

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2027

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as amended, the Hampshire County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2027 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES is as follows:

	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Permanent Improvement Fund	Bond Construction Fund	Debt Service Fund	School Activity Fund	Total
Estimated Revenues:							
Local Source							
Property taxes	\$ 9,199,403	-	-	-	2,928,200	-	12,127,603
Other Local sources	177,300	20,288	-	1,000	5,000	1,522,000	1,725,588
State sources							
State aid to schools	23,027,745	1,342,887	-	-	-	-	24,370,632
Federal sources							
Unrestricted	300,000	4,306,589	-	-	-	-	4,606,589
Total estimated revenues	32,704,448	5,669,764	-	1,000	2,933,200	1,522,000	42,830,412
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	145,031	310,931	-	-	-	81,320	537,282
Estimated beginning balance	1,482,773	-	191,000	500,000	-	1,094,625	3,268,398
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources and beginning balance	\$ 34,332,252	5,980,695	191,000	501,000	2,933,200	2,697,945	46,636,092
Estimated Expenditures:							
Instruction	\$ 19,413,829	1,490,307	-	-	-	1,563,320	22,467,456
Supporting services:							
Students	2,164,725	637,130	-	-	-	-	2,801,855
Instructional staff	481,703	419,207	-	-	-	-	900,910
Central administration	376,955	-	-	-	-	-	376,955
School administration	1,627,415	-	-	-	-	-	1,627,415
Central Services	999,681	4,790	-	-	-	-	1,004,471
Operation and maintenance of facilities	3,928,821	40,000	-	-	-	-	3,968,821
Student transportation	4,757,925	86,590	-	-	-	-	4,844,515
Food services	70,267	2,493,823	-	-	-	-	2,564,090
Capital outlay	-	-	191,000	501,000	-	-	692,000
Debt service:							
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	2,650,000	-	2,650,000
Interest and fiscal changes	-	-	-	-	283,200	-	283,200
Total estimated expenditures	33,821,321	5,171,847	191,000	501,000	2,933,320	1,563,320	44,181,688
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	360,931	136,351	-	-	-	40,000	537,282
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Hampshire County, to wit;

I, George Collett, Secretary of the Hampshire County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget considered for adoption by the board of education on the 18th day of May, 2026.

George R. Collett
Secretary of the Board of Education

5-27-26

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE:

The Marriage of:
Marie Antoinette Lewis
Petitioner

and

John Landes Lewis
Respondent

Domestic Action No. 26D62

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO
OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A
PUBLICATION BY CLASS II
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in
this action that John Landes Lewis is

a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that John Landes Lewis serve upon Marie Antoinette Lewis, Petitioner, whose address is 106 Cooper's Run Road, Capon Bridge, WV 26711, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before July 3, 2026. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court
May 18, 2026.

Sonja K. Embrey
Circuit Clerk

By: Chrystal D. Stone
Deputy Clerk

5-20-26

Farm

LIVESTOCK REPORTS

FARMERS LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE INC.
1995 Northwestern Pike
Winchester, Va., 540-667-1023
Monday, May 18, 2026
LAMBS: 470 - Hi Choice & Prime: \$380-425. Choice & Prime: \$320-385. Choice: \$380-425. Graded & Choice: \$260. Slaughter Ewes: \$110-240.
KID GOATS: 232 - 20-40 lbs. - \$32-55 per head. 40-60 lbs. - \$150-430. 60-80 lbs. - \$440-500. 80-100 lbs. - \$420-510. Slaughter Nannies: \$170-290.
SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Cows 166: Breaker: \$172.50-179; Boner: \$167.50-181; Lean: \$125-175. **Stock Cows 62:** Bred: \$2200-3900. Pairs: \$2200-4050.
FEEDER CATTLE: 831 Head; 756 Grades - Steers: Med & Lg #1: 300-400 lbs. - \$585-605; 400-500 lbs. - \$455-542.50; 500-600 lbs. - \$445-495; 600-700 lbs. - \$442-455; 700-800 lbs. - \$365-414, 800-900 lbs. - \$350. Med & Lg #2: 300-400 lbs. - \$570-580; 400-500 lbs. - \$425-526; 500-600 lbs. - \$480; 600-700 lbs. - \$425-455; 700-800 lbs. - \$397-414; 800-900 lbs. - \$335-350. Med & Lg #3: 300-400 lbs. - \$560; 400-500 lbs. - \$430; 500-600 lbs. - \$445; 600-700 lbs. - \$350.
Heifers: Med & Lg #1: 300-400 lbs. - \$500-512.50; 400-500 lbs. - \$400-480; 500-600 lbs. - \$411-415; 600-700 lbs. - \$357.50-385; 700-800 lbs. - \$340, 800-900 lbs. - \$325. Med & Lg #2: 300-400 lbs. - \$519-523; 400-500 lbs. - \$410-503; 500-600 lbs. - \$380-422; 600-700 lbs. - \$367-372.50; 700-800 lbs. - \$315; 800-900 lbs. - \$325; 900-1000 lbs. - \$305. Med & Lg #3: 300-400 lbs. - \$490; 400-500 lbs. - \$375-446; 500-600 lbs. - \$347.50-360; 600-700 lbs. - \$335-350; 700-800 lbs. - \$285.
Bulls: Med & Lg #1: 300-400 lbs. - \$550-625; 400-500 lbs. - \$455-520; 500-600 lbs. - \$445; 600-700 lbs. - \$329-385; 700-800 lbs. - \$360; 800-900 lbs. - \$325-345. Med & Lg #2: 300-400 lbs. - \$555-600; 400-500 lbs. - \$445-485; 500-600 lbs. - \$380-432.50; 600-700 lbs. - \$320-385; 700-800 lbs. - \$310; 800-900 lbs. - \$310. Med & Lg #3: 300-400 lbs. - \$480; 400-500 lbs. - \$400-465; 500-600 lbs. - \$392.50-420; 600-700 lbs. - \$280-340.
FOUR STATES LIVESTOCK PO Box 108, Hagerstown, Md. 301-733-8120
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
SLAUGHTER COWS: 84 Head, By the Pound - Fleishy Beef: Over 1700 lbs. - \$ 210-230. 1400-1700 lbs. - \$180-207. Breakers: Avg. Dressing - \$180-190. Boners: H Dressing - \$185-212. Avg. Dressing - \$175-185. Lean: H Dressing - \$165-180. Avg. Dressing - \$150-164.
BULLS: 9 Head, By the Pound - YG #1: 1300-2000 lbs. - \$215-220. H Dressing: 1700-2250 lbs. - \$230-235.
FED CATTLE: 26 Head, By the Pound - Ch Steers: 1276 lbs. - \$265. H CH Steers: 1868 lbs. - \$255. H Ch Prime Heifers: 1100-1600 lbs. - \$260-267. Avg. Ch Heifers: 1100-1600 lbs. - \$250-259. **Dairy Replacements: 6 Head, By the Head -** Jersey Open Heifers: 266-298 lbs. - \$675-875; 402-454 lbs. - \$1210-1260.
HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES: 74 Head, By the Pound - Number 1: 78-98 lbs. - \$1300-1700; 100-120 lbs. - \$1225-1675. Hol Heifers #2: 76-78 lbs. - \$750-1000. Beef Bulls #1: 78-98 lbs. - \$1575-2200; 100-120 lbs. - \$1325-1850. Beef Heifers: 78-98 lbs. - \$1650-2200; 126-130 lbs. - \$1025-1200.
BUTCHER HOGS: 60 Head, By the Pound - 230-259 lbs. - \$69-74; 260-289 lbs. - \$70-75; 290-325 lbs. - \$75-79; 326-350 lbs. - \$55; 351-375 lbs. - \$55-65.
SOWS: 7 Head - 300-399 lbs. - \$35-50. 400-499 lbs. - \$60-65; 542 lbs. - \$60; 674 lbs. - \$60.
BOARS: 2 Head - 346-542 lbs. - \$14-35.
PIGS & SHOATS: 68 Head - By the Head: 38 lbs. - \$90; 48 lbs. - \$95. By the Pound: 126 lbs. - \$65; 137 lbs. - \$50; 149 lbs. - \$30; 171-181 lbs. - \$60-65.
STOCK CATTLE: 280 Head, By the Pound - FEEDER HEIFERS - 200-300 lbs. - \$360-530. M&L 1+2: 301-400 lbs. - \$350-480; 401-500 lbs. - \$370-430; 501-600 lbs. - \$330-440; 601-700 lbs. - \$290-350; 701-854 lbs. - \$230-320; 990 lbs. - \$187.50.
FEEDER STEERS - 286 lbs. - \$510. M&L 1+2: 301-400 lbs. - \$320-440; 401-500 lbs. - \$350-510; 501-600 lbs. - \$360-475; 601-700 lbs. - \$385-470; 701-800 lbs. - \$240-330; 801-900 lbs. - \$242.50-470; 901-1000 lbs. - \$232.50-262.50.
FEEDER BULLS - 200-300 lbs. - \$460-590. M&L 1+2: 300-400 lbs. - \$360-490; 401-500 lbs. - \$350-470; 501-600 lbs. - \$305-460; 601-700 lbs. - \$295-360; 701-800 lbs. - \$270-320; 801-984 lbs. - \$212.50-240. Stock Bulls: 1050-1366 lbs. - \$230-245.
STOCK COWS: 13 Head, By the Head - Cows Exposed to Bull - 3 Months: \$2050-2300; Cow Exposed to Bull: \$1375-1850; Cow - Calf Sold Sep: 1108 & 240 lbs.: \$2670.
GOATS: 130 Head, By the Head - Billies: 94-194 lbs. - \$230-440. Nannies: 90-106 lbs. - \$270-385. Wethers: 100-178 lbs. - \$240-340. Kids: Under 30 lbs. - \$60-120; 30-50 lbs. - \$160-27; 51-70 lbs. - \$170-315; 71-90 lbs. - \$220-365; 94 lbs. - \$120.
LAMBS: 132 Head, By the Pound - Under 40 lbs. - \$310-320. 41-61 lbs. - \$250-360. 61-80 lbs. - \$310-390. 81-140 lbs. - \$300-390. Family Sold Together: \$240.

Farm

Consumer
Report; Early
1947 Ford 2N
Tractor



FAR MUSE

Dr. Todd Addis VMD lives in Elverson, Pa., and has a property at Wickliffe, near Berryville, Va. I service the old Ford tractor there. Traditionally, a Latino member of his son-in-law's construction crew (He's Irwin Opitz, Opitz Construction in Rappahannock County) would do the mowing with the 2N Ford Tractor and rear-mounted finish mower. I would stop by to make repairs as needed.

Somewhere during this time, we decided that I could do both the mowing and repairs, switching rates during the day as the situation dictates. This arrangement would prevent the many occasions when our mystery friend — whom neither of us have actually met — would drive a considerable distance only to have to knock off when the tractor malfunctioned. Anyway, it's kind of a semi-retirement thing.

For a few years afterward, I would stop by the property to mow, only to find that our mysterious Mexican had already mowed the place, greased the equipment and fixed a flat tire. I reverted back to our previous ad hoc repairs-only arrangement.

On the evening of May 11, Dr. Addis (whom, I might add, is a subtle to moderate hoot on the phone) called to tell me that the arrangement with the construction crew member had ended and asked if we could revive our previous agreement. Making no effort to mask my enthusiasm, I agreed. Of course, as the reader may recall, it had been raining since forever and the grass was out of control.

Friday, May 13 (yes, I know) found me in Winchester awaiting the arrival of a John Deere part that I had ordered at New Virginia Tractor, formerly Carlyle and Anderson. The sun made a brief appearance that day so I decided to fill the time

mowing at Wickliffe. I found the mowing outfit fueled up and ready to go, though one of the wheels on the finish mower looked to be in the late stages of decomposition.

Now, you practical-minded farmers will probably find this to be a little strange; When I find an old tractor covered in multiple layers of old caked grease and grass seed I try not to disturb this patina of age. (This is the stuff that inspired the title of my semi-monthly rural humor column in Antique Power Magazine — "Of Grease and Chaff.") Thus I was unable to read the gear shift pattern cast into the transmission top cover.

After starting the tractor, I fished around for reverse. It took several tries before the old Ford moved backward over the brick left behind a rear wheel and out of the shed. Fortunately, it's too early in the year for the shed to be abuzz with angry wasps disturbed by the noise and exhaust smoke. I nuanced the hydraulics for just the right mower height. However, this system seems to have a mind of its own. When the hydraulics and I finally reached an accord, we took off in a gear that I can only presume to be second — it did seem awfully fast, though.

By the way, a 2N doesn't have brakes — neither does the earlier, (1939--early 1942) 9N or about the 1st half of the 8N's production (late 1947-1952). A design defect causes oil from the bevel gear compartment to leak onto the brake shoes. The only cure is to install later production 8N axle housings.

I'm not so sure that it would help all that much if the 2N did have operable brakes.

The brake and clutch pedals, at the end of their long metal arms, are so primitively forged that they would look at home

on some very basic horse-drawn conveyance. Now imagine this; the clutch pedal is on the left side next to the main body of the tractor. The left brake pedal is to the left of the clutch pedal. The right brake pedal is on the right side of the tractor.

Thus, in order to simultaneously brake and de-clutch and bring the tractor to a stop without it turning sharply to the right (unless you ride side-saddle) requires THREE feet (Ford would eventually move both brakes to the right side in later 8N production)

We sped around the old restored log house. The tall, narrow single-ribbed tires sought out even the most minute irregularities of the ground's surface and telegraphed them back to me through the steering. A banner of cobwebs fluttered from the one remaining headlight in the breeze generated by the cooling fan.

When I noticed the row of solar powered lights planted in the tall grass along the walkway to the house, it was already too late to stop. Rather than mow them to bits, I, like Big Joe in The Ballad of Phantom 309, turned the wheel sharply to avoid disaster.

The tractor and I rode gracefully down a steep bank. Oh well, the bank needed mowing anyway — but the gravel driveway at the bottom of the bank didn't. With gravel flying far and wide, I noticed that the defective mower wheel had gasped its last and the mower

It was time to put the tractor away, which entails its own adventures. There's a gentle slope to the dirt floor of the shed. Pull into the shed and depress the clutch and the tractor with no brakes begins rolling backward back out from under the roof. Various items such as bricks and rocks have been left partially buried on the floor with the idea that the tractor would run them over then roll back against them and stop.

These work for a while but eventually get pounded into the thick creek-bottom soil. The trick then is to shut the engine off with the tractor in gear before going through the far wall of the shed. With years of practice and only one shed wall encounter, I was able to do this easily. A brick went behind a wheel to hold the tractor in place while I removed the wheel bracket from the mower — on to Solenburger's for another wheel.

One more clear day ensued since then. I used that day to mow most of another, larger property. As I write this, there are 2 more clear days in the forecast before rain resumes. Until then, I'll use this time to put together the mower wheel assembly and perhaps search out another, cleaner 2N and find out what gear I was in.

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