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Hedrick Goes to Charleston



Pendleton County Schools superintendent, Charles Hedrick, and treasurer, J. P. Mowery, testified before the Joint Standing Committee on Education about funding concerns and the importance of retaining the "1400 formula" that less populated counties find crucial.

Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Growth Under the Stars at Circleville

By Stephen Smoot

A dry as dust summer led straight into a tropical air fueled stormy September. The rains continued right up until the day before the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce held its annual gathering – this year out in the cool open October air.

The rains cleared for a couple of days and allowed the festivities to continue without interruption or inconvenience. As the sun traveling through a clear sky dropped behind the ridges to the west, it illuminated what few trees already shed their green. A gentle breeze carried whiffs of smoke from the communal fire pit as the business, nonprofit, and government communities of Pendleton County came together for food, fellowship, and fun.

As the program started, Kristen Dingess, chamber board president, stated, "We hope you will enjoy it. We could not have wished for this weather. It's absolutely amazing."

She added that "we thank Jonathan Zinn for sharing his music with us" and told how Elizabeth Scott, chamber president, talked him into sharing his musical stylings that evening. Dingess then told attendees, "We've been doing great things with the chamber," especially in "rebuilding" membership. The chamber has tripled its slate of members during the past year.

Dingess also discussed the recent purchase of an events stage that local individuals and businesses can rent.

Celebrating the audience, she said, "It's times like this when the community comes together that we realize why the Chamber's here."

Mountain Cajun Getaways hosted the event. The Circleville nonprofit, operated by military veteran Chris Grimes and his wife, Melissa, serves as a family retreat for veterans. It helps spouses and children reconnect with military family members returning from



Chris Grimes of Mountain Cajun Getaways delivers the keynote address at the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce annual dinner.

deployment.

Chris Grimes gave the pre meal prayer, saying, "We give thanks to our Lord Jesus."

Country Roads Catering served a meal of grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken breast with sides and desserts as well. Adult beverages were sold by Gulp and Gallop, who pulled their trailer onto the grounds. A family-style atmosphere prevailed as adults gathered to meet and speak while children happily ran around and played in the yard.

Scott rose to speak next, saying, "I'd like to thank you guys for coming out." She went on to add that "I wanted to have it on the North Fork side," then said, "in 22 years, we've never had a chamber dinner on this side of the mountain."

Grimes opened his keynote address after that. He said, "We appreciate you coming to

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Pendleton County middle schoolers learned about safety on the farm, with firearms, and other issues. Here they see a demonstration of fire apparatus tools.

'If It Saves One Life, It's Worth It' Is the Message Behind Farm Safety Day in Franklin

By Stephen Smoot

Steve Conrad, president of the Pendleton County Farm Bureau, made the headlining statement a week after a Farm Safety Day was held.

And it certainly applies.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, approximately 100,000 children suffer injuries on farms every year with around 100 dying as a result. While the federal government labors to create ways to reduce these numbers, the Pendleton County Farm Bureau, Pendleton County West Virginia University Extension Service, and Pendleton County Schools have teamed up to educate seventh and eighth graders on the necessity of safety on the farm and in related environments.

Every other year, seventh and eighth graders from Pendleton County Middle School come to the community building to learn about safety in both farm and rural living environments. Children in rural areas tend to live, work, and play more outdoors while also handling and using dangerous equipment.

There, they all cycled between seven stations, each of which provided children with life-saving information about how to avoid accidents and injuries.

"Injuries from equipment," Conrad explained to the students before they started, "can have a real life impact. It can affect the rest of your life."

"I thank Brooke (Alt) and Jessica (Hoover) for putting this together," he concluded. Alt and Hoover serve as the dual agents for the county's WVU Extension Service.

The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department pulled one of their apparatuses out for demonstration purpose. Patrick Frank, a firefighter with the department, described the equipment on board.

"How many of you have ever heard of the jaws of life?" he asked, then explained the elements of it and how they work. He also showed other tools needed by firefighters as they respond to calls.

An officer with the West Virginia Natural

Resources Police, Matthew Stover, worked with students on firearm safety. His lesson focused in part on situational awareness, saying, "The first thing is, you've got to know what you're shooting at." He also discussed the range and power of selected weapons to impress upon the attendees that rifles can hit targets at a farther distance than most think.

Respecting the potential danger from tools serves as a key component to avoiding injuries on the farm. Experts at two different stations gave demonstrations on safe use of tools such as chain saws and the need to take special care around drive shafts on tractors and other equipment. Greg Mitchell showed how quickly that drive shafts can grab loose clothing and seriously injure or kill the person wearing them.

Hoover explained that when it comes to safety, "A lot of children and adults both don't think about it until it's too late. Agriculture is one of the most dangerous professions."

Bethany Perez from Potomac Highlands Guild manned a station to explain the dangers inherent in drugs that many adolescents assume to be less harmful. This includes marijuana, vaping, and other products. Perez had quiz contests to measure student knowledge of dangerous drugs and had prizes for those who scored well.

Over the past generation, all terrain vehicles of different types have emerged as mainstays on farms of all sizes. Their abilities to reach areas that larger vehicles cannot adds to their utility, but also takes drivers and riders into more dangerous situations. Alt shared "ATV Golden Rules" with students, then offered more advanced education opportunities for ATV safety.

"I was telling them when I was younger that I was in an ATV accident," Alt explained. Injuries received then make her passionate about ATV safety now.

Students who came to the event took with them potentially life-saving lessons to prevent life-altering injuries. Each received a T-shirt that read "Safety Is My Superpower."

Community CALENDAR

TMF Association To Meet Oct.17

The Treasure Mountain Festival Association will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. Oct. 17 at the bowling alley.

Delawder Family To Be in Concert

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

Community Chorus Rehearsals To Start Oct. 17

The Community Christmas Chorus rehearsals will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 at Main Street Methodist Church in Franklinton. The concert will be held Dec. 14. All are welcome to come and sing.

Producers 4-H Club To Celebrate 70th Anniversary

The Upper Tract Producer's 4-H Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Upper Tract Training Center (old grade school). The theme is "Happy 70th Birthday To Our Club...1954-2024."

Homecoming Set At North Fork Brethren Church

The homecoming at the North Fork Church of the Brethren located on Snowy Mountain Road in Circleville will be held Sunday. At 10 a.m., Pastor Danny Arbogast will deliver the sermon. Bluegrass gospel music will be provided by Luther Arbaugh and group. A soup and sandwich lunch will follow at noon. Everyone is welcome.

Pendleton County Commission Honors 4-H In Official Proclamation

By Stephen Smoot

As September turned to October, summer to fall, and drought into seemingly endless rain, the Pendleton County Commission held its first meeting in the 10th month of the year. Commissioner Roger Dahmer provided the invocation, in which he prayed "we thank You Lord and Praise You" and "we thank You Lord for the rain."

The commission's first official action of the meeting lay in passing a resolution honoring Pendleton County 4-H and the work done in support of them by the West Virginia University Extension Service.

Brooke Alt, one of Pendleton County WVU Extension's agents, brought along with her four students with a passion for learning about and working in agriculture, McKenna Hedrick, Lydia



The Pendleton County Commission issued a proclamation for National 4-H Week. Pictured are 4-Hers McKenna Hedrick, Phoebe Pownell, Ross Pownell, and Lydia Heavner with commissioners Roger Dahmer, Carl Hevener, and Jimmie Bennett.

Heavner, Phoebe Pownell and Ross Pownell.

Dahmer, who once served with the West Virginia office of the United States Department of Agriculture, read the

proclamation to officially recognize National 4-H Week. It stated that 4-H is "leading efforts to solve problems in their communities," and "helping young West Virgin-

ians to develop knowledge and learn life skills."

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, came to the com-

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OBITUARIES



Catherine B. Cook

Catherine B. Cook, 90, of Circleville passed away on Oct. 4, 2024, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born Jan. 2, 1934, in Louisville, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Rev. Cary R. and Margaret (Minich) Blain.

Mrs. Cook was a 1952 graduate of Circleville High School and had worked as an aide on school buses in Maryland for many years.

She took pride in her family and was a homemaker. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed working in her flower gardens and the joy of the beauty they provided.

On April 3, 1954, she married Marshall Lawrence Larry Cook, who preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 2016.

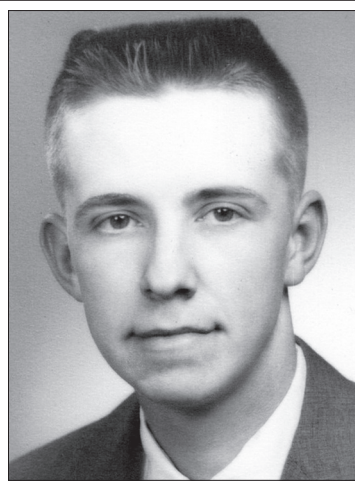
She leaves behind to cherish her memory two daughters, Lucinda Rose Warner of Circleville and Nancy Ann Rexrode (Larry) of Mechanicsville, Maryland; a son, Michael Cary Cook (Sandra) of Stuart, Virginia; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Miriam Short; and a brother, Waller Blain.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 19 in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Fletcher Hutcheson officiating. Inurnment of remains will be in the Rymer Calhoun Cemetery.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com.



Ernest Edwin Bergdoll

Ernest Edwin Bergdoll, 86, of Waldorf, Maryland, and formerly of Petersburg went to be with the Lord on Oct. 1, 2024, in Waldorf, Maryland.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1938, in Upper Tract, the son of the late Arlie Edwin and Ina M. (Lough) Bergdoll.

Mr. Bergdoll was a 1956 graduate of Petersburg High School, attended West Virginia University, and was a member of the Hedrick Chapel Church in Rough Run.

He had previously worked for the Heron Window and Door Company in McLean, Virginia, and after 38 years of service, retired from Safeway Foods as a forklift operator. He was a hardworking man who enjoyed life and loved his family, who will always cherish his memory.

He was married for 60 years to the love of his life, Frances K. (Bland) Bergdoll, who survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Catherine Werstein of Petersburg; a brother, Joseph Bergdoll (Shirley) of Petersburg; a nephew, Jason Bergdoll of Petersburg; and several great-nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a loving daughter, Crystal Dawn Bergdoll; and a nephew, Joshua Bergdoll.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor P.J. Landis officiating. Interment was at the North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memorials may be made to the Hedrick's Chapel Church, 6119 S. Mill Creek Rd., Petersburg, WV 26847.

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



Harry Everly "Bud" Raines

Harry Everly "Bud" Raines, 83, of Franklin passed away on Oct. 5, 2024, at Autumn Lake Health Care Center in Crystal Springs.

He was born on Sept. 8, 1941, in Franklin, the son of the late Harry and Gilda (Wimer) Harper Raines.

Mr. Raines attended Franklin High School and was a Lutheran by faith. He had worked for West Virginia Paving Company and was a former member of Franklin Volunteer Fire Department.

Some knew him as "Bud" and others were lucky enough to know him as dad and papaw. He loved his family and cherished the time he spent with them.

He was married to his wife for 36 years, Helen Kay (Propst) Raines, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory: a son, Albin "Abby" Raines of Brandywine; a stepson, Rocky Bussard (Kelly) of Franklin; six grandchildren, including Kayla Will (Brett) and Craig, who he raised; several great-grandchildren; six half sisters, Elsie Mae Lambert, Margaret Whetzel and Wanda Mongold (Russell), all of Franklin, Judy Wilson (Jim) of Petersburg, Elaine Vandevander (Darrell) of Monterey, Virginia, and Linda Wimer (Virgil) of Blue Grass, Virginia; and two half brothers, Larry Raines (Mary) of Seneca Rocks and Dennis "Dink" Raines of Circleville.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Thomas and Glen Raines; a daughter, Terry Lynn Raines; a half brother, Harry Wayne Raines; and two half sisters, Henri Merlee Harper and Patsy Jean Raines.

In honoring his wishes, his body has been cremated.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com.



Terry James Kuykendall

Terry James Kuykendall, 53, of Brandywine passed away Oct. 4, 2024, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg.

He was born July 29, 1971, at Harrisonburg, Virginia, and was the son of Russell Leon Kuykendall and Helen Louise (Baer) Kuykendall.

Mr. Kuykendall was a 1990 graduate of Franklin High School, a maintenance worker at Tyson Foods and had worked at Trumbo Electric and American Cold Storage.

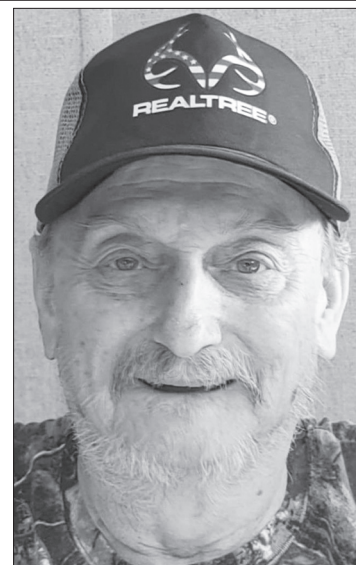
He attended Bethlehem Church of the Brethren and loved hunting, fishing and football, especially the West Virginia University Mountaineers and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a daughter, Rachael Alicia Kuykendall (Christian Frasure) of Stuarts Draft, Virginia, a son, Cody James Kuykendall of Harrisonburg, Virginia; two brothers, Danny Kuykendall (Michelle) and Jason Kuykendall (Shannon), all of Brandywine; two grandsons, Aibel Frazier and Matthew Frazier; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon today at the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin. A funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Tim Johnson officiating. Interment will be at the Nesselrodt Family Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 297, Brandywine, WV 26802 or the South Fork Rescue Squad, 124 Black Thorn Road, Sugar Grove, WV 26815.

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



Harold E. "Buck" Vandevander

Harold E. "Buck" Vandevander, 79, of Circleville passed away Oct. 2, 2024, at Davis Medical Center in Elkins.

He was born Nov. 27, 1944, at Cherry Grove and was the son of Floda Bennett Vandevander of Circleville and the late Russell Vandevander.

Mr. Vandevander had worked at the rail mill at Bartow, cut locust split stakes, and retired from the West Virginia Department of Highways.

He attended Cherry Grove Baptist Church.

He loved big family gatherings and spending time with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his little dog, Dukie.

On Sept. 14, 1963, he married Linda Susan (Arbaugh) Vandevander, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Abby Cassell (Richie) of Arbovale, Joyce Shreve (Keith) of Keyser and Sylvia Hamilton (Justin) of Circleville; two sons, Harold E. Vandevander, Jr., and James Vandevander (Tammy), all of Circleville; two sisters, Charlotte Warner (Jim) and Ellen Hoover, all of Circleville; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Berlin Vandevander and Stelman Vandevander.

A funeral service was held Monday in the chapel of the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Mike Lambert officiating. Interment was at the Vandevander Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Linda Vandevander, 15 Woodside Lane, Circleville, WV 26804.

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



Marie Pitsenbarger

Marie Pitsenbarger, 78, of Franklin and formerly of Riverton passed away on Oct. 5, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1946, in Elkins, the daughter of the late Elmer Ivan Lee and Zadie Cunningham.

Mrs. Pitsenbarger was a 1964 graduate of Circleville High School and a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

She had worked at Hanover Shoe Company, Marvel Poultry and CMI. She was proud to be called Ms. Marie at Franklin Elementary School, where she had worked for many years as the "School Grandma." During those years, she captured the hearts of many children and staff and left a legacy to be admired.

On June 14, 1986, she married Arthur Wade Pitsenbarger, who survives.

In addition to her husband, she leaves behind to cherish her memory, two daughters, Marchia Bowers and Melinda Warner, both of Franklin; a son, Jimmy Warner (Cassie) of Brandywine; a stepson, James Pitsenbarger (Jessica) of Sugar Grove; 10 grandchildren, Britt Hamlin, Marcus Hammer, Merrick Hammer, Cheyenne Dayton (Levi), Baile Kiger, Dakota Warner, Cherokee Warner, Ollie Warner, Paige Warner and Leo Warner; and a great-grandchild, Colton.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Marshall Hammer; and a brother, Norman.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Mike Loudermilk officiating. Interment was at the Totten Chapel Cemetery in Sugar Grove.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, Totten Chapel Cemetery, or Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

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Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Growth

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the metropolis of Circleville.”

Grimes explained the background, purpose, and ongoing mission of Mountain Cajun Getaways. He shared that many veterans and their families tell them that they like being “untethered from the world. We walk in the woods. We do things we’d never do at home.”

That could include maple syrup making, gardening, or simply enjoying the outdoor environment surrounding their family home. These types of activities set visitors “on their journey to working together as a family.”

“It’s incredible the memories they make,” Grimes went on to say.

When Grimes concluded, Scott took to the podium again to hand out the chamber’s community awards.

Grant Memorial Hospital, a facility recently purchased by West Virginia University Medicine, won the Corner Stone Award for larger businesses in the region demonstrating leadership. Debbie Turner represented GMH and shared some of its expanded services options for patients since merging with WVU Medicine.

Franklin’s newest business, the downtown coffee shop Elevated Grounds, earned the Small Business of the Year Award. A visibly emotional Tiffany and Kevin Rawson accepted the award. Kevin Rawson explained “my dream

growing up in this community was to give back to this community . . . I never imagined I’d be a business owner in my community.”

Tiffany Rawson stated that selling coffee proved extra special to her and her family. She shared that “my first cup of coffee was with my grandfather,” and that she feels his love and support even now as she serves their customers.

Warner’s Drive-In and Cultural Center earned the Non-profit of the Year Award. Jessica Basagic spoke on behalf of their board, several of whom were in attendance. She said, “My great-grandfather built it in 1952” and that they had enjoyed a banner year of attendance, record-breaking concessions sales, and the upcoming addition of a performing arts stage.

Donna Evick earned Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, in part for producing dizzying numbers and options of scrumptious desserts for community events.

True to form, Evick could not appear in person – because she was volunteering with a local fire department that evening.

Jared VanMeter earned the Young Professional of the Year Award. Along with his wife, Katie, they own a Franklin dry cleaning business, rent out vacation properties, and have also restored the Historic McCoy House into a crown jewel of Franklin architecture. VanMeter thanked his wife and mother for their constant support and encouragement.

Bruce Minor, Franklin Town Recorder and leader in the Pendleton County first responder community, received the Carole Hartman Memorial Award for leadership. Scott said, “Bruce, we really appreciate you” and described the late Hartman as “really a true leader.”

‘I’m a WIC Kid’ Campaign Seeks Adults Who Participated as Children

The West Virginia Department of Health’s Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children is excited to expand the “I’m a WIC Kid” campaign. This initiative seeks to connect with adults who were once WIC participants as children to highlight the long-term benefits of the program and how it has shaped their lives.

“For many, WIC has been more than just a nutrition program—it has been a stepping stone towards a healthier and more secure future,” said Heidi Staats, director of the office of nutrition services. “As someone who used WIC for my son and continues to be involved as a foster-adoptive parent, I know firsthand how this program helps shape our approach to food and health.”

The “I’m a WIC Kid” campaign aims to illustrate the enduring positive impact of WIC on individuals’ lives. By sharing stories from adults who participated in WIC as children, the campaign seeks to demonstrate how early support and education from the program contribute to developing lifelong healthy habits and well-being.

“We believe that by sharing these personal experiences, we can connect with families who might benefit from WIC services today,” said Staats. “Highlighting the experiences of West Virginians who have grown up with WIC will reinforce the message that WIC offers valuable support for anyone.”

The department of health invites other former WIC participants to share their stories for potential inclusion in the campaign. Interested individuals can submit their stories via the following link: <https://forms.gle/XpwyvHhH5NsxcCp7> or email wwicstories@gmail.com.

WIC is a public health nutrition program that provides free benefits to pregnant women, new moms, and families with children up to age 5. All WIC participants receive healthy foods, personalized nutrition advice, one-on-one breastfeeding support, and referrals to health and social services at no cost.

Since its inception in 1974, WIC has served more than 1.8 million West Virginians, providing services in every county. “WIC is your neighbor that welcomes becoming your partner to provide nutritious foods for your family. Currently, 57 West Virginia WIC clinics are serving 56.7 percent of eligible moms, babies and children,” stresses Staats. “With advances like electronic benefits, mobile pay at farmers markets, mobile apps for shopping and breastfeeding support, West Virginia is creating ways for WIC to fit in your daily life in hopes of reaching more eligible but not participating families. WIC is for you - and for many more people than most realize.”

For those interested in applying for WIC benefits, applications can be completed online at dhr.wv.gov/wic or by calling 304-558-0030.

Warner’s Drive-In

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Encourages the community and businesses to participate in a family fun event.



Saturday, Oct. 19

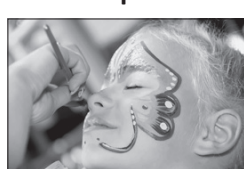
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Patrons who are decorating their trunks and handing out candy are advised to set up around 3:30 p.m.

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50 Years Ago
Week of October 10, 1974

Man on the Move, Virgil Byrde Has Walked 60,000 Miles in 16 Years

Walking is a lost art for most people, but not for Virgil Byrde.

He has been on the road for the past 16 years, constantly moving from place to place, and always by foot.

Byrde says he has been in every state in the continental United States except North Dakota and Wisconsin, and he estimates that he has walked a total of 60,000 miles.

Byrde stopped last week on the Reed Hammer place five miles east of Franklin and pitched his camp in the woods just off Route 33. He was on his way south for the winter.

Byrde supports himself by making toys out of twigs and sticks and selling them and bartering them for food. His line is quite extensive and has a strong appeal for children.

Some of the names he has given to toys he makes are Tickle Box, Ha! Ha! Ha! (a guitar made out of an old detergent jug, nylon fishing line and a stick. Whammy-O (sling shot). Pitch N' Doodle, Spin N' Doodle, bow and arrow and many others.

He makes bean shooters by hollowing out the center of elderberry canes, and he says forked hemlock branches make the best sling shots.

Byrde says he can carry enough provisions on his back to last him two weeks. His diet consists primarily of beans and gravy and biscuits which he bakes on a stick which he holds over a fire.

His camp is made of sticks and poles which he gathers up in the woods and covers with a small piece of plastic.

He said he learned the art of traveling light while serving in the U. S. Air Force in the Far East during World War II.

Byrde has broken camp and resumed his trek southward.

Circleville Man Reports Seeing Mountain Lion

Charles Warner of Circleville reported today that he saw a mountain lion near his residence last week. He said the big animal was about five or six feet long, had a long tail and was brown in color.

Warner said the big animal came down off the mountain and ran through his garden then went back up the mountain. The tracks left in the dirt measure four inches across and five inches long, he said.

Warner, who operates a service station a mile south of Circleville, said he has seen mountain lions in captivity and that he got a good look at this animal and he is sure it is a mountain lion.

60 Years Ago
Week of October 8, 1964

100 YEARS AGO

By LON K. SAVAGE

Editor's Note—The following is one of a

series of articles on the Civil War. Each weekly installment covers events which occurred exactly 100 years ago.

Grant Extends Line, Threatens Richmond

Richmond, the capitol of the Confederacy, learned to live with crisis early in the Civil War, but a crisis occurred 100 years ago this week to make the veterans uneasy.

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's huge Federal army that had been pounding all summer against Gen. Robert E. Lee's Confederates around Petersburg moved almost into Richmond. John B. Jones, the Confederate War clerk in Richmond, took note of Grant's move in his diary in early October and commented unhappily: "It is enough to make one tremble for Richmond."

When Grant had consolidated his army in the new position, his line extended all the way from Richmond, south across the Jones and Appomattox rivers and around Petersburg—35 miles in all.

Since the famous Battle of the Crater that summer, Grant had given up attacking Lee's front at Petersburg. Instead, his army slowly stretched itself to each side, encircling Lee's from the east. Day by day that summer, his army had edged south-eastward below Petersburg—away from Richmond, forcing Lee to stretch his line farther and farther—thinner and thinner.

Then, as September came to a close, Grant sent two corps northward, across the Appomattox and James rivers until they were just east of Richmond. There, while Lee worried about his line at Petersburg, they struck straight for the heart of the capitol city.

First they stormed and captured the powerful Confederate Fort Harrison, just outside the city. They followed that with an attack on Fort Gilmer, even closer to the city, but were repulsed. Next, they sent a reconnaissance that reached the city's inner line before it was halted.

Lee, like Richmond, had become accustomed to crisis, and he quickly set up a new defense. He crossed the James, himself, and took personal command of the situation, often exposing himself to gunfire.

In and around the city, officers, factories and farms were cleared of able-bodied men who were sent to hold the lines. Every man from 17 to 55 was required to have a pass to walk the streets, and many of these—despite their passes—found themselves hustled off to fight or face arrest.

On October 7, Lee was extended his line to ward off the new threat when his men came upon a Federal division and attacked. The Federals fell back with heavy loss. Then the Confederates attacked the Federals in entrenchments: this time the Southerners were driven back.

Gradually, the fighting died

down again, and Richmond still was in Confederate hands.

But war clerk Jones noted an important fact in his diary that October day: "It would seem that we have lost ground; that our forts, etc., have been captured and held... and that both the right and left wings of Grant have been advanced..."

70 Years Ago
Week of October 14, 1954

What Is A Local Forest Protector?

What is a local forest protector? Is he a farmer, or one of the town folk? Is he a young man, or older one? Does he get paid for fighting fire? What are his duties and responsibilities? What authority does he have?

Perhaps you have seen the LOCAL FOREST PROTECTOR signs along the highway, or maybe right next door at your neighbor's house. You knew that he fought forest fires, but what do you know of his mission? Let's take a closer look at the man behind the signs, and see just what a local forest protector is.

In Pendleton County there are 53 Protectors who are commissioned by the State of West Virginia Conservation Commission, Division of Forestry. These men are local volunteers serving with the County Forester in the state fire suppression organization. In plain words they are your neighbors who are helping keep West Virginia green.

Among the 53 protectors we have town folk, farmers, school bus drivers, mail men, bulldozer operators, loggers, truck drivers and mill workers. The ages of our protectors range from 20 to 70, many with more than 20 years service to the state. These men receive no pay, except when they are fighting fire, for which they receive 40¢ an hour.

The duties of a protector are concerned with assisting state officers in supervising the fire crews. The responsibilities of a protector include the care of the men under him, and the complete charge of a fire in this area.

Each fire is the direct responsibility of one or more protectors. Because of this the state officer is left free for call on other fires that may need immediate action, or to give assistance on large fires.

The authority of a protector on duty as a state officer is to summon men to fight fire; make emergency food purchase orders; to submit the payroll of his men for payment; plan the attack of a fire, and execute it in a manner which will not make him subject to legal action.

The next time you pass a local forest protector sign in your neighborhood, stop in and meet the man behind the sign—your neighbor, and our local forest protector.

Pendleton County Forest Protectors

The following men are

commissioned by the State of West Virginia as Local Forest Protectors in Pendleton County.

Brandywine—Spencer Evick, Carl Nesselrodt, Terry L. Swadley, T. J. Clayton.

Cave—L. L. Mullenax.

Cherry Grove—I. E. Murphy, Ray Sponaugle.

Deer Run—D. J. Lambert.

Doe Hill, Virginia—R. W. McQuain, W. R. Propst, Gordon Wimer.

Fame—Olin Adamson. Fort Seybert—Charles F. Nesselrodt, Guy Shreve.

Franklin—Whitney Mitchell, Tom Hartman, Curtis Caton, Henry Caton, Otto E. Caton, Fred Evick, Herman Hartman, Odwith Lambert, Denver Pennington, Albert Simmons, Cleve Dowdy, Fred L. Propst, J. L. Rexrode, Kenneth Sponaugle, Robert P. Hartman, Elmer C. Propst, Ira Ruddle, Robert F. Raines.

Kline—David Mallow, Abraham Crites, James J. Heaven, Andrew Mitchell.

Rough Run—S. L. Kesner.

Moyers—Jesse E. Moyers, Roy E. Moyers.

Mozer—John R. Greenawalt, Fred Mallow, Charles Mallow.

Ruddle—Fred Vandevander, Carson Waggy.

Riverton—Fred G. Bennett, Elmer C. Bodkin, Martin Propst, Luther Simmons.

Teterton—F. M. Biby, Hurl Raines.

80 Years Ago
Week of September 29,
1944

WHITE GROUNDHOG CAUGHT

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—Two white groundhogs are reported in Grant county. One recently was captured alive by Elijah Allen and Edgar Nelson, according to County Game Protector Shobe. After being kept on exhibition for a few days, the animal was released. Robert Day of Arthur, informed the protectors that a white groundhog is denning on his farm and may be seen almost daily feeding in a clover patch.

SQUIRREL CAUSES BLACKOUT

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—How a fox squirrel recently caused a blackout in the Wood Hall section of Marshall county was described in report to the Conservation Commission from Game Protector Herbert J. Moore. All electric power suddenly went off, he said, and the trouble was reported to the power company. Investigation revealed that a fox squirrel had climbed a pole and tried to jump from one wire to another, causing a short circuit and electrocuting himself.

83RD DIVISION NOW IN FRANCE

The 83rd Infantry Division—the outfit that took St. Malo and its fortress "Citadel"—was officially taken off the secret list with the announcement

that they were fighting in France.

Arriving on the continent from the rocky, rainy mountains of Wales, the 83rd tasted fire near Carentan and later assisted in the drive east of Perier.

121ST AND 529TH END THREE-WEEK DESERT WARFARE

A blazing sun that turned their desert "battle ground" into a torturous inferno failed to stymie or even slow down the effectiveness of anti-aircraft fire during the three-week maneuvers on the Mojave Desert intelligence reports indicates.

Morale among Blue army soldiers was high despite the heat, which reached 125 degrees in the sun (there was no shade). The men worked hard to dig effective positions in the parched desert sand.

Week of October 6, 1944

MILKWEED POD CHAMP

William Edward (Eddie) Simpson, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simpson of Clarksburg, Route 3, and a student in the second grade of Carlisle school, set what is believed to be a "junior champ" record by picking eight bushels of milkweed pods at his grandfather's farm last Saturday as his contribution to the local milkweed pod collection campaign.

Young Simpson picked the pods in Pendleton county, on the farm of Hendrin Waggy, his grandfather, near Franklin, and spent about six hours at the job. Miss Elsie Jefferson, teacher at the Carlisle school, said the collection was the largest turned in at the school.

The milkweed pods are collected for the government, which used the floss as insulating material.

EACH COUNTY GETS SHARE OF BOBWHITES

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—The stocking of 5,000 Bob White quail, with every county in the state receiving a share, is underway. Executive director Jack Shipman of the Conservation Commission has announced.

Purchased from a dealer in Little Rock, Ark., the birds are being shipped directly to county game protectors for release in their respective counties.

Quail usually are released in the spring instead of the fall, said Game Technician, W. R. DeGarmo, although there are arguments on both sides. In the present case, the technician explained, the dealer was unable to keep the birds until spring and facilities at the State Game Farm were inadequate for keeping them there through the winter, thus the decision for releasing them now.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

The leaves are starting to fall off the trees after they turn their colors.

The area is back into another dry spell. Now that that burning control is in effect, be careful if one burns.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Sandy Washburn, Larry Moyers, Mary Alice Simmons and Sandra Vandevander; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Tristan Hartman, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Neal Eye, Donald Burns, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Ruth Bauer, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Ruby Gail Roberson, Leann Britton, Anna Mauzy, Linda Maxwell Looney, Bennie and Mary Alice Evick, Jimmie Bennett, Ruthalene Judy, Wayne Kimble, Gloria Moats, Jackie Smith, Tim and Dee McCormick, Nancy Blankenship, Rick Waggy, Frankie Judy, Jim Judy, Jessie Simmons, Lucy and Charlie Westfall, David Berg, Minny Rhoads, Mary and Gary Hess, Phil Downs, Larry Rexrode, Ethel Murphy, Bill Snyder, Troy Bennett, Marcia "Marty" Warner, Tom and Judy Boor, Bob and Brenda Sites, Nancy and Tony George, David M. Hartman, Jim Fawley, Judy Hott Vance, George Hevener, David M. Parkinson, Joe Benkert, Joy Warner and Laura Kopp.

Prayer thought: "Dear God, please help me to put away falsehood and rumors. Give me knowledge of your life and the living truth."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Sept. 23 through Sept. 29, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Sept. 30 - 65°, 57°, 1.71" (73°, 57°); Oct. 1 - 64°, 57°, .43" (71°, 49°); Oct. 2 - 71°, 59° (79°, 48°); Oct. 3 - 72°, 51° (77°, 53°); Oct. 4 - 79°, 59° (79°, 49°); Oct. 5 - 71°, 49° (72°, 48°) and Oct. 6 - 77°, 50° (67°, 53°).

Total rainfall for September was 7.11", compared to 3.71" in September of 2023.

Year-to-date rainfall is 41.98", compared to 25.74" for the same time period last year.

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Various Tidbits on the American Eel Are Rendered

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Although the American eels are often described as “snake-like,” they are actually fish. Their faded yellow sides compliment their dark brown look, with the females having a lighter look. While the males measure 1.5 feet in length, the females can get as large as 4 feet. Eels live for an average of 5 to 20 years in freshwater and brackish waters such as rivers, coastal lagoons and lakes. After this time, they return to the sea to spawn once and then die.

Eels can be easily distinguished from snakes in the water by the way they move; water snakes look like ropes when they swim, but eels look more like ribbons.

Eels can be very aggressive if hooked while fishing; however, they are harmless and nonvenomous if they bite.

For eel-gigging, conditions have to be just right: clear, shallow water, low tide, dark, and no wind. Even a slight breeze ripples the surface and greatly reduces visibility.

Gigging requires no special skills and just a few basic pieces of equipment. In this community, the river is where eels will be found. Wade into the river, knee to thigh deep and peer intently down at the lit-up circles made by the lamps. Eels often hide under the river moss or grass. One needs to poise the gig (which is a spear with prongs at the end) and spear with a decisive blow above it. Stow the slimy and slithering eel in a bucket or container of some sort. They can bite so be careful when landing them. Much needed equipment for giggin’ includes water



The oldest and youngest members of the Smith family, Cleo Smith Simmons and Audrey Marie Plumley.

Ken Roberts finished second place in his age class at the GFNY 92 bike race in Cambridge, Maryland. Without stopping, he completed the race in 5 hours 40 minutes. Competing bicyclists were from around the world with the first place winner in his class hailing from Sweden.

Saturday evening was a glittery time for the middle and high school students in the county. Beautiful pictures were snapped and portrayed on social media.

Wesley and Becky Puffenbarger’s niece of Lorton, Virginia, spent Saturday night with them. She helped Emma Puffenbarger get ready for her first homecoming dance. Sunday, Nathan Puffenbarger celebrated his seventh birthday. Attending were his grandparents, Robert and Nancy Hodges, “Butch” Puffenbarger, Matt and Robby Hodges, Drew and Natalie Hodges of Lorton, Virginia, Carl Larry of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Carter Brahm and Wyatt Ruddle, his classmates.

St. John’s potpie fundraiser was very successful. So many commented on the tasty vittles. The donations are planned for a local individual who is in great need of medical assistance.

Willard and Judy Rader enjoyed visiting Sunday in the home of Benny and Linda Custer.

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

Dolphins call each other by name using unique whistle sounds.

In 1770, Captain James Cook discovered the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia when his ship, HMS Endeavour, collided with the coral.

A 10-gallon hat barely holds six pints.

Macadamia nuts were first commercially planted in Hawaii. The nut is native to Australia

Forrest Mars, the creator of Peanut M&Ms, was allergic to peanuts.

Concerns are for Bob Adamson, Dyer Anderson, John Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Richard Bennett, “Bo” Boggs, Marie Cole, Christian Dasher, Phil Downs, Benny Evick, Isaac Eye, Linda Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Thelma Fleisher, Carl Gant, David Gillespie, Lola Graham, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, Marlene Harman, Adam and Jennifer Harper, Missy Harrison, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Starr Hedrick, Jim Hiner, Evan Hise, Tim Hively, George Hevener, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adalbert Hoover, Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Tim L. Hoover, Debbie and Enos Horst, Lisa and Mike Jamison, Jessica Janney, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Ruthlene Judy, Marsha Keller, Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Laura Kropp, Melissa Lambert, O’Dell Lambert, Robert Lambert, Ronnie Lambert, Rex Landis, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Ed May, Gene and Joan McConnell, Gary McDonald, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, John Morford, Bill Mullenax, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Andy Pond, Janice Propst, Eldon “Butch” Puffenbarger, Alda Propst, Janis Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Tom Rader, Brandon Reel, Jason Rexrode, Linda Fay Rexrode, Dennis Riggelman, Mike Roberts, Donna Ruddle, Jenny Ruddle, Mary Sawyers, Brittany Shriver, Annie Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Greg Simmons, Judy Simmons, Nelson Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Tina Stuben, Steve Stump, Linda and Larry Vandevander, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Judy Waggy, Estelle Wagner, Mary Louise Waldschlager, Rene White, Sherry Wilfong, Judy Williams and Ann and Ed Wimer.

shoes, headlamp, bug spray, headlamp or flashlight, gig, net, rag for picking up eels and container.

How to cook eel:

Though they can be fried, broiled, grilled, sautéed, even braised in sauerkraut (“Polish style”), smoking is usually the preferred method. First dry-rub or brine them, then smoke them the same way as bluefish filets, though for proportionally less time since they are thinner.

Life’s instructions to make one’s day brighter include the following:

1. Compliment three people every day
2. Leave everything better than one found it.
3. Don’t forget, a person’s greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
4. Be kinder than necessary.
5. Keep one’s promises.

Mornings have been rather brisk with temperatures dipping in the 40s. It is that time of the year when frost can be expected. Sunday night’s thunderstorm brought showers. Some farmers have been making some hay to better embrace the cow feeders this winter.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

“Putting a little time aside for clean fun and good humor is very necessary to relieve the tensions of our time.” — Hattie McDaniel

“If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday.” — Pearl S. Buck

“Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.” — Jack Benny

“Artists are just children who refuse to put down their crayons.” — Al Hirschfeld

“Good work is good work, wherever it’s done.” — Parker Stevenson

Peace and quiet is found on the front porch to hear the “Talk of the Grove.”

Your Hard Work Earned This

3 of 10 people in Pendleton County are over the age of 65.

Social Security
2 of 5 people in Pendleton County rely on Social Security to pay their bills.

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Petersburg Applies Pressure, but Pendleton County Prevails in Rivalry Matchup

By Stephen Smoot

At the start of the season, Wildcat volleyballers had to work hard in Petersburg to grind out a victory over the home team. The Vikings pushed the Wildcats to five sets, but Pendleton County took the early season win.

They needed that same effort to capture a victory over the feisty Vikings at home.

The quality Potomac Highlands volleyball teams bring is a similar style of play against opponents. Pendleton County, Petersburg, East Hardy, Keyser, Moorefield, and others use an aggressive approach. They set up big plays for their front lines and feel no intimidation factor against others at the net.

Familiarity has bred respect and the play in these contests reflects the teams' pride, commitment to wins, and the hatred of losses.

Petersburg opened last week's contest with possession of the serve and took the first point. The Wildcats countered that with a run that put them up 4-1, but that advantage did not last.

Viking servers mirror those of the Wildcats in that they work on sending low, hard, line drive serves that defenders corral with difficulty. Two aces helped them to work back into a 4-4 tie.

Pendleton County started to edge ahead in the first set when Avery Townsend blocked a

Petersburg return in the middle of the net, putting her team up 7-6. The serve then went to Lizzie Alt. After she sent her first shot, Alyssa Bennett popped a ball up that Petersburg could not handle, edging the lead to 8-6.

Bennett shortly after fired a spike into the defense to give her team a four point advantage, but the Vikings refused to allow the Wildcats to move too far ahead. They came within one at 13-12, but an Alt spike increased the lead. Once again, the Vikings came tantalizingly close at 17-16, but then an unforced error gave the Wildcats the two point edge yet again.

Pendleton County built a 22-17 lead late in the first set when Bennett fired a ball to the back line, off a defender's fists and out of bounds. Never giving up on the set, Petersburg outscored the home team six to two to come within 24-23. The Wildcats escaped when Baylee Beachler hit a soft tap to her right, hitting nothing but floor and helping her squad capture the set.

The visiting team scored first in the second set, building a 2-0 lead, then a 3-1 advantage. Petersburg then served the ball out of bounds and saw Callie Judy send an ace to their back line to tie the game. Through the first several minutes of the second set, the Vikings kept inching ahead just as the Wildcats would ap-



Callie Judy sets up a teammate to make a play at the net against the Vikings.

pear to catch up.

Additionally, Beachler used a set by Townsend to rocket a spike into the middle of the defense to knot the game at seven. On the next serve, Townsend once again set up Beachler. This time she hit the ball off of the defender and it fell to the floor.

Petersburg drew within one when a block attempt deflected out of bounds. For both squads, the second set featured uncharacteristic unforced errors. For example, on Petersburg's very

next serve, on their attempt to tie the set, they launched their serve out of bounds and gave the Wildcats a two-point advantage.

Shortly after, Pendleton County took a three point lead when Brynlynn Waggy executed a block at the net, setting the score at 13-10. After a Bennett ace, Alt popped up the ball along the front line, which Waggy returned to her for a scoring shot. Then a Beachler play was blocked at the net, which sent the ball weakly toward Alt, who spiked it and gave her team a 16-10 advantage.

The Wildcats cruised the rest of the set, widening the lead to five at multiple points, but no further. Bennett put the exclamation point on the set win with two straight aces.

The third set opened with a Petersburg serve that Breena Bowers returned to the middle of the defense for the first point. As in the other two, however, Petersburg seized an early lead by scoring the next four. A six to two run, however, gave the Wildcats a slender 7-6 lead.

After tying the game at seven, Petersburg gave the lead back by sending the serve out of bounds. A Petersburg score put the game at tied at eight, but then Pendleton County surged in a 12 to four run. Waggy's support in fielding hits and setting up front line players helped to fuel the push toward a commanding lead.

The set and the game closed out when Alt aimed a tap into a hole in the defense and the Wildcats won the set 25-17 and the game three sets to none.

Wildcats Roar As They Topple Mountain Lions

By Stephen Smoot

After knocking off Petersburg earlier in the week, the Wildcats traveled up the mountain to take on Tucker County. Though Petersburg had only one win in eight tries to Tucker County's five and eight season, the Vikings' grit required a strong effort to get that win. The Mountain Lions, however, struggled mightily to get traction against the visiting Wildcat team.

The Mountain Lions opened with the serve and took a 2-0 lead early in the initial set. Pendleton County took its first score when Breena Bowers sent a ball to Brynlynn Waggy, who set up Baylee Beachler for a spike.

Pendleton County then scored 11 to Tucker County's two in extending to a 12-4 lead. This run had a number of highlight plays, starting with Beachler setting up Waggy for a spike. Later, Emma Hartman fielded a shot that Aubree Keiter set back to Hartman for a scoring play and a 7-3 lead. Two serves later, Avery Townsend extended the lead to 9-3 with a block at the net.

The run ended with a vicious spike by Lizzie Alt and an ace by Emily Poling.

Later in the first set, Townsend took the serve with a 17-6 lead and promptly fired consecutive aces. The Wildcats took the set a few minutes later with a score of 25-9.

In the four previous sets, including the game hosting Petersburg, Pendleton County had to fight their way back into leads. Not this time. The Wildcats opened with Alyssa Bennett serving. Waggy scored the first point with a shot to the middle of the defense while Bennett scored next with an ace.

Shortly after, Waggy set up Beachler for a light tap that gave the Wildcats an advantage of 3-0. Two serves later, another Bennett ace extended the lead to 5-0.

Only after going down 10-0 did the Mountain Lions fire a precise shot to the back line for their initial points of the set. Pendleton County took it back quickly and put the ball in Bowers' hands. She responded by serving two aces in a row for a 13-2 lead.

Tucker County had struggled mightily to this point, but then settled in. They started communicating and passing with each other and extending volleys. From that point until the conclusion of the set, they scored as many as the Wildcats, at one point narrowing the lead to 20 to 15.

Callie Judy took over the serve at this point



Lizzie Alt skies for a return as Brynlynn Waggy and Avery Townsend support the play.

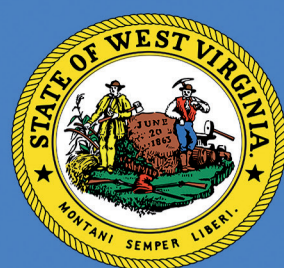
and took her team home. Her low line drive serves proved challenging to handle. Tucker County gave up points on an illegal hit, a return fired into the net, a serve that hit the top of the net and dropped immediately to the floor, and finally a set clinching ace.

Set number three played out almost exactly like the second, except that the Mountain Lions rode the momentum established in the second to an early 2-1 lead. They gave the Wildcats a tie, however, by sending the next serve into the net.

Bowers took the serve with a game tied at two. Alt passed the ball to Waggy, who set up a Townsend spike. On the next play, Townsend sent the ball to Waggy, who set the ball back to Townsend for another spike. Pendleton County quickly established a 10-3 lead.

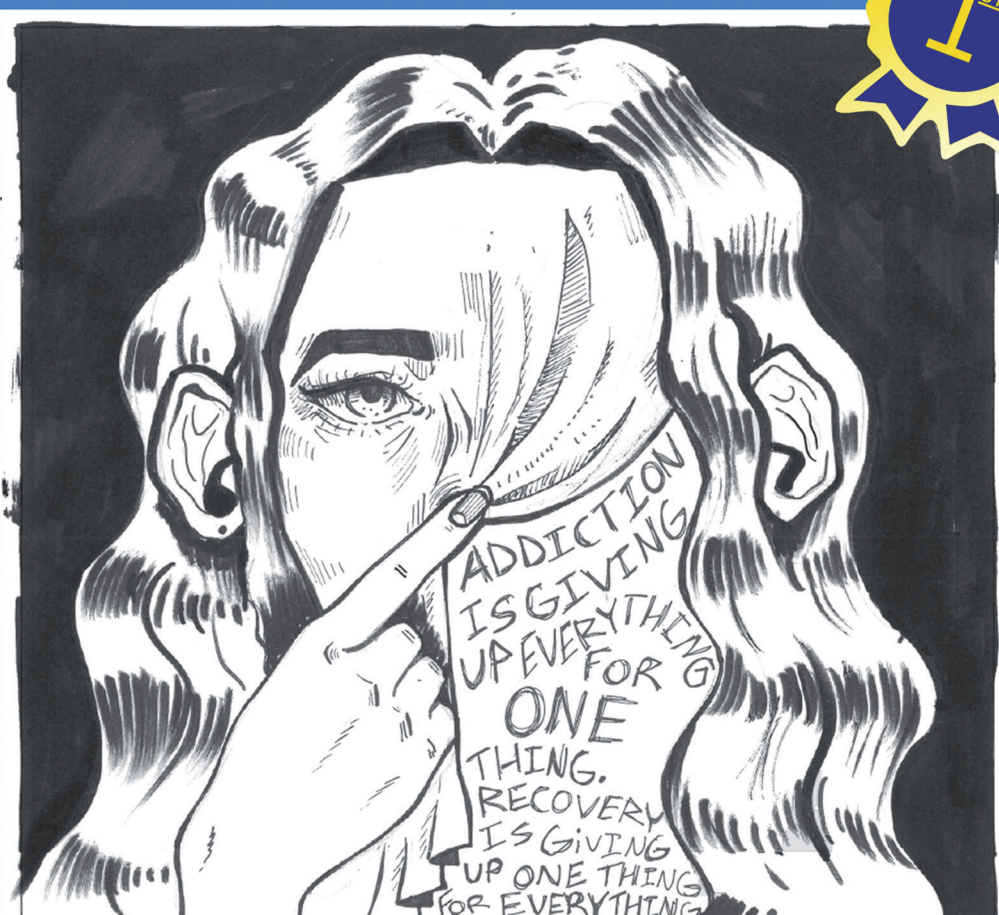
Tucker County then outscored the visitors eight to five to close the gap to 15-11. A Beachler block seemed to get the Wildcats momentum back with a 16 to 11 lead. Shortly after, Bennett rattled off three straight aces to extend her team's lead. Pendleton County won the set 25-13 and the game three sets to one.

The Wildcats will travel to Keyser on Oct. 15 to try to repeat their big early season victory against the (as of press time) six and five Golden Tornadoes. They will host Union on Oct. 16 and travel to Buckhannon-Upshur on Oct. 17.



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Middle School Golf Season Wraps Up at Fisher Mountain

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Pendleton County Middle School golf squad closed its season at the sun kissed, but still moist links at Fisher Mountain.

Charlie Burgoyne, head coach, described the grounds after several days of rain as “wet, wet, wet.”

Eight teams from five schools competed, bringing a total of 44 competitors. Two each represented Capon Bridge, Pendleton County and Petersburg while others came in from Warm Springs and Romney.

“We have 13 of the 44 kids,” Burgoyne stated.

Golf creates an open field for players to compete in school sports. The laid back and non physical nature of the game open the sport up fairly for both boys and girls to play without undue advantage at this age. Also, players of any physical characteristic can play, have fun, and even get better and excel.

The Wildcat squad has a broad spectrum of talent, experience, and ability. As he observed one of his leading players, Burgoyne said of eighth-grader Landon Davis, “Look at that shot. That’s a golf shot.”

The team has experience, but also potential. “Nine of these players have never played golf before,” Burgoyne explained. He added that he was proud to see those players rise to the occasion, sharing that “to go from zero to playing in tournaments, that’s a lot to put on them.”

One disadvantage that both the high school and middle school face is limited resources. They have two coaches, but both coaches are needed to drive players to tournaments. With middle and high school squads each competing in different places and on different days, this only left 10 full practice days to prepare during the season.

If they had access to a large van that could carry an entire squad, it would increase team and coach



Landon Davis takes a swing at Fisher Mountain during the last tournament of the season.

flexibility.

Although the golfers compete to win, the spirit of the game encourages cooperation and collaboration. Coaches help players on other teams. Players assist each other in finding balls. In this event, Cacapon Springs resident professional Mark Goff came with the Warm Springs squad and mentored players from every team.

“We tell kids that you compete against the course,” Burgoyne stated.

He praised the community support for the teams, saying that Pilgrims’ Pride had made donations. Burgoyne also said of the Adkins family, whose Waterfront Group is developing Fisher Mountain “I’m really pleased. I think this place is beautiful. I know

they care for the kids.”

The team has one more tournament, but it’s not an official event against other schools. Golfers from the middle school squad will participate in a fundraiser on Oct 12. Each student-athlete will pair with a group of adults to compete for appropriate prizes. Burgoyne said that he hopes that his kids’ teams win a lot of the prizes. “I just think that would be really neat,” he shared.

The team from Warm Springs placed first in the Potomac Valley League tournament. Pendleton’s team, consisting of Braxton Beachler, Owen Champ, Blaine Cook, Davis, Hayden Kimble and Ross Pownell, placed second. Davis earned a spot on the all-tournament team.



Chase Owens escapes a defender enroute to making a big play for the Wildcats.

Pendleton’s Defensive Injuries Create Struggles Against Potent Tucker County Offense

By Stephen Smoot

For homecoming week, the Pendleton County Wildcats drew a powerful nemesis in Tucker County. This season the Mountain Lions reloaded, bringing a running attack keyed by a diminutive and shifty waterbug type running back complemented with a capable passing attack.

Wildcat fans were welcomed by beautiful weather and music from the alumni band. What they did not see in pads and cleats was starting quarterback and linebacker James Vincell, who endured a season-ending injury in the Richwood victory.

Colton Roberson, the dynamic freshman, would fill in under center for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats kicked off to Tucker County to open play. The Mountain Lions advanced the ball on five plays from their own 24 out to the 44. Then Gabe Harvey broke up a pass on third and six, forcing the visiting team to punt.

Pendleton County took over with 9:37 remaining in the first. Likely counting on the Mountain Lions assuming that they would play conservatively with a new quarterback, the Wildcats did the opposite.

On the first play from scrimmage, Roberson lofted a high arcing pass deep down the sideline into the hands of receiver Josiah Kimble. In what would emerge as a frustrating, but familiar refrain on the evening, Pendleton County saw a big play called back for a penalty flag.

Undeterred, the offense worked to push the ball up field. Running room proved difficult to find throughout the game as the Wildcats worked to balance the offense. Tucker County’s stout line, however, proved to be a force on both sides of the ball.

On second and 12, Roberson once again connected with Kimble, this time for a 10-yard play. On third and short, the Wildcat quarterback used his cadence to pull the visitors offside to pick up a first down. Two plays later, Roberson hit Chase Owens with a pass that he took to the Tucker County 28, but a penalty pushed them back to the 32.

On second and 15, Roberson rolled right, looked to pass, then sprinted through a seam for five yards. Two plays later on fourth and 11, however, he got hit as he tried a pass and the ball dropped to the turf.

The visiting team took over on their own 29 and settled down to establish the run. Their back shifted, dodged, and sprinted his way forward for 14 yards. Two plays later on first down, William Smith dropped the back in the backfield for a four-yard loss. Second and 14 found the Mountain Lions passing again, tossing the ball on a short pass to the right. As the receiver tried to make his move, he and the defender both slipped and fell in the wet, thick grass.

With the second down play losing four, they went for the pass again. This time, Nick Rhodes burst through the line and sacked the quarterback, forcing a punt.

Pendleton County took the ball on their own 25, but could only advance it two yards before punting. The kick sliced right and sailed out of bounds at the Wildcat 41, giving Tucker County the ball there.

This time, the Mountain Lions stuck to the ground, eating stretches of yardage and bulling their way into the endzone for the first touchdown of the game. The Mountain Lions tried a two-point conversion pass, but Travis Owens’ approach distracted the receiver and the play failed.

The Wildcats took the kick to their own 36. On second and 11, with 11:17 to go in the first half, Roberson fired a pass between two defenders to a streaking Chase Owens who accelerated to the opposing team’s 36. On the next play, a penalty flag negated another deep completion to Chase Owens.

Pushed back to the 44 with a first and 18, the Wildcats could not move the ball. On fourth and 23, Tucker County blocked the punt and again had good field position.

On this possession, Pendleton County corralled the run well initially. Nick Rhodes limited the first down gain to two with a hard tackle. Next, Victor Rhodes pulled down the back after a gain of one. On third and seven, however, a deep pass found a streaking receiver who was pushed out on the one.

Tucker County scored on the next play, but failed in the two-point conversion, giving them

a 12-0 advantage.

With just under seven minutes left, Pendleton County started to strike back at the visitors. On first down, Roberson used play action to slow the defense and hit Chase Owens at their own 41 for a big gain and a first down. Three plays later on third down at the Wildcat 42, Roberson connected with Travis Owens at the Mountain Lion 45. He sprinted ahead from there to the 27.

On first down, Roberson took a busted play ahead to the 23. That was followed by a short pass to Corbin Dove, leaving a third and short. Once again, Roberson got the defense to jump and provide a gift first down. With 4:12 left in the half, Roberson hurled a pass to the right corner of the endzone that went too long and pulled the play out of bounds. Two downs later, the exact same play found Kimble open in the endzone and Pendleton County was on the scoreboard.

Tucker County, however, had a backbreaker in store. They took the kickoff all the way back to the Wildcat 43 and scored a touchdown three plays later.

The Wildcats took the ball first in the second half and made the most of that opportunity. On third and eight from his own 29, Roberson found Travis Owens open at the 35. He hauled it in and raced almost to midfield. On the next play, Roberson dropped straight back and fired a deep pass to Chase Owens at the 20.

Four plays later on fourth and 11, the offense needed a big play. Roberson hit Travis Owens for a gain of 16 on a crossing pattern for a first and goal at the five.

Pendleton County scored on third and goal at the 10. Roberson, in a play reminiscent of former West Virginia quarterback Major Harris, rolled left and ran almost to the line of scrimmage, drew the defender, and completed the pass to Corbin Dove in the endzone.

The Harvey kick rebounded off of the right upright and through for an 18-13 score in Tucker County’s favor.

Tucker County rolled the rest of the game and the final score ended at 30-13.

Pendleton County, however, saw much to cheer even in a homecoming loss. Roberson showed tremendous poise taking over for the star quarterback Vincell. He showed the ability to use the pocket, step up in it, and make plays – including finding seams to run through when necessary. He showed nice touch on his passes, often floating the ball into receiver hands and rarely forcing a throw.

Tucker County brought their typical game to Franklin and remains one of the best programs in class single A. Pendleton County showed, however, that despite injuries to their starting quarterback and defense, a lot remains to fight for in this season as they remain potentially poised for the postseason.

On Friday, the Wildcats travel to Tygarts Valley.

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Grant County Bank, Highlands Bankshares Recognizes Employees

The Grant County Bank and Highlands Bankshares, Inc. has announced that Shawna Musser, assistant vice president, compliance, security, and Bank Secrecy Act officer at Grant County Bank, and Sarah Nottingham, financial officer

for Highlands Bankshares, have successfully completed their first year at the West Virginia School of Banking.

The program, sponsored by the West Virginia Bankers Association, is a weeklong intensive course designed to enhance leadership and technical skills of emerging banking professionals. Participants receive in-depth training on key topics in banking, economics, and finance.

George Ford, president and CEO of The Grant County Bank, emphasized the importance of these types of educational opportunities for staff development.

"We believe the knowledge gained at the school, combined with the ability to network and collaborate with peers, will enhance Shawna and Sarah's careers and prepare them with the necessary skills to lead the bank in the future," Ford said. "This program strengthens their understanding of various banking topics and deepens their appreciation for how the different areas of the bank are interconnected."

Established in 1944, the West Virginia School of Banking has provided a challenging curriculum to banking professionals across the state. The two-year program offers formal instruction through lectures, case studies, home-study problems, and group discussions administered by faculty with exceptional teaching qualifications and extensive professional experience.

Musser, who has been with the bank for several years and was recently promoted to assistant vice president, compliance, security, and BSA officer, said the West Virginia Banking School coursework helped her gain a better understanding of the bank's inner workings.

"I've learned how every department plays a vital role in making the bank successful," Musser said. "I'm excited to apply this knowledge and look forward to future years at the West Virginia Banking School."

Nottingham, who transitioned into banking after a successful 20-year career in telecommunications, shared similar sentiments about her experience at the school.

"I'm committed to applying the leadership, analytical, and financial skills I've gained over the years to the banking



Shawna Musser, left, and Sarah Nottingham completed their first year at West Virginia School of Banking.

world," Nottingham said. "The West Virginia Bankers Association offers a variety of courses to assist individuals like myself in developing their professional and technical skills. When the opportunity arose, I didn't hesitate to take it."

Nottingham also emphasized the value of connecting with like-minded peers in the program. "These relationships will be a great resource for overcoming future challenges," she said.

Musser agreed, adding, "The professional relationships built during banking school will be an invaluable resource as we navigate the complexities of the banking industry."

Supplemental Payment Issued to LIEAP Recipients

The West Virginia Department of Human Services, Bureau for Family Assistance has announced a supplemental payment for Low Income Energy Assistance Program recipients.

Individuals who received assistance through LIEAP during the current 2023 to 2024 program year will automatically receive an additional one-time payment ranging from \$25 to \$142. The exact amount will be determined based on the assistance previously provided for heating costs, whether it was applied directly to a utility provider or used for bulk fuel purchases.

Supplemental payments will be sent directly to the primary heating provider on record, such as an electric or gas company. Those who utilized LIEAP funds for bulk fuel purchases will receive their payment by mail. All eligible recipients should expect to receive this additional payment by mid-October.

For further assistance or questions regarding the supplemental payment, individuals are encouraged to contact their local DoHS office or call the Office of Constituent Services' Client Services Unit by calling 1-800-642-8589 or emailing osaclientservices@wv.gov.

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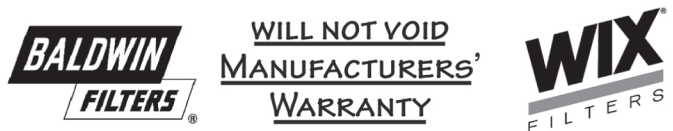
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Click It or Ticket: Click It, Don't Risk It

The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program is working with local law enforcement statewide during the state Click It or Ticket high-visibility enforcement mobilization that runs through Oct. 21, to encourage drivers on West Virginia roads to buckle up. This mobilization is part of the GHSP's continual efforts to increase seat belt usage in West Virginia.

The October Click It or Ticket mobilization runs in conjunction with the Operation Crash Reduction, a regional campaign aimed at reducing crashes, injuries, and fatalities during the Columbus Day weekend. Historically, it is one of the deadliest holiday weekends for fatal crashes in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Region 3 program area. Region 3 includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

"We want all drivers and passengers traveling in West Virginia to be safe on the roadways and to always wear their seat belt," said Gov. Jim Justice.

In 2022, there were a total of 264 fatalities on West Virginia's roadways. Thirty-two percent of those fatalities were occupants who were unrestrained. Of the 171 passenger vehicle occupant fatalities, 50 percent were unrestrained. To help save lives, law enforcement officers across West Virginia will be out in full force, ticketing drivers who are caught traveling without a correctly buckled seat

belt or transporting unrestrained children. This statewide seat belt campaign is aimed at enforcing seat belt use to help keep all vehicle occupants safe.

"As we continue to work to spread lifesaving seat belt messaging, we ask that every driver and passenger take responsibility when they are driving or riding in vehicles. Too many people die on our roads because they were not buckled up or not buckled up correctly," said Amy Boggs, GHSP division manager.

"At the current statewide seat belt usage rate of 93 percent, unbuckled drivers or passengers have a higher likelihood of being killed if they are in a crash. The reality is: seat belts save lives. Not buckling up is not worth the risk. Click It. Don't Risk It," said Jack McNeely, GHSP director.

Wearing a seat belt is required by law, but don't just buckle up to avoid a ticket. The values of one's families' and friends' lives in West Virginia are incalculable. The \$25 violators pay if ticketed pales in comparison to the lives of the people a person loves most. If one is caught driving while unbuckled and gets a ticket, look at it as one's wake-up call. A ticket is far less expensive than paying with a person's life or the lives of one's family and friends.

For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit highwaysafety.wv.gov or call 304-926-2509.

Healthy Eating Options Are Important for Seniors

"Let food be thy medicine" is a quote attributed to Hippocrates, the ancient scholar considered to be the father of modern medicine. The saying relates to the notion that what people put in their bodies can heal and/or prevent certain conditions.

For seniors with medicine cabinets full of over-the-counter and prescription medications, the idea of relying predominantly on food to promote optimal health may be tempting, and various foods can be particularly useful to the 50-and-over demographic.

According to the World Health Organization, poor diet is a major contributor to many of the diseases that affect older people. Poor diet has been connected to the development of diabetes, and degenerative diseases such as osteoporosis also may be linked to the foods one eats.

The National Council for Aging Care says micronutrient deficiency is often a problem among the aging due to factors like lack of variety in diet and reduced food intake. Eating a variety of foods can provide all of the nutrients people need to stay healthy as they get older.

Certain foods may be particularly helpful.

- Brain-friendly foods: Foods such as avocado, leafy vegetables, sunflower seeds, blueberries and salmon are good sources of vitamin E, antioxidants, omega-3 fatty acids and other nutrients that may help ward off dementia like Alzheimer's disease, advises Sonas Home Health Care.

- Anti-inflammatory foods: Foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids may help prevent inflammation that can cause cancer and rheumatoid arthritis. Aging.com says foods that are high in omega-3 fatty

acids, like salmon, should be consumed at least twice per week.

- Fruits and vegetables: Fresh, canned or frozen produce tend to be high in micronutrients, including a variety of important vitamins that are essential for all components of health. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics advises eating dark green vegetables, such as leafy greens or broccoli, and orange vegetables, such as carrots and sweet potatoes.

- Energy-boosters: Choose whole grains that can provide sustained energy by way of healthy carbohydrates over processed grains.

- Bone-friendly foods: Calcium-rich foods, such as milk, yogurt and cheese, can prevent calcium from being leached from the bones, which contributes to conditions like osteoporosis.

- Digestive system-friendly foods: The digestive system slows down as the body ages, as the walls of the gastrointestinal tract thicken and digestive contractions that push waste along may slow down and become fewer. Foods rich in fiber can promote proper digestion by moving food through the digestive tract more easily. High-fiber foods also may help naturally reduce blood cholesterol levels.

- High-iron foods: Without enough iron in the body, a person may feel tired and lethargic from a reduced production of hemoglobin, which carries oxygen in the blood from the lungs to the rest of the body. A lack of oxygen in body tissues from anemia can be serious, says the National Council for Aging Care. Tofu, spinach, lentils, pumpkin seeds and fortified breads and cereals are high in iron.

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Joe "Bill" Blizzard Turns 80!

On September 14th, Joe & family with a group of dear friends celebrated on the east end of Long Island on a tour boat of lighthouses out of Orient Point. Followed by a lovely luncheon. The fun continued September 30th on an 11 day vacation to Germany, cruising the Romantic Road... a two lane country road that stretches 220 miles from Wurzburg to Fussen, Germany. Making stops along the way we explored villages, hidden gems, beautiful castles & stunning churches. We dined and enjoyed authentic German cuisine, experienced Oktoberfest and to our surprise the band performed "Take Me Home" by John Denver, the crowd went wild for that and so did we! It was a most lovely trip and the perfect way to celebrate Joe's 80th, it truly was "Almost Heaven"



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We, Charlotte Thompson, Wendy Gilbert-Putz and Elise M. White, ballot commissioners of Pendleton County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete Official List of Candidates to be voted at the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024 as the same was prepared from the certified list furnished by the Secretary of State and the Official List of Candidates. Given under our hands this 4th day of October 2024.

Charlotte Thompson
 Wendy Gilbert-Putz
 Elise M. White

Board of Education Hears How Brandywine Elementary School Emerged as One of the Best in West Virginia

By Stephen Smoot

"That does not just happen. A lot of hard work goes into that."

Ryan Lambert, principal at Brandywine Elementary School, shared this while opening the school's Local School Improvement Council presentation to the Pendleton County Board of Education, superintendent of schools, and other school system officials.

The presentation took place after a dinner prepared by BES staff and volunteers. It featured a taco buffet, salad options, and a selection of homemade desserts. Lambert expressed his appreciation for the work and "for the fellowship."

He opened the school's presentation by sharing that "last year, not only Brandywine Elementary School, but Pendleton County had a very successful year."

Lambert, who also coaches, emphasized the concept of team work in helping to bring about the school's achievements. "When you talk about team, I can be here talking for a long time," he said before noting that every single faculty and staff member attended the meeting.

"They understand what team is and I want to thank them," the principal said.

Praise also was given to the BSA and PTO. Lambert stated, "We're so lucky. It's a luxury to have a consistent board, a consistent superintendent, and a great office staff."

Kelly Marsh, the school's LSIC chair, spoke next. She started the section of the presentation that focused on the details of success. She shared the results of parent surveys. Some surveys gave results of a 4.7 of five and others 4.6 out of five, with five serving as the measure of excellence.

The surveys gave parents the opportunity to give both multiple choice and written feedback on BES performance last year.

She stated that these results found "reflection in past surveys" and added "we have something special here."

"It makes my job really easy to stand up here and give nothing but good news," she concluded.

Aliyah Wright, who coordinates Communities in Schools at BES, spoke next. She explained that schools across West

Virginia struggle to deal with the persistent problem of chronic absenteeism.

BES established a goal of 97 percent attendance this year and continues to rely on different incentive programs to keep students excited about attending school.

These include an attendance flag that travels from class to class. The class with the best attendance for a two-week period wins the flag. Classes either get 30 minutes extra recess or a special activity. The students take a great deal of pride in having the attendance flag raised outside their classroom door.

Wright shared that every single class has fulfilled the collective attendance requirements to earn a pajama party. "I wear pajamas with them," she smiled, adding "it's had a really positive impact on attendance." On one day this year, every BES student attended. Only one was absent on the day of the LSIC.

Several other incentives also reward both individual and collective attendance.

Next, Joseph Eason provided some examples from innovative mathematics teaching techniques learned in July 2023 at a conference in Morgantown and applied since. The words of Lambert, "Don't be complacent. Always strive for more," served as part of the inspiration.

One of the techniques he applied calls upon instructors to assign tasks "with a low floor and a high ceiling." This means that students can readily understand the concept and answer simple related questions. A high ceiling indicates that the students can apply increasingly higher levels of thought to solving it.

Eason showed a video of a group of three students standing at a white board to solve an assigned problem. He stated that teachers must "randomize" the group and use no more than three students. This keeps all involved because they do not get a chance to take on "roles" in the group, but work together equally.

Standing at the board also helps the students focus because it allows them to use extra physical energy. Eason shared that children look forward to class when they can stand, rather than sit.

When the LSIC portion of the evening closed, J. D Wilkins, board president, stated, "One of the reasons you're successful is that you're here. We appreciate the effort that goes with it."

Charles Hedrick, Pendleton County Schools superintendent, said, "We have one of the top elementary schools in the state . . . that takes a lot of effort."

After the LSIC presentation concluded, the board of education conducted its regular meeting. Wilkins provided an invocation which included, "We thank You for the accomplishments." Then they recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

J. P. Mowery shared that they will soon spend the remainder of the American Rescue Plan Act funds that must be allocated or spent this year. The last unallocated \$8,400 will go to purchase protective Chromebook covers for student devices.

Travis Heavner updated the board on continuing progress with the alternative education building. Contractors "had to dodge some rain to get it in," but finished the ramp. Wiring and communications will be completed soon, as well.

He also shared that they will soon replace the lighting on the football field play clock. Heavner joked that "we went from having to water the football field to figuring out how to dry it out."

Hedrick and the board also reviewed student statistics compiled so far in the 2024-25 academic year. Although Pendleton County's elementary schools showed strong numbers, Hedrick said, "The high school has a long way to go on attendance."

That said, overall, Hedrick shared, "We've seen growth. We realize that needs to continue" and added, "I will say that the attendance at the high school level is typical of the rest of the state."

Wilkins responded and said, "That seems like it's better than it was a year ago."

Hedrick replied that "our academic level has moved up" and that many categories are close to meeting or exceeding state standards.

"Congratulations to everyone," said Wilkins, "that's a lot of effort."

Hands and Harvest Festival Set for this Weekend

The annual Hands and Harvest Festival returns with county-wide fall fun during this weekend of Oct. 11 - 13 in Highland County, Virginia, where everyone is invited to celebrate the traditions, harvest, and crafts found in this rural mountain community.

From farms to a fire tower, visitors can experience the sights and tastes of the season while viewing the beautiful countryside of fall foliage. On the self-guided Harvest Trail, the public is invited to take part in traditional fall staples like cider pressing, making apple butter, or picking pumpkins at local farms and maple sugar camps, or they can try something different like taking a tour of a mini equine sanctuary or viewing the process of creating colorful barn quilts. Highland County is home to Virginia's first Barn Quilt Trail, and the updated brochure includes 80 barn quilts to discover while traveling.

Community activities include an exciting 5K Fall Color Run, Valley AeroSpace Team Rocket Launches, the restored Sounding Knob Fire Tower, popular annual sweater and used book sales, historic Monterey walking tours starting from the Highland Inn, and more. New attractions like the Charles Pinckney Jones House Museum, the working cattle farm of Hazy Hollow Farm, the local art gallery of Art on Main at the 3rd Space and gemstone mining at the Rock Shop at Heart and Soul Massage School add to the opportunities to create lasting memories.

Free entertainment in Monterey is available for the entire family. Kick off your weekend on Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. with acoustic music from Michael Bedwell. On Saturday starting at 11 a.m., children can take a ride on Andy's Bug Train that is sure to bring smiles. The Highland County Arts Council and sponsorships from local churches present Larnell Starkey and the Spiritual Seven at The Highland Center on Saturday at 4 pm. This talented group of gospel singers known by many as the

"Gospel Temptations" have been entertaining audiences for more than 53 years. From 7 to 9 p.m., a square dance workshop and dance from experienced local callers Ellen and Eugene Ratcliffe will take place at the Highland Center. On Sunday afternoon starting at 1 pm, join in the excitement of an old-fashioned street dance on Spruce Street with one of Virginia's oldest clogging groups, the Little Switzerland Cloggers, as well as square dance callers Ellen and Eugene Ratcliffe for a rollicking performance and interactive fun.

Bring one's appetite, because there will be abundant food options available around the county.

Many adventures await with a visit. The full schedule, details, and addresses of all the festival happenings can be found at www.highlandcounty.org/hands-harvest-festival. Maps with daily schedules will be available at the Highland County Courthouse Lawn and the Highland County Visitor Center, both in Monterey, Virginia, and local stores throughout the county during the event.

The Hands and Harvest Festival is brought to one by the Highland County Chamber of Commerce.

FAITH HOPE LOVE

A Heartfelt Thanks

The family of Pamela Sue Rexrode wishes to thank family and friends for the love shown to us since her sudden and unexpected passing. Thank you for the cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, gifts and food.

A special thank you to the staff of Pendleton Manor for all the care you gave Pam over these last 8 years. Thank you to Basagic Funeral Home, the St. Paul Church ladies for the meal and to Pastor Jerry Smit for the beautiful service.

God bless each and every one of you.
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Violet, Mike, Kathy and Bethany

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WARM THE CHILDREN

Providing New Winter Clothing For Needy Children

Contact information Edna Mullenax Pendleton County Family Support Center/Director
 Eastern Action 304-538-7711 Ext. 4 or emmullenax@easternaction.org

The need is great! Pendleton County children without winter clothing will be cold without your help.

What Is Warm the Children Program?
 It's neighbors helping neighbors. Pendleton Times readers are asked to donate to the fund, with all proceeds being used to buy new winter clothing for Pendleton County children in need. None of the donations will be used for administrative costs. All money donated is used to purchase new warm winter clothing and footwear.

How will children be identified?
 Applications will be available at the Pendleton County Family Support Center November 1, 2024 thru November 30, 2024. Children from Birth through age 18 (If in School or Home Schooled) are eligible. Applications can be completed by visiting the Family Support Center located at 22 N. Main Street in Franklin.

How will the clothing be purchased?
 Family Support Center staff will coordinate families and volunteers to shop online for their winter clothing and footwear.

How can I help?
 By donating time, money or both! Contact the Family Support Center at 304 538-7711 Ext. 4 or simply complete the coupon and mail it to:
 Eastern Action, c/o Pendleton County Family Support Center Warm the Children
 101 Alt Ave., Petersburg, WV 26847
Deadline is November 30, 2024

Name: _____
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The Politics of Perversion

Editor,
 Since the passage of HB 3293 some 3 years ago, AG Morrissey has been in numerous court battles defending this bill, the latest an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court(Inter Mountain 7-15-24). West Virginia House of Delegates District 67 encompasses the western half of Pendleton County and in Randolph County most of Elkins, north to the Tucker County line and east to Pendleton County. Republican Elias Coop-Gonzalez was elected in 2022 ousting Democrat transgender supporter Cody Thompson.

During the 2021 regular session, H.B. 3293 was passed. The bill, in summary, states that at the time of enrollment in sports, the sex on the birth certificate determines what single sports the student can participate, defining male and female based solely on the individual's reproductive biology and genetics at birth. Simply stated, born a boy, boys sports, born a girl, girls sports.

The vote was partisan with Republicans voting for the bill and Democrats, including then Delegate Cody Thompson, voting against the bill.

Quoting Thompson from a 3-28-21 article in the Inter Mountain, "I'm personally appalled and disgusted that a little girl could potentially have to show a stranger her genitalia to prove what sex organs she has. Would you feel comfortable with your daughter, trans or not, being subjected to that? I wouldn't, it's disgusting!" Verbal feces at its best! Please be aware that every "girl" or "she" in his statement is in reference to a male!!

Since males have infiltrated female sports, serious injuries are all too common. For example, in North Carolina, a female volleyball player was spiked in the face by a male. She was knocked unconscious and suffered a concussion. Another female athlete was struck in the face with a soccer ball kicked by a male. Her nose was broken, teeth knocked out and she is in the process of facial reconstructive surgery. More coaches of female teams are forfeiting games because of males on the opposing teams. While these coaches are protecting their players, some have been called before school officials and promptly fired!!

These atrocities are displacing gifted and hardworking born female athletes and in the process obliterating historic achievements and records of the past.

Too many parents, coaches, professional athletes, and school and college boards have either condoned or remained silent as born female athletes are humiliated and robbed of their years of hard work by biological males.

When preferred guidance comes not from doctors, but propagated by activists like Thompson, this guidance is nothing more than mutilation, which can include cross-sex hormones, double mastectomies and various treatments, starting as young as 5 years, all of this with the approval of sick, sick parents!! Sticking the label "trans" on this does not change the gruesome reality.

Tennis legend Martina Navratilova summed up this desecration of female sports when she said "Womens sports is not a place for failed male athletes." And a quote I have found that has been used extensively by past Presidents and members of Congress "You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig."

There is no place in the West Virginia Legislature for Democrat Cody Thompson, a trans supporter backed by George Soros and Lambda Legal, which is the state chapter of the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Up-yours).

Vic White
 Elkins, West Virginia

ad paid for by Vic White

Youth Invited to Join 4-H To Be 'Beyond Ready' for Their Future

West Virginia youths in Pendleton County have an opportunity for 4-H to prepare them to be beyond ready for their future, as part of National 4-H Week, held Oct. 7 - 12.

This event is hosted nationally each year to encourage young people to join a local club where they will meet other youths, participate in meaningful learning opportunities, serve their communities and enjoy the host of activities offered by the nation's largest youth development program. This year's theme, "Beyond Ready," invites incoming members to learn how 4-H builds a ready generation with skills needed for the future.

West Virginia 4-H is a free youth development program of West Virginia University Extension that reaches more than 32,314 young people each year through clubs, camps, schools and other specialized programs, like science, technology, engineering and math education. Faculty, staff and volunteers provide unique environments where young people can grow and learn about a host of activities and educational programs, including annual projects.

By signing up for the Pendleton County 4-H program, clubs also provide youth with new experiences, important leadership skills and enhanced confidence. There are two types of 4-H clubs — community clubs and special interest clubs.

Community clubs meet monthly to plan social, promotional, service and fundraising activities for club members. Special interest clubs focus on a specific topic, like teen leadership or robotics. Youths between the ages of 9 and 21 can join 4-H with a parent or guardian's permission. Younger children, ages 5 to 8, who are interested in the practices of 4-H can join a pre-4-H program called Cloverbuds, which focuses more on fun and social activities that set the stage for future learning. Older members can become active in any of the seven collegiate 4-H clubs in the state.

According to Brooke Alt, WVU Extension 4-H youth development agent in Pendleton County, 4-H is an opportunity for those in the Pendleton County area to join an organization that is helping to empower youths to become true leaders within their communities.

While 4-H programs of the past have focused on agriculture and farming, today's 4-H programs are more diverse, exposing kids to hands-on learning experiences in areas such as science, engineering, technology, citizenship, land judging, shooting sports and healthy lifestyles. Club members may also learn about higher education opportunities and even be eligible for scholarships available through WVU Extension.

For more information about 4-H opportunities in Pendleton County, contact the WVU Extension office in Pendleton County at 304-358-2286 or visit extension.wvu.edu.

'Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You'

According to the latest "Smoke Alarms in the U.S." report from the National Fire Protection Association®, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (60 percent), while the majority of civilian home fire deaths continues to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms. These statistics, coupled with newly released findings from a comprehensive U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission survey, reinforce the critical importance of Fire Prevention Week™, Oct. 6 - 12, and this year's theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™"

"Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a home fire, but they have to be working in order to protect people," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign drives home just how important it is to install, test, and maintain smoke alarms to ensure they're working properly."

A newly published survey by CPSC, which was conducted in coordination with the Fire Protection Research Foundation (the research affiliate of NFPA) and the National Institute for Safety and Technology, assesses the prevalence, functionality, and public perception of smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in United States households. According to the findings, nearly all U.S. households (99 percent) report having at least one smoke alarm, which reflects a significant increase from 88 percent in 1994. However, more than half of households (61 percent) test their

smoke alarms less frequently than recommended (at least once a month). A third (33 percent) say they never test their smoke alarms.

In addition, the survey showed that many households have inaccurate perceptions about the age, functionality, and maintenance requirements of their smoke alarms. Nearly one in five households (16 percent) believed all alarms would be working but had at least one functionality issue when tested, including dead batteries. Additionally, only half (51 percent) of households were always accurate about the age of their alarms.

"People tend to be overconfident about their risk to fire, which often leads to a sense of complacency that compromises safety," said Carli. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign works to better educate people about their true risk to fire and the steps needed to make sure they're adequately protected in the event of one."

Essential fire safety messages for this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" include the following:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or don't respond when tested.

Poultry Team Places Third, Armentrout Is High Individual

The Pendleton County FFA poultry judging team competed Sept. 26 in the state competition at the West Virginia University poultry farm.

For the second consecutive year, Caleb Armentrout earned the award for the highest scoring individual in the contest.

Cole Harper was the sixth place individual.

The team, composed of Armentrout, Harper, Lydia Heavner and Jameigh Miller, placed third out of 20 teams in the contest.

Participants judged broilers, hens, a ready-to-cook carcass, a carcass, egg exterior and interior quality, grading and factors, a bone-



Members of the Pendleton County FFA poultry judging team were, from left, Cole Harper, Caleb Armentrout, Jameigh Miller and Lydia Heavner.

less product and a bone-in product and identified chicken parts. Contestants had to give reasons for their

placing and take a written exam. The team was coached by Ron Hudson, FFA advisor.

WIC Announces October Schedule

During the month of October, Pendleton County WIC Clinic will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. Limited services are also available from 2 to 4 p.m. on other days of the week. Call for details.

Pendleton County participants can receive services in Petersburg if alter-

nate days or evening appointments are desired. The office will be closed Oct. 14.

WIC offers nutrition education and healthy foods to pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children under the age of five.

For more information, call 304-358-3088.

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS June 30, 2024		Komax, LLC..... 341.38	Modern Marketing..... 1,631.05	Pendleton Chamber of Commerce..... 50.00	Putz, Wendy..... 310.00	Simmons Backflow Service..... 130.00	Thompson, Charlotte..... 109.00	Wolford, Debi RN..... 244.00
		Kopp, Donald L, II..... 288.00	Motorola Solutions Inc..... 78,417.61	Pendleton County 911 Fee Fund..... 88.92	QH Design LLC..... 100.00	Simon, Jane E..... 250.00	T J Bowman nc..... 3,500.00	Woodford Oil Company..... 8,721.00
		Kreiss, Douglas..... 400.00	Mountain State Cabling..... 11,350.00	Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce..... 50.00	Qlabs, Inc..... 194.00	Simpson Construction..... 3,005.55	T&K Markets LLC..... 356.65	Woodward, Kalee..... 250.00
ASSETS		Laboratory Corporation..... 303.11	Mutual of Omaha Employer..... 1,324.96	Pendleton County ED A..... 30,142.50	Quill, Inc..... 7,915.99	Sisson, Shirley A..... 280.00	TNVC..... 3,785.00	WV Assn of Circuit Clerks..... 750.00
Non-pooled cash	\$ 232,045	Landis Office Center Inc..... 443.54	Nelson, Mary Ann..... 250.00	Pendleton County Health Dept..... 35,000.00	RDJ Specialties, Inc..... 3,738.95	Sites Auto Parts Company..... 573.46	Town of Franklin Board of Parks..... 12,000.00	WV Counties of..... 4,000.00
Receivables: Taxes	102,267	Lantz Construction Co..... 107,302.50	North Fork Disposal Service..... 940.01	Pendleton County Health Dept..... 35,000.00	Raines, Luci J..... 285.10	Smith's Service & Repair..... 17,723.17	Tri-County Fair Assn..... 10,000.00	WV Assn of County Clerks..... 500.00
Total receivables	102,267	Lightner's Electrical LLC..... 700.00	Office of Emergency Mgmt..... 3,300.00	Pendleton County Library..... 36,000.00	Region 8 Planning & Dev..... 7,148.00	Snyder, Judy..... 308.76	T-Mobile..... 476.48	WV Correctional Ind..... 1,490.80
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 334,312	Lingo Networks LLC..... 297,000.00	OpAns, LLC..... 2,600.00	Pendleton Senior & Family Services..... 12,400.00	Regional Jail & Correctional..... 73,005.94	Social Security/Medicare Employer..... 146,001.78	Turner, Deborah F..... 265.00	WV Counties Risk Pool Insurance... 79,600.00
		Mallow, April..... 436.36	Omni Associates..... 27,512.50	Pitsenbarger, Peggy Jo..... 260.00	RELX Inc. DBA Lexis Nexis..... 1,294.00	Software Systems, Inc..... 23,275.31	Turner, Evers Jr..... 328.92	WV Dept. Agriculture..... 1,404.00
LIABILITIES		Mallow, Mae..... 87.00	OpAns, LLC..... 2,600.00	Postmaster..... 522.00	Retiree Health Benefit Fund..... 34,212.00	South Fork VF Co., Inc..... 27,817.67	Unified Solutions LLC..... 47,857.76	WV Deputy Retirement, Employer... 39,187.82
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Due to: other governments	\$ 334,312	McCoy, John..... 50.00	Ernest..... 400.00	Potomac Valley Soil Conservation..... 10,000.00	Roberson, Frank..... 1,757.50	Staggers, H. Orrin III..... 56.98	Upper Tract VFD Trng Cntr..... 50.00	WV Emergency Services Retirement, Employer... 139,096.37
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	\$ 334,312	Mead & Hunt, Inc..... 26,265.00	Owens Heating, Cooling..... 1,440.00	Potomac Valley Soil Conservation..... 10,000.00	Roberson, Frank..... 1,757.50	Staggers, H. Orrin III..... 56.98	US Chemical Storage LLC..... 983.00	WV Sheriff's Office..... 1,400.00
		Mitchell, Diana M..... 988.90	Panthera Training LLC..... 6,580.00	Potomac Valley Soil Conservation..... 10,000.00	Roberson, Frank..... 1,757.50	State Tax Department..... 13,862.99	USDA, APHIS..... 2,500.00	WV Signal & Light, Inc..... 2,616.82
			Parr Public Safety Equip..... 8,778.51	Potomac Valley Soil Conservation..... 10,000.00	Roberson, Frank..... 1,757.50	Swigunski, Jeralyn..... 260.00	VISA..... 110,987.32	WV State Excavating, LLC..... 40,690.93
			Parrish's Carpet Service..... 4,018.50	Potomac Valley Soil Conservation..... 10,000.00	Roberson, Frank..... 1,757.50	Taglieri, Laurie L..... 300.00	W.B. Mason, Inc..... 2,689.66	WV State Fire Marshal..... 4,299.00
				Potomac Valley Soil Conservation..... 10,000.00	Roberson, Frank..... 1,757.50	Taglieri, Laurie L..... 300.00	Warner, Lois..... 250.00	WV State Police..... 4,155.84
				Potomac Valley Soil Conservation..... 10,000.00	Roberson, Frank..... 1,757.50	Taglieri, Laurie L..... 300.00	Watkins, Terry L..... 300.00	WV State Police Deputies Association..... 10.00
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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2024

Total fund balances on the governmental fund's balance sheet..... \$ 7,233,876

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore not reported in the funds. (Note III.C.)..... 2,559,148

Certain revenues are not available to fund current year expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds. (Note III.B.)..... 43,467

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds (Note III.G.)..... (690,487)

Deferred inflows and outflows related to pension activity are not required to be reported in the funds but are required to be reported at the government-wide level (Note V.):

Deferred outflow - Employer contributions to pension plan after measurement date..... 187,455

PERS: \$139,085
DSRS: \$39,188
EMSRs: \$9,182

Net position of governmental activities..... \$ 9,333,459

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

TOTAL ... \$6,432,644.44

We, the undersigned members of the County Commission of Pendleton County West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing unaudited financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2024.

Carl Hevener
Roger Dahmer
Jimmie Bennett

Attested:
Elise M. White, Clerk

PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2024

PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES JUNE 30, 2024

Table with columns: Primary Government, Component Units (Governmental, Farmland Protection, Board of Parks, Board of Health, Economic Development). Rows include ASSETS (Current assets, Receivables, Restricted assets, Capital assets) and DEFERRED OUTFLOWS.

Table with columns: Program Revenues, Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position. Rows include Expenses, Charges for Services, Operating Grants and Contributions, Capital Grants and Contributions, Primary Government Activities, Component Units (Farmland Protection, Board of Parks, Board of Health, Economic Development).

Table with columns: Primary Government, Component Units (Governmental, Farmland Protection, Board of Parks, Board of Health, Economic Development). Rows include DEFERRED OUTFLOWS (Employer pension contributions, Total deferred outflows of resources).

Table with columns: General revenues, Change in net position, Net position - beginning, Net position - ending. Rows include Ad valorem property taxes, Alcoholic beverages tax, Hotel occupancy tax, Gas and oil severance tax, Other taxes, Licenses and permits, Refunds/Reimbursements, Rent, Interest, Intergovernmental, Gain on Disposition of Assets, Fines & Forfeitures, Miscellaneous.

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

Table with columns: Primary Government, Component Units (Governmental, Farmland Protection, Board of Parks, Board of Health, Economic Development). Rows include LIABILITIES (Current liabilities payable, Noncurrent liabilities), NET POSITION (Invested in capital assets, Total Net Position).

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

PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2024

Table with columns: General, Coal Severance Tax, 911, Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds, Total Governmental Funds. Rows include REVENUES (Taxes, Intergovernmental, Total revenues), EXPENDITURES (Current, Total expenditures), Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures.

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND June 30, 2024

Table with columns: Original, Final, Budgeted Amounts, Actual Modified Accrual Basis, Adjustments Budget Basis, Actual Amounts Budget Basis, Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative). Rows include REVENUES (Taxes, Intergovernmental, Total revenues), EXPENDITURES (Current, Total expenditures), Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures.

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Table with columns: General, Coal Severance Tax, 911, Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds, Total Governmental Funds. Rows include OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) (Transfers in, Transfers out, Capital leases, Total other financing sources), Net change in fund balances, Fund balances - beginning, Fund balances - ending.

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2024

Table with columns: General, Coal Severance Tax, 911, Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds, Total Governmental Funds. Rows include ASSETS & DEFERRED OUTFLOWS (Current assets, Receivables, Due from: Other funds, Other governments, Total assets & deferred outflows of resources).

Table with columns: General, Coal Severance Tax, 911, Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds, Total Governmental Funds. Rows include LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS & FUND BALANCES (Current Liabilities, Deferred Inflow - Property Taxes, Unearned revenue, Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, Fund balances, Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances).

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND June 30, 2024

Table with columns: Original, Final, Budgeted Amounts, Actual Modified Accrual Basis, Adjustments Budget Basis, Actual Amounts Budget Basis, Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative). Rows include REVENUES (Coal severance tax, Total revenues), EXPENDITURES (Current, Total expenditures), Net change in fund balance, Fund balances - beginning, Fund balances - ending.

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

Table with columns: Vendor Name, Vendor List, Fiscal Year Ending, Vendor Name, Expenditures. Rows include Vendor Name (Bennett, Mark, Bennett, Nancy, Biby, Michael, Wayne, Big Country Amusements, Inc., Blue360 Media, Bodine, Andrea, Bodkin, Tina, Boggs, Gene, Borrer, Freda, Boss Buildings, Bowers Garage, Bowers, Chad, Bowers, Justin, Bowers, Matt, Bowers, Nancy, Caliber Public Safety, Carson, Kitty, Casto, Cartridge World, Casto & Harris, Ceely, Crystal, CenturyLink, Circleville, VFD, City of Charlottesville, Clear Communications & Electronics, Coast to Coast Solutions, Cummins Inc., Davis, Anita D., De Lage Landen, County Commissioners of WV, County Employees, Payroll, County Fire Protection, Creative Product Source, Crider, Delores, Cummins Inc., Davis, Anita D., De Lage Landen, Financial, Dell Marketing, L.P., Delta Dental, etc.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE
A public testing & inspection of the electronic voting systems, i.e., the vote marking devices and tabulating equipment, for the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, will be performed by the Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission on October 17th, 2024 beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the Pendleton County Courthouse. 1c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the following estates is pending in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, 100 S. Main Street, P. O. Box 1167, Franklin, West Virginia 26807. The names of the personal representatives are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTICED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that

challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Commission are required to file their objections with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE, whichever is later.

All creditors of the decedent(s) and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate(s) must file their claims with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 3, 2024. Deadline for claims is December 2, 2024.

Gary Stanley Harman Estate - Ramona Ann Harman, Administratrix; Charles Eugene Bates Estate - Virginia Rae Bates, Executrix; Emma Kate Hathaway Estate - Jason G. Hathaway, Administrator; Noah Jr Mallow Estate - Noah J. Mallow, Executor.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on September 27, 2024.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 10-3-2c

NOTICE

At the January 11, 2024, meeting, the Pendleton County Board of Health approved an addendum to WV 64 CSR 8.9.a and 8.9.f, which references minimum acreage for onsite sewer system is 2 acres, the addendum is to increase to 5 acres for any subdivided lots.

Detailed information can be obtained at the health department, located at 273 Mill Road, Franklin, WV. The public is invited to comment, in writing, on the proposed addendum for 30 days. The deadline for written comments is October 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Any person who would like to make verbal comments may contact Amber Hedrick, Administrator, to be included on the next regularly scheduled board of health meeting.

Any questions or comments may be addressed to Pendleton County Health Department, P. O. Box 520, 273 Mill Road, Franklin, WV 26807. 9-19-4c

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Special Commissioners, namely, Duke A. McDaniel and Nathan H. Walters, by virtue of that certain Initial Hearing Order, entered within Grant County, West Virginia Civil Action No. 24-C-3, by the Honorable James W. Carrier Jr., Grant County Circuit Court Judge, and styled as Naomi Jean Kimble, Plaintiff v. Grant Edward Kimble & New Creek Wind, LLC., Defendants. Your undersigned Special Commissioners will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder(s) at the backdoor of the Grant County Courthouse, located at 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847, on

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024 AT NOON—12:00 P.M.

the following described tract or parcel of real estate:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate containing 313.09 acres, more or less, lying and being situate in Union District, of Grant County, West Virginia, and designated as Parcel 21 on Tax Map 208 of the Union District of Grant County, West Virginia Assessment records, together with any and all rights, rights-of-way, structures, minerals, easements, improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging, lying and being situate in Union District, Grant County, West Virginia, and being considered as the residue of an original tract containing 370 acres, with said 370 acre tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds in that certain Deed from Delphia M. Hanlin unto Vauda H. Kimble, with said Deed dated August 2, 1972, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book 101, at Page 265. LESS HOWEVER, an 11.00 acre out-conveyance unto the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, by that certain Deed from Grant E. Kimble, Naomi J. Kimble, and Lloyd W. Kimble, with said Deed dated September 28,

2007, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 238, at Page 77. LESS HOWEVER; a 40.08 acres out-conveyance unto the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, by that certain Deed from Grant E. Kimble, Naomi J. Kimble, and Lloyd W. Kimble, with said Deed dated October 17, 2007, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 238, at Page 78. LESS HOWEVER; a 0.85 acre out-conveyance unto Blondell M. Arbogast by that certain Deed from Grant E. Kimble and Naomi Jean Kimble, with said Deed dated June 9, 2016, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 274, at Page 643. LESS HOWEVER, a 2.00 acre out-conveyance to Naomi J. Kimble, by that certain Deed from Duke A. McDaniel and Nathan H. Walters, in their capacity as Special Commissioners, relative to Grant County Civil Action 24-C-3, with said Deed dated September 3, 2024, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office

in Deed Book 315, at page 103. Reference is also made to the Last Will & Testament of Vauda H. Kimble, also of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Will Book 10, at page 472.

This is a sale in gross and is sold in an "as is" condition. Said tract or parcel of real estate will be conveyed subject to any and all restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, easements, or rights-of-way granted, reserved, or provided for in any and all prior instruments in the chain of title.

The real estate taxes associated with the aforementioned tract or parcel of real estate will be prorated as of the closing date and will be thereafter paid by the purchaser(s) of the above referenced tract or parcel of real estate. The highest bidder(s) shall also be responsible for the excise tax on the transfer of the subject real estate and for the cost of the preparation of the Deed conveying the aforementioned real estate to the highest bidder(s). The sale of the real estate is subject to the confirmation of the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia.

The above tract or parcel of real estate offered for sale herein will be conveyed unto the highest bidder(s) by Special Warranty Deed from your undersigned Special Commissioners. TERMS: A one hundred-thousand-dollar (\$100,000.00) deposit in cash, cashier's check, or certified check on the above referenced day of sale will be required with regard to the tract or parcel of real estate offered for sale herein, with the balance thereof to be paid in full upon the delivery

of the Special Warranty Deed, which said delivery shall take place not more than thirty (30) days, subsequent to confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia. Failure to close within the applicable time frame will cause a forfeiture of the deposit paid.

Prospective bidders are invited to contact Auctioneer, Bruce "Icky" Hyre Jr., (WV#494) (304) 257-3134, Special Commissioner, Duke A. McDaniel, (304) 257-4377, or Special Commissioner, Nathan H. Walters, (304) 530-6618 to view and/or inspect the real estate and to make any inquiries related thereto. Please also visit auctionzip.com for additional information and pictures depicting the real estate offered for sale.

Duke A. McDaniel, Esq. Special Commissioner 304 Virginia Avenue Petersburg, WV 26847 (304) 257-4377

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Melanie Biggs, do hereby certify that bond with approved surety, as provided by said Court, has been executed before me by the said Special Commissioners.

Melanie Biggs Clerk of the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia 9-19-4c

Legal Advertisements Continued on Page 12

NOW HIRING
Hardy County Committee on Aging
is accepting applications for the following full-time position:

Administrative Assistant/Financial Manager

The Administrative Assistant/Financial Manager will be responsible for administrative responsibilities assigned by the Executive Director, overseeing the recording, classifying and reporting of all funds received and disbursed during the fiscal year, including the responsibility to insure and monitor compliance with Federal, State and Upper Potomac Area Agency conditions and requirements, especially deadlines, and perform general human resources support and bookkeeping activities related to payroll, accounts receivable and accounts payable in coordination with professional accounting firm.

This position begins January 1, 2025.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest, 2 letters of recommendation (not from relatives) and resume to Judy Patterson HCCOA, 317 Winchester Ave., Moorefield, WV 26836. This packet must be received by 3 p.m. on November 8, 2024. HCCOA is an equal opportunity employer.

A college degree in a related field preferred for this position but not required and experience in an administrative role, preferably in a bookkeeping/HR role will be considered. The salary range is commensurate with education and experience, with a benefit package including health insurance and participation in a retirement program.

NOW HIRING
Hardy County Committee on Aging
is accepting applications for the following full-time position:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The HARDY COUNTY COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC. is looking for a responsible, organized, dedicated, people-oriented and creative individual to head our agency. We expect our new Executive Director to have the ability to work positively with a wide variety of people. The Executive Director must have the ability to promote staff morale, develop and implement new and relevant programs to increase services and expand programs for the elderly. The Executive Director must be willing to develop contacts with peers, community leaders and other agency personnel to build positive programs and new avenues for program expansion. The Executive Director must have excellent communication skills in writing and speaking and demonstrate their use in marketing programs through media, newspaper, grant-writing and speaking engagements. The successful applicant must have knowledge of or be willing to develop knowledge of state and federal requirements, state budgeting practices and legislative procedures and processes.

This position requires a bachelor's or master's degree in social work, social services, business administration, health services or 5 years' experience in a management role working with the elderly. The Executive Director is responsible for administering all activities of the HCCOA as well as evaluating programs and personnel. The salary range is commensurate with education and experience, with a benefit package including health insurance and participation in a retirement program.

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