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Pendleton County 4-H poultry judging team represented West Virginia at the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky. Members of the team were, from left, Jessica Hoover (extension agent), Phoebe Pownell, Lydia Heavner, Cole Harper, Vivian Pownell and Brooke Alt (extension agent).

Pendleton County 4-H Sends Team to National Poultry Judging Competition

By Stephen Smoot

"Poultry is definitely something that Pendleton County is really good at," shared Jessica Hoover, West Virginia University extension agent for the area.

While she could be referring to the raising of top quality chickens and turkeys, Hoover meant the passion, experience, and knowledge of Pendleton County youth who compete in poultry related contests.

On Nov. 20 and 21, Louisville, Kentucky, hosted the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Contest. Those in 4-H who had attained their 14th birthday by Jan. 1 of this year could compete to qualify in competitions against fellow contestants from around the nation.

"The overall objective," said the website for the event, "is to offer national-level activities and contests designed to introduce participants to poultry and the poultry industry."

Many months of preparation and hard work went into their success. Just like the sports teams that earned their way into the post-season this fall, winning starts with practice, practice, and then more practice.

Hoover explained that the team members would regularly hold one to two hour practices which "they tried to have pretty regularly." Practices involved identifying parts, hands-on grading of carcasses, eggs, and live production hens. "They did a lot on their own, too" she added.

The hard work paid off when they carried away several awards from the West Virginia State 4-H Judging competition held last summer in Moorefield.

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At the time of writing, the results of the competition had not been revealed. Hoover shared that "all felt really confident that they did well and learned a lot."

The team of Lydia Heavner, Cole Harper, and Phoebe and Vivian Pownell is no stranger to regional agricultural competition. Heavner won grand champion bacon at last spring's Future Farmers of America egg, ham, and bacon sale. Vivian Pownell's dozen grade A eggs sold for \$200.

The trip to western Kentucky included seeing other sights. Half of the team went to the state's celebrated horse country around Lexington, Kentucky, and toured an equine hospital. Others visited an alpaca farm. All had the chance to see horse races at the world-famous Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby.

Like all agriculture related competitions, though, the greatest benefit does not come from winning the awards. Those who compete must have strong social and communication skills, be able to retain tremendous amounts of knowledge, and enjoy the lessons of traveling to a new place and doing new things.

Hoover stated that 10 years ago, she trod in these students' shoes, competing in judging and other contests. Now, she is a successful farmer and extension agent.

These competitions, the mentorship and coaching needed to produce winning teams, and the lessons learned will help to provide Pendleton County with its next generation of productive farmers and agricultural leaders.

Economic and Regulatory Pressures Create Financial Crunch for PEIA

By Stephen Smoot

The West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency for more than a half century has served as the main insurance provider for state, local, and education workers employed throughout the state.

PEIA's history since its establishment in 1971 has resembled that of a ship in shallow waters – long periods of quiet punctuated by times where the West Virginia State Legislature and others have worked to guide it past and through

obstacles. Prior to 2024, the most recent crisis in part spurred a tension filled strike by state teachers.

As the Legislature approaches its next general session, PEIA problems loom again as one of the biggest issues that the state's legislative and executive branches must tackle.

This time, a convergence of problems created by the economy of the medical field and the nation at large, federal and state legislation, and the predominant health problems of those covered have com-

bined to create a massive expected shortfall this year and potentially a larger one in 2027.

According to a PEIA presentation on its own challenges, some of the problem stems from common health problems in those covered by their insurance plans.

Prescription drug costs have responded to inflation in similar ways to the rest of the nation, by going up. At the same time, the appetite for some and the need for others for prescription drugs nationwide continues to grow.

For example, the effect of inflation on the prescription drug plan has created a hike in costs. The net plan cost per member, per month, has risen from \$113.58 to \$137.12, a gain of 20.7 percent over the course of a single fiscal year. GLP-1 drugs, which include injected insulin for diabetics and treatments for obesity, accounted for \$52.5 million, or just under 20 percent of the total cost. The same class of drugs accounted for \$10.25, or 43.6 percent, of the net per member per month increase.

PEIA did not anticipate the sharp rise in costs for these drugs, which its audit from Ernst and Young called "exponential" in scope. It added that PEIA

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Wildcats Advance at States



Pendleton County volleyball players cheer on teammates during a first round win over Magnolia. Photo courtesy of West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like a Pendleton County Christmas on the White House Lawn



Hayley Craig's classes at Pendleton County Middle/High School were selected to represent West Virginia for the National Christmas Tree in Washington, DC. Students whose ornaments were chosen are, from left, front row, Lainey Simmons, Aniyah Spencer, Katelyn Myers and Autumn Harper; middle row, Shayne Clutter, Callie Dunn, Mackenzie Day, Lori Wehrle, Emma Alexander and Weston Boyer; and back row, Ty Armentrout, Dylan Eye, Jonah See, Cameron Wyatt, Katie Heavner, Marleigh Moyers, Danielle Warner, Jasmine Hester, Kya Brogan and Josie Verdoni. Not pictured are Jordyn Gibson, Kallie Keyser, Victoria Chan and Katie Keyser.

By Stephen Smoot

The nation's capitol cannot seem to get enough of Pendleton County.

Last year, the United States Capitol Christmas Tree made a visit to Seneca Rocks. This year, West Virginia's entry for the state tree on the White House lawn will feature ornaments crafted by students from Pendleton County Middle/High School.

The White House display is different than the U.S. Capitol Tree. It has a single national tree and smaller trees from every state and territory. President Calvin Coolidge lit the first in 1923 and it has remained a tradition ever since, as the website states "to celebrate the season as a place that symbolizes hope and unity."

According to Hayley Craig, PCM/HS, student art work won the honor for their school. Schools from all over West Virginia compete for the honor of having their ornaments featured on the tree. For the past three years, the prize has gone to Robert L. Bland Middle School in Weston.

She said of Bland Middle School's submissions for 2024 that "they're ornaments were absolutely gorgeous."

Craig shared that the theme this year

was what makes your state beautiful. "My class decided to focus on wildlife in West Virginia," she added.

The process started last spring. Three example works were submitted for judging. Based on the work submitted, the PCM/HS students won for their school the honor of having area student work featured on the tree.

After they selected the school, judges picked 24 student creations to hang on the tree. Craig shared that many crafted images for the ornaments portrayed fish common in the state, such as rainbow trout. Others show cardinals, black bears, honey bees, "lots of butterflies," and even the often overlooked opossum who, in this case, is "hanging off a Christmas tree holding a candy cane."

"I've actually been applying for this for some time," revealed Craig, who also volunteers with Friends of the Library.

The ceremony will take place on Dec 5, but due to space concerns, only two tickets go to each school. Craig stated that CBS will stream it on Dec 20. The show will also feature famous performers. Last year was highlighted by Tricia Yearwood.

Senator-Elect Morris Takes on Familiar Role of Economic Development Promoter in New Office

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County is nestled at the eastern edge of one of the largest and most challenging state legislative districts anywhere. The 11th Senate District covers all of Pendleton, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Randolph, Upshur, and Webster counties, as well as parts of Grant.

As of January, Robbie Morris will take his place alongside Bill Hamilton as one of two state senators from this district.

Morris's personal and professional roots in the district run deep. He worked with his father in a consulting firm, then in 2011 became the Randolph County Economic Development Authority executive director. He has also applied his efforts and expertise to service with the Hardwood Alliance Zone, the state broadband council, and as chair of the Corridor H Authority.

He must step down from the broadband council with it being a state executive branch position.

When it comes to the upcoming Legislative session, Morris states that "a lot of that is going to depend on what Governor-Elect Morrisey does." Morrisey has shared ideas on reducing regulatory and tax burdens on businesses in West Virginia with the intention of directly competing with neighboring states.

A more unknown factor will be the next Senate president, who also serves as the Constitutional Lieutenant Governor. The hard-charging Craig Blair lost his race for re-election. The top three contenders for the leadership position are finance chairman Eric Tarr of Putnam County, Majority Leader Tom Takubo of Kanawha County, and energy chairman Randy Smith from neighboring Tucker County.

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Community CALENDAR

Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at the post home in Sugar Grove.

'Times' To Publish Christmas Memories, Holiday Recipes

Christmas is just around the corner. *The Times* would like for its readers to share with other subscribers some past Christmas memories, as well as favorite holiday recipes.

Please submit articles or recipes by Tuesday, Dec. 10. Both can be e-mailed to ads@pendletontimes.com, mailed to PO Box 906, Franklin, WV 26807, or dropped off at the office.

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

Blood Drive Set For Monday

A blood drive will begin at noon Monday at Pendleton County Library in Franklin.

UT Producers To Meet Monday

The Upper Tract Producer's 4-H Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Upper Tract Training Center (old grade school). A holiday party celebrating officers and new members will be held.

OBITUARIES



Dolan Mallow

Dolan Mallow, 88, of Seneca Rocks passed away Nov. 24, 2024, at his home. He was born on Aug. 7, 1936, in Onego, the son of the late Omar Lee Mallow and Mable (Morrall) Hedrick. Mr. Mallow attended school in the Seneca Rocks and Onego area and retired from the West Virginia Department of Highways in Riverton after 30 years of service. He was a former member of the National Rifle Association. In his early years, he enjoyed hunting and working on vehicles. As time went on, he found pleasure reclining in his chair and watching old westerns. He leaves behind a legacy of love for his family. He will be dearly missed by all who

knew and loved him. He was married to his bride of 61 years, Patricia Mary Ellen (Kile) Mallow, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Wendy Rifle (James) of Inwood and Christina Weatherholtz of Middletown, Virginia; four sons, Dolan Scott Mallow of Riverton, Robert Wayne Mallow (Dawn) of Weirs Cove, Virginia, and Joshua Samuel Mallow and Jeremy Dean Mallow (April Thompson), all of Seneca Rocks; two sisters, Sharon Bonner and Donna Zahn; two brothers, Larry and Robert Mallow; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two foster grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Ray and Ricky Mallow and Chester "Jake" Arbogast; and two sisters, Ruby Kisamore and Grace Corbitt. Funeral services were held Friday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor David Miller officiating. Interment was in the North Fork Menonite Church Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family, c/o the Basagic Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 400, Petersburg, WV 26847. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



Leslie C. "Bub" Snyder

Leslie C. "Bub" Snyder, 79, of Brandywine passed away on Nov. 27, 2024, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin. He was born on Aug. 3, 1945, in Brandywine, the son of the late Robert C. and Effie

Dorothy (Reed) Snyder. Mr. Snyder was a kind-hearted man who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He attended Pendleton County Schools and Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren. He leaves behind to cherish his memory several cousins, including; Judy Snyder, Wanda Brady, Doris Huffman and Jerry Snyder; and a special friend and caretaker, Mary Propst. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Paul Simmons, Gene Early "Cracker" Snyder and Carl William Reed; and a sister, Christina Mae Cuellar. In honoring his wishes, his body has been cremated. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com.

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And take a walk down memory lane with tears on my cheek.
Remembering you is easy, I do it every day.
But missing you is a heartache that never goes away.
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- The Community for providing their support, furnishing food and money for our dinner, especially the local churches.
- The Community for their active support in attending the dinner.
- All of the EMTs that worked in the planning, preparation and cleanup for the dinner.
- Especially individuals that aided in cleaning the building and preparing and serving the food.
- And many, many thanks to Peer's Sanitation in their constant help and support by providing trash service.

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Senator-Elect Morris

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Senate leadership and Morrissey will undoubtedly bring some focus to the major shortfalls coming up in the budget of the Public Employee's Insurance Agency. Premium hikes have offset salary increases, especially with state teachers. Morris says that "a lot of these different topics," which include education, the HOPE Scholarship, homeschooling, and education "are going to come down to the budget."

Many counties also face serious and mounting arrears in the bills they pay to send and keep prisoners in the state regional jail system. He states that a way needs to be found to help the counties facing the most serious problems.

Morris will keep a lot of focus on his field of expertise. He indicated he wants to keep "making sure that West Virginia can continue to be in the game" of attracting investment and developing economic growth.

And West Virginia has surged ahead of many states just in the past year. Morris explained that "the amount of investment in the last 12 months has equaled that of the previous four years." This includes Nucor's \$3 billion steel production complex near Point Pleasant in Mason County. He said that level of success comes from "getting aggressive and getting serious" about selling the state as a superior business environment.

Part of that comes from the tremendous effort of state and local economic development officials and entities. Outside businesses appreciate officials "being helpful" and "not bogging down new programs in regulatory red tape."

He added that economic development also requires more work to develop and increase the state's active workforce. That includes skills training programs to help older adults qualify for better paying jobs and trades education for young people to get them ready to earn large salaries while some of their peers are still in college.

Challenges to bringing that economic development success to the entire state

start first with those created by uneven infrastructure development and the related problems of topography.

Many communities struggle to maintain and upgrade basic services, such as water and sewer. Morris noted that Elkins still must rely in part on terra cotta pipes in its network. Other areas have "antiquated water plants and over capacity sewer plants." The distinctions within the 11th Senate District can appear quite stark because some parts of it benefited from Chesapeake Bay funding to upgrade facilities.

He explained that many parts of the district lack access to public water and still rely on wells. This includes important facilities, such as the Pendleton County emergency management and state police building. Helping public service districts to maintain and expand service will be important to Morris.

A local concern that received a great deal of attention from local emergency management officials also has Morris's attention. While the state had a winning idea to create suggested "routes" of travel for tourists, these routes also have heavy and growing truck traffic. Getting "the DoH [Department of Highways] to fix Allegheny Mountain is very important," he said, referring to the dangerous curves on US 33's eastern slope in Pendleton County.

Rick Gillespie, emergency services coordinator, has repeatedly blasted double sized guardrails on the worst of the curves as insufficient.

Morris also plans to support efforts to expand high speed broadband internet in the state. Obtaining the match for the BEDE federal funding plan for the state is another step toward more expansion. He shared that expansion of the service will boost the number of high tech jobs while opening opportunities for construction and use of data centers, such as the one being developed in Petersburg by Continent 8.

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did not anticipate such a major hike in this class of drugs "and the impact has been staggering."

"Drug claims expense increased \$76,803 million compared to last year," the report stated, but added that cost saving programs and expirations of prior authorizations for such drugs will help to bring these costs back into line in the future.

Another cost increase came as a result of the federal Inflation Reduction Act passed at the urging of President Joe Biden. According to the Council for Affordable Health Coverage "the IRA's redesign of (Medicare) Part D is increasing premiums, reducing competition and choice, and raising out-of-pocket costs."

PEIA blames the Inflation Reduction Act for "substantial increases in Medicare Advantage."

Another issue comes from Legislature efforts to strengthen PEIA and protect its customers. Senate Bill 268 first created a legal ratio where 80 percent of premium costs are borne by the employer and 20 percent by the insured. While intended to protect both sides, it has prevented the state from having the option to provide premium relief to customers.

Senator Mike Oliverio (R-Monongalia), in a proposal backed by Dale Lee, West Virginia Education Association president, would change the hard and fast ratio to the employer paying no less than 80 percent and customers no more than 20 percent. That would protect the customer while allowing the state flexibility to provide relief if it could and would do so.

SB 268 also increased the minimum level of reimbursement from 59 percent

of what Medicare pays to all providers to 110 percent. While this did help to address the previous issue of providers shying away from PEIA, it also "introduced considerable volatility to the accuracy of the estimated cost increase."

This meant that the estimated medical claims expense budgeted fell short of "actual claims experience" by 55 percent – or \$43.8 million.

These, plus other issues, combined to create a \$113 million gap for PEIA. The agency proposes to use increases in prices and copays to help make up the difference.

If passed, state employees will see a 14 percent increase, local a 16 percent, and retirees a 12 percent hike in premiums.

Outpatient copays will rise from \$100 to \$250, emergency room copays from \$100 to \$300, and prescription drugs from \$10 to \$20 for generic and \$25 to \$50 for name brand.

The spousal surcharge for coverage will also increase.

Surpluses in tax revenues over the past year have shrunk considerably and in some cases, disappeared. The timing of this, combined with the unexpected problems faced by PEIA, will force the state Legislature to find relief for those insured by the program while keeping the budget balanced as is required by law.

As for the PEIA, it has pledged "to arrest the trend through cooperative effectiveness initiatives, 340b partnerships, benefit adjustments, and wellness programs." In essence, better deals with providers, more efficiency, and focusing more on preventative programs for good health serve as much of the cost reduction plan.

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Historic McCoy House will be doing Hot Cocoa Bar and showing A Year without a Santa and fun holiday crafts 11:00am-2:00pm
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Chili Dog
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw
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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11
Chicken Tenders
Macaroni & Cheese
Brussels Sprouts
Tropical Fruit
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
Lasagna, Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Blueberry Crisp
Hello December

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

Relish the Simple Custom of Homemade Cultured Butter

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

During pioneer days making butter was primarily a child's job. They would milk the family's cow and let the milk sit in a shallow pan overnight in order for the cream to rise to the top. The next morning, the cream layer would be skimmed with a wooden ladle and left out to sour. The cream was then poured into the butter churn. The dasher would have to be rhythmically pounded up and down (the dasher is a stick with paddles at the bottom). This would take quite a lot of time, and require more than one person to rhythmically pound.

Once the cream has been properly churned (churning breaks up the protein coating surrounding the fat globules in the milk therefore allowing them to stick together), the cream would separate into buttermilk and grain-sized pellets of butter. The buttermilk, which was drained off, could be used to feed the pigs or for baking. The butter pellets were put into a bowl and thoroughly rinsed with cold water.

The butter was squeezed into a nice lump using a butter paddle. It was then sprinkled with salt (to help preserve it) and pressed into a crock to be stored in a cool place.

Life's little lessons include the following:

1. If life hands a person a lemon, make lemonade.
2. Sing a song.
3. Call a friend.
4. Smile at strangers.
5. Get regular checkups.

Winter seems to have made its royal entrance. Those wishing to participate in the Parade of Lights competition need to catch the warm days forthcoming. Mornings have delivered temperatures in the low 20s, with Monday morning clocking in at 13 degrees, daily temperatures in the 30s. Winds have been quite brisk allowing one to tug the coat a little closer for warmth. The skiff of snow on Saturday morning left by lunch time. Wood furnaces are cranking out the heat, and all is well in Sugar Grove.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"When you rise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive; to breathe, think, to enjoy, to love." — Marcus Aurelius

"Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way." — Native American Saying

"Some of the days in November carry the whole memory of summer as a fire opal carries the color of moon rise." — Gladys Taber

"The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

It is a definite to hear the "Talk of the Grove" that one needs to sit by the fireplace.

The South Fork Rescue Squad held its annual Thanksgiving dinner, Saturday the 23rd. Lots of good eating!

Robert Hodges of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Carl Larry of Virginia Beach, Virginia, spent the weekend with the Wes and Becky Puffenbarger family. They all attended the South Fork Rescue Squad turkey dinner. This past weekend, Wesley, Becky, Ben, Emma and Nathan motored to Virigina Beach, Virginia, to view the Christmas lights on the boardwalk. They also celebrated Emma's 13th birthday.

Judy Costello of Verona, Virginia, spent several days with her mother, Evelyn Varner. Thanksgiving dinner was at Evelyn's home with all of her family in attendance, enjoying each other's company.

Jim Puffenbarger of Rising Sun, Maryland, and Bob Puffenbarger of Ohio accompanied their brother, K.D. Puffenbarger, to Dayton, Virginia, where they visited with their sister and husband, Loretha and Bryan Bland. On Thursday, K.D. and family enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinner.

Tom and Paula Mitchell held their Thanksgiving dinner with extended family at their home.

Bob and Judy Grimm spent Thanksgiving with Rodney Kiser and family of Preston County. Weekend visitors of Bob and Judy were Chris Grimm and family of Uniontown, Ohio. A first time volunteer experience for grandchildren, Tiffany, Brody, and Zach, was to ring the Salvation Army bell on Saturday. All in all, Bob and Judy had a blessed Thanksgiving week.

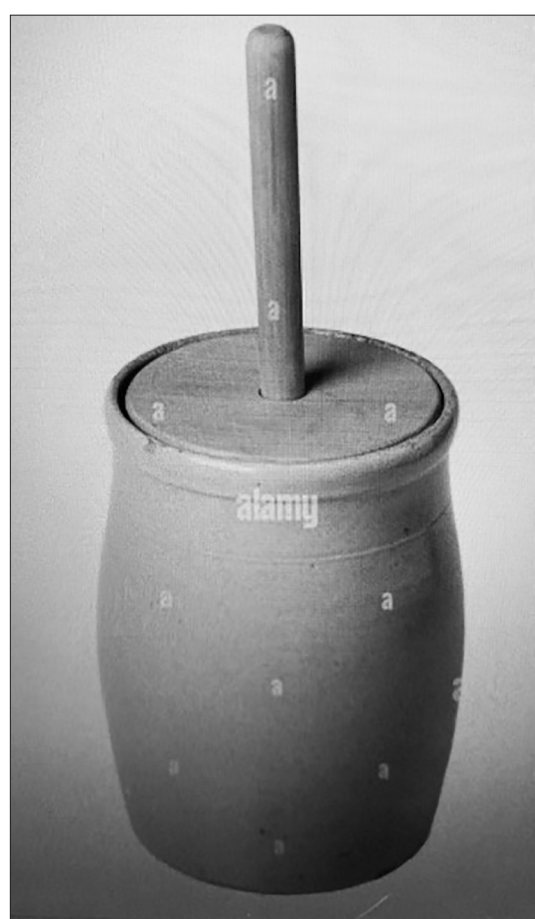
Natalie Nieves and Alex Fattore of Huntington spent several days visiting with Willard and Judy Rader. Natalie, Alex, Judy and C. J. Eckard enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner at Bennie and Linda Custer's on Thanksgiving Day.

A Thanksgiving dinner was held at St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church where John Bodkin and his family gathered to enjoy the feast. Phil Downs, Cleo Simmons of Staunton, Virginia, and Wanda Pitsenbarger of Franklin were some of those who enjoyed the meal.

Phil Downs visited with K.D. Puffenbarger and family on Thanksgiving Day.

Clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:

- Starfish do not have a brain.
- The world's oldest dress, the Tarkhan Dress,



was found in Egypt. The dress is more than 5,000 years old.

•The shore line of all the Great Lakes combined equals nearly 44 percent of the circumference of the planet.

•More than 300 different languages and dialects are spoken in Australia, including 45 Indigenous languages. In fact, 21 percent of Australians don't speak English at home.

•There are five Sundays, five Mondays, and five Tuesdays in December. This is quite an unusual happening.


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Pendleton County Hews Magnolia in First Round of State Volleyball Tournament

By Stephen Smoot

After a slew of legal issues temporarily delayed the state of the Class A West Virginia state volleyball tournament, girls from eight squads were relieved to take the court of competition instead of the court of law.

Pendleton County took a four seed into the tournament, earning them a game against Wetzel County's Magnolia. The team from New Martinsville featured some star players who brought exceptional athleticism to the contest. Madison Day, Wildcat head coach, preached a strategy of distributing the ball evenly amongst all the players, pitting a team concept against the shining stars.

The teams traveled hours from the two panhandles to tangle at 8:30 on a frosty cold Monday morning on the campus of West Virginia State University in Institute. With only Class A competing on a single court, the tournament had a more intimate and player and fan friendly environment.

And the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission did its best to provide a special and exciting environment for the girls.

Magnolia took the first serve in the first set. Lizzie Alt fielded the serve, sending it to Emma Hartman. She returned it to Alt, who aimed a shot to the middle of the defense, scoring the first point. A Baylee Beachler block and a Brynlynn Waggy set off an Alt tap gave the Wildcats an early 3-0 lead.

Pendleton County built a 5-1 lead before Magnolia showed its strengths. The Blue Eagles outscored the Wildcats five to two to pull within 7-6, before Emily Poling set up an Avery Townsend spike to set the score at 8-6.

Poling, along with Hartman, Aubree Keiter, and others, patrolled the back line effectively. They did well to adjust to the strong service game of Magnolia and set up other players nicely.

Magnolia pulled within one again at 10-9 by serving an ace, but then Pendleton County scored nine of the next 10. Alyssa Bennett fired two aces off the fists of opposing players



Coach Madison Day and her team celebrates advancing to the second round of the tournament on Monday at West Virginia State.

in the run. On another play, Keiter fielded a ball that Waggy set up for an Alt spike.

Pendleton County went on to take the first set 25-18.

Bennett kicked off the second set with a serve. Beachler scored off of it with a block, followed by a Wildcat ace for a 2-0 lead.

Magnolia, however, took the momentum from there. They combined line drive "feast or famine" type serving that was either tough for the back line to field or sailed out of bounds. Luck favored Magnolia in their serving in this set.

The Blue Eagles also got opportunities to use their style of spiking to great effect. To avoid the height and athleticism on the Wildcat line, Magnolia's front line angled spikes toward the right sideline instead of the middle of the court. Precision power shots for a time got the best of the Pendleton County defense and Magnolia at one point led 20-7.

Interestingly St. Mary's High School, which is not geographically far from Magnolia, used the same tactic to temporarily knock East Hardy off balance before they, too prevailed in the first round.

Magnolia dominated the set, running away with a 25-13 win, forcing Day to make

adjustments in position and placement.

Magnolia served first in set number three, but Beachler blocked the play for the first point. Bennett then served to start a volley which ended when Waggy redirected a ball to the back line of the Blue Eagles. Another Beachler block put the lead at 3-0 to start the set.

Once again, the Blue Eagles took flight after an early Wildcat lead. They surged to a 10-9 lead before Beachler and Waggy combined for a block to knot the contest at 10. Bennett took the serve and promptly delivered an ace to seize the lead back for her squad.

Magnolia stole the lead back and pushed it out to two, leading 14-12 then 15-13. Waggy took the serve and scored two aces, the second glancing off an opponent's hands. Magnolia spiked for the next score, taking a 16-15 lead, but Townsend came right back with a block at the net to tie the game again.

Townsend shortly after took the serve down 18-17, but tied the game on an ace that barely cleared the net and dropped like a major league curveball. Hartman aimed a shot at the middle to get a 19-18 advantage for her team.

Magnolia continued to fall short late in the set. Bennett closed it out with two straight aces to win it 25-22.

In the fourth set, the teams battled fiercely. This time, the Blue Eagles took an early 2-0, then 3-1 lead.

Callie Judy shortly thereafter stepped up to serve and took the lead for the Wildcats 4-3 after scoring two consecutive aces.

The teams kept punching and counter-punching, a sense of urgency driving both. Magnolia tied the game at seven after a Wildcat error. Pendleton County, however, took the lead back 8-7 with Beachler nearly prone on the floor somehow tapping the ball up and over the net. The stunned Magnolia players watched it drop quickly to the floor.

The Blue Eagles wrestled the lead back at 9-8, but Beachler blasted a Waggy set into the heart of the defense to tie the set at nine.

It looked like Magnolia might force the game to a fifth set for a time. They jumped ahead by two at 17-15 on the strength of an ace. Not long after, they took their biggest lead of set number four, 19-16.

Day then called a timeout to settle her squad. Next, Magnolia served but Pendleton County scored when Judy set up a Townsend spike. The next volley ended and the score was tied at 18 when Bennett tapped the ball to the left sideline off the fists of a defender.

Townsend took the lead back for good when she scored a service ace. Beachler extended the lead to two when she spiked the ball off of a defender.

Pendleton County took a commanding 23-19 lead when an Alt return found nothing but floor. Magnolia, refusing to lose quietly, scored two more, but a Waggy shot closed out the set 25 to 23 and the game three sets to one.

East Hardy, after defeating St. Mary's, earned a second round game against the Wildcats at 6:30 p.m. the same day. The Cougars defeated the Wildcats to earn the right to move on and compete for the title on Tuesday.

Wildcats Close Book on a Memorable Football Season

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County's football season ended last weekend on a shredded and worn field of muck and mire, but provided much this year to remember and inspire.

In the second round of the playoffs, the Wildcats fell to the Tucker County Mountain Lions. The rough conditions of the field made footing uncertain and kept Wildcat receivers from getting the separation they normally achieve

to make big plays. Also, Tucker County had expanded its repertoire since the midseason contest in Franklin, developing a productive passing game to complement their running attack. They used those advantages to move on past the Wildcats 50-0.

All that said, Pendleton County football took giant steps forward as both a team and as a program in 2024.

The squad sent notice to West Virginia Class A that they had taken a giant step forward,

building on last year's 5-5 record. Last year, the Wildcats relied on a power running attack complemented by the steady quarterback play of James Vincell.

This year, the team featured even more speed at the receiver position. With an experienced senior quarterback behind center, Zac Smith, head coach, took the offense into another gear.

A formidable opponent awaited Pendleton County in the first game of the season. Greenbrier West came into Franklin ranked number one. Statewide media crowed about their famous assistant coach, former West Virginia Mountaineer and Philadelphia Eagle Owen Schmitt while rarely mentioning the Wildcats.

That changed after the game.

Pendleton County corralled the running game of Greenbrier West partly through big defensive stops from players like Ty Heavner and Bradley Bowers, but also due to the offense jumping out early 21-7. Vincell excelled on both sides of the ball, inspiring Smith to exclaim that he "played with a lot of heart" in the 27-21 upset win.

Vincell said after the game, "We've got to move on from this one," because top 10 ranked East Hardy waited for the Wildcats in Baker the very next week. The Cougars relied on their tough defense and strong running game, but could not muster much offense against Pendleton County. The Wildcats took out the second highly ranked team in as many weeks, winning 14-13.

The next week, a Petersburg team led by a sensational freshman quarterback seemed to have all the answers against the Wildcats and took a 31-20 win.

Pendleton County traveled to Richwood for the next game, coming away with both a big win and a big loss. They outscored the Lumberjacks 50-26, but lost Vincell to injury for the remainder of the season. Not only did the team lose its senior starting quarterback, but also one of its big playmakers in the linebacking corps as well. Smith has always repeated the mantra "find a way" as the mission statement of the team. They found a way by earning a key first down against Greenbrier West to keep the ball away from their offense in the closing minutes of the contest. They found a way to stop the Cougars high powered run game.

Now they had to find a way to continue their winning ways without a player who formed a huge part of the heart of the team.

Freshman Colton Roberson had played some receiver and even occasional snaps at quarterback. His run for a first down clinched the Greenbrier West win, and he had settled in as a reliable playmaker on defense.

Now he had to take his place behind the wheel of the high-powered offensive machine that Vincell had steered to big victories.

Roberson showed poise and skill in a loss to Tucker County in Franklin, then had three consecutive games in which he could get accustomed to running the offense. The team domi-



The Wildcats had to battle both the highly rated Mountain Lions and the extremely difficult field conditions in the second round of the playoffs last Saturday.

nated in wins at Tygarts Valley and against Pocahontas County in Franklin.

Then, in probably the most complete performance of the season, Pendleton County dismantled a formerly successful and proud bigger school program in Virginia's Stonewall Jackson High School, crushing them 54-26.

Moorefield loomed large as the season wound down. After Pendleton County's miraculous double overtime victory in Hardy County last season, their players, coaches, and fans had the 2024 date circled as one for revenge. The Wildcats jumped ahead and seemed in control until the fourth quarter. Moorefield, who had moved to Class AA and would make the playoff in that category, had worn down the Wildcat defense.

Then, the Yellow Jackets made their own improbable comeback to put the game into overtime.

Once again, Pendleton County found a way to escape, once again taking a close win in a huge game over the opponent they love to beat.

A setback to Cameron closed out the regular season, but seven wins, including two against bigger schools, earned Pendleton County a home game for the playoffs.

But against who?

Enter the judicial system. End of season lawsuits delayed both the football and volleyball playoffs. When the lawyers were done with their work and the West Virginia State Supreme Court made its rulings, the stage was set for the Wildcats to host . . . the Wildcats.

Meadow Bridge traveled from Fayette County with their Wildcat mascot and their blue and white colors. That is where the similarities ended, however.

Pendleton County raced out to a big lead early with Meadow Bridge outgunned. The Fayette County version of the Wildcats used power formations behind a massive offensive line. Pendleton County switched to use goal line defenses to slow their running game considerably. Once the contest became one of passing offenses, the home team accelerated ahead and won the first round of the playoffs handily.

Going into next year, Pendleton County has a young, but experienced team. They had a taste of success and will work until next August to "find a way" to take the next step toward the top tier of Class A football.

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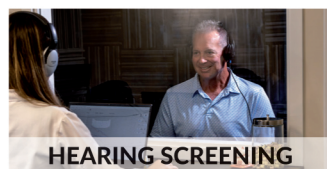
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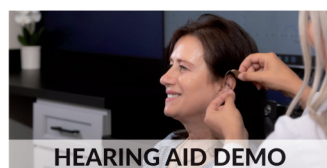
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Trustee(s) having been appointed Substitute Trustee by an Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated June 13, 2023, and having been requested in writing by the holder of said note, will sell to the highest and best bidder on December 17, 2024 at 1:40 p.m., at the front door of the courthouse of Pendleton County, West Virginia, the real estate conveyed by said deed of trust and situate in Franklin District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, together with easements, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and at the time of the signing of the Deed of Trust it was reported that the address was 16 Vealey Cir., Franklin, WV 26807 and being more particularly bounded and described therein as follows:

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

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

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The area's leading lime and aggregate producer has a position available for an experienced heavy equipment mechanic. Responsibilities include all phases of heavy equipment maintenance and repair. Applicants should have previous training in heavy equipment maintenance and repair. Certification as a diesel mechanic is a plus.

We are an Affirmative Action employer and offer competitive hourly wages and an excellent benefits package.

Interested applicants should send a resume to Greer Lime Company, 1088 Germany Valley Limestone Road, Riverton, WV 26814, or stop by in person.

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