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## FES and NFES Work with Fire Departments to Promote National Fire Prevention Week

By Stephen Smoot

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 3,650 children under the age of 14 are at least injured in fires every year.

Last week, two Pendleton County elementary schools teamed up with local volunteer fire departments to make sure area children do not become a part of next year's statistics.

Franklin Elementary School's preschool and kindergarten traveled to Franklin Volunteer Fire Department to learn safety from local firefighters.

Joyce Bland, one of the classroom assistant teachers who brought the schoolchildren, added another important reason, saying "hopefully, we

can entice some of them to become firefighters because there's a desperate need." She shared that "my son's a fire fighter here."

Eddie Keplinger, one of the volunteers leading the presentation, agreed, saying "you can pique their interest in the volunteer world."

Children saw demonstrations of equipment, such as backboards, jackets, and helmets. Some even tried on a helmet. Then Keplinger and Katelyn Frank led the students over to the fire engine, opened up the compartments, and described what lay inside.

They moved in as close as they could, with children in back standing on their tip-toes to see.

Keplinger first pulled out extraction tools, explaining they are "to help us get people out of their cars if they have a wreck." He asked, "Have you all ever heard of the jaws of life?" He explained how it helps to open up vehicles to remove accident victims.

Next, he shared "we've got a Sawzall in here. Does your dad have a Sawzall?"

After showing more tools, such as a Halligan and a push broom ("We still have to clean and sweep when there is a mess in the middle of the road, Keplinger said.") Keplinger and Frank led each student through the cab of the engine. As they emerged on the other side, each individual had

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Franklin Elementary School kindergarteners and preschoolers enjoyed their visit to Franklin Volunteer Fire Department headquarters. Seneca Rocks VFD also presented fire safety information to North Fork Elementary students.



Frisky Lambert, left, was presented the Outstanding Volunteer Award by Kristen Dingess, chair of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce.

## Chamber of Commerce Presents Awards at Annual Dinner

By Stephen Smoot

"I hope you all are enjoying this evening. Thank you so much for coming," said Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce chair Kristin Dingess.

She added that "we've seen great growth in the chamber membership this year."

The Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce held its 2023 dinner in the same venue as 2022, Swilled Dog Distillery in Upper Tract. Approximately 100 members, business leaders, elected officials, and others came to celebrate a year of progress and to honor awardees.

"It's not just about the chamber," said executive director Elizabeth Scott, "but everyone in the community."

Before Country Roads Catering served a dinner of

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## Franklin Town Council Looks Ahead to Christmas Celebration

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the council for the Town of Franklin met. They first discussed business, then pleasure.

Frank Wehrle, town administrator, reminded the council that the financial report would show that ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds provided by the federal government would be drawn down considerably for the purchase of new vehicles.

"We do have the van," he said. "We got it a couple of weeks ago." Wehrle added that the truck and plow would arrive "in the first quarter of next year."

The representative from Thrasher gave the council an update on the water project. The installation of some of the on-site piping hit brief delays because "they hit quite a bit of rock up there." Instead of having to haul the stone away at extra cost, however, Thrasher used it to line the riverbank.

He then turned to the future project at

Entry Mountain, saying Thrasher will submit an application for state grant funding in November. The representative advised that "there will be a better chance of getting it all grant funded" by splitting the single project into two. Overall, the project exceeds the amount of grant award for any one project, but the state would likely approve two so it would fall into the funding threshold.

After water came a discussion of the upcoming sewer project. A representative

from New River Engineering summarized the project, saying that it would take the bio-treatment part of the plant "and make it more conventional." The new design will help the plant continue to meet standards on nitrogen. Although currently too small to need to meet phosphorous requirements, the plant could do that should the regulations change.

The new plan includes using the current pond for environmentally safe sludge dis-

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## Historical Society Sees Capacity Crowd to Hear Kentucky Professor Discuss Civil War

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Historical Society held its last public presentation of the year Sunday in Upper Tract. About 60 filed into the historical Upper Tract Presbyte-

rian Church to hear Union College (Kentucky) professor John Craft Taylor share his knowledge on the Civil War.

Paul Clayton, president of the society, opened the meeting by discussing the

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On Sunday in Upper Tract, John Craft Taylor presented connections between Civil War events and Pendleton County.

## PCMS Students Find Fun, Facts, and Adventure at Ananias Pitsenbarger Farm

By Stephen Smoot

Many years ago, middle schoolers in Pendleton County made a yearly trip to Thorn Spring Park. There, teachers and others used hands-on techniques to teach children natural science and history.

Now, teachers and administrators have brought back that program for a new generation inquisitive about their surroundings in Pendleton County. Pendleton County Schools was joined by federal and state agencies, such as the Farm Service Agency and the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, as well as educational non-profits like Experience Learning.

The event, in which more than 100 students participated, took place at the historic Ananias Pitsenbarger Farm in Dahmer, currently the home of Loafer's Glory bed and breakfast and Dry Run Distillery.

Jeff Munn, who co-owns the property and businesses with his wife, Teresa, said, "This is so much fun. Once you get them engaged, it's full blown." He also took students on tours of the two-century-old complex of houses and work buildings that lined what was once a main road in the county.

The tour included a bona fide ghost story.

Schoolchildren came out on a day with comfortable temperatures and brilliantly blue cloudless skies. They had several learning stations featuring elements of history, natural science, environmental science, and more.

Becka Myers from Experience Learning described her station that took students on an "incredible journey." They got to follow the movement of a single drop of water through its natural cycle. She used the station to teach children about concepts like riparian zones, "to be mindful of folks downstream from us."

At a different station, Jeff Kersch built on the topic. By the farm's pond, he discussed how wa-

ter sources started small and enlarged as they joined other streams, such as when Thorn Creek flows into the South Branch. He also explained how the presence of certain insects showed that the water was sufficiently cool and clean for fish, such as brook trout.

On the hillside above the farm, foresters Rosey Santerre and Curtis Betty used a unique game to teach students how to identify different native trees.

First, Santerre taught them different details to look for in determining the type of tree. Then one student led another to their assigned tree. Their hands touched the leaves and felt the texture of the bark.

She then asked them to point out their tree, and asked, "How do you know it's your tree?" In some cases, the children shared details about the tree branches. Others pointed out different leaf structures or whether they had serrated edges or not. Serrated edges, for example, determine the difference between maple and sugar maple trees.

Then the group moved on to examine a hickory tree with "shag bark." Santerre explained that "we have several species of rare and endangered bats that live in caves during the winter." She added that some will use the shag style bark as shelter when they give birth to their babies.

Jennifer Taylor-Ide, who helped Jacqueline Propst, dean of students at PCM/HS, to organize the event, said, "My personal goal is for them to connect things and connect it back to the county where they live." Additionally, she discussed the value of out of door educational experiences, explaining that "getting them outside is always interdisciplinary."

Munn hopes that bringing students to the Pitsenbarger Farm becomes an annual tradition. He concluded that "we want the entire county to know about the Pitsenbarger Farm. It's part of the county history."

### Community CALENDAR

#### Manor Auxiliary To Meet Today

Pendleton Manor Auxiliary will meet at 1:30p.m. today at the nursing home.

#### Delawder Family To Perform

The Larry Delawder Family and Barney Fife will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Brandywine.

#### Family Fun Day Set for Saturday

Pendleton County Partners in Prevention is hosting a family fun day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Harold Michael Building in Circleville. Family resources will be available, and there will be games, activities and food.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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**Nila Bland**

Nila Bland, 77, of Brandywine passed away Oct. 16, 2023, at Sentara RMH in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She was born Sept. 6, 1946, at Moyers and was the daughter of the late Wilmoth Raines and Edna Jane Harper.

Mrs. Bland graduated from Franklin High School and worked as a Pendleton County tax deputy, at Franklin Enterprises and Shreve Tax Service.

She was a member of the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

She was dedicated to her community and served for many years as president of the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, as well as administrator and treasurer of the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department. She served in many capacities with the Treasure Mountain Festival Association and was a member of the Pendleton County Extension Homemakers.

On Oct. 9, 1965, she married Dale W. Bland, who preceded her in death on June 17, 2022.

Surviving are a daughter, Tammy Davis; a son, Andy Bland (Julie) of Franklin; a brother, Lannie F. Propst of Valley Head; three grandchildren, Megan Austin (Matt) of Summerville, South Carolina, Laura Meek (Michael) of Chesapeake, Virginia, and Kolton Bland of Franklin; and a great-grandson, Mason Meek.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Barry E. "Huck" Propst; and a son-in-law, James Davis.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Michael Loudermilk officiating. Interment will be at Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandywine.

Memorials may be made to South Fork Fire Dept., PO Box 297, Brandywine, West Virginia 26802, South Fork Rescue Squad, 124 Black Thorn Road, Sugar Grove, WV 26815, or Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 687 Siple Mountain Road, Franklin, WV 26807.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.kimblefuneralhome.com](http://www.kimblefuneralhome.com).



**Betty Lea Heavner**

Betty Lea Heavner, 89, a native of Franklin, passed away Oct. 3, 2023, at her home in Louisville, Colorado, with family by her side.

Mrs. Heavner was a nurse, mother, homemaker, cook and gardener. She loved her garden and had a curiosity about the earth; she talked about plant species, growing vegetables, and expressed an interest in horticulture and birds. She had empathy for all people and found a community in church life in her often volunteering and helping others, and guided by her deep faith.

She was born Aug. 11, 1934, to Verna C. Smith and Isaac Saylor Ruddle in Sugar Grove. She was the second youngest in a family of nine children. The family moved to Deer Run. She attended Franklin High School where she took her studies seriously and met a Future Farmer of America youth named George Roger Heavner. She graduated in the Franklin High School class of 1952 along with Mr. Heavner.

She studied to be a nurse at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, graduating in 1956, and placed first in her graduating class of 22 students. Nurses were required to have mental health training in Washington, DC, or Delaware. She went on to work for mental health studies at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Delaware.

On Aug. 9, 1957, she married George Heavner in Franklin.

Mrs. Heavner worked as a nurse while her husband's job took the family from West Virginia, Kansas and Virginia. She worked as a nurse in Delaware, West Virginia, Providence Medical Center and Claude Huyck Elementary School, both in Kansas City, Kansas, and for many years at Fairfax Nursing Center in Fairfax, Virginia where she retired in 1998.

A co-worker and close friend said, "You have your patients for weeks and months and Betty got to know all of her patients and what they wanted for breakfast. And we loved the work. Betty had a good time working with her friends; she was bright and cheerful and a good person deep inside. She couldn't do enough for her patients."

She and her husband moved to Harrisonburg, Vir-

ginia, and became members of Asbury Methodist Church. They were very active in their church, helping other families. She was a member of the National Association for Family and Community Education and studied the Bible so she could be a better leader in study sessions.

It was important to her to stay connected to her West Virginia family. The kids remember visiting West Virginia every summer and traveling from Kansas to visit family. After her husband passing on Oct. 1, 2020, she lived with her daughter, Becky, and then as dementia progressed, she moved to Louisville, Colorado, and became a resident at Juniper Village.

She and her husband became parents to David (married to Laura McGregor of Farmington, New York), Becky (married to Bryan Leister of Wheat Ridge, Colorado) and Tom of Boulder, Colorado. Grandchildren and spouses are Matt (married to Allison of Seattle, Washington) and Lindsey Thurber (married to Brennan of Greenwood, New York). Lindsey and Brennen honored her with a great-grandchild named in her husband's honor, Barret George.

She is survived by their children and many cousins and extended family and was loved by many nieces, nephews and friends. She found friends at Asbury Church and kind neighbors in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

The last member of her immediate family, she was proceeded in death by her siblings, Max, Rich, Ruth, Sue, Connie, Kitty, and Joe.

Lindsay Funeral Home provided service as she is buried alongside of her husband in Cherry Hill Cemetery at Upper Tract.

A memorial service will be arranged this summer through Asbury Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Memorial donations may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church, 205 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 "Stained Glass Fund" or Ruth Dolly and Betty Heavner Endowment for the Nursing Scholarship at RMH Foundation, 2010 Health Campus Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.



**Bennie Earl Nesselrodt**

Bennie Earl Nesselrodt, 79, of Brandywine passed away Oct. 9, 2023, at Sentara RMH in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

He was born on June 24, 1944, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the son of the late Emery Luther and Flodie (Miller) Nesselrodt.

Mr. Nesselrodt attended Franklin High School and was a member of the Brandywine Baptist Church.

He had worked as a maintenance supervisor at Maphis Chapman until his retirement on March 21, 1978. He loved spending time with his family.

On Dec. 13, 1963, he married Judy Ellen (White) Nesselrodt, who preceded him in death on Jan. 28, 2013.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory three sons, Terry Earl Nesselrodt (Debbie) and Bennie Lee "Skeeter" Nesselrodt (Carolyn), all of Brandywine, and Tony Nesselrodt (Terri) of Mt. Clinton, Virginia; three sisters, Libby Hoover (Woody) and Lillian Nesselrodt, all of Brandywine, and Arlene Dahmer of Newark, Delaware; eight grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, David Wayne Nesselrodt; a granddaughter, Tiffany Nesselrodt; and two brothers, Tyson and Orvin Nesselrodt.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Larry Danner officiating. Interment was at Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandywine.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com) or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



**Sharon Kay Alexander**

Sharon Kay Alexander's life ended peacefully on Oct. 13, 2023, at the age of 69.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1954, in Groton, Connecticut, the daughter of the late Maurice and Donna (Ball) Rogers.

Mrs. Alexander grew up in a military family and enjoyed traveling all over the United States.

When she and her husband, Arthur, settled in Upper Tract to raise their family, she became very active in the community. She was a member of the Living Waters Ministries and attended South Mill Creek Church of the Brethren.

She had numerous jobs over her lifetime, from working as a certified nursing assistant for the Commission on Aging Family Services to her favorite, a cook and bus monitor at EACHS Headstart in Petersburg, where she retired. She was an avid bowler and member of the Women's Bowling Association of West Virginia, the local

women's, and mixed bowling leagues. She was a former member of the Tri-County Fair committee and active with the Adopt-A-Highway Program. She was especially dedicated to her children and grandchildren who she loved dearly.

On Feb. 14, 1981, she married the love of her life, Arthur O. Alexander, who will dearly miss her.

In addition to her husband, she leaves behind to cherish her memories three daughters, Sarah Kimble (Mark) of Upper Tract, Fl-ecia Brockway of Petersburg and Gina Howard (Randy) of Pensacola, Florida; a son, Billy Gonzalez (April) of Brewton, Alabama; a sister, Donna Eskridge (Matty) of Grafton; two brothers, Gary Rogers (Debbie) of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Gene McMichael (Judy) of Kansas City, Missouri; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren with one on the way; and numerous children taken in and loved along the way.

She was also preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Annmarie Gonzalez.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Basagic Funeral Home chapel in Petersburg with Pastor Allen Sisson officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o the Basagic Funeral Home, PO Box 400, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com) or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

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Braden McCoy, center, is presented a scholarship by Dr. Jayson Lusk, vice president and dean of OSU agriculture, left, and Dr. Cynda Clary, associate dean of Ferguson College of Agriculture.

## McCoy Awarded Oklahoma State University Scholarship

Braden McCoy of Franklin was honored by the Oklahoma State University Ferguson College of Agriculture. He received the Joseph Fleming Memorial freshman scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. These scholarships are part of the more than \$1.8 million that students receive from the Ferguson College and its academic departments. Students from all areas of study are considered for university scholarships, which can be combined with college and departmental opportunities.

McCoy, an agribusiness major, is the son of John and Terri McCoy of Franklin. “We are proud to support new students as they begin their academic careers in the Ferguson College of Agriculture,” said Cynda Clary, Ferguson College of Agriculture associate dean of academic programs. “We look forward to seeing the contributions they will make within our college and at OSU. We are grateful for our donors and friends who support these scholarships and our students.”

## Adkins Receives Nursing Scholarship

Jeff Fraley, director of nursing education, and Warren Kessel, Ken Bransky, and Steve Vaughn, representatives from 40 & 8 Hardy County Voiture 1623, recently presented four \$500 checks from their nursing scholarship to Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College nursing students. The nursing student recipients were Michelle Adkins of Pendleton County, Jodee Crites of Grant County, Crystal Goodwater of Hampshire County, and Whitney Hall of Hardy County. “I am honored and extremely thankful to have been awarded the 40 & 8 scholarship,” said Crites. “As a single mom of two little girls, this money will not only help me but also benefit my daughters while I work towards my nursing degree. I hope that they see that through hard work and dedication, they too will be able to make their dreams come true.” “This scholarship has truly been helpful and has assisted me in being able to continue my education without having to work full-time hours throughout my studies,” said Adkins. “Receiving this scholarship has helped me with everyday living expenses while attending school,” said Hall. “I am very grateful for the opportunity to receive the scholarship and can’t express the stress that it takes off of me while focusing on my nursing classes.” Scholarship support is very important for students to make pursuing their education even more affordable, as well as make it

easier for those who work while enrolled. The 40 & 8 was founded in 1920 by American Veterans returning from France after World War I. In 1955, they began their support for nursing education. Voiture 1623 of the 40 & 8, based in Moorefield, has been a longtime advocate and supporter of Eastern’s nursing students with this scholarship. “The 40 & 8 scholarship is much more than monetary support it is an encouragement,” said Goodwater. “It is wonderful to have help with the cost of school, however, knowing an organization such as 40 & 8 supports me as a veteran’s wife and a nurse in training means so much more.” This is the third time these students have been awarded this scholarship. They were previously presented with checks in October of 2022 and February of 2023. In support of their nursing scholarship program, members of the 40 & 8 hold several fundraising events each year. La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses) membership is by invitation, and open only to honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The society was created in 1920 in the wake of World War I, and the name comes from the French railway boxcars that carried most of the soldiers to the front lines. The boxcars featured a sign indicating the boxcar’s capacity: 40 men/8 horses. The national organization’s mission to support nursing education began in 1955.

## Special Antlerless Deer Season Open Saturday, Sunday

The first segment of West Virginia’s special antlerless deer season for youth hunters, Class Q permit holders and senior citizens with a Class XS license will be open Saturday and Sunday on public and private land in the 51 counties open to firearms deer hunting. A second segment is scheduled for Dec. 26 - 27. “This special season is an excellent opportunity for youth, seniors and other eligible hunters to pursue antlerless deer when deer hunting pressure is significantly lower,” said Brett McMillion, director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. “Providing opportunities like this is just one of the ways we are mak-

ing sure that hunting in West Virginia is inclusive and accessible to everyone regardless of their age or ability. We hope eligible hunters will take advantage of this time to get out and enjoy a hunting adventure.” Youth hunters ages 8 - 17 may participate in this special antlerless deer season. Hunters age 8 - 14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may not hunt or possess implements for the taking of wildlife. Hunters age 15 - 17 must comply with all licensing requirements. Hunters 65 and older who have a lifetime hunting, trapping and fishing license (Class XS) may participate in this special antlerless

deer season. Hunters with a disability must have a Class Q permit. Hunters who still need to purchase a license may do so at WVhunt.com. All hunters participating in this season, accompanying adults and all other hunters afield during these four days must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange. The daily bag limit is one antlerless deer per day and no more than four antlerless deer may be harvested during the season. Deer harvested during this special season do not count toward the hunter’s annual deer season bag limit. Class N/NN licenses are not required for this antlerless deer season.

Each harvested deer must be field tagged and electronically registered within 24 hours of the close of each segment of this split season and before the pursuit of additional deer. Deer can be checked online at WVhunt.com, by calling 844-WVcheck or by visiting a license agent. For more information about the special antlerless deer season, check the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available at WVDNR district offices, license agents and online at WVDnr.gov/hunting-regulations. To learn more about special hunting privileges for Class Q hunters, visit WVDnr.gov/hunting/class-q-hunting.

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# The English Language Contains Tricky Homonyms

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

For this week, the writer would like to invite the readers to take a look at the spoken language. It can be frustrating, yet quite humorous! Take for instance:

- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- The farm was used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- We must polish the Polish furniture.
- He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- The soldiers decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- They were too close to the door to close it.

The writer's question is "how the reader made out?"

The weather man indicated that moisture would measurably fall; however, the community just had "spritz" moisture. Mornings have been somewhat cooler, (Monday morning registering 39 degrees) which has been readily received. Jackets are almost a "must."

Life's little instructions include the following:

- Never ask a barber if a person needs a haircut.
- Be especially courteous and patient with older people.
- Get a flu shot.
- Let a person's children overhear one saying complimentary things about them to other adults.
- Offer hope.

The solar eclipse this past Saturday was not noticeable in this community as it remained cloudy most of the day.

Here is an amazing fact: October has five Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"If you are given the gift of growing older, accept it with grace, because not everybody gets it." — Sheryl Sage

"Never follow a leader who is more in love with power than people." — Native American Proverb

"You just can't beat the person who never gives up." — Babe Ruth

"God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars." — Martin Luther

"Integrity means that what you thought, what you said, and what you did, are all the same." — Scott Hagan, PHD

Sitting by the fireplace is surely enjoyable to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Justin and April Simmons went to Raleigh, North Caro-



When growing up, Jasper Lee "Baker" Puffenbarger lived in the Mitchell community with Ella and Frank Mitchell. "Lee" (Aug. 6, 1886 - Jan. 6, 1969) married Timily Simmons (Oct. 12, 1886 - Jan. 17, 1975) on Nov. 19, 1911. Some of their children were Bessie (Aug. 29, 1912-), Ellis (March 15, 1914 - Dec. 3, 1959...killed in a logging accident), Rella (Oct. 13, 1915-) and Ora Mae (May 19, 1925-). They lived in Virginia, near Headwaters. "Lee" had a gift of being witty, and of being the life of a party.

lina. Saturday, they attended Jessica Simmons' engagement party.

Benny and Linda Custer visited Sunday in the home of Willard and Judy Rader. Benny and Linda also attended the Pendleton County Historical Society meeting in Upper Tract.

Sunday, the St. Paul Lutheran Church members enjoyed a ham and chicken pot-pie dinner following worship service.

Motoring from Harrisonburg, Virginia, to visit with Rosalee Grogg were Shannon Simmons and Diane Kuykendall. Other visitors were Marleta Wimer and Tyler Grogg.

News arrived that Christian Dasher had his leg ampu-

tated above the knee. This was due to an infection. He would appreciate receiving cards: 719 Brady Hollow Rd., Brandywine, WV 26802.

Mary Puffenbarger remains at Mon Health Center in Morgantown.

Clickety clacks for the chin wagggers are as follows:

- Chickens can run at 9 mph, make friends and will grieve.
- There's a basketball court in the Supreme Court Building, and it is called the Highest Court in the Land.
- Reese's Peanut Butter Cups are America's bestselling candy.

•Ulysses S. Grant was really Hiram Ulysses Grant.

•Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving in October.

Rhonda Nash recently ventured to northern Virginia for the 45th anniversary of her graduation from Woodbridge Senior High School in Woodbridge, Virginia. The reunion dinner/dance was held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Springfield, Virginia. She especially enjoyed catching up with old friends in person (rather than just through Face book) and reconnecting with folks she hadn't seen in decades.

A nice crowd attended the late Gerald Pitsenbarger sale Saturday in Broad Run. Items were bought by pleasing individuals with a pie safe selling for \$15,000.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Bob Adamson, Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, the Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin family, Lynn Beatty, the Nila Bland family, "Bo" Boggs, Kim Kline, Marie Cole, Jeff Craig, Norma Propst Cunningham, Christian Dasher, Bethany Eye, Isaac Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Neal Eye, Donna Fleisher, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, Jackie Hill, Edsel and May Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adelbert Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie and Enos Horst, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Ruthlene Judy, Marsha Keller, Danny Kimble, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Willard May, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tucker Minor, Carrol Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, the Benny Nesselrodt family, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Barbara Parker, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, the Jesse "Jay" Propst family, John O. Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Harley Propst, Sheldon Propst, Mary Puffenbarger, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Phyllis Simmons, the Davey Simmons family, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Robbie Sites, Connie Sulser, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Evelyn Varner, Amy Vaus, Sheldon Waggy, Judy Williams, Junior Wimer, Margaret Wimer, Dana Yokum, and the earthquake victims in Papua New Guinea and Afghanistan, and the Israeli nation.

## Nov. 13 Is Deadline for ACEP and IRA ACEP Applications

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service helps provide long-term protection of West Virginia farmlands and wetlands through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. Applications that meet eligibility and ranking criteria for Farm Bill ACEP received prior to Nov. 13 will be considered for Farm Bill ACEP funding in Fiscal Year 2024.

In addition, applications that meet program eligibility and national-level priorities

and priority areas for Inflation Reduction Act ACEP received prior to Nov. 13 will be con-

sidered for IRA ACEP funding in Fiscal Year 2024. The IRA statute prioritizes eligible land that will most reduce, capture, avoid, or sequester carbon dioxide, methane, or nitrous oxide emissions.

NRCS offers two types of easements through Farm Bill and IRA ACEP: Agricultural Land Easements and Wetland Reserve Easements.

Agricultural Land Easements protect working agricultural lands. The purpose of ALE is to safeguard the nation's food supply by protecting the agricultural use and future viability, and related conservation values, of eligible land by limiting nonagricultural uses of that land that negatively affect the agricultural uses and conservation values; and protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring or conserving

eligible land. Landowners interested in ALE must work with an eligible entity and do not submit applications for ALE directly to NRCS. State and local governments and non-governmental organizations that have farmland protection programs are potential eligible entities that may apply to NRCS for financial assistance to purchase conservation easements on eligible land.

Wetland Reserve Easements allow landowners to successfully protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their lands. WRE benefits also include reducing impacts from flooding, recharge of groundwater, wildlife habitat, and additional outdoor recreational and educational opportunities. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance directly to private and tribal landowners through the purchase of easements. Eligible landowners

with eligible land can choose to enroll in a permanent or 30-year option. To apply for a wetland easement through ACEP-WRE, please visit a local NRCS Service Center.

For more information about Farm Bill ACEP, please visit the NRCS West Virginia website at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/west-virginia/west-virginia-conservation-programs-0>.

For more information about IRA ACEP, please visit the NRCS National website at: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/acep-agricultural-conservation-easement-program>.

For questions related to Farm Bill and IRA ACEP, contact Laura Smith, assistant state Conservationist for programs, NRCS, at [Laura.Smith2@usda.gov](mailto:Laura.Smith2@usda.gov) or 304-284-7543.

**MENU**  
**Pendleton Senior & Family Services**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
BBQ Chicken  
Cauliflower, Peas  
Bread, Milk  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**  
Fajita Chicken Salad  
Corn, Pumpkin Crisp  
Milk  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**  
Pepperoni Sub with  
Pizza Sauce  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Baked Apples, Milk  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
Baked Fish, Rice  
Green Beans  
Fruit, Milk  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mustard Greens  
Fruit, Milk

Meals served daily at the Franklin center from 11:45 to 12:15. Two percent milk served with every meal. Menus are subject to change.

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# 'Cats Record Win Against Bulldogs



Carolyn Varner gets into position to set up Alyssa Bennett for a play near the net against Tygarts Valley.



Lizzie Alt leaps high into the air to fire the ball back at the Bulldogs during their three sets to zero win last week. The Wildcats traveled to Union Tuesday and will go to Tygarts Valley today. They will have three matches at home next week facing Elkins on Monday, Moorefield on Oct. 25 and Keyser on Oct. 26, which will be senior night. Game time is 6 p.m.

# Johnson, Rexrode Named Homecoming Royalty



Selected as Pendleton County Middle / High School's homecoming queen and king were Seneca Johnson and Allden Rexrode, respectively. They were crowned Oct. 6 during the halftime of the Pendleton County and Tygarts Valley football game. Class representatives were seventh grade – Ashlyn Wimer and Jackson Wimer, eighth grade – Jordyn Gibson and Ben Puffenbarger, freshman – Callie Judy and Will Smith, sophomore – Kiera Heavener and Chase Owens, junior – Addie Rexrode and Titus Nulph and senior – Allison Fleming, Ashlyn Judy and Baylie Kirby and Tyler Huffman, Tanner Rodgers and Leroy Smith. Pictured are, from left, front, Paisley and Rhett Hott, crown bearers; and back row, Rexrode, Ryleigh Cook, 2022 homecoming queen, and Johnson.

# Pendleton County Could Not Have Done More in Big Win at Dunmore

By Stephen Smoot

The road trip to Pocahontas County High School took the football squad and coaches through brilliant colorful fall foliage. But the leaves on the trees flanking West Virginia Route 28 were not nearly as beautiful as the victory earned on the field last Friday night, spoiling the Warriors' homecoming.

Pendleton County scored in dramatic fashion the first time they touched the ball, with Josiah Kimble taking the opening kickoff approximately 80 yards up the left sideline. This season, Kimble has increasingly shown game breaking speed. After a kickoff that Pocahontas County took to their own 25, they executed a flea flicker trick play that opened up a receiver at the Wildcat 35. He took the ball into the endzone and, with the two-point conversion, the Warriors took an 8 to 6 lead.

Pocahontas County brought speed at the skilled positions and a tough interior line. They tried for much of the game to grind out yards on run plays up the middle and also tried the flea flicker multiple times, but never seeing the results earned on their first use of that play.

The third kickoff of the game took place with only 40 seconds gone in the first quarter. From the Warrior 48, James Vincell passed the ball to the right, hitting Kimble for six yards. Next, Kimble ran the ball left for four. Four straight Dillon Smith runs took the ball to the 12. From there, a fourth down pass from Vincell to Dusty Smith put Pendleton County ahead again. The kick made it 13 to 8.

Pocahontas County's second drive lasted only 30 seconds, with a Wildcat defender snagging an interception on the second play. From the Warrior 44 Vincell, who showed incredible accuracy on the night, found Chase Owens at the 25. Pocahontas County failed to chase Chase down as he accelerated to the goal line. The Gabe Harvey kick put the score at 20 to 8.

The Warriors took the next kickoff to the 25. They advanced the ball to the Pendleton County 38 on a series of mostly running plays out of full backfield formations. Many Potomac Highlands regional offenses look like Rich Rodriguez formations and plays. The Warriors better resembled late 80s Don Nehlen, using

wishbone and I formations to challenge the Wildcat middle.

Pocahontas County effectively ran the ball as they executed a 16 play, 80-yard drive that took nearly seven minutes off the clock. They scored on an 18-yard run up the middle to bring their team within six with a 20 to 14 score.

The Wildcats once again launched their air and ground assault. Dillon Smith opened the drive with a nine-yard run, followed by a 12-yard effort. From the Pocahontas County 36, Vincell found Kimble at the 10. There, he outfought the defender, took the ball, and dove into the endzone. The kick made the score 27 to 14.

Pocahontas County got good field position after a failed onside kick, but could do next to nothing. With eight minutes left in the first half, they punted and pinned Pendleton County back at the 15. After two runs improved field position to the Wildcat 40, Corbin Dove took a pass, made one man miss, and streaked up the sideline until he was pushed out of bounds at the Warrior 45. Four plays later, Vincell found Kimble at the two, which he ran in for another Pendleton County touchdown, putting the score at 34 to 14.

Pocahontas County took the ball down 20 with 5:44 in the half. They moved the ball from their own 35 to the Wildcat 33, then stalled out and turned the ball over on downs. One of the key plays came when Dove and Kimble combined to break up yet another flea flicker play at the 15.

The Wildcats efficiently moved the ball up the field. On the sixth play of the drive from the Warrior 43 with 47 seconds left in the half, Dusty Smith took a pass, then used a big block by Nick Rhodes to make his way to the 24. Two plays later, Vincell rolled right and hit Owens at the five. After an incomplection, the offensive line opened up a huge hole off left tackle for Dillon Smith to score. Harvey put the score at 41 to 14.

Coming out of the halftime break, Pocahontas County tried to use their ground and pound game to regain some traction. They took the ball to the Wildcat 46. Jasper Tingle snuffed out a run for a one-yard gain, then the defense earned a sack that took the ball back to the Warrior 46. On fourth and extremely long, Pocahontas County punted. The Wildcat

returner fumbled and appeared to recover the ball himself, but it was ruled Warrior ball on the 25.

A holding call pushed them back to the Wildcat 45. On third and 22, Tucker Smith dragged down the runner from behind, forcing fourth and long. The Warriors punted into the endzone after 16 plays that ran off more than six minutes, but was full of sound and fury and signified nothing.

Vincell wasted no time. From his own 20, he dumped the ball to Dillon Smith, who streaked up the left sideline to mid-field. Owens then took a pass to the Pocahontas County 31. On third and six from the Warrior 22, Dillon Smith showed the fatigue of the Warriors by breaking three arm tackles to get to the 12. Three plays later, a one-yard dive extended the lead, with a Harvey kick, to 48 to 14.

The Warriors went three and out, with the punt putting Pendleton County on its own 32. On second and 10, with the final seconds ticking off in the third, Dillon Smith broke four arm tackles to advance the ball to the Warrior 37. On second and eight, behind a block from his quarterback, Dillon Smith rocketed to the endzone, extending the lead to 54 to 14.

Against the second unit, the Warriors moved the ball. That said, the backups made Pocahontas County earn it. Their scoring drive took 11 plays and lasted more than seven minutes. The score ended 54 to 22.

With it appearing more and more likely that the Southern game will be counted a win by forfeit, the Moorefield game in two weeks will take on added importance. The Yellow Jackets, after their loss to East Hardy, stand at 4-4. Add in the Southern forfeit, and the Wildcats have the same record.

Only winning the rest of their games would come close to guaranteeing Pendleton County a playoff berth. The Moorefield game, however, would keep the winner in the conversation and keep the loser out for certain. With the Wildcats coming off of a week's rest and healthier than they have been all season, the rivalry game carries enormous significance and gives the program an opportunity to take a big step forward, regardless of what happens concerning the post season.

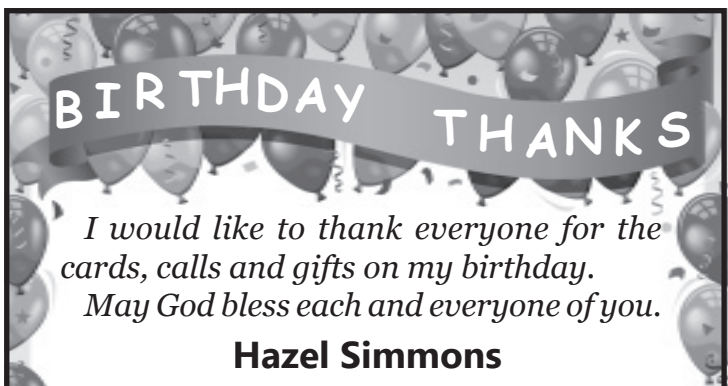
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Thanks also for the food and monetary donations and to the volunteers who helped with the dinner.



## NOTE OF THANKS

The family of James Edward "Jed" Conrad wishes to express their thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during his illness, and since his passing; the prayers of many, phone calls, cards and notes, for his favorite foods, to the doctors and nurses at UVA, Augusta Medical, and SRMH, to the Pendleton County Rescue Squad, for the services provided by Kyger Funeral Home, to Clergy Greg Adamson and Danny Arbogast for conducting the beautiful memorial service, and to the many visitors over the last nine months. Also, a special thanks to Greg Dyer and Josh Stevens for looking in on him while he was still living in his home. Each one was a delight to him, and he cherished each one who brightened his day.

Also, many thanks to those who have contributed memorial monetary gifts to the Fort Seybert Foundation, to help carry on his long-time vision toward the continuation of the construction of the Fort Seybert replica. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

## THANK YOU



Words cannot adequately express our sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our dear husband, father and grandfather.

The visits, prayers, cards, flowers, prayer shawls, memorial gifts and Gideon Bibles were so appreciated.

Special thanks to David, Lori and staff at Basagic Funeral Home.

Thank you to Pastor David Morris for the touching service and all the prayers over the past several months.

To great-granddaughter, Krislyn Walls, for the beautiful solo. The seasonal casket spray and flowers by Country Decor and More were lovely.

The meal provided by the Ladies of Friends Run and Smith Creek Churches of the Brethren was bountiful and delicious.

Special thanks to our cousin, Pastor Shryl Smith and Betty for their never-ending support.

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## MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear mother  
**Louise T. Kimble**  
October 20, 1976

As I walked up a peaceful hillside,  
where the breezes gently blow,  
to your final resting place...thinking;  
Where did forty-seven years go since you went away.  
Then God answered softly,  
she is not gone, or even far away,  
you must feel her presence near you each day.  
She is only sleeping peaceful,  
free from all pain; you have her precious memory  
throughout your days to remain.  
Loved and very sadly missed  
by an only child,  
Lorraine





# Chamber of Commerce

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roast beef, roast chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, roll, and dessert, local musician Mike Eye performed 80s and 90s classics from such bands as the Black Crowes and the Wallflowers on his acoustic guitar.

Scott introduced the keynote speaker for the evening, former House of Delegates member and Franklin attorney, Isaac Sponaugle. Sponaugle opened up with a plea to those who took advantage of the one free drink provided by the chamber, imploring “guys! You got to tip the bartenders!”

He then opened up with the theme “a rising tide lifts all boats,” and explained the phrase’s origin. Sponaugle shared. “It’s a John F. Kennedy saying. He got it from a regional chamber of commerce” on the northeast coast. Officials there were inspired by watching the high tide move into the harbor, lifting all of the boats.

“That’s the same idea,” he said. The chamber is “trying to make the tide rise.”

Sponaugle said that as federal and state facility spending has receded in Pendleton County, “it’s more important now than ever that we take care of ourselves in the private sector.” He explained that the chamber provides networking opportunities to connect with experts and other resources to help expand and build business.

“We want a community that’s good to live in, good to work in, and good to play in. We need to make the tide rise,” he concluded.

Scott built on Sponaugle’s talk by explaining

that “we want you to tell us what you want” in terms of helping business owners build their establishments.

She then announced that the chamber, Pendleton County Historical Society, and Town of Franklin would collaborate on a remembrance event about the 1924 town fire. Scott shared that “we’ve already started on it,” adding that she and others interviewed Woodrow Hartman, who was eight years old at the time of the blaze. Scott also asked for any before and after photos that might exist for a slideshow that will be presented on the April 24 event.

Next came the chamber awards. First, she gave the Small Business of the Year Award with Deep Clean Machines Laundromat, Aumann’s Custom Auto, Korner Shop Café, and Potomac Hardware as nominees. Aumann’s, who overcame an all-consuming fire in the past year, received the award.

Next came the Cornerstone Award, the highest award for a business given by the chamber. Of a group of nominees that included Pendleton County Schools, Pendleton Community Bank, and Summit Community Bank, T&K Markets earned the prize. Pendleton Senior Center was named Non-Profit of the Year. Janice Lantz, executive director, stepped forward to accept the award, saying “we’re grateful and appreciative for all the support we get from the community.”

Frisky Lambert, a veteran of Town of Franklin recreational programs and other duties, won the Outstanding Volunteer award, with Brooke Alt, Donna

Evick, and Scott also nominated. Lambert said, “All the little ones, and all the older ones who helped me, thank you.”

Brooke Alt was also nominated, along with Cory Thomas, Chelsey Simmons, and Jared VanMeter, for Young Professional of the Year. Alt, who works with the West Virginia University Extension Office, took the award.

Finally, Scott presented the Carole Hartman Memorial Leadership Award. As she explained, it went posthumously to Hartman last year and now bears her name. She said that it goes to “an outstanding individual that people look to for guidance.”

Nominees included Barb Hamilton, Frisky Lambert, Scott, and Bill Loving. The award went to Dr. Greg Bowers. Scott joked, “There’s a ballgame, so we all know where Greg is.” He asked Scott to deliver his speech for him, including saying “I always said if I need something done, I’d call 10 men or Carole Hartman.”

Scott concluded the evening by inviting attendees to stick around and socialize, then said, “Thank you guys so much for coming out.”



# Franklin Town Council

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posal to save the town the cost of hauling it to a landfill.

With the cost estimated currently at more than \$1.1 million, the representative assured the council that “we will seek as much grant and low interest loan funding as we can.”

Bruce Minor asked, “If we don’t get the grant, do we have to pay all of that?” Wehrle shared with the council that the cost quoted only covered engineers’ fees and not construction.

The representative assured the council that if grant and loan money were not forthcoming, work would cease. That would prevent the town government from getting stuck with a bill it may not be able to pay. He added that funding usually “comes up pretty close to what we recommend.”

Also, New River Engineering would meet with the council regularly at each step. “You will all be involved with each of these.”

The council approved moving forward with the plans, with Mayor Bob Horan saying “we’ll move forward with that.”

Next, the group discussed the upcoming centennial anniversary of the Franklin Town Fire. This took place on April 24, 1924.

Horan shared that the plan lay in putting together a package of public events to teach the history and “to generate interest.”

He added that he spoke to Woodrow Hartman, who will turn 107 next month, and asked him about what he remembered. Horan said “that will be interesting to the public.”

Elizabeth Scott told the council, “We’ve talked about it a little bit.” She mentioned that local resident Sherry Crigler “has ton of photos” related to research conducted by her late husband, Alfred, for a book on the subject. She then asked “if any of you guys have pictures from back then.”

Plans thus far include Richard Ruddle putting together an event on Main Street

and the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce holding an evening get-together at the community building, complete with light refreshments and a slideshow.

Scott said that she heard that the fire inspired town businesses to reconstruct with brick instead of wood. She turned to T. E. Wimer, councilman, and said, “Is that true?”

Wimer smiled and replied, “I don’t go back that far!”

Scott then turned to discuss a celebration closer at hand, saying “keep in mind that the town and the chamber conjunctively do a Christmas celebration. Pendleton Senior and Family Services will partner as well. Christmas in the Park will take place on Dec. 9.

She shared details of the day with the council, including a 5 p.m. parade starting at Franklin Elementary School. Scott said, “Lois Smith helps me with that. She does a great job.”

Minor then informed the council of impending drills on Dec 8, jointly conducted by county and local emergency services and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The drill will test responses to contamination of the water supply by terrorists. He informed the public “it’s just a drill. There’s no disruption of service.”

At the close of the session, Genevieve Glover announced her retirement from the council after 34 years of service. She has held both the offices of councilman and mayor during her time. Glover shared plans to move to Harrisonburg, Virginia, to be closer to her family, especially her grandchildren.

Kristin Dingess, town council member, said, “That’s good for your grandchildren, but not for us. We’ll miss you.”

Glover, who just turned 86, responded by saying “it’s time to hang it up.” She added that when she first took office, she felt Franklin was a beautiful town and has spent her time serving the town always working to improve that.

The mayor added, “You will be missed.”

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# Civil War Historian

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other presentations held this year. In the spring, members heard about joining the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution. During the summer came a talk in Circleville about the many caves in the county, as well as their history.

He then addressed the brief business meeting, saying that “the society is always looking for volunteers and that’s a hard thing to find.” Clayton emphasized that they needed help from anyone willing to help man the museum during the summer or assist in repairs to facilities, explicitly stating, “We need carpenters.”

During the meeting, the society discussed the roles of those whose terms as officers and board members had expired. The board had the opportunity to replace or reinstall. Clayton and Rosemary Thompson agreed to stay in place as president and treasurer, respectively. Dave Sponaule and Brenna Mitchell agreed to keep their board seats. Gayle Wright requested replacement. The board selected Robin Kile to take the spot.

“I feel like an old man,” Clayton shared, “having people like Robin and Brenna on the board who were students of mine.” He then recognized visitors Bob Borror and Richard Armstrong. Borror serves as president of the Grant County Historical Society, and Armstrong the same for the organization in Bath County, Virginia. Clayton stated “we appreciate you coming up here today.”

Clayton then pointed out the contributions of a private Facebook group known as “Pendleton Pals.” According to their page description, “this group began as a group of amateur genealogists who research their families of Sugar Grove, Pendleton Co., WV along with their neighboring Highland Co., VA families, but the group has expanded to include people interested in families throughout Pendleton County. Individually, they have an extensive collection of old photos, memorabilia and family histories, which they are continually updating.”

He presented them a small plaque, comparing them to state honored “History Heroes.”

Dewayne Borror then stood to introduce the keynote speaker, John Craft Taylor. Taylor holds both a PhD in history from Penn State and a law degree from Duke and has taught history at Union for more than four decades.

Taylor opened with “I told Brenna I’d like to give a little talk to you folks on the Civil War.”

His presentation covered a broad survey of topics, from Pendleton County events to the campaigns of Robert E. Lee and Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson.

Pendleton County’s geographic proximity to the Shenandoah Valley made it a natural spillover point for events occurring there. Taylor explained that “Pendleton is surrounded on all sides by very important theaters and many of her soldiers fought in them.”

Additionally, the South Branch Valley as a whole contained rich sources of food and other materials needed by the Confederacy. “Robert E. Lee was always concerned about the South Branch and its supplies,” he noted.

Taylor also commented on the decline of military history as an academic field of study, sharing that “if history is about change through time, never is change so dramatic and so decisive as what happens on the battlefield.”

The presentation hit high points on local connections to major Civil War events as well.

# National Fire Prevention Week

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their picture taken.

Keplinger explained that one of the big lessons the fire department team tried to teach students lay in the fact to remember that during a fire, the adults in dark jackets, helmets, and noisy masks are there to help. “If they are in a fire, we don’t want them to be afraid of a firefighter. Hopefully, they will get the point about not being scared,” he commented. Frank put on the jacket, helmet, and other gear so that the kids know what a firefighter looks like if they come in to rescue them.

Many forget that small children experiencing the fear of a fire already may instinctively hide from firefighters, rather than seeking them out.

Children at North Fork Elementary also received an exciting, but vital, learning experience for National Fire Prevention Week. Seneca Rocks Volunteer Fire Depart-

## New Electronic Payment Method Announced for Child Support

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Child Support Enforcement has announced a new electronic payment method for child support using SmartPay.

Child support payers and employers are able to make a one-time or recurring electronic bank draft payment with no fees or a one-time debit or credit card payment at [wv.smartchildsupport.com](http://wv.smartchildsupport.com) or by calling 1-855-303-0094. The electronic payment method utilized previously, PayConnexion, is no longer available.

“This secure SmartPay method will make it easier and more convenient for parents to fulfill their child support obligations,” said Garrett Jacobs, BCSE commissioner. “The upgrade is part of BCSE’s commitment to ensuring the well-being of children and simplifying the child support process.”

Parents and employers who choose to pay by mail may continue to do so using a check or money order along with a payment coupon for parents or a Wage Assignment Transmittal for employers to: Bureau for Child Support Enforcement, PO Box 247, Charleston, WV 25321.

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According to Marlene Simmons, preschool teacher at North Fork, “We have been learning about fire safety in our classroom and wanted to invite the Seneca Rocks Fire Department to come in and share some information with our students.”

The Seneca Rocks volunteers demonstrated the protective gear, showed their equipment, “And also talked about some of the fire safety procedures,” Simmons said and added that “they talked about some scenarios that the kids may encounter and what the correct protocol was.”

As in Franklin, the children showed both excitement and an eagerness to learn. As a reward, they received a “goodie bag” and got to hear the siren go off.

“It was a great experience,” Simmons shared.

## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Notice is hereby given that under the authority of that certain Deeds of Trust hereinafter described, the undersigned G. Isaac Sponaule, III, will, at the Front Door of the Pendleton County Courthouse in Franklin, West Virginia, on

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023  
At 11:00 A.M.**

offer for sale certain property described in that certain Deeds of Trust executed by Matthew C. Gilbert to George I. Sponaule II and G. Isaac Sponaule, III, Trustees, which Deed of Trust is described as follows: (1) that certain Deed of Trust bearing date October 15, 2014, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 146, at page 757, and given to secure Walter K. Campbell, Jr. and Sharon B. Campbell, the Beneficiaries, the payment of a certain indebtedness represented by a Note therein described; and which property is described as follows:

That certain real estate, together with all hereditaments and appurtenances hereunto belonging, and all buildings and improvements thereon, lying and being situate in Bethel District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

**TRACT NO. 1:** Beginning at a stone on a little flat; thence, S. 32 degrees West crossing a drain and up a bank 22 poles and 10 links, to a stone, present corner of fence; thence, S. 53 degrees E. 23 poles to the center of the public road a cedar in said line; thence, N. 34 degrees E. with the meanderings of said road 21 poles and 23 links, to a point in said road and corner of fence with said fence N. 54 degrees W. up a ravine 23 poles and 11 links to the beginning, containing **three (3) acres, more or less.**

**TRACT NO. 2:** Beginning at a corner of the home tract of J. F. Teter and Clelda Teter in Public road; thence, (old survey) N. 54 degrees W. 23 poles and 11 links to Teter’s and Dyers’ corner in a flat near a drain, at a stake; thence, the division lines S. 89 degrees E. 15 poles and 10 links to a corner post of garden, S. 44 degrees E. 12 poles to the center of Public road near a bridge, and thence, S. 42-1/2 degrees W. along the road 8-2/5 poles to the beginning and containing **1-1/8 acres, more or less.**

This conveyance is made subject to the following reservations contained in the deed of conveyance into Matthew C. Gilbert: *“Further, Grantor, Donna J. Gilbert hereby reserves unto herself, her friends, family and invitees, for the remainder of her lifetime, the right to enter the property herein conveyed for the purpose of visiting the gravesite and garden on the property where her husband, Hugh D. Gilbert is buried.”*

Matthew C. Gilbert obtained title to the above described real estate by that certain deed dated October 10, 2014, recorded October 16, 2014, and of record in the Clerk’s Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 196, at Page No. 22, from Donna J. Gilbert, to which reference is herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

**The net acreage herein conveyed is 4-1/8 acres, more or less, and is carried on the Land Books of Pendleton County, West Virginia as Tax Map 28, Parcels 11 and 33 in Bethel District.**

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Monster Trout Contest Underway

Gov. Jim Justice announced Oct. 13 that the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will begin fall trout stockings during the weeks of Oct. 16 and Oct. 23. The state's second annual Monster Trout Contest will also return during the same time.

During these two weeks, the WVDNR will stock more than 40,000 pounds of trophy-size and monster trout at 43 lakes and streams. Of that total, 35,000 pounds of trout weighing 1-2 pounds and 6,500 pounds of monster trout weighing 3-6 pounds will be stocked. Out of the monster trout, five fish will have a tag that can be redeemed for a grand prize.

"This is one of the best announcements of the year as we stock our lakes and streams, and we have created an exciting element by adding the Monster Trout Contest," Justice said. "This also provides an excellent opportunity for all of our anglers to catch fish and potentially win some great, great prizes. So, gear up and get out there during this amazing time of year."

Anglers who catch one of the five tagged fish and submit a photo with the tag number will be eligible to win a weekend cabin stay at a West Virginia State Park or a Cabela's prize package. Entries must be submitted by Nov. 17. "We're excited to bring back our Monster Trout Contest for a second year and continue to provide anglers and their families some of the best fishing experiences in the country," Brett McMillion, director of the WVDNR, said. "These stockings will go by quickly, but anglers should expect ideal trout fishing conditions to continue for several weeks, especially in larger streams and lakes where trout have more room to disperse."

Lakes and streams scheduled to receive a fall trout stocking are Anthony Creek, Big Clear Creek, Blackwater

River, Brandywine Lake, Buckhannon River, Buffalo Fork Lake, Cacapon State Park Lakes, Coopers Rock Lake, Cranberry River, Elk River, Evitts Run, Glade Creek of Man, Glade Creek of New, Jennings Randolph Tailwaters, Knapps Creek, Lost River, New Creek Dam No. 14, North Fork South Branch, Opequon Creek, Pendleton Lake, Pinnacle Creek, Pipestem, Pond Fork, R.D. Bailey Tailwaters, Rock Cliff Lake, Seneca Lake, Shavers Fork (Bemis, Lower and Upper), South Branch (Franklin and Smoke Hole), Spruce Knob Lake, Summersville Tailwaters, Summit Lake, Sutton Tailwaters, Teter Creek Lake, Tygart River Headwaters, Tygart Tailwaters, Upper Guyandotte River, Watoga Lake, West Fork Greenbrier, Wheeling Creek and Williams River.

Each water will be stocked once each week for a total of two stockings.

For a complete list of waters receiving a fall trout stocking, anglers should check pages 14-15 in the 2023 Fishing Regulations Summary. The WVDNR also posts trout stocking updates online at <https://wvdnr.gov/fishing/fish-stocking/>.

Criteria used to determine what waters receive a fall stocking is based on stream flow and if the water temperature is below 68 degrees. Because of these factors, waters included on the fall stocking list are primarily located at higher elevations and in areas that have a consistent volume of cold water during October.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing for trout. Licenses and stamps can be purchased at 160 retail locations across the state or online at WVfish.com.

Split Fall Turkey Season Provides Additional Hunting

Turkey hunting returned to West Virginia with the fall season's first split which opened Oct. 14 in all 55 counties.

Two additional splits of the fall turkey season are scheduled to open later in October.

"West Virginia's fall turkey season is a special time of year and a testament to the rich outdoor heritage and exceptional hunting opportunities our state has to offer the world," said Brett McMillion, director of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. "Whether you're new to hunting or you've hunted all your life, we want to encourage hunters to get out and enjoy this incredible season and embrace the challenge of pursuing this elusive game bird."

The first split of the fall turkey season is open through Oct. 22 in all 55 counties. The second split will be open Oct. 30-Nov. 5 and provides an additional week of hunting opportunities in 18 counties (Brooke, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Monongalia, Wirt and Wood). The third and final split will be open Oct. 30 - Nov. 19 and provides additional hunting in 14 counties (Berkeley, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker and Webster).

Wildlife biologists analyze harvest data from the spring gobbler season to determine what counties will be open for the final split of the fall turkey season. The 2023 spring gobbler harvest was 30.4 percent above last year's harvest, 12.6 percent above the five-year average, 14.6 percent above the 10-year average and the largest spring gobbler harvest since 2018.

During the fall turkey season, only one bird of either sex can be harvested using a bow, crossbow or gun, including air rifles that are .22 caliber or larger. Hunting hours range from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. The use of electronic calls and bait is prohibited.

All hunters 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license and valid form of identification while hunting. Resident landowners hunting on their land do not need a hunting license. A West Virginia hunting license can be purchased at license agents across the state or online at WVhunt.com.

For more information about the fall turkey season, check pages 41-42 in the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available online at [WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations](http://WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations).

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# Regional Development Authority Welcomes New Board Members

By Stephen Smoot

The Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority introduced two new members to its board during its monthly meeting last week. Brooke Hott represents the Pendleton County Health Department, while Jeff Davis owns Potomac Hardware and other local businesses.

Laura Brown, executive director, shared that with three leases coming up soon, the board may wish to create a specific committee to evaluate the RDA's leases.

"Some of these, we need to get moving on," she noted, adding that "we need to get that committee together to make recommendations to the board."

J.P. Mowery from Pendleton County Schools, Jeff Davis and Robert Reed volunteered. Dane Davis volunteered to serve as a resource for the committee, but stated that his work with Pendleton Community Bank could create conflicts of interest. The committee was rounded out when Kirk Apple of Greer stepped up, saying that "I've got a little bit of experience with leases."

Brown then opened a discussion on the RDA developing a comprehensive plan, explaining that "we have the opportunity through Mon Forest Towns" to do so.

Sarah Moomau shared that "it would be very beneficial

to the Regional Development Authority, but will not take the place of Petersburg and Franklin having their own."

Benedum Foundation will finance a limited number of comprehensive plans and will decide which to back at the end of November. Getting a proposal in early was described as key.

Increasingly, federal and state grantors use the lack of a comprehensive plan to vet out applicants, Moomau cautioned.

Though the process to create an initial plan brings challenges and requires significant work, Moomau said, "West Virginia University Law School will take this on as a project." She added that she did not think that the other regional authorities, New River and Greenbrier Valley, have done this.

The state, however, "is favorable toward efforts to regionalize groups and areas." Regionalization "gives us a bigger stage."

Moomau went on to say that "you are creating a vision for the future of this RDA."

Tyson Riggleman, Grant County commissioner, agreed about the value of the effort, but voiced concerns about the opinion of the West Virginia Economic Development Office.

Brown responded by saying "I can only see it helping us."

Board members asked about

the effort required to keep the plan current, once created. Moomau said, "Updating it is not nearly the laborious task that creating it is." Others said they wished to learn more details.

Brown agreed to engage Jim Linsenmeyer at the state development office to clarify his position on it.

After discussing bids on property repairs and improvements to structures owned by the RDA in both Pendleton and Grant counties, the board next examined progress at the Virginia Avenue project in Petersburg. The RDA had received an appraisal on properties at a location in which it plans to build an innovation hub.

The RDA plans to create innovation hubs in both Petersburg and Franklin. These would create spaces for remote workers to come to a location where they can use high speed internet and have space in which to work. Cities, such as Martinsburg, have seen such hubs have great success and limited internet service and capability make innovation hubs even more potentially attractive in the Potomac Highlands.

Related to that discussion, Brown shared that the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority had applied for a United States Department of Agricultural Rural Business Development Grant in February. PCEDA won the award. The board discussed and approved ways to move the funds to SRRDA for the purpose of trying to purchase property in Franklin for the innovation hub there.

# County Commission Approves Dollar Discrepancy for Taxes, New Shifts for 911 Employees

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Commission opened its first meeting of the 10th month of 2023 with a prayer by Roger Dahmer, commissioner, who said, "We thank you, Lord, for your guidance in all things we do."

Karen Pitsenbarger, county administrator, opened with the maintenance report. She asked the commissioners if any of them had examined the exterior of the Riverton community building to see if it required cleaning. They had not, but Carl Hevener and Jimmie Bennett stated that they would look at it this week.

She then shared the health department's need for a new HVAC system. The county commission approved \$6,900 to replace it.

Finally, Pitsenbarger discussed the new flooring for the rescue squad bay. After looking at samples of potential new flooring to be placed in the squad bay, it was determined that the floor could be repaired with five gallons of fleck-style paint. The commissioners approved the painting of the floor. She also reported that the ramp on the courthouse "is pretty much finished," with one railing left to install.

One of the major points of discussion for the second consecutive meeting lay in addressing an issue with payment of county real estate taxes. If taxpayers currently send in checks written in the wrong amount, legally the county tax office must return

the checks and ask for a check written in the proper amount.

Confusingly, the format required in the statement by the West Virginia State Auditor's Office gives a "half year tax" number above a sentence that reads "do not pay this amount." Many simply write the check for the amount at the top of the form rather than looking at the payment schedules indicated in the middle and bottom.

Morgan Basagic, county tax deputy, confirmed that "the state auditor requires us to have that." Pitsenbarger posed the question that if the county paid to print the document, could it not "black out" the confusing information. April Mallow, Pendleton County prosecuting attorney, replied that she would have to ask the state auditor's office.

Hevener stated that he had asked other regional county commissioners, including Bob Hott of Hampshire County, what they do. While some other counties will "eat" up to five dollars under while keeping without crediting up to five dollars over, Hampshire does that up to a single dollar because, as Hevener stated, "It is not worth the postage" to send the letter.

The county commissioners approved the dollar discrepancy rule for next year. Basagic agreed to keep track of discrepancies between Oct. 1 and Sept. 30 2024. In a year, the county commission will examine the numbers and revisit the policy, if needed.

During the meeting, the county commission went into

executive session. After closing it, they voted to approve a 12-hour shift for telecommunications for the first full pay period of 2024. They also approved a holiday pay adjustment related to the new policy.

Laura Brown, executive director of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority, stated that recently she placed an application for tower funding at Smoke Hole and Sugar Grove. Although the window for application was very short (a week and a half), unpublicized, and did not attract many applicants, Brown got the application submitted.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services Coordinator, also shared news about a potential new tower for Pendleton County. He stated that he would apply for funds from the State Tower Assistance program and that AT&T and T Mobile have already made verbal agreements to locate on it. Gillespie cautioned the commission, saying that verbals do not represent ironclad agreements, but that they are important to those making the determination.

Gillespie said he wished to negotiate a five-year lease with the owner of the preferred site and, if the tower is put in place, a 50-year lease that would last for the entire operational life of the tower would be negotiated. He added that "it should light up U.S. 33 for a considerable distance and also parts of West Virginia 28."



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