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USDA Announces Drought Aid For Much of Potomac Highlands

By Stephen Smoot

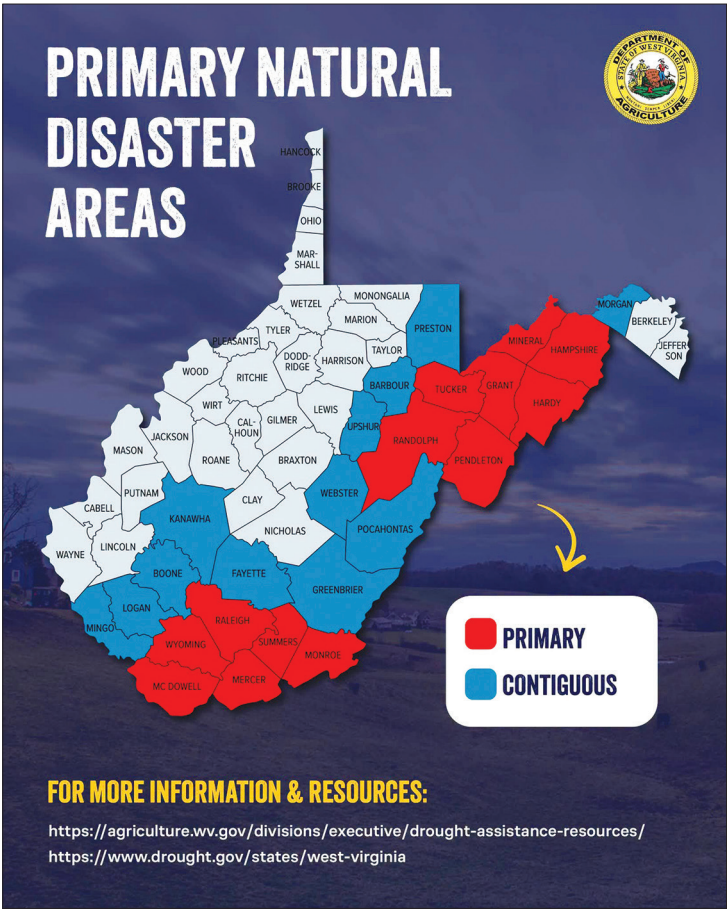
The United States Department of Agriculture has announced aid for 25 West Virginia counties. Thirteen of these were declared primary natural disaster areas while the remainder were categorized as “contiguous.” This included six Southern West Virginia counties, as well as Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton, Randolph and Tucker.

The Potomac Highlands saw weeks of severe drought, as is defined by the USDA. The South Branch Valley watershed counties all remain currently in D1 - Moderate Drought despite the plentiful rains as of late. Last week, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture announced that qualifying farmers in both the primary and contiguous counties can apply for emergency loan assistance.

The WVDA urged those who may qualify to contact the local Farm Service Agency office.

According to the USDA, help can be obtained through emergency farm loans. As its website states, “These loans can be used to restore or replace essential property, cover production costs, pay essential family living expenses, and refinance certain debts. The aim is to help producers recover swiftly and maintain the viability of their operations during and after disaster recovery.”

“Farmers and ranchers



who operate in a disaster-designated county and have experienced substantial damage or loss” may apply for these loans. The USDA states also that “applicants must demonstrate an inability to obtain sufficient credit from other sources to cover their disaster-related needs.”

Potential applicants have eight months from the declaration of disaster to submit an application.

Loans can be used to repair or replace important property, cover production costs for the upcoming season, refinance disaster-

related debts outside of real estate, and to organize greater efficiencies in farm operations.

Applicants can file for loans to cover up to 100 percent of losses up to a cap of \$500,000. Repayment terms can extend, depending on the case, from one to 40 years. Response from the FSA is generally quick.

While the region is expected to continue to receive rain in the immediate future, the federal website drought.gov expects some drought conditions to persist through the season in the South Branch watershed.

Pendleton County Grand Jury Releases Indictments

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Grand Jury has released its slate of indictments. The history of grand juries in the Anglo-American system of justice dates back to the Assize of Clarendon under King Henry II. Their role lies in deciding if evidence presented is enough to warrant moving to the next step of a trial.

An indictment does not on its own indicate guilt.

The next phase of the process comes with the petit jury, unless the defendant chooses to make a plea deal and it is accepted. Twelve jurors must decide if the defendant is either guilty or not guilty. Juries do not

judge innocence versus guilt. They judge whether or not the prosecution made its case according to the evidence.

The grand jury issued four indictments against Roger Odell Hoover. The first count accuses him of “Strangulation, a Felony” and states he “did unlawfully and feloniously strangle another without that person’s consent and thereby did cause the other person bodily injury or loss of consciousness . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The second count alleges “Domestic Battery, a Misdemeanor” and that he “did unlawfully and intentionally make physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature to their family or household member or did unlawfully and intentionally cause physical harm to their family or household member . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The third count alleges “Obstructing an Officer, a Misdemeanor” and states that he “did unlawfully, by threats, menaces, acts, or otherwise, forcibly or illegally hinder or obstruct . . . an law enforcement officer, probation officer, or parole officer . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The fourth county alleges “Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Misdemeanor” and states that he “did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally possess a controlled substance . . . Marijuana . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of

West Virginia.”

The grand jury indicted Brandon Parham Stewart on 27 felony counts.

Counts one through nine allege “Sexual Abuse By a Parent, Guardian, Custodian, or Person in a Position of Trust to a Child, a Felony” and states that he did “unlawfully, and feloniously” commit the act “against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Counts 10 through 18 allege “Incest, a Felony” and states that he “did unlawfully and feloniously” commit the act “against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

Counts 19 through 27 allege “Sexual Assault in the Third Degree, a Felony” and states that he did unlawfully and feloniously” commit the act “with . . . a juvenile . . . who was at the time less than sixteen years of age . . . against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.”

The grand jury indicted Troy Arbaugh Jr. on four counts.

The first count alleges “Failure to Register As a Sexual Offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes, a Felony” and states that he “did unlawfully and feloniously . . . fail to provide notice of his social media account, that being his Instagram account ‘tonyarbaugh’ within ten business days . . . having previously been convicted of Failure to Register As a Sexual Offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes . . . against the

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Board members heard of community volunteers helping to add to Energy Express programs, including three Wildcat football players from PCMHS.

BOE Hears Energy Express Update, Hires New PCM/HS Principal

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Board of Education held its initial meeting for July and also for fiscal year 2027 last week. J. D. Wilkins, board president, opened the meeting with the customary invocation, praying, “We thank You for the opportunity to see our nation’s 250th birthday and we thank You for everything that took place there.”

Katie Hott and Wilkins, along with Mari-

lyn Propst, newly elected board member, took the oath of office. Nominations were made and accepted for board president and vice president. Wilkins accepted nomination and election as president with Sonny O’Neil as vice president.

O’Neil was confirmed to accept an appointment to the EPIC board of directors. Hott returned to the 4-H committee with Wilkins to the South Branch Career and Technical

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U.S. Supreme Court Case From 1853 Could Have Impact on Current Methodist Church Schism Disputes

By Stephen Smoot

After the United Methodist Church became less so following schisms over religious practice and positions on social issues, debates over property and asset ownership soon followed.

During the past few months, both the West Virginia State Legislature and West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals have examined the issue and the law surrounding it. It would almost serve the cause of appropriateness for West Virginia to address this issue. Bishop Francis Asbury, who led the split from the British Methodist Church in 1784, labored for many years among many other “circuit rider” preachers in the then-western Virginia mountains to establish Methodism in remote areas.

At one point in his journal, he bemoaned the fact that his converts in eastern Virginia kept moving west into the mountains, keeping the church from growing in the eastern counties.

By the 1840s, however, a dispute emerged over a Georgia bishop owning slaves. He had inherited and received by marriage two slaves that he did not wish to own. He desired to emancipate them once they could support themselves, according to Wofford College Archivist Phillip Stone in an article, but both requested to stay with him for humanitarian reasons. State law made it difficult to emancipate a slave as well.

This dispute over the slave owning bishop’s worthiness to serve, which tapped into the general conflict over slavery itself, the church separated into separate northern and southern organizations.

Nine years afterward, a dispute arose over a church operated institution in Cincinnati called “The Book Concern.” The founders of Methodism, Charles and John Wesley, promoted the ideal that Christians should be avid consumers of books. By 1787 when American Methodists had charted



Area Methodist churches have gotten caught up in battles over separation.

their own path, the first “Book Concern” was started in Philadelphia with \$600.

The publishing house would print materials for sale to Methodists in rural, remote, or frontier areas. It also published popular magazines which were among the most circulated of such works in America at the time.

Profits from those sales would go to support the needs of often impoverished circuit riding preachers who traveled from church to church in such regions to preach the Gospel. At some point well before the Church split, a “Book Concern” opened operations in Cincinnati. In 1853, a dispute emerged over which of the two organizations had rights to the proceeds of it. This case went to the United States Supreme Court as Smith v. Swormstedt (1853).

The case syllabus shared that the property, known as the “Book Concern,” had come from “the result of the labors and accumulation of all the ministers.” It added that “The Methodist Church was divided. It was not a case of the secession of a part from the main body. Neither division lost its interest in the common property.”

The “Book Concern” was administered by Leroy Swormstedt and others who were all citizens of either the states of

Ohio or New York. Representatives of Methodist Episcopal Church South demanded the appropriate share of proceeds to distribute amongst circuit riders adhering to the southern church.

The nature of how the church divided, according to the Southern plaintiffs was that its organization “was entitled to its proportion of the common property real and personal of the (original American) Methodist Episcopal Church . . . to which the members of the church south had contributed more than their share.” Representatives from Methodist Episcopal Church North did not dispute the facts presented so much as their interpretation.

Southern Methodists claim that the conference created two distinct and legitimate Methodist churches. Northern Methodists saw the action as “an unauthorized separation” that meant “they have hereby renounced and forfeited all claim, either in law or equity, to any portion of the property in question.”

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Nelson, who also served as chief justice of the New York State Supreme Court, delivered the opinion of the court. He relied heavily on the veteran Justice Joseph Story who served as Chief Jus-

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Dog Days Are a Blend of Astronomy, Folklore and Weather Patterns

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

The “Dog Days of Summer” refer to the hottest, most humid days of the year, traditionally running from July 3 to Aug. 11.

Ancient Romans named these days after Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, often called the Dog Star. Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Major, or the Greater Dog.

During mid-summer, Sirius rises alongside the sun. Ancient people thought the combined brightness of the sun and the Dog Star created extra heat. They believed this extreme heat caused drought, fever, and bad luck.

Today, one knows that Sirius does not affect Earth’s weather. The heat comes from the Earth’s tilt. During the summer, the sun’s rays hit at a direct angle.

It takes weeks for the land and oceans to fully heat up. This means the hottest part of the year happens in late July and August, which perfectly aligns with the dates of the Dog Days.

Long ago, the farmers would cut brush, especially along fence lines, during this time of the year. It was thought the brush had a greater chance of dying with little chance of returning. Oftentimes, the state road workers would assist with the cuttings from the other side of the fence rows.

Folklore indicated that should rains fall in the beginning of the Dog Days, the end of the season would go out dry, or vice versa. It would be interesting to tell whether that will be what takes place this year.

Life’s little instructions include the following:

1. Massage tense muscles.
2. Go out to lunch.
3. Think positively.
4. Avoid dangerous drugs.

5. Wish everyone a person meets with a “Have a great day.”

At one time, it was thought that Sugar Grove was the driest section of West Virginia. Whether that holds true is determined by rainfall. The community was blessed with about 3 inches of rain from last Monday through Wednesday. Even the river took on a muddy appearance. Meadows and pastures are taking on a greener outlook, making the farmer happy at the prospect of having a second cutting of hay.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

“The best way to guarantee a loss is to quit.”

— Morgan Freeman

“Encourage independence in your children by regularly losing them in the supermarket.”

— Erma Bombeck

“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.”

— Harry S. Truman

“Then came July like three o’clock in the afternoon, hot and listless and miserable.” — Alle Ray

“One of the best ways to measure people is how they behave when something free is offered.” — Ann Landers

Carrying an umbrella is the best way to hear the “Talk of the Grove.”

On Friday, Joel and Betsy Farrar of Lynchburg, Virginia, visited in the home of Willard and Judy Rader.

Mother Nature has decided to assist the state road by cleaning out ditches from the rains. Reddish Knob Road is fast turning into a dirt road, with pot holes appearing along the way. The Lick Run culvert is one to slow down for as it is quite precarious to travel at a regular speed. Be sure to watch for falling trees when navigating this road. Carrying a chain saw would be beneficial.



Clarence Judy Wilfong (Sept. 16, 1919 - Oct. 30, 2008) was the son of Lester Sr. (Oct. 1, 1896 - Oct. 9, 1967) and Mary Myrtle Eckard Wilfong (July 2, 1899 - Jan. 14, 1960). He was married to Mary Mahulda Nelson Wilfong (April 1, 1921 - Nov. 4, 2012) with both resting in the St. Michael Cemetery. Their children were JoAnn, Norman, and John. Clarence served with the Army Corps of Engineering in Germany during World War II.

Friday, the joint churches of St. John and Calvary had a well- attended Vacation Bible School. The theme was “Galactic Starveyors.” The attendees had a blast regardless of the rainfall, especially when walking to Kathy’s store to pick up a bag lunch. Much work went

into this cosmic experience to make it a memorable day of learning about God’s creation.

There are 11 more Mondays until fall, and then Christmas is just around the corner.

• Clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:

• A blue whale’s heart is so large that a human could swim through its arteries.

• More people have access to mobile phones than to toilets worldwide.

• Bamboo is the fastest growing plant in the world and can grow up to 35 inches in a day.

• The United States is one of the top producers of garbage in the world, generating about 254 million tons of waste every year.

There are more trees on Earth than stars in the Milky Way.

More July birthdays include Kenny Wilfong, 17th; Lucas Kiser, 19th; Vicky Simmons, 20th; Ann Marie Weese, 21st; Johnny Thompson and Lauren Williams, 22nd; Johnny Cook, Barbara Parker and Brenda Cook, 24th; Judy Patch and Kevin Rexrode, 25th; Shirley Wimer, Wilma Pitsenbarger Rexrode and Hannah Rexrode, 26th; Kent Gardiner, 29th; Delbert Rexrode, 30th; and Colby Simmons, 31st.

Concerns are for Charles Anderson, Sheila and George 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, family and friends of the Mary Heavner, Starr Hedrick, Keith Hoover, Mickey Huffman, Cynthia Hurry, Gary Jamison, Mike and Lisa Jamison, Tara Kelley, Stanley Kile, Keith Kimble, Lori Ann Lambert, Melissa Lambert, Roger Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Dottie Mitchell, Rhonda Nash, Willa Nelson, Ronald Pitsenbarger, Alda Propst, Sheldon Propst, Jimmy Rexrode, Bernie and Margaret Sasser, Robbie Sites and Edwin Wimer.

Emergency Response Officials Review Fun of the Fourth and Effects of Weekend Weather with Pendleton County Commission

By Stephen Smoot

America 250 drew huge crowds all over the nation. The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department’s annual lawn party and fireworks show brought huge crowds, regardless of days that felt like 100 degrees right into locally intense storms that sparked flood warnings.

Roger Dahmer, Pendleton County commissioner, opened the meeting by praying, “We thank You for the rains You have given us” that have gone a long way to help the region rebound from drought conditions through the end of spring.

The first order of business lay in a request from Carl Hevener, commission president, of emergency management officials present for the meeting. He asked for call logs for both the West Virginia State Police and Pendleton County Sheriff’s Department. Diana Mitchell, director of Pendleton 911, asked what information he needed.

Hevener shared after discussion that he “does not want personally identifying information” of those placing the calls, but is more interested in the record of response. Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, noted that “we have done that in the past.”

Gillespie then went on to share that “we have had some extremely hard local downpours that caused what I’d like to call ‘nuisance flooding.’” US 220 near Ruddle was submerged for about an hour on Sunday.

Hevener added that “you’ve got a lot of dead brush laying around” that chokes culverts and causes backups. “Everywhere you go, you see that,” he added. Gillespie stated that he had not

seen water over the road at the Poor Farm since the Flood of 1985.

Next, Gillespie shared details on planning for a regional emergency communications and response drill slated for fall. The meeting took place in the conference room at the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management, located in the General Services Building. He noted that state officials who attended were complimentary of the new facility and that the next meeting would probably come to Franklin as well.

Courthouse annex work continues to move through its final phases. Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator, shared that the county clerk’s office was currently being repainted and staff temporarily housed in other offices. Hevener asked Pitsenbarger about a ribbon cutting and she stated that “I really don’t want to get that done until everything gets done.”

Additionally, she described the event, slated for fall, as more of an open house for justices on the West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals.

Pitsenbarger later shared that the county had earned a \$250,000 grant award from Sustain Our Future for continued work on the General Services Building.

Elise White, Pendleton County clerk, reported budget revisions for approval. One concerned \$535 of coal severance taxes due to Pendleton County over what was budgeted. Additionally, Payment in Lieu of Taxes from the federal government for lands in the county that it owns rose from \$387,805 last year to \$460,114, “a decent increase,” White said.

She also noted that the West Virginia State Legislature-approved pay raises would have to be factored in as well. “I’ll

abandon the concept of denominationalism altogether and create independent churches and congregations.

As West Virginia Metro News reported, the position of the United Methodist Church is that “all local church property is held in an irrevocable trust for the benefit of the entire denomination.” Local churches, again according to Metro News, have asserted that the Methodist Conference has no rights to individual churches because they paid for, maintained, and insured those properties.

Metro News also shared that one objection from the UMC is that a secular court has no authority to judge church issues, based upon the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and similar language in that of the State of West Virginia. Smith v Swormstedt (1853) would seem to negate that argument on its very face.

The West Virginia State Legislature also considered the matter in HB 4515, but elected to not pass legislation this year due to potential Constitutional issues.

Effective language in HB 4515, intentionally or unintentionally, generally follows the outline of the 1853 case. It establishes a process to determine rights in church property for both the former UMC and the current church and would have ordered either reimbursement to the UMC or individual church depending on which side was determined to have the greater interest.

Case law in the United States rests on the principle of stare decisis. This means that courts follow the previous precedent established unless conditions have changed significantly.

have more at the next meeting,” she concluded.

Mike Alt, training officer for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, could share no updates from talks in Charleston meant to address illegal language in an EMS Salary Enhancement bill passed last spring. He also stated that a revenue generation plan from Randolph County EMS was nixed by the state.

He added that PCER would acquire two ambulances to replace current units that he estimated “won’t make it 24 more months.” He added that with increasing costs and build times for emergency vehicles, as well as other headwinds against fire and EMS “things aren’t going in the right direction.”

As far as the crowds in for the lawn party and other events throughout the county, “We got through the Fourth really well compared to counties around us,” he said. “We had a lot of people on the Fourth” with “everybody talking about big crowds.”

Annie Humes, executive director of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, shared a review of the process leading up to the America 250 mural recently completed in Franklin. “I appreciate the commissioners’ support on that,” she stated and added that financial support was key to “pulling it off.”

Hevener praised artist Kelson Thorne for the quick completion time despite periods of extremely hot weather and also rain. “It’s bad enough in the hay field,” he stated, adding “the heat off a parking lot is far worse.”

Humes responded that “he was glad to do it” and that local businesses helped as well. She gave as an example the Korner Shop providing a steady supply of its sweet tea.



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FES Students Earn Academic Recognition

Students at Franklin Elementary School are recognized for the following academic achievements.

Storybook Hero Club

PreKA (Simmons) — Tucker Hedrick and Isla Raines;
PreKB (Bailey) — Victoria Cook, Caroline Hebb, Ivy Latif, Kamryn Raymond, Greydon Verdoni, Liam Wheeler and Cora Wimer;
KA (Flanigan) — Cora Bowers, Emery Griffin, William Hedrick, Andrew Melton and Magnolia Warner; and
KB (Bennett/Keplinger) — Samuel Crites, Liam Dove, Colson Bland, Jace Eckard, Ryder Evans, Preston Forbus, Ruby Herb, Kaysen Kidwell, Ryker Lambert, Scarlett Plaughner, Gabriel Verdoni and Alaric Zaychenko.

A Honor Roll

1A (Ruddle) — Emerson Byers, Liam Kesterson, Rose Latif, Mason LaFollette, Brielle Mauzy and Easton Simmons;
1B (Nicely) — Cayde Ayala, Juniper Brooks, Catherine Eye, Rhett Hott, Naomi Nine-Miller, Olivia Seymour, Amelia Spillars-Auville and Connor Trenton;
2A (Mowery) — Raiden Boggs, Colt Hiett, Colin Kirk, Richard Spillars-Auville and Jada Verdoni;
2B (George) — Silas Flanigan, Carlea Hedrick, Mason Hinkle, Addyson Horton, Silas Kain, Jordan Mongold, Alby Nesselrodt, Waylon Ours, Makinley Simon and Violet Vanmeter;
3A (Kimble) — Micah Botkin, Charli Hiett, Layne Kimble, Jase Mitters, Lane Nesselrodt, Alastor Propst, Bryson Rexrode, Madelyn Trenton and Cash Varner;
3B (Dove) — Eve Hott, Paisley Hott, Kinley Minor, Maci Raines and Kylan Shriver;
4A (Griffin) — Abigail Cayton, Mia Dudley, Mason Mowery, Adara Plaughner, Kylie Raymond, Nathanael Vincell and Colton Whetzel;
4B (Eye) — Mattox Ayala, Josiah Botkin, Lola Brooks, Madalyn Griffin, Hunter Hedrick, Urban Jones, Kaci Keller, Ariel Martin, Maddie Nesselrodt, Rosalyn Nesselrodt, Emmett Sisson and Ryan Thompson;
5A (Triplett) — Gracie Hedrick, Dallis Hull, Eowyn Propst and Branson Purcell;
5B (Plaughner) — Sicily Flanigan, Stella Halterman, Luke Kimble and Adelynn Miller;
6A (Cook) — Olivia Caplinger, Harper Dempsey, Ella Dudley, Bella Kimble, Chloe Landon and Gracelyn Mongold; and
6B (Nine-Miller) — Tinley Basagic, Raelynn Bergdoll, Bristol Bowers, Michelina Browder, Colby Braham and Connor Raines.

AB Honor Roll

1A (Ruddle) — Addisynn Calkins;
1B (Nicely) — Alessandra Christian, Colt Mallow, Keraun Nibblins, Brielle Raines and Bryer Wood;
2A (Mowery) — Craig Bussard, Ruger Hartman, Jaylynn Hedrick, Ellanore Hoover and Kaleigh Kidwell;
2B (George) — Karma Calhoun, Hallie Hedrick, Harper Hedrick, Hugh Moyers and Gia Verdoni;
3A (Kimble) — Anasen Bishop, Wyatt Calhoun, Kane Gill, Evealynn Severance, Jonah Seymour and Zoe Souza;
3B (Dove) — Trenton Bowers, Charles Caplinger, Bryer Moyers and Braylee Propst;
4A (Griffin) — Brinleigh Bishop, Madison Borrer, Dani Hoover, Paisley Jackson, Madison Mongold, Kieley Wheeler and Leah Wheeler;
4B (Eye) — Sloane Donnelly, Dylan Harper, Finley

Harper, Chandler Mauzy and Karsyn Ruddle;

5A (Triplett) — Isaiah Botkin, Adalynn Brown, Greysen Eckard, Greyson Gilbert, Luke Gilley, Remington Kimble, Sunny Milstead and Jaedynn Severance;

5B (Plaughner) — Lukas Baldwin, Krislee Hammer, Shayleigh Landon, Landon Mallow and Ava Rose;

6A (Cook) — Graysen Alt, Hyrum Hartman, Brantley Hess, Conner Judy, Claira Kimble, Brynleigh Ruddle and Paxton Traub; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Arianna Cooper, Russell Eckard, Isabella Hoover, Wyatt Hott, Julian Jackson and Brantley Propst.

Citizenship

KA (Flanigan) — Beau Halterman and Magnolia Warner;
KB (Bennett/Keplinger) — Naomi Harvey and Preston Forbus;

1A (Ruddle) — Lyla Morgan;

1B (Nicely) — Rhett Hott and Olivia Seymour;

2A (Mowery) — Ruger Hartman;

2B (George) — Harper Hedrick, Hugh Moyers and Violet Vanmeter;

3A (Kimble) — Anasen Bishop and Jase Mitters;

3B (Dove) — Harlyn Hartman and Paisley Hott;

4A (Griffin) — Mia Dudley and Kylie Raymond;

4B (Eye) — Chandler Mauzy and Alexis Michael;

5A (Triplett) — Nikolai Miller and Jaedynn Severance;

5B (Plaughner) — Lukas Baldwin and Charlotte Kimble;

6A (Cook) — Gracelyn Mongold and Paxton Traub; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Arianna Cooper and Russell Eckard.

Top 5 Accelerated Readers

1A (Ruddle) — Liam Kesterson (180 points), Brielle Mauzy (66.5 points), Easton Simmons (64 points), Rose Latif (47 points) and Mason Ruddle (35 points);

1B (Nicely) — Olivia Seymour (177.1 points), Rhett Hott (167.3 points), Oliver Mowery (100.1 points), Amelia Spillars-Auville (94.4 points) and Alessandra Christian (85.4 points);

2A (Mowery) — Macie Kirk (28.1 points), Genevieve Wimer (27.1 points), Jada Verdoni (24.2 points), Raiden

Boggs (12.1 points) and Kaleigh Kidwell (10.4 points);

2B (George) — Silas Kain (286.3 points), Alby Nesselrodt (75.6 points), River Gilley (66.3 points), Hallie Hedrick (64.8 points) and Makinley Simon (63.5 points);

3A (Kimble) — Bryson Rexrode (97.7 points), Jase Mitters (78.7 points), Wyatt Calhoun (60.9 points), Micah Botkin (56.7 points) and Jonah Seymour (51.8 points);

3B (Dove) — Maci Raines (82 points), Paisley Hott (66 points), Kinley Minor (58.8 points), Charles Caplinger (52.5 points) and Eve Hott (51.9 points);

4A (Griffin) — Nathanael Vincell (157.2 points), Mason Mowery (148.8 points), Adara Plaughner (144.5 points), Colton Whetzel (112 points) and Abigail Cayton (111.3 points);

4B (Eye) — Maddie Nesselrodt (183.5 points), Urban Jones (179.6 points), Sloane Donnelly (134.2 points) Rosalyn Nesselrodt (not reported) and Mattox Ayala (not reported);

5A (Triplett) — Sunny Milstead (675.5 points), Adalynn Brown (251.8 points), Dallis Hull (153.1 points), Eowyn Propst (133.6 points) and Gracie Hedrick (119.9 points);

5B (Plaughner) — Adelynn Miller (95 points), Krislee Hammer (76.5 points), Stella Halterman (72.7 points), Adalynn Severance (69.6 points) and Sicily Flanigan (68.4 points);

6A (Cook) — Olivia Caplinger, Harper Dempsey, Chloe Landon, Gracelyn Mongold and Bella Kimble; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Bristol Bowers (109.4 points), Tinley Basagic (91.4 points), Bentley McLane (89.8 points), Julian Jackson (89.3 points) and Raelynn Bergdoll (89.1 points).

Principal Award

6A (Cook) — Claira Kimble and Chloe Landon; and
6B (Nine-Miller) — Russell Eckard, Destiny Michael and Brantley Propst.

Presidential Academic Award

6A (Cook) — Olivia Caplinger, Harper Dempsey, Ella Dudley, Hyrum Hartman, Bella Kimble, Gracelyn Mongold and Paxton Traub; and

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SNAP Healthy Choices Waver Discontinued

The West Virginia Department of Human Services, Bureau for Family Assistance, announced that at this time they are discontinuing the implementation of West Virginia's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Healthy Choices waiver while the state and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Administration evaluate next steps in response to *Aragon v. Rollins*, No. 26-861 (D.D.C. June 22, 2026).

The Healthy Choices waiver was approved by the USDA FNA and was intended to encourage healthier beverage choices by removing sweetened, carbonated beverages from SNAP-eligible purchases.

Following a federal district court decision issued on June 22, the USDA FNA directed participating states to discontinue implementation of approved SNAP Healthy Choices waivers. As a result, sweetened, carbonated bev-

erages are currently eligible for purchase using SNAP benefits in West Virginia, effective immediately.

Retailers should update their point-of-sale systems and related processes as soon as possible to ensure SNAP recipients can purchase eligible items using their Electronic Benefit Transfer cards without interruption.

DoHS is committed to using taxpayer dollars appropriately and to encouraging West Virginians to choose healthy food options. It will administer the SNAP program in accordance with federal law and USDA guidance while ensuring eligible West Virginians have access to their benefits.

Questions regarding the SNAP Healthy Choices waiver may be directed to the DoHS Office of Constituent Services at 1-877-716-1212, or by email DoHSPublicComments@wv.gov.

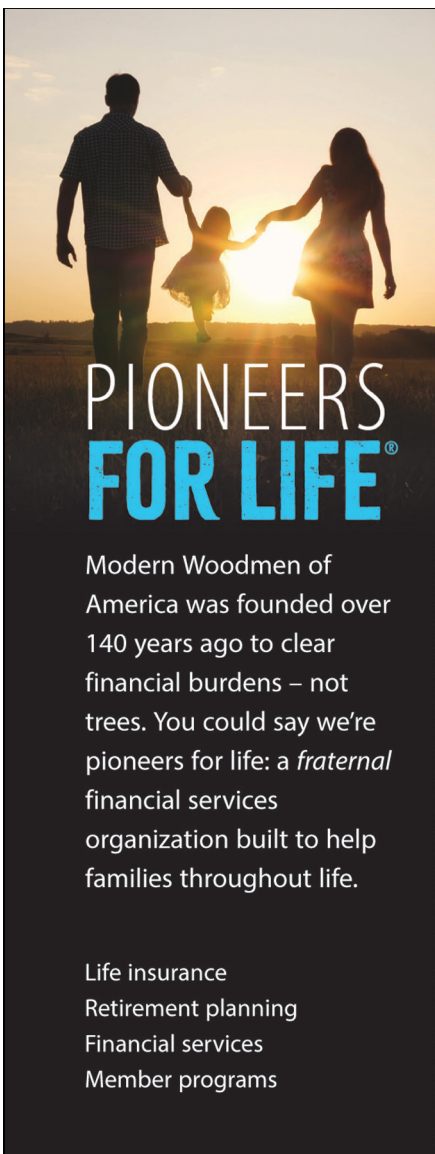
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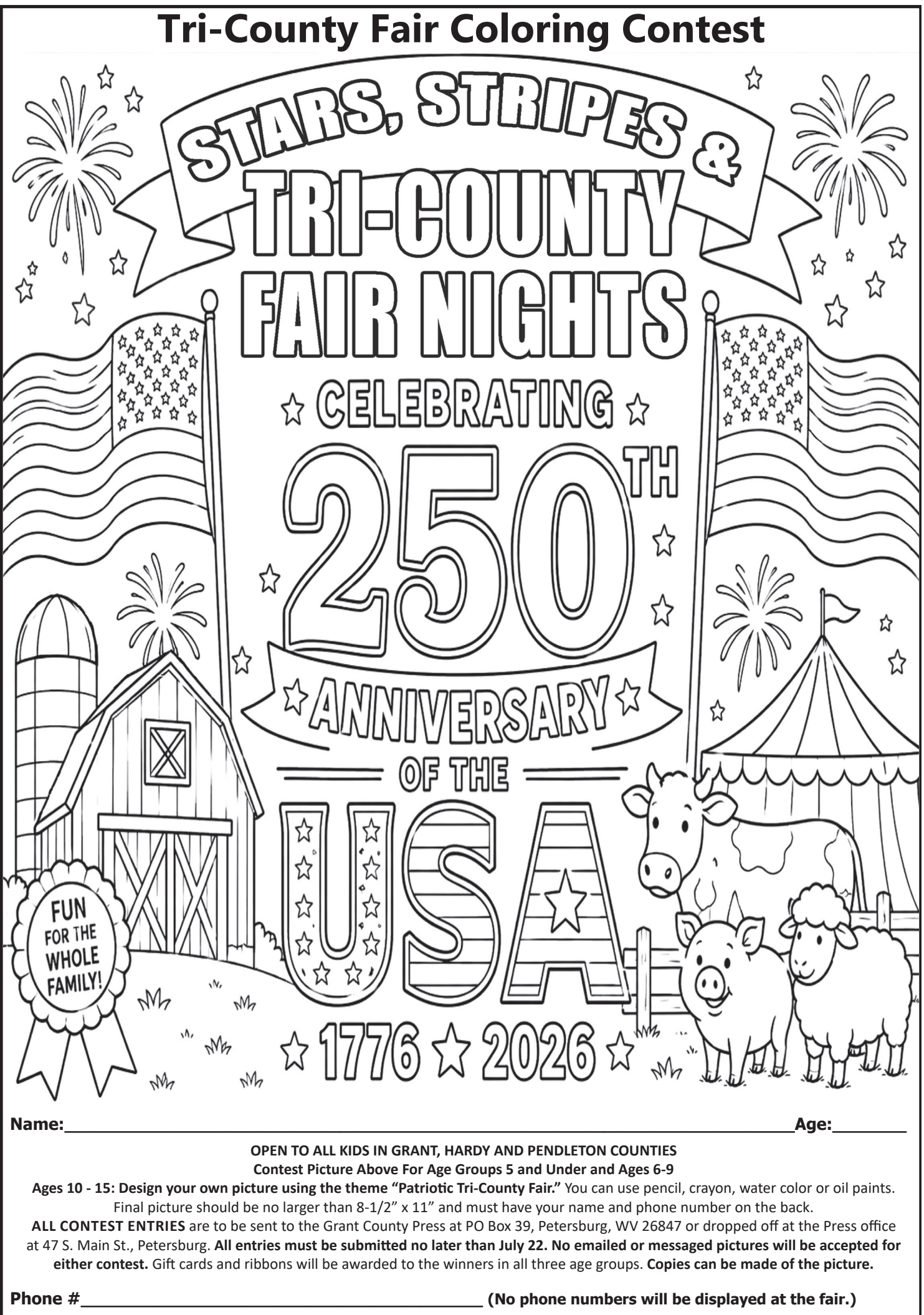
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In West Virginia, the National Insurance Crime Bureau reported nearly 400 vehicle thefts in 2024. The Chevrolet Silverado 1500 remained a primary target for theft within the state, accounting for 39 of those reported thefts. Because vehicle thefts typically peak during the summer months, the GHSP and NHTSA recommend that drivers follow these essential safety tips to protect their vehicles and valuables:

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Spruce Knob Gravel Road Race Celebrates Decade of Bicycling and Community

By Stephen Smoot

GRUSK stands for “Gravel Ride Up Spruce Knob” and has attracted increasing numbers of enthusiasts in each of the 10 years in which it has taken place. Centered around the Experience Learning campus on the mountain, it brings thousands to camp, eat, commune together, and also enjoy a number of different ride courses that offer different levels of challenge.

For four days, this piece of semi-level ground south of the lake area serves as the largest city in Pendleton County.

Travis Olsen of Marion County organized the event. He shared that “I grew up in West Virginia. My Dad

and I loved going fishing in the area” near Spruce Knob. Olsen remembered bicycle rides to fishing holes along country roads and how he developed a fascination for exploring them.

And as John Denver would agree, something about those “Country Roads” keeps bringing people back.

One of Olsen’s first adventuresome forays involved gathering his hardest companions and enduring New Year’s Eve bicycle treks from Whitmer to Spruce Knob. As more grew interested in joining him, “I decided to do this in summer when it was not so cold and miserable,” he said.

As he explored ways to set up an event, he “found out about Experience Learning”

and asked to partner with them. The organization has a campus on the mountain composed mainly of high elevation friendly “yurts” for living, conferences, and rentals.

Olsen remarked, “This venue is amazing!”

“I started small,” he remembers, with 113 riders in the first year. While looking back, Olsen thinks he “bit off more than I could chew,” as it has grown substantially over time. He reckoned that attendees from 17 different states converged last week to enjoy life on the mountain for four days. About 600 alone came to ride with many others coming along to enjoy a few Pendleton County summer nights.

“A lot of folks are coming to beat the heat from DC,” he said.

Like Moto Giro, the small motorcycle ride event that traversed Pendleton County and the Potomac Highlands in June, GRUSK started as a race and evolved into non competitive enjoyment of people and place. GRUSK offers multiple rides routes ranging from beginner level

to those designed to offer challenge to the most experienced and fit riders.

A beginning ride takes place mostly on a road with less of a grade to conquer. The long low grade is doable for those who do not ride often. One of the more challenging options runs 50 miles through Whitmer while another runs nearly 90 miles and goes through Glady. Options start at 25 miles and range up to 89.

The hardest of riders can elect to take on a route of more than 200 miles during a two-to-three-day period to get what Olsen called “a real tour of the mountains.”

Some bicyclists will stay in lodging along the way while others prefer “bike packing,” putting a back pack on and traveling by bike, camping where allowed.

“It’s not really a race at all,” stated Olsen. “It’s more of an organized group ride.” He explained that the focus on community to the exclusion of competition has fueled much of the interest.

Of course, so does the food. On one night, Experience Learning volunteers cook



More than 600 riders came to Spruce Knob for the 10th annual GRUSK event.

probably about 50 pounds or more of lasagna for hungry riders and whoever else has come to join the party.

“We put on a safe event, but we put on the best after

party,” he said.

Community also brings people out in huge numbers. The collection of recreational vehicles, campers, and tents becomes a big party where attendees gather around campfires in the sometimes chilly night air. They share food and drink, but also stories of the road.

Planning for the event that attracts many hundreds comes from “a very small core group of people.” Olsen directs day-to-day needs while also promoting the event in other areas.

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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~~

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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~~

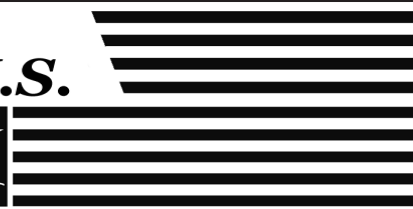
SGR056 Highland County property. Pasture, several year-round Springs, Hunting, High Speed Internet, Electric, 1.3 miles of public Road Frontage. Awesome view of Blue Grass Valley. ~~\$2,973,000.00~~

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~~

Perinatal Mental Health Conditions
If you feel sad, anxious, or overwhelmed for longer than 2 weeks after giving birth, or if these feelings are very intense, you may have postpartum depression. Common symptoms include feeling angry or moody, feeling sad or hopeless, feeling guilty, shameful, or worthless, lacking interest in your baby or activities, eating more or less than usual, unusual crying or sadness, withdrawing from friends and family, or thoughts of harming yourself or your baby. *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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2026 GMC SIERRA 1500 CREW CAB SHORTBED 4X4, 5.3 V-8, auto., ldd., white, only 300 miles.....\$59,500
2024 RAM 2500 CREW CAB SHORTBED 4X4 “BIGHORN EDITION,” Cummins diesel, auto., ldd., white, 58K miles
SPECIAL ~~\$48,500~~ \$46,500
2023 FORD F-550 CREW CAB LARIAT 4X4, 7.3 gas V-8, auto., ldd., burgundy, only 2K miles, new cond.\$69,500
2020 SUBARU F-750 CREW CAB & CHASSIS, 6.7 dsl., auto., ldd., air brakes, etc., white, 109K miles.....\$49,500
2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW SHORTBED 4X4, XLT sport pkg. 2.7 V-6, auto., ldd., silver, 118K miles.....\$24,900
2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCAB 6-1/2 FT BED 4X4, 5.0 liter V-8, auto., ldd., black, 90K miles.....\$24,900
2018 FORD F-250 S/CAB LONGBED 4X4, 6.7 diesel, auto., air, etc., white, 275K VDOT highway miles.....\$21,900
2015 FORD F-250 SUPERCAB LONGBED LARIAT 4X4, 6.7 diesel, auto., ldd., black, 138K miles\$29,500
2015 FORD F-450 CREW ALUMINUM FLATBED 4X4, 6.7 dsl., auto., ldd., white, ex. cond.SPECIAL ~~\$34,900~~ \$32,900
2011 FORD F-150 REGULAR CAB LONGBED 4X4, V-6, auto., air, etc., white, 180K miles.....SPECIAL ~~\$9,450~~ \$8,995
2008 FORD F-550 4X4 UTILITY TRUCK, w/ mechanic’s crane and auger, 6.4 dsl., auto., air, etc.SPECIAL ~~\$26,900~~ \$19,500
2003 FORD F-550 REG CAB 4X4 FIRE TRUCK, 6.0 diesel, auto., red, ldd w/accessories, only 45K miles
SPECIAL ~~\$49,500~~ ~~\$44,500~~ \$39,500

PASSENGER VEHICLES.....SALE
2022 FORD ESCAPE SE HYBRID AWD, 2.5 4-cyl., auto., ldd., blue, 65K miles, great MPG\$19,900
2022 SUBARU LEGACY 4-DR SEDAN “Premium Pkg.,” ldd w/options, perfect condition, charcoal, 111K miles
SPECIAL ~~\$19,900~~ \$17,900
2021 LINCOLN CORSAIR AWD SUV, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., silver, 82K miles, very sharp.....\$24,900
2020 SUBARU OUTBACK AWD WAGON, 2.5 liter, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., olive green, 114K milesSPECIAL ~~\$19,500~~ \$17,500
2020 NISSAN MURANO S AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., silver, only 75K miles.....SPECIAL ~~\$18,900~~ \$16,900
2019 FORD FLEX LIMITED AWD, 3.5 V-6, auto., ldd., black, only 30K miles.....\$18,900
2019 INFINITI QX60 LUXE AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., pearl white, 94K miles.....SPECIAL ~~\$19,500~~ \$17,900
2019 FORD EDGE SEL AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., charcoal, 131K miles.....SPECIAL ~~\$17,900~~ ~~\$15,900~~ \$13,900
2018 FORD EXPLORER XLT “SPORT PKG” AWD, 2.3 4-cyl., auto., ldd., dark cherry, 115K miles, very sharp
SPECIAL ~~\$18,900~~ \$17,900
2017 FORD EXPEDITION XLT 4X4, 3.5 Ecoboost V-6, auto., ldd., pearl white, 142K highway miles\$16,900
2017 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DR SPORT 4X4, V-6, auto., ldd., white, 89K miles.....SPECIAL ~~\$18,900~~ \$17,900
2017 JEEP WRANGLER SAHARA 4-DR HARDTOP 4X4, V-6, auto., ldd., charcoal, only 81K miles...SPECIAL ~~\$21,900~~ \$20,900
2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., copper color, 118K miles, sharp\$14,900
2014 FORD E-250 CARGO VAN, 5.4 liter V-8, auto., ldd., white, 140K miles.....\$12,900

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