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Secretary of State In Franklin to Thank PCER At Annual Dinner

By Stephen Smoot

Those coming to Sunday's Pendleton County Emergency Rescue annual dinner braved overcast skies, falling rains, and, in some areas, some water running over the roadway. Once there, they enjoyed the warmth of family-style fellowship as they remembered a year of service from one of West Virginia's sole all-volunteer ambulance services.

There to join in the celebration was Kris Warner, West Virginia Secretary of State.

Last spring, Warner was on his way to Franklin to honor centurion businesses, but lost control of his vehicle at the base of North Mountain, flipping it over. Quickly came help from local residents, including Jimmie Bennett, county commissioner, and the volunteers of PCER. In gratitude for their quick and professional assistance, Warner returned to Pendleton County to thank them.

The festivities opened with a prayer from Dave Ellis, who



West Virginia Secretary of State, Kris Warner, came to thank Pendleton County Emergency Rescue for coming to his aid after a springtime accident at the base of North Mountain. On Sunday afternoon, Tina Eye was master of ceremonies for the dinner.

stated, "We are thankful for the rains, Lord." Then Tina Eye, who served as master of ceremonies, read a book called "What the Road Said." The story told of an uncertain traveler asking the road about the pathways a person should take.

"It's fitting for our organization," she said.

The book took the form of questions from the traveler about life and the road answered with reassuring wisdom. One example was "What if I go the wrong way?" Eye

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Pendleton County Schools Rises To 10th in the State, According To Latest Schooldigger Rankings

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, Schooldigger released its nationwide rankings of school districts and schools. Each is ranked according to where it stands in its own state according to raw data, in the case of the Mountain State, what is released by the West Virginia Department of Education.

Pendleton County advanced during the course of last year from 15th to 10th in the state. Pocahontas County, another "1,400 floor" school system, placed ninth, showing the utility of the policy used to support counties with large geographical areas and small populations.

Schooldigger called Brandywine Elementary School "the clear standout, ranking 12th

in the state (97th percentile) with a 5-star rating. Its math proficiency (78.2 percent) is nearly double the district average, and its fifth-grade math proficiency is an extraordinary 90.9 percent."

Praise came in for North Fork Elementary as well for "remarkable improvement, jumping from the 29th to the 75th percentile in one year." Middle school grades at Pendleton County Middle/High School saw a dramatic leap from 97th in the state to 29th, compared to other middle schools in West Virginia.

The site shared, however, that mathematics posed challenges throughout the school system. Part of the high school's decline from 35 to 85 last year came in part from a drop in mathemat-

ics performance between middle and high school grades.

It should be noted that many students study mostly arithmetic until high school years, at which point they often face higher level math classes.

Schooldigger concluded that "the district's strength clearly lies at the elementary level, and replicating Brandywine's success across other schools while addressing the high school decline represents the district's greatest opportunity."

According to the Schooldigger website, information includes not only rankings, but also 20 years of historical data on them. Rankings come based upon "test scores and other performance metrics . . . hours after it is made available." A number of national education analysis entities also rely on Schooldigger information.

Jon Valant at the Brookings Institute writes that "there is considerable demand for ratings as families make judgments about schools." He points out, however, that information from Schooldigger, or other sites, relies on numbers, but does not provide context to those numbers or flesh out the different kinds of individual programs that each school system and school might offer.

For example, examining the rankings for Hardy County relative to other West Virginia systems, one would find them at 42nd out of 55. That said, Schooldigger does not inform those examining the rankings that test scores suffer in Hardy County because of the large foreign-born student population, some of whom have little familiarity with English.

Additionally, North Fork Elementary School offers a slate of unique programs connected to local non profits. This includes hands-on education in real maple production and marketing, as well as environmental science. Their ranking also does not reflect the unique opportunities that students enjoy at NFES, as well as the different creative programs and projects at FES and BES for students there.

Such rankings provide a valuable look at outcomes, but parents and others should use them as a foundation for more in-depth research rather than the end point of analysis.

'This Is Not Some Future Problem. It Is Here Now' Fixing the Lawyer Shortage

By Stephen Smoot

West Virginia loses a net of approximately 45 attorneys each year, and one-quarter of the private bar plans to retire in the next five years. "This is not some future problem. It is here now."

Isaac Sponaugle, Pendleton County attorney and former House Minority Leader in the West Virginia House of Delegates, is a third-generation attorney in Franklin. The retirement of his father, George, moved Pendleton County into "legal desert" status, having less than one lawyer for every 1,000 residents.

While comedians love to use lawyers as comic fodder, there would be no United States without the concept of rule of law plus dedicated professionals practicing within it. Some of the greatest legal minds of any nation in history, men such as John Adams and John Marshall, helped to create the United States and shape its nature under the Constitution.

A community cannot run without sufficient lawyers because so much of what individuals and businesses do touches the law at some level. "A courthouse without enough lawyers is like a hospital without enough doctors. The building is



Franklin attorney, Isaac Sponaugle, makes the case for young people to study law, then serve their hometowns or other rural communities in West Virginia.

open, but the help is not there," said Sponaugle.

Sponaugle explains that "people tend to think a lawyer shortage is a problem for lawyers. It is not." He goes on to add that "it is a problem for the family that cannot get a hearing scheduled, the farmer who cannot close on his land, and the child waiting for a courtroom that cannot find an attorney to represent her."

This creates barriers and challenges for the most vulnerable people who turn to the law for help or need a defense. "Too often, people must drive an hour or two to find a lawyer or try

to navigate the matter on their own," Sponaugle said.

During the past year, a commission empowered by the West Virginia State Supreme Court has studied potential solutions posed at the national level. Across the United States, state supreme courts have taken the lead on wrestling with the looming lawyer shortage in many geographic areas and importantly, in court-appointed criminal defense work.

One potential solution offered involves "easing restrictions for out-of-state lawyers to practice in West Virginia." For instance, the Mountain State has a higher bar exam pass score than most neighboring states. It also suggests lowering reciprocity requirements and fees for out-of-state attorneys to work in West Virginia.

Because individual practices and smaller firms tend to accept more court-appointed work, "the established commission recommends creating targeted opportunities for new or recent law school graduates to open small firms in rural areas." About 40 percent of individual practices and 25 percent of smaller firms will accept child abuse and neglect related court appointments.

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Town of Franklin Officials Discuss Courthouse Parking Access with Public

By Stephen Smoot

The Town of Franklin's regular August meeting had two major items for discussion, both concerning parking around the Pendleton County Courthouse.

Tim Thompson, a deputy with the Pendleton County Sheriff's department, came with a request for at least three dedicated, law enforcement only, parking spaces on Chestnut Street.

Currently, as Thompson stated, when "we have the inmate van, it has to park in the parking lot. He stated that both the sheriff's department and state corrections officials worry that the walk from the parking lot into the Courthouse allows for too much exposure. Thompson explained that sometimes the van brings those accused of serious crimes, including murder in for court purposes.

"We try to keep them away from the public for their safety, the public's safety, and our safety," Thompson explained, adding that one could foresee a scenario in which a victim's family could cause problems. Also "the lot is so packed," creating issues as well.

Thompson added that the town could probably identify six to seven spaces on Chestnut Street to mark off and requested at least three, four at the most. Should the town eliminate parking in front of the courthouse on Main Street, he said that parking on Chestnut Street would get even more difficult.

On Chestnut Street, the courthouse has a ramp that goes to a holding area for prisoners. That ramp provides minimum public exposure as well.

Frank Wehrle, Town of Franklin administrator, stated that the town could start measuring off spaces on Chestnut Street upon completion of paving there.

Unlike some streets in Franklin, the town owns Chestnut "wholly" and does not need to consult with the West Virginia Department of Highways.

Bob Horan, Franklin's mayor, stated, "I suggest we table this until we know what parking is available." Wehrle said, "Hopefully by next month, we'll know." Next came discussion on the proposed Ordinance 132 "to prohibit parking on both the west and east sides of Rt. 220/S. Main Street from the intersection of Walnut Street to the intersection of Chestnut Street."

Impetus from this had come from citizen concerns earlier in the year about visibility for vehicles turning onto South Main Street from Walnut Street. Parked cars hinder lines of sight, especially from the courthouse going south.

Wehrle reported to council that Jared VanMeter, execu-

tive director of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, expressed concerns about the loss of parking.

Jeff and Victoria Rhodes, owners of a business and home adjacent to the area, agreed with concerns of safety. They, however, stated that the problem lay not as much with lines of sight as the speed of vehicles coming into the southern end of town on US 220.

"If it's not 12, it's two dozen air braking trucks" per day, said Jeff Rhodes, who added that if trucks do that "they don't go slow." He suggested that the speed limit get stepped down to 40 prior to entering the town's 25 mile per hour limit and that law enforcement increase their presence there.

He also made the case for keeping the parking spots free on Main Street, especially if the

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Community Calendar

FES Open House Planned for Today

Franklin Elementary School will be hosting a 2026-2027 Back to School Open House from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today. Come tour the school and meet the staff. There will be food and ice cream trucks, free school supplies, "First Day of School" photos, and community information booths. The staff welcomes the students back to school.

Library To Show Movie Aug. 27

The Pendleton County Library is hosting its second movie beginning at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at the library. Attendees will view the documentary called "Small Town Universe." The film traces the telescope's history and role in the search for extraterrestrial life, the STEM opportunities it offers rural students, and the community's fight to protect it when funding is threatened. Admission is free, and there will be popcorn and drinks.

Free Community Meal Set for Today

12 Baskets - Free Community Meal will take place from 5 - 7 p.m. today at Thorn Spring Park. Attendees will make their own taco with beef, chicken, beans, rice, queso, hard or soft shells, chips and salsa, and all the fixins', dessert, and drink. All are welcome. Take out is available.

NF Baptist To Host Back-to-School Picnic on Sunday

North Fork Baptist Church will be sponsoring a back-to-school picnic and prayer at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Greer Lime pavilion. All students in the North Fork area and staff from North Fork Elementary School are invited.

Historical Society To Hold Public Meeting Sunday

The Pendleton County Historical Society will hold a public meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at the former Dr. Preston Boggs/Dr. Jasper Moyers home on Main Street in Franklin (across from the the library). Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and enjoy a tour of this beautiful, historic home.



Donning aprons and gloves as they volunteer for the annual welcome back breakfast for Pendleton County School staff were from left, Dayne Davis with Marilyn Propst and Betty Kimble, both Pendleton County Board of Education members.

OBITUARIES



**Larry Daniel
"Breeze" Smith**

Larry Daniel "Breeze" Smith, 59, of Monterey, Virginia, passed away Aug. 10, 2026 at his home.

He was born Aug. 25, 1966, in Alexandria, Virginia, a son of Bernice (Shifflett) Smith and the late Emmett Dale Smith.

Mr. Smith, also known by his CB handle, Breeze, was a retired over-the-road truck driver with 42 years of dedicated service to the trucking industry. During that time, he accumulated more than three million road miles, not one accident, and maybe a couple speeding tickets or more. Always known for his earnest work ethic and inability to sit idle, he took a position with the town of Monterey, Virginia, following his retirement. There, he enjoyed visiting with the townspeople and took pride in working for the betterment of the community. He faithfully maintained that position throughout his illness.

Amongst his many interests, he was a true outdoorsman. He was a passionate hunter and fisherman with many trophies to attest to his skill in the woods. Also, he loved his bikes and riding his Harley through the mountains of both Virginia and West Virginia. Additionally, he enjoyed playing electric guitar, as well as listening to and attending hard rock concerts, most especially his favorite artist, Ozzy Osbourne.

Surviving family members include his wife and best friend, Denise S. (Botkin) Smith of Monterey, Virginia; his mother, Bernice Smith of Monterey, Virginia; two step-children, Justin Botkin of Washington State and Ashley Trentzsch of White Sulphur Springs; a nephew, Dale Smith of Staunton, Virginia; a niece, Anna Mae Brown of Elkton, Virginia; an aunt, Patsy Varner and husband, Sonny of McDowell, Virginia; father-in-law, Dennis Botkin of McDowell, Virginia; grandmother-in-law, Beulah Botkin of McDowell, Virginia; sisters-in-law, Cindy Fawley of Moorefield and Roberta Stanley of Burnsville, Virginia; a brother-in-law, J.R. Botkin of McDowell, Virginia; a number of extended family members; the family cat, Chewy; and his friend's dog, Cooper.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Garry Smith.

A graveside funeral service was held Aug. 13 at the Monterey Cemetery with Chaplain Howard Pendley officiating. The family received friends immediately following the committal service at the cemetery, and during a meal of fellowship following the service in the Highland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Friends were also encouraged to call upon the family at other times at the homes of his wife and mother.

Active pallbearers included Trey and Colton Williams, Timmy Crafton, Dave Perryman, Ian Brown, Doody Conner, and Mike McMullen.

Additionally, Jay Garber and Larry's close friend, Skeeter, served as honorary pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Larry Smith Memorial Fund, c/o Blue Grass Valley Bank, PO Box 516, Monterey, VA 24465.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.obaughfuneralhome.com.



Justin Lee Good

Justin Lee Good, 41, of Circleville passed away Aug. 10, 2026, at his home.

He was born Oct. 6, 1984, and was the son of Peggy Jean Peck of Arbovale and the late Lee Glen Good.

Mr. Good worked at Pilgrim's, was a forklift operator at Interstate Lumber and

a logger. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time with his dog, Pie.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his girlfriend, Sylvia Hamilton; a sister, Jessica Bennett of Arbovale; three half brothers, Steven Good of Durbin, Curtis Good of Mill Creek and Daniel Good of Bartow; a niece, Carmen Wooddell; a nephew, Noah Good; and a great-niece, Alice Wooddell.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor William Vandevender officiating. Interment was at the Vandevander Cemetery.

Noah Good, Steven Hinkle, Nick Arcure, Preston Lambert, Michael Bennett, Kyle Pugh and Jeffrey Ross served as his pallbearers.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.

Secretary of State

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read that "the road curved a little, almost as if giving me a hug and said...sometimes we go the wrong way on our road to the right way."

When asked about several of life's common barriers that discourage people, the road responded "keep going, keep going, keep going." It also taught about leadership.

After concluding, Eye stated, "The only thing I can say to you is be a leader, be a leader in your squad. Treat everyone the same."

Dinner had something for everyone, serving up smoked brisket, pulled pork, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, rolls, potato salad, and cole slaw.

Later on, Eye presented the certificates of service and awards. She opened with reading the names of captains, including Angie Ellis for Franklin, Amberley Bennett for North Fork, Dennis Knically for South Fork, Will Hedrick for Upper Tract, and Eddie Caplinger for the tactical team.

Board members included Eye as president, Mike Alt, vice

president and training officer, Amanda Mowery, secretary, Stephanie Hartman, treasurer, Stacie Bennett, Pat Frank, Tim Kisamore, and Paul Clayton.

Eye then read off the years of service. With 10 years were Knically and Savannah Hoover; 15 years Angie Ellis, Caplinger and Sam Harper; 20 years Jeremy Schell and John Dove; and 25 years Doug Rupe. Bob Grimm was honored for 35 years of service.

On the list for numbers of calls responded to by individuals, Kim Hulmes responded 446 times in 2025, Grimm 246, Mark Verdoni 177, Mowery 133, Hedrick 126, Dave Ellis 109, Knically 104, Alt 102, Eye, 96, Donna Bowers 83, Amberley Bennett 75, Delmas Bennett 66, Ruby Crown 60, Bobby Davis 51, Angie Ellis 49, Rupe 46, Stacie Bennett 45, Charlotte Hoover 44, Jeremy Hedrick 32, Pat Frank 32, Katelyn Frank 31, and Addison Ross 31.

Next, Warner stood at the podium and delivered some brief remarks. He spoke first about 738 Lewis County homes wiped away in last month's flooding, sharing that he had helped with a fundraiser there. What the waters took away was significant. Warner shared that "they had no grocery store, no place you could buy any food in the county" with Walmart and other businesses submerged.

He then shared that the night prior to dinner he had come home with the sunroof open. Warner admitted that he forgot to close the sunroof and paid the price. "Problem was, when I got up in the morning, I went to get the car to come here and it had rained overnight." He joked that he could tell they had an inch and a half of rain because that was the depth of the rainwater in his car's cupholder.

Then the talk turned serious when he said, "Hey, you only think about auto accidents happening to others until they happen to you. You know, with the good Lord watching over me in Pendleton County, I walked away unharmed."

"When help was needed, the Pendleton County Rescue Squad answered the call," noted Warner. He gave special thanks to "captain Amberley Bennett, her husband, lieutenant Delmas Bennett, and their daughter, Stacie Bennett, who all answered the call that day." Warner added that "they also serve as dedicated volunteers of the Circleville Volunteer Fire Department."

"To each of you, thank you. Thank you for responding. Thanks for taking good care of me, and for the countless sacrifices you make for others every single day," Warner went on to state, speaking of the "selflessness and dedication" of volunteers who might "leave their houses on Christmas morning to go help someone they never met in their time of need."

After the conclusion of his talk, Eye returned to the podium to go award door prizes.

ASBURY'S
 — AT THE CAVERNS —
 Germany Valley Limestone Rd., Riverton

BACK TO SCHOOL

Cookout in Parking Lot Event

Saturday, August 22

Noon - 4 p.m.

Cash Menu

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pork BBQ, Watermelon, Ice Cream, Snow Cones

FREE Activities

- Corn Hole •Horseshoes •Basketball
- Disc Golf •Volleyball •Snow Cones
- Giant Slip and Slide

•Free School Supplies (while supplies last) •And More!

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR ALL PENDLETON COUNTY TAXPAYERS

The Pendleton County Assessor's Office reminds taxpayers of the following important 2026 deadlines:

- SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**
- **Business/Commercial Personal Property Forms** — Report inventory, machinery, office equipment, vehicles connected to business.
 - **Farm Use Land Discount Applications** — No applications will be accepted after September 1.
 - **Managed Timberland Discount Applications** — Initial contract must be completed before July 1, 2026, with application filed by September 1 through the West Virginia Division of Forestry.
 - **First-Half Property Tax Payment** — First half is due September 1, 2026.

- OCTOBER 1, 2026**
- **Personal Property Forms** — Report licensed personal property as required. Do not report vehicles with X-license plates or leased vehicles.

FARM USE DECALS
Farm Use Decals are **\$2.00 per decal**. You must be actively farming to qualify.

DOG TAGS

- **Pendleton County:** \$3.00 per dog
- **Town of Franklin limits:** \$6.00 per dog

Dogs must be licensed beginning at six months of age, including hunting dogs owned by county residents.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
Apply July 1–December 1, 2026.
Applicants must meet eligibility requirements, including being at least 65 years old by June 30, 2027, providing proof of age, owning and residing in the home, having the applicant's name on the deed, and meeting residency requirements.

DISABILITY EXEMPTION
Apply July 1–December 1, 2026.
Applicants must provide proof of total and permanent disability, be a Pendleton County resident, and own their home.
Please note: These exemptions do not make your property completely tax exempt. They reduce the assessed value of the home by **\$20,000** and do not apply to the land value.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS
Tax statements were mailed by the Pendleton County Sheriff's Office on July 15, 2026. Taxpayers receive one statement. Taxes may be paid in two installments:
First Half: Due September 1, 2026
Second Half: Due March 1, 2027
Online payments are available at WVPropertyTaxes.com.

Franklin Town Pool is GOING TO THE DOGS!

Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS) & Franklin Town Pool bring you...

Annual DOG SWIM
Tuesday, August 25
2 - 4 p.m.

All dogs must be Leashed and Vaccinated!

\$5 Donation Requested

Refreshments may be purchased.

Bring Towels & Get Set to Get Wet!!

PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, August 29 • 10 a.m.

Estate of David and Patricia Swecker
9602 Upper South Branch Road, Franklin

Directions: From Franklin, take 220 South 10 miles, past Cave Country Store on right. Watch for auction signs.

HOUSEHOLD AND ANTIQUES: Clark's spool cabinet, crocks, stone pitchers, brass bucket, lots of metal toys, glassware (depression, sponge, milk, China, crystal, pressed and stone), several coverlets, lots of local advertisements and political buttons, powder horn, lots of tins, Vapo-Cresolene, mantle clock, Smokey Bear, secretary desk, stamps, Harper family history book, ceramic Snoopy Avon, lunch box, U.S. saddle bag, Highland County Proud book, 1959 license plate, JFK items, lots of Longaberger baskets AND MANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE SHOWN ON NEXT WEEK'S AD!

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See photos and detailed item list at www.auctionzip.com.

Asbury's
 FAMILY RESTAURANT

Germany Valley Limestone Rd., Riverton

Friday, August 21 • 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Seafood Buffet
Crab Legs, Steamed Shrimp, Fried Calamari, Shrimp Creole, Scampi Style Scallops, Fried Clams, Fried Oysters, Roast Beef w/Gravy, Herb Baked Chicken Breast, Hush Puppies, Steamed Rice, Corn, Buttered Potatoes, Cheddar Bay Biscuits, Assorted Desserts **\$40⁰⁰**

Sunday, August 23 • Noon - 3 p.m.

Sunday Buffet
Mixed Green Salad, Pork Goulash, Texas Style Baked Beef Brisket, Teriyaki Chicken, Mashed Red Skinned Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Steamed Green Beans, Rolls/Butter, Assorted Desserts **\$30⁰⁰**

RESTAURANT HOURS:
Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.
(Sunday Buffet Noon - 3 p.m. Menu Items Available All Day)

Hayslett Is New CEO at Pendleton Community Bank

Neil Hayslett has assumed the role of chief executive officer and president of Allegheny Bancshares, Inc. and CEO of Pendleton Community Bank, succeeding Bill Loving following his retirement after 26 years of distinguished leadership.

A respected community banker with more than 35 years of experience, Hayslett has been an integral part of PCB's leadership team since joining the bank in 2020. During his tenure, he has served as chief banking officer, chief operating officer,

and most recently, president, helping guide the organization through significant growth, operational transformation, and technological innovation while preserving the community banking values that define PCB.

As CEO, Hayslett will lead the bank's strategic vision with a continued focus on consistent growth, innovation, operational efficiency, and delivering superior service to customers across the communities PCB serves. His collaborative leadership style, financial expertise, and deep understanding of the organization's culture position him to build upon the strong foundation established throughout the bank's history.

"For 26 years, Bill Loving has provided exceptional leadership and helped shape PCB into the strong, respected community bank it is today," said Chad Branson, chairman of the PCB board of directors. "On behalf of the board of directors, we are deeply grateful for his vision, integrity, and unwavering commitment to our employees, customers, shareholders, and the communities we serve. His legacy will continue to influence PCB for years to come. As we look ahead, we are confident that Neil Hayslett is the right leader to build on that lega-



Neil Hayslett

cy. Neil is dedicated to PCB and has earned the trust of our employees, customers, and board through his strategic leadership, sound judgment, and commitment to relationship banking. We are excited for this next chapter and believe PCB is well-positioned for continued growth and success under his leadership."

"For the past 26 years, it has been the privilege of a lifetime to serve as CEO of PCB," said Loving. "I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together and deeply grateful to our employees, customers, shareholders, and communities for the trust and support they've shown throughout the years. Neil is an outstanding leader who has been instrumental

in PCB's success. He understands our culture, our values, and our commitment to community banking. I have complete confidence in his leadership and know the bank's future is in excellent hands."

"It is an incredible honor to serve as CEO of ABI and PCB," said Hayslett. "I am grateful to the board of directors for their confidence and especially thankful to Bill Loving for his mentorship, leadership, and the strong foundation he has built over the past 26 years. I have said many times that I am incredibly blessed to have had the opportunity to work with and learn from Bill at this stage of my career.

PCB's success has always been rooted in relationships - with our customers, our employees, and our communities. As we move forward, we will continue investing in our people, embracing innovation, and delivering the personalized service that has defined PCB for generations. I am excited to lead this team as we build on our history, embrace new opportunities, and ensure PCB remains a trusted financial partner for generations to come."

Prior to joining PCB, Hayslett held financial leadership positions within the banking industry. He is a certified public accountant and earned a master of

science in accounting from James Madison University. Throughout his career, he has remained committed to strengthening the communities served by PCB through meaningful partnerships and economic development initiatives.

This leadership transition reflects PCB's continued commitment to thoughtful succession planning and long-term stability. As the bank enters its next chapter, it remains focused on delivering innovative financial solutions while maintaining the personalized service, local decision-making, and community commitment that have defined PCB as Your Bank for Generations®.

Pediatrician Continues to Stress Importance of Vaccinating Children

To the Times,

Dear friends, those people with grandchildren and children, and just everyone who cares about children here in Pendleton County and all through West Virginia:

For 36 years I worked with families and children helping folks stay well, and also heal after illness. We have big hearts here in Pendleton and I am so thankful you allowed me to practice as a pediatrician here, and trusted me to care for your children.

This letter is for all those people who love and value children. It is from me as a father, and as a pediatrician who dispensed advice, sometimes medicine, and always

vaccines to help children stay well. Over the years that I practiced, I never saw a truly adverse response to any vaccine. I certainly gave hundreds if not thousands of vaccines, including the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine in combination all at the same time.

Under the administration of a trained healthcare professional, vaccines are not only safe, they are protective and life-saving. With the respiratory illness season approaching, I strongly urge Pendletonians and all West Virginians who care for and love children to have those children vaccinated.

J. King Seegar, MD

MENU
Pendleton Senior & Family Services

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
Meatloaf
Parsley Potatoes
Green Beans
Strawberries

MONDAY, AUGUST 24
Stuffed Peppers
Glazed Carrots
Grape Salad

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
SPONSORED
Lasagna
Salad w/Fresh Spinach, Tomatoes & Carrots
Garlic Bread
Strawberry Fluff

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
BLT Wrap, Pea Salad
Cottage Cheese
Peaches

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
Pulled Pork Sliders
Mashed Potatoes
Lima Beans
Watermelon Slice
Banana Pudding
NATIONAL BANANA DAY!

Meal times are from 11:45 to 12:45. All meals served with 2% milk & a bread.
Reserve your meals.
Reservations served first.
Menus are subject to change.

304-358-2421

With Gratitude

The family of Ann Wimer would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers, and many acts of kindness that have been given at this difficult time.

We extend special thanks to Pastor Mike Loudermilk for his comforting words and the beautiful memorial service. We are grateful for the assistance of Basagic Funeral Home. Thanks to the staff of Pendleton Manor for the care and compassion shown to our entire family. Much appreciation to the Methodist Women for preparing a delicious meal for our family after the service.

We thank you,
Edwin (Coach), Lori, Tom, Elizabeth and Families

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Vaccines are safe, effective, and they save lives.
Vaccination helps protect your child's health.
Routine vaccinations during childhood help prevent 14 diseases. When 90-95% of a community is vaccinated for a disease, it is unlikely to spread.
Everyone 6 months and up should get a flu shot each year.
Talk to your provider today about the benefits of vaccines.

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Community Care, Inc.

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Healthy Saturday
August 29
6 a.m. - 9 a.m.

GRANT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION

NO September Healthy Saturday...Will be back on schedule in October

- Limited to **200** people.
- Appointment Only** ~ Please contact Julie Kesner at 304-257-5806 by August 27, 2026, to register.
- No walk-ins.
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Strict Codes for an Education Have Eased Within a Century

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

January came and decided to put on roller skates, and has been zooming right along in life, ever since. At the blink of an eye, one is looking at the end of August. The writer has reminded her husband to get busy and buy a Christmas present before December skates by. Only 131 days until Christmas!

Teachers are returning to their classrooms this week, with students attending the following week. The writer has a copy of the board of education school bulletin from 1915 which goes into detail the rules of conduct for teachers and students. Times have certainly changed!

- You will not marry during the term of the contract.
- You may, under no circumstance, dye your hair.
- Your dresses must not be any shorter than 2 inches above the ankle.

- You may not dress in bright colors.
- You may not smoke cigarettes.
- You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless attending a school function.

- You are not to keep company with men.
- You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.

- You may not loiter in downtown at ice cream store.
- Under no circumstances, you are not permitted in a liquor store.

- You must wear at least 2 petticoats.

To keep the school room neat and clean, you must:

- Clean the blackboards at least once a day.
- Start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m.
- Sweep the floor at least once daily.
- Scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water.

That day and time most teachers were female, rather than men.

Then lashes were the student’s punishment at the principal’s office for the following:

- Fighting at school (5)
- Boys and girls playing together (4)
- Telling lies (7)
- Swearing at school (8)
- For wearing long fingernails (2)
- For wrestling at school (4)
- Making swings and swinging on them (7)
- Coming to school with dirty faces and hands (2)

And so it was. Times have certainly changed!
Life’s little Instructions include the following:

1. Eat slowly.
2. Establish a consistent sleep schedule for better rest.
3. Check emails once a day.
4. Handwrite some birthday, anniversary, get-well, or sympathy cards.

5. Letting the person with just two items go ahead of a person in the checkout line.

Dog Days are over, and the community has appreciated what little rain has fallen. It has been enough to stop hay making for the second round. The river has not risen, and so it seems that

all of it has gone into the water table. Daily, the cows are meeting under trees. No doubt some of the conversation pertains to the amount of rain that may fall that particular day.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

“Sometimes the best things are right in front of you; it just takes time to see them.” — Gladys Knight

“Summer has filled her veins with light and her heart is washed with noon.” — C. Day Lewis

“Don’t get so busy making a life that you forget to make a life.” — Dolly Parton.

“You can’t get much done in life if you only work on the days you feel good.” — Jerry West

“No one ever said life was fair. Just eventful.” — Carol Burnett
Sitting under an umbrella is the best place to hear the “Talk of the Grove.”

The 75th annual Noah Eckard Reunion was held at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater, Virginia. Families and friends enjoyed the delicious food and discussing the history of the reunion which has continued for 75 years.

Wanda Pitsenbarger and Evelyn Varner motored to Staunton, Virginia, to visit Cleo Simmons and daughter, Jenna.

Proud grandparents, Dinah and Bennie Mitchell, welcomed their granddaughter, Jaynee Mae Addison, on Aug. 11. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20.5 inches. Her parents, Tyler and Blair Mitchell Addison, have welcomed her into their home in Grottoes, Virginia. Congratulations to the Mitchells and Addisons.

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

- Costco sold more than 185 million pairs of socks.

- Pineapples take two years to grow.

- Iceland consumes more Coco-Cola per capita than any other country.

- In 1905, popsicles were invented by an 11-year-old boy.
- Humans share 505 of their DNA with bananas.

Concerns are for Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Dave Basagic, “Bo” Boggs, Jeff Craig, Stanley Dahmer, Isaac Eye, Carl Gant, Sue Hall, Clyde Hamilton, Chip Harper, Amanda Heavner, Starr Hedrick, Keith Hoover, Mickey Huffman, Cynthia Hurry, Gary Jamison, Mike and Lisa Jamison, the family and friends of Ruthalene Judy, Tara Kelley, Stanley Kile, Keith Kimble, Lori Ann Lambert, Melissa Lambert, Skip and Roger Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Dottie Mitchell, Helen Nash,

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Courthouse Parking

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sheriff’s department gets dedicated parking on Chestnut Street. He explained that some businesses there would find it difficult to serve their customers without parking in those spots, especially those with less mobility.

“There is a serious impact,” said Victoria Rhodes. “We need to consider those affected businesses.”

Thompson agreed with the Rhodeses, saying, “They are correct. People fly when they come into town. When they hit that 25, they are still going 40.” He added that the north end of town on US 220 has the same problem with cars ignoring the step down speed and still coming into town too fast, but that carving out a 40 mph zone south of town could help.

Bruce Minor, town recorder, suggested that the town could emulate what the Virginia Department of Transportation did with construction at the US 33 and Interstate 81 interchange. Virginia used speed cameras that took snapshots of license plates. Thompson stated, “That would be great.” He shared that those tagged would receive a \$100 fine, but no civil penalties, such as points on a license.

Thompson added that the sheriff’s department cannot enforce in town and that a traffic camera could be very effective. He added that if Franklin established a town police department, “you could write a lot of tickets.” Town officials had discussed this in recent years and passed on the idea due to the cost of establishing a department.

Horan then said, “We need to research what we can do. It will be under the control of the state road. We’ll work with them any way we can.” He said to members of the public who came to add input that “I appreciate your comments and we’ll table the issue at this point.”

He went on to say, “I like the idea for the cameras” and noted that if a person gets enough tickets, it will change behavior.

Jared Rawson, council member, said that changing the speed will help, but won’t address the issue of lines of sight at the Walnut and Main intersection. Discussion included suggestions of making the area a “compact car only” location since most of the issues come from parked vans and pickup trucks.

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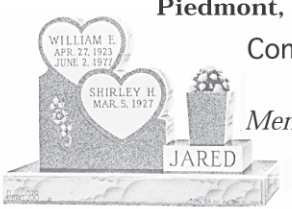
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THE RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET GOAT was exhibited by Jaelyn Rumer of Grant County. Rio General Store purchased the 76-pound goat for \$2,100.



THE SUPREME CHAMPION MARKET BEEF was exhibited by Paxton Miller of Grant County. Paxton Storage purchased the 1380-pound beef for \$7,000.



THE RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION MARKET BEEF was exhibited by Dallas Welton of Hardy County. Custer Farms purchased the 1395-pound beef for \$6,500.

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In response to a release of petroleum products from regulated tanks, the property owner/operator under the direction of the Tanks Corrective Action Unit of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) developed a draft corrective action plan (CAP) for the following site:

Former Long Mountain General Store
5735 Blue Grey Trail
Franklin, West Virginia
Facility ID #3610534;
Leak ID 2025-052

Subsurface soil is contaminated above the WVDEP action levels at the subject site as a result of a petroleum release from the underground storage tank (UST) system at the site. The petroleum contaminated soil will be excavated and transported to Tucker County Landfill for disposal.

The CAP briefly describes the extent of the release and details the proposed cleanup methods at the site. Copies of the CAP are available for public review at the following location:

WVDEP Office of Environmental Enforcement Tanks Corrective Action Unit
601 - 57th Street,
Charleston, WV 25304

Phone: (304) 926-0470
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Interested parties may submit written comments during the 30-day period beginning August 20, 2026 through September 19, 2026.

Correspondence should include the name, address and telephone number of the writer. It also should include the leak ID number and a concise statement regarding the CAP. Comments and/or questions should be directed to Tanks Corrective Action Unit at the above-referenced address. 1c

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee will, by virtue of authority vested in him by that certain Trust Deed dated June 25, 2021 by and between JONATHAN L. SIMMONS to Jeffrey S. Bowers and J. Stuart Bowers II, Trustees, securing the Pendleton Community Bank, Inc. in the payment of a certain Promissory Note, said Note now in default, and said Trust Deed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 169 at page 284, on

**FRIDAY,
September 11, 2026**

beginning at 10:00 AM, of that day at the front steps to the Pendleton County Courthouse, Franklin, West Virginia, offer for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder the following described real estate:

The following described tracts or parcels of real estate, together with any buildings and improvements thereon located, lying and being situate in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

TRACT NO. ONE:

That certain lot or tract of real estate, lying and being situate on the east side of Propst Gap Road about one mile southeast of the Town of Franklin in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a post on a line of Okey Bowers'; thence with new lines N. 49-1/2 E. 9.12 poles up a hill to an iron post on hillside; S. 73-1/2 E. 17.60 poles along a hillside to a post; S. 32 W. 9.36 poles down said hill to a post in a line of Okey Bowers' and with said line N. 69-1/2 W. (old call) 19.56 poles to the beginning, containing 1 acre, more or less, and being the same real estate granted and conveyed to Ciera D. Martin (aka Ciera D. Nine-Miller) and Dustin Nine-Miller, by Deed dated January 26, 2017 and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 202, at Page 257, who thereafter granted and conveyed the same to Jonathan Simmons, Grantor herein, by that Deed dated the 25th day of June, 2021, of record in the Clerk's Office aforesaid in Deed Book 216 at page 196, to which references are herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

TRACT NO. TWO: The following described tract or parcel of real estate, lying and being that certain triangular shaped lot or parcel of land, 1 mile from Franklin, on the Propst Road, in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, adjoining and between the lands of W. M. Boggs, the lot of Jacob A. Propst and the lot of the said Leah Bowers, containing 74-1/2 square rods, or 0.47 acres, more or less, designated in the 2020 Land Book of Pendleton County, West Virginia, as Tax Map 28, Parcel 26, and being the same real estate granted and conveyed to Ciera D. Nine-Miller) and Dustin Nine-Miller, by Deed dated May 12, 2017, of record in the Clerk's Office aforesaid in Deed Book 203, at Page 568, who thereafter granted and conveyed the same to Jonathan L. Simmons, Grantor herein, by that Deed dated the 25th day of June, 2021 of record in the Clerk's Office aforesaid in Deed Book 216 at Page 196, to which references are herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

The Grantor further grants and conveys to the Grantees, their heirs and assigns, all right of ways to the property herein conveyed, including, but not limited to, the right of way as more particularly set forth in a prior deed of conveyance, namely Deed Book 62, at Page 505.

This conveyance is made subject to all covenants, reservations, conditions, easements, and rights-of-ways created or mentioned in prior instruments of record affecting the property herein conveyed, as well as granting and conveying any and all rights of ways or easements of benefit for said property.

Said Substitute Trustee was duly appointed by instrument dated April 29, 2023 and of record in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office in Trust Deed Book 181 at page 13.

The real estate taxes are assessed on the 2026 Pendleton County Land Records in Franklin District on Tax Map 28, Parcels 25 and 26.

Reference is hereby made to all instruments in the chain of title for any and all pertinent purposes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

TERMS OF SALE

\$5,000.00 on day of sale and balance upon closing, not to exceed thirty days. Announcements made at sale take precedence over any written notice or advertisement.

Persons interested in the property may contact James Paul Geary II, 104 N. Main Street, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847, (304) 257-4155 or Darla A. Jones, Pendleton Community Bank, Inc. (304) 358-2311.

**JAMES PAUL GEARY II
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
P. O. BOX 218
PETERSBURG, WV 26847
(304) 257-4155 8-20-3c**

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until October 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):

Call 003
Contract 2025360007
State Project
S336-33-37.50 00
Federal Project
STBG-0033(529)
Description
ContWrkTyp
Hammer Strait - Oak Flats
Hammer Strait - Oak Flats
COUNTY: PENDLETON

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in (2024-C-000014-PENDLETON COUNTY-BDW MANAGEMENT INC)

To: EDWARD CLINTON GRANT JR., MICHAEL W. HOWDYSHHELL, JOHN M/DELANO, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SUGAR GROVE MAP 33 PARCEL 0012 0013 0000

You will take notice that BDW MANAGEMENT INC., the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2024-C-000014**, located in SUGAR GROVE District, .0637 ACRE FLEISHERS RUN which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GRANT EDWARD CLINTON JR, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PENDLETON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 12, 2025. BDW MANAGEMENT INC. requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after November 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before October 31, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 8512\$351.02

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification, with interest.....\$0.00

Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024-8643.....\$282.94

Additional taxes with interest.....\$0.00

Auditor's Certification, Publication and Redemption fee plus interest.....\$144.82

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.....\$533.31

Additional Statutory Fees with interest.....\$634.73

Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check\$1,946.82

You may redeem at any time before October 31, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand August 4, 2026

Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PENDLETON County, State of West Virginia

Return this letter and payment to the
WV State Auditor's Office,
County Collections Division
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

8-20-3c

accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be will received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. 8-20-2c

Advertisement and Expression of Interest

For Architectural/ Engineering Services

Pursuant to W.Va. Code §5G-1-3, The Pendleton County Board of Education is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from qualified firms to provide Architectural/Engineering (A/E) design and construction administration services for HVAC and Roof Replacement for Brandywine Elementary School and FY27 SBA NEEDS Projects, which are projects funded by the School Building Authority of West Virginia (SBA). In addition, this SOQ will include an "open-end" agreement for a period of three (3) years for

other A/E services needed throughout Pendleton County.

Qualified firms are invited to contact Nicole Hevener at nhevener@k12.wv.us or 304-358-2207 at the Pendleton County Board of Education Office to obtain a copy of the Statement of Qualification and submission requirements.

Statements of Qualification must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time on August 27, 2026, at the Administrative Office of Pendleton County Schools, 125 N. Main Street, Franklin, WV 26807. In accordance with the requirements of WV Code 5G-1-3, these statements will be evaluated, and the county will conduct discussions/interview with at least three firms which are deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required.

The Pendleton County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all statements from interested firms and to make the award in any manner deemed to be in its best interest in accordance with WV Code 5G-1-3.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PENDLETON COUNTY PSD PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA TROUBLESOME VALLEY WATER EXTENSION

General Notice

The Pendleton County PSD (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

TROUBLESOME VALLEY WATER EXTENSION

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received either in person at the Pendleton County PSD office located at 81 Evick Drive, Franklin, WV 26807 or through mail at PO Box 861, Franklin, WV 26807, until 1:00 PM local time on September 24th, 2026, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The method of bidding will be as follows:

CONTRACT #1 - Water line Extension

Unit price contract to provide and install 2,765 LF of 6" DIP and 8,050 LF of 6" PVC water line; 30 LF of 6" highway boring; 70 LF of steel casing; 9 gate valves; 3 air releases; 2 flushouts; 1 hydroconstant booster station; 1 traditional booster station; 43 anchor walls; and other work required to provide the complete system extension project.

CONTRACT #2 - Water Storage Tank

Unit price contract to construct one (1) water storage tank measuring 14 feet in diameter by 28.5 feet in height to the overflow with a nominal volume of 32,000 gallons, including the foundation, site work, site piping, and telemetry. Contract also includes access road and appurtenances to make a complete operating system.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Cerrone Associates, Inc., 97-14th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00AM - 5:00PM and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

The Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations:

1. Construction.com 1(800) 393-6343
2. Contractors Association of West Virginia, 2114 Kanawha Blvd., East, Charleston, WV 25311
3. Office of the Owner, Pendleton County PSD, 81 Evick Drive, Franklin, WV 26807

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of Cerrone Associates, Inc. located at 97-14th Street, Wheeling WV 26003. They may be ordered by check or online at the following webpage: www.cerrone1.com.

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents will be delivered electronically. If electronic sharing cannot be accepted, a thumb drive will be shipped upon payment of the following deposit:

Plans and Specifications:
Contract No. 1 - Waterline Extension \$ 50.00
Contract No. 2 - Water Storage Tank \$ 50.00

Printed copies will be shipped, upon payment of the following deposit:

Plans and Specifications:
Contract No. 1 - Waterline Extension \$ 250.00
Contract No. 2 - Water Storage Tank \$ 250.00

The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Pre-bid Conference

There will not be a Pre-bid conference for this project.

Bid Acceptance Period

This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for 90 days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: PENDLETON COUNTY PSD
By: DARRELL BODKIN
Title: CHAIRMAN
Date: 6/16/25 8-20-2c

Nicole Hevener
Superintendent of
Schools
Pendleton County
Schools 8-13-2c

Annual Public Meeting Notice 2026

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act requires Public Notice at least once annually informing the public of the means to access information about Hazardous substances that are manufactured, stored, and used within their community. The Pendleton County Local Emergency Planning Committee is hereby giving notice that any member of the public who wishes to review the Emergency Response Plan, Material Safety Data Sheets, Hazardous Chemicals Inventory Forms, and/or information concerning meetings, including notices, agendas, and minutes may do so at the Pendleton County Government Service Center, 81 Evick Dr., Suite 313C, Franklin, WV 26807 on Thursday, August 27, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 8-13-2c

West Virginia State Fire Marshal

Home Safety Assessment

Helping You Protect What Matters Most

The QR code links to a brief survey that provides vital, non-personal, information and also fire safety education.

West Virginia State Fire Marshal Releases Home Safety Survey

By Stephen Smoot

Ken Tyree, West Virginia State Fire Marshal, would like to ask a few minutes of a person’s time.

The time invested now could pay off in saving a life.

The United States Fire Administration reports that in 2023 West Virginia experienced 5.5 deaths and 7.6 injuries per 1,000 fires. Deaths came in at more than double the national average of 2.1 and higher than the injury rate of 6.4.

When it comes to residential deaths and injuries, the numbers grow more ominous. In 2023, the Mountain State saw 15.8 deaths per residential structure fire, triple the national average. Injuries in residential fires, 19.7 per 1,000, matched the national rate.

With fire departments around West Virginia and across the nation seeing challenges on multiple fronts, every potential measure to bring those numbers down deserves consideration. Tyree found one opportunity online.

“I was on the ‘net’ and a person I didn’t even know was pushing . . . community risk reduction,” he shared. That took him to a company called Virtual CRR, who now has provided the West Virginia Fire Marshal’s office with a new tool to help to educate and prevent fires and related death and injury. It takes the form of a simple survey that Tyree hopes every West Virginian and some point will answer.

Doug Mongold, chief of the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department, explains, “It is important because we are trying to get information to help lower the fire death rate.” Tyree calls that death rate “unacceptable.”

The survey works along multiple tracks.

www.pendletontimes.com

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**FOR PHOTOS AND MUCH MORE ABOUT THESE PROPERTIES VISIT
WWW.SUGARGROVEWV.COM**

SGR422A 1.891 Acres, w/3,637 sq. ft., 3 Bed, 3 Bath Brick home located in Franklin Corp. LP Furnace, Heat Pump & Baseboard Electric, Public water & sewer. Barn, Camper Shed and Garage. **\$429,000.00.**

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, WaSOLD Outbuilding-Wood Shed. Very well maintained. Located in Dry Run area. Shared ROW. Franklin District, Pendleton Cty. **\$180,000.00.**

SGR410A 1492 Dice Warner Road, Circleville, 3 Bed, 2 Bath, log siding, stone fireplace, Hard Gap, gorgeous mountain views, 2 living rooms, propane heat/AC and a forced air wood furnace. House being sold "AS-IS." **\$249,900.00.**

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.**

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.**

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 REDUCED \$879,000.00.**

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. **\$919,000.00 \$899,000.00 REDUCED \$849,000.00.**

SGR385A 11.54 Acres w/3+ Bed, 3 Bath Cabin located in Buck Ridges Dvlpmnt. Screened porch, Deck, Stone Patio, Private Pool, Hardwood, 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. **\$399,000.00 REDUCED \$379,000.00.**

SGR382B 35 Acres, Strauter Rd, Buddle area. Year-Round Spring, Bull Pen, Hunting, Hunting. Life Estate on 6 Acres. Franklin District. **\$169,000.00.**

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 REDUCED \$270,000.00.**

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

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.**

American Legion Post 30 Elects Officers



The American Legion Post 30 in Franklin installed new officers at its July 3 meeting at the Franklin Moose Lodge. Newly installed officers are, from left, Gene Boggs, judge advocate; Allen Moats, sergeant-at-arms; Mary Wadsworth, finance officer; Jack Bowers, chaplain; Tom Calhoun, adjutant; Steve O'Toole, first vice commander; and Steve Conrad, post commander. The American Legion is the nation's largest service organization advocating for veterans, service members and military families. All honorably discharged veterans are eligible to join.

Fixing the Lawyer Shortage

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Also, all too often, younger attorneys do not grasp the allure of small-town law practice with its much lower cost of living and ease of building networks while providing a superior environment in which to raise a family. A little more than eight percent of younger lawyers practice in counties with smaller and more sparse populations.

The commission calls upon the West Virginia University School of Law and other statewide legal resources to create structures that encourage the creation of small town practices. This would include an “incubator” structure as well as mentorship for the early years of professional development. Only 14 percent of solo practicing state lawyers report having had this advantage.

Low interest loans for starting a practice, as well as student loan forgiveness for rural practice would create more incentives. Student loan forgiveness for teachers to work in underserved areas, for instance, have helped to bring some, if not enough, professionals in that field to these areas.

Also similar to what the field of teacher education has pioneered, the com-

mission encourages the establishment of alternative pathways to enter the legal profession in addition to the traditional degree track.

Law school and degrees conferred serve as a modern pathway to the law, but some of the great legal minds learned differently. John Adams, one of the greatest legal minds in history, a Founding Father, and second President of the United States, “read” for the law, as they used to say.

As David McCullough writes in his biography, Adams “signed a contract with a young Worcester attorney, James Putnam, to study ‘under his inspection’ for two years.” Adams moved in with Putnam, teaching during the day and performing conducted studies in the law in the evenings, powering through the 14 volumes of Thomas Wood’s work on the laws of England, Lord Coke, and other foundational texts.

“Can you imagine any drier reading?” Adams later joked to fellow Founder Dr. Benjamin Rush. Putnam also charged \$100 for his tutoring in the field. In what little spare time he had, he translated Justinian’s work on Roman law and chopped a great deal

of firewood.

Adams also attended court to observe “the greatest lawyers, orators, in short, the greatest men in America.” Admission to the bar came only after a thorough, several hours long interview with Jeremiah Gridley. Upon completion, Gridley urged the brilliant young man only lacking in confidence that he ought to “pursue the study of the law itself rather than the gain of it.”

In this hands-on way was birthed, alongside John Marshall, the best American legal mind. About 25 years later he shocked the world by winning acquittals for the British soldiers accused of murder in the Boston Massacre. The commission’s closest recommendation to this comes in the suggestion for law clerk or law office centered study, as well as practice portfolios “reviewed and scored by the board of bar examiners. Another possibility lay in limited privilege conferral to work in support of a more established professional.

The commission does outline possible expansions of WVU Law School into more remote and online learning. The commission also recognizes the limitations of resources to the flagship university at the present time.

What the commission did not recommend was a program to promote rural law practice. It analyzed the statistics of where young lawyers practice and assumed that incentives provided the main means of attracting lawyers to smaller communities, especially in a time when younger generations seek more from a career than simply a solid paycheck.

“I have never once regretted the decision to practice law where I’m from,” noted Sponaugle. He explained that the sense of connection to clients brings more to the job, saying, “My clients are not file numbers. They are people I will see at the store on Saturday. Your clients are your neighbors and the problems you help solve are their problems.”

Additionally, attorneys have more opportunity in smaller communities. “In a small town,” said Sponaugle, “a young attorney does not have to wait 10 years to get into the courtroom or handle a case that truly matters. One gets thrown in quickly to try cases, handle land transactions, and probating estates.”

While specializing is tough in a smaller community, one can enjoy the fact that “no two weeks are alike” with the broad variety of cases to engage. “You never stop learning,” he added.

“The report makes clear that the demand is there. What we need now are young people to answer it,” he concluded.

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Gene Boggs - 304-668-2982 Angie Nelson - 304-358-2524

NEW LISTING - DRY RUN - FRANKLIN DISTRICT - 6.01 acres w/3 BR, 2 BA trailer, excellent condition, w/deck, swimming pool, washer, dryer, refrig., public water, metal roof, out bldg., new 35x36 metal shop w/heat and air, good hunting, views, private. \$198,000.

BRANDYWINE - 3-4 BR, 2 BA brick w/stone hill-in-garage, 20'x40' pavilion, creek, on 2.01 ac. **\$299,900 Under Contract**

FRANKLIN - 2 BR, 1 BA Lindel wood siding home on 2.26 acres. **\$180,000 \$170,000 \$160,000.**

FRANKLIN - 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 story Pre-Civil War home with basement in town. 2 apartments, detached. Paved parking area. \$310,000.

SMOKE HOLE - 13.93 +/- ac., adjoining National Forest, 2 story cabin, 3 rental cabins, 2 ponds. **\$849,000 \$749,000 or best offer.**

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