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Pendleton County Schools Receives Largest MIP Award from State

By Stephen Smoot

Just under 30 counties submitted proposals for Major Improvement Project requests under the School Building Authority of West Virginia. Only eight counties earned awards.

Out of those eight, Pendleton County received the largest award, for an even \$1 million. Hardy, Pocahontas, Randolph, and Mineral counties were also approved, giving the eastern end of the state needed assistance in facilities improvements.

That grant award to PCS will go toward a new HVAC system and roof replacement for Brandywine Elementary School. Of the 27 project plans submitted, 10 involved either work to a facility roof or HVAC unit. PCS will contribute \$446,504 to complete the project at BES.

School systems must engage in significant work and effort over the long term to help to get themselves into good position to receive these awards. Once in position with planning, even more effort must go into selling the specific award “pitch” to state officials.

The SBA defines these grants as “designed to address major improvements in existing facilities that are not fundable through the local maintenance budgets.” Awards address estimates of project need that run between \$50,000 and \$1 million. Systems can embark on projects that cost more than \$1 million, but must find the funding themselves above that number.

These awards can go to county school systems (officially in state documents referred to as “LEAs,” or Local Education Agencies), the state department of education, or regional career and technical education facilities.



Pendleton County Schools was awarded \$1 million from the School Building Authority of West Virginia. The funds go towards a new HVAC system and roof replacement at Brandywine Elementary School. Accepting the award was Nicole Hevener, PCS superintendent, center, from Michele Blatt, state superintendent, left, and Andy Neptune, SBA executive director.

Pendleton County Schools and other awardees must meet specific criteria in earning these awards. School systems have to have established Major Improvements Plans as part of a Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan. A Major Improvement Project must already be envisioned and prioritized within that planning.

Major Improvement Plans are legally required to meet a set of goals established by the West Virginia State Legislature, including meeting health and safety regulations, increases in building life-expectancy, assuring prudent use of local and state funds, and other goals.

The project plan, according to the SBA, “shall include a prioritized list of all the major improvement projects within the county. Such prioritized list shall be one of the criteria to be considered by the authority in determining how available funds shall be expended.”

Guidelines for approving these projects are strict and established by West Virginia Code 18-9D-6.

First a county must submit a Major Improvement Project plan that “shall be the

basis for a consultation meeting between representatives of the county and members of the authority . . . which shall be held promptly following submission of the preliminary plan” or submitted plan outline or proposal.

Plans must include specific details on topics such as expected energy efficiency, preferred siting, materials used, plan of maintenance going forward, and other related matters. Also according to the SBA, “sufficient data must be included to address how the current facilities do not meet and how the proposed project does meet the goals as established” under state law.

That said, the project for which the agency applies for a grant must have been part of a larger overall major improvements plan that prioritizes needs and explains the method behind setting some projects as more of a need than others. Also, “expenditures for all facility improvements other than normal routine maintenance shall be documented and included in the ongoing update provided to the SBA.” Under the law, each system remains responsible for “normal” maintenance needs.

Farm Crawl Helped to Showcase Pendleton County and Its Agriculture

By Stephen Smoot

“Whenever I travel anywhere in the state and many places in this country, I can let people know where I’m from by asking if they know where Smoke Hole or Seneca Rocks is,” shared Jessica Hoover, one of Pendleton County’s West Virginia University extension agents.

She added that “while normally they do, I’ve always felt like there was so much more to the county that visitors to those destinations alone are missing.” In the past two years, the Pendleton County Farm Crawl has taken up the challenge offered by the report.

As Hoover said, “the Pendleton County Farm Crawl has grown from 2025 to 2026, not only in the number of producers, but attendees as well.”

In March of 2020, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia University Extension Service published “A Shared Agenda for Growing West Virginia’s Agricultural Economy.” The report cited the advancing age of farmers in West Virginia at 57.2 years, but also noted that the Mountain State has the second lowest value of land east of the Mississippi. That lowers the potential barrier of entry into farming considerably.

It also added that while animal sales represented the core of the state’s production, that “opportunities” exist in other areas as well, including “sheep/lamb, honey, wine grapes/wineries, cider, hops, maple sap/syrup, jerky, hemp, medi-

cal marijuana, lavender, and ginseng/forest farming. These sectors can help grow the agricultural economy through new markets, new producers, and diversified production methods.”

A decade ago, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture saw potential for growth in agritourism. At that point, that sub sector accounted for an \$8.6 million impact on the state economy. In that same year, Virginia enjoyed a \$1.2 billion impact. One of the problems seen in the 2020 report lay in lower revenues enjoyed by farms in their agritourism ventures.

The report urged organizing similar ventures into regional promotion plans referred to as “cluster models.” It stated that “A cluster model helps to support individual agritourism businesses and grow the industry as a whole. These ventures can be successful on their own, but have a higher chance of success if they are part of a regional tourism cluster.”

One example of such a “cluster model” has been West Virginia Maple Days that has seen success in several different regions, including Pendleton County.

Additional advice included leaning heavily on local con-

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Federal, state and local officials converged on Franklin to discuss a United States Forest Service drill planned for this fall.

OEM Hosts Communications Planning Meeting As Forest Service Seeks Improved Capabilities

By Stephen Smoot

Last year, the Government Accounting Office completed a report at the behest of the United States Department of Agriculture concerning the United States Forest Service. Entitled “Next Steps Are Uncertain for Improving Communications for Wildland Firefighters and Tracking Their Locations,” it laid out the challenges of communications for emergency responders, especially during “wildland” fires

The September 2025 report detailed that “the forest service’s communications capabilities among wildland firefighters are mostly based on voice communications over radio, which limits sharing important safety information.”

The GAO noted efforts by the forest service, but cited its lack of a strategic plan to organize the enhancement of both technology and personnel. It placed blame for part of this problem on 2025 federal personnel cuts that removed personnel experienced in the needed fields and subsequent turnover in those employment roles.

Work to improve those capabilities locally started last week at the Pendleton County General Services Building’s Office of Emergency Management conference room.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, explained, “This is the beginning stage of developing a full exercise to test interoperable communications.”

The Federal Communications Commission defines “interoperability” as “[a]n essential communications link within public safety and public service wireless communications systems which permits units from two or more different entities to interact with one another and to exchange information according to a prescribed method in order to achieve predictable results.” The concept emerged after both the Sept. 11th attacks

and the aftermath of major disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina, as a key element of planning in homeland security and emergency management.

Officials from local, state, and federal offices joined together. This included Dr. Matthew Blackwood, state emergency management department regional liaison, forest service personnel, and representatives from Randolph, Pendleton, Grant, Tucker, and Preston counties, as well as an expert on amateur radio and its usefulness in emergency response events.

The goal lay in commencing the planning for a Regional Communications Functional Exercise. It will test and analyze the effectiveness of communications among the State of West Virginia, county agencies, and the USFS in different sections of the Monongahela National Forest. A similar operation will take place in the southern counties of the forest.

Though the GAO report focused on communication with and tracking of firefighters during major wildfires, the meeting last week was more broad-based and included not only fire, but search and rescue as well.

While Pendleton County has some of the most active and popular sites in the national forest, such meetings rarely took place here in recent years. Gillespie said, “We didn’t have an appropriate facility to host that.”

Gillespie shared that “this building played a key role in getting it here,” referring to the meeting. He added that Blackwood was “very pleased with the space and complimentary to what we’re doing here.”

He went on to add that the meeting and its goal, which is to organize a functional exercise for next fall, served as an example of how emergency management “is never stagnant” and “is always working on how best to deal with emergencies where they happen.”

Big Changes Coming to Area Weather In July As Heat Advisories Hit Region

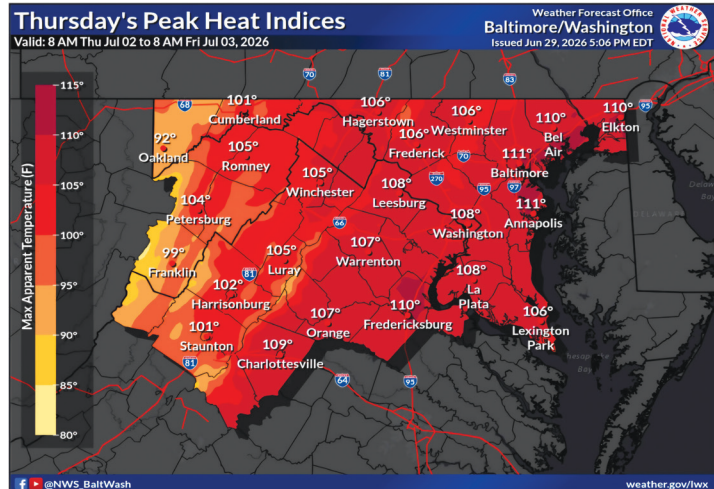
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June came gently to the area, offering sunny days with high temperatures ranging, depending on the day, between the low 70s and low 80s. Nighttime lows dipped into the 50s, but also forced a few air conditioners to come on when they reached 70.

Mild sunny days and clear nights predominated, but drought did as well. About 62 percent of Pendleton County, according to the National Weather Service, lay in the drought condition denoted as D2 – Severe Drought. This creates conditions where there is “crop or pasture loss likely, fire risk very high, water shortages common, water restrictions imposed.”

That served as an improvement over the onset of extreme drought conditions for about a week in May. More than 99 percent of the county at some point during that period saw the potential of “major crop/pasture losses, extreme fire danger, widespread water shortages or restrictions.”

Significant rains at the



This week heat indexes will rise to dangerous levels for some individuals.

end of May pulled the county back into the lesser D2 category. Similarly, bands of rain showers coming at the end of June dropped the county into the lowest category, D1 – Moderate drought, where one could find “some damage to crops, pastures, fire risk high, streams, reservoirs, or wells low, some water shortage developing or imminent, voluntary water use restrictions requested.”

It is important to understand that the NWS only recommends, but does not mandate that local governments follow these meas-

ures described in terms of water restrictions. None are required to follow them, but to make decisions based upon local conditions.

The National Weather Service also reports that

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Community CALENDAR

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 8 at the Moose Lodge in Franklin.

Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 9 at the Richard Homan Memorial Park in Sugar Grove.

Food Handler's Class Scheduled

Pendleton County Health Department will be holding food handler’s classes at 2 p.m. on July 7 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin.

To schedule, call 304-358-7565.

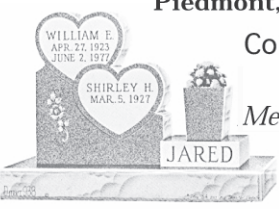


OBITUARIES

Marie Mullenax Eye

A celebration of life for Marie Mullenax Eye (1924-2025) will be held Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin.

A reception will be held from 9 to 9:45 a.m. in the church basement with a memorial service following at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.



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Farm Crawl Helped

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vention and visitors bureaus and other county-based organizations related to the field for help in development and promotion.

The report, however, leaves it to those local organizations to create effective ways to put that together.

In the Potomac Highlands, one of those “cluster models” took the form of a farm crawl. Hampshire County pioneered the event several years ago with a self-guided and mapped tour of local farms welcoming visitors to peruse products, enjoy presentations, and learn more about farming in eastern West Virginia. Its success led Pendleton County’s agriculture, business, and tourism communities to find ways to adapt the model to this area.

Hoover shared that those who participated “grow and showcase both our traditional agriculture and the farms that have blended agriculture and tourism into a memorable visitor experience.” She went on to add that “we had a few new faces participating as stops on the crawl, including Mountaineer Adventure Park, Harpers Old Country Store, Shreve’s Country Store, and Art and Shine.” They joined veteran participants Pendleton County Farmers Market, Dry Run Spirits Distillery, Blackthorn Lavender, OMG Acres, and Mountain Cajun Getaway.

Many of these have evolved as unique business models during the years that intertwine the farming and tourism experience. Also, as Hoover points out, the crawl pulls visitors to parts of the county that are still stunning and fun, but not as well-known as Spruce Knob and Seneca Rocks.

Hoover explained why Pendleton County should serve as an agritourism showcase, saying, “Pendleton County is . . . one of West Virginia’s strongest agricultural counties, ranking second in the state for total products sold.”

With growth in “memorable visitor experience(s),” Hoover believes that “we are on the right track towards that and I’m excited to see the future of the farm crawl.”

Planning for next year’s Pendleton County Farm Crawl starts in the fall. Anyone that is interested or has ideas and questions can reach out to Hoover at jahoover@mail.wvu.edu or call (304) 358-2286 ext. 22.

July Heat Advisories

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streamflow conditions are normal. Earlier in the spring at times, gauges on the South Branch and South Fork rivers showed that both flowed “much below” their normal rates for that time of year, as defined by the NWS.

The National Weather Service expects that drought conditions will persist through the season in almost all of Pendleton County and the Potomac Highlands region.

Starting on Tuesday, temperatures in the area rose to levels that are dangerous for some vulnerable individuals. On Monday, National Weather Service advisories expected “heat index values” on Tuesday to rise to 102 degrees with baseline temperatures in the low 90s. Temperatures were forecasted to elevate to 95 on Wednesday, 97 today, and remain in the mid to high 90s through the Independence Day weekend. Rains predicted for then should cool temperatures somewhat.

South Fork Valley residents will see forecasts similar to Franklin while North Fork Valley residents will see high 80s through low 90s. The temperature is forecast to see triple digits today in both Petersburg and Moorefield.

The Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management offers tips on how to avoid experiencing heat-related problems.

Hydrate Constantly: Drink plenty of fluids (water or sports drinks) even if a person doesn’t feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol, caffeine, and heavy sugary beverages.

Find Air Conditioning: Stay indoors. If one’s home lacks an air conditioner, visit a community library, mall, or designated cooling center. If needed, Pendleton County can provide access to a location to cool-off (cooling center).

Dress Smartly: Wear loose, lightweight, and light-colored clothing alongside a wide-brimmed hat to protect the face.

Schedule Activities: Avoid high-energy tasks during midday heat (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Check on Others: Frequently check on children, older adults, neighbors, and anyone without air conditioning.

Learn the Signs: Watch for symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

The public can find additional information at [Ready.Gov](https://www.ready.gov) in the Extreme Heat Guide.

Common pets, especially those accustomed to living indoors, are particularly vulnerable during major heat events.

The Pendleton County OEM advises first to never leave pets in cars, adding that “temperatures inside a parked car can rise to lethal levels in minutes, even with cracked windows.”

When preparing to walk a dog, apply the hand test to the pavement. Always press the back of the hand against the concrete for five to seven seconds. If it is too hot for one’s hand, walk on the grass or put “pet booties” on their feet.

Also reschedule pet outdoor routines to cooler early mornings or late evenings, ensure regular access to shade and clean, fresh, cool water, and monitor pets to watch for heavy panting, drooling, vomiting, or weakness.

Perinatal Mental Health Conditions

Perinatal mental health conditions are mental health concerns experienced during pregnancy or after giving birth. If this happens after birth, it’s happening postpartum. Common risk factors include personal or family history of mental health concerns, trauma or stress, lack of social support, and significant life changes.

If you’re struggling with perinatal mental health conditions, reach out to your healthcare professional for help. Therapy, medication, support groups, self-care, and social support are ways you can begin healing.



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Grant County Bank Announces New Name

The Grant County Bank has officially announced its intention to transition its name and brand to Highlands Bank to better reflect the extended service area across multiple communities in the region.

“This is a thrilling time for all of us as we prepare the transition to the Highlands Bank brand,” shared George Ford, president and CEO. “Our employees have known about the announcement since late last year, and we wanted to formally announce our new name ahead of the branding update, which will modify the look and feel. We think you’ll like what you see!”

This change reflects an update to the bank’s branding only. There will be no changes to ownership, customer accounts, services, or day-to-day banking operations.

The Grant County Bank encourages the community to keep an eye on its website

and social media channels, as well as on the billboards in Keyser, Moorefield, and Petersburg.

The Grant County Bank was chartered as a West Virginia state bank on Aug. 6, 1902, and began operations on Aug. 15 with its first office in Petersburg. Its mission of providing financial services and products to families, small businesses, and the agricultural community has served both customers and the bank well during the years.

Subsequently, The Grant County Bank has expanded its marketplace throughout the Potomac Highlands and now operates a total of seven offices in six counties. After more than a century of continued service, The Grant County Bank is truly “Committed to The Communities We Serve” and is a subsidiary of Highlands Bankshares, Inc., also headquartered in Petersburg.

Eastern Recognizes Pendleton County Students

Multiple Pendleton County residents achieved academic honors during the spring 2026 semester at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield.

Earning President’s List honors, which requires completing 12 or more credit hours this spring with a 4.0 grade point average, were Aubree Keiter and Jacob Mitchell.

Dean’s List recipients, earned for completing nine or

more credit hours this spring with at least a 3.5 grade point average, were Breena Bowers, Selena Hedrick, Leah Nesselrodt, Emily Poling, Clara Raines, Miranda Simon, Carolyn Varner, Amber Verdoni, Brynlynn Waggy, Isabelle Zirkle, and Sarah Zirkle.

Merit List recipients, which requires completing six or more credit hours this spring with a 3.25 grade point average, were Arianna Alt, Kinsley Armstrong, Ty Heavner, Dakota Huffman, Summer Hull, Callie Judy, Jameigh Miller, Nancy Miller, Jaidah Nesselrodt, William Owens, Vivian Pownell, and Kaviq Robinson.

Fall 2025 graduates were Autumn Clark, associate in applied science: early childhood development, Loretta Grahman, associate in applied science: LPN to RN Bridge Program, and Myra Mitchell, associate in art

Spring 2026 graduates were ShyAnna Feagans, associate in applied science: nursing, Nancy Miller, associate in applied science:

early childhood development, Shana Price, associate in applied science: nursing, Miranda Simon, certificate and associate in applied science: business management, Missy Simmons, associate in applied science: nursing, and Sarah Zirkle, certificate: allied health and associate in art

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College serves six rural counties in the Potomac Highlands. The college offers 14 degree programs (including six fully online), 12 certificates, and more than 30 transfer pathways to four-year schools. Its Workforce Education department provides 15+ training programs in various formats and specialized agriculture innovation training, including mentorship opportunities for Farm Fellows. Eastern supports students and the community through its career center, offering job placement, resume help, and interview preparation. The college is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Pendleton County 4-H Camp 2026



Pendleton County 4-Hers attending camp were from left, front row, Jax Bennett, Addie Miller, Chevelle Noble, Dakota Vandevander, Reagyn Atkins, Abby Judy, Vaylee Harper and Bella Hoover; second row, Levi Miller, Sydney Demers, Dallis Hull, Stella Halterman, Abby Cayton, Bethany Teagarden, Maddie Griffin, Grace Faivre, Cody Miller, Carson Mitchell, Russell Eckard, Everett Boner, Payton Demers, Braxton Barkley, Tori Heavner, Braylee Propst, Kaci Keller and Jonah Seymour; and third row, Aiden Shirk, Katie Heavner, Harper Marsh, Harper Dempsey, Sean Waggy, Phoebe Pownell, Maycee Woods, Ariel Martin, Zander Adams, Brantley Propst, Macie Mitchell, Ross Pownell, Easton Boner, Breymann Keesecker, Callie Judy, Chloe Barkley, Lexi Hedrick, Maddie Kirk, Marion Williams and Piper Hubbard.

Four-H’ers Attend County 4-H Camp

Pendleton County 4-H’ers concluded their week of camp at Thorn Spring Park with council circle on June 11. Sixty 4-H’ers and volunteers were enrolled for this year’s camp. The week’s theme was “Celebrate America 250.”

Camp classes and instructors included archery (Brooke Alt), cross stitch name tag (Janice Heavner), Dollar Tree crafts (Sue Alt), first-year camper (Cassie Hyre, extension camping instructor), LEGO engineering (Heather Waggy), outdoor cooking (Mary and Gary Hess), sport a day (Kelsey Armentrout and Reyenne Colaw), tie dye (Amanda Simmons), air pistol (Wes Puffenbarger), animal investigation (Jeremy Hedrick), charting (Hyre), STEM (Madison Price, WVU STEM ambassador), summer time drinks and snacks (Kelly Marsh, Andrea Demers, and Becky Dempsey), scrapbooking (Chris Simmons) and shotgun (Rick Pownell).

Camp specials included the following:

Monday — Potomac Highlands Guild prevention and safety presentation, STEM activities by the WVU STEM ambassador, proper flag usage and ceremonies by George Armstrong with the VFW Post 9666, stream exploration with Sam Urban from Trout Unlimited, and a service project of painting picnic tables around the park;

Tuesday — a tri-county pool party with Grant and Hardy County 4-H camps at the Petersburg Town Pool;

Wednesday — a visit from Beth Henry-Vance from the WVYDEP program who talked about recycling and Leave No Trace and an afternoon at the pool; and

Thursday — field day games and a total camp clean up.

During the closing council circle on Thursday evening the following awards were given:

Lucky penny certificates to 10 first year campers — Harley Bowers, Bristol Bowers, Macie Mitchell, Grace Faivre, Carson Mitchell, Jonah Seymour, Braylee Propst, Kaci Keller, Payton Demers, and Braxton Barkley;

Lucky nickel certificates to second year campers — Harper Dempsey, Maddie Griffin, Piper Hubbard, Levi Miller, Everett Boner, Dallis Hull, Bethany Teagarden, Abby Cayton, Ariel Martin, and Russell Eckard;

Third-year felt certificates — Addie Miller, Dakota Vandevander, Harper Marsh, Sydney Demers, Stella Halterman, and Brantley Propst;

Fifth-year camper certificates — Abby Judy, Aiden Shirk, Breymann Keesecker, Chevelle Noble, Cody Miller, Easton Boner, Hanah Heavner, Maddie Kirk, Marion Williams, Lexi Hedrick, Vaylee Harper, Reagyn Atkins, Ross Pownell and Tori Heavner;

Seventh-year camper certificates — Callie Judy, Alex Adams and Zander Adams; and

Miss and Mr. Congeniality – Macie Mitchell, Bethany Teagarden and Jax Bennett.

Class awards were presented to the following campers: air pistol - Jax Benett, animal investigation - Marion Williams, archery - Everett Boner, cross stitch name tags - Abby Judy and Stella Halterman, Dollar Tree crafts - Maddie Kirk, Payton Demers, and Braylee Propst, first-year camper - Macie Mitchell, LEGO engineering - Levi Miller, outdoor cooking - Abby Cayton, Grace Faivre, and Cody Miller, scrapbooking - Kaci Keller, shotgun - Brantly Propst, STEM - Sean Waggy and Easton Boner, summer time desserts - Vaylee Harper and Addie Miller, and tie dye - Tori Heavner and Lexi Hedrick.

Phoebe Pownell was chosen to represent the Head H, Ross Pownell the Heart H, Beth-

any Teagarden the Hands H, and Breymann Keesecker the Health H. Vaylee Harper was selected as spirit of camp and received a \$25 scholarship to a 2027 state camp by the Freida Dunkle scholarship.

Grace Faivre was awarded the Outstanding First-Year Camper Girl scholarship, while Carson Mitchell was awarded the Outstanding First-Year Camper Boy scholarship.

Tribal chiefs, Addie Miller, Dakota Vandevander, Abby Judy, and Bella Hoover, received a half scholarship to the 2027 county camp from the Judy Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Andy Guy Memorial Scholarship, a scholarship to 2027 County 4-H camp sponsored by the Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club, was awarded to Addie Miller.

Everett Boner received the Outstanding Second Year Camper award, a full scholarship to the 2027 County Camp funded by the McCoy Family in memory of Bill and in honor of Harriet.

Brantley Propst received the 4-H’s award, which provides a full scholarship to a third-year camper, to the 2027 county camp.

The Dunkle Family Memorial Scholarships, in Memory of Ralph and Sally Dunkle, were awarded to Russell Eckard and Jonah Seymour. Each received a \$25 return scholarship for county camp in 2027.

The Zelene Harman Memorial scholarship, which is a full return scholarship to camp in 2026, was awarded to Bethany Teagarden and Alex Adams.

Tori Heavner received the Clover Scholarship with Maddie Kirk earning the Leadership Scholarship; and Breymann Keesecker, the Opportunity Scholarship. Each is a half scholarship to a 2027 state 4-H camp of their choice. Zander Adams was the recipient of the 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship, sponsored by Jim Dever, which is a full scholarship to the 2027 Ultimate Outdoor weekend at Jackson’s Mill.

Tribal honors were awarded to the Cherokee tribe.

Tribes for the week consisted of the following: Cherokee — Abby Judy (chief), Reagyn Atkins (first sagamore), Everett Boner, Carson Mitchell, Easton Boner, Russell Eckard, Hannah Heavner, Breymann Keesecker, Ross Pownell, Alex Adams and Callie Judy;

Delaware — Addie Miller (chief), Jax Bennett (first sagamore), Abby Cayton, Dallis Hull, Levi Miller, Sydney Demers, Harper Dempsey, Stella Halterman, Harper Marsh, Sean Waggy, Aiden Shirk, Katie Heavner, and Phoebe Pownell;

Mingo — Dakota Vandevander (chief), Chevelle Nobel (first sagamore), Bethany Teagarden, Madalyn Griffin, Grace Faivre, Ariel Martin, Harley Bowers, Bristol Bowers, Macie Mitchell, Brantly Propst, Cody Miller, Maycee Woods, and Zander Adams;

Seneca — Bella Hoover (chief), Vaylee Harper (first sagamore), Paton Demers, Kaci Keller, Braylee Propst, Jonah Seymour, Braxton Barkley, Piper Hubbard, Chloe Barkley, Tori Heavner, Lexi Hedrick, Maddie Kirk, and Marion Williams; and

Big Foot — Brooke Alt (camp director), Janet Hartman (WVU Extension office administrative assistant), Jessica Hoover (WVU Ag Extension agent), Hyre (WVU Extension camping instructor), Price (WVU STEM ambassador), Amanda Simmons, Lydia Heavner, Colaw, Bobby Keesecker, Justin Barkley, Armentrout, Rick Pownell, Puffenbarger, and Carrie Ruddle.

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Spirit of Independence Poses an Array of Opportunities

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

A spirit of civic service inspired individuals of all ages to contribute to the fight for independence during the American Revolution. Now that the 250th birthday celebration is underway, there are many ways to make a difference in one's community through acts of service. Chances are, one may already be doing many of them.

Start by doing some of the suggestions:

- Display the flag...draped or unfurled.
- Enjoy a fireworks display.
- Record oral histories. Interview elders in one's community to preserve their stories for future generations. Take in a museum.
- Help clean up a park. Grab some gloves and keep the local green spaces beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

- Volunteer as a poll worker on election day to help check in voters and ensure a smooth voting process.

- Read the Declaration of Independence. Highlight or write down the parts that still resonate today.

- Be a parade spectator.

- Become an emergency volunteer. Sign up with a local organization that helps during emergencies or natural disasters. Learning skills such as first aid and CPR can help a person support one's neighbors when they need it most.

- Get to know one's neighbors. Say hello, lend a hand, and build a stronger, friendlier community. Join the Neighborhood Watch.

- Help a homebound neighbor. This could be a one-time project, such as raking leaves or shoveling snow, or an ongoing commitment such as taking out their trash or walking their dog.

- Spend more quality time with family and friends.

- Express gratitude to others.

- Get involved by volunteering with a group or organization.

- Share garden produce.

- Plant flowers, and trim shrubs to beautify the landscape.

Two hundred fifty years after the Declaration of Independence, Americans still cherish the right to life, pursuit of happiness, and the fundamental ideals of liberty. Let everyone join in the celebration!

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Smiles are contagious.
2. Kindness is free.
3. Everyone's journey is different.
4. The past cannot be changed.
5. Do an act of kindness for someone else.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all."



This photo of John Albert Pitsenbarger is an old, old one. He was born Dec. 23, 1866, and died Oct. 7, 1949. He was the son of John, Jr. (Jan. 6, 1828 - Jan. 15, 1897) and Elizabeth Davis Propst Pitsenbarger (April 13, 1831 - March 24, 1909). He is buried in the Pitsenbarger Cemetery.

— Helen Keller

"We don't stop going to school when we graduate."

— Carol Burnett

"If you want to fly, you have to give up on things

that weigh you down." — Toni Morrison

"There are two kinds of music...good music and the other kind." — Duke Ellington

"There's no pillow quite so soft as a father's strong shoulder." — Richard Evans

Sitting by the patio is the best place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

The Ark, and the Creation Museum in Kentucky was the tour that Evelyn Varner, Janet Judy, Judy Costello, and Geneva Mongold took from last Thursday to Saturday. They also enjoyed the Riverboat Ride before returning to their respective homes.

Joe Anderson took his parents, Charles and "Pidge" Anderson to enjoy the Outback food. This was to celebrate Father's Day and their 57h anniversary. To be married 57 years is quite a feat today! Congratulations! On another note, Charles is undergoing another round of radiation.

Shaun, Leslie, and Ava Bowers returned home after spending the last three weeks driving across the country. One of the first stops was Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The next stop was Glacier National Park in Montana. They also enjoyed an evening at the Brash Rodeo in Columbia Falls. The trip continued into Washington State, where they explored the beautiful scenery of North Cascades National Park, Olympic National Park, and Mount Rainier National Park. The alpine lakes, waterfalls, and snow-capped peaks were some of the trip's most beautiful views.

They headed south and visited Crater Lake National Park in Oregon and continued to the towering trees of California's Redwood National Park. In California, they visited San Francisco, where they explored Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz, the Painted Ladies, the Golden Gate Bridge, and the sea lions at Pier 39. They then traveled to Yosemite National Park, Lake Tahoe, and the giant sequoias of Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. They drove through Death Valley National Park, one of the hottest and most unique places on Earth. The road trip also included a stop in Sedona, Arizona, where they enjoyed the area's famous red rock landscapes and Petrified National Park. They also made a quick stop at Meteor Crater and Winslow in Arizona before starting the drive back home. It was an amazing trip to see such diverse landscapes.

This weekend, Judy and Doyle Moats visited Charles and "Pidge" Anderson.

Ben, Becky and Wesley Puffenbarger are flying to San Antonio, Texas, where Ben is competing in the National FBLA Conference.

The fireman's lawn party went off without a hitch. So good to see the younger generation "stepping up to the volunteer plate," learning how to do things when they will take their turn to carry the torch. Between rain showers, folks "milled" around and enjoyed the food offerings, as well as the variety of entertainment. The culmination of the weekend festivities ended with a fireworks display.

Macie Mitchell has returned home following a week at Camp Luther at Cowen.

Medicaid Members Urged to Stay Informed About Upcoming Changes

The West Virginia Department of Human Services is encouraging Medicaid members to stay informed as new federal Medicaid requirements are scheduled to take effect in 2027. The changes stem from federal legislation and guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, which requires certain adults enrolled in Medicaid to meet community engagement requirements as a condition of eligibility beginning Jan. 1, 2027.

"Federal law has changed, and our responsibility is to ensure West Virginians have accurate information and understand how these changes may affect them," said Christy Donohue, DoHS commissioner of the Bureau for Medical Services. "We want Medicaid members to know that DoHS is on track to implement these requirements and is working to make the process as simple as possible."

While implementation remains months away, DoHS has been preparing for these changes and is committed to providing clear, timely information to Medicaid members, providers, and community partners throughout the process.

DoHS remains on schedule to meet key federal implementation deadlines, including the Oct. 1 deadline for eligibility changes affecting certain non-citizen catego-

Saturday, Evelyn Varner attended her 65th high school reunion. The Wood Grill in Harrisonburg, VA, was where 22 classmates enjoyed catching up with each other.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- Lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

- All bees die after giving a single sting.

- Roosters only crow at dawn.

- Goldfish only have a three-second memory.

July birthdays include Dale Kile and Jordan Ronek, first; Elaine Rexrode, fourth; Kames Ryan, fifth; Jimmy Rexrode, sixth; Gary Pitsenbarger, eighth; Patricia Rexrode and Kathy Kile, ninth; John Clinton Bowers, II, 10th; Blair Mitchell, Terry Ryan and Jerry Lambert, 12th; Bruce Smith, 13th; Deloris Simmons, 14th; Janet Judy, 15th; and Sharon Scott, 16th.

Concerns are for Charles Anderson, Sheila Armstrong, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave Basagic, "Bo" Boggs, Jeff Craig, Stanley Dahmer, Isaac Eye, Carl Gant, Sue Hall, Clyde Hamilton, Armanda Heavner, Starr Hedrick, Keith Hoover, Cynthia Hurry, Gary Jamison, Mike and Lisa Jamison, Tara Kelley, Stanley Kile, Lori Ann Lambert, Melissa Lambert, Roger Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, the family and friends of Dave McConnell, the family and friends of Thelma Moats, Willa Nelson, Ronald Pitsenbarger, Alda Propst, Sheldon Propst, Eldon Rexrode, Bernie and Margaret Sasscer, Robbie Sites and Edwin Wimer.

ries and the Jan.1, 2027, deadline for community engagement requirements.

To support implementation, the department is enhancing its eligibility systems to automate verification and eligibility processes whenever possible. These improvements are designed to reduce administrative burden, streamline case processing, and make it easier for both Medicaid members and staff to navigate the new requirements. Whenever available, electronic data sources will be used to automatically verify information, reducing the need for members to submit additional documentation.

To help members navigate upcoming changes, DoHS has launched WVMedicaidHelp.org. This dedicated website provides information about community engagement requirements, exemptions, frequently asked questions, and future updates as additional federal guidance becomes available.

The website serves as the primary source of information for Medicaid members and their families regarding these upcoming changes.

At this time, Medicaid members should:

- Ensure their mailing address, phone number, and email address are up to date.

- Read any communications received from DoHS regarding Medicaid eligibility.

- Visit WVMedicaidHelp.org for updates and information.

- Watch for additional communications regarding any actions that may be required before Jan. 1, 2027.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Immediate Service Transition and Facility Closure Notification

Issued by: Potomac Highlands Guild, Inc.

Notice is hereby given to the residents, clients, and community partners of Pendleton County, West Virginia, that Potomac Highlands Guild, Inc. is transitioning its behavioral health service delivery model.

Daily operations at our physical facility located at **30 Maple Ave., Franklin, WV 26807** have **ceased effective immediately.**

To facilitate a smooth transition for our clients, a final, single-day in-person clinic will be held at the Franklin facility on **Thursday, July 2, 2026.** This will be the final day any services are rendered at the 30 Maple Ave. location.

Please be assured that patient care is not being terminated. Potomac Highlands Guild, Inc. will continue to provide uninterrupted behavioral health services to Pendleton County residents through the following options:

- **Telehealth Services:** All current appointments (except those scheduled for the July 2nd clinic) are transitioning immediately to our secure telehealth network, allowing patients to meet with providers virtually from home.

- **In-Person Care:** Patients desiring or requiring in-person treatment are welcome at our regional hub located at **7 Mt. View St., Petersburg, WV 26847.**

- **Public Transportation:** For individuals requiring transit to the Petersburg facility, local transportation options are available through the Potomac Valley Transit Authority (PVTA). Inquiries and ride scheduling can be made by calling PVTA at **(304) 257-1414.**

All active patient clinical records remain entirely secure and accessible within our electronic system. For questions regarding scheduling, telehealth setup assistance, or medical records, please contact our administrative team immediately at (304) 257-1155.

Options for immediate mental health crises:

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New Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary Available

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has released its Hunting and Trapping Summary for the upcoming 2026-2027 seasons. The annual publication outlines important regulations and season dates designed to manage West Virginia's wildlife resources while maximizing outdoor recreation.

"Hunting and trapping are a vital part of our state's heritage and these updated regulations are designed to sustain both our wildlife populations and our outdoor traditions," said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director. "We encourage everyone to review this year's summary and get their licenses early so they can head into the woods this fall fully prepared for a safe and rewarding season."

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 are also available at the WVDNR's operations center in Elkins and headquarters at the state Capitol in Charleston.

Hunters and trappers are strongly encouraged to carefully review the new summary, as it includes several notable modifications from previous years:

- Season dates and open counties for antlerless deer, fall turkey and black bear hunting seasons have changed.
- Deer carcass transport regulations for Grant County and baiting and feeding restrictions in Pendleton County are now implemented.
- Minimum youth age restrictions for the youth seasons have been removed.
- The maximum caliber restriction for hunting coyotes at

night has been removed.

- The Small Arms Hunting Stamp has been eliminated for hunting with a handgun.
- An unmanned aerial vehicle can be used for tracking and locating mortally wounded deer, bear, wild turkey or wild boar.
- Only one leashed dog can be used for tracking and locating mortally wounded deer, bear, wild turkey or wild boar.
- Youth hunters and Class Q permit holders are now permitted to take one antlered deer during the special split youth and Class Q seasons.

In addition to reviewing the regulations, hunters who have not yet purchased their 2026 West Virginia hunting license and stamps are encouraged to do so before hunting and trapping seasons start this fall.

WVSSAC Student-Athlete Transfer Regulations Updated for 2026-27

By Stephen Smoot

One of the bigger headaches plaguing coaches, athletic directors, and those who follow high school sports in West Virginia has been a legislative change that allowed more student-athlete transfers.

That change voided the previous laws establishing more open transfers and returned primary rule-making authority to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Legislators requested that the governing body for scholastic extracurricular activities not return to the status quo prior to the bill repealed.

While some athletes found better opportunities, others landed in more challenging situations. Some schools aggressively recruited from others and some smaller rural schools had to cancel their football seasons.

A new set of rules governing these transfers came down from the WVSSAC. According to that body, "the Board of Control voted 147-0 to approve a rule that preserves school choice for students and families while providing structure to support competitive balance among member schools."

First, a ninth or 10th grader can have a "one-time transfer . . . with immediate eligibility." That must occur prior to Sept. 1. Should the student transfer during a sports season, he or she cannot compete in the sport currently in season, but will be eligible for all others.

The rule also allows for a "transfer-back provision." According to the WVSSAC, "a student in ninth, tenth or eleventh grade is entitled to one transfer back to a member school within the attendance zone where the student's parents reside, provided it is the home school originally identified at the time of the initial out-of-zone enrollment."

It goes on to add that "immediate eligibility applies if the transfer is completed by Sept. 1. Students seeking transfers outside the scope of this rule may file for a waiver with the WVSSAC board of directors."

The specific rule also states "Eligibility will be granted immediately if the transfer is on or before Sept. 1."

That rule is subject to this clause that states "if the

transfer occurs during the remainder of the academic year the student will be ineligible for the remainder of that academic year and will gain eligibility after the end of that academic year, providing they meet the specified GPA requirements."

WIC Announces Income Guidelines Effective July 1

The United States Department of Agriculture Special Supplemental Nutrition Program provides nutritious foods, breastfeeding support and infant formula to women, infants and children.

To be eligible for WIC, applicants must meet the following guidelines:

Qualified applicants — pregnant women, women fully or partially breastfeeding an infant up to the infant's first birthday, postpartum women up to six months after delivery or end of pregnancy, infants up to their first birthday and children from age one until their fifth birthday.

Income eligibility — families that qualify for Medicaid, WV Works or SNAP automatically qualify for WIC, as do infants and young children who are in a foster family environment, household income no more than 185 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines and married or single parents,

working or not working, or a father, mother, grandparent or legal guardian of a child under the age of five. Check the income guidelines to see if one qualifies for WIC. Also, if a person is pregnant, add one person to the size of one's household.

West Virginia WIC income guidelines, effective July 1, are as follows (household size, weekly gross income, bi-weekly gross income, twice monthly gross income, monthly gross income and gross annual income, respectively), one, \$568, \$1,136, \$1,231, \$2,461 and \$29,526; two, \$770, \$1,540, \$1,669, \$3,337 and \$40,034; three, \$972, \$1,944, \$2,106, \$4,212, \$50,542; four, \$1,715, \$2,349, \$2,544, \$5,088 and \$61,050; five, \$1,377, \$2,753, \$2,982, \$5,964 and \$71,558; and each additional family member, \$203, \$405, \$438, \$876 and \$10,508.

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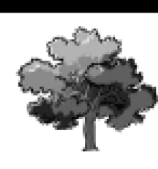
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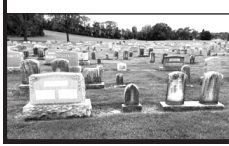
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Bids will be accepted until 4:00pm on July 6, 2026. Bids will be opened on July 7 at the County Commission Meeting @ 0900. Highest bidders will be notified. Once payment clears the bank, buyers will be advised and schedule a pickup time within 10 days. Person(s) picking up items must provide your own helpers and actions must be taken to not damage the building upon removal.

Mark Envelopes "BID ENCLOSED-FOR NAME ITEM(S)." Mail to Pendleton County Commission, PO Box 187, Franklin, WV 26807. Or, drop-off at the County Administrator's Office at the Court House.

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July 4th Holiday Weekend Closure Notice

Drive-In Closed Friday & Saturday, July 3 & 4

As a community-focused organization, the board of directors encourages our patrons to spend the holiday enjoying the many local events and making memories with family and friends.

The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting its annual Lawn Party on both Friday and Saturday evenings, with a parade Friday and fireworks Saturday night.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the weekend of July 10th when we resume our normal operating schedule.

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We wish everyone a safe, happy and enjoyable Independence Day weekend!



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- Despite popular belief, only John Hancock and Charles Thomson signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Most of the other signers added their names weeks later — some as late as August.

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Commission are required to file their objections with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE, whichever is later.

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Decedent: Jeffrey Harlan Mitchell, Shendandoah County, VA Filed by: Diana Lynn Mitchell, Spouse, Strasburg, VA

FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 2, 2026. Deadline for claims is August 31, 2026.

Sandra Lynn Bennett Estate – Sherman Pedro Bennett, Administrator; Teresa L. Harper Estate – Betsy E. Bland, Executrix; Brenda T. Simmons Estate – Mark H. Simmons, Executor; James Riddell Gildea Estate – Benjamin Beasley, Administrator; Alice Katherine Heaven-er Estate – Timmy Heaven-er, Administrator; Jo Ann Watts Estate – Marlin Lee Watts, Jr., Administrator; Daisy M. Arbogast Estate – Cathy Lynn Arbogast, Executrix; Harlan Erman Day Estate – Lucy H. Kisamore, Executrix.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 23, 2026.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 7-2-2c

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before Pendleton County Commission at 100 S. Main Street, Franklin, WV 26807.

That no appointment of administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the decedent has been filed with the Pendleton County Commission, and is of record in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must be filed with the Pendleton County Commission within 60 days after the date of first publication or within 30 days of the serving of this notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

First Publication Date: Thursday, July 2, 2026

Claim Deadline Date: Monday, August 31, 2026

Decedent: Jeffrey Harlan Mitchell, Shendandoah County, VA Filed by: Diana Lynn Mitchell, Spouse, Strasburg, VA

Decedent: Freda Cowger Garst, Rockingham County, VA Filed by: Marsha Garst, Daughter, Linville, VA

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING PROPOSAL

The Pendleton County Public Service District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, is in the process of obtaining engineering services to provide initial report, design, construction, and inspection services for miscellaneous water improvement projects throughout Pendleton County. Professional services will include (1) preparation of bidding and contracting documents, (2) participation in the evaluation of bids received, and (3) monitoring and inspection of construction activities to ensure compliance with plans and specifications. Procurement of said services shall be in accordance with Chapter 5G of the Code of West Virginia. Contracts are to be awarded on a fixed fee basis. All consultants interested in being considered for this project must submit a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management/staffing capabilities and related prior experience.

The aim of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly technical qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents will be interviewed, and the firm judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a final proposal which would include fees for said services.

Please submit all requested information and proposals no later than 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 9, 2026, to Kim Ruddle, Region 8 Planning and Development Council, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847. Interested firms should contact Region 8 PDC at 304-257-2448 for a copy of the proposal format.

Attention is directed to the fact that the PSD will undertake the project with State and Federal funds. The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to records provisions and all other requirements as related to federally funded projects.

The PSD will afford full opportunity for minority/disadvantaged business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, age, handicap, or national origin in the contract award.

Darrell Bodkin, President 6-25-2c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

ANISSA E. WORTHY, CAMERON R. WORTHY, Plaintiffs,

v. Civil Action No.: CC-36-2026-C-4 Judge: John H. Treadway, Jr.

ADAM R. WORTHY, AMANDA W. DOMBROWSKI, and CAITLIN R. WORTHY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the Order Directing Partition Sale and Appointing Special Commissioner entered May 12, 2026, by the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in the civil action styled *Anissa E. Worthy and Cameron R. Worthy v. Adam R. Worthy, Amanda W. Dombrowski, and Caitlin R. Worthy*, Civil Action No. CC-36-2026-C-4, the undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate:

A tract or parcel of real estate, together with all improvements thereon, lying and being in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, containing 90.70 acres, more or less, situate in an area known as "Friends Run," and identified on the land books of Pendleton County as **Tax Map 26, Parcel 34.1**. The real estate is more particularly described in that certain Confirmation Deed dated December

21, 2020, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in **Deed Book 214, at Page 40**.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF SALE: Friday, July 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., on the front steps of the Pendleton County Courthouse, located at 100 South Main Street, Franklin, Pendleton County, West Virginia 26807.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder shall pay a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price on the day of sale, by cash, certified or cashier's check, or other immediately available funds, or such other amount or terms as the Special Commissioner finds acceptable at the time of sale, with the balance due within thirty (30) days after entry of an order confirming the sale, or within such other time as the Court may order. The deposit shall be held subject to further order of the Court.

The purchaser shall bear all costs of sale and conveyance, including without limitation deed preparation, the State of West Virginia excise tax on the privilege of transferring real estate, all recording fees and charges, and all other closing and conveyance costs. The purchaser shall further be responsible for the real estate taxes assessed against the property for the 2026 tax year in full, without proration. Real estate taxes for tax years prior to 2026, and any liens, assessments, or other charges of record affecting the real estate, shall be addressed as the Court may order, including possible payment from sale proceeds.

The real estate will be sold as-is, where-is, and with all faults, without any express or implied representation or warranty by the Court, the Special Commissioner, Plaintiffs, or Defendants as to condition, acreage, boundaries, access, marketability, title, liens, encumbrances, zoning, availability of utilities, or any other matter, except as may be stated in a deed from the Special Commissioner following confirmation by the Court.

The sale conveys only the right, title, and interest of the parties to this action, subject to all easements, rights-of-way, restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, exceptions, leases, liens, encumbrances, matters of record, and matters that would be disclosed by an accurate survey, title examination, or physical inspection of the property.

The sale shall not be contingent upon the purchaser obtaining financing.

If the successful bidder fails to complete the purchase as required, the deposit may be forfeited and applied as the Court may direct, and the property may be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting bidder, subject to further order of the Court.

The sale is subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia.

Upon payment of the purchase price in full and confirmation of the sale by the Court, the Special Commissioner shall execute and deliver a deed conveying the interests of the parties to this action, subject to the terms stated herein and any further order of the Court.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale.

G. Isaac Sponaugle, III
Special Commissioner
State Bar No. 9720
Post Office Box 578
61 Chestnut Street
Franklin, West Virginia 26807
(304) 358-2337
isaac@sponauglelaw.com

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF BOND

I, Shalee D. Wilburn, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, hereby certify that G. Isaac Sponaugle, III, Special Commissioner, has given bond and security as required by law.

Shalee D. Wilburn, Clerk 6-18-3c

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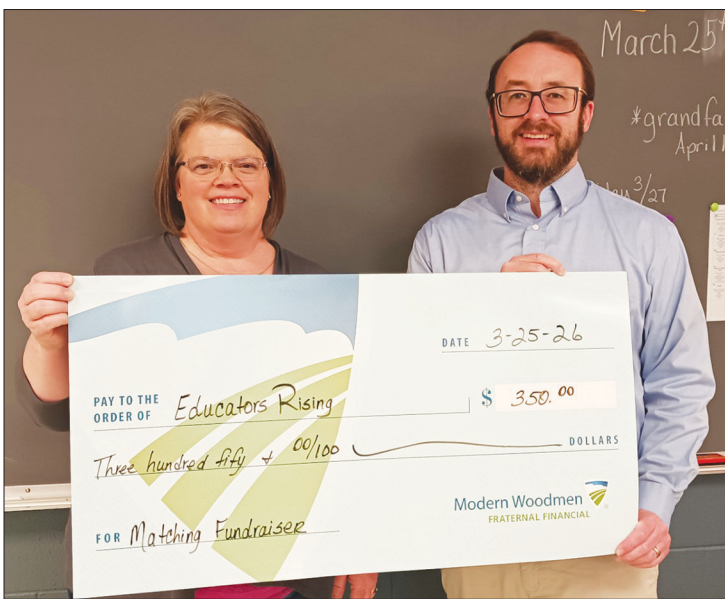
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Modern Woodmen of America Share Support for Education in Pendleton County



Modern Woodmen of the World's charitable programs supported three education-related programs in Pendleton County. Janice Heavner, Educators Rising advisor, is pictured with Steven Barnett.

By Stephen Smoot

With budgets tight and prices rising, school systems in West Virginia have to account for seemingly every penny to remain in solid financial shape. The challenge comes in giving students the best opportunities possible while also staying true to the bottom line.

Often, fundraising from community partners can make a huge difference.

During the course of the school year, Modern Wood-

men of America, through its Matching Fund Program, shared support for area education in three ways this year. They raised funds for the Pendleton County Middle/High School cheerleaders, the Educators Rising

club, and also to help with the costs of the Franklin School Association's school carnival.

Last December, the PCM/HS Wildcat cheer squad returned to the Class A state tournament in Charleston.

Steven Barnett, the Modern Woodmen representative in Pendleton County, shared that "the events, which included a fundraiser drive by the cheerleaders, the strawberry sale by the Educators Rising club, and the school carnival by the Franklin School Association, Modern Woodmen provided a total matching donation of \$1,350."

He added, "These funds were used to help purchase new uniforms for the cheerleaders, pay for national conventions for the Educators Rising club, and paying for field trips for Franklin Elementary."

The business model com-

bines providing service to clients with service to the community through its fraternal model that focuses on "financial services, fraternal programs, and local impact opportunities."

As Modern Woodmen explains on its website, "members contribute over half a million volunteer hours in

a typical year. Volunteer efforts and monetary donations help organizations and individuals in need, from local parks and volunteer fire departments to food pantries and schools."

Barnett also noted that he had the opportunity to assign a "Do-Good Grant" for the Franklin Community

Garden. Members can direct "up to \$200 every year to support any charitable cause of their choosing."

"I enjoy gardening and was excited to hear about the community garden project and wanted to support it," said Barnett who "was able to use the grant this year to purchase beds."

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SGR416A 5.12 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin w/Spacious Loft area. Cistern, Septic, Shed. New Metal Roof, New Sliding Door, Newly Sealed Deck. Access to 9 acre Common Area. Located Kile Knob Subdivision, Franklin District. **\$239,000.00.**

SGR413A 3.0 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin w/Loft. Off grid, Solar, generator. Access to 9 acre Common Area. Located Kile Knob Subdivision, Franklin District. **\$289,000.00.**

SGR412A 5.69 Acres, w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, built in 2010. Loft for overflow sleeping, Septic, 1800 Gallon Cistern, Washer/Dryer, Year-round access, Outbuilding, Wood Shed. Very well maintained. Located in Dry Run area. Shared ROW. Franklin District, Pendleton Cty. **\$180,000.00.**

SGR409A 0.04 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home located on 18 Spruce St., Franklin Corp. New Hot water heater w/expansion tank, New stainless steel appliances, New guttering system, Cement driveway, Hard wired Ring cameras with motion lights. Mini-Splits and new window installation in 2021. **\$175,000.00.**

SGR408A 7.88 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Log Siding Cabin, Fully & Tastefully Furnished, Large Decks, Full Finished basement, Screened in Porch, Spring Water. Higher clearance vehicle recommended. Buck Ridges Development. Some Restrictions. **\$285,000.00.**

SGR407A 8.26 acre Off Grid, one room cabin on Kile Knob. Solar panel, Septic, Cistern water. Property joins 9.48 acres Kile Knob Common area. Hiking trails. Gated. **\$189,000.00.**

SGR406A World Class View at 3017 ft, overlooking beautiful Germany Valley & Spruce Knob. Located in Seneca Lookout Development. 70.00 Acres w/2 Bed, 2.5 Bath 1.5 Story Log Cabin. Baseboard Elec & Wood Heat, Well, Septic, Outbuilding. Joins National Forest. **\$749,000.00.**

SGR404A CABIN W/CAVE ACCESS! 5 Acres w/1 Bed, 2.5 Bath Log Siding Cabin, Loft sleeping area, Primary bdrm has access to large balcony. Fully furnished. Laundry on main floor. Spring water, Septic. Sleeps 6 people. Buck Ridges Development. Some Restrictions. **Preapproval required and Cave Entry Waiver must be signed prior to showing. \$195,000.00.**

SGR403A 15.38 Acres, w/4-6 Bed, 2 Bath Contemporary Home. Make it your Residence or it would make a great Retreat Center. Great views, surrounded by mountain ranges. Double Kitchen, dual W/D Hookups, 2 Heat Pumps, 37KW Generac backup generator, Spacious workshop/garage. Large Spring Fed Pond. Franklin District, Pendleton Cty. **\$929,000.00.**

SGR402A 0.62 Acres w/3 Bed, 1.5 Bath Ranch Home located in Upper Tract, WV. Brick exterior, Metal Roof, Carport, Unfinished Basement, Septic, Public Water. Nice level lot. Mill Run District, Pendleton Cty. **\$269,000.00 REDUCED \$229,000.00.**

SGR400A 5 Bed, 3 Bath home located in Franklin District on 2.5 acres offers privacy in peaceful, wooded surroundings while being near schools and all town amenities. Attached 2 car garage, partially finished basement, fenced yard, Heat Pump & Central AC, 3 Fireplaces, Well, Septic and Water Filtration system. **\$549,000.00 REDUCED \$525,000.00.**

SGR393A 14.5 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin with very efficient use of space. Located on Dry Run Rd. 1900 gallon Cistern. Wood & Electric Heat. **\$249,000.00 REDUCED \$239,000.00.**

SGR392A Custom Canadian White Cedar Log Home. 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 3,088 sq. ft. Cabin on 119.45 acres located in Hidden Valley. Red Oak and Mexican Tile flooring. Two Car Garage & partial basement. Mature plants and trees. Some Restrictions apply. Franklin District. **\$949,000.00 REDUCED \$899,000.00.**

SGR385A 11.54 Acres w/3+ Bed, 3 Bath Cabin located in Buck Ridges Dvlpmnt. Screened porch, Deck, Stone Patio, Primary BD w/En-suite. Beautiful wood, Tile, Floating Linoleum flooring. Lots of natural light, Metal Roof, Board and Batten Exterior. 3080 assessed sq ft. Very well maintained. **\$325,000.00.**

SGR382A 45 Ac. w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Solar powered, no restrictions, Cistern & Septic, Shooting Range, Excellent Hunting, Franklin District. **\$999,000.00 REDUCED \$599,000.00.**

SGR382B 35 Acres, Strauter Rd, Ruddle area. Year-Round Spring. Building Lots. Utilities. Excellent Hunting. Life Estate on 6 Acres. Franklin District. **\$169,000.00.**

SGR380A Building Lot, 5.62 Acres, Lot #3, Dry Run Rd, Sharps Ridge, Franklin District. Electric nearby. **NEW LISTING \$39,000.00.**

SGR379A 5994 Mount Freedom Drive, Cherry Grove 14.70 acres, 2 bed, 1 bath house; one room w/loft cabin, several other buildings and outbuildings, adjoins National Forest, very unique property. **\$279,000.00 \$264,000.00 REDUCED \$250,000.00.**

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.**

SGR369A 15.17 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath cabin, Electric & Propane Heat, Cistern, Septic (unapproved). Located in North Fork Flats. Perfect for hunters, fisherman or outdoor enthusiasts. **\$489,000.00 \$479,000.00 REDUCED \$159,000.00.**

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. **NEW LISTING \$2,250,000.00.**

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 \$299,000.00 \$229,000.00 REDUCED \$219,000.00.**

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 **\$22,836.00.**

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