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Frightfully Good Family Fun and Community Fellowship Coming to the North Fork for Halloween



Spruce Mountain Ruritan Club members spruced up the Clinton Hedrick Community Building prior to sponsoring a Fall Fest this Saturday.

By Stephen Smoot

The nights now bring a nip of frost. The breezes that blow carry crispy, crunchy fall leaves that float hither and yon until the wind decides to deposit them somewhere.

Bags of candy and costumes

Community CALENDAR

Halloween Events Planned in Franklin

Halloween activities are scheduled for Saturday in Franklin. A parade will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the town parking lot. Participants are to gather at 3:15 p.m. Games will follow at the community building. Trick or treating is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. in the town.

Ruritans To Host

Fall Fest Saturday

Spruce Mountain Ruritan Club will host a Fall Fest from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Clinton Hedrick Community Building in Riverton. Activities include pumpkin carving and painting, games, cake walks, face painting, sweet treats, concessions and a costume contest at 2:30 p.m.

New Toys Sought

For Local Kids

Pendleton County Family Support Center, in partnership with the Pendleton County Ministerial Association, is sponsoring St. Nick's Toy Chest. Donations of new toys for Pendleton County children, ages 0 - 12 years, may be dropped off at 30 Maple Ave. in Franklin from Nov. 1 to 25.

College, Career Fair Scheduled

Get hired or prepare for a person's next move at the College and Career Fair to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 5 at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College located at 316 Eastern Drive in Moorefield.

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For more information or questions, contact Dixie Heavener, career counselor at 304-434-8000 ext. 9239 or email Dixie.Heavener@easternnw.edu.

are flying off the shelves, and Pendleton County's football team is about to wrap up another outstanding season.

It's definitely Halloween time!

This year with Halloween falling on a Saturday, the timing is perfect for two community organizations to break out the pumpkins and candy and welcome the kids for fun and treats.

Celebrations of Halloween on the North Fork this year start at the Clinton Hedrick Community Building in Riverton. With North Fork Elementary School unable to do its normal Halloween party, Spruce Mountain Ruritan Club has stepped in to fill the need. "This is our first annual Halloween event," shared Lisa Faust from the Spruce Mountain

Ruritan Club.

Ruritan started as a monthly community dinner that branched out and evolved into filling a number of community service functions. These are based on the three-word slogan of "Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service." Clubs then each form five committees to address this vision, comprised of and for business and professions, environment, public service, social development, and youth. Nothing happens without Ruritan members' hard work, however. Earlier this month, a team went to take care of landscaping at the Clinton Hedrick Building, as they called it, "sprucing up" the outside.

Taking over a community Halloween celebration for



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the area families serves as a perfect example of those principles in action.

The young and the young-at-heart will enjoy pumpkin carving, old-fashioned cake walks, games, face painting, concessions, treats, and a costume contest at 2:30. Contributions from generous sponsors made sure that concessions would come at no cost.

Faust said, "It's all for the kids. Everyone is excited

about doing it." Help has come from all over Pendleton County, including T&K Markets, Harpers Old Country Store, Country Décor, Red Lick Farm Greenhouse, and Greer Lime.

Festivities will last until about five o'clock in the evening.

At that point, just a few miles down the road, the Seneca Rocks Volunteer Fire Department will provide "a family-friendly evening

of community fun." With streets for trick-or-treating few and far between in the North Fork, the VFD is offering space to have a full trunk-or-treat party from 5 to 7 p.m.

As the VFD stated in a release, "Everyone is welcome to park, set up a spot, and join us in handing out treats to the kids." It also encouraged all to "come out and show off your cute Halloween designs."

Pendleton County Commission Approves Time Capsule Placement at Courthouse

By Stephen Smoot

"We pray for our community. We pray for our county. We pray for our state. We pray for our nation," shared Commissioner Roger Dahmer, county commissioner, in the customary invocation. All then recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting got underway.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, shared work planned for the General Services Building. Efforts starting during the summer will soon come

together to revamp the entryway to prevent the general public and other office workers from accessing the GSB through the office of the Public Service District.

A second set of doors serving as a secure pass through will "help the flow of people" through there.

The onset of chilly weather in October also sparked discussion on heating solutions for the building. Gillespie noted that the commission would need to decide if the structure would use the old boiler for another year or install a modern system to heat different

areas of the building.

Annie Humes came to the meeting to share that she and Hayley Craig, social studies teacher at Pendleton County Middle/High School, had been working with eighth graders on an America 250 project centered around a time capsule. They were learning about heritage and historical memory before choosing items to place in the capsule. The Pendleton County Commission granted permission to place the time capsule in the

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Emergency Management, County Commission, Sheriff's Department Discuss LPR Cameras

By Stephen Smoot

In the first Pendleton County Commission meeting in October, Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, shared that he had received a substantial grant to pay for cameras that had the ability to read license plates of vehicles traveling on the highways

These cameras are not made by the Flock company, nor do they have the controversial enhanced abilities that have raised concerns. Those eyed by the office of emergency management could take an image of a license plate, but do not have the advanced artificial intelligence capabilities.

Gillespie had applied for the grant prior to the public outcry over stories of abuse of Flock camera information and wanted the commission and sheriff's department

both to weigh in on whether he should accept the grant or not.

The grant paid for four cameras originally, but Gillespie noted that during the course of time the price had gone up on the devices and the grant may not cover all four.

Josh Dempsey, chief deputy, shared that the "public outcry is overblown about it." The media has reported a number of scandals involving misuse of the advanced Flock camera capabilities, often by officers tracking vehicles of paramours. Dempsey argued that on one hand, law enforcement has a number of tools besides cameras that can be similarly abused.

Carl Hevener, commission president, suggested that those abusing such systems should face jail time in addition to fines.

"All of that needs to

be tightly controlled," he shared and got the agreement of commissioners and Gillespie. Dempsey added that West Virginia law prevents their use for traffic enforcement. Primary use would be to pursue criminals fleeing law enforcement, tracking down adults and children who had been abducted, and locating seniors suffering from dementia or similar conditions who may drive off and get lost.

The Town of Moorefield installed similar cameras on highways leading out of town. On multiple occasions, offenders escaping the Moorefield Police Department have been quickly caught by West Virginia State Police, Hardy County Sheriff's Department, and West Virginia Department of Transportation Police. One was a set of individuals from out of state going into banks to try and access

residents' bank accounts illegally. All were caught on Corridor H quickly.

The Moorefield Police Department, said Steven Riggleman, chief, explained that their "basic" Motorola cameras "capture a still photograph of the rear of the vehicle as it passes the camera." Riggleman explained that they have an "auditable" system that tracks exactly who conducts a search and for what on their system. He also shared that the cameras helped to capture a number of felons, including an armed robber.

He assured those in Moorefield last spring also that "the LPR system does not replace police work, investigations, witnesses, interviews, evidence collection, or probable cause. It provides another piece of information that may help establish where a particular vehicle was at a particular

time."

Dempsey added that Flock uses aggressive licensing fee regimes. They will offer large numbers of units for installation, then charge governments using them significant fees to keep them in operation. He concluded that "Flock is getting too big for their britches."

Commissioners passed a motion to approve obtaining and installing the cameras.



OBITUARIES



Nancy Louise (Smith) George

Nancy Louise (Smith) George, 80, of Petersburg passed away on Oct. 20, 2026 at Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg.

She was born on July 20, 1946, in Cabins and the daughter of the late George Eston Smith and Lona Belle (Landis) Smith.

Mrs. George was a 1964 graduate of Petersburg High School.

Her 30 years of dedicated service at the Prince William Water Authority reflected her strong work ethic and commitment.

Her life was a testament to the importance of love, loyalty and family. She will never be forgotten by those fortunate enough to have known her.

Her devoted husband of more than 50 years, Toney M. George, survives.

Also surviving are a son, Eric Scott George; a brother, Harold E. Smith; two granddaughters, Erica Grace George and Madison Faircloth; nephews and nieces, Paul Helmick, Tresea Helmick Adams, Derek Helmick, Laura Moir and Lynnette Smith; and a host of loving relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Wilda J. Helmick and Helen Elaine Soltzberg.

A funeral service was held Monday in the chapel of the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Tommy George and Rev. Ann W. Harrison officiating. Burial was at North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.





Loris M. Shreve

Loris M. Shreve, 91, of Upper Tract passed away Oct. 24, 2026, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg.

She was born Feb. 8, 1935, in Smoke Hole and was the daughter of the late Vernon Jefferson Kimble and Glona Lessie Alt Kimble.

Mrs. Shreve was a 1953 graduate of Franklin High School.

She, along with her husband, Alonzo Elwood Shreve, owned and operated Shreve's Store from 1957 - 2017.

She enjoyed yodeling, especially with the bands at the store on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. She produced a CD which she sold at the store and even had some Europeans come to purchase her CD. Tending her flowers was also a favorite pastime.

On Jan. 23, 1953, she married her husband, Alonzo Shreve, who preceded her in death on June 11, 2020.

Surviving are two daughters, Amy Shreve (Fred Mallow) of Upper Tract and Carolyn Shreve Ritter of Yulee, Florida; a son, Roy A. Shreve (Nancy) of Upper Tract; two brothers, Loyen Kimble (Shirley) of Augusta and Luther Kimble of Alexandria, Virginia; five grandchildren, Sharon Michael (Tyson), Barb Feaster, Garry Simmons, Doug Simmons, and Samuel Wood (Ryan); six great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Brittany, Jacqueline, Jacob, Haley and Madison; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death a brother, Ira Vernon Kimble, and six sisters, Iva Arvella Kimble Alt, Lessie Dorothy Kimble Weisenmiller, Willa Ardella Kimble Mowery, Patricia Kimble Groves, Naomi Kimble Malick and Vertie Kimble, an infant.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. today at the Shreve Family Cemetery with Pastor Mike Loudermilk officiating.

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

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

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Franklin Volunteer Fire Department

The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department is currently in the process of purchasing the community building from the Pendleton County Commission, but there are still a few steps to complete before everything is finalized.

Once the purchase is complete, our plan is to continue offering the building for rentals, just as it has been in the past. We know this space is important to our community, and we look forward to continuing to make it available for events and gatherings.

We hope to have the transition completed by January 1, 2027, and will share updated contact information once everything is finalized.

Until then, please continue to contact the County office at 304-358-7573 for all rental questions and reservations that are needed before the end of the year. If you would like us to pencil you in for events starting in 2027, please send request and information to FVFDRENTALS@GMAIL.COM and we will respond as soon as possible.

Thanks for your patience and support as we work through this process. We'll keep everyone updated as things move forward!



Terry Hedrick, 304-668-0336

President FVFD

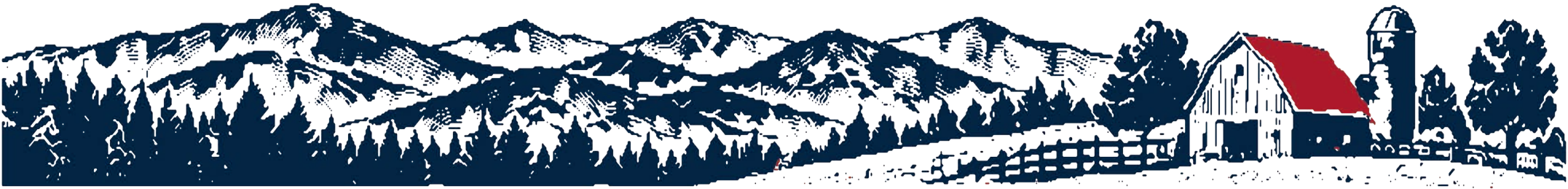
 Which Candidates Will Fight for You?	
Capito vs Anderson	
Iran war and fuel prices Shelley Moore Capito: While ackknowledging that the war in Iran has caused diesel and gas prices to increase and is hurting West Virginia, she opposed legislation that would have helped get the U.S. out of the war .	Rachel Fetty Anderson: In favor of ending the war, which is increasing fuel prices, and eliminating the tariffs that are spiking prices for West Virginians.
Healthcare and Medicaid Capito: Voted “Yes” on H.R. 1 (Trump’s “Big Beautiful Bill”). WV says some Medicaid members must prove 80 hours/month of work or approved activity to keep coverage, starting 2027.	Anderson: Will fight to protect Medicaid and TRICARE. She would make sure care is based on medical need, not insurance company profit.
Drug costs and family help Capito: Voted “No” on the Inflation Reduction Act (2022), which capped insulin at \$35/month and drug costs at \$2,000/year for Medicare beneficiaries. Voted “No” on the American Rescue Act (2021), which raised the Child Tax Credit to \$3,000 to \$3,600 (depending on child’s age).	Anderson: Will put children and families first. Will build stronger family safety nets and support for caregivers. Will work to keep SNAP, helping families eat and farmers stay afloat.
Water, Pollution, and Coal Country Capito: Supported getting rid of the Stream Protection Rule, which was meant to protect streams and drinking water near coal mines.	Anderson: Will work to fix Southern WV water crisis, in part by sending cleanup money to ready-to-go community projects and by holding polluters accountable for the damage they cause.
Local Control Capito: Voted “Yes” for the WV House Bill 2014, which removes local control of development of data centers and microgrids.	Anderson: Will fight the special treatment HB 2014 gives to huge data centers, will fight to allow communities to keep local control.
Miller vs George	
Healthcare and Medicaid Carol Miller: Voted “Yes” on H.R. 1 (Trump’s “Big Beautiful Bill”). WV says some Medicaid members must prove 80 hours/month of work or approved activity to keep coverage, starting 2027.	Vince George: Will fight to reverse harmful Medicaid cuts and make healthcare more affordable for West Virginians.
Food help and family costs Miller: Voted “Yes” on H. R. 1, which will cut SNAP.	George: Will fight to fully fund SNAP and will fight for higher wages, help with childcare, and improvements to rural transit.
Drug costs Miller: Voted “No” on the Inflation Reduction Act (2022), which capped insulin at \$35/month and drug costs at \$2,000/year for Medicare beneficiaries.	George: Will fight for lower health insurance and prescription drug costs so people don’t go broke getting care.
Hamilton vs Carpenter	
WV House Bill 2014 Hamilton: Voted “Yes” for the WV HB 2014, which removes local control of development of data centers and microgrids. Has stated that there will be more job opportunities with the passing of WV HB 2014.	Carpenter: HB 2014 is a DATA CENTER bill that removes local voice from big local decisions. It is an eminent domain land grab at WV ratepayer expense. Construction of the data centers will provide only short-term jobs, at a cost of significant environmental impact.
Campaign Funding, Term Limits Hamilton: Is funded by Political Action Committees (PACs).	Carpenter: Is funded through small individual donations, supports term limits and campaign finance reform.
Education Hamilton: Says he supports education.	Carpenter: The Republican legislature’s Hope Scholarship program is bankrupting public schools, which are the bedrock of a strong West Virginia.
Mallow vs Weirich	
Data Centers Les Mallow: Held a fundraiser with a data center representative.	Mandy Weirich: Supports local input on data center development (currently denied by Republican-passed HB 2014).
Public Schools Mallow: No position stated	Weirich: Supports fully funding public schools
Utilities Mallow: No position stated	Weirich: Will work to protect consumers from price hikes
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Pendleton County Triumphs in Home Tri-Match Over Pocahontas County, Union

By Stephen Smoot

Cooler weather and the changing of leaves have brought a change in fortunes for the Wildcats in October. After leaving behind the murderer's row of Class AAAA and AAA teams in September, Pendleton County is six and three in October, dropping games to Moorefield, Petersburg, and East Hardy while handling the other class A squads.

Thursday night, they entertained Pocahontas County and Union in a tri-match. This pits three teams against each other with victories coming in best two of three sets instead of three of five.

Competition opened with Pendleton County taking on the Pocahontas County Warriors. Kinsley Price got an early score to tie the game at one with a soft tap to the middle. Vaylee Harper then took the serve for the Wildcats. She sent over three aces to set the score at 4-1. Then she and Price played a two-man game. Price received the ball and sent it to Harper, who then set Price for a spike. Price not long after scored her own ace for an 8-3 lead.

Pendleton County ran away with the set early. The Warriors took the serve with an 11-5 score, but then Harper set up one of several

spikes from Tia Heavner.

The set ended with Price returning to the serve. An ace and a spike from Alyssa Bennett sealed the win, 25-9.

Set two started as set one ended. The Warriors had the serve, but a Harper spike scored the initial point.

That did not mean that Pendleton County built a big lead quickly. Pocahontas County hustled to keep up with the home team, even pulling ahead 4-3. From that point, the Wildcats outscored them 13 to two to take a commanding advantage. The set ended, 25-9, with a Heavner two hand block in the middle and a Price ace.

Union and Pendleton County's matchup capped the evening. Prior to the game, Bennett was honored as the lone senior in the lineup. Her many accomplishments in her career include leading the entire state in aces last season.

Colbie Wimer stood in to serve for the home team and started the set with an ace. Harper got the serve not long after and scored four aces after a Bennett spike. Then, leading 7-1, Bennett fired a spike. Three more aces moved the advantage to 10-1. Remington George next popped a ball in for another point.

Late in the first set, Phoebe Pownell took

over the serve and scored three aces in a row. Pendleton County won set one 25-8.

Union brought more to the second set. They did a better job of sustaining volleys and avoiding a storm of aces. Pendleton County also showed some fatigue in their fourth set of a long evening, making miscues that did not take place prior. The Wildcats and Tigers went back and forth early as the lead changed twice and the set tied five times.

Then the Wildcats got the serve up 10-9 and opened up a two-point advantage. Union came within one at 11-10, but started to fade after that. Bennett received the serve up 15-11 and scored two aces. Heavner then scored twice on a tap. Then a spike was set to her by Harper.

Late in the set, Heavner scored two aces to put the score at 24-13. A Union miscue ended the game at 25-14.

Monday, the Wildcats played their last regular season game at Elkins. The Tigers had three wins against 20 losses and two ties on the year. Wins came against North Marion and Tucker County.

Regional play began Wednesday with Pendleton hosting Union. If the Wildcats win, on Nov. 4 at home they will face the winner of the Tucker County and Pocahontas County match.



Alyssa Bennett fires one of several spikes during matches with Pocahontas and Union. Her senior leadership and dedication was honored during last Thursday's tri-match. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

Wildcats' Valley Campaign Topples Generals 40-8

By Stephen Smoot

Stonewall Jackson High School proudly bears the name of a man considered a hero in both Virginia and West Virginia. Last Friday, however, Pendleton County made the school look less like the august gentleman from Jackson's Mills and more like the hapless Braxton Bragg.

The home team's game plan went out the window from the opening kickoff. Travis Owens, among everything else that he brings to the team, has developed the skill of arcing kickoffs into the no-man's-land between the 35- and 45-yard lines. He dropped such a kick on the left sideline at the 32 where his own team gathered up the unclaimed ball. Mason Miller then trotted his offense out onto the field at the 29 of Stonewall Jackson. He put the ball in the hands of Cayson Armstrong, who followed a bulldozer named Wyatt Hoyt to the six-yard line. On the very next play, Hoyt led the way again as Armstrong breached the endzone with a little more than 30 seconds gone in the game.

The Wildcats then kicked off with a 6-0 lead. The ball went to the 30 again. This time the home team secured the ball, but committed a personal foul that backed them up to their own 12.

The Generals worked to establish the run against the Wildcats. Their first attempt went right, but Owens and Spencer Hartman combined on the stop. Hartman brought down a ball carrier 11 times in the game to lead the team. After the Generals picked up a first down at their 25, they seemed to stall. Noah Lockard got a key stop on third and seven to set up a fourth and two, but the Generals converted and kept possession.

The early gamble helped them to get to their own 33, but no farther. Defensive stops and a penalty shuffled them back to the 25. On fourth and 15 from their 25, they punted to the Wildcat 39.

On second down and nine, Miller swung a pass wide right to Owens at the line of scrimmage. Britton Lough legally screened off the defender as Owens stiff-armed a would-be tackler. From there, he shot up the right sideline, not stopping until he had doubled the visiting team's score. A 60-yard touchdown pass and an Owens extra point set the score at 13-0.

On the kickoff, David Noble dropped the kick returner at the 20. Noble and Lough also stopped the first down play for no gain. Two plays later, Sam Eason was not fooled by a screen pass, tackling the receiver for a gain of one. Stonewall Jackson with 2:37 left in the first quarter punted the ball deep to the

Pendleton County 29.

A few plays into the drive on second and 14 at the Wildcat 35, Cameron Wyatt took a jet sweep to nearly midfield. On third and two, Miller gave the ball to Armstrong. Stonewall Jackson had called the right play, a run blitz up the middle that went unblocked. Armstrong side-stepped the blitz and accelerated through the hole left there. He took the ball to the home team's 37. Miller then found Lough for a short pass that the receiver turned into a 37-yard touchdown with less than a minute remaining in the first.

Noah Kobetic dropped the kick returner at the 35, almost catching him as he dangerously bobbed the reception. Stonewall Jackson got as far as their own 41 and tried to convert a fourth and two. Malcolm Smith hustled upfield to combine with Hartman on a stop for a loss of one and possession of the football. Stonewall Jackson stopped Pendleton County on their first two downs, forcing a third and 10. Miller's cadence then pulled the defense offside. On third and five, the Wildcats ran a jet sweep action from left to right. Instead of shoveling the ball to Wyatt again, Miller wheeled and hit Lough in stride. He took the ball to the 10.

A few plays later, Miller lined a pass to Owens at the five. Owens sprinted into the endzone, dove in to avoid the defense, and the ball popped out as he hit the ground. Officials could come to no conclusion on the play and made both sides replay the down. The call proved important in leading to the Wildcat drive stalling at the five. There, the Generals got the ball. They moved it two yards to set up third and eight. Stonewall Jackson's quarterback dropped to pass, but could not escape Albert Ramos-Rivera charging in to make the stop with assistance from Noble. A heavy rush forced an angled punt that went only 30 yards.

With 5:23 left in the first half, Miller set the offense. Stonewall Jackson's defense pushed them back five yards to the 41. On third and 14, Miller rolled right and looked right. Even before the ball hit Owens' hands, one could hear an audible groan from the home team sideline. He made it to the 27. There, Miller launched a pass to Lough running a post pattern. Armstrong had motioned out of the formation before the snap, ensuring that one man would be uncovered. That man caught the pass and scored the touchdown. With 4:30 in the half, Pendleton County took a 25-0 advantage.

Stonewall Jackson had the ball for one play before Owens picked off a pass and took it to near midfield. The Wildcats took the ball to the Generals 32, but no further.

Pendleton County had every reason to come out full of fire in the third quarter of a game

where the home team had shown no life thus far. Last season in Franklin, Zac Smith, head coach, applied mercy in the third quarter when he pulled his starters. The Generals found some momentum and rattled off some scores before the Wildcats restored order. The Generals certainly remembered that as well.

From their own 40, Armstrong bounced off a blocker in the backfield, then followed a wall of linemen up field to the Generals' 45 for 15 of his 76 yards on 15 carries. A few plays later, Cameron Wyatt took a pass across the middle running from his left to his right, then straightened the run out and found the endzone. Owens led the team on for the conversion and scored from the Wildcat formation to put the score at 32-0.

Stonewall Jackson found room to operate on their next drive. They took the ball to the Wildcat 28 and ran a play action pass. Jonah See's hustle stopped the play at the seven, preventing the touchdown. On first and goal, the Generals tried a run. Once again Ramos-Rivera came up with a big play. His textbook form tackle wrapped the thighs of the runner. His legs kept churning, driving the ballcarrier back for a loss. Defensive stops and penalties pushed the offense back to the 20 where they

turned the ball over on downs.

The home team put up a touchdown with about six minutes left in the game. Wyatt Haynes came in at running back and immediately ran the ball 18 yards to the Generals' 37. A few plays later on third down, Miller threw a deep slant to Cayden Hensley who reached the home team's 20. At the two-minute point, the Wildcats had fourth and six at the 21, but ran a low percentage play for the situation. Haynes took the ball straight ahead, followed See's block, and put the exclamation point on the score for his team. The final score was 40-8.

Weston Boyer and Tanner Hedrick each had stops on the final drive that helped keep the score there. Bryce Propst launched the final kickoff.

Miller was 16 for 26 for 327 yards. Owens had four catches for 102, Wyatt four for 81, Lough six for 125, See one for six and Hensley one for 13.

Friday, the Wildcats travel to the bright lights of Alexandria, Virginia, to contend with the Thomas Jefferson Science and Technology School. They have a one and five record on the year, but their student population would make them a Class AAAA school in West Virginia. They lost to Stonewall Jackson 30-14.

Slusher Scramble Subsidizes Scholarship for PCHS Senior



Team Thompson, composed of, from left, Bub Simmons, Johnny Thompson, Jake Thompson, and Chris Thompson, placed first at the annual Slusher Scramble.

The annual Slusher Scramble was held Sept 20 during the Treasure Mountain Festival at the Fisher Mountain Golf Club. In spite of some intermittent drizzle, the day was perfect and warm with a nice breeze, and the course was perfect for competitive play.

The winner was Team Thompson, sponsored by T&K Markets. Second place went to Team Moose of Franklin, and coming in third was Team Boccock from Harrisonburg, Virginia.

The proceeds of the tournament add to the fund of the Leo Slusher Award, which provides a generous and increasing scholarship to a Pendleton County High School senior. The award focuses on athletic participation, sportsmanship and community service, which were the outstanding character attributes of Leo Slusher. He gave back to the Franklin community through the high school Sports Booster Club, the many concession stands for all athletic events both school and community, the Treasure Mountain Festival

committee, the Ruritan Club, the Lions Club, Brandywine Christian Church, Relay for Life, and others. He is greatly remembered for his famous hot dogs and his gold tooth smile.

The Leo Slusher Award

was established to celebrate a graduating senior who embodies these characteristics and has future life goals in place. Applications are open in January with the presentation at the PCHS Awards Ceremony in May.

Wildcat Volleyball Senior Recognized



Pendleton County Wildcat volleyball senior, Alyssa Bennett, played her last regular season game at home Oct. 22. She was honored prior to the school's match against Union and was escorted by her mom, Megan Hiner, her father, Stacy Bennett, and her brother, Blake Bennett. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

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Annual ‘When I Grow Up’ Essay Contest Announced

Larry Pack, state treasurer, visited Sophia Christian Academy in Raleigh County to announce the 20th annual statewide 2026-2027 SMART529 “When I Grow Up” student and teacher essay contest.

“For 20 years, the ‘When I Grow Up’ essay contest has encouraged West Virginia students to dream big and begin thinking about possibilities for their future,” Pack said. “It’s inspiring to see young students share their goals and creativity, and we’re proud that SMART529 can help families start conversations about education, careers, and planning for what comes next. I encourage students across the state to apply and share with us what they hope to be when they grow up.”

The essay contest allows students to submit, in 200 words or less, an essay that explains what they want to be when they grow up. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and the importance of post-secondary education.

Kindergarten through fifth-grade students have the chance to win up to \$5,000 in SMART529 savings for higher education and a \$500 cash prize for their school. Teachers, school counselors, and librarians of grades kindergarten through fifth have the opportunity to win a \$2,500 cash prize.

This past year, nearly 2,300 students from across the state participated in the contest, working with their families and educators to discover job pathways that spark their interests and can lead them to a fulfilling future career.

Students who enter the contest will also have the chance to win cash prizes for their schools. Essay entries will be judged among five regions in three age groups (K-1, 2-3, 4-5), making for a total of 15 regional winners.

Hedrick-Wimer Clan Gathers for Reunion

The Harrison and Ida Frances Wimer Hedrick reunion was held Sept. 13 at Ruddle Park. The weather was tolerable, as the folks used to say.

Everyone had a wonderful time telling stories on one another. It was such a special time to relax and enjoy family and God’s beautiful landscape. The food was very good and plentiful. Everyone left nourished.

Those unable to attend were lifted in a special prayer by Linda Wimer.

Those attending were Austen and Dianne Whetzel, Charles and Jennifer Armentrout, Mary Virginia Armentrout, Macie Dahmer, Mary Hedrick, Bruce Smith, Brian and Danita Kreeger, Allen and Eilen Dove, Larry and Linda Wimer, Wanda J. Hedrick, Dick and Patricia Rexrode, Susie Harold, Connie and Mark Senger, Nora Morgan and Loretta H. Crider.

It is hoped that next year more will join for the reunion on Sept. 12, 2027, at 1 p.m. The family would like for one to come.

The regional breakdown is as follows: Region I – Beckley/Bluefield area; Region II – Charleston/Huntington area; Region III – Clarksburg/Weston area; Region IV – Martinsburg area; and Region V – Wheeling area.

The 15 winners will be awarded \$500 invested into SMART529 college savings accounts. Out of the regional winners, one grand prize winner will be randomly selected to receive a total of \$5,000 toward a SMART529 account during an awards ceremony at the University of Charleston on March 19, 2027. Each winner’s school will

Medicaid Changes Are Coming

The Times:

Last week, I attended a meeting convened for community partners and nonprofits preparing for the 2027 Medicaid changes. These changes will occur during January of the new year, changes written into the Republicans’ “Big Beautiful Bill” which became law July 4, 2025, making significant changes to West Virginia Medicaid. Changes to the SNAP nutrition program for children are already underway.

The bill also includes several major changes and restrictions affecting the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace subsidies, while failing to extend the temporary enhanced ACA subsidies. Health insurance companies have already responded to this legislation by significantly increasing premiums.

These reductions in health insurance and food access for many families and children will come at the peak of the winter flu season. It is critically important for the many West Virginia families who rely on Medicaid and SNAP to learn now how they will navigate the new requirements.

also receive a \$500 cash award.

Entry forms for both students and teachers are available at www.SMART529.com. In addition, entry forms will be available at elementary schools throughout the state. The deadline for entry forms and essay submissions is Dec. 11.

SMART529 is a qualified tuition program issued by the board of trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs and administered by Hartford Funds. Complete information about SMART529 plans and investment options is available at www.SMART529.com.

Most people who will lose their health insurance coverage and their SNAP benefits will not lose it because they are ineligible, but because they are not informed how (or neglect) to do the significant amount of paperwork required to maintain their coverage for these programs.

In order to be prepared to take steps to maintain healthcare insurance and SNAP benefits, there are several points for assistance here in Franklin, as well as online and by phone. A few are as follows:

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Healthy families and well-nourished children are critical to a vibrant, thriving West Virginia. Let’s not be stopped by this pile of new government regulations and paperwork.

J. King Seegar, MD

Deer Harvest Anticipated To Be Higher

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced that hunters preparing for fall seasons may now consult the 2026 Hunting Outlook and Mast Survey, which details the abundance of wild fruits and nuts produced by 18 species of trees and shrubs and forecasts game harvests for the coming year.

According to the survey, the mast index is 14 percent below the statewide long-term average and 16 percent below 2025.

“Overall hard mast production, especially red oak and black oak, is down this year and is expected to be less abundant across the state,” said Avery Echevarria, mast survey project leader for the WVDNR’s wildlife resources section. “Soft mast production was mixed. It was above the 2025 production level but slightly below the long-term average.”

When mast is less abundant, big game tend to move more, making them easier for hunters to locate. However, the increase in soft mast may mitigate this somewhat.

Because mast production influences wildlife behavior, harvests for white-tailed deer and raccoon should be higher

in 2026. According to the survey, the black bear harvest is predicted to be higher for archery hunters but slightly lower during firearms season. Compared to 2025, hunters should see similar harvests for wild turkey and ruffed grouse in 2026. Wild boar harvest is expected to be lower, and gray and fox squirrel harvest is expected to be higher.

“Every hunting season in West Virginia comes with unique opportunities and challenges, so I encourage folks to use this report to their advantage, plan accordingly and enjoy a great hunting season this fall,” said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director.

The survey, which is conducted by active and retired staff from the WVDNR’s wildlife resources section and West Virginia Division of Forestry, may be downloaded at WVdnr.gov/mast-survey.

All hunters 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license and valid form of identification while hunting, which can be purchased at license agents across the state or online at WVhunt.com.

Our Sincere Thanks

Thank you for all the kind words and support during this difficult time. We also want to thank Kimble Funeral Home, Hal Hevener for officiating, Pendleton Lodge # 144 A.F. & A.M and U.S. Air Force Honor Guard for the graveside service.

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PCB Names Arbaugh Chief Business Development Officer

Pendleton CommunityBank has announced the promotions of Sheldon Arbaugh to executive vice president and chief business development officer.

Arbaugh brings 31 years of experience with PCB to his new role. He joined the bank in 1995 and has held various positions spanning retail banking, lending, credit, market leadership and executive management. Most recently, he served as executive vice president and West Virginia Area executive, providing strategic leadership across PCB's West Virginia markets and overseeing efforts to grow both lending and deposit relationships.

As chief business development officer, he will provide direction across West Virginia and Virginia, working with market leaders to support business growth and strengthen customer and community relationships.

"Sheldon represents the very best of community banking leadership," said Neil Hayslett, chief executive officer of PCB. "He understands that growth begins with strong relationships with our customers, our team members, and our communities. His 31 years with PCB have given him a unique perspective on our organization and the markets we serve. His experience will be invaluable as we continue building on our foundation for the future."

"Sheldon's career is a great example of what it

means to grow alongside a community bank," said Jonah Pence, president of PCB. "He has developed a tremendous understanding of our customers, our markets and our people. His ability to connect strategic growth with the relationships that drive our business makes him the right leader to help move our business development efforts forward."

Beyond his leadership at PCB, Arbaugh has a long history of service to West Virginia's banking and education communities. He has served on the board of governors of Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College since 2018, currently as chairperson, and on the board of trustees and as a faculty member of the West Virginia School of Banking since 2002. He has also held leadership roles with the Hardy County Chamber of Commerce and numerous community organizations.

"I've had the privilege of growing up professionally at PCB, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to help lead our business development efforts," said Arbaugh. "What has remained constant throughout my career is the importance of relationships. Our customers trust us with their businesses, their families, and their futures, and our communities count on us to be there when it matters. I'm excited to build on that foundation and help PCB continue to grow while remaining true to who we are."



Sheldon Arbaugh

Leonhardt Calls for Balance Between New Development and Farmland Protection

By Kent A. Leonhardt, West Virginia
Commissioner of Agriculture

As commissioner of agriculture, I recognize the importance of economic development and respect the rights of private landowners to make decisions about how their property is used. However,

we must also recognize that West Virginia's productive farmland is a valuable and limited resource that will become increasingly important as we work to feed a growing population.

When it comes to data centers and other large-scale developments, I strongly encourage developers to consider land that is less suitable for agricultural production. We should not be cutting ourselves short on the prospect of agricultural economic development by taking farmland out of production.

That same consideration for our land must extend to proposed power transmission lines. I understand there are economic benefits for participating landowners. However, transparency throughout the entire process is essential. Landowners deserve clear, accurate information about how these projects will impact their property, farming operations and long-term land use.

Every effort should be made to protect farmland and minimize the disruption of agricultural operations. Whenever possible, new transmission lines should follow existing utility corridors or rights-of-way rather than cutting through productive farmland. Landowners whose properties are impacted should also receive fair and just compensation. That should include considering ongoing annual payments since the transmission lines will use their land for many years.

Balancing economic development with the preservation of our agricultural land is not always easy. But with open communication, thoughtful planning and a willingness to work together, I believe we can create opportunities for economic growth while protecting the farmland that remains so vital to West Virginia's future.

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ground at the courthouse on Oct. 30 at 12:30 p.m. Humes noted they would have to bury the capsule two feet or more so it escapes the freeze-thaw cycle.

Darren Taylor provided a report on the South Branch Day Report Center, which operates from offices in Pendleton, Hardy, and Hampshire counties, following the three counties' judicial circuit. Programs create an alternative to incarceration that benefits those trying to pay their debt to society while also taking steps to improve skills, behavioral patterns, communication, and other aspects of life to prevent recidivism. Day Report also helps counties to keep their regional jail bills lower.

"It's been a very busy year for us," Taylor shared.

Part of that has come through grants awarded during the past year. A major award came on Dec. 23, 2025, from the West Virginia First Foundation through the Momentum Initiative Grant. This initiative came from the board of directors of WVFF and is described as "a landmark opioid abatement investment" that "reflects a revolutionary, nationally distinctive model for stewarding settlement dollars."

WVFF directs the distribution of awards from opioid settlement funds that came through a successful lawsuit by Patrick Morrissey during his tenure as West Virginia Attorney General.

Parameters for awards were set after a "structured multi-step approach." It used input from local and state level experts and stakeholders, as well as "neutral and objective data-driven specialists." Although the award came through the Hampshire County Commission, it covers programming in all three counties. The \$250,000 award will go towards setting up a juvenile services division for the Day Report Center that would serve 12-to-17-year old offenders. Taylor called it "a new opportunity to serve young people." Taylor shared that the center held a "soft launch" in July with the program fully underway by Sept. 1.

A total of 15 clients came on to take part in the juvenile program from all three counties in the service area. South Branch Day Report also accepted clients from counties lacking similar juvenile programs, such as Ohio and Mineral. Just as the adult program, offenders have the obligation to take part in accountability-based trainings to build life skills, modify behavior, and help each find a different path in life away from crime.

New staff members have come on to

help with case management and other needs while personnel in place, including Taylor, have pursued additional degrees and certifications to offer more services at the center. That "provides a higher level of care that the staff can give," he added. Taylor also reported that Day Report moved its Pendleton County facility into the General Services Building.

"We appreciate all you do," said Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president. He added that "it seems like for every dollar you get, you find a dollar and a half."

Mike Alt, training officer for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, shared that calls for October had been "busier than normal." One problem he identified was that "the National Forest is starting to tax our resources." Turning to another resource question, he noted that the State remains fickle on whether or not it will fund the legally established EMS Salary Enhancement Fund.

The Pendleton County Commission filled in the gap left by the cessation of salary enhancement funding in 2025 and has covered the cost of higher stipends for EMS workers. These have resulted in improved response times. Hevener shared that they had budgeted for it. Alt responded that the need lay "somewhere in the neighborhood of \$185,000." He asked that if the commission could not cover the entire expense that "we need to know before it runs dry."

Alt noted that this time, the "hold up" seemed to be in the West Virginia Treasurer's Office.

Josh Dempsey, Pendleton County Sheriff's Department chief deputy, came to represent his agency and spoke first about parking. At the request of the department, the Town of Franklin allowed for a specified number of feet on Chestnut Street to be marked off as law enforcement parking. This enhances the safety of prisoners and their guards during transfers by parking them by the secured door to the basement. Dempsey said they "won't be draconian" about enforcement at first as residents got used to the new rules.

Hevener also asked about the progress of the installation of next generation rain gauges. Gillespie explained that these use GPS, as opposed to the older models in place that float on the river surface. The new gauges can provide more information sooner on the rise of rivers and streams in heavy precipitation. One has been installed at Seneca Rocks and is working well, but the rest are still awaiting placement.

Moore and First Energy Support Data Centers Bearing Cost of Power Infrastructure

By Stephen Smoot

United States Representative Riley Moore has put his support behind a congressional bill known as the Ratepayer Protection Act. This comes on the heels of PJM Interconnection and other grid infrastructure entities strongly urging that companies constructing large load data centers pay the cost of the expanded infrastructure needed to serve power needs everywhere.

A major issue lies in the capacity and age of the grid of transmission lines connecting power plants and other electricity generation facilities to residential, commercial, government, and other users.

Transmission infrastructure was built well over capacity by the 1980s and has not expanded much since. During the past 40 years, residential electric demand has risen sharply. Most homes and many schools lacked air conditioning units as late as the 1980s. Similarly, high capacity personal computers and smart television sets have driven demand higher as well.

Many of the towers also have reached advanced age. In a government affairs update from the West Virginia Farm Bureau recently, Dwayne O'Dell shared an example of too many towers in the Kanawha Valley region that date back to the World War II era. With one of the most productive coal-fired power plants anywhere on Earth in the Kanawha Valley, the reliability of towers there is paramount for the entire PJM Interconnection system.

On the commercial side, significant growth in manufacturing in the United States in recent years paired with the emergence of large load data centers and crypto currency facilities has pushed grid capacity to shrinking margins of error. The PJM Interconnection system, which includes West Virginia, its surrounding states, and others west to the Mississippi River, could see peak capacity shutdowns by 2030 if power generation and transmission capacity does not expand rapidly.

With data centers generating revenues analogous to power consumption, many feel they can handle the burden of paying for their capacity needs.

A release by Moore stated that the bill, if passed, will "require state public utility commissions to consider standards ensuring that large data centers pay the full incremental costs associated with generation, transmission, and distribution upgrades needed to serve their electricity demand."

He added that "West Virginia families and American taxpayers should not be forced to foot the bill for massive data centers, and the enormous potential demands they place on our power grid." The legislation would maintain "state and local control over data center projects while ensuring that hardworking Americans are not asked to pay for hundreds

of millions of dollars in new generation, transmission, or distribution infrastructure costs. That cost should always be on the companies."

This comes at the same time as the Trump Administration is pushing for data center construction, but also tighter standards for handling data center and crypto large loads in the transmission system. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ordered the North American Electric Reliability Corporation to develop regulatory standards for these loads and mitigate their effects on the grid.

Also, according to the trade publication Grid Brief, First Energy has proposed to FERC that data centers "pay for transmission upgrades needed to bring them online, rather than spreading those costs across existing customers." It grafts a policy from the natural gas industry "where new customers can pay incremental rates for new infrastructure instead of asking legacy customers to finance the expansion."

Furthermore, "under First Energy's plan, data centers would sign 15-year contracts, provide collateral, pay the normal zonal transmission rate for the existing system, and then pay an additional expansion rate for new facilities built because of them."

That said, the trend seems to be moving away from major data center facilities relying on the grid. West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrissey backed legislation to allow microgrid on site production for major consumers. A microgrid could generate power in a variety of ways from nuclear to solar. State measures also included using three percent of tax revenues collected from data centers to help to build and maintain the grid.

According to Utility Dive, a trade publication, "about a third of all U.S. data centers are expected to run entirely using onsite power by 2030." An industry survey showed that 61 percent of the time a company would build its own source of power rather than relying on a bottlenecked grid.

PJM Interconnection last month also introduced proposals to mitigate the burdens placed by data centers on the grid. It will create a "large load registry" of customers typically using 50 megawatts or more of power. Government officials would have access to this list. This allows for more effective peak demand period planning in allocating power.

Additionally, PJM proposes that during peak demand periods that they be permitted to establish "a new emergency procedure (that) would notify utilities to reduce or transfer the electricity demand from new large load customers ahead of any action that would shut off traditional consumers, including residential consumers."

During such periods, large load data centers and other facilities would have to rely on their own generators or other resources to sustain them until PJM could allow their safe reconnection to the grid.

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Regional Officials Discuss Infrastructure And Opportunity with State Treasurer Pack

By Stephen Smoot

Last month, Larry Pack, West Virginia state treasurer, came to the Potomac Highlands. He toured the Dominion facility at Mount Storm, met with the Hardy County Public Service District, and took in an arts presentation in Lost City. Midway through the day, Pack met with Hardy and Grant county officials at the Grant County Courthouse

Joining him were Melissa Earle, Region 8 Economic Development and Planning Council executive director Delegate John Paul Hott, Kevin Hagerty and Scott Miley from the Grant County Commission, Steven Schetrom, Hardy County Commission president, Roger Leatherman, Mineral County Commission president, and others.

Statewide, more attention has come to aging water and sewer systems as communities in some parts of the state have lost paying customers whose rates support maintenance and repairs. Public water systems also differ widely in how soundly they manage their systems and finances.

Pack addressed the sometimes delicate balance that public water systems must tread. While systems need maintenance and outlying areas want expansion of service, at the same time systems “don’t want to charge my 88-year-old grandmother more.”

He explained the issue in terms of the human decency of those making the decisions rather than in terms of negligence. “It’s human nature to not want to raise rates (but) maintenance comes from payment of those rates,” he said. Many systems find themselves in trouble when they avoid raising water and sewer charges gradually over time to meet rising costs of keeping a system running properly while also meeting environmental mandates, especially in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Systems that put off the rate hikes too long end up having to impose massive hikes every several years than easier-to-manage small increases annually or every two years. Pack shared that many southern West Virginia communities had to go to small regular increases.

Municipal systems also have to prepare for the unexpected, such as when plastic pipe seen as top of the line in the 1990s was installed in Franklin’s system. Three decades into service, crews have found the piping less reliable than advertised and must address frequent problems from that part of the system.

Hagerty noted that “we have a pretty expensive system. It’s 50 or 60 years old now (and) it’s extremely expensive.” Miley noted that the PSD has an excellent relationship with the Town of Petersburg water system, but also stated that served as the sole source. He added that the system was basically in good shape, but “has some age on it.”

The discussion then turned to an issue that Region 8 has incorporated into their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy planning and updating for many years. Schetrom told the state treasurer, “We need more housing.”

Hagerty has worked as a real estate appraiser in Maryland and also West Virginia. He explained that the COVID pandemic opened up significant interest among those living in Mid Atlantic urban areas to

buy second homes in West Virginia. At the time, they served as safe remote work locations, then became vacation homes.

With affluent buyers able to pay more, the price of single family housing increased substantially. Home prices pegged more to markets to the east, such as the Shenandoah Valley, rather than to the less pricey counties to the west of the Potomac Highlands.

Schetrom described what he called “the gap of affordability.” He explained that local middle class residents, from professionals to those earning good manufacturing wages, can afford up to about \$180,000. He went on to relate that the median price in the area for even substandard housing was closer to \$220,000, creating a \$40,000 affordability gap. He shared that he was pushing for public and private partnerships to come up with solutions.

Additionally, rental properties have increasingly gone to employees of Pilgrims, both native and foreign-born. With the company providing rental assistance, the price of units has increased dramatically during the past decade. Pilgrims also addressed the issue themselves by constructing large apartment buildings near their complex in Moorefield.

Related to the problem of a shortage of housing is a shortage of those who build and maintain them, tradesmen. Miley shared that those willing to pay more out of state and also in vacation areas such as Tucker County, mean that residents in other areas must take a backseat and wait for carpenters, masons, electricians, or others.

Leatherman and Miley both noted that the shortage of trades workers creates an excellent opportunity for young people. The latter commissioner said, “The Wall Street Journal reported that America’s next millionaires will be tradesmen because they are in such high demand.”

Earle then shared information gathered during their workforce roundtable held in Moorefield the previous week. Economic development officials met with representatives from South Branch Technical School, Mineral County Technical School, Hampshire High School, and Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. They discussed the same topic, a dearth of tradesmen and how to connect students in those fields with employment and business opportunities after graduation.

She noted that labor laws hamstring trades education significantly by limiting how minors can be paid to work in an industrial or construction setting. Some of the laws date back to Industrial Revolution era exploitation of child labor, but such conditions disappeared long ago in the United States. “They need to change the laws to allow a 16-year-old to get paid” by an industrial or construction internship or apprenticeship.

Pack then reminisced about one of his teenage jobs, working in a sawmill at the ages of 16 and 17. “There was no OSHA,” he said.

He shared a program launched in Cabell County. Voters approved a bond levy to create a new kind of technical school for West Virginia. Students go there instead of to a traditional high school all day. Teachers instruct in all required topics, but students lose no travel time going back and forth to a school.



*Public Service
Commission
Chairman
Charlotte Lane’s
Column*



Recent Electric Rate Case Explained

By Charlotte Lane, Public Service Commission chairman

The Public Service Commission’s recent ruling in an electric company case was an innovative approach believed to save ratepayers money, although a rate increase was granted.

Instead of fully litigating a proposed \$188.4 million rate request, the commission decided to allow two moderate adjustments.

In doing so, it introduced into the ratemaking process what is called the “adjustment approach,” or AA, for short.

Without belaboring the details, suffice it to say that major utilities fairly regularly petition the commission for general rate increases. These are large, multi-faceted cases that involve lots of money and time, and higher rates.

In this case, the companies wanted what would have amounted to a 13 percent monthly increase in customer bills.

But by using the AA, it limited the increase impact to a total of 4.25 percent and spread those increases over two years instead of it being applied all at once,

Additionally, in this approach, the companies agreed not to file an overall rate increase case before April 1, 2028.

Even if that is filed, this action means that these customers will not feel another rate increase until at least February 2029.

In effect, the commission agreed to allow the companies to have an inflation-based adjustment in their rates based on \$1 billion they had made in investments in the state since 2022.

The companies argued they needed the \$188 million to recover a number of costs and to account for inflation. While they would not have gotten all they asked for had the commission fully litigated these issues, the commission believes they would have been able to justify a substantial portion of that cost.

So, the commission settled on this approach instead. It recognizes that the companies are entitled to some recovery. But the primary aim was to ease the impact of this rate increase on the ratepayers.

The commission recognized in its ruling that this is a temporary measure based on the current circumstances.

This reduces what could have been the impact of the fully litigated case. It moderates the magnitude of future rate cases. It allows the companies a timely recovery of reasonable costs while encouraging them to control costs.

Lane believes it is worthwhile to quote from the decision, which sums up the commission’s thinking:

“This is a reasonable and worthwhile rate experiment. At a time when costs keep increasing, thereby causing rates to increase, we are trying to find new ways to establish rates for the companies that are reasonable and not discriminatory, that help the customers, and that do not require a base rate case every year or year and a half. It is a daunting effort, but we must try.”

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One Final Message to Our County

Throughout this campaign, I’ve shared who I am, where I come from and what I stand for. I am a hardworking family man, husband and business owner who believes in honesty, integrity and doing what’s right. I’ve spent my life standing behind my word, helping others and being someone people can depend on. I believe our county is ready for a change. Change that brings fresh ideas, new perspectives, accountability and a renewed commitment to the people who call this county home. I am ready to take on the responsibility of serving on the County Commission. I understand that this position requires hard work, dedication and the willingness to listen and make difficult decisions. These are responsibilities I do not take lightly. My commitment to this community did not begin with this campaign and it will not end with this election. I will continue to be involved, support our local schools and community and do my part to make our county a better place for everyone. To those who have supported me, encouraged me and shared their concerns throughout this campaign, I sincerely thank you. Your kindness and trust mean more than words can express.



As Election Day approaches, I encourage everyone to get out and vote. Your VOICE matters and your VOTE matters.

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NATIONAL TICKET	LES MALLOW REP Elkins Randolph Co.	Summary of Purpose: This amendment provides that in all elections held in West Virginia only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state are qualified to vote.
FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)	MANDY WEIRICH DEM Elkins Randolph Co.	
SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO REP Charleston Kanawha Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN	Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".
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We, Charlotte Thompson, Wendy Gilbert-Putz and Elise M. White, ballot commissioners of Pendleton County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete Official List of Candidates to be voted at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026 as the same was prepared from the certified list furnished by the Secretary of State and the Official List of Candidates.

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- The original purpose of bobbing for apples on Halloween was fortune-telling to predict future marriage.

FHS Classmates of '81 Attend Reunion



The FHS Class of 1981 held its 45th reunion on Sept. 19 at the Franklin Ruritan Building. A delicious meal was catered by classmate, Jodie (Propst) Gardner and her husband, Rich. Twenty-five classmates and their guests enjoyed an evening of fellowship and reminiscing. Classmates attending were, from left, seated, Kevin Rexrode, Robin (Propst) Kile, Shelia (Alexander) Propst, Dianne (Wright) Nibblins, Cathy (Wilkinson) Soenksen, Jodie (Propst) Gardner and Tammie (Kile) Coyle; and standing, Eric Glover, Greg Moyers, Mark Eye, C.J. Eckard, Janet (Bowers) Roberson, James Alt, Peggy (McLaughlin) Davis, Mark Hevener, Carol Ann Waggy-Baker, Jay Mallow, Ricky Kimble, Melody Jones, Tom Landis, Sandy (Dunkle) Trushel, Danny Kesner, Jim Anderson, Chip Harper and Gary Nesselrodt.

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A Pendleton County Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College nursing student was awarded a \$500 scholarship Sept. 9 by Jeff Fraley, director of nursing education for 40 & 8 Voiture 1623.

Christopher Conger was one of four students receiving the scholarship. The students were first-time re-

ipients of the scholarship, as the Fall 2026 semester marked the start of a new nursing cohort.

“I appreciate the opportunity that the 40 and 8 Scholarship provides and am grateful to their

organization for helping facilitate the education of the next generation of nurses,” said Conger. “I’m excited to get to work with the organization further at their upcoming sandwich sale, and to learn more about the organization and its members.”

The 40 & 8 was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France after World War I. In 1955, the organization began supporting nursing education. Voiture 1623 of the 40 & 8, based in Moorefield, has been a longtime advocate and supporter of Eastern’s nursing students through this scholarship program.

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SGR424A

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