time In Louisville

Pendleton County's Jameigh Miller gets in position on defense. She competed in the Run for the Roses AAU Tournament last week. Miller played for an all-star two state squad called Team Mountain Mambas. They drew from Pendleton, Tucker, Hampshire, Keyser, Fort Hill, Mountain Ridge, and Northern. Former Keyser standout, Ryan Kunis, and Dillon See coached. Kunis will join the staff of Salem University as an assistant next year.

Franklin VFD Parades Through Downtown

Community Supports Firemen's Lawn Party









County Commission Hears Courthouse Annex Construction on Schedule

By Stephen Smoot

"Lord we pray that You help us to make the right decisions," shared Roger Dahmer, Pendleton County commissioner, as he delivered the customary invocation prior to the second County Commission meeting of July.

Commissioners heard first from Pastor Carl Annable of Redeeming Grace Church in Brandywine. Accompanying him was a member of the congregation whom the church had helped through difficult times

Annable came to share information about "West Virginia Goes Purple: the Hope Dealer Project." He spoke of the individual who came with him, calling her "one of the beautiful people that the Lord has gifted us with."

The Hope Dealer Project that he referred to is a Martinsburg-based advocacy organization. Its website states that it has been active in all 55 West Virginia counties "through our flagship initiative West Virginia Goes Purple, uniting communities in support of National Recovery Month and year-round advocacy."

The website goes on to state that it specializes in detox, recovery, and sober living placement assistance

ment assistance.

"We support all those who have a heart for the broken," stated Annable.

Pendleton County Commission president Carl Heavner replied, requesting that they send the proclamation to be signed during September.

Next, Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator, updated commissioners on courthouse annex progress. "As you can see," she explained, "the bar joists are delivered... they are pretty much on schedule. We are not out of money, contrary to rumor."

The commissioners then approved a series of draws totaling approximately \$401,000 to pay for work.

Annie Humes, executive director of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, came to express gratitude to the commission. She thanked them for a letter of support to place an Almost Heaven swing near a scenic view in the county and said, "Your involvement means a

Humes also shared that a Mon Forest Towns initiative resulted in "beautiful drone photography" and other images gathered around Seneca Rocks and the Franklin areas. The Town of Franklin will administer footage in and near Franklin. Since Seneca Rocks has no municipal government, the Pendleton County Commission will retain authority over images around the iconic monument.

She then told the county commissioners that a previous communication had been in error, that they had requested three Mon Forest Town signs

instead of just two.

Mike Alt, who owns and operates Shreve's Country Store in Smoke Hole, as well as serves as training officer for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, suggested that the West Virginia Route 28 and West Virginia Route 42 direct traffic to Smoke Hole via both methods of access instead of southbound on WV 28.

Humes agreed that would help tourists.

Commissioners then asked Alt if he had any updates on ambulance service and state EMS. He shared that the West Virginia Department of Health had not yet released its itemized budget, which would show if the legally-established EMS salary enhancement fund had money in it for disbursement.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, explained that every county surrounding Pendleton now has a paid service. He warned that this area might lose personnel if they preferred to work in a paid, versus a volunteer, service.

"People don't understand what you have to pay," replied Alt, explaining that some regional services pay well and that could eventually be a price Pendleton County will also have to shoulder.

Gillespie concurred, saying, "We're not immune to what's happening nationwide." He shared the opinion that paid fire and EMS was inevitable.

Elise White, Pendleton County clerk, received approval to receive a \$10,227 grant for records digitization.

Sugar Grove Builders
Sugar Grove, WV

•Roofing

•Decks •Garages

Jeremy Swartzentruber **304-249-1584**WV 060843



Hear Your Best and Live Your Life to the Fullest!



Locally owned and operated since 1985



JASON KAPOSY, BC-HIS OWNER, BOARD CERTIFIED HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST



STACIA DEMOSS, AU.D., CCC-A DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY



TODD ELLIFRITZ, HIS HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST

CALL US AT (304) 935-5830

365 Mill Street Franklin, WV 26807
Additional Locations in: Keyser • Moorefield • Petersburg • Romney

www.heritagehearingwv.com

WVUMedicine / GRANT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL





TOP 100 CAH HOSPITAL CHARTIS



Buy, Sell or Trade! Place Your Ad Today.

FOR SALE

GUNS! GUNS!

GUNS! You want

them. We got them.

Hundreds in store,

even more online.

Buy. Sell. Trade.

outdoors.com, www.

facebook.com/penco-

outdoors. 10-12-tfn

FOR RENT

BISSELL CARPET

Shampooer for rent.

Bowman's Do It Best.

WANTED

* P A I N T I N G *

35 years experience:

Houses, Barns, Roofs,

Churches, Outbuild-

ings. Poultry House

Roofs, Log Homes,

etc. Call Ronnie

Kimble, 358-7208

WV03545. 2/6-11/6p

REUNIONS

KIRK AND JANIE

(Crites) Armentrout

Family Reunion

and Potluck Lunch,

August 2, 12 noon,

Moorefield Assem-

bly of God Church.

Drinks and eating

utensils provided.

Extended family and

friends are welcome

to attend. 7-24-2p

REXRODE-STONE

July 26, 11 a.m.,

Franklin Town Park,

small pavilion. Lunch

ISAAC PERRY &

Lucy Hartman Re-

union, Saturday, July

26 & Sunday, July

27, Reunion Pavilion,

YARD SALES

west on 33.

(Rte 33), Franklin.

at 12:30 p.m.

Call 304-358-2303.

CLASSIFIED BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ELECTRICAL

•Residential

Commercial

•Standby

Generators

MALLOW

Electric, LLC

CHIMNEYS/PIPES

A&A Metal Shop

Stainless Steel Double Wall Chimneys

Will Install

Stainless Steel **Stove Pipes**

Elbows • Tees Reducers

540-468-2081 110 Hilltop Dr.

Monterey, VA

AUTOMOTIVE

Aumann's **Custom Auto**

- Custom Paint Mixing
- Complete Body Work
- Frame Straightening
- Insurance Work



OPEN Monday - Friday 8-5



53 Mill Road ~ Franklin

CLEANING

J&L's Reconditioning

Detail Vehicles

•Steam Clean Carpets &

Furniture Contract Cleaning

Joyce Moates, owner 304-249-5480

BBB Accredited

<u>CONTRACTORS</u>

JERRY L. LAMBERT

Construction, LLC Stick Built Homes

•Additions & Garages

Decks •Remodeling & Repairs

•Replacement Windows

1-304-358-2500

WV 027848

HEATING/COOLING



Heil Dealer Service & Installation

Heat Pumps, Oil & Propane Furnaces & Commercial Refrigeration Units 304.249.5420 304.668.9616



Installations

Custom Duct Work

 Service on All Brands Trane, Carrier & Heil

Serving the area for more than 30 years

Here Today and

Here To Stay **Tyler Scheibner**

304-668-9296

License # WV 062818

304-668-9885 304-358-7515 **Brandon Mallow** Licensed and Insured WV057572 **FUEL**

PROPANE PROMISE. Automatic Fill Plan

- Budget Payment Plan
- Small Tanks Filled
- Heating Systems Sales (304) 358-2307

Service Heatline 1-800-287-3494

MATHESON

ask. . .The Gas Professionals 1256 Mountaineer Dr.

Franklin, WV

STORAGE SPACE



Storage Units 5x10, 10x10, 10x15, 10x20

24-Hour Accessibility

Call 304-358-3514

6.7 MILES SOUTH OF **B**RANDYWINE ON ROUTE 21 IN SUGAR GROVE, WV

just south of Navy Base

Storage Spaces Available Now

Spaces for Vehicles Also Available

Julie VanMeter 304-358-7492

(after 6 o'clock)

Very Reasonable Prices

E-ZEE **SELF STORAGE**

Glover Dr. - Franklin 304-358-3651

Inside Units

7x10

10x20

TNT SELF STORAGE **Upper Tract**

> 304-257-1421 304-703-3054

New Self Storage Units 5X10 • 10X10 10X20



Contact Us Today!

304-358-2304 ads@pendletontimes.com

PO Box 906

Franklin, WV 26807

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TARIFF FORM NO. 12 PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES BY MUNICIPALITIES

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Franklin has adopted by Ordinance, on June 24, 2025, an increase in its rates, tolls and charges for furnishing sewer service to 460 customers at Franklin and vicinity, Pendleton County, West Virginia.

Pendleton County The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective as provided in the Outdoors, Franklin, ordinance unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce the following additional revenue annually: WV 26807, 304-358-3265, www.penco

(\$) Revenue (%) Revenue

	Increase	Increase
Step 1 – Effective 45 Days After Enactment	\$46,657	19.3%/23.1%
Step 2 – Effective December 1, 2025	\$46,004	19%/15.4%
Step 3 – Effective June 1, 2026	\$13,525	5.6%
Step 4 – Effective upon substantial project	\$51,232	21.21%
completion or commencement of project debt		
service		
Step 5 – Effective 6 months from implementat	ion \$57,361	23.75%
of Step 4		

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as

STEP 1 Effective 45 Days After Enactment

	Present	Proposed	(\$) Rate	(%) Rate
	Rates	Rates	Increase	Increase
Residential (2,871 gallons)	\$37.36	\$45.32	\$7.96	19.3%/23.1%
Commercial (4,517 gallons)	\$54.74	\$66.72	\$11.98	19.3%/23.1%
Industrial (3,180 gallons)	180 gallons) \$40.62 \$49	\$49.34	\$8.72	19.3%/23.1%
Public Authority (4,394 gallons)	\$53.44	\$65.12	\$11.68	19.3%/23.1%

STEP 2 Effective December 1, 2025

	riesem	Froposeu	(φ) Itale	(70) Itale		
	Rates	Rates	Increase	Increase		
Residential (2,871 gallons)	\$45.32	\$53.07	\$7.74	19%/15.4%		
Commercial (4,517 gallons)	\$66.72	\$77.76	\$11.03	19%/15.4%		
Industrial (3,180 gallons)	\$49.34	\$57.70	\$8.36	19%/15.4%		
Public Authority (4,394 gallons)	\$65.12	\$75.91	\$10.79	19%/15.4%		
STEP 3						

Effective June 1, 2026

	Present	Proposed	(\$) Rate	(%) Rate		
	Rates	Rates	Increase	Increase		
Residential (2,871 gallons)	\$53.07	\$56.04	\$2.97	5.6%		
Commercial (4,517 gallons)	\$77.76	\$82.11	\$4.35	5.6%		
Industrial (3,180 gallons)	\$57.70	\$60.93	\$3.23	5.6%		
Public Authority (4,394 gallons)	\$75.91	\$80.16	\$4.25	5.6%		
COTED 4						

STEP 4 Effective upon substantial project completion or commencement of project debt service

	Present	Proposed	(\$) Rate	(%) Rate
	Rates	Rates	Increase	Increase
Residential (2,871 gallons)	\$56.04	\$67.92	\$11.89	21.21%
Commercial (4,517 gallons)	\$82.11	\$99.53	\$17.42	21.21%
Industrial (3,180 gallons)	\$60.93	\$73.86	\$12.92	21.21%
Public Authority (4,394 gallons)	\$80.16	\$97.16	\$17.00	21.21%

STEP 5 Effective 6 months from implementation of Step 4

27, Reunion Pavillon,					
Smith Creek, Satur-		Present	Proposed	(\$) Rate	(%) Rate
		Rates	Rates	Increase	Increase
day hayride at 3 p.m.	Residential (2,871 gallons)	\$67.93	\$84.06	\$16.13	23.75%
and evening meal at	Commercial (4,517 gallons)	\$99.53	\$123.16	\$23.64	23.75%
5:00 p.m. Sunday's	Industrial (3,180 gallons)	\$73.86	\$91.40	\$17.54	23.75%
activities begin at	Public Authority (4,394 gallons)	\$97.16	\$120.24	\$23.08	23.75%
activities begin at					

12:30 p.m. Everyone The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. please bring a full Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. picnic basket and Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this drinks. All friends filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only fill the time. Hobbies can be more benand family are wel- upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance 7-17-2c changing said rates or charges, by any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility. **HUGE 4-FAMILY**

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Comyard sale Friday & mission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Saturday, 9-? both

days, Dennis Mead-A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to ows residence 4 miles provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Town Office, Franklin, West Virginia. A 1ccopy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the Office of the Execu-MOVING & YARD tive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box Sale Saturday, Au-812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. gust 2, 9-4, 2519 TOWN OF FRANKLIN

Mountaineer Drive

Check Out Our Website — Pendletontimes.com

Engaging In Hobbies Can Help Promote **Personal Growth**

Hobbies can help people escape the daily grind. Though it's easy to view hobbies as enjoyable ways to pass the time, they also can be vehicles that enrich one's life. Hobbies are especially good at help-

ing people learn new skills. They also may help boost professional and personal development. Hobbies play a vital role for a variety

of reasons, and some hobbyists may be surprised to learn just how much their favorite form of escapism is benefitting their lives. • Hobbies may help to relieve stress

- by keeping a person engaged with something one enjoys. Reducing stress may help one remain calm and be more productive at home, at work and in school. Reduced stress also translates into improved mental and physical health.
- People who engage in hobbies experience new things and may interact with different people through their interests. This can give a person various topics to discuss in conversation and make one more interesting to others. Learning skills through hobbies also means a person will obtain specialized knowledge that one can impart on people with similar interests.
- Hobbies can be creative outlets that take one's mind off of other things. For people who have trouble with meditation and other mindful ways to shut off their brains, hobbies can be a form of escapism that leaves a person alone with one's thoughts. According to the self-improvement resource Personal Growth, most hobbies actually have a meditative effect on one's thoughts because, no matter what a person is doing, one's awareness becomes completely focused on the hobby.
- Hobbies can improve one's social life and foster creative bonds with others, providing great ways to meet and get closer to people who share the same interests.
- Hobbies can help stave off boredom, providing productive outlets when there is nothing else available to eficial ways to spend one's time than playing games on a phone or watching television.
- Hobbies also may be educational and enrich knowledge through skill building. People who start with one hobby may find connections to other ones, further developing their knowledge and skill sets.

If a person is thinking about embracing new hobbies, individuals can rest assured that engaging in hobbies promotes personal growth in various

Ag and Farm Word Search

AGRICULTURE AGRONOMY ANIMALS S **ANNUAL APIARY** 0 **BIODIVERSITY BIODYNAMIC** CAPACITY COVER **CROPS CULTIVATION** DEADHEADING DRAINAGE DRILLING **ECOLOGY EROSION** S **FARMING** R **HARVEST** HUSBANDRY P IRRIGATION LIVESTOCK **ROTATION** B D S SOIL TILLAGE

Pendleton County CVB Sees Strong Marketing Engagement

By Stephen Smoot

As the summer tourist season hit its midpoint, the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors' Bureau reviewed activities and developments this year.

Newly installed permanent executive director, Annie Humes, first asked for the financial report. After budget reconciliations, the CVB could report total current funds as of the end of June at \$130,088.06.

Other notes from the finance committee included the receiving of assistance from the Pendleton County Commission, though hotel/motel tax receipts had not come in yet. By law, an official county CVB receives support from county hotel and motel tax revenues. She did report that the organization received a local and anonymous donation of \$5,000.

"That's great news," Humes shared, adding "that's unrestricted funds . . . we're deeply appreciative of that."

Through the year so far, the CVB has come in under budget in payroll. This gives them more flexibility in using unrestricted spending funds for various projects. By law, a CVB receiving hotel and motel tax funds must apply them to a ratio established by law. It sets 40 percent for marketing, 40 percent for payroll and 20 percent for administration and operation.

Humes told the board members that the CVB must remain "mindful" for "adhering to the mandate here.'

The board members heard from the marketing committee

Its meeting in the past month focused on tremendous successes so far this year. The CVB in April purchased a "rather large advertising package with New South Media" that started that month "and will conclude at the

OLD

Humes explained that prior to the campaign, the number of visits to the website hovered in the low hundreds per month. "Those numbers exploded as soon as we started our campaign," she noted. "In June, we had over 16,000 visits to the website." Those visitors also showed a tendency to remain longer and look at more materials on the webpage, showing

deeper engagement than before. With email remaining the most productive way to market anything online, the CVB offered a "Getaway Giveaway" basket. Those signing up to win the basket gave their email address to the CVB to remain in contact. This boosted the number of those receiving the monthly newsletter from about 550 to 1.422.

Additionally, the program running the email campaign reports high levels of engagement there as well. Melinda Brooks, board member, said, "There's some really big things happening here . . . not only are we getting lots and lots of eyeballs on the new website" but "people are spending a significant chunk of time on the website when they get there." Also, the "open rate" of the newsletter doubles the general industry standard.

Board members also heard about the recent visit of a social media influencer who created a "lovely selection of assets" on her Instagram accounts. All feature some aspect of Pendleton County. The influencer posted video of herself taking a horseback ride to the top of Seneca Rocks, went mountain biking at Sweetwater Farms and much more, including an "epic view" in the words of the influencer, of Germany Valley

Another group, Wild Hair Media, completed a photo shoot for Mon Forest Towns. Shoots

61 Chestnut St., Franklin, WV 26807

Broker George Sponaugle - 304-358-2714

DOMINION Agents: Kathy Sponaugle - 304-000-3200
REALTY₀ Gene Boggs - 304-668-2982; Angie Nelson - 304-358-8150

FRANKLIN - TREASURE MTN ESTATES - 3 BR, 2 BA loft home on

rented pastures. WVPT200 Under Contract

FRANKLIN - 4 BR, 1.5 BA, Log siding home on 2 +/- ac, 2 car garage,

FRANKLIN - 3 BR, 2.5 BA home with 1 car garage on 0.43 ac. Heat

BRANDYWINE - 1 BR, 1 BA rustic log cabin on 32.28 ac bordering na-

FRANKLIN - DRY RUN - WVPT2000800 \$225,000; 8 acs. 3 BR mobile

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

41.26 acs with orchard and small pond, \$489,000, WVPT2000976

additional acreage available. WVPT2000872. \$315,000.

tional forest. Solar and propane. WVPT2000860. \$239,000.

pump/AC, WVPT2000846. \$225,000, \$210,000.

focused on the areas around the county's two official Mon Forest Towns, Franklin and Seneca Rocks. While the CVB has a role in managing these assets, the Town of Franklin has authority over photos of that locality. Since Seneca Rocks has not municipal government. administration of its imagery goes to the Pendleton County

Mon Forest Towns will also ramp up its regional promotional efforts. As Humes mentioned, the organization will post "a robust website featuring all 12 towns later this summer."

Humes then shared discussions with the Mills Group, which is crafting the design for Pendleton County welcome signs. She noted that they will also provide designs for "signs we'd like to see in the future," such as wayfinding and direc-

Next, Humes and the board discussed that body's composition, including the possibility of adding more members. Currently at seven, the bylaws allow up to 11. They agreed that while an even number of board members was acceptable, odd would be preferable in case of a tie vote. At the conclusion, Humes

shared that West Virginia Living's "Best of" voting opened that week. Anyone can get on that publication's website to nominate local representatives in all categories. "There was so much energy coming off of this in the past," said Humes.

She furthermore mentioned that a West Virginia University art professor would join efforts with Petersburg-based muralist Kelson Thorne for a fishing themed creation of public art throughout the area.

WV Farm Bureau Rep. Provides Update on State and Federal Government Laws and Policies

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, during the annual meeting of the West Virginia Poultry Association, Dwayne O'Dell, West Virginia Farm Bureau Government Affairs director, provided an update on different actions of the state and federal government related closely to the interests of agri-

He started with mentioning a 78-page report from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Though not always based on what O'Dell called "sound science," it contains a "significant portion" that addresses use of pesticides. He also speculated that little of its presentation on that subject could be applied on a widespread basis.

Next, he turned to the "One Big Beautiful Bill" recently passed by the United States Congress and backed by President Donald Trump. It preserved the \$15 million floor on estate taxes set by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. This helps to preserve moderate to large scale family-run farming operations as they pass from one generation to the next.

"This will benefit agriculture down the road and the next generations," he explained.

He then shared the worrisome statistic that the number of farmers under the age of 35 had fallen under 10 percent "an alarming factor to us in agriculture." O'Dell explained that the loss of family farms when the younger generations lose interest and pass on running them grows more distressing when considering the always escalating cost of starting an



Dwayne O'Dell serves as director of government affairs for the West Virginia Farm Bureau.

operation, such as a poultry

O'Dell then brought up the passage of recissions packages that take money back from areas to which United States Congress had allocated it. These included National Public Radio, USAID, and the Public Broadcasting Service. He said that "is quite a bit of money affected," but that "when you spend \$6.7 trillion a year and bring in \$4.5 trillion a year, something has to give."

He went on to explain the mammoth expansion of state government since 2015, which covers the end of Governor Earl Ray Tomblin's tenure and Governor Jim Justice's entire administration. In that time period. State of West Virginia's spending increased from \$2.2 billion to \$5.3 billion.

O'Dell discussed Governor

Patrick Morrisey's backing of West Virginia-based data centers with "their own generational capability" using microgrids. "This could help coal, oil and gas, but there's a number of folks opposed."

He then criticized "folks who move into places like West Virginia who like to see the green grass, like to see the cows, but don't want these other things to come in."

One important change that he mentioned came in changes to the governance of the land grant institutions West Virginia University and West Virginia State University. Both have in the past produced the perception that they gave neither rural areas nor farmers "a fair shake." Now representation from agriculture will join the board of governors of both

Another bill from the West Virginia State Legislature provided relief in some areas for Future Farmers of America and 4H students. O'Dell shared that some students in different county school systems attended schools where principals marked students absent, as opposed to recognizing an individual learning day, when they attended competitions and events or even went on college

Legislators passed an act requiring schools to give up to 10 days of approved absences for these types of trips. O'Dell noted that many of these trips provided more education and skills development than most average days attending school.

GARRY L. SIMMONS REAL ESTATE

540-810-3379 BROKER 304-902-9119 garrysimmons38@yahoo.com

HIGH VALLEY, log home built 2000, 10 acres, stunning view from front porch, heat pump, fireplace and propane, spring and well water, gazebo w/built-in fire pit, 2-car detached garage, storage building. A must see to appreciate. \$389,000.

FORT SEYBERT AREA, 13+ acres, Hinkle Mountain Road, all woods, furnished trailer, wood heating stove, propane gas kitchen stove, great hunting, 2 tree stands, easy access. **\$84,000 REDUCED**

EAST DRY RUN ROAD - 49.16 acres, old farm house, good condition log outbuilding, spring and stream, dozens of walnut trees, .3 mile paved road frontage. \$289,000 REDUCED \$275,000.

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.

Licensed in West Virginia - Virginia - Florida 278 Maple Ave., Franklin, WV 26807



Benefit Supper and Bake Sale at The Vanderpool Greenhouse 3935 Jackson River Rd, Monterey, VA

Friday, July 25 from 5-8 p.m.

AMISH SCHOOL

SERVING

Grilled chicken, homemade cheese noodles, baked beans, potato salad, homemade ice cream, pies, coffee and drinks

Freewill donations. Everyone welcome!



We will be raffling off a 100x104 Love Ring guilt, guilted by the Amish ladies, a Henry 17 Golden Boy gun and a whiskey barrel table Drawing will be on July 25 at 8 p.m. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Tickets also available at

Sugar Grove

ne, deck, pool, ig garage

Sugar Grove Realty, Inc.

PO Box 999 Franklin, WV 26807

sugargrovewv.com

Tommy A. Roberson, Sales Agent 304.358.7610 Penny K. Lambert, Sales Agent C 304.668.2975 Jennifer Raines, Sales Agent 304.851.3522 Kelly Roby, Sales Agent 304.257.8859

FOR PHOTOS AND MUCH MORE ABOUT THESE PROPERTIES VISIT

WWW.SUGARGROVEWV.COM

SGR383A 5 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Kile Knob. Highly sought after tremendous Westerly facing mountain view! Full Solar Electric System installed in 2023. Wood & Propane heat. Satellite internet avail or phone hot spot. Generator Shed and Run-In Shed. Some Restrictions. Franklin District. All wheel drive vehicle recommended. \$299.000.00.

SGR382A 45 Ac. w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Solar powered, no restrictions, Cistern & Septic, Shooting Range, Excellent Hunting, Franklin District. \$399,000.00. **SGR380A** 5.62 Acres, Lot #3, Sharp Ridge, Electric nearby, Easy Access, Some Restrictions, Franklin District.

14.70 acres, 2 bed/1 bath house; one room w/loft cabin, several other buildings and outbuildings, adjoins National Forest, very unique property. \$279,000.00. SGR378A 0.31 acres w/3 bed/2 bath & 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**

SGR376A 0.28 Ac & 0.22 Ac 64 Mulberry St., Franklin District. 3 Bed, 2 BGO be 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 Hunting, Franklin District. \$379,000.00.

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. \$150,000.00 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. derground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. SGR366A 5 Acres w/Cabin, Buck Ridges Development. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from \$14,630.00.

Panoramic View. Lots of upgrades: New Vinyl Siding, New flooring throughout. New Solid Surface Countertop, Freshly Painted, Surface. 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 \$310,000.00 REDUCED \$299,900.00.

Jeffrey S. Bowers, Broker C 304.668.0002 39 Maple Ave Stuart Bowers, Sales Agent C 304.668.1147

304.358.3332/3337 304.358.3334 (fax)

lar, Hardwood floos de Metal Roof, Well, Septic, 2 Car Garage & separate 30 x40 Steel 2 Bay Garage w/concrete Located in Riverton. **NEW LISTING** \$349,000.00 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. \$169,000.00. SGR361A 1.32 Acres w/rentals located in Brandywine, Bethel District. \$134,900.00 REDUCED \$98,900.00.

SGR355A 0.241 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 Bath 2475 sq ft home located in the town of Franklin. Finished basement, SGR379A 5994 Mount Freedom Drive, Cherry Grove covered front porch. NEW LISTING \$259,000.00.

SGR354A 50.96 Acres w1 Bed, 1.5 Bath Cabin, Spacious Loft. Gas FP. History Subdivision. Some Restrictions. Beautiful wooded setting. \$389,000.00. 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. SGR326A 141.74 Acres, Raw Land, Buffalo Hills. Excellent

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 REDUCED \$229,000.00. SGR056 Highland County property. Pasture, several yearround 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 & un-





Let us set things straight with expert collision repair, paint and bodywork service.

BOWERS GARAGE & BODY SHOP

"Serving the area for more than 40 years"

Sugar Grove • (304) 249-5154

Brandywine • (304) 249-5900



TED DAVIS AUTO SALES

304-567-2999 • 1-800-547-2999

Pictures and Full Description of ALL Our Inventory Online at teddavisautosales.com

.\$14,900

.. SALE

GREAT FINANCING RATES NOW AVAILABLE

2023 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW XLT 4X4, 3.5 Ecoboost, auto., ldd., white, 110K miles, ex. cond 2023 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 HD CREW CAB S/BED 4X4, Z-71 pkg., diesel, auto., ldd., white, only 30K miles 2023 RAM 2500 CREW CAB SHORTBED 4X4 "BIGHORN EDITION," 6.7 Cummins diesel, Idd., white, \$49,500 only 3K miles 2022 FORD F-250 CREW CAB FLATBED 4X4, 6.7 dsl., auto., ldd., white, only 36K miles. \$46,900 2022 FORD E-450 CUTAWAY UTILITY TRUCK, 7.3 gas, auto., refrigerated enclosed body, only 43K miles .\$21,900 2021 FORD RANGER CREW CAB S/BED STX 4X4, 2.3 liter, auto., ldd., blue, 95K miles .. .\$27,900 2018 FORD F-250 SUPERCAB L/BED 4X4, 6.7 dsl., auto., ldd., 289K miles, runs great.. \$19,900 SPECIAL \$18,900 2014 FORD F-350 4X4 CREW CAB ENCLOSED UTILITY TRUCK, V-8, auto., ladd., white, only 79K miles .\$26,900 2003 FORD F-550 REG CAB 4X4 FIRE TRUCK, 6.0 diesel, auto., red, ldd w/accessories, only 45K miles .\$49,500

2023 FORD ESCAPE ST AWD "HYBRID," ldd w/options, charcoal 52K miles, like new, over 35mps \$19,900 2022 SUBARU LEGACY 4-DR SEDAN "Premium Pkg.," ldd w/options, perfect condition, charcoal, 111K miles 2022 NISSAN ROGUE SV AWD, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., charcoal, 104K miles \$17,900 2020 SUBARU FORESTER AWD, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., silver, only 55k miles. \$21,900 \$13,900 2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT, 3.6 liter V-6, auto., ldd., gray, 89K miles. 2019 SUBARU OUTBACK PREMIUM PKG. AWD, 2.5 liter, auto., ldd., blue, only 80K miles, ex. cond. \$19,900 \$21,900 2019 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., white, one owner w/111K miles, ex. cond... 2019 FORD EDGE SEL AWD, 2.0 liter, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., charcoal, 131K miles.. \$17,900 2018 SUBARU IMPREZA AWD WAGON, 4-cyl., 5-spd., ldd., maroon, 125K miles... FOR ONLY \$12,900

2015 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DR HARDTOP 4X4 "LATITUDE PKG.," V-6, auto., ldd., yellow 118k miles, very sharp.

2003 FORD F-350 CREW CAB 4X4 DUMP TRUCK, 6.0 diesel, auto., air, etc., 263K miles.

2006 FORD E-350 PASSENGER VAN, 6.0 diesel, auto., A/C, etc., 178K miles......