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A tractor trailer lost control and crashed in the opposite side lane on Horseshoe Curve on Allegheny Mountain. Photo courtesy of Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management.

Allegheny Mountain Tractor-Trailer Accident Revives Concerns About US 33

By Stephen Smoot

In 2015, Gene McConnell, Pendleton County Commission president, approached the office of United States Representative Alex Mooney. He requested any help possible in providing major safety upgrades along the most dangerous curves on the eastward facing slope of Allegheny Mountain where United States Route 33 clings to the side of the steep ridge, curving in several places. After the close of McConnell's tenure, Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, opened a long-term campaign addressing the West Virginia Department of Transportation. His message has been consistent. Without infrastructure that will arrest the gravity spurred speed of an out-of-control tractor trailer or other large vehicle, at some point there will be significant loss of life.

Last Thursday night, a tractor trailer overturned on Horseshoe Curve after losing control. While, fortunately, there was no loss of life, "the driver suffered injuries and was transported to Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg by Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, North Fork Unit."

A Facebook release from the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management explained that "the rig crossed the oncoming lane and overturned as it struck the guardrails, splitting open the box trailer, while coming to rest on its side,"

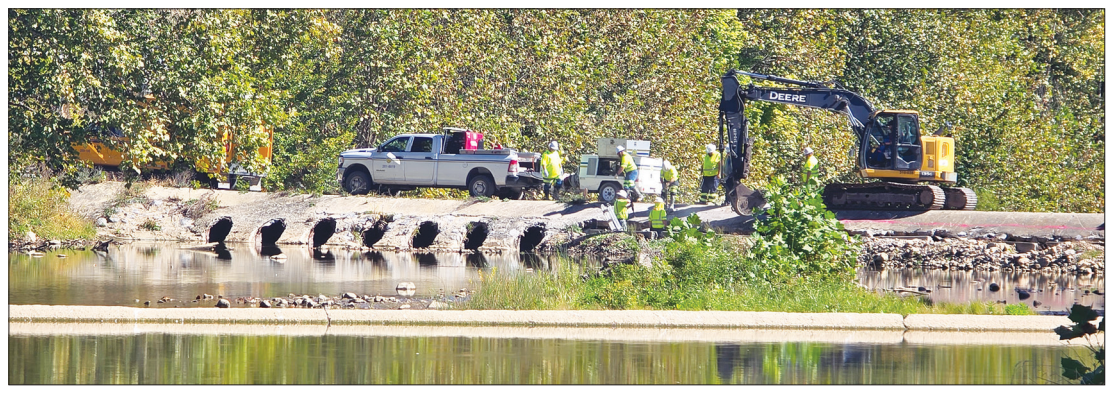
In repeated past statements, Gillespie has described the danger in that very scenario, once sharing his fear that out-of-control trucks would cross into the oncoming lane and hit a school bus or some other vehicle. He added more recently that "oncoming drivers have zero visibility around the tight turns and no shoulders, or anywhere to go, to escape the runaway truck."

During the Jim Justice administration state transportation planners added, then removed, a $70 million project to construct a truck escape ramp. Money there got reallocated with a substitute plan of "a large retaining wall and install reinforced guardrails . . . the guardrail project is intended to keep vehicles from going off the side of the mountain" as stated in a 2023 release from the West Virginia Department of Transportation. Gillespie said at the time, "It does nothing to address the crashes that occur on the downhill Horseshoe Curve and the one below it." McConnell's concerns also centered around the nearby "Dead Woman's Curve."

Gillespie proposed the "real fix" at that point, "a large-scale project of entirely new road alignment, including adequate safety features such as the Catch-Net System." This "truck arrestor system" uses

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Low Water Bridge Gets Attention



West Virginia Department of Highways crews worked to shore up the low water bridge at Franklin last week. The low water bridge road will be closed through Oct. 30 for emergency repairs.

BOE Holds Regular Meeting at BES



Ryan Lambert hosts Pendleton County Schools officials and the board of education at Brandywine Elementary School.

By Stephen Smoot

Every school year, the Pendleton County Board of Education takes a road trip to each of the schools in the system. There, they hear from representatives of the administration, faculty, and local school improvement council. The purpose of these visits lies in maintaining connections between the Board and central office on one hand and the schools on the other. It gives the schools a chance to offer feedback and make requests, but also toot their own horns about their own

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County Commission Approves Transfer Of Community Building to FVFD

By Stephen Smoot

"Lord, we thank you for your blessings and your guidance," prayed Roger Dahmer, commissioner, to open the initial meeting of October. Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting opened.

Hevener shared first that "I'd like to thank everybody for the successful event last Friday." Karen Pitsenbarger, county administrator, echoed the sentiment, saying, "It went well. We had a good turnout and nice weather." Dahmer stated that his unofficial headcount topped 60 in attendance to recognize about 25 years of work to get the structure completed.

During the proceedings, the Pendleton County Commission approved transfer of the community building to ownership by Franklin Volunteer Fire Department. At Dahmer's urging, they voted to require FVFD to continue providing operational space for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue. The commission also declined to add a clause that would require FVFD to turn the property back over to the county commission if they ever chose to stop using it for their needs.

Lois Carr was recognized to speak on behalf of the Potomac Valley Conservation District. She and Charlotte Hoover had come in the previous meeting to propose that Pendleton County pass a nonbinding resolution opposing data center and solar panel construction, as well as extension of transmission lines through the state. These resolutions are public statements and have no force in law.

She stated that transmission lines did not bother her personally so long as they followed mountains instead of farmland rich valleys, but "my

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Community CALENDAR

Library To Show Movie Oct. 22

The Pendleton County Library is hosting a family movie night at 6 p.m. Oct. 22. Ghostbusters will be shown. Admission, popcorn and drinks are free.

Come for a spooky, fun-filled movie night.

Revival Service To Be Held at Riverton

A revival worship service will be held this weekend at the North Fork Apostolic Church with Jodie Wilson as guest speaker. Services begin at 7 p.m. Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. The church is located beside the highway department in Riverton.

Circleville Fire Presentation Set

The Pendleton County Historical Society will hold a public meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Circleville Presbyterian Church. Rhiannon Phares will speak about the Circleville fire which took place April 20, 1915.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and enjoy the presentation.

County To Receive Funding To Help Those Recovering from July Flood Damage

By Stephen Smoot

On July 21, a severe series of storms passed through large sections of northern and eastern West Virginia creating damage to structures and highways, as well as causing damage from debris and rain-saturated hillsides. Last Thursday, President Donald Trump's approval of disaster funding was announced by West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey.

Kanawha, Harrison, and Fayette counties were approved for individual assistance, while the state's appeal on behalf of Boone and Logan counties was denied.

Public assistance will go to Pendleton, Tucker, Randolph, and eight other counties.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Administration that agency "provides two main types of assistance following a presidentially declared declaration: individual assistance and public assistance." It defines individual assistance as "direct financial assistance to eligible individuals and families who have sustained losses due to disasters" and can help with both "uninsured or underinsured basic critical needs." Assistance can cover rental assistance, lodging expense reimbursement, home repair assistance, "financial assistance to uninsured or underinsured disaster-caused personal property losses," and other needs, including sanitation and cleaning assistance.

Applicants need a description of the damage, applicant contact information, 911 address "at time of the disaster," insurance company, if appropriate, annul household income, bank account information for direct deposit, and any need for accommodation in application under the Americans with Disability Act.

Pendleton County qualified for public assistance. This refers to "supplemental grants to state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, and certain types of non-profits, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies." Those non-profits could include schools, churches, hospitals, or public utility districts. Also "the public assistance fund is intended to benefit the public – neighborhoods, cities, counties, and states." This designation could likely also include local conservation districts as well.

Grant funding can cover the cost of "emergency protective measures and debris removal (emergency work)." It can also cover "permanent restoration of damaged facilities" such as highway or road infrastructure, "water control facilities, utilities, public buildings, and parks in designated areas." Funds can also create "effective hazard mitigation to protect facilities from future damage (permanent work)." Other areas covered include clean up of disaster-related debris and restoring buildings and equipment of the qualifying non profits or government facilities.

That funding comes on a cost-share basis. This means that the federal government covers the majority of the cost while non federal entities cover the remainder.

PCHS Homecoming Royalty Announced



Pendleton County's homecoming king Jeremiah Kobetic and queen Callie Judy were crowned at half time during Friday night's football game with Bath County. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion

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PENDLETON COUNTY

CONGRATULATIONS
PCHS GOLF TEAM
ON CONSECUTIVE TRIP TO STATE

Obituaries



Clinton Reed Kimble

Clinton Reed Kimble, 88, of Petersburg passed away Oct. 7, 2026, at E. A. Hawse Healthcare Center in Baker.

He was born on Feb. 19, 1938, in Franklin, the son of the late Clinton Raymond Kimble and Marguerite (Dice) Kimble.

Mr. Kimble was a 1956 graduate of Franklin High School.

He served in the United States Army.

He worked for Osmose, Pepco, and retired from Allegheny Power.

He faithfully attended Riverside Church at Cabins until his health no longer permitted.

On April 11, 1965, he married the love of his life Bernice (Strawder) Kimble who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory a sister, Nancy Gonshor of Franklin; and three nephews, Charles Frye III, Alan Propst and Kevin Gonshor; and three nieces, Kathy Crowder, Kelley Kimble and Susan Bennett.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Kimble; three sisters, Phyllis Frye, Betty Propst and Kitty Swanda; a nephew, Robert Gonshor II; and his best buddy, Barrett.

A funeral service was held Saturday at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Peterburg with Pastor Tommy George officiating. Interment was in North Fork Memorial Cemetery at Riverton with military honors by the Grant County Veterans Honor Guard and the United States Army Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverside Church, PO Box 157, Cabins, WV 26855.



William "Billy" Wayne Warner

William "Billy" Wayne Warner, 92, passed away peacefully on Oct. 9, 2026, in Naples, Florida.

He was born on Oct. 19, 1933, at Zigler, now Smith Creek, the second child of the late Virgil Edward and Beulah Elizabeth (Hartman) Warner.

Mr. Warner grew up on the family farm in Smith Creek. When he was five years old, his mother passed away. In the years that followed he and his two sisters were joined by three additional siblings from his father's second marriage to Evelyn Mae Vandevander.

He attended Franklin High School and graduated in 1951. He left Pendleton County for Bridgewater College where graduated in 1955 with a bachelor of arts degree in English and later received a master's degree from West Virginia University.

During his service in the Marine Corps he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. When he joined the University of Maryland Overseas Program in Europe he went to Wiesbaden, Germany, to teach. There he met his wife, Lieselotte "Lisa" Theis, who was a registrar for the university. The center of his life was then in Germany, and there he later returned to the military as a civilian. He was a United States Forces liaison officer in Germany for more than 25 years. His lifelong interest in history, especially the Civil War, and politics, as well as his talent for writing proved helpful for the occupation. His profound German language skills were a valuable asset.

After his retirement in 2002, he and his wife moved to Naples, Florida, where they enjoyed many happy years as retirees in Southwest Florida and their children and grandchildren, taking many trips to see them there.

His wife, "Lisa" Warner passed away in March 2021, shortly after their 54th wedding anniversary.

They leave behind a daughter, Audrey Allison Elizabeth Koehler with her husband, Walter; and a son, William Alexander Warner. He was the beloved "Opa" to three granddaughters, Kiana, Maela and Emily, all of Germany. He is survived by his sister Rachel Ruddle.

He was also preceded in death by sisters, Doris Alice Bennett and Shelda Jean Warner; and brothers, Wilson Joseph Warner and Harry Allen Warner.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

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



Velma June (Simmons) Lantz

Velma June (Simmons) Lantz, 86, of Franklin passed away on Oct. 6, 2026, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1939, in Zigler, the daughter of the late Virgie Mae (Hartman) and Joseph Arvil Simmons.

Mrs. Lantz was a loving, hardworking woman. She stopped attending school after the eighth grade to work and help her parents and siblings, bringing in extra income to support their large family of 12. She began employment as a homemaker at the Mitchell Homestead in Upper Tract. This is where she met her future husband and father of her children, Arthur Guy Mitchell.

After she was married, she was employed by various households and businesses in the town of Franklin as a housekeeper during the years.

In her downtime, she enjoyed sewing, bird watching, cooking, baking, puzzles, and spoiling her granddaughters as they were growing up. She loved classic country music, the Andy Griffith show, and listening to the radio each morning as she enjoyed her coffee.

On Oct. 19, 1962, she married Arthur Guy Mitchell, who preceded her in death. She later married Ned Lantz, who also preceded her in death.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory two daughters, Diana Mitchell and Tina Mitchell (Jose Pomales), all of Franklin; a son, Arthur Guy Mitchell, Jr. of Franklin; two granddaughters, Maria Pomales (Theo Young) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Sara Dyche (Cody) of New Creek; two sisters, Sally George of Riverton and Bonnie Simmons of Franklin; three brothers, Perry Simmons (Linda), George Simmons (Edna Lou) and Lacy Simmons, all of Franklin; two sisters-in-law, Annalee Mitchell of Franklin and Lorella Mitchell of Circleville; two great-grandsons, Garrett Dyche and Eli Dyche, both of New Creek; and many nieces and nephews who were dear to her heart.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Robert Jackson Mitchell; three sisters, Shirley Alexander, Gilda Meadows, and Judy Simmons; and a brother, Reford Simmons.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Eddie Hammer officiating. Interment was at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to Pendleton Manor or Grant County Hospice.

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



Sheldon Leo Ruddle

Sheldon Leo Ruddle, 81, of Franklin passed away Oct. 8, 2026, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

He was born on July 2, 1945, in Ruddle, the son of the late Alvin Moore and Ethel Marie (Hartman) Ruddle.

Mr. Ruddle was a fun-loving man with a big heart, a loving spirit, and a playful sense of humor. He loved to joke and tease, and that warmth and lightheartedness brought him joy.

During his working years, he worked for Neilsen Construction and several sawmills, including Western Fence, Mullenax, Sisler and Kessel Lumber. He loved to saw wood and mow, and he took pleasure in staying busy.

He was also known on the CB radio by the handle "Shotgun," a detail that will bring a smile to those who knew him in that part of his life.

He found happiness in familiar comforts, simple things and quiet moments. He loved sitting in his chair, watching the deer and the cats. These were the kinds of moments that suited him well and reflected the personality so many appreciated, easygoing, loving, and full of heart.

On July 7, 1968, he married Angeleta Mae "Ann" (Simmons) Ruddle, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory two sons, Roy Ruddle (Lisa) and John DePue (April), all of Franklin; a sister, Josephine Hedrick (Dorman) of Petersburg; a brother, James Ruddle (Sue) of Franklin; six grandchildren, Samual Ruddle (Savanna), Adam Ruddle (Glenna), Alexis, Bryttian, (Katie) and Gabby DePue and Sabrina Mallow; and four great-grandchildren, Lucas, Mason, Mavis and Kaysen.

He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Gerald Ruddle and Violet Thompson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Mike Lambert officiating. Interment was at Ruddle Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to help with funeral expenses to "the family," c/o Basagic Funeral Home, PO Box 215, Franklin, WV 26807.

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Community Room

All ages are invited to read from their favorite poets, to read their own poems, or to attend as enthusiastic listeners.

No attendance charge.

Library donation jar available.

Refreshments.

Readings begin at 6:30 p.m.

For further information, please contact Boyd Lucas by October 23 at PCPLPoetry@icloud.com

KEEPING WEST VIRGINIA COVERED

A Community Partner and Nonprofit Workshop on the 2027 Medicaid Changes

A free, practical workshop to help nonprofits, community organizations, service providers, and other partners navigate new Medicaid Community Engagement requirements.

DATE

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

TIME

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

LOCATION

Pendleton County Library

250 N Main St, Franklin, WV 26807

WHAT WE'LL COVER

- Who may be affected by the changes
- Exclusions and exceptions
- Ways to meet the 80-hour standard through work, school, approved training, and community service
- What happens when coverage is at risk or ends
- How organizations can help people understand notices, find resources, and navigate requirements
- Tools, real-world scenarios, and next steps

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Sunday, October 18 • Noon - 3 p.m.

Sunday Buffet - Italian

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County Commission Transfer

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biggest opposition is to projects that will affect farmland and the water supply." She went on to add that "data center use of water is very concerning." Later in the meeting, she posed the question of how residents could farm or even garden if droughts and significant water use affected supplies adversely.

Hevener stated that "I haven't heard anybody proposing any data center" for Pendleton County. He later stated that he also saw no solar projects slated for the area either and stated that they needed to go on building roofs and to cover parking lots.

He then added that he had studied another proposed resolution from Betsy Orndoff-Sayers, mayor of Wardensville and candidate for West Virginia House of Delegates. He stated that "our ancestors had to put in electric power lines through here once upon a time" and that "power lines have to go through somewhere." Also, Hevener shared that it did not take much to talk planners out of a proposal to run lines near the North Fork Valley scenic attractions.

Furthermore, he explained that if power supplies become constrained due to lack of both power production and transmission line capacity, that it won't be the cities that have to suffer when power needs to be allocated in peak period shortages. "Are we setting ourselves up for trouble down the road by opposing needed infrastructure upgrades?" he asked.

Hevener then discussed the data center in operation near Petersburg for more than a decade, stating that it used little water and is expanding its purview to serve state agencies for record-keeping purposes.

Concluding his statement, Hevener said, "I have concerns for the economic future of this county" and "we need the tax base." He described how Clearway, the operating company of wind farms in Mineral and Grant counties started off by paying $600,000 per year in county taxes in Grant. Now those rates have climbed by 2025 to $2.1 million. He then echoed concerns shared in previous meetings by Mike Alt, training officer of Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, that at some point the county may have to establish a paid professional fire and EMS service with dwindling participation and aging affecting the volunteer services.

Expanding the tax base, he explained, would take more of the burden off of individual citizen taxpayers if that had to come to pass. Hevener added that passing opposition resolutions could turn away vital economic development and said "we've got to protect the future."

Dahmer added that "all three of us have some sort of agriculture background. Nobody at this table wants to hurt agriculture. It's the economic backbone of the county. Nobody at this table is doing anything to hurt the farming community."

Carr then brought another piece of PVCD business to the commission. The county commission regularly provides a $10,000 operations and maintenance contribution to the PVCD to assist with small watershed flood control dam maintenance. With the West Virginia Conservation Agency assuming that role going forward, such directed contributions would by law pass to the state. Carr requested that the commission put in the memo of the support check that it would be used for agriculture enhancement programs and youth conservation education. Commissioners agreed to do so. The commission also had to void the initial agreement of support. Carr assured the commission that PVCD would provide a full accounting of monies spent. Commissioners responded by saying they trusted PVCD but also appreciated the offer of transparency.

She gave an example of using funds to cover the cost of bringing the soil education trainer that came to Trout Fest two years ago.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, informed the commissioners that he had received a grant from the federal government to pay for license reading cameras. Gillespie stated that he had applied for the grant prior to the public outcry over Flock camera abuse. Those cameras have advanced functions that use artificial intelligence to perform more functions with the information gathered. Gillespie stated that they would not purchase those types of cameras.

That said, he urged that the commissioners reflect on the law enforcement value of the devices versus the fact that a large section of the public has negative opinions on them. Gillespie said the commissioners should decide yes or no on them rather than just installing the devices. They agreed to examine the issue before the next commission meeting.

Commissioners also approved use of qualified juniors and seniors in West Virginia Secretary of State Kris Warner's program to both increase the number of poll workers while giving young people practical experience in the workings of democracy. They had the option to pay students less, but chose to compensate all poll workers the same.

Allegheny Mountain Accident

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a series of nets to slow the truck to a stop. Highways officials in Wyoming tested the system rigorously for vehicle weights beyond that of typical tractor-trailers as well. The Big Horn Radio Network in Wyoming shared that "they are typically installed on mountain passes or highway routes with a steep grade of six percent or more."

With accidents mounting on that stretch of road, department of highways officials have scheduled a meeting for the end of October that will include regional state senators and delegates. Gillespie concluded, "I remain hopeful they will hear what we have to say and find a way to make reasonable improvements on the mountain."

U.S. Route 33 remains a vital route for tourism into the Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area as well as freight passing to or from Virginia. It is also an oft traveled highway for those in Grant and Hardy counties driving to point west and southwest.

Board of Education Meeting at BES

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accomplishments.

And Brandywine Elementary School had much to toot about.

First came the fellowship dinner. J. D. Wilkins, board president, offered the blessing and all sat down to eat. Board members and Nicole Hevener, superintendent, commented late in the meeting that they enjoyed the happy chatter among professionals and could tell from those exchanges that BES has a warm environment.

Ryan Lambert, BES principal, thanked Hevener "and the central office for their steadfast support." He added, "We are lucky to have a group at the central office that supports the team at this school." He then offered "a long list of 'thank yous'" to the central office and board. Travis Heavner has worked to address several issues both large and small on the BES campus, from clearing up a safety issue on the sidewalk to beautifying the landscaping. "Travis, thank you," he shared.

Then he thanked Betty Kimble, board member, for help with the school flower bed. "We want for nothing," said Lambert, "that's why we are so grateful."

"I want to brag on Pendleton County," Lambert went on to state, adding that "we are up to 10th in the state of West Virginia. That is a big impact and we want to build upon that." Lambert stated that the accomplishment appears more remarkable in the context of "everyone else is getting better too." He shared that his team had the attitude of "I must do something" as opposed to "something must be done" and that makes a lot of difference.

Wilkins asked the attendees to give BES a round of applause.

Kelly Marsh provided the LSIC report, starting with the parent surveys. After recording responses to 22 survey questions across four categories, results showed 92.7 percent of ratings were either four or five. That would translate to an A or a B in school grades. Bus transportation brought the most favorable responses with 98.4 percent satisfaction with principal leadership, classroom teachers, and environment for learning all getting high marks. Difficulty of homework, special education and gifted, and the nutrition program rated at 85.5 percent satisfaction. Almost three-fourths of parents responded to the survey, creating a good body of data.

In the free response answer section, Marsh stated that normally these end up referring loosely to the same themes, which indicates an issue. "This year there were no themes," she stated.

Next, teachers explained new methods of teaching math that they had mastered, as well as the introduction of artificial intelligence tools for writing instruction.

At the conclusion of the BES presentation came the regular board meeting. Wilkins gave the invocation, saying, "Bless us as we approach challenges and find the opportunities within."

Heavner gave the facilities report first. As it often does, his report detailed costly work on HVAC systems, starting with a more than $12,000 repair to the high school's unit. HVAC problems also bedeviled the Franklin Elementary School walk-in cooler and a blower motor failed at North Fork Elementary. This led to a discussion between Heavner and the board concerning the possibility of hiring a dedicated HVAC technician and whether or not that would save money. He also discussed presentations on funding applications for the PCM/HS locker room and the roof at Brandywine.

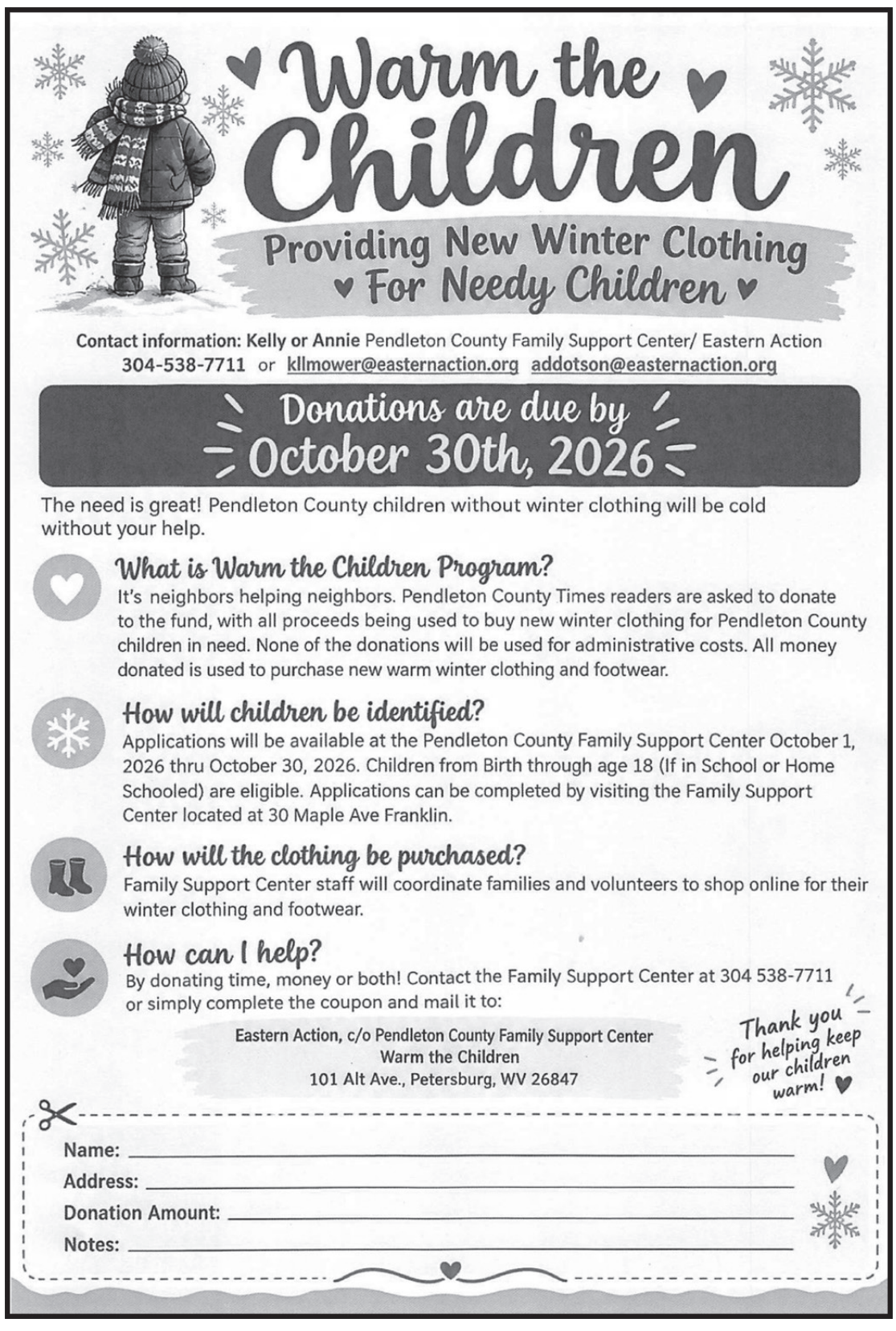
Concerning HVAC costs, Heavner said, "So much of it is specialized equipment."

During J. P. Mowery's financial report, he noted that the funds seemed to be running about $200,000 behind those of last year. That tracks with reductions in some aid, including the 1,400 floor. Mowery explained that the system is currently in good shape, but urged caution and continued fiscal diligence.

"We could easily afford to be at $1,500,000 at the end of the year and be okay, but then the concern is, does that grow faster the next year?" said Mowery. He added that Pendleton County is one of only 11 in the state with both no low performing schools and no excess levy. All schools in the county had shown differing levels of improvement on the state metrics as well.

Discussion next turned to the statewide issue of a shortage of bus drivers. Harrison County even had to cancel bus routes on some days due to having no driver available. Other counties have almost no margin for error as well. Board members were informed that Pendleton County similarly faces a shortage of substitutes and that routes could be combined temporarily when there are not enough drivers available. The board asked about the length of process to get a new driver on the road.







Times Past

20 Years Ago
Week of October 12, 2006

Tales of the Peddler Trade Part of Local Lore

In the 19th and 20th centuries, peddlers would canvas the countryside with large packs on their backs. These packs, when opened on a kitchen table, would display a wide variety of small items: plain and fancy combs, material, harmonicas, pocket knives, handkerchiefs, ribbons, sewing notions, buttons, paper and pencils, glasses, candy, table cloths, lots of material—to name a few of the treasures.

The Sugar Grove community knew a peddler, or huckster, by the name of George Eunise, who hailed from Uniontown, PA. His annual visits were looked forward to with great anticipation. Oftentimes, he would be welcomed to a meal or an evening of rest. (The writer well recalls his visits even as late as the 60s).

The problem with a peddler's way of life was that he carried his earnings with his desired merchandise. He traveled into remote areas where the advantage of having a store nearby was not available.

For some of the rougher folk, all of that wealth walking through the door was too much to resist and the body of the unfortunate peddler would never be found.

Strange happenings took place near Rawley Springs, VA. There used to be a two-story log house called the Old Hedrick Place. At the top of the stairs in that house, tradition of the old days tells one that a peddler was murdered. A patch of blood could never be scrubbed away. Another strange occurrence states that the bed covers could never be kept on the bed that had been occupied by the peddler. No one could sleep in that room, even when the doors were locked. Eventually, after all the furniture had been removed, the room was permanently locked. The blood stains at the top of the stairs were visible until the house was demolished around the late 1950s.

Whatever happened to George Eunise? No doubt he got weary of carrying the large packs and retired to an easier life in Uniontown, PA. With the onset of transportation, there was no longer a need for an annual visit from the peddler, who was once a part of one's culture.

30 Years Ago
Week of October 10, 1996

3 Tons Recyclable Waster Collected Here

Over seventy households in Pendleton County participated in the first scheduled recyclable pickup.

An assortment of newspapers, tin, aluminum, glass, plastic and cardboard were picked up by Jim Flinn, Old Fields Recycling of Moorefield. An estimated amount of the items that were picked up to be recycled: one and one-half tons of newspapers, one ton of glass, 500 pounds of plastic, 500 pounds of cardboard, 200 pounds of bimetal cans and approximately 200 pounds of aluminum.

Pendleton County was the only county in Region 8 that does not have an established recycling program for their residents. The outstanding success of last Saturday's pickup makes the future of this program look very bright.

This event was scheduled by Linda K. Kile, Region 8 recycling coordinator.

Seneca Rocks Student Wins Mon-Power Safety Poster Contest

Stevilynn Davis, of Seneca Rocks, has been selected as a winner in the annual Monongahela Power Safety Poster Contest. The Safety Poster Contest is sponsored in elementary schools to help students understand the importance of using electricity safely.

More than 3,000 students in West Virginia and Ohio entered the contest, but only nine winners were chosen. The posters of the nine winners will be replicated and bound into Monongahela Power's 1996-97 School Safety Poster Contest.

Monongahela Power representative, John E. Golden, stated that Stevilynn's poster was chosen because "it did the best job of helping people understand that electricity must be used safely."

In her free time, she likes to play the piano, play sports, read, listen to music, and draw. Stevilynn is the daughter of Sondra Turner Davis of Seneca Rocks, and the maternal granddaughter of Bonnie Turner, also of Seneca Rocks.

SUGAR GROVE

October Separates Summer from Winter

One can kiss September good-bye. She left us with warm weather, however, the month of October heralded cold weather. One is wrapping up now that the predicted frosts have hit. The outdoor items, along with the hummingbird feeders have been put away. The potted plants and flowers have been brought in to be sheltered from the cold until next spring. The garden is a memory now. There is a sense of urgency as we prepare for this cold winter. The clear skies give us the picture-perfect blue of the day, and the clear starry skies at night. It looks as though we may be blessed with many matchless October days—ones that no person can duplicate.

40 Years Ago
Week of October 9, 1986

Fox's Pizza Selected As Sponsor

Fox's Pizza in the Franklin Shopping Plaza has announced that it has been selected as an official sponsor of "The ABC's Begin With Apple." This is a program which provides free Apple IIC computer packages, and books to Franklin High School, Franklin Grade School and Upper Tract Grade School.

Fox's will be marking its pizza boxes with a special point stamp. Pam Kuykendall, proprietor of Fox's Pizza, explained that the schools enrolled in the program will be collecting these point stamps in order to redeem them for a wide range of Apple Computer components and software.

Each size pizza is assigned a different point value which contributes toward earning a computer package or equipment.

There is no limit to the number of computer packages or amount of equipment each school may earn and the students who collect the most points will be awarded prizes. Students will be organizing a collection drive and looking for help from every pizza eater in the community.

Route 33 Through Pendleton County Chosen 'Best Motorcycling Road'

Looking forward to the popular autumn motorcycle touring season, Harley-Davidson dealers across America have chosen the most scenic road in each of the 50 states. According to a recent poll of Harley-Davidson dealers, Route 33, through Pendleton County the heart of West Virginia, was voted the most enjoyable road to travel in West Virginia.

Harley-Davidson, Inc., head-quartered in Milwaukee, Wis., surveyed more than 600 dealers for their favorite touring roads to determine the "Best Motorcycling Road" in each state. Route 33 was chosen for its twisting ride through the mountains and dozens of state parks where lucky riders see deer and occasionally black bears.

The survey revealed some of the country's most beautiful mountain vistas, seascapes, historic routes and pastoral scenery—and a lot of pride in America's natural resources.

"We want to help all travelers enjoy America this fall, so we set out to find the most beautiful roads across the country," said Kathleen Demitros, director of marketing for Harley-Davidson, Inc. "We looked for roads that would be scenic for motorcyclists and could be enjoyed for traveling by cars as well."

50 Years Ago
Week of October 14, 1976

Flood Waters Damage Roads, Block Traffic In County

High waters resulting from three days of almost incessant raining produced flood waters in Pendleton County Saturday which blocked traffic and did considerable damage to highways and residential property.

George Hammer, local observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau, said a total of 4.57 inches of rain fell during the three day period from Thursday to Saturday at his residence two miles east of Franklin.

Hammer said a total of 6.09 inches of rain has fallen at his weather station during the first ten days of October.

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St. Paul Cemetery has more dead buried therein, than any cemetery on the waters of Thorn Creek. The known dead now number 106. St. John Cemetery comes in second with a count of 91 graves.

Rain and more rain until the temporary bridge across the South Branch at Hanover Shoe, Inc., was washed out. This is causing much inconvenience to the people of this section. The distance from Dahmer to Franklin is eight miles. Now the shortest distance to travel from Franklin to Dahmer is to use Route 220, Moyers Gap, Sandy Ridge and Dry Run roads which is a distance of 19 miles.

60 Years Ago
Week of October 13, 1966

50 Youths In Auto Safety Program

Fifty Pendleton County youth aged 14 through 19 are enrolled in the new auto safety education program now being conducted in Franklin under the sponsorship of the county extension service and local business men.

Sessions are conducted every Wednesday night at Franklin High School during the months of October and November.

"A good thing about this program is that it stresses the idea of supplementing the on-going programs now existing in driver education," commented Leo Slusher, program coordinator. "When we can get cooperation with the various groups such as this program offers, we will really make inroads in the field of traffic safety education," Slusher added.

70 Years Ago
Week of October 18, 1956

2,053 Pupils Enrolled In County Schools; 36 Less Than Last Year

Enrollment in Pendleton County's public schools this year is slightly less than it was last year according to figures released this week from the county superintendent's office.

The county's 22 elementary schools and two high schools have a total enrollment this year of 2,035. This is 36 less than last year's total of 2,089.

The number of schools in the county has also dropped off from last year. There are four less schools this year as a result of bringing the Brushy Run and Carr schools into the new Seneca Rocks School, and the Dahmer and Goshen schools into the Franklin Elementary School.

Circleville Float Wins 2nd at Elkins

The float entered in the Forest Festival parade last Friday at Elkins by the Circleville FFA Chapter won second place in the amateur class. The float was 8 by 18 feet in size, decorated beautifully in blue and gold—the FFA colors, and pulled by a truck that was donated to the FFA by Seneca Motors Company. Riding on the float were eight princesses and the queen who was crowned the week before at the North Fork Community Fair. The float was constructed under the direction of Mrs. Louise Bowers.

Other local participation in the Forest Festival consisted of participants in the chain sawing contests. Robert Bennett of Riverton won first place in the chain saw contest, 4 horsepower and under. In the chain saw contest, 4.1 to 5.5 horsepower, Garland Mullenax of Cherry Grove won second place and Edwin Thompson of Petersburg won third.

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The Disgruntled Mail Carriers

Many years ago when the mail was carried across Cheat Mountain by the old time method, it was a very vexatious method.

Two brothers or Trotter brothers had the contract to carry the mail from Staunton and possibly to Beverly or at least across "Old Cheat Mountain." These contracts were continually or often behind schedule time. Because bad roads, snowstorms, raging winds, inclement weather and above all, deep snows and snow drifts, made it a terrific task to carry the mail across Old Cheat, but the mail must go and on time if possible.

The Post Office Department was urging them to be more prompt with the mail.

They became disgruntled and the one brother said he did not know how to answer. The other who was more demonstrative said he did, and in return wrote the following letter of sum and substance as follows: If the gable end of h – – – would blow out and rain fire, smoke and brimstone for forty days and nights, it would not melt the snow on Cheat Mountain enough so as to get your d – – – mail across on schedule time.

The Department in Washington, D. C. treated this letter as an heroic act and preserved this letter where it can be seen to this day.

I am telling this story as it was told to me by Mr. Hoover. —John Dahmer.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

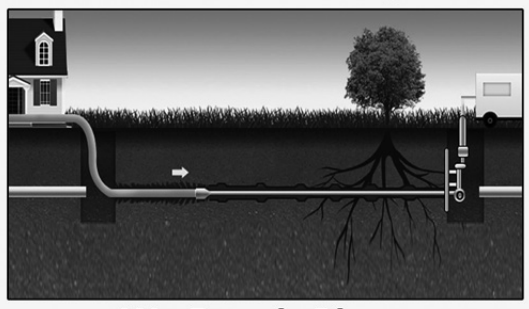
The area had a large amount of rain during the weekend. This rain amount, 3.54", is more than was received during September.

It's that time of the year when the area can get frost. It is calling for frost this weekend. Last year the first frost was on Oct. 17 and on Oct. 18 in 2024.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins — Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Larry Moyers, Sandy Washburn, Mary Alice Simmons, Anna Lee Mitchell, and Carol Propst; prayer list — Richard Campbell, Kenny Williams, Rick Waggy, Jim Fawley, Jessie Simmons, Minny Rhoads, David Berg, Troy Bennett, Danny Nelson, Sherry Hedrick, Tom and Judy Borror, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Tom Butterworth, Bobby Parsons, Gretta Pope, Virgil "Bub" Yokum, John Moyers, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Sherry Chambers, Shirley Bland, Chris Phares, Robin Gery, Nancy George, Grace and Albert Hammer, Lisa Dingess, Kitty Waggy, Mary Lou Wagoner, Donna Bennett, Peggy Pitsenbarger, Amy VanMeter, Lynwood Pennington, Bob Hoops, Ronnie Pitsenbarger, Carl Thompson, Kaylee Bennett, Mickie Huffman, Woody Hoover, Rhonda Stump, Pollyanna Johnson, Shirley Propst, Brenda Allen, Max Propst, Julie Evick, Brenda Kiser Fisher, Harold Michael, Phyllis Ruddle, Myra Sue Hartman, Logan McMillan, Freda Jamison, Carolyn Beasley, Crystal Hoover, David Simon, Clinton Eye, Keith Hoover, Alvy Humphreys, Tom Mitchell, Glenn Dahmer, Vicky Simmons, Ruby Gail Roberson, Cody and Helen Evick, Rocky and Sheila Evick, family of Donnie Vandevander, family of Velma Lantz, family of Rick Phares, family of Patty Willis and family of Ruth Bauer.

Prayer thought: "Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me the true treasure of heaven when I placed my faith and trust in you."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Oct. 5 through Oct. 11, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Oct. 5 - 68°, 46° (78°, 47°), Oct. 6 - 67°, 36° (80°, 54°), Oct. 7 - 66°, 45° (78°, 57°, .18"), Oct. 8 - 71°, 48° (67°, 50°, .1"), Oct. 9 - 65°, 42° (62°, 35°), Oct. 10 - 66°, 45°, .12" (56°, 34°) and Oct. 11 - 56°, 51°, 3.54" (67°, 36°).

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Planning for the 2027-2028 School Calendar Explained

By Nicole Hevener, Superintendent

The West Virginia Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 890, which introduces a significant change in how school calendars are developed across our state. The legislation shifts schools from a requirement of 180 instructional days to a requirement of 900 instructional hours annually. This change provides counties with greater flexibility in designing school calendars while still ensuring students receive the instructional time they need.

Beginning July 1, 2027, counties will have the opportunity to explore new calendar options while meeting the state's instructional hour requirements. The bill also includes flexibility for educator-focused professional learning opportunities and emphasizes instructional hours rather than simply counting days on the calendar.

As we begin exploring options for the 2027-2028 school year, our focus remains on providing high-quality instruction for students, maintaining strong professional learning opportunities for staff, supporting families with predictable schedules and ensuring students continue to have access to school meals.

An important consideration is our commitment to providing students with consistent access to both breakfast and lunch each school day, and we believe maintaining student attendance on instructional days best supports both learning and student well-being.

Possible calendar options under consideration: To utilize the flexibility provided under Senate Bill 890, we are considering options that would allow teachers dedicated time for collaboration, planning, and professional development while minimizing disruptions for students and families.

Option 1: Monthly Early Release — Students would be dismissed early one day each month.

Option 2: Monthly Three-Hour Delay — Students would arrive three hours later one day each month.

Both options would allow our schools to invest in continuous improvement while continuing to meet the state's instructional hour requirements. For consistency and ease of planning, the choice will be between the two options and not be a mix of early release or three-hour delays. Once we take a close look at data, we may also decide that some months will not include a teacher meeting day.

Weather remains an important consideration in our planning. While Senate Bill 890 focuses on instructional hours rather than instructional days, weather will continue to play a major role in calendar planning. As a county that often experiences winter weather conditions, we must carefully consider the number of instructional hours available and build flexibility into the calendar.

Any proposed schedule must account for the possibility of school closures, delays, and other unforeseen circumstances throughout the school year. Meeting the required 900 instructional hours will remain a priority, and weather-related disruptions will be an important consideration as we consider calendar options.

We are asking for everyone's input. Before any decisions are made for the 2027-2028 school calendar, we want to hear from our families, staff, students and community members. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated as we work to create a calendar that best serves students, families, and staff while meeting the requirements established by Senate Bill 890. Please feel free to contact Nicole Hevener (nhevener@k12.wv.us) or Kristy Tritapoe (kristy.tritapoe@k12.wv.us) with your insights.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our schools. Together, we can develop a calendar that strengthens instruction, supports our educators, and continues to meet the needs of our students and community.

Town of Franklin Earns National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant

By Stephen Smoot

Last week came a major announcement from the United States Environmental Protection Agency that will hopefully address a growing problem in Franklin in recent years. David Fotouhi, deputy administrator, along with Virginia members of Congress, announced more than $90 million "to implement 83 new projects that will support critical restoration and provide long-term water quality improvements." Funding for the Small Watersheds Grants, including that for the Town of Franklin, comes from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. That entity recently announced broad and significant successes in watershed efforts leading to restoration of Chesapeake Bay fisheries and productive natural aquatic life.

The Bay program was passed under President Bill Clinton to address the fast expansion of algae blooms that choked out plant and animal life, threatening the blue crab and other vital fisheries. The majority of projects will work in other Bay watershed states, such as Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Those states have lagged behind West Virginia in terms of stream pollution reduction and need more help. Town of Franklin was the sole Small Watersheds Grant recipient among many projects. The Mountain State had no recipients in the Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants Program, but again, West Virginia has made the most significant progress in this field through use of voluntary and incentive-based programs. Many of these operate through the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and third-party organizations such as Trout Unlimited.

All other Chesapeake Bay states use punitive regulations and punishments to force compliance that was encouraged by the Clinton EPA.

"The Trump EPA is committed to safeguarding the Chesapeake Bay to both human health and the environment and to grow the booming economies that come from it," stated the release.

A great deal of the impetus for the grant came through the work of the Mon Forest Towns organization. This group links together towns adjacent to the Monongahela National Forest and includes Franklin, Petersburg, Richwood, Elkins, Seneca Rocks, and more. Its goal lies in bringing together resources to enhance national forest related economic development and also take full advantage of natural assets for the enjoyment of local residents and visitors alike. Each town organization works through MFT to chart a path appropriate for its local citizenry, local goals, and local traditions.

The grant will fund the project entitled "Installing Nature-based Stormwater Infrastructure in the Town of Franklin." A grant of $605,000 plus $174,400 in matching funds will "install nature-based stormwater infrastructure on a municipally owned parking lot and adjoining sidewalks in downtown Franklin, West Virginia. This project will reduce stormwater runoff volume from nearly two acres and remove 6,000 square feet of impervious surface and eliminate localized flooding."

Mon Forest Towns and the Town of Franklin picked up the issue after the Pendleton Senior and Family Services building faced flooding twice during a season of stormy weather in 2025. Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, expressed serious concerns about the rise of the riverbed in the South Branch pf the Potomac River combined with the accumulation of debris in it. This led to the Pendleton County Commission relocating county and state offices to the new General Services Building on the hillside above Franklin Town Hall.

Michelle and John Connor, who prepared the grant and also assisted with public meetings related to it, noted that "Eddie Sites came to a town council meeting because he had water running off the street into his (business) basement." Runoff from the town parking lot also adversely affected businesses located by it. Mon Forest Towns helped access resources that "the town doesn't have the ability" to acquire on its own.

The first step in the process came from another grant orchestrated by Mon Forest Towns and others. Community meetings helped to define the stormwater runoff issue and identify priorities. Also in the process, town officials noted their limitations, which helped to specify actions that could be undertaken without adding undue burden to the town.

A similar project was installed in recent years in Moorefield Town Park. The parking lot there has a permeable surface much like the one envisioned for the Town of Franklin lot. This surface has all the appearance of a traditional asphalt lot, but with very small pores through which water can percolate into a collection system rather than drain off quickly. This accomplishes two purposes. It slowed the movement of water during high intensity storms and also reduced polluting runoff of oils and other fluids that can drip underneath cars.

More than a decade earlier, Berkeley Springs received a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant that paid for rain gardens in a local cemetery, permeable pavers on city streets, and tree boxes. Region 9 Planning and Development Council was instrumental in obtaining the funding. The release stated a concern expressed by the Town of Franklin when presented with the same broad slate of options. It stated that "town planners need to find funding for maintenance." While Berkeley Springs has a vibrant and expanding economy based on a number of Morgan County industries that can pay for the extra additions, Franklin could not put more work burden on their employees or financial burden on taxpayers.

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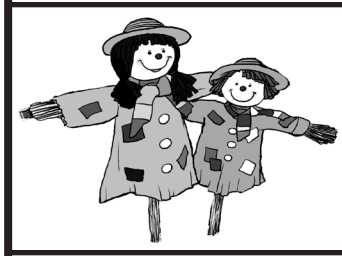
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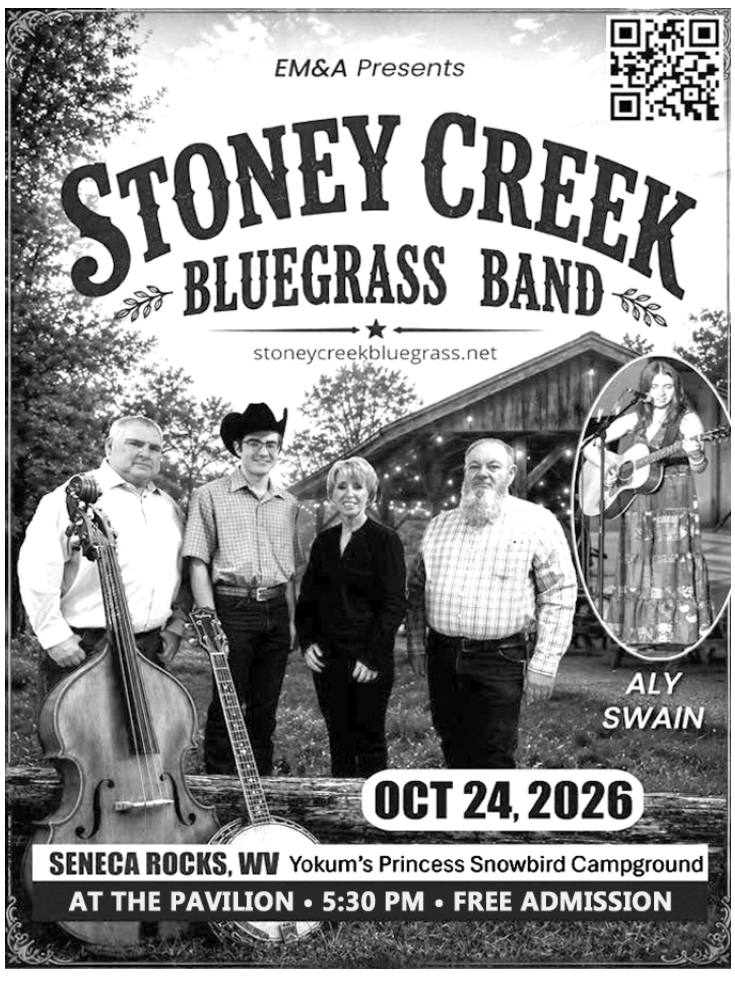
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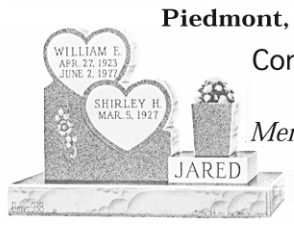
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It has been an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Pendleton County for the last three terms.

I would appreciate your vote in the November election.

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Wildcats Triumph After Double-Digit Comeback 49-36

By Stephen Smoot



Cayson Armstrong puts the exclamation point on a big Wildcat win over Bath County. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion

First comes a mea culpa. Mason Miller was identified as a freshman quarterback by this publication last week. Despite the roster saying otherwise, Miller is a proud 10th grader at Pendleton County High School. Being a sophomore, however, does not make his accomplishment of standing in for Colton Roberson and leading the team any less remarkable.

Friday saw the Wildcats enjoy a significant accomplishment that will prepare them for the postseason. They got behind a strong Bath County, Virginia, team by double digits, only to storm back and wallop the visitors from the Old Dominion in the second half.

Bath County started work after the opening kickoff on their own 30 and opened their drive with a nine-yard run. This served as a good omen early for a team that lives by the "ground and pound" philosophy.

The Chargers run the wing-T offense similarly to the football team at the United States Military Academy, with the quarterback always under center. This differs from the wing-T run by the Keyser Golden Tornadoes in that they run it from the shotgun.

Pendleton County faced the full slate of misdirection options from the wind-T. Bath County started off by running a number of plays that sent the wingback around the back of the formation to the opposite side. The ball could go to the wingback coming around, to the tailback on the dive play, or the quarterback on his own. The Chargers do not have an effective passing game, but their game plan lies in using misdirection in the running game to slow down an aggressive and fast defense such as Pendleton County has. Also, occasionally, Bath County will fire a pass deep against man-to-man coverage in hopes of surprising the defense.

With the Bath County offense grinding behind a big offensive line, once they gain momentum, stopping them becomes a challenge.

Nine plays and 3:40 into the opening drive, Bath County had a first down just inside of Wildcat territory. There they fired a pass deep, but good man-to-man defense prevented the completion. The Chargers at the 7:25 mark did complete a pass for a first down to the Wildcat 23. Three plays later, the Chargers took the lead to the sound of absolute silence at Leo Slusher Field. A kick made the score 7-0.

Part of the benefit of a strong running offense comes in keeping the defense on the field longer, tiring out their bodies and minds until they make mistakes or can't make plays. Pendleton County's offense assisted Bath County in their time of possession strategy, but not in the manner that the visitors wanted. With 5:25 left in the first, the kickoff put the home squad on their own 37. Miller on first down threw the ball to his right to Travis Owens for a bubble screen on the line of scrimmage near the sideline. Owens made a move past a would be tackler, then outran the rest of the defense all the way down the field for the initial Wildcat touchdown. The kick failed, leaving the score 7-6.

Bath County received the ball with five minutes left in the first quarter and started to roll again. Wildcat defenders started to get wise about playing the wing-T. The key lies in patience, staying at home on defense, not pursuing the ballcarrier too hard, working with teammates to slow the ballcarrier before attacking him. On first and 10 at the home team 40, Bath County attempted a reverse. Defensive linemen moved into position and with the quarterback to slow the runner. Then the linebacking corps rocketed in and took him down for a loss of one. Trying to gain every advantage possible, they rushed out of a timeout to get a play off with the Wildcat coaching staff still on the field. The Wildcats were almost all out of position, but stopped the play anyway.

The visiting team adjusted by running more plays straight ahead and directly at the defense, taking away their speed and skill in pursuit, using the big Charger linemen to bust holes for the backs. Another touchdown was earned by the Chargers after a 15-play and nearly eight-minute drive.

Pendleton County fielded a "worm burner" ground kickoff at their own 39 with nine minutes to go. Britton Lough took a bubble screen pass ahead to the Bath County 48. Next, Braylon Willis showed that he does know what he's talking about. He ran the ball right, but saw a hole widening to his left and bolted through. He turned up field and didn't stop until the officials raised two hands in the air signaling another score.

The home team had the ball for all of about 20 seconds, running three plays, and, after the made conversion, were down 14-13. That said, Bath County scored two more touchdowns to force Pendleton County to stare up at a 28-13 halftime deficit.

Bath County walked into the half having accomplished everything they could have hoped. They had played mistake-free football, ran the ball with dominance, and kept the Wildcat defense on the field for almost the entire half. That said, Zac Smith, Pendleton County head coach, and his staff have excelled in halftime adjustments and got their players to flip the game in the second half.

Pendleton County did not start off well on play one, which was a fumble that they recovered. On second and 11, Willis from his own 35 sprinted up field. A defender's hand swiped his ankle, slowing him enough to get dropped at the 47. If not for that hand, Willis would have scored again. Not long after, on first and 10 from the Charger 38, Willis charged himself through a hole, made a cut that, as the kids say "broke the ankles" of the linebacker, then he accelerated to the 20. Willis took the next play in, running through a massive hole plowed by the Wildcat offensive line.

Bath County got their chance with 10:07 left, still up 28- 20. On first and 10, however, Lough blitzed through a hole and dropped the wingback for a loss of six. On the next play, the Chargers once again tried to snap quickly to catch the Wildcats off guard. It resulted instead in their own fumble and a Pendleton County recovery, the first real error of consequence in the game for the visiting squad.

At the 8:56 mark in the third, Bath County put single coverage on Cameron Wyatt. He made a move and zipped up field past the defensive back and Miller delivered a perfect ball to keep Wyatt in stride, allowing him to get to the endzone, making the score 28-26.

With their lead sliced to two points, Bath County tried to seize momentum. They called a play action pass from their own 46 that led to a completion at the Pendleton County 38. Not long after on second and five, Noah Lockard wrapped the legs of the runner and dropped him for no gain. The Chargers converted a fourth and one at the 29 to stay alive offensively and got as far as the 16. Then Albert Ramos-Rivera and Lough stacked up the back for a five-yard loss. Not long after on fourth down again, the Chargers called up a pass play. With Wyatt Hoyt bearing down on the quarterback, he fired a wounded duck pass into traffic. Normally, a defense should never intercept a pass on fourth down because it often costs their offense yards, but with so many offensive squad hands in the vicinity, Willis got his on the pass and got possession back for Pendleton County.

The defense slowed the Wildcat attack at first, but then with 46 seconds left in the half Miller rolled left and got the ball to a leaping Wyatt at the Wildcat 35. Owens then took a pass at the 40 and ran almost to the 30. At the visiting team 34, Miller hit Owens on a bubble screen. Lough pancaked the defensive back and Owens sprinted through the heart of the Charger defense for his team's first lead of the day. Owens then came in to run the offense for the two-point conversion in a Wildcat-style play. He took the snap and shoveled the ball forward to Lough who made the score 34-28.

After charging out to their own 42, Bath County dropped another fumble for the home team to leap upon. Pendleton County lost ground in the first two downs. They then set up a bubble screen to the right, but Miller passed left to Wyatt who was left in man coverage. He took the ball quickly upfield for a touchdown. Owens once again picked up a two-point conversion, running the Wildcat play but taking the ball himself across the goal line to set the score at 42-28.

With 8:46 left and Pendleton County's offense now looking unstoppable, Bath County tried to find opportunities against the defense. Owens dove to ankle-tackle a back for no gain at the Charger 45. Then Ty Heavner strung out the back until the rest of the defense snowed the ball carrier under at the 44. On the next play, third and 11, Heavner once again loomed large in getting in the way of the back until Lough sliced in and dropped him for a loss. On fourth and 12, Bath County ran play action out of a power running formation, but Owens knocked the ball down.

Taking over at the opponent 43, the offense ran through the legs of Cayson Armstrong. On second down, he dragged tacklers to the 36. On the next play, he exploded through the line and carried the ball to the 11. At the 4:20 mark, Armstrong ran untouched for nine yards before picking up the score. The kick made it 49-28. Bath County added a touchdown for pride with the Wildcats content to allow them to eat the remainder of the time in the game to do so and ending the game at 49-36.

Miller could not have enjoyed a better day, completing all 12 passes for 285 yards. Willis had 10 rushes for 101 and Armstrong four for 43. Owens had five receptions for 144, Wyatt four for 108, and Lough three for 33.

Friday, Pendleton County hosts the Warriors of Pocahontas County. Their season started strong with a win over Tucker County, but they have only seen a single victory since.

Pendleton County Golf Gets That Wheeling Feeling



Pendleton County golfers making the journey to Wheeling were, from left, Jake Thompson, Hayden Kimble, Dylan Eye and Landon Davis. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

By Stephen Smoot

On Tuesday, Pendleton County golfers, Dylan Eye, Landon Davis, Hayden Kimble, and Jake Thompson, woke up early, went to a big community send off at 7:30 a.m., and began the four-hour drive from Franklin to Wheeling. There, worked on unfinished business from last year.

Namely, putting in a confident performance, enjoying another adventure on the links, and competing for a title against the best in West Virginia is the goal.

On Oct. 5 and 6, the Wildcats made the trip to Canaan Valley to compete in the Region II golf tournament. All year long, the best of the senior-laden Tygarts Valley and Tucker County squads continually faced off against the young guns of Pendleton County. The Wildcats took first place with a 248 team score while Tygarts Valley came in second at 257. Tucker County scored a 262, and Pocahontas County shot a 333.

Dylan Eye earned the low medalist honor by shooting a 74. Both Pendleton County and Tygarts Valley moved on to states at Oglebay State Park Resort in Wheeling.

For seven years, the golf team has seen both steady improvement in performance and expansion of the roster. "Charlie Burgoyne and Kelly Sites brought it back," noted Dayne Davis, assistant coach.

Davis shared why the team has surged in the past two years, earning a place among the best in Class A in Wheeling. Burgoyne set the tone of the team originally by treating the squad as a family, encouraging mutual support during both the good and the disappointing matches. He stated that the biggest rivals in the region, Tucker County and Tygarts Valley, sport senior-laden squads with "more physically and mentally mature players than we have." Davis stated "our kids outwork those other kids."

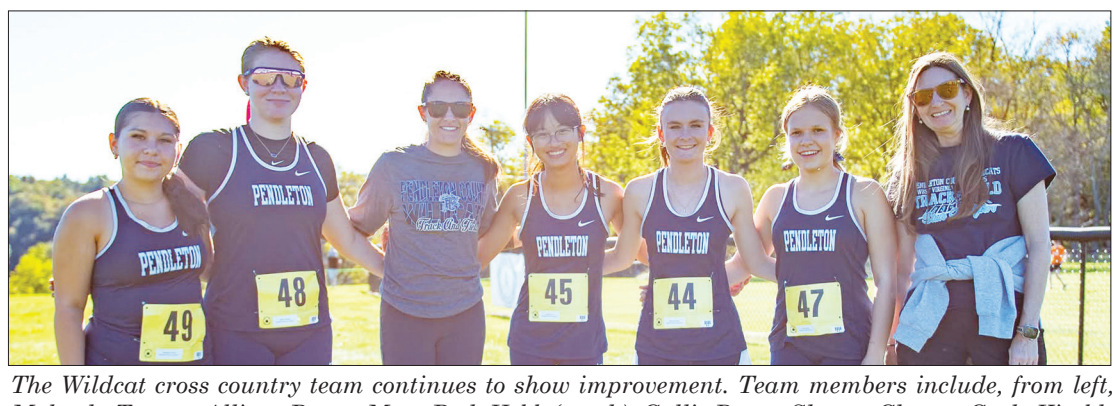
Having the right mindset matters. Chip Smith, who has coached PGA players, gave a talk to the players and parents "about the mental aspects of golf," explaining that just as one cannot get toothpaste back in a tube, one cannot unlive a bad shot or match. The key is learning from it, then setting it aside and focusing on what comes next.

Mike Eye, head coach, shared earlier in the season that the boys had embraced the idea that a player cannot improve just by showing up at practice and games alone. Getting better at golf requires hours of extra work on the links, honing a game and developing skills. That work set the team on the path to success all season long.

Having a home course run by a team that is passionate about supporting young people playing golf helps tremendously. Davis had special praise for the home course, the Highlands at Fisher Mountain. "The support they render the boys is incredible," he said. "The facility is one of the best kept gems in this state and lets the kids golf as much as they want."

To the duo of coaches, the immediate goal lies in performing well in the postseason and developing the younger players. That said, they have a long range ideal in mind too. "We're helping these kids become proficient at what they want to do in life." Davis explained that he saw none of the boys eventually playing in the PGA, but the work ethic developed will pay lifelong dividends. "They can take that work ethic and become a professional banker, HVAC technician, grocery store owner, or anything they want to work toward," said Davis.

The team practiced on Monday, then left for Wheeling early Tuesday morning. They will get to walk through the Trent Jones Course.



The Wildcat cross country team continues to show improvement. Team members include, from left, Makayla Turner, Allison Reuss, Mary Beth Hebb (coach), Callie Dunn, Shayne Clutter, Carly Kimble and Jennifer Apple (coach). Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

Pendleton County Harriers Close Out Season, Await PVCs

By Stephen Smoot

As temperatures drop and color starts to form on the tips of the maple leaves, these are signs of deepening autumn and the coming conclusion of the cross country season.

The Wildcats competed in events in Romney, Keyser, and Tucker County in late September and early October.

One of the toughest tests of the season came at the Paul Clovis Invitational at Hampshire High School on September 26. Hampshire High School boasts a difficult course that takes runners up and down quite steep slopes before ending on the track beside the school building. In some past years, steady rains turned the paths into the proverbial slippery slopes or a quagmire on flat ground. Happily, runners enjoyed cool temperatures and not a drop of rain as they competed.

There, Pendleton County runners raced against athletes from Northern, Musselman, Spring Mills, Hampshire, Martinsburg, and East Hardy.

Callie Dunn led the field as she has much of the year with a time of 25:41 and placing 11th. Carly Kimble followed with a time of 28:57 and 19th, while Shayne Clutter timed at 31:10, Allison Reuss 33:54, and Makayla Turner 34:27.

The Wildcats enjoyed significantly better times the following meet at Keyser, the Charlie Kuh Invitational. Although the team has consistently reached better times all season long, the nature of the Keyser High School course also helps. Its length circles the high school campus on undulating, but not steep, terrain, much of it through the pine forest separating the school from the nearby road.

Competing at Keyser were Musselman, Keyser, Washington (Jefferson County), Berkeley Springs, East Hardy, Martinsburg, Bishop Walsh, and Tucker County. Rain gave a peck on the cheek to the New Creek area early that morning, but cleared out quickly, leaving dry conditions and 61 degrees for the runners.

Dunn placed 17th, but improved her time to 24:12. Kimble scored a personal best time of 27:11.4 while Reuss had a season best 31 flat, Turner a personal best 31:50, and Daisy Hartman set a mark of 42:31.8.

Next came the wrap-up of the regular season at Camp Kidd in Tucker County. Dunn scored her season best time of 23:58.9 and placed 11th. Kimble finished 25th with a time of 28:59.9. Clutter came in 26th with a 29:12.3, Reuss timed at 31:59, and Turner 33:24.2. The Wildcats took on East Fairmont, Tucker County, Elkins, and St. Marys.

The team as a whole showed improvement during the course of the last three events. At Hampshire High School, the team had a total time of 2:34:16 and an average of 30:51 per competitor. At Camp Kidd, the Wildcats ran for a 2:27.34.3 and an average of 29:30.9.

Potomac Valley Conference competition took place Tuesday, after press time. Teams on the Hampshire High School course joining Pendleton County were Keyser, Berkeley Springs, Frankfort, East Hardy, Hampshire, Paw Paw, Tucker County, and Tygarts Valley. Results will help to determine who will move on to the WVSSAC state cross country championship on Oct. 24 at South Harrison High School.

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Component Units: Farmland Protection	Component Units: Board of Parks	Component Units: Board of Health
Primary government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	$ 2,801,783	$ --	$ 597,211	$ 864,534	$ (1,340,038)			
Public Safety	2,262,296	854,690	439,967	90,909	(876,730)			
Health and sanitation	386,350	--	--	--	(386,350)			
Culture and recreation	186,136	--	--	--	(186,36)			
Social services	5,000	--	--	--	(5,000)			
Capital Outlay	(345,100)	--	--	--	345,100			
Total governmental activities	5,296,465	854,690	1,037,178	955,443	(2,449,154)			
Total primary government	$ 5,296,465	$ 854,690	$1,037,178	$ 955,443	(2,449,154)			
Component units:								
Farmland Protection	35,954	--	--	--	--	$ (35,954)	--	$ --
Board of Parks	15,292	2,190	2,000	--	--		(11,102)	--
Board of Health	331,889	98,108	197,797	--	--	--	--	(35,984)
Total component units	$ 383,135	$ 100,298	$ 199,797	$ --	--	(35,954)	(11,102)	(35,984)
General revenues:								
Ad valorem property taxes					3,086,602	--	--	--
Alchololic beverages tax					3,611	--	--	--
Hotel occupancy tax					149,045	--	--	--
Gas and oil severance tax					14,185	--	--	--
Other taxes					159,855	64,932	--	--
Licenses and permits					5,452	--	--	--
Refunds/Reimbursements					417,374	--	--	--
Interest					98,789	10,394	--	278
Intergovernmental					--	--	34,022	--
Fines & Forfeitures					41,208	--	--	--
Miscellaneous					84,396	--	5	
Total general revenues & transfers					4,060,518	75,326	34,027	278
Change in net position					1,611,363	39,372	22,925	(35,706)
Net position - beginning					9,495,180	1,019,609	156,633	213,017
Net position - ending					$ 11,106,543	$1,058,981	$ 179,558	$ 177,311

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

	Budgeted Amounts: Original	Budgeted Amounts: Final	Variance with Original Budget Postitive (Negative)	Actual Modified Accrual Basis	Adjustments Budget Basis	Actual Amounts Budget Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES							
Taxes:							
Ad valorem property taxes	$ 2,900,019	$2,900,019	$ --	$2,941,180	$ (4,523)	$ 2,936,657	$ 36,638
Alcoholic beverages tax	3,000	3,000	--	3,611	--	3,611	611
Hotel occupancy tax	135,000	142,888	7,888	149,045	--	149,045	6,157
Gas and oil severance tax	30,000	30,000	--	14,185	--	14,185	(15,815)
Other taxes	75,000	75,000	--	130,144	--	130,144	55,144
Licenses and permits	500	500	--	512	--	512	12
Intergovernmental:					--		
Federal	1,541,000	100,000	(1,441,000)			--	(100,000)
State	10,227	166,136	155,909	195,909	--	195,909	29,773
Charges for services	72,850	72,850	--	84,219	12,000	96,219	23,369
Fines and forfeits	6,000	9,780	3,780	9,779	--	9,779	(1)
Interest and investment earnings	85,000	85,000	--	86,820	(46,217)	40,603	(44,397)
Refunds/Reimbursements	408,660	421,535	12,875	417,374	--	417,374	(4,161)
Payments in lieu of taxes	400,000	400,000	--	582,211	--	582,211	182,211
Miscellaneous	72,000	72,000	--	77,625	365	77,990	5,990
Total revenues	5,739,256	4,478,708	(1,260,548)	4,692,614	(38,375)	4,654,239	175,531
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government	5,179,740	4,446,079	(733,661)	3,565,697	(25,862)	3,539,835	906,244
Public safety	2,420,061	2,478,649	58,588	2,166,150	(42,760)	2,123,390	355,259
Health and sanitation	339,191	339,191	--	327,346	(262)	327,084	12,107
Culture and recreation	127,551	131,495	3,944	129,908	(94)	129,814	1,681
Social services	5,000	5,000	--	5,000		5,000	--
Capital Projects	2,965,346	2,037,665	(927,681)	--	--	--	2,037,665
Total expenditures	11,036,889	9,438,079	(1,598,810)	6,194,102	(68,978)	6,125,124	3,312,955
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(5,297,633)	(4,959,371)	(2,859,358)	(1,501,487)	30,603	(1,470,884)	3,488,487
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	997,633	1,143,553	145,920	1,034,434	(12,365)	1,022,069	(121.484)
Transfers (out)			--	(2,835,732)	775,000	(2,060,732)	(2,060,732)
Capital leases	--	--	--	--		--	--
Total other financing sources (uses)	997,633	1,143,553	145,920	(1,801,297)	762,635	(1,038,662)	(2,182,215)
Net change in fund balance	(4,300,000)	(3,815,818)	484,182	(3,302,785)	793,238	(2,509,547)	1,306,271
Fund balances - beginning	4,300,000	3,815,818	--	5,389,944	(1,574,126)	3,815,818	--
Fund balances - ending	$ --	$ --	$ 484,182	$2,087,159	$ (780,888)	$ 1,306,271	$ 1,306,271

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

	General	Coal Severance Tax	911	American Rescue Plan Act	Building Commission	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	**Total Governmental Funds**
REVENUES							
Taxes:							
Ad valorem property taxes	$ 2,941,180	$ --	$ --	$ --	$ --	$ 132,609	$ 3,073,789
Alcoholic beverages tax	3,611	--	--	--	--	--	3,611
Hotel occupancy tax	149,045	--	--	--	--	--	149,045
Gas and oil severance tax	14,185	--	--	--	--	--	14,185
Coal severance tax		16,138	--	--	--	--	16,138
Other taxes	130,144	--	--	--	--	13,572	143,716
Licenses and permits	512	--	--	--	--	4,940	5,452
Intergovernmental:							
Federal	--	--	--	303,060	864,534	--	1,167,594
State	195,909	--	15,832	--	--	31,076	242,817
Charges for services	84,219	--	731,653	--	--	38,818	854,690
Fines and forfeits	9,779	--		--	--	31,429	41,208
Interest & investment earnings	86,820	--	11,601	--	--	367	98,789
Refunds/Reimbursements	417,374	--	--	--	--	--	417,374
Payments in lieu of taxes	582,211	--	--	--	--	--	582,211
Miscellaneous	77,625	--	328	--	--	6,942	84,895
Total revenues	4,692,614	16,138	759,414	303,060	864,534	259,753	6,895,513
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government	3,565,697	12,023		300,000	45,136	115.832	4,038,688
Public safety	2,166,150		204,001	3,060	--	24,068	2,397,279
Health and sanitation	327,346					--	327,346
Culture and recreation	129,908					14,709	144,617
Social services	5,000					--	5,000
Capital projects	30,220		778	--	4,037,518	--	4,068,516
Debt service:		--	--	--		--	
Principal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Interest	--	--	--	--	10,731	--	10,731
Total expenditures	6,224,322	12,023	204,779	303,060	4,093,385	154,609	10,992,177
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,531,707)	4,115	554,635	--	(3,228,851)	105,144	(4,096,664)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	1,034,434			--	2,782,445	23,067	3,839,946
Transfers (out)	(2,805,512)	(4,485)	(749.078)	--	--	(346,536)	(3,905,611)
Capital leases	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,771,077)	(4,485)	(749,078)	--	2,782,445	(323,469)	(65,665)
Net change in fund balances	(3,302,785)	(370)	(194,443)	--	(446,406)	(218,325)	(4,162,328)
Fund balances - beginning	5,389,944	9,546	466,234	--	292,231	598,508	6,756,464
Fund balances - ending	$ 2,087,160	$ 9,176	$ 271,791	$ --	$ (154,175)	$ 380,183	2,594,135

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

Total fund balances on the governmental fund's balance sheet	$ 2,594,135
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore not reported in the funds. (Note III.C.)	9,232,201
Certain revenues are not available to fund current year expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds. (Note III.B.)	64,461
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds (Note III.G.)	(1,010,154)
Deferred inflows and outflows related to pension activity are not required to be reported in the funds but are required to be reported at the government-wide level (Note V.):	
Deferred outflow - Employer contributions to pension plan after measurement date:	225,899
PERS: $127,043 DSRS: $52,736 EMSRS: $46,120	
Net position of governmental activities	$ 11,106,543

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June, 30, 2026

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$ (4,162,328)
Capital outlays are reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds but are considered an asset at the government-wide level. This is the amount of capital assets that were purchased and donated during the fiscal year. (Note III.C.)	5,962,106
Capital outlays are reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds. In the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount of depreciation expense charged during the year. (Note III.C.)	(387,682)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position (Note III.C.)	(500)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources (i.e. deferred taxes) are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the difference between prior and current year deferred revenues.	12,813
Prior year deferred revenues: $51,649 Current year deferred revenues: $64,462	
Certain pension expenses in the statement of activities are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GASB 68 (Note V.)	225,899
Amount of pension expenditures at fund level: PERS: $127,043 DSRS: $52,736 EMSRS: $46,120	
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources (i.e. compensated absences, leases, OPEB) and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. (Note III.G.)	(38,944)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	$ 1,611,363

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2026

	Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Component Units: Farmland Protection	Component Units: Board of Parks	Component Units: Board of Health
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 3,248,501	$ 127,431	$ 57,473	$ 235,954
Receivables:				
Taxes	97,941	--	--	--
Restricted assets:				
Reserve account	--	--	--	--
Total Current Assets	3,346,441	127,431	57,473	235,945
Capital assets:				
Land	93,193	-	51,900	--
Construction in Progress	5,037,927	--		--
Intangibles		931,550		
Buildings	2,861,150		53,800	
Improvements	3,011,784	--		--
Machinery & equipment	3,263,480	--	209,455	21,686
Vehicles	606,404	--		
Less: Accum. Depr.	(5,641,737)	--	(191,129)	(21,686)
Total Capital Assets	9,232,202	931,550	124,026	--
Total Assets	$ 12,578,643	$ 1,058,981	$ 181,499	$ 235,954
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS				
Employer pension contributions subsequent to measurement period	225,899	--	--	--
Total deferred outflows of resources	$ 225,899	-	-	-
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities payable from current assets:				
Accounts payable	$ 444,505	$ --	$ 1,941	$ --
Payroll Taxes payable	37,838	--	--	--
OPEB Liability	342,578	--	--	12,108
Deferred revenues:				
Unearned revenue	205,502	--	--	--
Net Pension Liability	219,662	--	--	--
Comp. absences payable	447,913	--	--	46,535
Total Liabilities	1,697,999	--	1,941	58,643
NET POSITION				
Invested in capital assets (net of related debt)	9,232,201	931,550	124,026	--
Restricted				--
Unrestricted	1,874,342	127,431	55,532	177,311
Total Net Position	$ 11,106,543	$ 1,058,981	$ 179,558	$ 177,311

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PENDLETON COUNTY COMMISSION
VENDOR LIST
FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2026

VENDOR NAME	EXPENDITURES
3SI Security Systems Inc	$600
74 Walnut LLC	10,432.55
Air Quality Systems, Inc.	8,778.03
AJ-Allegheny Systems, LLC	7,415.00
Alt, Brooke	4,093.20
Alt, Bruce D.	3,100.00
Alt, Sue	250.00
Alt, Tony A.	700.00
Alt's Welding, LLC	220.00
American Legion Riders	500.00
AMG Network Hosting, LLC	21,179.13
APCO International Inc.	10,211.00
Ascend Elevator	800.00
Assessor's Valuation Fund	68.48
Assoc. of WV Assessors	700.00
A & S Enterprises, LLC	725.00
AT&T	860.81
AT&T Mobility	8,208.75
Atlas Geographic Data, Inc.	77,350.00
Avenu Insights & Analytic	11,111.17
Baldwin Blinds	8,345.00
Basagic, Jessica	400.00
Basagic, Morgan	216.00
Bear's Choice Screen Print & Dyes	375.00
Bennett, David	250.00
Bennett, Delores	500.00
Bennett, Nancy	250.00
Biby, Michael Wayne	300.00
Big Country Amusements, Inc.	4,458.32
Bland, Julie	177.28
Blue360 Media	265.90
Borror, Freda	282.40
Botkin, Doug	134.50
Bowers Auto Sales	50.00
Bowers & Bowers, PLLC	467,850.00
Bowers Garage	13,216.57
Bowers, Matt	500.00
Bowers, Nancy	270.00
Bramar Pest Management	1,536.76
Burlington UM Family Services Inc.	6,000.00
Byers, Kennedy	25.37
Caliber Public Safety	26,289.72
Capitol Business Interior	106,823.62
Casto & Harris	4,671.03
CenturyLink	548.19
Circleville VFD	4,403.32
Compiled Technologies.	13,445.50
Cottonwood Commercial	10,000.00
Country Cleaning Done Right LLC	34,303.10
County Commissioners of WV	3,300.00
County Employees Gross Salaries	2,324,531.35
Creative Product Source	518.50

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Davis, Anita D..... 323.50
Davis, Kimberly ... 250.00
Dean Brothers Inc..... 76,242.00
De Lage Landen Financial 1,266.03
Dell Marketing L.P. 17,879.70
Delta Dental 23,058.60
Discount Communications 20,197.00
Div Justice & Comm Services 750.00
Division of Motor Vehicles 50.00
DOCEO..... 647.74
Downs, Philip 352.50
DSSC Solutions Company 1,632.00
Dunn Right Floor Cleaning 1,310.00
EJ Wheeler Hardware 980.99
Election Systems & Software 18,332.26
Elyard, Charlie..... 24.00
ERFRN - PC 2,500.00
ESRI, Inc. 1,980.00
Extinguisher Sales & Service..... 512.87
Faithful Friends Animal Clinic.... 723.75
FOP Seneca Trail Lodge 1,000.00
Francotyp-Postalia, Inc..... 562.05
Franklin VFD, Inc..... 4,750.00
Frantz, Wanda M..... 300.00
Frontier..... 26,731.02
Frontline Public Safety 1,458.61
Fubar Enterprises..... 1,920.00
Future Generations..... 100.00
Futurity IT, Inc..... 1,000.00
G-Technologies, Inc..... 2,987.88

PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
June 30, 2026

	Agency Funds
ASSETS	
Non-pooled cash	$ 428,289
Receivables:	
Taxes	132,044
Total receivables	132,044
Total assets	$ 560,333
LIABILITIES	
Other payable	3,428
Due to: other governments	$ 556,905
Total liabilities	$ 560,333

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Variance with Original Budget Positive (Negative)	Actual Modified Accrual Basis	Adjustments Budget Basis	Actual Amts Budget Basis	Variance with Final Posititve (Negative)
REVENUES							
Taxes:							
Coal severance tax	$ 23,000	$ 23,000	$ --	$ 16,138	$ 342	$ 16,480	$ (6,520)
	--						
Total revenues	23,000	23,000	--	16,138	342	16,480	(6,520)
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government	27,500	27,408	--	16,508	(655)	15,853	11,555
Total expenditures	27,500	27,408	(92)	16,508	(655)	15,853	11,555
Net change in fund balance	(4,500)	(4,408)	(92)	(370)	997	627	5,035
Fund balances - beginning	4,500	4,408	--	9,546	(5,138)	4,408	--
Fund balances - ending	$ --	$ --	$ (92)	$ 9,176	$ (4,141)	$ 5,035	$ 5,035

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Variance with Original Budget Postitive (Negative)	Actual Modified Accrual Basis	Adjustments Budget Basis	Actual Amounts Budget Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES							
County Clerk Earnings	$ 600	$ 600	$ --	$ 683	$ --	$ 683	$ 83
Rents - Towers Cell & Elec	2,100	2,100	--	2,916	--	2,916	816
Intergovernmental - State	--	--	--	15,832	(15,832)	--	--
Emergency 911 Fee	653,557	653,557	--	728,054	--	728,054	74,497
Interest	21,000	21,000	--	11,601	--	11,601	(9,399)
Refunds/Reimbursements	--	--	--	328	--	328	328
Total revenues	677,257	677,257	--	759,414	(15,832)	743,582	66,325
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
Public safety	447,257	468,830	21,573	204,779	(7,836)	196,943	271,887
Total expenditures	447,257	468,830	21,573	204,779	(7,836)	196,943	271,887
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	230,000	208,427	(21,573)	554,635	(7,996)	546,639	338,212
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	--	--	--	--	--		--
Transfers (out)	(790,000)	(790,000)	--	(749,078)	--	(749,078)	40,922
Total other financing sources (uses)	(790,000)	(790,000)	--	(749,078)	--	(749,078)	40,922
Net change in fund balance	(560,000)	(581,573)	21,573	(194,443)	(7,996)	(202,439)	379,134
Fund balances - beginning	560,000	581,573	--	466,234	--	581,573	(0)
Fund balances - ending	$ --	$ --	$ 21,573	$ 271,791	$ (7,996)	$ 379,134	$ 379,134

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2026

	General	Coal Severance Tax	911	American Rescue Plan Act	Building Commission	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS & DEFERRED OUTFLOWS							
Current:							
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,299,128	$ 5,035	$ 379,134	$ 110,727	$ 73,006	$ 381,470	$ 3,248,501
Receivables:							
Taxes	92,737	5,204	--	--	--	--	97,941
Leases	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	$ 2,391,865	$ 10,239	$ 379,134	$ 110,727	$ 73,006	$ 381,470	$ 3,346,441
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS & FUND BALANCES							
Current Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	$ 202,406	$ 1,063	$ 12,568	$ --	$ 227,181	$ 1,287	$ 444,505
Payroll Taxes Payable	37,383	--	--	--	--	--	37,838
Unearned Revenue:							
State/Federal Grants			94,775	110,727			205,502
Total Liabilities	240,244	1,063	107,343	110,727	227,181	1,287	687,844
Deferred Inflows:							
Unearned Revenue: Taxes	64,461	--	--	--	--	--	64,461
Leases	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total deferred inflows of resources	64,461	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fund balances:							
Restricted	266,362	9,176	271,791	--	(154,175)	380,183	773,337
Committed	992,857	--	--	--	--	-	992,857
Assigned	827,941	--	--	--	--	-	827,841
Total fund balances	2,087,160	9,176	271,791	--	(154,175)	380,183	2,594,135
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	$ 2,391,865	$ 10,239	$ 379,134	$ 110,727	$ 73,006	$ 381,470	$ 3,346,441

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General County Fund 1,034,600.48
Generator Source, LLC..... 38,563.00
George, Katie..... 287.50
George, Sally 265.00
Gillespie, Richard..... 628.39
Global Science & Technology ... 35,382.78
Globalstar USA, LLC..... 1,629.35
Goff Appraisals 11,610.00
Goff Fence & Landscaping.. 11,950.00
Grant County Parks & Recreation 800.00
Grant County Press..... 878.66
Green Top Sporting Goods 2,460.00
Greer Industries, Inc..... 2,217.22
Grimes, Christopher..... 250.00
Grimes, Melissa..... 250.00
Harper, Ashley 250.00
Harper, Berlin 361.20
Harper, Gena..... 250.00
Harper, Melissa..... 60.00
Harper, Shirley 250.00
Harr, Sharon 250.00
Hartman, Janet.... 322.60
Havenbrook Media, Inc..... 802.50
Hawk Security Systems..... 14,452.43
Health Reimb. Acount Fund..... 23,066.62
Hedrick, Mary L... 250.00
Hedrick , Regina... 309.00
Hedrick, Terry..... 60.00
Hess, J.D..... 773.52
HighCom Armor 3,844.00
Highmark, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Employer... 569,143.90
Hiner, George 150.00
Hinkle, Brenda..... 375.50
Hoover, Jessica 3,973.26
Hott's Ag Services, Inc..... 219.90
Huffman, John M..... 386.58
Huffman, Laura ... 265.00
Hull's Outdoor Service..... 2,895.00
Hyper-Reach..... 4,485.00
Inclusion Solutions, LLC..... 2,804.45
Jack Keister Custom 250.00
J.D. Power & Assoc..... 115.00
JH Consulting ... 3,500.00
John Deere Financial 49,576.89
JusticePoint..... 4,681.50
JV Site Services 2,585.00
K9 Working Dogs..... 2,895.00
Keplinger, Billy Joe 500.00
Keplinger, Eddie .. 200.00
Keplinger, Stacy... 500.00
Kile, David..... 1,400.00
Kile, Faye..... 265.00
Kimble, Susan 270.00
Kisamore, Lucy E. 250.00
Kline, Kim 250.00
Komax, LLC 331.30
Kontyko, Matt 84.13
Kuykendall, Deborah..... 282.40
Laboratory Corporation 47.50
Lantz Construction Co..... 3,953,581.96
Liberty Dynamic 1,225.00
Love, James C. IV 179.20
Mallow, April..... 587.47
Mallow, Paul..... 125.80
Mark's Duct Cleaning..... 6,750.00
Matthew Bender & Co..... 3,728.92
MES Service Company LLC 8,139.00
Mitchell, Diana M..... 396.03
Mitchell, Dinah 50.00
Mitchell, Paula..... 250.00
Minor, Bruce..... 183.38
Mon Power..... 37,046.45
Moorefield Examiner..... 128.24
Motorola 157,069.55
Motorola Solutions Inc..... 48,200.76
Mt. Air Heating & Cooling 2,100.00
Mutual Of Omaha Life Insurance, Employer..... 1,352.26
Nash, Rhonda..... 250.00
Nelson, Mary Ann..... 250.00
NGA 911 ..... 3,060.00
Noble Response Solutions 23,937.00
North Fork Disposal Service..... 1,314.16
Office of Emergency Mgmt..... 700.00
Omni Associates..... 48,797.91
OpAns, LLC..... 1,700.00
Otis Elevator Company 2,913.40
Parker, Barbara ... 250.00
Parrish's Carpet Service..... 8,350.55
Parsons 10,113.02
Pendleton Animal Welfare 5,000.00
Pendleton Board of Parks & Recreation.. 34,021.51
Pendleton Community Bank..... 2,011,305.22
Pendleton Community Care..... 260.85
Pendleton Co. Convention & Visitor's Bureau 101,442.69
Pendleton County Emergency Rescue 290,977.68
Pendleton County Family Support Center 10,000.00
Pendleton County Firemen's Assn..... 43,221.34
Pendleton County Health Dept..... 35,000.00
Pendleton County Library 36,000.00
Pendleton County Outdoors..... 7,782.00
Pendleton Senior & Family Services..... 17,400.00
Pennybacker, Diana..... 275.15
Petrocon, Inc..... 3,600.00
Pitsenbarger, Karen..... 11.25
Postmaster..... 720.00
Potomac Hardware Inc..... 1,135.99
Potomac Highlands Shrine..... 56.00
Potomac Valley Soil Conservation 10,000.00
Potomac Valley Transit Authority..... 5,000.00
Premier Construct. Group..... 4,770.71
Public Safety UAS, LLC..... 9,978.00
Public Service District 429.84
Puffenberger, Kevin 289.00
Putz, Wendy 337.50
QH Design LLC.... 762.15
Qlabs, Inc..... 47.00
Quill 8,206.65
RDJ Specialties, Inc..... 1,763.65
Region 8 Planning & Dev..... 32,782.90
Regional Jail & Correctional .. 90,422.01
RELX Inc. DBA Lexis Nexis..... 3,252.16
Retiree Health Benefit Fund..... 33,780.00
Rexrode Construction 338,568.88
Rexrode Remodeling LLC..... 61,401.78
Rickman, Brandon..... 2,700.00
Roberson, Frankie..... 146.24
Roberson Lawn Care 14,530.00
Roberson, Tommy..... 1,204.04
Robs Locksmith Service 37,183.82
Rodgers, Virginia 250.00
Ryan, Terry..... 239.86
SBVD Report Center..... 20,000.00
SecuriTech, LLC..... 33,905.69
Seneca Rocks RDA 45,750.00
Seneca Rocks VFD 5,125.00
Seymour, Barbara L..... 250.00
Shank, Shirley C. 250.00
Sheffer, Gary 265.00
Shenandoah Valley Office 4,038.27
Shentel..... 15,233.35
Shirk, Delores..... 250.00
Shupe, James 1,300.00
Simmons Backflow Service..... 390.00
Simon, Jane E. 250.00
Simpson Construction... 2,473.31
Sisson, Shirley A. 270.00
Sites Auto Parts Company 326.00
Skyline Roofing Inc..... 36,367.00
Smith's Service & Repair..... 46,217.02
Snyder, Judy..... 285.00
Social Security/ Medicare, Employer.. 171,381.95
Software Systems, Inc..... 36,940.26
Sound Communications Inc..... 6,295.00
South Fork VF Co., Inc..... 3,313.46
Southwest Solutions Group 9,395.08
Sponaugle & Sponaugle 2,500.00
Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Tel..... 12,157.50
State Tax Department.. 16,300.72
Sur Tec Inc. 2,963.00
Sutter Roofing and Metal 3,800.00
Swigunski, Jeralyn 250.00
Taglieri, Laurie L..... 300.00
Taglieri, Robin R. 300.00
Teter, Kathy 265.00
The James & Law Company 8,602.00
The Pendleton Times..... 12,938.09
The Power Connection, Inc. 358.32
The Thrasher Group Inc..... 39,202.19
Thompson, Charlotte 137.00
T J Bowman Inc..... 4,000.00
TJM Enterprises .. 450.00
T&K Markets LLC..... 568.07
Town of Franklin 14,394.68
Town of Franklin Board of Parks..... 12,000.00
T-Mobile..... 1,968.22
United States Treasury..... 149.21
Upper Tract VFD 2,050.00
Upper Tract VFD Trng Cntr 50.00
Viola Engineering, PC 19,223.13
W.B. Mason, Inc..... 2,734.00
Waggy, Paula..... 250.00
Warner, Anita..... 150.00
Warner, Cynthia 1,555.80
Warner, Lois..... 250.00
Watkins, Terry L..... 300.00
Wex Bank 25,725.02
White, Elise 247.80
Wise Guys Police Training 315.00
Whiterock Excavating, LLC 14,482.94
Wilburn, Shalee ... 691.80
Wimer, Carolyn . 3,100.00
Woodford Oil Company 16,461.33
WORKFORCE West Virginia 482.80
WV Assn of Circuit Clerks 975.00
WV Association of Counties 4,000.00
WV Assn of County Clerks... 500.00
WV Correctional Ind. 641.40
WV Counties Risk Pool Insurance... 88,808.00
WV Dept. Agriculture..... 1,153.80
WV Deputy Retirement, Employer.... 52,736.06
WV Emergency Mgmt Council.... 375.00
WV Emergency Management 26,982.60
WV Emergency Services Retirement, Employer.... 46,120.02
WV Enhanced 911 Council 1,700.00
WV Public Employee's Retirement, Employer.. 127,042.84
WV Sheriffs' Association..... 1,400.00
WV State Auditor 134,200.00
WV State Police 5,713.14
WV University 13,649.00
Young's Mechanical Solutions 31,129.85

TOTAL $14,029,177.26

We, the undersigned members of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing unaudited financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2026.

Carl Hevener
Roger Dahmer
Jimmie Bennett

Attested:
Elise M. White, Clerk 1c

DELINQUENT LAND TO BE SOLD
FALL PUBLICATION LIST

Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land or undivided interests herein in the County of Pendleton which are delinquent for the nonpayment taxes for the year of 2025 will be offered for sale by the undersigned sheriff at public auction at a later date. You have until November 2, 2026 to pay your delinquent taxes or it will be sold to the state.

Each unredeemed tract or lot, or each unredeemed part thereof of undivided interest therein, will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder for cash in an amount which shall not be less than the taxes, and charges which shall be due thereon to the date of sale, as set forth in the following table.

Please call the Sheriff's office at 304-358-2214 before paying your 2025 Delinquent taxes which are coming up for land sale. The amount printed as total due for 2025 taxes includes some fees to be added ONLY if the land is sold.

Ticket	Taxpayer Name	Property Description	Total Due
		DISTRICT-01-BETHEL	
0000000047	BAILEY DON & JEAN,	BRANDYWINE .25 AC.	317.01
0000000087	BODKIN LUCY, 21.80 ACRES	LAKE PROPERTY SOUTH FORK 4/7	201.60
0000000088	BODKIN LUCY ELLEN,	5.64 ACS PROPST GAP	1090.74
0000000089	BODKIN LUCY ELLEN, 30 ACS	PROPST GAP	354.10
0000000232	DAVIS JERRY JR, 4.32 ACS	ROUGH RUN	117.76
0000000233	DAVIS JERRY JR, 4 AC	ROUGH RUN	656.43
0000000346	FLEMING JEREMEY A,.763 AC	SWEEDLIN VALLEY	212.78
0000000347	FLEMING JEREMY & KAREN,	8.55 ACS SWEEDLIN VALLEY..	176.79
0000000348	FLEMING JEREMY & KAREN,	5.03 ACA TRACT #2 SWEEDLIN VALLEY	157.96
0000000349	FLEMING JEREMY & KAREN,	.71 AC TRACT #1 SWEEDLIN VALLEY	91.40
0000000350	FLEMING JEREMY & KAREN,	.84 ACS SWEEDLIN VALLEY....	317.01
0000000351	FLEMING JEREMY A &,	2.38 ACS SWEEDLIN VALLEY..	105.93
0000000352	FLEMING JEREMY A &, 2.17 ACS	SWEEDLIN VALLEY	225.49
0000000388	GARBER WAYNE E, .45 ACS	ROUGH RUN	354.16
0000000564	HOTEN CLAD C, .48 AC	BRANDYWINE	75.27
0000000741	MARINERS VILLAGE LLC,	BRANDYWINE 2.2046 ACRES	4743.58
0000000858	MOYERS REBECCA, 1 AC	BRANDYWINE	305.62
0000000917	PENNINGTON BETH LYNN &,	1.70 ACRES LOT# 34 SOUTH FORK	239.06
0000000918	PENNINGTON BETH LYNN &,	1.73 ACRES LOT# 31 SOUTH FORK	150.58
0000000919	PENNINGTON BETH LYNN &,	3.30 ACRES LOT#30 SOUTH FORK	223.29
0000001017	RED BARN FARMS LLC,	45.43 ACRES SOUTH FORK	1953.14
0000001018	RED BARN FARMS LLC,	1.20 ACS SOUTH FORK	85.33
0000001019	RED BARN FARMS LLC,	20.44 ACS. SOUTH FORK	293.52
0000001020	RED BARN FARMS LLC,	15.94 ACS STONY RUN	220.80
0000001149	SCHELL TERRY RAY, 1.02 ACS	PROPST GAP	474.67
0000001175	SHOCKEY SHANNON, 4.01 ACS	BRANDYWINE	532.77
0000001176	SHOCKEY SHANNON, 0.627	HAWES RUN	212.92
0000001224	SINNETT HARVEY JR, SOUTH	FORK MT 2.81 AC 2.81 AC	172.49
0000001273	SWIGUNSKI JERALYN &, .25 AC	SO FORK	107.67
0000001341	TRIPP LLC, 4.07 AC	SHENANDOAH MT	994.10
0000001342	TRIPP LLC, .066 ACS	SHENANDOAH MTN	70.88
0000001476	WEIMER DAVID & KRISTIN K,	.92 AC ROUGH RUN	947.67
0000001477	WEIMER DAVID & KRISTIN K,	.77 AC ROUGH RUN	164.17
0000001505	WILLIAMS JOHNM 1.04 ACS	LOT#61 FISHER MTN ESTATES	134.82
0000001519	WRIGHT TERESA N &, .67 ACRE	BRANDYWINE	368.19
0000001523	YOUNG KYLE ALLAN &,	12.63 ACRES SWEEDLIN VALLEY	617.89
		DISTRICT-02-CIRCLEVILLE	
0000001681	ARBAUGH MICHAEL WILLIAM &,	.50 AC CORRECTIVE DEED	
		NORTH FORK MICHAEL & KATHY--LE	234.01
0000001903	DEHAVEN CARRIE, 2.50 ACRES	ELK MT	85.48
0000001904	DEHAVEN CARRIE & ADAM,	2.50 ACRES ELK MT	530.15
0000002046	HEDRICK ROBERT & ASHLEY,	0.72 ACS NORTH FORK	344.16
0000002053	HIGH SPRUCE LLC, .55 ACRES	SPRUCE MT	1233.44
0000002166	LAMBORNE MICHAEL & SHIRLEY,	119.39 ACRES NORTH FORK HILLS	1025.77
0000002167	LAMBORNE MICHAEL & SHIRLEY,	ANN 36.22 AC NORTH FORK HILLS	1326.72
0000002177	LITTLEHALES BATES JODY,	4 ACS ELK MT	157.01
0000002178	LITTLEHALES BATES W &,	2.50 ACS ELK MT	134.98
0000002179	LITTLEHALES BATES W	JOSEPHINE, 3.26 ACS ELK MT	109.56
0000002569	TINGLER RICKY, 21.07 ACS	ELK MT	535.05
0000002572	TINGLER TIMMY & MELINDA,	2.62 ACS ELK MT	198.47
0000002579	UPP JACQUELINE W REVOCABLE,	183.57 ACS TRACT #1 NORTH FORK	2617.15
0000002580	UPP JACQUELINE WILKINS	TRUSTEE, NORTH FORK 9.25 AC	199.65
0000002671	WARNER DAVID & MARK &,	8.1 ACS BIG RUN	308.69
0000002736	WHEELER CASSIE MARIA,	BIG RUN .185 ACRES	211.91
0000002770	WIMER PAUL G, 137.77 ACS	HUNTING GROUD	1349.79
		DISTRICT-03-FRANKLIN	
0000002897	ALLEGHENY WOOD PRODUCTS	2687 ACS JACK MTN MINERALS ONLY EXCLUDING COAL	117.02
0000002908	ANDERSON JOHN D JR &,	DIANNE M 1.383 AC SOUTH BRANCH	657.82
0000002946	BARR WANDA FAYE, PROPST GAP	0.34 ACS	342.85
0000002947	BARR WANDA FAYE, .14 AC	PROPST GAP	107.67
0000003048	BOSTIC BELVA M, 5.21 ACS	SMITH CREEK	554.02
0000003120	BROTON CHESTER F &,	24.79 ACS W S BRANCH INCLUSIVE SURVEY	914.49
0000003254	CLEMMER PATRICIA R, 40 ACRES	ENTRY MOUNTAIN	385.62
0000003270	COOPER JANET NOVACK	TRUSTEE, 3.08 AC THORN CREEK PARCEL B PARTITION DEED	262.50
0000003271	COPLEY CHARLOTTE Y, .6 AC.	HALLS HILL	259.42
0000003283	CROUSE DEBORAH L, .77 AC'	NORTH FORK MT	415.77
0000003346	DEPUE BRYTTIAN ALEX,	0.73 AC RUDDLE	141.75
0000003347	DEPUE JOHN GLEN, .45 AC	RUDDLE	267.95
0000003348	DEPUE JOHN GLEN, 30.2 ACRES	RUDDLE	335.13
0000003349	DEPUE JOHN GLEN, 14.88 ACS	RUDDLE	207.52
0000003405	EDISON BLAIN & BRIAN,	ENTRY MT .20 ACRE	96.27
0000003406	EDISON BLAINE & BRIAN &,	ENTRY MT .25	73.51
0000003407	EDISON RUTH WRIGHT & HEIRS,	.87 AC ENTRY MT	105.93
0000003467	FARLEY HEATHER C, 10.98 ACS	BUCK RIDGES TRACT #12	785.17
0000003549	GOLDSMITH BELINDA, 29.1 ACS	N FORK MTN	633.80
0000003693	HARTMAN EDWIN V & SUSAN O,	40.43 ACRES N FORK MT	842.26
0000003777	HESTER AARON C & CRYSTAL,	.30 ACS BUFFALO RUN	276.72
0000003778	HESTER AARON C & CRYSTAL,	.148 AC TROUT RUN	135.70
0000003779	HESTER CRYSTAL A &,	.84 ACRES SMITH CREEK	191.75
0000003837	HOOVER RICHARD E & CAROL S,	.183 ACRE HAMMER MT	81.83
0000003838	HOOVER RICHARD E & CAROL S,	18,500 SQ FT OR .42 AC HAMMER MTN	189.27
0000003839	HOOVER RICHARD E CAROL S,	.50 ACS HAMMER MT	883.29
0000003947	JAMESON KAREN L, 17.5 ACS	"ROS" THORNY MEADOW	878.10
0000003966	JOHNSON ELVIN &, LOT 3	THORNY MEADOW 0.62 AC	151.46
0000004009	JUDY MICHAEL R &, 2.056 ACS	LOT #1 DEPUE SUB DIV	637.37
0000004080	KIMBLE LABREESKA K,	14.17 ACS SMITH CREEK	458.40
0000004233	MACGREGOR ROBERT B &,	SMITH CREEK 240.05 ACS	719.49

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0000004334	MERRITT JOHN A, 3.08 AC LOT C-5 ENTRY MT	184.74
0000004350	MILTON ANDREA &, LOT #17 .25 ACS SOUTH BRANCH	344.60
0000004351	MILTON ROBERT J &, 2.63 ACS LOT #5 CASTLE MTN CAMPS	224.52
0000004352	MILTON ROBERT J &, 2.41 ACS LOT #6 CASTLE MTN CAMPS	137.81
0000004466	MURPHY JUSTIN ISAAC, SOUTH BRANCH 82.5 X 300	84.82
0000004467	MURPHY JUSTIN ISAAC, SOUTH BRANCH 2.618 AC	402.78
0000004468	MURPHY PATSY ANN (DUNBRACK), .152 AC SOUT BRANCH	101.97
0000004521	NIBBLINS DIANNE HAROLD, .75 AC ENTRY MT	277.46
0000004522	NIBBLINS HAROLD & DIANE, .64 AC ENTRY MTN	87.52
0000004578	PITSENBARGER FARMS LLC. 2.744 ACRES HAMMER MTN	1117.61
0000004579	PITSENBARGER FARMS LLC, 2.296 ACRES HAMMER MT	1255.54
0000004591	POE THOMAS R & ANDERSON JUDITH, 3.18 ACRES TREASURE MOUNTAIN	82.22
0000004592	POE THOMAS R & JUDITH ANDERSON, 5 ACS LOT #8 BUCK RIDGES 1ST ADDITION	441.76
0000004688	REXRODE CARL, 7.3 ACS SANDY RIDGE	458.18
0000004757	RION JAMES F & HUFFMAN C, NEAR FRANKLIN .277 ACRE	462.65
0000004791	ROUTE 33 PROPERTIES LLC, 1.61 ACRES LOT 3 BUFFALO RUN	347.67
0000004792	ROUTE 33 PROPERTIES LLC, 2.15 ACRES LOT 4 BUFFALO RUN	155.85
0000004872	SCHOUSTER BARRY & TEENA M, 5 AS HIGH VALLEY SUB DIV	149.90
0000004933	SIMMONS JONATHAN, PROPST GAP 0.417 AC	583.29
0000004934	SIMMONS JONATHON L, 1 AC PROPST GAP	181.24
0000004935	SIMMONS JONATHON L, .47 AC SOUTH BRANCH	472.85
0000005050	SMITH HOPE QUINN, 4 AC DRY RUN LOT #3	240.23
0000005059	SMITH RODNEY, 0.82 AC CEDAR KNOW	138.33
0000005060	SMITH RODNEY, 0.93 AC CEDAR KNOB	107.67
0000005182	TIDD PATTY, 0.83 ACS SO BRANCH	313.08
0000005211	VANDEVANDER DENVER, .13 AC FRIENDS RUN	73.22
0000005212	VANDEVANDER DENVER, .063 AC FRIENDS RUN	76.43
0000005496	WRIGHT TERESA, 4.64 ACRES ENTRY MOUNTAIN	241.02
0000005497	WRIGHT TERESA N, 3.08 AC LOT #C-2 ENTRY MT	153.65

DISTRICT-04-FRANKLIN CORPORATION

0000005750	FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE, .05 ACRE COURT STREET	401.19
0000005837	JOHNSON DESIREE J, LOT 6TH ST 30 X 140 .096 ACRE	645.24
0000005864	KING CHARLES L & CAROL, .34 ACRES HALLS HILL	709.81
0000006088	THOMPSON BECKY LYNN, 0.16 AC CIRCLE DRIVE 82.6X106.9 LOT 2	521.80
0000006107	UNDERWOOD JANET, LOT W COURT STREET 73.26 X 68.64	578.64
0000006108	UNDERWOOD JANET, .035 EAST COURT STREET	70.59

DISTRICT-05-MILL RUN

0000006336	AUVILLE RICHARD ET ALS, 1.02 AC BRUSHY RUN	459.80
0000006379	BORROR TYLER, .26 ACS RT 220	797.37
0000006394	BOWLER ANGELA DIANE, 2.26 ACRES N MILL CREEK	175.12
0000006503	COOK ROBERT & TARA, 2.39 ACS NORTH MILL CREEK	214.97
0000006537	DAVIS GINA MICHELLE &, 1.09 ACRES BRUSHY RUN	459.35
0000006619	FITZWATER PROPERTY, 27.77 ACS NEW SURVEY UPPER TRACT	658.69
0000006628	FRAME CHARLES H, 1.04 AC BRUSHY RUN	372.20
0000006790	HEAVNER STEPHEN W & ARMANDA D, 37.728 AC LOT #5 SOUTH FORK MT	160.89
0000006968	JOSEPH BRIAN E, 8.23 ACS SO BRANCH	374.82
0000007237	LEE GARY A & JOY K, 7.46 ACS LOT #44 SMOKE HOLE LEGENDS	505.72
0000007345	MARTIN TERRI, 3.84 ACS KLINE ROAD	411.57
0000007372	MERTZ STEVEN E, 2 ACS SMOKE HOLE	140.52
0000007476	NOORDZY STEVE L, 2.88 ACS S MILL CREEK	379.27
0000007629	SCHOFF MATTHEW MICHAEL, 151.23 ACRES MIDDLE MT	2933.80

DISTRICT-06-SUGAR GROVE

0000008434	COOK JOHN H, 19.56 ACRES REDDISH KNOB ROAD	548.55
0000008443	COX MICHAEL W, 242.36 ACRES LOT#2	4370.01
0000008486	DAWSON DEBRA A, .35 ACS LOT#9 SOUTH FORK CROSSING	521.91
0000008498	DOVE QUENTIN & BRITTANY A, 4.41 ACS S FORK MTN	200.01
0000008721	HOWDYSHELL MICHAEL W, .30 ACS S FORK	94.10
0000008722	HOWDYSHELL MICHAEL W, .0637 ACRE FLEISHERS RUN	308.26
0000008723	HOWDYSHELL MICHAEL W, .03 ACRE SOUTH FORK-FLEISHERS RUN	89.28
0000008855	LEWIS ANTHONY W &, 2 AC LITTLE STONY RUN PARTITION DEED	381.83
0000008929	MCVEY THELMA, 173.409 ACS LITTLE FORK 5-16, 22, 23 (ALL MINERALS)	72.92
0000009182	PATIERNO JOEL A &, BLACK THORN 12.74 AC	232.05
0000009183	PATIERNO JOEL A &, 167 ACS SPRING RUN	1934.01
0000009184	PATIERNO JOEL AUGUST, 24.3 ACRES SPRING RUN	487.07
0000009367	REXRODE NANCY L &, .25 ACRE JACK MTN	240.22
0000009444	SHANHOLTZ RODMAN &, 139.89 ACRES OF 140.89 RODMAN'S HOUSE	778.25
0000009445	SHANHOLTZ RODMAN &, 1 ACRE OF 140.89 RENTAL HOUSE	1540.21
0000009567	TAYLOR WILLIAM ALLEN, 6 ACRES BLACK THORN	906.14
0000009665	WOLFE JOHN C & SANDRA Y, 2.685 ACS PEND HIGHLAND CO LINE	206.66
0000009674	WV WHITETAILS UNLIMITED LLC, 98.58 ACRES KISER GAP	1963.21

DISTRICT-07-UNION

0000009988	BOSSERMAN JEFFREY S &, 23 ACS ROARING CREEK	354.61
0000010039	BURNER JOHN WM ET ALS, 57 ACS N F HILLS	620.08
0000010097	CHEW GEORGE R, N FORK 1.5 AC	100.23
0000010400	HEDRICK DENNIS J, 2 ACRE NORTH FORK HILLS	760.21
0000010512	KEATING WILLIAM J, 21.66 ACS LOT #12 N F HILLS	534.53
0000010670	MARLOW CHARLES, .38 ACRES NORTH FORK	137.45
0000010682	MCABEE BENJAMIN T & HEIDI D, 2.07 AC N. FORK	114.59
0000010698	MELANSON MARK & TODD, 11.25 ACS GERMANY VALLEY	159.90
0000010716	MILLER R J, 5.91 AC N F HILLS	199.65
0000010752	NELSON HERBERT, 118.52 GERMANY VALLEY 1/3 UND INT	71.86
0000010873	RHODES RICHARD W, 2.12AC N FORK	401.62
0000010883	RIVER MART INC, 2.70 ACS NORTH FORK	1456.58
0000010884	RIVER MART INC, 2.08 ACS N FORK QUIT CLAIM DEED	112.06
0000010928	SELLERS HILDA & WILLIAM, 22 ACS GERMANY VALLEY 1/5 INT (GAS & OIL RIGHTS ONLY)	71.47
0000010929	SELLERS HILDA & WILLIAM, 11.53 ACS GERMANY VALLEY (GAS & OIL RIGHTS ONLY) 1/5 INT	71.47
0000010985	SITES STACY G, 59.43 ACS TIMBER RIDGE	137.38
0000011040	THOMPSON DAISY, BRUSHY RUN 25.25 ACS 1/20 UND INT-TRUMMIE THOMPSON	70.88
0000011054	TRIANGLE ROCK FISH CAMP LLC, .25 ACRE	166.79
0000011113	VANDEVANDER ERIC, 6 ACS TIMBER RIDGE TRACT #4	678.62
0000011114	VANDEVANDER ERIC, .63 ACS TIMBER RIDGE	77.52
0000011115	VANDEVANDER ERIC & JESSICA, 5.04 ACRES TRACT 1-C TIMBER RIDGE	278.18
0000011160	WATERS GREGORY NEIL & LAURA, 45.47 ACRES TIMBER RIDGE	954.23
0000011176	WHITMAN TRACEY GREGORY, N FORK 28.20 ACS	605.33

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots, or part thereof or an individual interest therein, may be redeemed by the payment to the undersigned sheriff before sale, of the total amount of taxes, interest and charges due thereon up to the date of redemption.
Given under my hand this 30th day of September, 2026.
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WV Residents Urged to Use Caution During Fall Fire Season

Fall fire season began Oct. 1 and continues through Dec. 31.

During this time, residents must confine their outdoor burning to the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., according to the West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

Outdoor burning is restricted during the day due to the abundance of dry leaves and forest floor debris that may cause fires to spread. Relative humidity typically increases during the evening and overnight, which is why burning is permitted only during those hours.

Debris burning is West Virginia's most common cause of wildfires, averaging more than 35 percent of all wildfires during the past 10 years.

"We ask all West Virginians to follow the state's burning laws, limit burning to the evening hours, and take every precaution to help us safeguard our communities and forestland," Jones said.

The fall fire season state law restrictions include:

- No outdoor burning from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Any fire set between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. must be extinguished before 7 a.m.
- Fires must be attended at all times.
- Before leaving any fire for any length of time, the fire must be completely extinguished.
- Clear at least a 10-foot area (safety strip) around the fire and make sure all burnable material has been removed.
- Any equipment that can throw sparks and operates on land subject to fire by any cause must be provided with an adequate spark arrestor.
- If the fire escapes, a person is liable for the costs of fighting the fire and any damage the fire may cause.
- Violation of the burning law is punishable by a fine of up to $1,000.

The WV DOF can issue commercial permits to burn during the prohibited periods.

The division of forestry protects nearly 12 million acres of forestland across West Virginia.

Pumpkins...



- The self-proclaimed "Pumpkin Capitol of the World" is Morton, Illinois, home to Libby's pumpkin industry.
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- Cleaning experience is helpful, but not required.

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FHS Classmates of 1954 and 1955 Gather for Combined Reunion





On July 25, four members of the Franklin High School 1954 graduating class and eight members of the 1955 graduating class, along family members or friends, met in the social hall of the Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Frankin. The reunion marked 72years since graduation by the 1954 class and 71 years for the 1955 class. An excellent meal was provided by the ladies of the church. Classmates of 1954 attending were, from left, seated, Helen (Pennington) Evick and Cornelia Hartman Teter; and back row, Dale Sponaugle and William Ray Hartman. Members of the 1955 class in attendance were, from left, seated, Elsie (Moats) Barrow, Loretta (Sponaugle) Homan, Patty (Judy) Sponaugle and Orva (Hammer) Sponaugle; and standing, Bruce Hoover, Charles Lambert, Jimmy Skidmore and Paul Harper.

Open Mic Poetry Reading Planned for Oct. 24

The Pendleton County Public Library will host a free public poetry gathering from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 24.

All ages are invited to read from their favorite poets, to read their own poems, or to be enthusiastic listeners.

"This is not a contest," Boyd Lucas, a member of the Pendleton County Library Friends and the Poetry Group, said. "Participants will not be judged on the quality of their readings or the quality of their poems. This is for people who enjoy or are curious about poetry and our local poets."

The open mic readings will begin at 6:30 p.m. The amount of reading time allowed each participant will be determined by the number of people who register. People who want to read must register their names and phone numbers no later than the Oct. 23 to Lucas at PCPLPoetry@icloud.com.

Refreshments will be served.

The event is being sponsored by the PCPL's Friends and Poetry Group.

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SGR423A 197.50 assessed acres, w/4 bed, 1.5 bath farmhouse. Propane Heat, Well, Septic, unfinished basement w/laundry hook-ups. Barn, outbuildings and pasture land. **$895,000.00.**

SGR424A 10.92 acres, 3 Bed/2 Bath doublewide, Elk Mountain area, close to Spruce Knob, Seneca Rocks, Snowshoe, no restrictions, backs up to National Forest, Circleville District. **$235,000.00.**

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**~~ **REDUCED $405,000.00.**

SGR419A 2 Adjoining building lots, Lot #8-0.22 ac. and Lot #9-0.26 ac., Public water/sewer, backs up to FES, Some restrictions, Meadow Lane, Franklin, Corp. **$49,000.00.**

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.**

SGR410A 1492 Dice Warner Road, Circleville, 3 Bed, 2 Bath, log siding and rock home on Cedar 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.**

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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**~~ ~~**$229,000.00**~~ **REDUCED 199,000.00.**

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.**

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

SGR382A 45 Ac. w/1 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Solar powered, no restrictions, Cistern & Septic, Shooting Range, Excellent Hunting, Franklin District. ~~**$399,000.00**~~ **REDUCED $379,000.00.**

SGR382B 35 Acres, Strauter Rd, Ruddle area. Year-Round Spring. Building Lot, Utilities. Excellent 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.**

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2015 FORD F-350 CREW CAB LONGBED 4X4, XL pkg., 6.7 liter diesel, auto., ldd., 144K miles, white, good cond.	$24,900
2008 FORD F-550 4X4 UTILITY TRUCK, w/ mechanic's crane and auger, 6.4 dsl., auto., air, etc.	SPECIAL ~~$26,900~~ $19,500
2007 FORD F-550 CREW CAB DUALLY 4X4, XLT pkg., custom hauler bed, 6.0 liter diesel, auto., ldd., only 98K miles, white	SPECIAL ~~$29,900~~ $24,900
2006 FORD F-250 CREW CAB S/BED LARIAT 4X4, 6.0 diesel, auto., ldd., wht/tan, 223K miles	$18,500
2005 FORD F-350 4X4 KING RANCH DUALLY, 6.0 diesel, auto., ldd., white & tan, only 60K miles	$44,900
2000 FORD F-350 CREW CAB LARIAT DUALY 4X4, V-10, auto., ldd., red, 11,000 miles, on new drivetrain	ONLY $16,900
PASSENGER VEHICLES	**SALE**
2025 FORD BRONCO 4-DR "BADLANDS SASQUATCH PKG.," V-6, auto., ldd., blue, only 6K miles, 72K new	$49,500
2023 FORD EXPEDITION MAX LIMITED 4X4, 3.5 liter Ecoboost, auto., ldd., silver, only 25K miles	$49,500
2022 KIA SORENTO AWD PREMIUM EDITION, 2.5 liter, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., light gray, 92K miles	$23,500
2022 SUBARU LEGACY 4-DR SEDAN "Premium Pkg.," ldd w/options, perfect condition, charcoal, 111K miles	SPECIAL ~~$19,900~~ $17,900
2021 FORD EXPEDITION LIMITED 4X4, 3.5 Ecoboost, auto., ldd., black cherry, 92K miles, very clean	$32,900
2021 JEEP WRANGLER 2-DR HARDTOP "80TH ANNIVERSARY PKG.," V-6, auto., ldd., orange, 64K miles	SPECIAL ~~$24,900~~ $22,500
2021 KIA SELTOS PREMIUM PKG., AWD, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., bronze, 104K miles, ex. cond.	$16,500
2020 FORD EDGE SEL AWD, 2.0 liter 4-cyl., auto., ldd., Ruby red, 116k miles, very sharp	$14,900
2020 SUBARU OUTBACK AWD WAGON, 2.5 liter, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., olive green, 114K miles	SPECIAL ~~$19,500~~ $17,500
2019 HYUNDAU SANTA FE SEL AWD, 4-cyl., auto., ldd, silver, only 52K miles, ex. cond.	$18,900
2019 LINCOLN MKC AWD, 2.3 liter 4-cyl., auto., ldd., black, local trade in w/only 64K miles, ex. cond.	$19,900
2019 INFINITI QX60 LUXE AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., pearl white, 94K miles	SPECIAL ~~$19,500~~ $17,900
2018 FORD EXPLORER XLT "SPORT PKG" AWD, 2.3 4-cyl., auto., ldd., dark cherry, 115Kmiles, very sharp	SPECIAL ~~$18,900~~ $17,900
2017 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DR SPORT 4X4, V-6, auto., ldd., white, 89K miles	SPECIAL ~~$18,900~~ $17,900
2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., copper color, 118K miles, sharp	$14,900
2016 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., white, 124K miles	$12,900
R/Vs & RECREATIONAL	**SALE**
2021 GRAND DESIGN REFLECTION 320 MKS, 35 ft. fifth wheel camper, ldd w/options, ex. cond.	$39,500

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