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South Fork VFD Receives New Tanker

By Stephen Smoot

Christmas came early for the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department this year. Last Thursday evening, they took delivery of a new tanker to augment the capabilities of their fleet.

A number of first responders came out under a bright starry sky and mild temperatures to check out the new equipment. Jeff Bowers, SFVFD president, explained that the new vehicle "has everything essential to protect the county and property," without extra "bells and whistles" that add to the price, but do not enhance function.

It featured light up digital gauges and extra LED running lights for better visibility. Roy Bowers, chief of SFVFD, explained that it also includes pump stations on the rear and on the side, as well as a side mounted portable tank. He also noted that one could "replace two

trucks with it if you have to." The vehicle has more height, but less length, enabling it to better navigate back roads and driveways with unpredictable twists, turns, and obstacles.

Also, "We needed some-



South Fork VFD firefighters, auxiliary, and supporters welcome their new tanker into service.

thing more reliable because all our trucks are getting age on them." Roy Bowers said.

Jeff Bowers praised the support of the community, which was vital in helping to secure the tanker. He said, "The fall letter drive is a big help. The annual lawn party is too." He went on to say that food fundraisers played a key role as well.

"Community support is real big," he explained.

Also crucial in helping to raise funds is the countless hours of time spent by firefighters and the auxiliary. Without volunteers, the food and fun events that raise the money cannot take place.

Even with community support, the SFVFD had to successfully apply for a grant to cover what fundraising

e could not.

Obtaining a new tanker helps to bolster the capability of Pendleton County as a whole, since major events usually require more than one department's response. Jeff Bowers noted that Fort Seybert has a tanker that was new in 1990. Chief Bowers added that "the oldest pumper is in Sugar Grove" and it dates back to the years of the Richard Nixon presidency.

Jeff Bowers lamented that "things have just become so very expensive." The next major goal for the department lies in obtaining a new fire engine. "Those are really expensive," he said, going on to mention that "it's close to \$1 million for an engine."



Veterans stand for the Pledge of Allegiance during ceremony at North Fork Elementary.

Patriotism, Pride in Community Veterans Displayed at NFES

By Stephen Smoot

"We're very honored to have you here."

This was said by Lisa Roberson, North Fork Elementary School principal, but from the reception given to veterans whose service spanned decades, all in the building last Friday echoed her sentiment.

Every year, area veterans gather at the Harold K. Michael Community Building in Circleville to enjoy a patriotic party with North Fork Elementary School's patriotic student population.

An earnest young man greeted all at the door to the Greer Fieldhouse, explaining to each where they were to sit. The school marked off special sections for students and visitors in the stands with three rows of chairs set up for attending veterans.

The day opened with the introduction of veterans. Roberson announced the name of each veteran, along with a short description of his or her service. Caylie Simmons, a Pendleton County native who also serves as Miss West Virginia, escorted each one.

"Our very first honored guest" was Gene Mc-Connell, retired United States Air Force officer. Names were read in no particular order, but the group as a whole represented the Korean War era until the most recent conflicts. Of course, many also served during times of peace, guarding the ramparts of freedom just as diligently.

The student body sat in the middle rows of bleachers, clapping attentively and enthusiastically for each name. Some students donned patriotic garb for the occasion. Many of the veterans had kin among the students, a fact recognized when Roberson read their names. Once all took their seats, the fourth grade led all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. All the students spoke as one, giving powerful voice to the patriotic sentiment of the day. Next came the staggering of recorded thank you videos by children of different grades and also their singing performances. After the initial thank you video, the fifth and sixth grade sang the National Anthem, The veterans all rose and saluted the flag as the students clearly presented the beloved American standard. After another video of respect and appreciation, kindergarteners, first, and second graders came down from the bleachers, ascended the

concert risers, and sang a tune entitled "Thank You Soldiers." The lyrics emphasized military veterans' "gallantry" and "sacrifice," then proclaimed "thank you! O' thank you!"

After the youngest students concluded their musical interlude, "our very own sixth grader" Elaina Raines walked to the podium to share her essay called "Veterans."

In it, Raines explained the sacrifices made and why Americans need to honor them. She shared that "veterans are brave people who risk their lives." She went on to say "they're selfless

... they had to leave their family and friends . .. they do so much good, it makes me want to fight for what's right like they have."

She finished by saying, "Thank you for all you have done."

"I sing to honor you . . . my hero and my friend," came from the lyrics of the tune performed by the third and fourth grade, "This Song I Sing For You." A video featuring a medley of Armed Forces service songs came next.

Students seemed to particularly enjoy clapping along with the beat of the United States Navy's "Anchors Aweigh."

Then came the heartwarming finale as the entire student body stood, waved American flags, and belted out the Lee Greenwood favorite "God Bless the U.S.A." Some veterans swayed in time with the music while others appeared to shed a tear at the sight.

All students sang with enthusiasm and heart and showed understanding of the meaning of the moment. Roberson shared, "It's just perfect to hear all their little voices."

Each class then gave the veterans handmade cards, while younger classes also gave red,

Voters Narrowly Approve Amendment One

By Stephen Smoot

In an election cycle with few close races, West Virginia voters did narrowly pass one important measure. Amendment One, as it was called, will elevate the current statutory prohibition against medically assisted suicide to that of a state constitutional amendment.

The amendment was backed by Pat McGeehan, six term

House of Delegates member, who represents Hancock County in District 1 and also serves as dean of a private school.

McGeehan cited two reasons for backing the measure. In an opinion article released on Oct 10, he centered his argument on the fate of those seeking expensive treatments in states that allow legally assisted suicide. One case, that of a greatgrandmother in Oregon, found

the insurance company refusing to cover treatment for advanced lung cancer that would extend her life. In the same letter, they offered to cover assisted suicide.

He then cited multiple other examples of this occurring in such states. McGeehan wrote of this that "when medically assisted suicide is legalized, it immediately becomes the cheapest treatment. Advocates of medically assisted suicide argue it allows people to 'Die with Dig-



Family Support Center in Franklin Sponsors Activity

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin is sponsoring a Christmas ornament workshop at 11 a.m. Nov. 21. Lunch will be provided.

Warm the Children applications will be taken until Nov. 30. Applications can be completed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the center.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

TMF Association Board To Meet

At 5 p.m. Monday, the current Treasure Mountain Festival board of directors will meet at the bowling alley in Franklin. At that time there will be a couple board members terms expiring. Anyone interested in being on the TMF board should attend that meeting. At the last meeting, a couple names were bought forward. The persons bringing those names forward should contact those people to get their approval for inclusion and/or bring them to the meeting. This will be the last meeting for this year.

Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Two Stuffed Sailors will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" meals for seniors aged 60+ on Nov. 22 at the Franklin Senior Center. Lunch is served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To reserve a free meal, call 304-358-2421 by 2 p.m. Nov. 21.

Thanksgiving Lunch Planned For Nov. 21

A community Thanksgiving lunch will be held at noon Nov. 21 at Walnut Street Methodist Church in Franklin. Pastor Angela Lambert will be the speaker. The meal, a freewill offering, is being sponsored by the Pendleton County Ministeral Association.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Bagins

Collection Begins

Operation Christmas Child National Collection week is Nov. 18 - 24. Living Faith Church located on Rt. 33 east of Franklin will be collecting shoeboxes from noon until 4 p.m. Nov. 18 to Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 23 and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Nov. 24.

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, along with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to children in need around the world.

Packing information can be found at https://www. samaritanspurse.org.

For more information, call JoLynn Mitchell at 304-668-1739 or Living Faith Church at 304-358-2758. nity.' But, what could be more undignified than having one's life weighed in the spreadsheets of health insurance providers?"

In most cases, McGeehan explained, suicidal thoughts come not from a desire to end life, but to end suffering. He went on to say, "Suicide attempts don't simply seek out death. They give expression to misery. They cry out for help. They seek an end, not to life, but to suffering, shame and depression. By bringing these buried miseries into the

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white, and blue streamers.

Attending veteran Mary Frances Wadsworth, who had just finished dancing at her seat, requested the microphone. She said, "We are all just so impressed and thankful."

Wadsworth then listed the different service branch responses, such as the Navy's "Bravo Zulu," the Air Force's "Aim High," the Marine Corps' "Semper Fi," and the Army's "Hoo Rah." She then said, "I'll call out the commands" and led the veterans in a salute to the students who had just made their hearts feel quite full.

After the ceremony, students served coffee and pie to the veterans, engaging with their heroes and honoring their service.

WVSSAC Questioned in Circuit Court About Volleyball Playoff 'Debacle'

By Stephen Smoot

On Tuesday morning at 8 a.m., Judge H. Charles Carl convened a special and expedited hearing to address the ongoing issues delaying the class single A volleyball tournament.

The Hardy County Board of Education, representing East Hardy High School, brought suit to address the insertion of Tyler Consolidated into the tournament. Tyler Consolidated had competed as a class AA team all season, but after a judicial ruling, the WVSSAC reclassified them as a single A school after the start of the sectional tournament.

Carl focused significant attention on two issues. First, the WVSSAC was party to a classification suit brought before Kanawha County Circuit Court last April. That case lapsed without resolution. Carl questioned why that case was not pursued to resolution. He speculated that could have ended all classification issues before the opening of the fall sports season Without taking the position that it was an inherently bad idea, Carl cited the fact that the WVSSAC had few issues when it used enrollment only as a formula for classification. He stated that the new formula, which includes location near a city with 10,000 or more people and socio-economic conditions, as injecting subjectivity into the process, opening the door for more dispute.

He stated that he will issue a ruling later in the week, but strongly urged all parties to consider the fact that only the West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals will have the ability to bring a final decision to the matter.

Parents and/or players from Pendleton County, East Hardy, and Tyler Consolidated attended the hearing. The hearing only addressed volleyball, but Carl speculated that issues surrounding football could affect its postseason as well.

(This was written in brief to be included in this week's publication. A more detailed account, including the ruling and any subsequent developments, will appear in next week's edition.)

Legal Challenges to WVSSAC Postpone Single A Volleyball, May Affect Postseason Football

By Stephen Smoot

At least part of the West Virginia State Volleyball Tournament will be played out in the law courts before teams hit the sporting version.

Tuesday, all classes except for single A will commence play in the state championship tournament. Looming lawsuits concerning last week's decision to replace four teams in the state football playoffs with others that did not originally qualify will also likely force postponement of that sport's postseason as well. Until last year, classification was based simply on enrollment. When the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission expanded to four classifications, it introduced a new formula.

And therein lies the rub.

The WVSSAC started using a new formula based on 80 percent enrollment, 10 percent on proximity to a city of 10,000 people, and 10 percent based on the socioeconomic status of either the school or the county.

David Price, executive director, said to WCHS TV in Charleston Continued on Page 2

OBITUARIES



Evelyn Mae (Ryder) Waybright

Evelyn Mae (Ryder) Waybright, 76, of Franklin passed away Nov. 4, 2024, at her residence.

She was born May 16, 1948, in Spotsylvania, Virginia, a daughter of the late Ernest and Gussie (Leake) Ryder.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Waybright had been a successful entrepreneur and franchisee of multiple 7-Eleven locations. Additionally, she held membership with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and faithfully supported March of Dimes.

In retirement, she found joy in playing slot machines, working on puzzles, creating beautiful pieces through needlework and enjoyed her snacks. Above all, she will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Her husband of 26 years, Michael Waybright, Sr., survives.

Also surviving are children, Tammy Simmons and

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husband, Butch, Nancy Foley and husband, Michael, John Reid, Sr. and wife, Tammy, and Conway Reid and wife, Kim, all of Spotsylvania, Virginia; step-sons, Michael Waybright, Jr. of Luray, Virginia, Eric Waybright and fiancée, Wendie Eppard of Shenandoah, Virginia, and Adam Waybright of Edinburg, Virginia; brothers, David and Glenn Ryder, both of Spotsylvania, Virginia; grandchildren, Wesley, Toni, C.J., Jamie, Loren, Drew, Regan, Lanie, Trent and Emmerson; and greatgrandchildren, Marlee, Wy-

att, Madi, Tucker, Hazel. Audrey, Ty, Libby, Charlie, Tate and Harry.

She was also preceded in death by her first husband of 32 years, James M. Reid; a grandson, James Trevor Reid; and siblings, Phyllis Wheeler, Joyce Payne, Mary Loving, Dorothy Leake, Clifton Ryder, Arthur Ryder and Rebecca Riley.

A funeral service was held Friday at Temple Baptist Church in Spotsylvania, Virginia, with Pastor Michael Reid officiating. A graveside service was held Saturday at the Blue Grass Cemetery in Blue Grass, Virginia, with Pastor Michael Reid officiating.

In addition to her grandsons, pallbearers were Scott Sale and Anothony Bowie.

Memorial contributions may be sent to ImpACT Ministries, 300 Shen Elk Plaza, Elkton, VA 22827.

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

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light, suicide attempts often motivate the loving intervention of family, friends, neighbors and the medical community. In most suicide attempts, it is life and not death that has the final word."

He also argued that medically assisted suicide counters the normal advice given to loved ones caring for a person considering suicide. "When a loved one expresses a desire to kill themselves," he states, "we are counseled to restrict their access to 'lethal means' — to hide medication and firearms. But in places like California, an incredible 'lethal means' - a cocktail of poisons, sedatives and painkillers known as DDMA or DDMP — is mailed to their home."

Other countries' policies have often been seen as the end point of a potential slippery slope on the issue. In 2022, the European Court of Human Rights upheld the Kingdom of Belgium's practice of accepting euthanasia requests from those suffering only from mental, not physical, illness. Though still controversial there, Canada plans to introduce the same policy in 2027 when they state their medical community has the proper capabilities.

McGeehan cites a statistic that seems to counter the rationale for assisted suicide for the mentally ill, saying, "The British Journal of Psychiatry found most people who survive suicide do not attempt to kill themselves again: 'nine out of 10 people who attempt suicide and survive will not go on to die by suicide at a later date.

The American Civil Liberties Union unsuccessfully campaigned against the amendment, saying "cynically, the proposed amendment concludes by stating that this does not prohibit the practice of capital punishment." The West Virginia Legislature, regardless of whether controlled by the Democratic or Republican party, has not given serious consideration to legalizing capital punishment in West Virginia, which the ACLU also pointed out.

In addition, the ACLU asserted that the state should allow for "death with dignity" since "we already boast one of the oldest and sickest populations in the nation." They accused McGeehan and other supporters of "an attempt to create a wedge issue to turn out certain voting blocks (sic)"

Legal Challenges to WVSSAC

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last December, "When you get down to any change, it's messy because a lot of people don't understand because we've done just the enrollment factor for so many years. It was determined it was not a good competitive balance, more so for the schools on the large end."

Unfortunately, by introducing the concept of "equity," the WVS-SAC also brought in an element of subjectivity that provided a basis for subsequent challenges to the process.

Unfortunately, as well, the student-athletes must reap the whirlwind sown by the WVSSAC.

Volleyball started to unravel when on Oct. 30, a judicial order placed Tyler Consolidated in Class A for volleyball and cheer. This order came after the close of sectional play, forcing the WVSSAC to create a special play in game between Tyler Consolidated and St. Mary's. Tyler Consolidated won the game and eliminated St. Mary's.

A different judge, however, ruled in Monongalia County that Trinity be allowed to play the original opponent, St. Mary's. St. Mary's defeated Trinity, leaving Tyler Consolidated shut out of the regional tournament.

Another hearing took place at Tuesday morning in Hampshire County with East Hardy and Pendleton County, both single A tournament qualifiers, represented.

In football, reclassification has created headaches for football programs all season. Last August, a review board composed of seven members appointed by the West Virginia Superintendent of Schools allowed 11 schools to drop one classification level.

John Marshall, Oak Hill, Preston, St. Albans, and Spring Valley moved from AAAA to AAA.

Frankfort, Sissonville, and Wayne went from AAA to AA and Petersburg, St. Mary's, and Tyler Consolidated moved from AA to A. Participation in the West Virginia state football playoffs is deter-

mined by a strength of schedule formula based upon the classifica-

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tion of opponents.

Last Saturday, the Wood County Board of Education filed suit for an injunction, which forced the WVSSAC to adjust the ratings. In the original bracket, for example, 16th seeded Westside would play at number one seeded Frankfort in the first round of the Class AA football playoffs.

As of Saturday, Lincoln would now play at Frankfort instead of Westside.

In addition to Westside, Hampshire, Point Pleasant, and Tolsia also found themselves out of the playoffs, replaced by Capital, St. Albans, Lincoln, and St. Mary's.

Likely, the boards of education for each of the schools bounced from the postseason will go to their circuit court and get their own injunctions.

Price said, "Then we would have competing injunctions. We can't pick and choose which one we are going to follow."

The court decisions also affect seedings of teams that would be in the postseason regardless. For example, Pendleton County originally would have hosted Meadow Bridge, but in the revised brackets is scheduled to host Petersburg.

Delays in both sports have major ripple effects in other sports. Winter sports, such as basketball and wrestling, will see many players possibly unable to practice due to continuing participation on fall postseason teams.

And the worst part of all lies in the fact that large numbers of student-athletes will be shut out of a postseason in which they were told they would play, regardless of how the issue shakes out.

Unless a final determination occurs this week in football, it is likely that play will not take place as scheduled.

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40 Years Ago Week of November 8, 1984

Women Dominate Class In Pharmacy at WVU

Women dominate the new first-year class in the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy — 70 percent to 30 percent males.

State residents make up 86 percent of the class and they come from 29 communities reaching from the northern and eastern panhandles to the southernmost counties.

The five-year program includes two years of prepharmacy curriculum with 64 percent of the class completing those requirements at WVU. Fifteen other state colleges and three out-of-state colleges provided the preparatory curriculum for the other students enrolled.

Avoid Black Walnut Sawdust or Wood Shavings As Horse Bedding

Don't use sawdust or wood shavings from black walnut trees as winter bedding in your horse stable.

Specialists with the West Virginia University Cooperative Extension Service note that numerous cases of founder (Laminitis) have been reported in several states where horses were exposed to black walnut shavings or sawdust. Though the cause of this problem has not been identified, some researchers think a chemical component called juglone, unique to black walnut, is the toxic element.

The founder occurs within 12 to 24 hours after exposure to the material. Apparently only skin contact is necessary to bring on the symptoms of founder. The material need not be eaten.

Black walnut sawdust is dark red to brown, while most sawdust is blonde to yellow. Cedar also is red but not as dark as walnut, and it has a distinctive odor.

If you are unsure of the composition of the sawdust or shavings, let them air outside for several days. The toxic effect of black walnut material appears to diminish after a period of exposure to the air, though it still is not recommended for bedding materials.

McDowell, an Apple Grove in Mason. Hardy has a Baker, and Mingo has Pie-but Wayne has only a Fisher, and Greenbrier has Trout.

There is a Left Hand in Roane, a Widemouth in Mercer, and Raleigh has a Skelton. McDowell had Six, but Wetzel has a Hundred.

Preston has Independence; Putnam, Liberty; and Mingo, Justice. There is a Duck in Clay, a Pigeon in Roane, a Bob White in Boone, and Raleigh has a Blue Jay.

Thoughts of faraway places are stirred by London in Kanawha, Berlin in Lewis, Vienna in Wood, Sophia (my hometown) in Raleigh, Cairo in Ritchie, and Shanghai in Berkeley—but Hardy has a Lost City.

Braxton has a Flower, Boone a Bloomingrose, and Cabell has Clover. Lincoln has both Sod and Mud.

Alice is in Gilmer, Ethel in Logan, Shirley in Tyler, Chloe in Calhoun, and Ida-may in Marion—while Frank in is Pocahontas. Henry is in Grant, Leroy in Jackson, Alexander in Upshur, and Jack in Webster. Bud is in Wyoming and Junior in Barbour. Big Isaac is in Doddridge. Old Arthur is in Grant.

There is a Beaver in Raleigh, a Buffalo in Putnam, a Wildcat in Lewis, a Panther in McDowell, a Wolfe in Mercerand Wyoming has a Wolf Pen.

Braxton has Heaters; but Raleigh has a Cool Ridge, and Pocahontas has Frost. Greenbrier has Sunlight, and Raleigh a Sundial; but Ohio and Boone have Twilight.

Greenbrier has an Auto and Ritchie has a Pullman. Wirt has Burning Springs and Ritchie a Burnt House. Randolph and Upshur each have a Burnt Bridge, and Morgan has a Burnt Factory.

There is Comfort in Boone and Harmony in Roane; but McDowell has War.

Looking at a list of West Virginia place names can be entertaining and instructive. Mercer County, one learns, has a Flat Top. And it is nice to know that in Raleigh, one can find Prosperity. But in Morgan, it's Omps!

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March to Sea Begins With Atlanta Burning

Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman set out on one of the most famous military campaigns in history 100 years ago this week—a 300-mile march across Georgia, "from Atlanta to the Sea," with allout destruction as his purpose.

With 60,000 men, Sherman wanted to "make Georgia howl" and to wipe out the productivity of the state that supplied both men and food for Confederate armies. In so doing, Sherman turned his back on his enemy-the Confederate army of Gen. John B. Hood who then was marching toward Tennessee; and Sherman cut off communications with the North and severed his own supply line so that his army could live off the fat of Georgia. Never had a campaign broken so many rules of war.

It was early afternoon on November 12, 1864, when Sherman severed his connection with his fellow Northerners. Receiving a dispatch from Nashville, he answered by wire: "Dispatch received—all right." The message went off, and immediately afterward, the telegraph line was cut, Sherman was on his own.

Sherman had issued orders on the 8th and 9th to prepare for the march. "The army," he wrote "will forge liberally on the country..." Soldiers were not to enter private dwellings but "may...gather turnips, potatoes and other vegetables and ...drive in stock in sight of their camp."

Foragers were to move to the sides of the army to drive in livestock and bring in foodstuffs, and corps commanders were entrusted "the power to destroy mills, houses, cotton gins, etc."

Should the residents of an area "manifest local hostility," Sherman wrote, "then army commanders should order and enforce a devastation more or less relentless, according to the measure of such hostility ... "

Before leaving, the Federals turned to the destruction of Atlanta. The first fires were set November 11, and for four days they continued, consuming despots, bridges, warehouses, cotton hales stables nublic buildings-"everything habitable," one Federal officer wrote. Homes were not supposed to be burned, but scores of them went up in smoke, and on the night of November 14, Sherman, himself, reported the "heart of the city was in flames all night." Next morning, November 15, Sherman's army set out in two columns for Milledgeville, Savannah and the Sea. Sherman left on the 16th, and he paused outside Atlanta to look back. His description, written years later, follows: "Behind us lay Atlanta, smouldering and in ruins, the black smoke rising high in air and hanging like a pall over the ruined city. Away off in the distance on the McDonough road, was the rear of (Gen. O. O.) Howard's column, the gun barrels glistening in the sun, the white-topped wagons stretching away to the

south; and right before us, the Fourteenth Corps marching steadily and rapidly, with a cheery look and swinging pace, that made light of the thousand miles that lay between us and Richmond.

"Some band, by accident, struck up the anthem of 'John Brown's soul goes marching on;' the men caught up the strain, and never before or since have I heard the chorus of "Glory, glory, hallelujah!" done with more spirit or in better harmony of time and place."

Next week: Georgia ransacked.

Pendleton Citizens Exercise Right to Vote

County clerk Luther H. Eye announced today that a whopping 84.65 percent of registered voters in Pendleton County actually voted on November 3.

The big turnout last Tuesday was in keeping with Pendleton County's history of heavy voting in presidential elections, and the vote was almost identical with the percentage of Pendletonians who voted four years ago when 84.6 percent exercised their right to help choose their governmental officials. In the 1956 presidential election there was an 81.8 percent vote.

Particle Board To Be Made in State

A new factory is being built in Braxton County. This, is itself, is news as employment will be created and the area economy will improve. However, the interesting part of this economy is that the factory will manufacture particle board making the first time that this has been manufactured in West Virginia.

Since early pioneer days, wood has been a basic part of the state's economy. Even today, despite the years of cutting, two-thirds of West Virginia's 15,000,000 acres are forested. With some 500 sawmills operating and about sixty other wood processing plants in secondary production, it is remarkable that the forests in the state still grow considerably more timber than is being harvested.

Over the years there been basic wood productslumber, plywood, and paper. The first two of these are actively produced in West Virginia, and the third has a decided effect on the state's economy due to sale of pulpwood to paper plants in adjoining states.

few in any economy, that has shown the rapid growth that has particle board. Production from 1953 to 1963 increased more than twenty fold. There are now fifty-seven plants making this board: seven in the Northeast and Lake States, 32 in the South, and 18 in the West.

70 Years Ago Week of November 11, 1954

JAPANESE HONOR FRANKLIN SOLDIER

Sgt. John W. Cowger, 24, Franklin, was among eight American servicemen honored by the Tokyo government November 4 for acts of heroism and welfare activities in the Japanese capital.

Cowger was cited for saving 20 Japanese passengers from a flaming bus last February.

Tokyo Governor Seichiro Hasui presented the awards to the Americans at Prime Minister Shigeru Hoshida's official residence.

DAHMER

All Soul's Day which is celebrated November second by the Roman Catholic Church, in honor or their departed, came in and left a blanket of snow five inches deep in our mountainous region here, and the temperature registered 18 degrees above zero.

We believe the oldest man who voted in the November election was Gen. John B. Salling, one of the four survivors of the War Between the States—aged 108 years old

Mr. Hendron Propst grew two sweet potatoes that weighed six pounds and eight ounces. If anyone has grown any twin sweet potatoes larger than these, we would like to see it in our good weekly newspaper.

80 Years Ago Week of November 10, 1944

FRANKLIN POWER **OVERWHELMS PETERSBURG 60-0**

Petersburg, W. Va., Nov. 3—A hard running Franklin eleven churned up Petersburg here today with end runs, line smashes and forward passes, and in the process buried the Vikings under a 60-0 score before a large crowd. It took the Panthers only three minutes to get warmed up to take their third conference victory and the lead in the P. V. race.

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Smith Creek/ **Friends Run**

by Dave Ellis

There was a lot of traffic this weekend on the Smith Creek Road due to the auction at the Hartman residence past the playhouse. A large crowd was in attendance.

The area received some rain on Sunday. It's been a long time, 23 days, since the area has received any rain.

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

50 Years Ago Week of November 7, 1974

Byrd's Eye View

By U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd

You Name It: West Virginia's Got It

West Virginians must surely be fascinated by the rich variety of names of communities and geographical locations in our state.

Consider Munday in Wirt County and Thursday in Ritchie. Or Cyclone in Wyoming, Tornado in Kanawha, and Hurricane in Putnam. In Wirt it's just Windy.

There is a Cornstalk in Greenbrier, a Cucumber in

Blauch

Elias (Alie) Propst, who once lived on the late Walter Propst farm in Mill Gap moved to Iowa in about 1870. Talk about hiking, well, Alie on one occasion, walked and led a bull all the way on the long journey to Iowa.

Robert Propst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alston Propst, was a successful ginseng hunter. The largest ginseng root he dug weighed 14 ounces when green.

60 Years Ago Week of November 12, 1964 100 YEARS AGO

By LON K. SAVAGE

Editor's Note-The following is one of a series of articles on the CivilWar. Each weekly installment covers events which occurred exactly 100 years ago.

NOW SERVING

Since World War II, there has developed a fourth wood product. This is particle board (sometimes called "chipboard" or "flakeboard"). Particle board, basically, is made from small particles of wood that are coated to extreme heat and pressure. The result is a board that is virtually free from warp and that is adaptable to many end uses. Also, from the point of view of conservation of timber, it achieves nearly one hundred percent utilization of wood used compared to only fifty to seventy percent in lumber and plywood.

There is no segment of the wood economy, and probably

FRANKLIN HI LIGHTS

Department of Music

The band and a chorus have been touring the county providing the entertainment for the War Fund Rallies. These young people under the guidance of Mr. Judy are active on the home front while their brothers carry the fight to the enemy on the battle line.

Hartman, George Hevener, Joy Warner, David M. Parkinson, Joe Benkert, Laura Kropp, Danny Nelson, Cleo Simmons and Judith Ours.

Prayer thought: "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. With God's Holy Spirit guiding our every step, we'll never walk in darkness."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Nov. 4 through Nov. 10, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Nov. 4 - 63°, 38° (62°, 33°); Nov. 5 - 65°, 57° (62°, 39°); Nov. 6 – 76°, 59° (65°, 31°); Nov. 7 - 77°, 55° (71°, 48°); Nov. 8 - 63°, 48° (74°, 39°); Nov. 9 – 59°, 55° (73°, 43°, .09") and Nov. 10 - 54°, 48°, .1" (43°, 34°, .83").

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Autumn Is Abound with Hues, Scents and Chimes

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Autumn is....

The smell of frosty mornings, grapes hanging on the vine, old burning leaves, and sparkling apple jelly, red as wine.

It is the feel of honeyed sunlight, and crisp nights that sets the blood to tingle.

The sudden gust of wind against the window, the whir of migratory birds in flight, and the muted sound of church bells. The enduring constellations in the night sky that makes one understand the rhythms of the season and the years.

To hear the whistle of the bobwhite, the somber cooing of a mourning dove, and a mockingbird's last summer hurrah, to see the pheasant whirring from the grass that grows along the fences in a tangled, heavy mass, and the busy squirrels hoarding their nuts in nests against the coming of the cold.

There are lots of mingled colors that leaves each bush and tree a flaming hue, a clump of asters and goldenrod that has a misty filigree of dew. The sugar maples stand in deep pools of their own leaf gold, and the milkweed offering a richness of silk and seed to every breeze.

There are beauties of sunsets, skies of a crisp blue, a harvest moon that fills the air with magic, the gift of rich fulfillment that nature promises early each year, and a time to stop and count our many blessings and thank the Giver with a prayer.

Life's daily instructions include the following:

1. Compliment even small improvements.

2. Drink champagne for no reason at all.

3. Sing in a choir

4. Remember other people's birthdays.

5. Wear polished shoes.

The Sugar Grove Rescue Squad building was a very busy place this past Tuesday. Poll workers were ecstatic when



The VFW Post 9666 hosted a Veteran's Day ceremony at the Richard Homan Memorial Park in Sugar Grove.

there were five first time voters, and when around 69 percent registered voters cast their votes. Voting in every election, over time, was Virginia Propst who is 101 years of age. What a remarkable mentor for the younger generation.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"Small deeds done are greater than great deeds planned." -Peter Marshall

"The most influential of all educational factors is the con-William Temple

"Happy is the house that shelters a friend." — Emerson

"Our deeds are like stones cast into the pool of time, though they themselves may disappear, their ripples extend to eternity." -Author unknown

"When I'm good, I'm good, and when I'm bad I'm even better." - Gary Sheffer

Sitting by the fireplace is the best place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

On Sunday, Charles and "Pidge" Anderson visited Willard and Judy Rader.

The VFW Post 9666 held its annual Veteran's Day ceremony Monday at the Richard Homan Memorial Park. A nice day of sunshine and blustery winds greeted the attendees who came to celebrate the brave men and women who fought for our country. Roger Champ and Wanda Stump, guest speakers, were very inspirational with their respective messages.

Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger is returning home this coming Thursday. He will definitely enjoy being home after having surgery at Ruby Memorial, and receiving therapy while at Morgantown.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggers are as follows:

•The earth's tectonic plates move a few centimeters a year. They move at about the same rate as your fingernails grow.

·Hattie McDaniel has two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame — one for radio and one for motion pictures.

·Vaccinations are considered the greatest public health achievement of the 20th century.

 Vatican City is the smallest independent state in the world with a population of around 800. •In 1982, Priscilla Presley

opened Graceland to the public. The remainder November birthdays are as follows: Paula Mitchell, 16th; Chip Harper, Sandy O'Gorek, Kasara Kiser and "Pidge" Anderson, 18th; Deloris Adkins and K.D. Puffenbarger, 19th; Gary Simmons, 20th; Bradley May, Roger Hoover and Gerald Rexrode, 21st; Christina Simmons and Ryan Swartzenburger, 22nd; Rick Adkins and Harry Lee Scott, Jr., 23rd; Carl Williams, 24th; Joni Nelson, Beth Felton and Mary Catherine Cassell, 25th; Lee Roberson. 26th; Trish Nicely, 27th; Austin Simmons, 28th; George Hamel and Greg Smith, 29th; and Danny Crider and Steve O'Toole, 30th.

Concerns list: 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, Carl Gant, David Gillespie, Lola Graham, Patsy Green, JC Hammer, Missy Harrison, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Jack and Starr Hedrick, Jim Hiner, Evan Hise, Tim Hively, George Hevener,

Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., the Adalbert Hoover family. Keith Hoover. Myrtle Hoover, Tim L. Hoover, Debbie and Enos Horst, 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, the Donald Miller family, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Barbara Moats, Gloria Moats, the Dorothy Mohler family, John Morford, Bill Mullenax, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Angie Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, the Julia Pennington family, the Delores Palaski family, Andy Pond, the Steve Pope family, Janice Propst, Eldon "Butch" Puffenbarger, Alda Propst, Janis Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Tom Rader, Brandon Reel, the Deyerle Rexrode family, Jason Rexrode, Linda Fay Rexrode, Dennis Riggleman, Donna Ruddle, Jenny Ruddle, Mary Sawyers, Brittany Shriver, Annie Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Greg Simmons, Judy Simmons, Nelson Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, the Jeanette Sponaugle family, Tina

Stuben, Steve Stump, Linda and Larry Vandevander, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Judy Waggy and 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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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?

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Wildcats Earn Hat Trick, Third Straight Trip to State Volleyball Tournament

By Stephen Smoot

A century ago, the most fashionable young women hopped and stepped to a quick dance in 4/4 time named "the Charleston."

Over the past three years, Pendleton County volleyball has quickly hopped over, stepped around, and danced through the best competition in the region and the state to earn berths in the West Virginia State High School Volleyball Tournament – always held in Charleston.

This year, they overcame a coaching change, injuries to key players, and an occasional question of team identity to compete once again for a state title.

Last week, the Wildcats faced a familiar foe. They had to fight through a pack of Tucker County Mountain Lions to win the region and compete for a state title.

In the first set, the Wildcats stormed out to a 6-0 lead. Tucker County hit their first serve out of bounds, then suffered spikes from Lizzie Alt and Baylee Beachler, an ace served up by Alyssa Bennett, and other big plays.

The Mountain Lions, however, clawed their way back into the set. In the initial set, they played their six-foot star Raven Matthews at the front. She moved well and dominated the net, sending spikes back over and complementing well the line drive serves they sent from the back line.

For a time, Tucker County played nearly mistake free volleyball and pulled to within 6-5, then hit the ball into the net. For the next several serves, the teams punched and counter punched. Pendleton County ground out some breathing room when Alt fired a spike to the middle, then Breena Bowers set for a soft Alt tap to the same spot, setting the lead at 10-6 for the home squad.

Two spikes and other big plays pulled Tucker County within one at 1110, however. The Wildcats could not

The Wildcats could not open up a large advantage



Baylee Beachler elevates to fire a shot back at the Tucker County defense with Callie Judy and Emma Hartman in support.

without seeing a furious comeback from the Mountain Lions. Emma Hartman's ace set the score at 16-11 for her team, but an error by the Wildcats and three aces helped Tucker to close the lead to one at 16-15.

Late in the first set, Tucker County tied it at 22. They then served the ball into the net to give up the lead. Two big Avery Townsend blocks at the net sealed the set win at 25-22.

Losing the first set seemed to affect the emotion and focus of the Mountain Lions. Also, Matthews played the back line much more of the time, giving the Pendleton County players more room to make plays at the net.

Bennett opened the set with an exclamation point, firing an ace to the other side. Brynlynn Waggy then set up a spike by Alt. Pendleton County kept their grip on the serve tight early on as they drove out to a 9-0 lead.

Shortly after, Callie Judy stood in to serve with the score 13-3. On her third serve, she moved up to set up Townsend for a shot to the middle, then set up Alt for a spike to make the score 16-3. Tucker County struggled to get back into the set out-

to get back into the set, outscoring the home team five

Alumni Entertain Crowd

to three to close to within 19-8. A block and a tap to the middle by Beachler down the stretch helped to bring it to a conclusion. A Hartman ace ended the set at 20-8.

Wildcat dominance continued into the third set. Tucker County scored first on a spike, but Pendleton County seized the serve back when Waggy set up a spike from Bennett. Shortly after, Waggy elevated as if to set, but sent the ball to the defense, pushing the score to 3-2. She then set up three straight Alt scoring plays.

Tucker County never threatened again and the Wildcats took the set 25-8 to win the game and also earn a berth in the state tournament.

Madison Day, head coach, praised the tenacity of her team in the game and throughout the season. She also described how the team struggled to find an identity during the season, even as it dominated much of the region.

Pendleton County was scheduled to open tournament play against Magnolia at 8:30 Tuesday morning in Charleston. However, legal challenges to the WVSSAC postponed the single A volleyball state tournament.



Colton Roberson prepares to receive the snap as Nick Rhodes goes in motion.

Wildcats Bring the Fight, But Fall Short of Slaying the Dragons

By Stephen Smoot

"Thus as they spake together the dragon appeared and came running to them, and St. George was upon his horse, and drew out his sword and garnished him with the sign of the Cross, and rode hardily against the dragon which came towards him, and smote him with his spear and hurt him sore and threw him to the ground." Jacobus de Voragine "The Golden Legend" 1275 AD

Even St. George would have struggled to match the size, speed, balanced attack, and discipline of the Cameron Dragons who, since the first week of the season have vanquished all who stood before them. The closest that any team has played them since was Tyler Consolidated, who lost 13-6.

Pendleton County kicker Gabe Harvey, along with his kickoff team, pinned the Dragons deep in their own territory, toppling the returner at the six-yard line. They gained all but one of the yards needed to get a first down and, as a result, punted away to Pendleton County.

The Wildcats started their opening drive at their own 42. Colton Roberson rolled right and found Chase Owens for a six-yard reception. The offense got as far as the Cameron 25 before a 12-yard sack on third down helped to end the drive.

Cameron took possession after the Wildcats turned the ball over on downs, but struggled to move the ball against the defense. A 15yard personal foul had the same effect on the Dragons as the sack on the Wildcats, stalling out the drive.

The first quarter would continue along those lines, each team punching and counter punching. In the opening two plays of the second quarter, however, Cameron's speedy skilled players found openings in the defense, the first for 44 yards to the Wildcat 14, and then another run to find the endzone. The kick failed and Cameron had a 6-0 lead with 11:30 left in the first half.

Cameron's speed and discipline on pass defense left Roberson few openings through which to thread his passes. The deep balls that Pendleton County has used to overwhelm regional defenses, Cameron also generally denied. After Cameron scored, they held the Wildcats to no gain on their to the play, the Wildcats prevented the Dragons from scoring.

Pendleton County opened the second half with the ball at their own 41 after a Cameron kickoff sailed out of bounds. Nick Rhodes' hard running and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty took the ball into Dragon territory.

On third and five Roberson, who on the day went 11 for 24 for 155 yards, connected with Travis Owens, who took the ball ahead to the 22. On the next play, Roberson rolled right. Rhodes launched a savage block to keep a pass rusher off of the quarterback just as a touchdown strike was thrown to a sprinting Josiah Kimble in the endzone. Harvey's kick was true, cutting the lead to 12-7.

Cameron then returned to work on offense, executing a 17 play drive that started at their own 36 and ended in a touchdown. This time, they succeeded in scoring on the two point conversion and edged the lead out to 20-7.

Undaunted, Harvey took the kickoff and brought it out to the Wildcat 40. On the second play of the drive, with 2:30 left in the third, Roberson hit Corbin Dove for a 23-yard reception. Shortly after a Cameron personal foul put Pendleton County on the 37, the Wildcats appeared stymied. Facing a fourth and five at the Dragon 32, Roberson tossed a pass to his right that a diving Chase Owens collected at the eight.

On third and goal at the five, Roberson outran the defense to the right post and cut the score to 20-13.

The Dragon running attack came right back, however. Their big offensive line started to wear down the Wildcat defenders, opening up space for their running backs. With eight minutes left in the game, they scored their last touchdown against Pendleton County's regular varsity defense, pushing their lead out to 28-13.

The Wildcats still showed their claws. With 7:51 left, they received the ball at their own 36. Roberson's first down pass to Chase Owens went for 12 yards. He caught a total of 64 on the day. Roberson then found Dove, who caught 38 total yards, streaking down the left sideline to the Dragon 31. Running plays by Rhodes, who totaled 40 on the day, and Roberson brought the Wildcats to the Cameron six with 4:17 remaining, but the



The high school alumni band presented fan favorites during the halftime of the Cameron/Pendleton County football game.

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next drive. When they got the ball back, they scored on five plays to extend the lead to 12-0 with 8:56 left in the half.

Despite falling behind, Pendleton County still had the mettle of St. George and continued to adjust and attack. Both teams exchanged punts through the rest of the half. Cameron tried to mount a drive in the last 90 seconds. They got to the Wildcat 25 with 1.8 seconds to play. After hearing the iconic opening of Europe's "Final Countdown" prior Dragons halted the effort there.

With 3:57 remaining, the Wildcats substituted reserves on defense. Even with the touchdown scored on them, Pendleton County gave the Dragons one of their toughest outs of the year. At the same time, the offense and defense adapted and adjusted to the speed of their opponents. The game itself serves as vital preparation to help Pendleton County slay whichever opponent comes to Franklin in the first round of the state playoffs.

Successful Seasons Bring Individual Accolades to Wildcats

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Wildcats have sunk their claws into regional opposition all season. With both the football and volleyball teams battling their way into the postseason, both teams enjoy tremendous representation on the all Potomac Valley Conference teams.

The statistics cited do not include those from the Cameron contest.

Football starts at the line and, on defensive line, sophomore Ty Heavner led the pack with 21 tackles. He picked up a first team selection with teammate Kameron Redman selected on the second team. At inside linebacker, both Chase Owens and James Vincell earned first team mention with 68 and 28 tackles, respectively.

Among outside linebackers, Nick Rhodes and Bradey Bowers earned first team recognition by making big stops all year. Rhodes had 52 tackles, 6.5 for loss, while Bowers picked up 59 and an astounding 10.5 for loss.

Colton Roberson's steady play at defensive back, including 54 tackles, earned him a first team selection at defensive back. Gabe Harvey earned a second team spot, also with 54 tackles, while Corbin Dove and Travis Owens received honorable mentions.

Gabe Harvey, one of the most reliable place kickers in the region, earned second team all conference.

Pendleton County featured one of the most exciting and dynamic offenses in West Virginia single A this season. It's young, but strong offensive line played a huge role in its success. Spencer Hartman was awarded a first team mention, while Ryland Copley received a second team award, and Sam Eason received honorable mention.

At running back, Rhodes' 6.1 yards per carry propelled him into an honorable mention at running back while Josiah Kimble's 810 yards on 39 receptions and Chase Owens 366 on 18 earned them first team honors. Travis Owens earned second team mention on the strength of 345 yards on 23 receptions.

The PVC named Roberson first among the first team all conference quarterbacks. He was 82 of 135 for 1,485 yards, good for 12th in the state. Although not selected on offense, it should be noted that in four games before his injury, Vincell was 46 of 84 for 737 yards. The two stellar quarterbacks' passing yards combined this season would place them fifth among all high school quarterbacks in all classes in West Virginia.

Wildcat volleyball also dominated regional competition. Three super seniors brought experiences, savvy, athleticism, and sheer grit to every contest and earned all-conference mention.

Lizzie Alt, who played in different roles and positions, had 69 kills, 15 aces, and 27 digs through the season. Baylee Beachler and Avery Townsend formed part of Pendleton County's fearsome front line. Beachler had 39 kills, 14 blocks, and 33 aces. Townsend picked up 23 kills and also contributed strong and steady service all season.

On Nov. 2, two Wildcats competed in the state cross country meet at Cabell Midland High School. Cayson Armstrong, a sophomore, ran for a time of 21:17.05 while Callie Dunn scored a 27:33.92.

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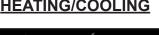
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Don't Get Scammed

By Charlotte Lane, Chairman of Public Service Commission

Utility scams and senior citizens are a lethal combination. Keep this in mind: if a person gets a demanding call, it's a scam.

When somebody calls to tell a person one's electricity, gas, water or any utility is going to be cut off immediately if one doesn't pay up, hang up. Don't take steps to make payment. Don't even discuss it with them. But do take steps to report what's happened.

Real utilities don't operate this way. But scammers do. These are people who prey on a person through fear and intimidation to illegally obtain one's money.

The Public Service Commission hears horror stories about scammers all the time. That's why they try to bring awareness to Utility Scam Awareness Day every November.

First of all, don't pay. The scam callers are experts. They will go into great detail about how a person can wire money or send it through some other method. Don't be intimidated and don't engage. It will be next to impossible to get one's money back if one falls for a scam and sends money.

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Hang up immediately and call the utility using the legitimate number that is on the bill or on the utility's website. The scammer likely left a false call-back number that will just take one back to the scammer, so be sure to get the correct number from the utility bill. Don't click on any links the scammer sends, either. Those are just as bogus as their phone numbers.

Do tell the utility company what happened. They need to know so they can protect other customers. Also report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC is very interested in hearing about one's experience so it can help combat this plague.

As West Virginia ranks third nationwide in the number of senior citizens who live here, everyone must be particularly vigilant in the Mountain State.

Everyone needs to work together to help stamp out this plague that victimizes the most vulnerable of our citizens. Join with the Public Service Commission in helping protect the state's seniors, and everyone else, from this unconscionable assault.

are set forth below. AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICA-TION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AF-

TER THE DATE OF SER-VICE OF THE NOTICE, BARRED. whichever is later.

decedent(s) and other publication of this No-January 6, 2025.

WITHIN SIXTY DAYS FIRST PUBLICATION Donald Lee Nelson Es-OF THIS NOTICE. tate - Krista Hiner, Ad-ALL CLAIMS, DE- ministratrix; MANDS AND OBJEC- Pamela S. Rexrode Es **TIONS NOT SO FILED tate - Harry Michael** WILL BE FOREVER Eye, Executor;

George Dasher, III Estate – Christian Dasher The date of the first Administrator.

tice is November 7, 2024. Subscribed and sworn Deadline for claims is to before me on Novem ber 1, 2024.

Stanley Walton Propst Elise M. White, Clerk of Estate - Dwayne Propst, the Pendleton County Commission



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independently and Franklin, West Virginia mission are required this Commission WITH-26807. The names of the to file their objections IN SIXTY DAYS AFTER help develop Summer personal representatives with this Commission THE DATE OF THE Executor;

Brandywine School Honors Veterans



On Monday, Brandywine Elementary School students and staff honored local veterans by posting a photo and message on the school's website. The message stated "Happy Veteran's Day from Brandywine Elementary staff and students. We want to say THANK YOU to all our local veterans! We appreciate your service and the sacrifices you have made for all of us.'



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SGR337A 2.79 Acres, w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin. Wood Ceil-ing, Paneled walls, LP heat. 8'x8' outbuilding. Well, Sugar Grove District. NEW LISTING \$129,000.00 REDUCED \$119.000.00.

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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. \$109,900.00 REDUCED \$104,900.00.

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.

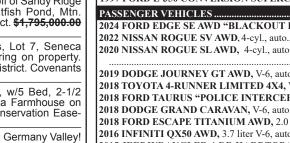
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BLACK THORN MOUNTAIN ESTATES, 6.18 acres, Lot #22, top of mountain, great views, all wooded, HOA applies, west of Doe Hill Road. \$74,000. REDUCED \$64,000.

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