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Sarah Nelson, Tanner Hedrick, Liam Simmons, and Lucas DiFalco, from left, represented the Franklin and Upper Tract volunteer fire departments in exemplary fashion at the State Junior Firefighter Camp.

Firing Up for the Future, Pendleton County Youth Attend Junior Firefighter Camp

By Stephen Smoot

“My dad’s been a firefighter for 30 years. I wanted to follow in his footsteps . . . helping people in this county,” said 15-year-old Lucas DiFalco, a soft-spoken young man with a serious countenance and a determination to serve his community.

Last month, he, Sarah Nelson (15), and Liam Simmons (16) traveled to the State Fire Academy at West Virginia University

– Jackson’s Mill, to learn the fundamentals of joining one of the most essential services to any area. Tanner Hedrick also attended from the Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department.

Youth between the ages of 14 and 17 can attend the camp. Some see it as a way to test the waters and see if the fire service should be part of their future. Others, however, regard it as a necessary, yet

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Without Volunteers, the Future of Fire Service Will Get Much More Costly for All



Volunteer fire departments face two major challenges in funding and finding personnel going forward. Volunteers and aspiring firefighter, Sarah Nelson, churn homemade ice cream for Franklin Volunteer Fire Department’s upcoming lawn party, a major fundraiser.

By Stephen Smoot

Last weekend, the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department held its annual lawn party. While visitors, especially kids, enjoyed the fun and games, the main purpose of the event lay in the serious business of keeping the depart-

ment funded for the future.

Volunteer fire departments across West Virginia carry more than the lion’s share of responsibility for protecting lives and property while also containing and eradicating wildfires. The Mountain State, according to the United States Fire Administration, ranks third in the nation with more than 90 percent of departments fully staffed by volunteers. About 4.6 percent have mixed units and only 1.4 percent, good for 10th in the nation among the lowest numbers, are fully staffed by career professionals.

That may change rapidly. As WVNS reported last year, the number of volunteers in the fire service nationally has dropped from about 900,000 in 1984 to 677,000. Volunteers still make up more than two thirds of firefighters nationwide. Also, about 18,900 of the 29,452 fire companies across the nation employ only volunteers.

The coming crisis in emergency response volunteerism presents challenges to both urban and rural counties. In a June 4 meeting of the Harrison County Commission, David Hinkle, commissioner, proposed that the county engage an outside firm to study that jurisdiction’s fire service capacities as volunteerism has dwindled there as well. The goal would lie in coming up with the total cost of maintaining the same level of service from departments manned entirely by career paid professionals.

It must be noted that volunteers meet the same standards as the paid services.

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Biosecurity On the Menu at Oak Flat

By Stephen Smoot

After a year of battling avian influenza the poultry industry has welcomed a return to normalcy, but remains vigilant against bio threats from both nature and malevolent human beings.

To ensure that poultry producers remain updated on the latest threats to one of the Mountain State’s foremost industries, the West Virginia Poultry Association has invited Thomas Link to serve as speaker at a producer education program scheduled for 6 p.m. July 12 at the Oak Flat Ruritan Building.

Link serves as an intelligence officer for the United States Department of Homeland Security. He will speak on “threats to the U. S. food and agriculture sector” with an emphasis on poultry.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has a food and agriculture defense matrix team as part of its science and technology

directorate. It “conducts and coordinates research, development, test, and evaluation on technologies, techniques, procedures, and capabilities necessary to protect U.S. food and agriculture.”

Threats can come from “agricultural pests and crop diseases; transboundary animal diseases, intentional or unintentional occurrences of food contamination or adulteration” as well as “biothreats which may present harm to animals or plants; and other high-consequence events that pose a risk to homeland security.”

Ward Malcolm, president of the West Virginia Poultry Association, explained that Link will speak about threats to agriculture security in West Virginia. He has, in the past, spoken to the board of the WVPA. Malcolm went on to describe the need to remain vigilant against threats from abroad, citing the extensive recent destruction of white elm and ash trees in West Virginia by invasive species.

The dinner serves as part of that organization’s Poultry Festival. Malcom emphasized that the event should not be thought of as only for Hardy County, but as a celebration of all in the region who contribute to the industry and prosperity.

Malcolm also discussed the regular occurrence of travelers coming into the United States who innocently bring foods across the border that harbor potentially destructive pests and plants.

The discussion comes as current events underscore the potential threats from abroad. In the past month, the United States Department of Justice has charged two suspicious travelers from Communist China carrying species potentially destructive to the U.S. wheat, corn, barley, and rice crops.

They claimed to be performing research at the University of Michigan, but have strong ties to the Chinese Communist Party. The CCP engages in active operations against the United States and other countries.

Community CALENDAR

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 9 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 10 at the Richard Homan Memorial Park in Sugar Grove.

Board of Health To Hold Meeting

The Pendleton County Board of Health will conduct a meeting at 5 p.m. July 10 at the health department located at 274 Mill Road in Franklin.

Free Town Pool Day Scheduled

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin is sponsoring a free pool day July 11 at the Town of Franklin pool.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

VBS Planned at Mennonite Church

Vacation Bible School for ages 4 to 100 will begin at 6:30 p.m. July 7 - 12 at McDowell Mennonite Church. The theme is “God’s BEES in Our Lives.” The church is located at 8532 Highland Turnpike in McDowell, Virginia.

For more information, call Jeremy at 304-249-1584.

Pendleton County Snapshot Provided by US Census Bureau

By Stephen Smoot

Last month, the United States Census Bureau released a snapshot in statistics of states and counties across the nation.

Numbers for both the State of West Virginia and Pendleton County came from the 2021 Economic Surveys and Business Patterns report, 2023 American Community Survey reports and estimates, and the 2020 Census.

Almost all numbers reflect surveys taken between 2020 and 2023, so they are not current to 2025.

The census counted 1,793,716 people in West Virginia in 2020 with 6,143 living in Pendleton County. Compared to the state itself, the county’s median age lies at 50.8 compared to 42.8 for the state itself.

One thing to remember is that use of “median” may show a skewed picture. Median comes from the middle number in a data sample and not from some other calculation, such as an average.

Charts showing the distribution of people in age categories showed that the largest groups lay in those generally considered late middle age and the early years of senior citizenship. The state saw its three highest categories at 60 to 64 (61,492 men and 66,387 women), 65 to 69 years (57,942 men and 61,434 women) and 55 to

59 (59,597 men and 59,196 women).

Pendleton County saw the same three age groups with top numbers, but in a different numerical order. The highest category was 65 to 69 (311 men and 272 women), then 55 to 59 (321 men and 215 women), and an interesting set of numbers for 60 to 64 (173 men and 281 women).

Population numbers in Pendleton County skew older than West Virginia in general. Just under 30 percent of the county population is 65 or older. That number is 21.5 percent

across West Virginia and 17.7 percent nationally.

The Census Bureau also tracked residential mobility in terms of moving from one place to another. About 1.5 percent moved from one place to another within Pendleton County, just under one percent moved in from outside the county, and .3 percent moved from a different state. Statistically speaking, no one moved to the county from abroad.

West Virginia itself saw 2.4 percent moving in from another state and .2 percent from another country.

Historically more people in West Virginia serve in the military per capita than any other state in the union. Prior to 1863, this covers counties that became West Virginia. About 7.2 percent of West Virginians served in the military compared to 6.1 percent nationwide.

Pendleton County enjoys a significantly higher percentage of residents with military service. Just under nine percent of residents, or nearly one in 10, have served in the military.

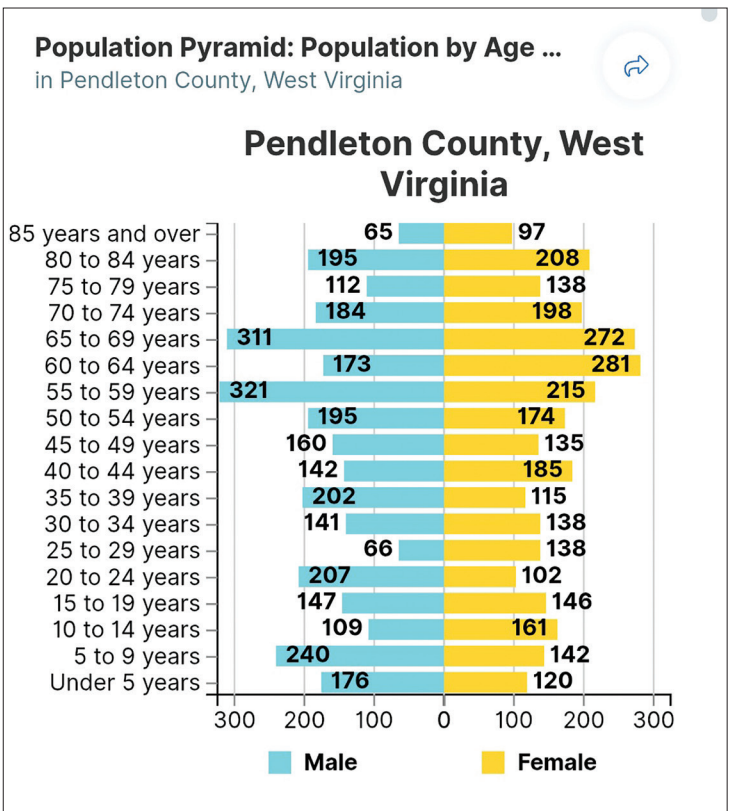
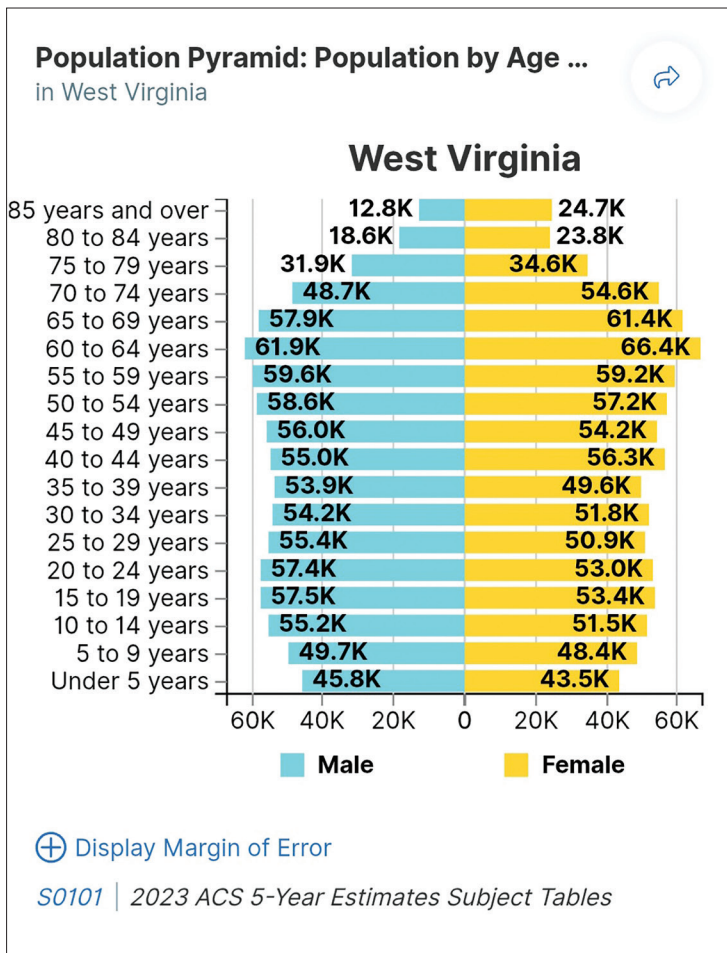
The Census Bureau’s education numbers in the

snapshot also deserve some greater explanation, as they are among the least illustrative of the experience and knowledge of those in Pendleton County.

Just more than 20 percent of those in Pendleton County have a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 24 percent in the state and 36.2 percent across the nation. For Pendleton County, the breakdown is 49.2 percent with a high school diploma or equivalent, compared to 39.7 percent in the state.

What is not reflected in

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These graphs show the distribution of residents’ ages in both Pendleton County and West Virginia as counted in the 2020 United States Census.

OBITUARIES



Edmund Pate Stubbs

Edmund Pate Stubbs, 82, of Brandywine passed away June 12, 2025, in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Born on Dec. 28, 1942, in Washington, D.C., a son of the late Donald and Rosalee Stubbs, he grew up in Alexandria, Virginia.

Mr. Stubbs attended St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Alexandria, Virginia, and graduated in 1961.

After graduation he began his career at Group Hospitalization Inc., which was the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan for the Washington, D.C., area. He was initially an electronic accounting machine operator and then became the computer room supervisor. His next step was to become a programmer. From there, he went back to his most exceptional skill, people management. He was a group leader heading up a team of programmers and then moved into the financial side of the company as the electronic data processing audit manager. He finished out his career as the facilities director for the company, responsible for building maintenance, mail services, purchasing, and the company print shop, with more than 100 employees reporting to him.

He had a lifelong passion

for music, as well as photography, and took great joy in capturing the beauty of the world and his loved ones in his photographs. In recent years, he found deep contentment living at Hummingbird Hill Farm in West Virginia, where he spent countless hours observing and documenting the hummingbirds who visited him on the small farm he loved so dearly. Though Virginia was his lifelong home, the peaceful mountains of West Virginia brought him great happiness in the final years of his life.

He was also known for his deep love of animals, especially his many loyal dogs through the years. None were closer to his heart than Paxton, who passed away just weeks before him.

He will be remembered for his spirited personality, his love of art, music, and animals, and the way he deeply loved his friends and family unconditionally.

His loving wife, Linda Stubbs, preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Aileen and Kyle Williams of Brandywine; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven Stubbs and Susan Marett of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; a brother, Kendon Stubbs of Crozet, Virginia; grandchildren, Courtney Mahoney, Zachary Williams, Alebachew Stubbs, and Tizibt Stubbs, and great-granddaughter, Zoe Young; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Peggy Silberman; and a brother, Alan Stubbs.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter, PO Box 804, Franklin, WV 26807.



Joyce Ann Borrer

Joyce Ann Borrer, 87, of Upper Tract passed away June 27, 2025, at her home.

She was born on April 13, 1938, in Waynesboro, Virginia, the daughter of the late Wilbert C. and Margaret Ann (Landis) Morris.

Mrs. Borrer attended school in Alexandria, Virginia, and was a member of the Wilson Chapel Church.

For 10 years, she worked at the Franklin Garment Factory. She had owned and operated several businesses during the years: Byrd's Restaurant in Franklin, Joyce's Bar in Scherr from 1983-1984, and Joyce's Bar in Elkins from 1984-1987. She and her husband, Bruce Borrer, owned and operated Borrer's Fresh Produce in

Franklin and in Petersburg for 14 years. She also worked at Sue's Country Kitchen in Petersburg from 2020-2024.

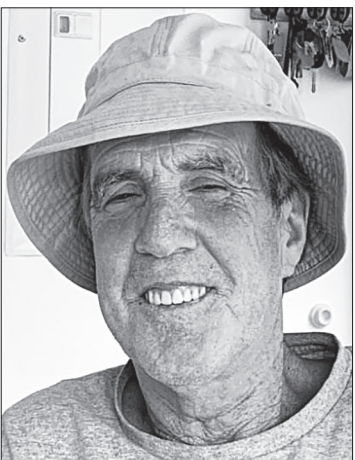
She was previously married to Jesse Kidwell and James Bolin. On Dec. 31, 1969, she married Bruce William Borrer, who preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 2014.

Surviving are three daughters, Lisa Kitrell of Mobile, Alabama, Kimberly Maxson (Stephen) of Upper Tract and Joyce Ann Kidwell; two sons, Steve Borrer of Grand Bay, Alabama, and Jimmy Bolin of Missouri; a sister, Doris Bowling of Spotsylvania, Virginia; a brother, Wilbur Morris of Alexandria, Virginia; 17 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and a special great-great-granddaughter, Amelia Rose.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jesse Kidwell; two sisters, Barbara and Nancy; and a great-granddaughter, Abigail.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Taylor Basagic officiating. Interment was at the Kline Cemetery in Kline (Upper Tract).

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



Matthew Domzalski

Matthew Domzalski, 64, of Brandywine passed away June 27, 2025, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 13, 1960, in Woodbury, New Jersey, the son of the late Frank Benjamin and Mary Leonard (McNaught) Domzalski.

Mr. Domzalski graduated from Triton Regional High

School in Runnemede, New Jersey.

He had worked as a pipefitter for Merck.

On June 23, 1984, he married the love of his life, Maria (Ervolini) Domzalski, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory, two daughters, Heather Hensley (Winston) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Mary Domzalski (Chris Lomelik) of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a brother, John Domzalski of Tenth Legion, Virginia; and a granddaughter, Beatrix.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Frank Domzalski.

In honoring his wishes, his body has been cremated.

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Free Team Bingo at Fisher Mountain
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Josh Davidson Live Music at Fisher Mountain
- Saturday, July 19, 6 p.m.
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Pendleton County Schools Reports Attendance Surge in All Schools 24-25

By Stephen Smoot

As they met during a power outage two weeks ago, the Pendleton County Board of Education heard some electrifying news. One of their top priorities going into the school year 10 months ago lay in increasing attendance.

Though no one claims victory just yet, the numbers showed the results of school and central office personnel in bringing substantial improvements.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and also the invocation by J. D. Wilkins, board president. “We thank You for the ability to be flexible and have the meeting without power,” he prayed.

In the brief meeting, the board turned first to personnel matters. One of the items referred to the possible hiring of an itinerant certified occupational therapy assistant. Sonny O’Neil, board member, inquired if this service was billable to Medicaid.

It was explained that if a COTA is hired in a certain fashion, under supervision of an occupational therapist, that the school system could still bill Medicaid for services. The board approved the recommendation to post for the position.

Charles Hedrick, superintendent, filled in for Travis Heavner in giving the facilities report. He informed the board that “It looks like the initial estimate” to repair some damage to North Fork Elementary School “is probably a little

under \$70,000.”

Wilkins chimed in to say, “which is better than expected.”

At least as good as expected, if not better, came the year end attendance figures provided by Carrie Nesselrodt.

She provided two sets of figures with the first coming from overall attendance in the county and each school. For the school year 2024-25, the county attendance ended at 93.64 percent, which rose from 92.97 from the prior year. Nesselrodt noted that an official involved with an educational contractor for the State of West Virginia informed her that a .75 percent increase represented significant progress.

In the individual schools, Brandywine Elementary School showed a percentage of 94.639 percent, Franklin Elementary School at 94.542 percent, North Fork Elementary School at 93.937 percent, and Pendleton County Middle/High School at 92.789 percent.

As Nesselrodt pointed out, however, the state has laid emphasis on reducing chronic absenteeism. This refers to students who have missed 10 percent or more of days through the school year.

Pendleton County saw overall chronic absenteeism drop from 21.201 percent to 15.19 percent. She gave the percentage for Brandywine Elementary School as 9.34 percent, but did not mention the previous year’s numbers.

Franklin Elementary School improved from 12.9 to 8.66, North Fork from 18.48 to 13.2,

and PCM/HS from 28.97 down to 20.94. Nesselrodt gave special praise to Nicole Hevener, principal of PCM/HS, and the Communities in Schools team for the significant drop there.

She also explained that the state calculates numbers slightly differently than the county. So the numbers they base their reports on in next fall’s Balanced Scorecard may differ somewhat.

Pendleton County’s improvement helped the school system and individual schools potentially elevate their categories from the previous year. In chronic absences, for example, 10 percent or less indicates “meets standards” and is color-coded in green. A range between 10 and 20 percent means that the system or school “partially meets standards” and is represented by yellow. If the score falls at 20 percent or above, it does not meet the standard and gets marked in red.

That said, there is a major difference between chronic absence rates of approximately 29 and 20 percent, in the case of PCM/HS.

Nesselrodt stated that even those in red and yellow are all “headed in the right direction.”

At the close of the hearing, Hedrick was asked for the final time if he had anything for the superintendent’s comments section of the agenda.

“I’d like to thank you all for your support,” Hedrick replied, going on to add, “I deeply appreciate it, and to our staff and board office too.”

West Virginia Land Trust Is Protecting West Virginia’s Past Through Conservation

By Stephen Smoot

The West Virginia Land Trust, along with partners such as county farmland protection boards, help to preserve the landscape and the traditions that those who have lived in it have followed for generations.

Says Amy Cimarolli, land protection program director of the West Virginia Land Trust, “Our mission is to protect places and keep them in trust (to) provide a public benefit.” Their work “helps keep West Virginia’s diverse natural history in place.”

In Pendleton County, the organization reached even further into the past. A couple and friend purchased a historic farm that dated back to the French and Indian War, then moved there from Washington, D.C.

Avery and Dan Ouellette were joined by their friend, Mark Mueller, in obtaining the Trumbo farm along the South Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River, generally shortened locally to “South Branch.” Said Avery Ouellette, “We wanted to be thoughtful about nature and the agricultural aspects to preserve.”

The farm also contains a historic cabin, one of the first white settlements in the area, as well as a church that operated as a sister to a nearby facility until modern times. It had fallen into disrepair until lovingly restored by the current owners.

The Ouellette family shared that working with West Virginia Land Trust “really was an amazing process.” They helped the family to obtain a conservation easement to lock the land in for farming in perpetuity.

West Virginia Land Trust also worked with the Summers County Commission, as well as state and federal agencies, to protect a 600-acre farm, a third of which predated American independence.

The family of Richard Dickson found for themselves an ideal piece of land approximately 250 years ago. As the 13 colonies sorted out whether they wanted reform or independence, Dickson settled on 185 acres and built a log cabin to house his family. Six decades later, obviously finding prosperity in the place, the Dicksons purchased enough acreage to give them an even 600.

In the early decades of the Republic, a well-traveled turnpike, now US 219, ran past the farm, bringing visitors both common and notable. The property envelops one of the most productive usable natural springs in the state, as well as two miles of Second Creek, a popular recreational site.

Said Page Dickson, one of the current family owners, “I want to make sure that future generations can enjoy what we have been so

fortunate to inherit.”

“They came to us and said ‘we need the land trust,’” explained Cimarolli. The family had remained dedicated to stewardship of their family ancestral land that included a historic grist mill, but needed support in maintaining it.

They engaged a number of stakeholders, including the Summers County Commission and federal officials from U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the national park service, and others. The land will not only be preserved as much as possible in its natural and historic state, but also in such a way as that people can enjoy it responsibly. “We partner with groups to co-develop with entrance ways, signage” and other needed elements.

State support came in part from the Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund in the West Virginia Department of Commerce.

“I’m thankful to the land trust for all of the work that’s been done toward fashioning this easement so that our land and its history can be preserved and protected,” said Joe Dickson, part-owner of the property. “The fact that our family has held on to the original settlement for so many generations is extremely rare. The exceptional beauty and seclusion of the area makes the land worth saving from development,” he said.

West Virginia Land Trust also assisted with the development of a walking trail to link sites on the property together.

The slate of potential partners depends on the nature of the preservation and conservation plan. West Virginia Land Trust has worked with Civil War heritage groups for historic sites, Trout Unlimited to preserve and create pristine fishing areas, and much more.

The West Virginia Land Trust website offers ways to both protect land and support their efforts. A button that reads “Protect Your Land” leads to the application process while donors can make tax-deductible contributions to the registered 501 © 3 organization.

Though they have not labored in Harrison County yet, they have contributed to projects in Monongalia County. The work they have done statewide could help to benefit historic lands in the region that could otherwise lose their rural and historic character forever.

Additionally, the projects done in Monroe and Pendleton counties show how to preserve, protect, and promote outside of having increasingly cash-strapped state, federal, and local governments do the overwhelming share of the spending and work.

“There’s so much beauty and wealth of land in West Virginia to protect,” Cimarolli shared, adding that “we do as much as we can. We fit in as many projects as we can and we are really good at finding them.”

Unique Orchid Grows at Family Store

I have been friends with and known the Propst family for 60+ years, and I know them to be a close-knit, Christian family. My husband and I lived right above the Sinnett Lane Store for several years.

Ms. Ruth (Virginia “Ruth” Propst Craig) reminded me of her grandmother, Bessie Propst, who I would see walking past the house, just before dark, to spend the night at the store with Dillon and Virginia. Bessie was a kind soft spoken lady just like Ruth.

Ruth and I would visit if there wasn’t another customer waiting, and there wasn’t a subject that we couldn’t talk about with the other. We didn’t solve any problems but did agree that we could pray. The last time Ruth and I visited was the first of April. I shared the following article with Ruth and Virginia last Christmas.

The Magnificent Orchid

If you have read any of my writings, you know that I enjoy beautiful things, especially flowers. I was not blessed with my mom’s gift of growing things, although I try from time to time.

This article is about an orchid that welcomes visitors to the Sinnett Lane Grocery. Ruth has her orchid sitting in front of two windows that are on different walls where it gets the sun from the east and from the south.

I stopped at the store on Dec. 13, 2024, and when I entered, I could hardly believe my eyes! That orchid was spectacular. The pot holding this big plant is probably a container that holds three gallons.

This orchid is unlike any I have tried to grow. It has smaller leaves, and a lot of leaves, unlike the ones you can purchase at Walmart that have much larger leaves and only three or four.

Anyone who has grown an orchid knows the roots lay above the potting soil, curled, winding around, overriding themselves until they look like a pile of brush.

This orchid usually has three or four arms that go up and then stretch out. The beautiful, lavender-pink-white blooms sit on these arms, which look to be a foot or more long from the bottom of the arm to the top.

I have seen three or four

arms of flowers on this orchid over the years, but when I entered the store this morning, I could hardly believe what I was seeing. That orchid had eight arms going up. Some were one long arm, while others had split off about halfway up with shorter arms, and each one was lined with flowers.

I don’t recall ever seeing anything like this. Ruth said in all the years she has had this orchid, she has never seen it bloom like this.

Ruth said that the orchid requires two things—keep its feet wet and leave it alone. That’s what she does.

The last time I visited with Ruth, two arms on the orchid were starting to reach up toward heaven.

I visited with Kathy on May 22, and both arms were covered with flowers. Only God knows why this magnificent show of beauty happened in December of 2024.

Violet R. Eye

DNR Releases Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced that new hunting regulations for the 2025-2026 seasons went into effect July 1 with the release of the annual Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

“These changes reflect our ongoing commitment to responsible wildlife management while supporting West Virginia’s strong hunting traditions,” said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director. “With world-class opportunities across the state, we encourage all hunters to take time to review the new regulations before heading afield this fall.”

The regulations summary is available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations. Hunters who wish to obtain a printed copy should contact their local hunting and fishing license agent or WVDNR district office. Copies will also be available at the WVDNR’s operations center in Elkins and headquarters at the state Capitol in Charleston.

In addition to updates to big and small game season dates and open counties, major changes outlined in the summary include:

- Implementation of deer carcass transportation regulations in Grant County and baiting and feeding restrictions in Pendleton County;
- Removal of minimum youth age restrictions for youth seasons;
- Removal of maximum caliber restriction for hunting coyotes at night;
- Elimination of the Small Arms Hunting Stamp (Class A1) for handgun hunting; and
- Use of UAVs and one leashed dog now permitted to track and locate mortally wounded deer, bear, wild turkey and wild boar.

In addition to reviewing the regulations, hunters are reminded to purchase their 2025 West Virginia hunting license and stamps before the seasons start this fall. To purchase a license and stamps, visit WVhunt.com.



Lawn Party

South Mill Creek Church of the Brethren
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Saturday, July 5 • 4 p.m. - ?

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hotdogs
Ham Sandwiches, French Fries
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Note of Thanks

The Membership and Officers and the Administrative side of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department would like to shout out to all that cleaned the food stands and the firehouse floor and washed all the trucks and the windows. Unfortunately, we had a structure fire that morning and our trucks were very dirty at the time.

It is truly very much appreciated by the Franklin Volunteer Department members. It’s nice to have people support us in the county like you do.

Thank You and God Bless You.

Sincerely,
Franklin Volunteer Fire Department
Evers Turner, Secretary
Terry Hedrick, President



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Thank you to family and friends for their kindness, support, and condolences during the loss of our beloved mother, Twila Eye. Your presence, cards, flowers, meals and thoughtful gestures brought comfort and peace during this difficult time. Special thanks to the staff of Pendleton Manor for their care and Basagic Funeral Home for their services.

We appreciate your love and support.

The Twila Eye Family
Denise, Dana, Mark and Donita

Annual

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Sunday, July 6

Thorn Spring Park Pavilion
Franklin

Program begins at 10:30 a.m.
Potluck Lunch To Follow

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July 6

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Circuit Riders Were Tasked with Ministering in Remote Areas

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

One of the last “circuit riders” whose duty was to perform pastoral services to the remote areas where there was no pastor available was William McInturff Sibert. He was born Jan. 6, 1835, at Powell’s Fort Valley, Virginia. On Nov. 18, 1858, he married his first wife, Rebecca C. Clem (Feb. 23, 1833 - Feb. 22, 1867). They had a daughter, Julia Theodora Lydia Rebecca Sibert. Rebecca died at Julia’s birth. William’s second marriage was in 1870 to Sarah Elizabeth Hahn. They had 11 children, one of them being Estella Wilhelmina. Estella married Loy Hively and from that union, they had several children, including Virginia Hively Propst who is 102 years old.

Rev. William Sibert was a man of many talents — teacher, farmer, minister, and assemblyman. A man known for his great stamina made his ministry quite distinguishable. The congregations he served entailed great distances from each other. Typically, 200-500 miles on the route were served. To understand the enormity of his task, one only needs to take a look at the distance he travelled. Exhaustion, animal attacks, illness, and unfriendly encounters were constant threats. Sibert would have to spend the night with any family who would put him up, and eat whatever was available to him.

Circuit riders were responsible to visit once or twice a year in the given area or circuit, to minister weddings, baptisms, confirmations, counseling, funerals, and sermons. They visited each church regularly on this circuit. Since they rode horseback/mule to go from church to church, they came to be known as “circuit riders.”

Sibert was quite skilled with the art of conversation. Encountering travelers along the way, his mule would automatically stop knowing full well, that the conversation might take quite a while!

He was also a representative from Shenandoah County to the General Assembly of Virginia, 1857-1858, 1859-1861, and then representing Rockingham County 1875-1877.

In time, the Sibert name was changed to “Seybert.” He passed March 6, 1910, and is buried at the Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandywine. His descendants are far flung, with several living locally at Sinnett’s Lane and Franklin.

Little instructions to keep one happy include the following:

1. Never discuss money with people who have much more or much less than one does.



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Saturday, July 12 • 10 a.m.

15 Weaver Lane, Brandywine
(entrance across from Brandywine Lake)

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Unique Items: 1959 Keyser Willy Jeep original 4-cylinder Hurricane engine, wooden bench from Brandywine church, one piece with 2 desks out of Brandywine post office and LOTs of Gone with the Wind collection.

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Owner:

Mark Robinson



Sara Silbert and the Rev. William Silbert are pictured. Photo is courtesy of Virginia H. Propst, a granddaughter of the last circuit rider.

2. Be one’s spouse’s best friend.
3. Hug one’s children after discipling them.
4. Teach one’s children the value of money and the importance of saving.

5. Smile a lot. It costs nothing and is beyond price.

June 21, the summer solstice, is the day with the longest period of daylight and shortest night of the year in the northern hemisphere. This is when the sun, in the northern hemisphere, is at its highest position. This past week heralded notably high temperatures which is most unusual for this time of the year. Temperatures, which bore the likeness of July’s and August’s humidity and heat, was quite the talk of the community. Rainfall in this neighborhood has been scant compared to elsewhere in the county.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: He believed in me.” — Jim Valvano

“Don’t go backwards; you’ve already been there.” — Ray Charles

“I don’t think there’s anything on this planet that more trumps life than the sunflower.” — Helen Mirren

“To care for those who once cared for us is one of the highest honors.” — Tia Walker

Sitting by the pool is the best way to hear the “Talk of the Grove.”

Returning from a week at Camp Luther, a church camp at Cowen, was Macie Mitchell, daughter of Brandon and Cara Mitchell. Others from the county also attending this same camp were Olivia Caplinger and Rosyln Nesselrodt.

Shaun, Leslie and Ava Bowers flew to Denver, Colorado. They drove through four states and explored eight national parks. They enjoyed the beautiful scenery which was quite different from Sugar Grove. Their vacation was wonderful, to say the least.

Ruben and Krista Nieves of Boca Raton, Florida, have returned to their home after visiting a week in the home of Willard and Judy Rader, along with other relatives and friends. Friday, Bob and Marti Fisher and Ed Rader were visitors. On Saturday, Willard, Judy, Ruben and Krista enjoyed a dinner and visiting at Benny and Linda Custer’s residence.

The South Fork Volunteer Fire Department did it again. The lawn party was a huge success. Saturday evening’s parade was enjoyed, as well as the food. But most of all, the fireworks that lit the sky with many dazzling, colored displays mesmerized the attendees.

Anyone wishing to send Phil Downs a get-well card, his address is VMRC, Oak Lea Room #100, 1475 Virginia Ave., Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

Clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:

- A cockroach has 12 heart chambers.
- The bullfrog never sleeps.
- Coca Cola was invented in 1892.



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- Indonesia is the only country, home to the most volcanoes.

July birthdays include Dennis Mitchell, Dale Kile and Jordan Hevener Ronek, first; Elaine Rexrode and Vernon Wimer, fourth; James Ryan, fifth; Gary Pitsenbarger, sixth; Patricia Rexrode and Kathy Kile, ninth; John Clinton Bowers II, 10th; D. Olin Hoover, Blair Mitchell, Terry Ryan and Jerry Lambert, 12th; Bruce Smith, 13th; Deloris Simmons, 14th; Janet Judy, 15th; Sharon Scott, 16th; and Kenny Wilfong, 17th.

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 Heavner, Hannah Hedrick, Jack and Starr Hedrick, Chuck and Tracy Hiett, 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 Kelley, 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, Cheryl Paine, Terri Parker, Andy Pond, Wayne Price, Daniel and Debbie Propst, 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.

McCoy Graduates From Iowa State

William “Billy” McCoy of Franklin graduated May 16 from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in animal science.

Barbour Earns Degree from JMU

Caden Barbour of Franklin graduated in May from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He earned a master of science degree in accounting.

Ceely Named To Dean’s List

Kiersten Ceely of Franklin has been named to the Dean’s List at James Madison University for the spring semester. She is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Students who earn dean’s list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.899.



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FES Students Recognized for Academic Achievements

Franklin Elementary School has released the following awards for the fourth nine-weeks grading period.

A Honor Roll

1A (Ruddle) — Raiden Boggs, Mason Hinkle, Silas Kain, Colin Kirk, Alby Nesselrodt, Makinley Simon, Violet VanMeter, Jada Verdoni and Genevieve Wimer;
1B (Nicely) — Craig Bussard, Silas Flanigan, River Gilley, Carlea Hedrick, Hallie Hedrick, Harper Hedrick, Colt Hiett, Addyson Horton, Ellanore Hoover, Macie Kirk, Waylon Ours, Richard Spillars-Auville and Gia Verdoni;
2A (Mowery) — Charli Hiett and Eve Hott;
2B (George) — Anasen Bishop, Kinley Minor, Jase Mitters, Braylee Propst, Maci Raines and Bryson Rexrode;
3A (Kimble) — Lola Brooks, Madalyn Griffin, Hunter Hedrick, Ariel Martin, Maddie Nesselrodt, Emmett Sison, Leah Wheeler and Colton Whetzel;
3B (Dove) — Mattox Ayala, Madison Borrer, Abbigail Cayton, Mia Dudley, Urban Jones, Kaci Keller, Mason Mowery, Rosalyn Nesselrodt, Rylan Stager and Nathanael Vincell;
4A (Griffin) — Gracie Hedrick and Dallis Hull;
4B (Eye) — Sicily Flanigan, Stella Halterman, Luke Kimble, Adelynn Miller and Sunny Milstead;
5A (Triplett) — Raelynn Bergdoll, Harper Dempsey and Bella Kimble;
5B (Plaugher) — Tinley Basagic, Bristol Bowers, Ella Dudley, Gracelyn Mongold and Connor Raines;
6A (Cook) — Alaina Hedrick, Cambri Hiett, Alaska Kimble and Madison Kirk; and
6B (Nine-Miller) — Roscoe Pownell, Braxton Beachler, Eli Boyer and Chevelle Noble.

AB Honor Roll

1A (Ruddle) — Ruger Hartman, Jaylynn Hedrick and Evelyn White;
2A (Mowery) — Trenton Bowers, Charles Caplinger, Liam Cooper, Emma Humphrey, Madelyn Trenton and Cash Varner;
2B (George) — Solomyn Bowers, Paisley Hott, Lane Nesselrodt, Kylan Shriver and Ciara Smith.
3A (Kimble) — Kyealan Bailey, Brinleigh Bishop, Sloane Donnelly, Hailey Ferris, Chase George, Brantley Hedrick, Paisley Jackson, Chandler Mauzy, Madison Mongold and Kieley Wheeler;
3B (Dove) — Everly Bowers, Karson Fox, Finley Harper, Dani Hoover, Alexis Michael, Kylie Raymond and Ryan Thompson;
4A (Griffin) — Lukas Baldwin, Kyle Ice, Remington Kimble, Landon Mallow, Ava Rose, Adalynn Severance and Jaedynn Severance;
4B (Eye) — Greysen Eckard, Vince Herb, Nikolai Miller, Eowyn Propst and Leah Puffenbarger;
5A (Triplett) — Olivia Caplinger, Arianna Cooper and Wyatt Hott;
5B (Plaugher) — Julian Jackson, Clair Kimble, Bentley McLane, Brantley Propst, Brynleigh Ruddle and Paxton Traub;
6A (Cook) — Kenden Champ, Alexis Hedrick, Breymann Keesecker, Tucker Minor, Addison Shreve, Acie Tilley and Marion Williams; and
6B (Nine-Miller) — Sadie Armentrout, Emily Boggs, Isabella Cooper, Adalycia Davis, Emma Nesselrodt, Jayden Parsons, Cambria Vanmeter and Cayli Vanmeter.

Citizenship

KA (Flanigan) — Brielle Raines and Easton Simmons;
1A (Ruddle) — Colin Kirk and Hugh Moyers;
1B (Nicely) — River Gilley and Richard Spillars-Auville;
2A (Mowery) — Charli Hiett and Eve Hott;
2B (George) — Lane Nesselrodt and Jonah Seymour;
3A (Kimble) — Sloane Donnelly and Hunter Hedrick;
3B (Dove) — Everly Bowers and Karson Fox;
4A (Griffin) — Kyle Ice and Charlotte Kimble;
4B (Eye) — Leah Puffenbarger and Branson Purcell;
5A (Triplett) — Olivia Caplinger and Wyatt Hott;
5B (Plaugher) — Bristol Bowers and Connor Raines;
6A (Cook) — Carlee Alt and Jackson Moyers; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Cambree Alt and Hayden Hartman.

Top 5 Accelerated Readers

1A (Ruddle) — Makinley Simon (73 points), Silas Kain (68 points), Genevieve Wimer (54 points), Mason Hinkle (53 points) and Violet VanMeter (51 points);
1B (Nicely) — Carlea Hedrick (98 points), Macie Kirk (96.8 points), Addyson Horton (91 points), Hallie Hedrick (86.6 points) and Ellanore Hoover (79.2 points);
2A (Mowery) — Emma Humphrey (33.2 points), Eve Hott (29.3 points), Madelyn Trenton (28.1 points), Charli Hiett (18 points) and Cash Varner (17.7 points);
2B (George) — Jase Mitters (110.3 points), Kylan Shriver (82.7 points), Braylee Propst (77.5 points), Maci Raines (73.8 points) and Kinley Minor (73.5 points);
3A (Kimble) — Chase George (78.2 points), Madison Mongold (68 points), Maddie Nesselrodt (63.5 points), Brinleigh Bishop (63.4 points) and Sloane Donnelly (62 points);
3B (Dove) — Mason Mowery (308.4 points), Urban Jones (224.6 points), Abbigail Cayton (123.1 points), Nathanael Vincell (103.3 points) and Rosalyn Nesselrodt (91.9 points);
4A (Griffin) — Gracie Hedrick (105.3 points), Adalynn Severance (70.2 points), Dallis Hull (70.1 points), Ava Rose (69.6 points) and Landon Mallow (59.3 points);
4B (Eye) — Sunny Milstead (203.2 points), Eowyn Propst (111.7 points), Branson Purcell (58.8 points), Stella Halterman (56.7 points) and Krislee Hammer (56.4 points);
5A (Triplett) — Bella Kimble (69.1 points), Olivia Caplinger (64.1 points), Harper Dempsey (63.7 points), Raelynn Bergdoll (62.3 points) and Wyatt Hott (60.2 points);
5B (Plaugher) — Connor Raines (80 points), Bristol Bowers (68.6 points), Tinley Basagic (64 points), Gracelyn Mongold (63.7 points) and Clair Kimble (62 points);
6A (Cook) — Alaina Hedrick, Cambri Hiett, Madison Kirk, Marion Williams and Breymann Keesecker; and
6B (Nine-Miller) — Eli Boyer (520.4 points), Braxton Beachler (341.5 points), Roscoe Pownell (332.8 points), Chevelle Noble (176.5 points) and Isabella Cooper (150.1 points).

Storybook Hero Club

PreKA — William Hedrick;
PreKB — Colson Bland, Cora Bowers, Samuel Crites, Ryder Evans, Emery Griffin, Scarlett Plaugher and Magnolia Warner;
KA (Flanigan) — Emerson Byers, Layla Dudley, Catherine Eye, Rhett Hott, Liam Kesterson, Brielle Raines and Olivia Seymour; and
KB (Edwards) — Cayde Ayala, Brielle Mauzy, Naomi Nine-Miller, Marlee Simon, Marcus Smith, Amelia Spillars-Auville, Connor Trenton and Bryer Wood.

Presidential Academic Award

(Requirements to earn this are having a 3.5+ GPA and no Level 3 or 4 Behavior Violations.)
6A (Cook) — Blayke Bennett, Kenden Champ, Alaina Hedrick, Alexis Hedrick, Cambri Hiett, Breymann Keesecker, Alaska Kimble, Madison Kirk, Tucker Minor, Addison Shreve and Marion Williams; and
6B (Nine-Miller) — Sadie Armentrout, Braxton Beachler, Eli Boyer, Emma Nesselrodt, Chevelle Noble, Roscoe Pownell, Cambria Vanmeter and Cayli Vanmeter.

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6A (Cook) — Carlee Alt and Acie Tilley; and
6B (Nine-Miller) — Cambree Alt, Emily Boggs, Isabella Cooper, Remington Hedrick and Lorelei Price.

Cook Earns Master’s Degree

Hannah Cook of Brandywine graduated May 3 from Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia. She received a master of science degree in human resource management.

Martin Named To Dean’s List

Alex Martin of Circleville has been named to the spring Dean’s List or Adirondack Scholars honor at Paul Smith’s College in Paul Smiths, New York.

County Students Named to Dean’s List

Six Pendleton County students were named to West Virginia University Potomac State College’s Dean’s List for the spring semester.
Earning this honor, along with their degree of study, were Lindsey Smith of Franklin, agribusiness management; Claire Cooney, elementary education, Caitlyn Cooper, nursing, and Ally Vance, elementary education, all of Seneca Rocks; and Ashlyn Judy, health sciences, and Sarah Judy, nursing, both of Upper Tract.
To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours of graded courses, excluding courses in which any grade of audit, pass or incomplete is recorded, and must maintain a grade point average of 3.000 to 3.699 for the semester.

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The Region VIII Solid Waste Authority
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The Region VIII Solid Waste Authority would like to thank the many volunteer groups and individuals across our region that are helping with litter control and roadside cleanup programs. We are very fortunate to live in an area of incredible natural beauty. The mountains, rivers, streams, and valleys that we call home will continue to attract tourists and visitors that want to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Potomac Highlands.

The Region VIII Solid Waste Authority, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, and the West Virginia Department of Highways would like your help in keeping our region clean and litter free. Here are a few simple things that individuals and groups can do to help ensure that the natural beauty of the area will be enjoyed by our visitors and future generations:

➤ Please **DO NOT** throw trash out of your vehicle.

➤ Please **make sure that trash is properly bagged** when it is being put out at the curb for pickup or covered by a tarp or net when it is being transported to the transfer station in an open truck or trailer.

➤ Please **consider becoming a volunteer under the Adopt-A-Highway program** sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and the West Virginia Department of Highways. Call 1-800-322-5530 to volunteer.

➤ Please **report illegal dumping** to the Region VIII Solid Waste Authority (304) 257-2644 or the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (304) 822-7266.

The Solid Waste Authority would also like to remind residents that WV Garbage Disposal Laws (WV Code 22C-4-10) require each household and business to do one of the following:

➤ Subscribe to, pay for and use a garbage collection service OR

➤ Provide proof they have properly disposed of their garbage at the transfer station at least once every 30 days.

ALL loads entering the Northern and Southern Transfer Stations are required to be properly secured with a tarp or netting. Loads not properly secured will be refused.

Call the Region VIII Solid Waste Authority at (304) 257-2644 if you have any questions.

IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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Without Volunteers, Fire Service *Junior Firefighter Camp*

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Harrison County Commission president, Susan Thomas, stated that a study would serve as a way to also examine “the best way to fund this.” Hinkle shared that lack of volunteers afflicted the Harrison County departments as much as anyone else. He shared that in his younger years that he himself had served as a volunteer firefighter, but that age and increasing commitments kept him from continuing.

Most volunteer fire departments face the same three issues. Hardy County Commission president, Steven Schetrom, shared that “declining volunteerism” represents one struggle, but rising costs of equipment and other necessities plus “uncertainty related to permanent funding solutions” places pressures as well.

Although Hardy County, Schetrom explained, must contend with those three issues, additionally “it faces increased pressure because it is so rural.” Rural services face extra problems, he stated, because though rural areas generally have lower overall costs for typical needs. “Hardy County still has to pay the market cost for needed fire equipment.”

Mike Alt, who serves as both training officer for the Pendleton County Emergency Rescue and chief of the Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department, echoed that concern, stating that the cost of any usable apparatus starts at \$500,000. He said that most departments must settle for “quality used equipment, if you can find it.”

As Schetrom explained, the Producer Price Index “for machinery and equipment increased by 19 percent between January 2020 and March 2023.” Despite the sharp spike in prices “local fire department funding levels did not increase by a corresponding amount.”

Rising prices, he went on to add “will continue to put significant pressure, maybe existential pressure, on rural fire departments like those in Hardy County.”

Alt stated that at UTVFD “we get our \$55,000 from the state and \$1,500 from local governments with the rest coming from donations.” While fundraisers represent a large part of a department’s budget, Alt said, “You have to run your fundraisers as a business. If you don’t, you’re

going to fail.”

That means understanding that efforts run up against limited resources, such as the time of personnel, the local capacity to participate, and the patience of supporters to participate in fundraising events. Operate too many fundraising drives, such as filling the boot or mailing campaigns and “you run it into the ground.”

Also, “I can’t run a spaghetti dinner and run a . . . call for grandma at the same time,” Alt commented.

Equipment and vehicle costs continue to mount for all departments. South Fork Volunteer Fire Department in Brandywine last fall received delivery of a used tanker to augment their fleet. At the time, Jeff Bowers, SFVFD president, shared that “community support is real big.” He cited their annual lawn party as an important community and fundraising event. Also “the fall letter drive is a real big help.” Despite all that, the department still needed a grant to fill in the rest of the cost.

Roy Bowers, chief of the SFVFD, said last fall that “we needed something more reliable because all our trucks are getting age on them.” Other departments in Pendleton County have similar equipment in service for decades. He stated that “the oldest pumper is in Sugar Grove” and it was manufactured when Richard Nixon was president.

Volunteer fire departments also rely heavily on their auxiliary organizations. Almost every department has stripped their monikers of the name “ladies” because a number of men have joined the ranks of these groups to pitch in and help where needed. They run the fundraising drives, put together the lawn parties and chicken barbeques that bring needed funds to departments.

All the equipment in the world cannot help a department without sufficient firefighters. Schetrom noted that as volunteerism declines nationally “more pressure is placed on existing volunteers and many of them are aging out.”

Alt cited the decline of firefighting families as part of the problem. The SVFD relies heavily on the leadership and experience of the Bowers family members involvement. Franklin VFD’s Brian DiFalco is also seeing two of his sons work to become part of that service. This phenomenon that served as the backbone of many houses has fallen off in recent generations.

Alt also notes that the era of pushing as many students toward college has led to a loss of status and respect for the fundamental jobs that society needs. Alt said, “Where do you read anything where the cop is good anymore?” Bringing back a culture where the law enforcement officer, the firefighter, and the paramedic or EMT have the highest levels of respect will help all of those fields recruit better.

After all, Alt says, the paid career services such as those in Fairfax County, Virginia, have also seen significant loss of interest in the field.

In meetings of the Pendleton County Commission, Rick Gillespie, emergency services coordinator, and Alt have repeatedly pointed out another frustration of rural services that form a barrier to recruitment and retention. The state continues to mandate more trainings, but rarely holds them in locations convenient to those in the Potomac Highlands.

Volunteer personnel with full time jobs and family commitments struggle to crisscross the state to attend needed lengthy and costly trainings.

Schetrom stated that “we have to be creative in finding ways to incentivize volunteerism” that could include “educational programs in schools.” He has also conducted his own research into locating fire departments that have bucked the trend and increased the interest of potential volunteers.

He shared the example of John Buchan, chief of the Florissant Volunteer Fire Department in Colorado. For Buchan, it made sense to restrict the official title of “firefighter” to those that specifically carried out that work. In many states, that title comes with a full slate of training and other requirements. Those who performed other tasks, but did not specifically fight fires, received other titles and, therefore needed less training or none at all.

He also implemented a policy to purchase fuel in bulk at lower prices while furthermore remodeling a dayroom with bunks, flat screen television sets with multiple streaming services, and more creature comforts to encourage personnel to stay overnight.

In this way, he turned a volunteer department into a near full-time operation because volunteers “want to be here.”

Such changes have caused the number of volunteers to double from 30 to 60 while costing taxpayers nothing. He told his local media, “The last thing I want to do is ask the taxpayers for more money.”

The lack of funding solutions to keep up with costs plus the specter of needing to replace volunteers with career paid professionals has pushed concerns about an impending crisis.

“These challenges will become more pronounced in the next five to 10 years, putting increased pressure on local and state leaders to provide permanent funding solutions for local fire departments,” said Schetrom.

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exciting and fun, first step toward the commitment to being “always ready” to protect their communities.

Training to be “always ready” includes leadership skills, increased knowledge and awareness of volunteerism as a foundation for the service, ways to support operations safely before joining as full-fledged adult members, and forming friendships with future brothers and sisters in the fire service.

Said Sarah Nelson, daughter of Franklin Volunteer Fire Department chief, Richard Nelson, “I’m planning on joining the fire department when I come of age and I wanted the skills to do that.”

According to FVFD’s Brian DiFalco, the junior academy opened its doors in 2011 with the goal of “exposing the kids to firefighters, get that bug in them before they get their drivers licenses” and seek out other priorities. He explained that one of the most important benefits that the camp provides to the state is that “70 percent of the graduates go on to some type of public service.”

Like any sports or other types of summer camps, kids can get a bit of the jitters when experiencing it for the first time. Simmons, whose aunt and uncle also volunteer for FVFD, related that “I was nervous and excited at first.” He related also that “when I met more people, my nerves went away when I got to talk to them.”

“I was a little bit nervous about not doing stuff right,” said Nelson about her first day, but that passed for her quickly as well. Simmons explained that those leading instruction ensured that “most of the time it was pretty easy (to pick up the skill) once they showed you.”

Campers received instruction in 17 different areas that cover a broad range of skills, including hose line operations, fireground operations, live fire training, aircraft rescue firefighting, vehicle fires and extraction, as well as

much more.

Lucas DiFalco stated that one of the more challenging scenarios came in “the building with live fire in it.” As he explained, “The smoke rises so you have to get low to the ground, navigate through the smoke, use your hands to feel.” Campers learned techniques such as how to “use the axe to sound the floor, make sure it’s still solid so you won’t fall through.”

“It’s not easy,” he added. “It’s harder than it looks when you’re going into a 1000 degree building. It’s hot. It’s challenging.”

Mike Alt, training officer for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, has noted in the past that mobile homes, common in the area, burn so quickly that firefighters can easily fall through walls or floors that are burning on the other side.

Mastering these skills and understanding why they are vital, therefore, can save the firefighter’s life.

Nelson shared that she enjoyed the forcible entry training, where they learn to use common firefighting tools like axes and “Halligans” to break into a structure. “They put you against a metal door,” she said. “You use your force and your irons to get in.”

The Halligan Bar mentioned by Nelson is a specialized tool designed by a Fire Department of New York chief named Hugh Halligan in 1948, but now in use throughout the country. FDNY history tells that they found a tool fashioned by bank robbers after a fire. The criminals’ version was superior to the claw tool used by the department, so they adapted it for general use.

Many who come to the camp bring a strong interest in firefighting that encourages them to learn as much as they can, wherever they can. “I prepared for the camp,” shared Nelson, who went on to state that “you run a lot, lift weights, just like any sport you train for.” She added also that preparation includes

“know your equipment. Know where it’s located on the truck.”

Physical training before camp can come in handy. Simmons discussed one of his biggest challenges as “going through a burning building, pulling a hose through.” These, of course, are not the hoses used to water flower gardens.

As Lucas DiFalco carefully explained, a gallon of water is eight pounds just by itself. The sheer amount of water plus equipment comes to a significant weight. He added that “there’s probably 150 pounds of force” within the hose. Teamwork is necessary when handling a hose. The weight and sheer force of pressure mean that “you have to have someone back you up.”

Those who attend the camp for three years can receive a Firefighter I certification, which is one of the first steps to serve. Those who have turned 16, but are not yet 18 “can run calls, but not the dangerous stuff out there.” Those in that age group can do much to support operations without directly coming into contact with the fire itself.

“If they’re thinking about joining a department,” related Nelson, “definitely go to the camp, see if it’s something they want to stick with before the department spends a lot of money on them.”

Each of the three recommend the experience to anyone interested in learning more, especially those who aim to join when old enough. “You can get a ton of experience. You can meet a ton of new friends. You get to learn new things you hadn’t done before” stated Simmons.

Simmons earned a special honor given to only one exemplary camper. He earned a full scholarship to cover all costs, including the \$550 fee, of attending next year.

Lucas DiFalco urged, “Don’t be nervous. We’re all brothers and sisters. The fire service is a big family. Don’t be nervous. Just do it.”

US Census, State and County

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the numbers at the state or county level is the education received in military training, trades education, or other programs outside of college education. This indicates a bias toward college education in statistics that the federal government relies upon to form policies and make judgments about an area’s progress and capabilities.

School enrollment in Pendleton County bests the state and the nation considerably. Just more than 91 percent of children are enrolled in school at the county level, compared to 70 percent in the state and 67.8 percent across the United States.

One of the most criticized metrics in the West Virginia economy for years has been the workforce participation rate, one of the lowest nationally. The rate rose and fell incrementally between 2014 and 2021, starting at 49.5 percent and ending at 49.2, but statewide the rate pushed upwards to 51.7 percent in 2023

While still eight percent lower than the nation as a whole, it shows an encouraging

2.5 percent growth in two years.

Pendleton County residents enjoy much higher rates of home ownership than those across West Virginia. About 82.5 percent of those in the county own their own homes, compared to 73.5 percent in West Virginia and just under 66 percent nationwide.

Those who rent in the county also tend to pay less, with the median gross rent set at \$754 for the county, \$850 for the state, and a staggering \$1,406 for the entire nation. Just over 17 percent in Pendleton County pay \$500 or less, almost three out of four renters pay between \$500 and \$999, while 8.5 percent pay \$1000 to \$1,499.

No renter in Pendleton County, at least statistically speaking, pays more than that.

State vacancy rates reflect housing issues raised in the past few years by Region 8 Economic Planning and Development. In 2027, West Virginia had a vacancy rate at just under 20 percent, which dipped to 13.9 in 2023.

County Students Named To WVU Honor Lists

Eleven Pendleton County students earned academic honors for the spring semester at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

Achieving recognition on the President’s List, along with their field of study, were Gabriela Reyes of Brandywine (mental health and addiction studies), Natalie Evick (animal and nutritional sciences), Marshall Harper (computer engineering) and Rowan Witt (geology), all of Franklin, and Cheznie Liggett (youth and family sciences) and Cody Mitchell (agribusiness management), both of Upper Tract.

Attaining the Dean’s List honor, along with their field of study, were Carrigan Hedrick of Brandywine (fashion design and merchandising), Alexis DePue (computer engineering) and Hannah Ruddle (art therapy), both of Franklin, Bailey Thompson of Riverton (industrial engineering) and Derek Johnson of Upper Tract (general business).



THE WILD ROBOT
JULY 4
RATED PG

TOP GUN MAVERICK
JULY 5
RATED PG-13

FREE ADMISSION BOTH NIGHTS
Sponsored by
Pendleton County Family Support Center
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](https://www.facebook.com/WarnersDriveInWV)
3169 Petersburg Pike, Franklin, WV

MENU
Pendleton Senior & Family Services

FRIDAY, JULY 4
We will be
CLOSED

MONDAY, JULY 7
Cold Cuts Sub
Lettuce, Tomato & Onion
Dill Pickle, Chips
Grapes

TUESDAY, JULY 8
Baked Potato
w/Chili & Cheese
Broccoli

Blueberry/Jello Dessert
NATIONAL BLUEBERRY DAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9
Chicken Tenders
Hashbrown Casserole
Lima Beans
Mandarin Oranges

THURSDAY, JULY 10
Beans & Ham
Cheesy Potatoes
Stewed Tomatoes
Cornbread, Applesauce



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

WHITE REUNION


Berlin & Clara White REUNION

Sunday, July 13

River Rock Hideaway
(old Bland Campground)
Lunch at 1 p.m.



BRING COVERED DISH
FAMILY & FRIENDS
WELCOME!



Descendants of
JOHN AND JULIA BOWERS
Sunday, July 13 • Noon
Friends Run Church of the Brethren
Bring a dish and enjoy the afternoon with your cousins

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 water service to 460 customers at Franklin and vicinity, Pendleton County, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective as provided in the ordinance unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce the following additional revenue annually:

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

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

STEP 1
Effective 45 Days After Enactment

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	(\$) Rate Increase	(%) Rate Increase
Residential (2,871 gallons)	\$37.36	\$44.58	\$7.21	19.3%
Commercial (4,517 gallons)	\$54.74	\$65.31	\$10.58	19.3%
Industrial (3,180 gallons)	\$40.62	\$48.47	\$7.85	19.3%
Public Authority (4,394 gallons)	\$53.44	\$63.76	\$10.32	19.3%

FRANKLIN, MUNICIPALITY OF
WV3303602
Consumer Confidence Report - 2025
Covering Calendar Year - 2024

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality or if you have questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Office or call the Town Office at 304-358-7525.

Your water comes from: Surface water

Source Name	Source Water Type
TOWN SPRING	Surface Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 1402 and is required to test a minimum of 2 sample(s) per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2024 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2024. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminat is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for: FRANKLIN, MUNICIPALITY OF							
Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	6/5/2024	0.0142	0.0142	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CHROMIUM	6/5/2024	0.81	0.81	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE	8/14/2024	0.4	0.4	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NITRATE	9/19/2024	0.42	0.42	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SELENIUM	6/5/2024	0.33	0.33	ppb	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosin of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
THALLIUM TOTAL	6/5/2024	0.013	0.013	ppb	2	0.5	Leaching from ore-processing sites; Discharge from electronics, glass and drug factories

STEP 2
Effective December 1, 2025

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	(\$) Rate Increase	(%) Rate Increase
Residential (2,871 gallons)	\$44.58	\$53.07	\$8.49	19%
Commercial (4,517 gallons)	\$65.31	\$77.76	\$12.44	19%
Industrial (3,180 gallons)	\$48.47	\$57.70	\$9.23	19%
Public Authority (4,394 gallons)	\$63.76	\$75.91	\$12.15	19%

STEP 3
Effective June 1, 2026

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	(\$) Rate Increase	(%) Rate 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%

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

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	(\$) Rate Increase	(%) Rate Increase
Residential (2,871 gallons)	\$56.04	\$67.93	\$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

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	(\$) Rate Increase	(%) Rate Increase
Residential (2,871 gallons)	\$67.93	\$84.06	\$16.13	23.75%
Commercial (4,517 gallons)	\$99.53	\$123.17	\$23.64	23.75%
Industrial (3,180 gallons)	\$73.86	\$91.40	\$17.54	23.75%
Public Authority (4,394 gallons)	\$97.16	\$120.24	\$23.08	23.75%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. 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 filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance 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.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers prospective customers, or their agents at the Town Office, Franklin, West Virginia. A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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TOWN OF FRANKLIN

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Collection Date	Highest LRAA Value	Range (low/high	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	SMITH CREEK	2024	11	4 - 21	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	SMITH CREEK	2024	15	6 - 27	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2021 - 2023	0.042	0.0094 - 0.1448	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2021 - 2023	1.2	0.2 - 14.7	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using the tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of these harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks.

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. FRANKLIN, MUNICIPALITY OF is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact FRANKLIN, MUNICIPALITY OF and William Waggy at 304-358-7525. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

FRANKLIN, MUNICIPALITY OF completed lead tap sampling in 2021 - 2023 the results are available for review and can be accessed at the Town Office (304-358-7525 – 305 North High Street).

FRANKLIN, MUNICIPALITY OF has prepared a service line inventory identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The most up to date inventory is located at the Town Office (305 North High St.). By November 1, 2027, our water system must develop an updated initial inventory, known as the "baseline inventory" and it must include each service line and identified connector that is connected to the public water distribution system.

Our water system identified lead status unknown service lines in our inventory. Due to this identification our water system must create a service line replacement plan by November 1, 2027.

If you have any questions about our inventory or if you would like information about our service line replacement plan, please contact William Waggy at 304-358-7525.

Chlorine/Chloramines	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
Disinfection Level				
4/1/2024 - 4/30/2024	1.83	MG/L	1.70	MG/L

AVAILABILITY OF MONITORING DATA FOR UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS
Our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that do not yet have a drinking water standard set by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that this data is available.

If you are interested in examining the results, please contact: William Waggy at 304-358-7525.

Unresolved Deficiency Date Identified	Facility	Comments
05/10/2021	WATER SYSTEM	water system previously had waiver which allowed plant to operate unattended; the core instrumentation and controls to shut the plant down if either the turbidity increases to set level or chlorine residual decreases to set level is still in place and operational but the permit expired ~ 15 years ago and the water system must re-apply for the waiver + comply with all new requirements of DW-36 or maintain Class II operator present at all times water is being produced.

Total Organic Carbon Lowest Month for Removal	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
CARBON, TOTAL	6/5/2024	1.6	0 - 1.6	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
TURBIDITY	TREATMENT PLANT	0.08	NTU	March

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	2/6/2019	0.029	0.029	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM-228	11/13/2024	0.918	0.918	pCi/L	0	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants-Non Health Based Contaminants-No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established.	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
NICKEL	6/5/2024	0.00054	0.00054	MG/L	0.1
SODIUM	6/5/2024	3.55	3.55	MG/L	1000

During the 2024 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful waterborne pathogens may be present, or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify and correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Your CCR is available at the Town Office (304-358-7525 – 305 North High Street). To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.

This Week in History...

July 4, 1882: The steamboats Scioto and John Lomas collided on the Ohio River as they were returning from holiday excursions. The Scioto sank almost instantly, and 70 people drowned.

July 4, 1928: West Virginia dedicated its first state park — Droop Mountain Battlefield. Droop Mountain was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

July 7, 1928: The Madonna of the Trail monument was dedicated in Wheeling. It is one of 12 such statues erected along the National Road to honor America's pioneering women.

July 8, 1894: Walter Aegerter was born in Helvetia. An amateur photographer, Aegerter built both a studio and darkroom on his farm and photographed portraits, families, celebrations and everyday scenes of the German Swiss settlement. The glass plate negatives survive today in several archived collections.

July 8, 1924: Rock 'n' roll pioneer Johnnie Johnson was born in Fairmont. Johnson collaborated with Chuck Berry on songs such as "Roll Over, Beethoven." Berry's hit "Johnny B. Goode" was supposedly written as a tribute to Johnson.

July 8, 1961: Sutton Dam was dedicated by Governor Wally Barron. The Army Corps of Engineers operates the dam for purposes of flood control, low-flow augmentation and recreation.

July 9, 1989: Treasurer A. James Manchin resigned after being impeached. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments for which he was responsible.

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YARD SALES

PENDLETON Senior & Family Services Indoor Yard & Bake Sale July 12, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 365 Mill Road, Franklin, across from the pool. Household items, decor, some clothing and other items. Proceeds benefit PSFSI and the programs it offers. 7-3-2c
3-FAMILY Yard Sale July 4-5-6 at Susie Hartman's on Smith Creek Road starting at 8 a.m. Rain or Shine. 1c

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Public Notice Invitation for Bids

Pendleton County Schools (Owner) located in Franklin, West Virginia seeks bids from properly qualified general contractors for work to Owner's property located at 189 Price Way in Circleville, West Virginia.

The project is described as building repairs to south end of Harold K Michael Building gymnasium including: PEMB repairs, masonry demo and replacement, electrical and HVAC repairs, and ceiling, floor and wall finishes.

Questions can be asked between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm Monday through Friday at the Pendleton County Schools Board Office located at 125 North Main Street in Franklin, West Virginia. Contact Travis Heavner at 304-358-2207, ext. 99327.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 11:00 am at North Fork Elementary School located at 189 Price Way, Circleville, West Virginia. Attendance at this meeting is MANDATORY for those contractors wishing to submit bids.

Contractor must be fully and properly licensed to operate in West Virginia at the time of bid submittal. Contractor must also be fully registered with the West Virginia Secretary of State, West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue, and other mandatory agencies. This project is NOT subject to Davis-Bacon wage requirements. Project and supporting documents must be completed by September 15, 2025.

Bids are due by 2:00pm local prevailing time on Friday, July 18, 2025. Bids may be delivered by hand or parcel service to the offices of Owner at 125 North Main Street Franklin, West Virginia, Attn: Travis Heavner. Submittals received after 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2025 will receive no consideration. Owner requires that bids be guaranteed for a minimum of sixty days. No verbal, facsimile, or email bids will be accepted. Owner will make a good faith effort to make a decision within thirty days of bid receipt. Upon review of the bids, Owner may award the project to the Lowest Qualified Responsible Bidder. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive any informality in the bidding. 1c

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF Pendleton County, WEST VIRGINIA

Civil Action No. 25-D-18

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 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 17th, 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.

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
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The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. 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: **PENDLETON COUNTY PSD**
By: **DARRELL BODKIN**
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'Prolific Pest' Confirmed Arrival in Eastern Panhandle

By Stephen Smoot

One of the oldest and most popular ornamental shrubs also attracts one of the United States' newest invasive pests. The boxwood plant, also known by its Latin name Buxus, has

approximately 150 varieties. Its roots as an ornamental plant range back before written history to 4,000 BC. They can take the form of a spreading shrub or small tree and originate from Europe and Asia.

Low maintenance and fast rates of growth make them popular and relatively inexpensive options for landscaping. These elements of so many well-manicured yards, however, may soon come under threat throughout the Eastern Panhandle.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture confirmed the arrival of the Box Tree Moth (Cydalima perspectalis) in Berkeley County. This pest originated in East Asia and was detected in 2021 in New York State near Lake Ontario. It has extended its range southward to Pennsylvania and as far west as Michigan.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, "the caterpillars are ravenous feeders, and heavy infestations can completely defoliate host plants." Once they consume all of the leaves, their appetite turns them toward the bark, "which eventually kills the plant."

Kent Leonhardt, West Virginia State Commissioner of Agriculture, shared that "early detection is critical and we're asking homeowners and landscapers to keep an eye out and report any suspicious damage."

The USDA offers several ways to identify a possible infestation. First, the moth starts life as a "lime-green caterpillar with black stripes, white spots, hairs, and a shiny black head." As adults, they stay active mostly at night and feature "white wings with a thick brown border."

They hide among the twigs and leaves of the affected plant and



Delightful to look at, but deadly to landscaping, the invasive Box Tree Moth was confirmed to be sighted in Berkeley County.

will grow to one and a half inches. A Box Tree Moth's excrement resembles sawdust, and the pest will leave tell-tale webbing in and around its area of activity.

Infested plants will show brown leaves and defoliation, missing leaves, or skeletonized leaves. Left untreated, a Box Tree Moth can run through several generations in a season. Property owners and nursery businesses should remain vigilant and check for signs of infestation regularly.

If an infestation is detected, remove the affected branch as soon as possible. Should an infestation have gone beyond a single branch, the owner should remove the entire plant from its base. The plant will grow back. Place all debris from the cutting in doubled up garbage bags and dispose with the garbage.

Those who suspect the presence of Box Tree Moths should contact the West Virginia Department of Agriculture by phone at 304-558-2212 or email bugbusters@wvda.us. Be prepared to provide a photograph of the evidence or the bug itself.

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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 \$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. ~~\$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.**

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, New Door. 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.**

SGR364A 2.65 Acres w/2006, 3 Bed, 2 Bath Ranch Modular, Hardwood floors, New Metal Roof, Well, Septic, 2 Car Garage & septic, 15 A/B Meadow Lane, Franklin. ~~\$340,000.00~~ **UNDER CONSTRUCTION \$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. **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 3 Bedroom 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. Horse & Valley Subdivision. Some Restrictions. Beautiful wooded setting. ~~\$389,000.00~~ **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 \$429,000.00**
~~\$419,000.00~~ **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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