



South Fork Dam Site Nine near Fort Seybert is one of more than 170 such structures across the state that help to trap large amounts of water during heavy precipitation events. Most dams range between 50 and 70 years of age.

Many Small, But Mighty, Watershed Flood Control Dams Are on Their Seventh Decade Protecting Lives and Property

By Stephen Smoot

From the end of the 19th through the first quarter of the 20th century, timber companies relentlessly chopped down as many trees as their numbers of men and machinery would allow. Eventually, only a few stands of original virgin timber remained in spots as scattered as the Vanderbilt preserve in western North Carolina or Cathedral State Park in Preston County.

According to Ronald Lewis, professor emeritus at West Virginia University, in his book “Transforming the Appalachian Countryside,” the state board of agriculture reported in 1900 that the spruce forest alone in West Virginia had dwindled from 1.5 million acres to less than 225,000 acres due to the removal of both the valuable mature timber, as well as less useful saplings, in the clear cutting process.

He added that “several companies operated on Spruce Knob, removing the timber from 30 to 50 acres each day . . . the wasteful methods employed by the companies of clear-cutting everything in their path without regard to size turned Spruce Knob into a desolate place.”

In 1908, AB Brooks, director of the West Virginia Geological Survey, reported damage created in the cut over Spruce Knob countryside by machinery sparking fires in the dead under-

brush. Erosion also took its toll, as the state board of agriculture stated in 1900 that on the iconic mountain, there was “not enough soil in a square rod to meet the ordinary requirements of a hill of corn.”

Lewis then described the inevitable result of the loss of trees through cutting, loss of other vegetation through fire, and the loss of soil through erosion – a rapid increase in the number and scope of large destructive floods. “With the forests removed,” he wrote, “so too were the natural controls on water flow.”

When cycles of high precipitation hit in the following decades, floods devastated both farms and communities in areas most directly affected by the clear-cutting of Appalachian timber. Today, modern timber cutting practices carefully preserve the integrity of the forest, resulting in West Virginia annually growing twice as many trees as are lost through timbering or natural attrition, but awareness of the need for this did not take place until the 1930s.

The new awareness came too late. Only after decades could the forestlands in West Virginia and across the Appalachian region see a recovery of both their size and their ability to mitigate heavy precipitation and limit flooding.

The Tennessee Valley Authority’s Depression-era seizure of farmland for use in building

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Boy and Cub Scouts Learn the Fun And Functionality of HAM Radios



Boy and Cub Scouts learn about one of HAM radio’s many practical applications from Pendleton County first responders and emergency services officials.

By Stephen Smoot

Almost 120 years ago in the earliest days of the technology, Albert S. Hyman, Bob Almy, and Poogie Murray of the Harvard Radio Club established the first amateur wireless radio broadcast station in the world. They gave their operation the call sign of HYMAN-ALMY-MURRAY.

Or HAM for short. For almost 12 decades since, amateur radio en-

thusiasts have built an entire culture around first developing technology, protocols, and global networks of users. In recent decades, however, HAM radio users have put more effort into recruiting the next generations of operators, fearing that modern information and broadcasting systems will create a perception that HAM radio is obsolete – even though it remains a reliable failsafe means of communication during emergencies.

Last Sunday, Living Faith Church hosted a HAM radio event that brought together enthusiasts, emergency operations officials, and Boy and Cub Scouts. The occasion for the event was the annual Boy Scouts of America Jamboree on the Air, open to all divisions of Cub and Boy Scouts, as well as girls.

As the Boy Scouts of America website explained “Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third

full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community.”

A pack of excited and eager elementary school children, in equal numbers of boys and girls, some adorned in their Scout uniforms, attended the session held by the Potomac Headwaters Amateur Radio Association. Their president, Mike Turner, was present, as well as Eddie Caplinger, vice president, and a group of members, including Darren Hedrick and Larry Burns.

Bruce Minor attended as well, representing Pendleton County Emergency Services. The Pendleton County emergency operations mobile command center was also on hand.

Scouts learned of the fun uses of HAM radio while hearing that they might get to communicate with other Scouts in West Virginia and across the nation. They learned

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Warner Board Shows That It ‘Digs’ the Arts



Warner’s Drive-In board members celebrate recent support of their expansion plans for a music and live theater stage, as well as enhancing the facility’s unique motion picture experience. Starting next spring, the nonprofit hopes to host both music and theater events on their new stage. Board members and friends of the board picked up shovels to show that the organization has broken ground on the project.

Pendleton Community Care Health Care Leader Receives Statewide Recognition

By Stephen Smoot

Last month the West Virginia Primary Care Association examined a long slate of nominations, then selected a familiar face for its coveted Outstanding Provider of the Year Award. This year, they selected Dr. Laura Nulph from Pendleton Community Care.

For more than four decades, the clinic has served Pendleton County. In 16 of those years, Dr. Nulph has provided service to patients and others needing care. She not only serves as a health care provider, but also as chief medical officer of the facility.

The award, says Jamie Hudson, PCC executive director, “recognizes areas of excellence” and also spotlights “staff in the state that go above and beyond.” Given those criteria, Hudson shared that “Dr. Nulph really stood out” and the awardee’s colleagues knew “it was pretty clear she would be accepted as the award recipient.”

According to the West Virginia Primary Care Association, the recipient also “exemplifies excellence in clinical practice and demonstrates a dedication to the Community Health Center mission and to the patients they serve.”

Recipients need not be physicians like Dr. Nulph. As the WVPCA states, “Nominees may include but are not limited to physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dental hygienists, registered nurses, nurse midwives, social workers, and pharmacists.”

Alongside giving excellent care to patients of PCC, Dr. Nulph joined a clinical quality impact coordinator to develop intervention strategies for helping some diabetes patients do more to protect their health while creating better outcomes.

Dr. Nulph and her colleagues attacked the percentage of diabetes cases considered “not controlled.” These patients have diabetes, but do not test or treat themselves regularly. High blood sugar often results from a neglected diabetes condition, which will eventually damage blood vessels and vital organs. The work performed with diabetes patients encouraged many to regularly test their blood sugar, take insulin and other medications, and undergo periodic screenings with their doctor.

Burgoyne Resigns as Golf Coach, Pleads for Reduced Burdens on Public School Coaches

By Stephen Smoot

As the Pendleton County Board of Education and superintendent had good news to share about advances in state metrics, they also saw the loss of one of the county’s most experienced and dedicated head coaches.

With J. D. Wilkins away, Sonny O’Neil filled in as president and gave the invocation. He thanked God for the county and the school system’s superior staff.

The first item on the agenda was to accept the resignation of Charles Burgoyne, the seven-year head coach of the high and middle school’s golf program. The former school board member and county commissioner also made a personal statement to explain the state created barriers to his continuing to coach.

“Thank you for the opportunity to speak what’s on my mind,” Burgoyne started.

He started by stating that he resigned as of the day prior to the meeting, then shared his academic background, holding degrees in health and physical education. Research conducted during his time in school included a major paper on muscular movements in playing the sport of golf.

Burgoyne then described how, seven years ago, he approached O’Neil to ask if the high school could have a golf team. The response



Dr. Laura Nulph

Her work at PCC reduced the percentage of “not controlled” patients from 15.65 percent in 2022 to 11.81 percent now. This put PCC in the top quartile in the nation among all other Federally Qualified Health Centers.

FQHC facilities are health care clinics subsidized by the federal government with the purpose of serving communities with large numbers of households that face financial struggles. Their often high level of care and closer distance to rural Americans have made them indispensable to all types of patients.

Leadership in programs that improve people’s lives is only one aspect of Dr. Nulph’s role. Effective health care requires trust. Hudson explained that Nulph “has the remarkable ability to develop strong and trusting relationships with patients,” adding that she shows “empathy and understanding while providing top level medical care.”

She also “works with and mentors some of our mid-level staff.”

To PCC, Nulph serves as a reliable and remarkable resource. “I would just say that I trust in everything that she does,” said Hudson.

“I’m blessed to have someone with the level of knowledge and caring about patients, making sure they have what they need,” Hudson concluded.

was “yes, if it doesn’t cost money.” In building the team, then the program, Burgoyne collected countless donations from individuals and businesses while working out an agreement for players to practice and compete, with adult supervision, at Fisher Mountain.

Although Burgoyne’s 1975 degree was one specifically designed for coaching and he also had 25 years of officiating experience, the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission stated that the degree was “too old” to give him certification, so he took a costly 14 and a half hour course to obtain it.

He then described a pattern of the West Virginia State Legislature adding more and more training and certification requirements, taking more and more time and money from coaches who, in many cases, have little of either. Most of these came as reactions to very rare, but tragic circumstances.

Burgoyne explained that “if you take a look at anything on this list, it’s not bad. It’s just a lot.”

One of the examples he gave came from a statute called “Megan’s Law” that came after a legislator’s child developed an eating disorder after being told she was too heavy to be at the top of a cheerleading formation. Burgoyne said that trainings related to incidents such as these came from those “looking

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Community CALENDAR
Fall Festival To Be Held at NF Baptist Church

The North Fork Baptist Church in Riverton will host a fall festival from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the church. There will be food, games, inflatables, candy, mini hayride and fun.

Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

OBITUARIES



Robert "Bobby" Frank Leonard

Robert "Bobby" Frank Leonard, 65, a resident of Belington passed from this life Oct. 15, 2024, at Tygart Valley Health and Rehabilitation in Belington and under the care of Mountain Hospice.

He was born March 27, 1959, in Warren, Ohio, a son of the late Norman Leonard and Hazel Bennett Taylor Leonard.

Mr. Leonard was born with Down Syndrome. From a young age, he resided in several care facilities and for the last 20 years, he was a resident of Good Samaritan of Barbour County, now known as Tygart Valley Health and Rehabilitation. He had never married.

Left to cherish his memory are five siblings, Ret. Sgt. 1st Class E7 82nd Airborne, Larry Lambert of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Stanley Taylor, Jr. of Elkins, Bill McCauley Gilbert, Sr. and wife, Lori of Chardon, Ohio, Nancy Draa and husband, Paul of Warren, Ohio, Nora Lambert and husband, Bob of Mill Creek; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Clem Bennett and Nora Lambert Bennett of Cherry Grove; paternal grandparents, Jerry Leonard and Mary Ague Leonard of Farmington, Ohio; a sister, Ruth Barry O'Brien; and a sister-in-law, Zorina Lambert.

The family's request for cremation was honored.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Brick Church Cemetery in Huttonsville with Pastor Frank Stanley officiating. Interment will follow next to Bobby's mother.

Send online condolences to the family at www.therandolphfuneralhome.com.

The Randolph Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Michael Worth Hedrick

Michael Worth Hedrick, 64, of Petersburg passed away Oct. 18, 2024, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1959, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and was a son of Patricia Ann (Rohrbaugh) Hedrick of Franklin and the late John Worth Hedrick.

Mr. Hedrick was a 1979 graduate of Franklin High School.

He was an employee of American Woodmark and later Pilgrim's Pride in Moorefield until his illness.

He was a member of Upper Tract United Methodist Church.

His wife, Barbara Ann (Crites) Hedrick, survives.

Also surviving are three brothers, Kenneth Hedrick and Charles Hedrick and wife, Renee, all of Franklin, and William P. Hedrick of Upper Tract; several nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and -nephews.

He was also preceded in death by an infant brother, John Wayne Hedrick; and a half brother, John Paul Hedrick.

A funeral service was held Monday in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with the Rev. David Webb officiating. Interment followed at the Cherry Hill Cemetery in Upper Tract.

Memorial donations may be made to Upper Tract United Methodist Church, PO Box 16, Upper Tract, WV 26866 or Upper Tract Rescue Squad, PO Box 1290, Upper Tract, WV 26866.



Jeanette Lynn (Echard) Jamison

Jeanette Lynn (Echard) Jamison, 74, of Monterey, Virginia, passed away Oct. 18, 2024, at her home.

Born Oct. 30, 1949, in Highland County, Virginia, she was a daughter of Norma Jean Echard and the late Melvin "Pete" Lee Echard.

Mrs. Jamison had retired from Hanover Shoe Company, and additionally worked with Summit Community Bank, Rexrode's Store, and the Highland Inn.

She was raised in Monterey United Methodist Church and would go on to attend and hold membership with St. John Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed time spent listening to country music, line dancing, mowing grass, as well as cooking, cleaning, and caring for others. Additionally, she loved time spent with her family, especially her niece and her children, as well as her grandchildren who referred to her as "Net Nettles."

Above all, she will be remembered as a kind, gentle, and selfless person whose love and affection for family knew no bounds.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Charles

Henry Jamison who passed in 1993, and Kerry Gale Sponaugle in 2015,

Surviving family members, in addition to her mother, are a sister, Beverly Echard of Monterey, Virginia; a niece, Alissa Georgantzis and husband, Nickolas of Staunton, Virginia; a great-niece, Kaeli Rae Smith of Albany, New York; a great-nephew, Tarun Quinn Smith of Staunton, Virginia; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Jamison and companion, Andy Alt of Franklin; grandchildren, Elizabeth Rollins and husband, Billy, and Mallory Roberson, all of Franklin, and Addison Sponaugle of Monterey, Virginia; a step-daughter, Kara Sponaugle of Waynesboro, Virginia; three stepsons, Brent Sponaugle and wife, Tammy, and Aaron Sponaugle, all of Blue Grass, Virginia, and Jon Sponaugle of Waynesboro, Virginia; and great-grandchildren, Mason and Henry Warner, Taylor Roberson, Coleson Miller, and Garrett Lambert, all of Franklin.

She was also preceded in death by her only child, Gregory Lee Jamison, in 2015.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at Saint John Lutheran Church with pastors Paul Schafer and Mike Nay officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Dennis and David Jamison, Brent and Aaron Sponaugle, Tarun Smith and Ron Gutshall.

Honorary pallbearers were friends in attendance.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery, c/o Ruthaleen May, 205 Sapphire Lane, Sugar Grove, WV 26815.

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



Johnny "Harold" Cowger, Sr.

Johnny "Harold" Cowger, Sr., 94, of Linthicum, Maryland, passed away peacefully Oct. 12, 2024, at his home.

Born Jan. 15, 1930, in Franklin, he was the son of the late Emma and Henry Cowger.

Mr. Cowger was drafted in 1952 into the Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Japan. He loved Japan and stayed as a civilian working as a maintenance and construction worker. One of his favorite jobs there was painting houses.

After marrying in 1957, his wife joined him in Japan until 1958. They moved to Maryland raising their growing family. He started working for the State of Maryland retiring from Martin's Airport. He also worked part time at Adell Plastics for more than 50 years.

His favorite memories were spending time with his family (immediate and extended), vacationing in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, various trips to California

and Florida, visiting with his family in Oklahoma and Louisiana and thousands of trips to West Virginia.

His hobbies included wood working, painting, arts and crafts. The last few years, he painted birdhouses, jewelry and tissue boxes. Many family and church members and friends were fortunate to receive one of these cherished gifts from his heart.

In 1957, he married the love of his life, "Juanita" J. Cowger, who survives.

He was the loving father of John H. Cowger, Jr. and wife, Karen, Jeff L. Cowger and wife, Sandra, Jeanne A. Steinhice and husband, Jimmy, and Joan L. Cowger (Mark); devoted grandfather of Vincent, Valerie, Julie, Courtney, Jimmy, III and Jenna; cherished great-grandfather of Jordan, Destinee, Jillian, Savanna, Cash, Kayden and Karson; and dear great-great-grandfather of Justin, Jaylen and Kamree. He was also a father figure to many loving nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

He was also preceded in death by siblings, William, Viola, Raymond, Eddie, Catherine, Bessie, Jesse and Mary.

A celebration of life funeral service was held Tuesday at the Singleton Funeral & Cremation Services in Glen Burnie, Maryland. A graveside service with military honors and interment followed at Glen Haven Memorial Park in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Shriners.

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Susan Warner, RN

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OBITUARIES



Gary Lee Ferguson

Gary Lee Ferguson, 70, of Upper Tract passed away on Oct. 20, 2024, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

He was born on June 18, 1954, in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Blaine and Thelma (Shehan) Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson was a 1972 graduate of Lewistown High School and attended Cincinnati School of Mortuary. He was a Baptist by faith and loved the great outdoors.

He had worked for the FBI in Arlington, Virginia, for 10 years. During that time, he received many performance awards in recognition and appreciation of his exceptional performance of his official duties. He had also worked other various jobs including an embalmer, Pendleton County night jailer, and a sales clerk for Sports Unlimited.

On June 25, 1982, he married Donna Mae (Smith) Ferguson, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory two sisters, Karen Tully and Joy Stickler (Josh), all of Lewistown, Pennsylvania; a sister-in-law, Sherry Pennington of Upper Tract; a brother-in-law, Hearld Smith of Hinton, Virginia; four nieces, Brittanya Roy, Tina Wine (Roger), April Mills and Jenna Laughlin; a nephew, Brady Feathers; and two great-nephews, Aidynn and Rylan DeShawne.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Brian Ferguson; and a niece, Heather Hamilton.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor David Webb officiating. Interment will be at Kline Cemetery in Kline.

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

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



Mary Catherine Mitchell

Mary Catherine Mitchell, 81, of Franklin passed away Oct. 18, 2024, at Sentara RMH in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She was born on March 13, 1943, in Arbovale, the daughter of the late Alston "Mose" and Marvel (Simmons) Eye.

Mrs. Mitchell attended Pendleton County Schools and was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She had worked at Hanover Shoe Company for 10 years.

She was a former member of the Pendleton Moose Lodge #769.

She was a loving mother and grandmother. She was very talented at coloring and enjoyed displaying her artwork.

She was twice married and preceded in death by her husbands, Orlando Wimer, Sr. (father of her children) and Elmer Mitchell.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory two children, Sandra Lynn Nelson (Shannon) of Grottoes, Virginia, and Tim Wimer (Linda) of Franklin; siblings, Ann Hartman of Franklin and Sterling Harold Phares of Florida; six grandchildren, Brandon Wimer, David Wimer, Allison Darko, Martina Malack, Tylen Wimer, and Devin Wimer;; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Orlando Shay Wimer, Jr.; two sisters, Virginia Case and Dessie Horner; and seven brothers, Arvil Phares, Woodrow Phares, Wilson Phares, Dick Phares, Loye Phares, Allen Eye, and Daniel Eye.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. A memorial service will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor David Morris officiating. Burial of ashes will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to any Pendleton County Volunteer Rescue Squad.

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

Our Sincere Appreciation

We, the family of Emily Sue Propst Englund, wish to extend our thanks for the love shown to us during Sue's illness and passing. All acts of kindness were gratefully appreciated by the Englund, Propst and Short families.

May God bless you as He has blessed us.

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Logan Happy Birthday!

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Thursday, October 31

Trick or Treating in Town of Franklin 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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Pendleton Community Building Games ~ 7:15 p.m.

Pendleton Community Building

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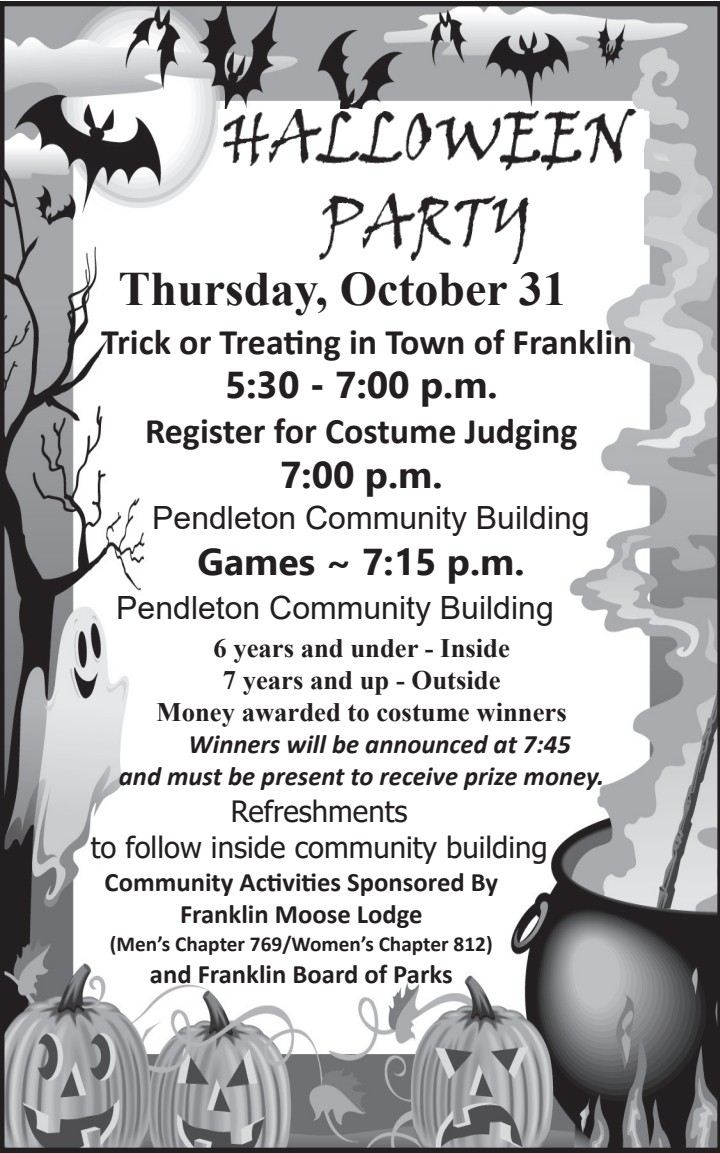
7 years and up - Outside

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Red Delicious Apples - \$60 (4/5 bu), \$30 (20 apples)

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Changing of Seasons Symbolizes the Teachings of Life

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Summer is dying. There are signs everywhere to attest to that. The hummingbirds have gathered up to move to a warmer climate where summer thrives. One can sense it as the days grow shorter, night falls earlier, and darkness lingers longer each morning. There is a chill every morning, with frost coming more frequently. The dry, dead leaves are falling, and the vegetation in the garden has a dry rustle of the cornstalk.

Cords of firewood, neatly cut and stacked, line sheds, porches and roadways. This attests to the fact that many people have been as diligent as the ant and not fiddled their summer away as the grasshopper. The cellar bulges with its rows of canned goods, and the barns are filled with hay for wintering livestock. The apple trees groan and creak under their burden of red and gold fruit.

Squirrels are scrambling madly to gather nuts and grain for the winter ahead. Do they have the same sense of security that people do when they know that they are prepared?

It is time to bake and sew, to dream and rest. These first snappy, cooler days remind one of baked apple pie and homemade cookies. Keeping the cookie jar full is a delight for the grandchildren.

The hills are garbed in their fall colors. From a distance, they resemble a vast patchwork quilt working in harmonizing shades of brown, scarlet, orange and yellow. Maples are glowing crimson, as does the scarlet oak and dogwood.

Time continues its relentless march onward; ever-changing and never stopping. Everyone is swept along with the tide of time. So, enjoy these beautiful days, for the cold hand of winter will soon be upon one.

Life's instructions to have a great week include the following:

1. Sing in the shower.
2. Hold a baby kitten.
3. Enjoy the chatter of a babbling brook.
4. Have lunch with a friend.
5. Listen to the voices of children singing.



Roxy Wilfong Puffenbarger (March 24, 1916 - Oct. 20, 1982) was the daughter of Rob Wilfong (Feb. 14, 1892 - February 1984) and Grace Ester Crummett Wilfong (Sept. 16, 1886 - Sept. 27, 1963). Roxie married Luther Ward Puffenbarger (May 24, 1909-). Both Roxie and Luther are buried at the Oak Lawn Memory Garden in Staunton, Virginia.

October's supermoon, known as the Hunter's Moon, will be the biggest and brightest full moon of the year. This supermoon arrives during an active month of skywatching between the rare northern light sightings and the once in a lifetime comet. The moon will be closest to the Earth for this orbit.

Several farmers are giving a last hay mowing for the filling of barns. Mornings are dipping to the lows of 26 degrees. That is getting quite close to "winter cold." It is long past for the gardener to stay up late debating whether to cover plants for the frost or not.

This week's clickety-clacks for the chin waggors are as follows:

- The United States Post Office Department ruled in 1920 that children could not be sent by parcel post. It seems that some parents found it cheaper to ship Johnny through the mail than to buy him a train ticket.

- Artist Andy Warhol became famous for his painting of Campbell's soup cans.

- Charles Lindbergh was honored in New York City for his transatlantic flight. More than 750,000 pounds of shredded ticker tape showered down.

- In 2012, Nik Wallenda became the first person to successfully tightrope walk directly over the Niagara Falls. Ten million people watched on live television.

- Lake Titicaca, which lies between Bolivia and Peru, is the highest navigable lake in the world.

Come sit by the fireplace where the friendship is free, to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

The VFW and Sugar Grove Lions Club had another suc-

cessful chicken BBQ on Saturday. The community rallied to support this worthy cause.

Charles and Pidge's grandsons, James and Charles, are in from Kentucky. They brought the great-granddaughter for the first time. Everyone had a happy reunion.

Helen and Rhonda Nash enjoyed a recent visit from granddaughter/niece, Virginia "Ginger" Nash of Gordonsville, Virginia. Ginger and Rhonda finished making votive candles to be used as guest favors at the upcoming nuptials of Ginger and fiancé, Justin Keller. Helen and Rhonda also enjoyed the dramatic presentation this past Saturday of Doug Wood as frontiersman Thomas Ingles at the History Alive! program held at the Pendleton County Library.

Willard and Judy Rader and Benny and Linda Custer enjoyed Kayla Eckard's 15th birthday celebration with family and friends in the home of Troy and Jennifer Eckard in Linville, Virginia.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"To me, hope is informed optimism." — Michael J. Fox

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

"Good work is good work, wherever it's done." — Parker Stevenson

"If frogs could fly...well, we'd still be in this mess, but wouldn't it be neat?" — Drew Carey

"Today's teardrops are tomorrow's rainbows." — Ricky Nelson

Concerns list is as follows: Bob Adamson, Dyer Anderson, John Ashley, Roger Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Richard Bennett, 'Bo' Boggs, Roy Spencer Bowers, Marie Cole, Stanley Dahmer, 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 Heavenr, 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, the Jeanette Jamison family, Lisa and Mike Jamison, Jessica Janney, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Laura Kropp, the Terry Kuykendall family, Melissa Lambert, O'Dell Lambert, Robert 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, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, the Julia Pennington family, the Marie Pitsenbarger family, Delores Polaski, 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, Donna Ruddie, Jenny Ruddie, 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, Sheldon Waggy, Estelle Wagner, Mary Louise Waldschlager, Rene White, Sherry Wilfong, Judy Williams, Ann and Ed Wimer, individuals and families affected by the natural disasters and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.

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The moon peeps over the mountain and a wisp of fog rolls in as Pocahontas County prepares to run a play.

Wildcats Honor National Guard and Wipe Out Warriors on Cold Friday Night Football

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County has played hot all season, especially at the quarterback position where James Vincell, then Colton Roberson, have used a fleet and focused group of receivers to gash defenses and rack up wins.

For the first time this season, though, the passing attack faced a new foe in cold hands and a fast falling Fahrenheit temperature scale. Pendleton County also suited up, both in their uniforms and in their center of the field logo, in National Guard style camouflage – very appropriate for an area protected by the sacrifice of county militia from the frontier through the Civil War eras.

Justin Hemsley sang the national anthem, then performed a selection of patriotic and other country songs during halftime.

Pendleton County took the ball first, running the kickoff to their own 17. At first, for an instant, it looked like the cold air and correspondingly numb fingers might slow down the Wildcat passing attack when a ball glanced off a receiver's hands downfield on the second play of the game.

If the visiting team had any hopes of this, the third down play dashed them completely. Roberson wound up and lofted a ball to mid-field where it settled into the hands of Chase Owens, who outraced the double coverage to the catch, and then the 83-yard scoring strike 51 seconds into the contest. Gabe Harvey's kick put the score at 7-0.

This represented the first of six touchdowns for Roberson. He completed 19 of 27 for 352 yards.

The Warriors took the ball and started at their own 44 yard line, but lost two on the first play when Brady Bowers dragged down the running back from behind. William Smith met the running back on the next play and allowed no gain. Owens dropped the ball-carrier on third down with a loss of one, one of three tackles for loss on the day for him.

After a perfect defensive sequence for the Wildcats, Pocahontas County returned the ball to the home team via a punt to the Wildcat 33. After no gain on first down, Roberson drew the defense off-sides for a five-yard penalty, but then an illegal block set the offense back at second down and 20 from their own 23.

On that down, Roberson rolled right and found Josiah Kimble over the middle. Kimble's catch and run took the ball out to the Wildcat 46 and a first down. After Nick Rhodes squeezed four tough yards from the defense on a run, Roberson accelerated through a seam in the pocket and drove the ball to the Warrior 37. Rhodes had 10 attempts on the day for 43 yards.

The Warriors seemed to stop the Wildcats when Pendleton County faced fourth and four at the 30, but a Roberson quarterback run picked up five and a first down. He then launched a 25-yard scoring strike to Travis Owens. The Harvey kick put the score at 14-0.

After Pocahontas County again ran three plays and punted, Roberson lined up the offense near midfield. Rhodes took a first down reception for a strong six yards, but only a desperate lunge at his ankle kept him from taking it all the way in for a score. Five plays later at the Warrior 32 and just seconds into the second stanza, Roberson lofted a pass to Kimble at the 10 and he ran in yet another score, which Harvey made 21-0.

The Warriors punted on their next possession, then forced Pendleton County into its first punt of the game at the 9:14 mark in the

second quarter. The Warrior quarterback on the first – and only – play of the drive had the ball stripped from him. Pendleton County recovered at the Warrior 23. Two plays later, Corbin Dove hauled in a Roberson pass and galloped to the endzone. This time, the visitors blocked the Harvey kick and the score remained 27-0.

With 6:50 remaining in the first half, the Warriors recovered a fumble and set to work at their own 35. Their quarterback ran the ball outside and escaped a number of Wildcat defenders, but saw Chase Owens tracking him down. The Warrior quarterback seemingly tried every shake and shimmy in his repertoire, but could not elude Chase Owens who turned a potential big play into a mere single yard gain.

On the next play, the unfortunate quarterback found another potential big play upset by another Owens as Travis picked off a pass at the Wildcat 17.

Pendleton County then ran 10 plays in three minutes, stalling out on the Warrior 23. Roberson bowled over a defender while trying to stretch for a first down, but fell short.

Pocahontas County's quarterback tossed a pass that ended up a 20-yard gain for his squad, but only because a streaking defender mistimed the play by a second and missed the interception. Later in the drive, Rhodes dropped a receiver in the backfield for a four-yard loss.

The Warriors lost yardage and punted from their own 40 to their own 45 where Pendleton County took possession with 1:20 left in the first half. Roberson on first down arced a pass on a timing pattern play to Kimble at the 10. From there he ran the ball in for one of his two scores. On the point after, Kimble took the ball on a designed fake, rolled right, and tossed the ball to Rhodes, who sprinted across the goal line to put the score at 35-0.

Pocahontas County moved the ball well to open the second half. They took the ball from their own 31 and ran nine plays to advance the ball just across midfield. On fourth down, the punter rolled right, appearing to fake the kick, but punted the ball out of bounds as Wildcat defenders closed in on him.

On first and 10 at his own 28, Roberson opened the series with a short pass to Dove that he took for seven yards. Increasingly, Pendleton County has used short passes around the line of scrimmage almost as extended handoffs. That first play set the tone for a sustained drive that lasted seven plays and ate more than two minutes of time. Roberson capped it off by rolling right on first and goal at the seven and placing the ball in Rhodes' hands for the team's last score of the day.

On their next possession, luck finally smiled on the visiting Warriors. On first down, the Warrior quarterback fired a pass to the left. Two Wildcat defenders closing on the receiver collided and took each other out of the play, allowing the Pocahontas County pass catcher to sprint untouched for a touchdown. Pendleton County blocked the point after and the score remained 42-6.

In the fourth quarter, with both sides retiring their starters, Connor Hartman completed a pass to Britton Lough. The latter player also pulled in an interception with time ticking away in the game.

The Wildcats take their seventh place ranking (according to Max Preps and West Virginia Metro News) on the road this week to Stonewall Jackson High School. The Virginia team has compiled a two and six record.

Boy and Cub Scouts. HAM Radios

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of the three tiers of licenses available, technician, general, and amateur extra class. From the entry level to the highest class, each opens access to more of the radio band.

Burns shared that children as young as seven and nine had earned licenses in the initial level, that of technician. Fees associated with testing and licenses remain very affordable.

Scouts also learned of the essential parts of connecting operators in Pendleton County with others across the nation and around the world.

Especially in Pendleton County, HAM radio has a close connection with emergency operations and disaster response. The timing of the Jamboree on the Air event also came hard on the heels of the disastrous effects of Hurricane Helene in the southern Appalachians.

As Caplinger, Minor, Hedrick, and others explained, HAM radio service played

a vital role in emergency response. Hedrick told the Scouts that "one of the first things that breaks" in a severe weather incident such as a hurricane "is the cell towers."

He added, "We're the backbone of disaster emergency communications."

Burns shared two uses of "nets" or groups of people worldwide who congregate on broadcasts and even help each other. He explained how he used a HAM radio and helpful operators manning relays to speak with his family at home as he fought in the Vietnam War.

He then shared how HAM radio saved a life. Burns explained that a "maritime service net" group of users interested in oceanic operations connected with a one man private fishing boat on the Atlantic. The boat operator had both lost power and was having a heart attack. HAM radio users coordinated him with the United States Coast Guard and the nearest local

Wildcats Weather Storm from Golden Tornadoes, Take Three Sets to Nothing

By Stephen Smoot

Just over six weeks ago, Keyser's volleyball team arrived in Franklin. They brought athleticism and determination to upset the Single A powerhouse, but their execution fell flat in the attempt.

Six weeks later, both teams have shown signs of improvement, but followed the same script as before.

The first Keyser serve went errant, giving control of the ball to Pendleton County's Alyssa Bennett, who scored an ace and gave her team an early 2-0 lead in the first set. Baylee Beachler soon after made a play at the net to push her team's lead to 4-2. Clara Raines then took the serve for the Wildcats. After her first delivery, Breena Bowers set up an Avery Townsend shot to the middle that extended the lead to 5-2.

Keyser then outscored Pendleton County 10 to six to take a 12-11 lead over the visitors. There, the Wildcats dug in. Emma Hartman dove to the floor to keep the ball alive on the next volley. Lizzie Alt rewarded her effort with a hit to the visitor's end sideline to tie the contest.

Through the rest of the set, Keyser showed why "pride" is its trademark. Pendleton County would make a play to take the lead, but the Golden Tornadoes would storm back and tie, or at least keep the score close. On one play, Bowers fielded a hit, popping it up to Emily Poling, who in her turn set the ball up for Bennett to spike it to the back line for a 17-15 lead. Keyser responded by scoring three of the next four to tie the set at 18.

On the next play, Brynlynn Waggy provided a perfect set for Bennett. She took it and fired a hard spike at Keyser's side, glancing off of two consecutive players' hands before flying out of bounds and giving the visitors a narrow advantage. Bennett followed up that play with an ace that gave the Wildcats a 20-18 lead.

Keyser came back, taking a 21-20 lead, but giving it up on the next volley to an aggressive Alt spike. Shortly thereafter, with the score



Lizzie Alt, Breena Bowers, Callie Judy, Alyssa Bennett, and Emma Hartman enjoy the aftermath of a big play in the third set against Keyser.

knotted at 25, Alt fielded a shot, sending it to Waggy, who set up Beachler for another well-placed hit to the middle. Pendleton County ended the first set when Bowers fielded a drive, giving it up to Waggy, who set up Bennett for a shot to the back right corner and a 27-25 first set win.

Pendleton County showed up in force for the second set, although this time Keyser seized the early 5-2 advantage. A combination of Golden Tornado errors and deft Alt plays quickly brought the teams into a 6-6 tie.

After the game hit a 7-7 score, the Wildcats outscored Keyser 10 to three. Hartman played a key role in building the big lead. Along with Beachler, they executed a wall block to set the tally at 9-7. Shortly after, Hartman gave her team its 11th point with a line drive ace. On her next serve, she dove to the court to pop a ball up to Waggy, who then set up a Beachler spike for an 11-9 lead.

Pendleton County eventually extended their lead to 23-11. Two line drive aces on Bowers serves helped the cause during that run. Keyser scored points at the end, but a Callie Judy serve that ended in a wall block by Townsend and Alt sealed the set for Pendleton County.

Keyser roared back in the final set, taking a quick 12-5 lead, and battling hard for every point thereafter. When the Wildcats hit the seven-point deficit, Townsend fired an ace that hit nothing but floor. After her squad scored

again by hitting it to the visitor sideline, Townsend scored another ace.

Pendleton County pulled to within three as Beachler and Bennett elevated to block a return.

Then Townsend scored another ace.

Beachler's spike pulled her team to within one at 12-11.

Then Townsend scored two more aces in a row for 13-12 Wildcat lead, their first in the set since being up 1-0.

The Golden Tornadoes, not done yet, score five consecutive points to pull ahead 17-13, but Bowers punched the ball through the defense to pick up the point and get her team the serve back. The Wildcats whittled away at the Keyser lead, getting the best results when successfully aiming both serves and returns at the visitor sideline on the Golden Tornado side. Keyser took a 20-17 lead late on an ace, but a Beachler spike cut into it immediately. Keyser returned the favor, spiking the ball to take a 21-19 lead, but a precise Alt tap to the middle made the deficit one again.

An error put Keyser up again 22-20, but from that point the Wildcats took control. Townsend placed a shot to score the next point, followed by another Wildcat score when Keyser spiked the ball out of bounds. Alt then fired a serve off of a defender's hands that ricocheted into the crowd.

The set and game ended when Hartman fired down a spike. Pendleton County took the set 25-22 and the game three to nothing.

Monster Trout Contest Returns

Gov. Jim Justice announced that the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will begin fall trout stockings during the weeks of Oct. 21 and Oct. 28. The third annual Monster Trout Contest will also return at the same time.

During these two weeks, the WVDNR will stock 35,000 pounds of trout weighing 1-2 pounds and 6,500 pounds of monster trout weighing 3-6 pounds at 40 lakes and streams around the state.

"This is absolutely one of my favorite times of the year," Justice said. "Our trout program keeps getting bigger and better, and this year will be no exception. It's a great opportunity for folks to enjoy our beautiful waters and try their luck at catching trophy-sized or even monster trout for some amazing prizes. West Virginia is truly a world-class fishing destination, so get out there and make some memories."

The WVDNR will tag 100 monster trout with a bright pink tag. Anglers who catch one of these fish and submit a photo with the tag number online will be eligible to win a prize, five of whom will be selected to win a grand prize, such as a weekend cabin stay at a West Virginia State Park or a Cabela's prize package. Entries must be submitted by Nov. 22.

"Our fall trout stockings are designed to support West Virginia's fisheries and offer

hospital.

The team effort saved the man's life. Burns said, "I thought that was kind of neat."

Others told stories from the years of 1985 and 2024 of HAM radio operators in storm-stricken mountains ensuring that emergency officials coordinating responses had the proper and most updated information.

Scouts learned that even with the wide range of digital era communications in 2024, that the North Carolina State Police had to rely on HAM radio operators

exceptional recreational fishing opportunities for anglers of all skill levels," Brett McMillion, WVDNR director, said. "The Monster Trout Contest adds an extra level of excitement and encourages people to get outside and experience our state's natural beauty while enjoying top-notch sport fishing."

During fall trout stockings, the WVDNR will also conduct a trout-tagging study and is asking anglers who catch a tagged trout to report their catch using information printed on the tag. Trout study tags are yellow and include a four-digit number and an WVDNR email address.

Anglers who catch a tagged fish should clip off the tag and email the number to the provided address along with the date of their catch and whether they harvested or released the trout. Information collected in this study will be used by WVDNR biologists to understand fish movement, estimate angler catch rates and determine how long stocked fish remain in streams so they can better manage stocked trout waters.

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

for all of their information in flooded out zones at first. Burns added that many used HAM radio connections to the internet to get photos of damage to insurance companies, expediting the processing of claims.

Although Scouts also learned of a number of fun and entertaining uses for HAM radio, Minor returned the conversation to emergency services when he explained "the purpose is to help people when they need it, people helping people and getting the necessary data out to people."

County Commission Discusses Potential Upgrades to County 911 Service

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County officials have helped to spark a local government resistance to the unfunded mandates connected to compliance with the National Radio Quiet Zone, which blocks radio and other signals from interference with the National Security Agency facility in Pendleton County and the Green Bank Observatory in Pocahontas.

Another communications related federal mandate expected to come in the near future, however, has gained local support, as it promises to significantly enhance emergency communications and responses.

Commissioner Roger Dahmer opened the Pendleton County Commission meeting last week with the invocation, which included “Father, You are a great and awesome God.”

Karen Pitsenbarger, Pendleton County administrator, kicked off the meeting by sharing that she had received a quote to replace the units sitting atop the community building in Franklin, saying they are estimated to cost \$48,000 to fully replace. She added that she would turn in the estimate to State Senator Robert Karnes, saying, “Maybe we can get some help with that.”

During the meeting, Pitsenbarger received drawings from Omni to replace the courthouse ramp. She will share them with Landry in preparation for work to start later this month.

Next Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, shared with the commission information on Next Generation 911, which he said was “akin to another unfunded mandate.”

Unfunded mandates are directives from the federal or state government that require an action without providing funds to pay for it or to mitigate its effects.

Gillespie explained that “it takes the 911 trunk lines and equipment hooked to them” and requires upgrades on them to “internet protocols.” The new technology would replace copper

wire with fiber for incoming calls coming in through the Frontier network. It will connect with fiber equipment already put in place by Shentel and Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone and likely add Starlink as a failsafe backup.

According to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Next Generation 911 will result in a “faster, more resilient system that allows digital information (e.g., voice, photos, videos, text messages) to flow seamlessly from the public, through the 9-1-1 network and eventually, directly to first responders. It will also enable 9-1-1 call centers to transfer 9-1-1 calls to other call centers, and help them deal with call overload, disasters, and day-to-day transfer of 9-1-1 calls to other jurisdictions.”

Next Generation 911 capability will also help emergency services communicate better with those experiencing disabilities or other issues. As Gillespie says, “A person who is hearing handicapped” currently has “no good means” to communicate over the phone when they call 911.

He estimated that the cost of upgrades could range between \$70,000 and \$100,000 and that, eventually, the federal government will require the installation of the advanced technology. Gillespie also stated that “unlike some of the mandates, I see this as a good thing.”

Thirteen counties across the state have already adopted Next Generation 911 technology. All of them border at least one other county with the same capabilities. Pendleton will work with Grant County to ensure that they have the same technology from the same company for ease in mutual cooperative efforts.

In other emergency management related news, Gillespie noted that recent rain and cold temperatures have forced delays on the new tower at Seneca Rocks. Additionally, he received a \$15,000 quote on installing a traffic camera on Elk Mountain. If the county cannot find a better price for equipment and installation, “I don’t know if we’re going to put a camera on Elk Mountain or not,” said Gillespie.

If camera repair and maintenance grows too costly, it could affect the operation of existing cameras servicing areas in Pendleton County.

Mike Alt, training officer for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, then provided an update from that organization. He shared that call volume remained high, with an average of 105 per month between July and September. Alt added that “car wrecks seem to be increasing too.”

Despite additional calls, response times continue to hold at approximately 33 minutes “from the time that a call is dispatched until the time we hit the door.”

One related issue creating concern comes from newer Apple phones that have crash detectors built in. Optimally, they automatically dial 911 when the phone detects a sharp enough jolt. In some cases, however, the phone dialed the emergency line when dropped or jostled in some other fashion.

Gillespie shared, “It’s becoming a little bit of a nuisance, but it’s a good feature” and said that it actually “helped a couple of people find their phones.”

Alt reported that the West Virginia Legislature’s special session brought some help for emergency services. It allocated \$1 million for training and education. The downside comes in the requirement that the trainings take place at community and technical colleges scattered throughout the state, but not including either Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College or Potomac State College.

Trainees from Pendleton County will have to travel for hours to reach a facility holding the trainings.

An additional \$5 million will fund grants for equipment acquisition at a 30 percent match.

Commissioners also approved a letter of support for a South Branch Valley Day Report Center grant application and passed a resolution which will enable the county to receive a records digitization grant.

Watershed Flood Control Dams Are on Their Seventh Decade Protecting Lives and Property

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dams for hydroelectric power and flood control required a near-tyrannical cost, but did prove that a network of dams could reduce the impacts of flooding in the mountains and Appalachian Plateau hills and hollows.

In 1944, Congress passed the Flood Control Act, followed by the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954.

This federal legislation empowered the United States Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service to enact a series of programs to reduce or prevent the impacts of heavy precipitation and flooding. One provided for the construction of hundreds of small watershed flood control dams.

According to Gene Sauerborn from the West Virginia Conservation Agency, “building started in the 50s, then hit their stride in the 50s, 60s, and 70s.” The peak of construction nationwide took place between 1963 and 1966. He emphasized that this particular program aimed at creating structures to trap excess water on tributaries well upstream of where they empty into larger streams and rivers. They serve as part of “a cumulative holding back of waters.”

He adds that 112 of these by the end of this year “will be at the end of their evaluated life.”

West Virginia has 170 small watershed flood control dams constructed statewide. The Potomac Valley Conservation District, encompassing the counties of the South Branch watershed, has 73, or just under 43 percent.

State and local officials are responsible for regular maintenance. According to a typical operation and maintenance agreement signed in 1964, the Soil Conservation Service (now NRCS) provides technical assistance while the conservation district (the agreement now includes both the local district and WVCA) will prevent any changes that would interfere with the proper function of the dam and serve as sponsors.

Expenses incurred under the operations and management agreement came in at just under \$300,000 in 2010, but topped \$1 million in both 2014 and 2021. Sauerborn noted that state and local authorities are now responsible for repairs short of dam rehabilitation. Rehabilitation means the replacement of the structure

or the bringing of it up to modern engineering standards, which can cost an average of between \$8 and 12 million. The need for rehabilitation, however, does not necessarily indicate an emergent danger of failure.

Four dams in the Potomac Valley Conservation District are currently under rehabilitation, all in Mineral and Grant counties. Funding has been requested for six more.

State and local conservation officials, fortunately, have diligently performed proper maintenance on these dams built of earth, concrete, or a combination of both. Sauerborn says, “Most as a whole are in pretty good shape.”

A major issue, however, lies in the growth of population and development around and even beneath these dams. New Creek Dam site number one in Mineral County, for example, was constructed prior to that of a Keyser neighborhood located not only beneath the dam, but also in its spillway. A WVCA map lays out plans for roadblocks and evacuation centers that would have to accommodate hundreds currently living in the path of the spillway and also on New Creek downstream.

In many ways, the dams help to pay for themselves even beyond the tremendous benefits of flood prevention. According to the West Virginia Conservation Agency, between 2014 and 2023, NRCS “quantified more than \$9.1 million in average annual benefits to areas surrounding the 73 Potomac Valley dams. The lakes and ponds created behind the dams provide areas for water supply, irrigation, erosion prevention, livestock watering, and also adding value to wildlife habitats.”

While many are entirely on private property, some are open to the public. New Creek Dam Site # 14 in Grant County, only a few miles from the Scherr interchange on Corridor H, is large enough to offer fishing and boating opportunities in a beautiful mountain setting.

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Burgoyne Resigns as Golf Coach, Pleads for Reduced Burdens on Public School Coaches

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for something to blame.”

Burgoyne shared that after tragic deaths of an athlete and a coach in football that “now the point of emphasis is CPR.” That said, he admitted that he was passed in the CPR course even though he could not physically perform the procedure. He quipped that he would be more likely to need CPR than to give it.

He went on to say that cross country and track coach Mary Beth Hebb works as registered nurse, but still is mandated to take the required health and safety trainings. Overall, not just in coaching, Burgoyne said, “They get carried away with putting mandates on teachers and school systems.”

He then moved on to another subject, which is the utility of buying 10 passenger transport vans for smaller team road trips. With school bus drivers in short supply, it would be easier to find drivers who do not need CDLs. He also said that the program needed three coaches to cover matches and practices for both the high and middle school squads.

Finally, Burgoyne praised those who helped to make their team fundraiser at Fisher Mountain, which raised approximately \$9,000, a success. He concluded with the

statement that he wanted to leave the program in good shape for the next coaches. O’Neill added that he was “leaving it better than when he found it.”

During the financial and treasurer’s report section of the meeting, Charles Hedrick, superintendent, in the absence of J. P. Mowery, treasurer, shared that the county enjoyed its highest total cash on hand amount ever, \$3,342,562.82. He added that the alt ed building was nearing completion and that they hoped to hold classes in it soon.

Carrie Nesselrodt then delivered the attendance report for the second month of the school year. The top individual grade percentage came from third grade in Brandywine Elementary School at 98.571 percent. Franklin Elementary School enjoyed the best attendance as a school at 95.605 percent. Fourth grade earned top honors across the county for best attendance at 97.211 percent.

Overall, the county had a 94.037 percent attendance. Nesselrodt shared that in each category, 95 percent and above remained the goal to achieve.

Next Nesselrodt discussed an issue that the state as a whole has focused on in recent years, chronic absences. Here, the State says that five percent or less exceeds

expected standards, five to 10 percent meets them, 15 to 20 percent partially meets, and above 20 percent does not meet standard.

After day 40, Pendleton County has a whole had a 14.64 percent chronic absence rate. Brandywine Elementary had 11.30 percent, Franklin 9.27 percent, North Fork 10.68 percent, and Pendleton County Middle/High School had 20.16 percent. PCMHS, however, saw a five percentage point improvement over earlier in the year.

Nesselrodt explained that Communities in Schools had placed extra emphasis on working with students on the chronic absence list, helping them set goals to get off of it and identifying barriers to attendance. She said that CIS always plays a supportive and never a punitive role.

“That doesn’t make sense,” O’Neil commented when Nesselrodt explained that chronic absences included excused ones, even for illness. He added, “It’s strange to be penalized for that.” Nesselrodt said that one of the goals this year lay in getting parents and students to recognize the difference between “big sick” and “little sick,” that COVID made families feel that any sign of illness means keeping kids home from school.

In his report, Hedrick shared that Pendleton County Schools had met all State of West Virginia standards on a recent accreditation report on various aspects of academics and administration. The only field where the system received a less than satisfactory mark lay in “post secondary achievement,” which takes into account the number of students in advanced placement and dual credit classes, as well as completers in career and technical education course paths.

He said that success here depends on more enrollees passing the AP and dual credit and succeeding in the CTE tests – and that central office staff were working on the problem.

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AT 11:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 25, 2024

offer for sale certain property described in that deed of trust executed by Carl E. Blizzard and Katherine V. Smith to Jerry D. Moore, Trustee, which deed of trust is described as bearing date the 8th day of October, 2013, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 143, at Page 167, and given to secure Pendleton Community Bank; the Beneficiary, the payment of certain indebtedness represented by notes therein described, of which property is described as being situated in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

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Pumpkin carving is a fun fall tradition, but every year, West Virginia University occupational therapy experts say the good times end for more and more people because of hand injuries. Taking precautions, like using the right tools and carving under the correct conditions, can help keep you and your family safe.

SueAnn Woods, associate professor and director of the Master of Occupational Therapy program in the WVU School of Medicine, and B. Seth Powers, assistant professor, explains how to avoid pumpkin carving injuries and what steps to take if someone is hurt.

"Every year, we see more and more hand injuries from carving pumpkins. People aged 10-19 are the most frequently injured subgroup with injuries to the thumb and index finger being the most common.

"Pumpkin carving accidents are largely preventable. You can reduce your risk of an accident by using commercially available pumpkin carving kits that contain small serrated knives instead of a kitchen knife. While these kits don't totally eliminate injuries, research indicates injuries were fewer and less severe than those caused by kitchen knives.

"If you cut your finger or hand, apply direct pressure with a clean cloth. If continuous pressure does not slow or stop the bleeding or your finger motion appears limited, an emergency room visit is recommended. While an injury may appear superficial, hand function can be severely affected if the laceration severs tendons or nerves.

"Occupational therapists help people to recover hand function following an injury like a laceration. Our job is to help people return to their prior level of function through a variety of intervention techniques including range of motion, pain management, edema management, orthotic fabrication, compensatory strategies and much more.

"Occupations that involve typing or precise hand movements will necessitate rehabilitation that involves an emphasis on fine motor control, while occupations that involve heavy lifting will require an emphasis on grip strength and sustained endurance." — Woods

"To avoid injuries while pumpkin carving, the best things to do are

- Carve in a well-lit area that is clean and dry,
- Have young children decorate pumpkins using stickers, paint, etc.,
- Provide adult supervision to children at all times,
- Be aware of your hand position at all times,
- Always cut away from yourself with controlled movements and never use stabbing motions with the knife tip." — Powers

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Grant-Supported County Comprehensive Planning Is Discussed by Conventions and Visitors Bureau

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau held its regular monthly meeting last week.

After an executive session, the board chose Katie VanMeter to serve as organizational secretary and Jeff Munn as treasurer. Annie Humes resigned from the board as a member to take an interim executive director role until the hiring of a permanent person for the position.

During discussion of the finances, Humes brought up an important point in that the marketing committee needed to “do some active advertising buys before the end of

the fiscal year” to use the funds in its budget in a timely manner. Overall, the CVB finds itself in a strong financial position, partly from a conservative budgeting strategy. The rest comes from the non-payment of an executive director salary since the summer and hotel-motel tax related revenues coming in 10 to 18 percent higher than in the same quarter of the previous year.

Next, Melinda Brooks informed the board that the job description for CVB executive director had been completed and said of it, “It is now ready to release to the world!”

She then shared that she had engaged continually with the Appalachian

Forest National Heritage Area grant officials to explain the reasons for delays in implementation. Brooks said that the official “has given us some guidance” and “ideas about how to restructure” the efforts made in fulfilling the terms of the grant.

Michelle Connor and her husband, John, spoke next about a planning grant they have been putting together. This grant from the Environmental Protection Agency would not bring funds, but access to knowledge and experience resources. The purpose would be to “form a comprehensive plan which has specific guidelines under state law.”

Michelle Connor stated

that “the process is underway” but, ultimately, they expected the county commission to take the lead. If Pendleton County is one of 20 local governments awarded the grant nationally, officials would receive support and assistance from multiple federal agencies, including the EPA, United States Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service, and others.

If awarded the grant, the plan would start to come together in 2025 and be completed in 2026.

The Connors are helping as outside consultants, not as officials with the CVB.

Board members also discussed the need to create revised guidelines for CVB officers, as well as to define the powers and duties of the executive committee.

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SGR351A 1.53 Acres w/3 Bed, 1 Bath Rancher. Attached Garage, 16'x20' Unattached Garage. Kellers Ridge, Petersburg. **\$249,000.00.**

SGR347A 27.82 Acres with 3 Bed, 2 Bath Lodge Home, Well, Septic, 30x40 Detached Garage/Shop, Bethel District. **NEW LISTING \$449,000.00.**

SGR346A 20.998 Acres with a 1-yr.-old 4032 sq. ft. Lodge-like home. 3 Bed, 4.5 Baths, Open Floor Plan, 2 RV Pads, Expansive covered deck, pool, hot tub, Primary Bedroom w/ Ensuite and direct access to hot tub on side deck. Finished basement w/garage access. Sugar Grove Estates. Sugar Grove District. Some Restrictions apply. This is a must see! **NEW LISTING \$599,000.00.**

SGR344A 1 Bed Cabin w/Loft on 20 wooded acres. Located in Buck Ridges. Cistern & Septic. Some Restrictions. Tremendous View. **\$249,900.00.**

SGR343A 5 Acres, 2 Bed, 2.5 Bath Log Cabin, Septic, Spring water. Accessible by 4x4. Some restrictions. Buck Ridges Development. Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$283,000.00.**

SGR337A 2.79 Acres, w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin. Wood Ceiling, Paneled Interior, 20x20 Outbuilding, Well, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$129,000.00 REDUCED \$119,000.00.**

SGR335A 2.58 Acres w/3 Bdrm., 2 Bath, Ranch Home, Maintenance free kitchen, Oil heat, Central AC, Public Water, Outbuildings. Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$349,000.00 REDUCED \$329,000.00.**

SGR333A 5.37 Acres w/Cabin. Open Living space, Main floor bdrm, Large 500 sq. ft. 1 Bath, Deck along 2 sides, Easy access to property. Located in Buck Ridges, Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$164,900.00.**

SGR330A 3.69 Acres, 2 New 12x24 Buildings w/Metal Roofs. 1 Building is insulated w/living space, electricity and 2 lofts. The other is used for storage. 200AMP service, Bethel District. Close to National Forest. **\$89,900.00 REDUCED \$69,900.00.**

SGR328A&B 0.30 Acres w/Duplex. 2-1 bed, 1 bath units w/shared laundry. Newly Rehabbed. Located at South Fork Crossing. Some Restrictions. Purchase separately at **\$69,900.00 \$59,900.00 per unit** or purchase both units for **\$135,000.00 \$115,000.00.**

SGR327A 0.44 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Rancher. Located in Brandywine, South Fork Crossing. Newly rehabbed. Some Restrictions. **\$199,900.00 REDUCED \$104,900.00.**

SGR326A 141.74 Acres, Raw Land, Franklin District. **\$399,000.00.**

SGR320A 2.75 wooded acres, Lot #13, Yeager Ct., Highland Estates Development, Milroy District, Grant County, WV. **\$63,250.00 REDUCED \$59,900.00.**

SGR318A 14.47 Acres Raw Land, w/Road cut in and leveled building pad being prepared, Buck Ridges Development, Franklin District. **\$49,900.00.**

SGR316A 10.35 Acres, Entry Mountain, Some Covenants & Restrictions. Nice View. **\$89,900.00.**

SGR308A 10.04 Acres, Raw Land, Lot #26, Blackthorn Mtn. Estates, Sugar Grove Dist. Great View Potential. Perc tested. **\$60,000.00.**

SGR302A "The Hollow" Restaurant, fully furnished, at the corner of US RT 220/US RT 33W, Franklin. Property adjoins neighboring motel. **\$425,000.00 REDUCED \$320,000.00.**

SGR300A 599.19 Acres, more or less, off of Sandy Ridge Rd. Hunting, Food Plots, Timber, Catfish Pond, Mtn. Views, Roads throughout. Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$1,795,000.00 REDUCED \$1,595,000.00.**

SGR258B 3.42 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home. Sugar Grove District, Paten Lane. **\$259,000.00. REDUCED \$229,000.00 REDUCED \$199,000.00.**

SGR252A 81.01 Acres, more or less, Lot 7, Seneca Lookout, adjoins National Forest. Spring on property, North Fork hiking trail crosses. Union District. Covenants & Restrictions. **\$519,000.00.**

SGR246 242.36 Acres, more or less, w/5 Bed, 2-1/2 Bath Center, 20x20 Outbuilding, 100x100 Farmhouse on property, Pond, Magnificent Views. Conservation Easement. **\$998,700.00.**

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