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Pennsboro Wants To Use Water Money For Other Improvements

By Debbie Frederick

Pennsboro has been selling water from its reservoir to oil and gas drilling companies for several years now and have accumulated over \$450,000. The mayor wants to move \$300,000 of that to other city accounts to use for various things besides Water Account items.

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Power Company Wants Customers To Pay For Vegetation Control

The state Public Service Commission ordered MonPower to initiate a vegetation control plan in 2013 to keep right-of-ways clear. As a result,, almost 2 million trees have been trimmed and 400,000 more trees removed along 7,000 miles of electric lines. Now they want customers to pay for it.

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Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month Highlighted By Jack Rollins Journey

By Debbie Frederick

September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month, and Jack Rollins, 4, of Jane Lew, puts a face and a name to that cancer awareness as he fights Neuroblastoma Cancer. A Facebook page follows his journey and offers ways to encourage him.

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- 09.03.15**
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Pluggers know the back-to-school list gets more overwhelming every year.



"THEY'RE PLAYING 'LITTLE PINK BOCK!'"



After I bought all this stuff, I realized I'm more of a word person!



Pennsboro Wants To Use Water Money For Other Improvements

By Debbie Frederick

Pennsboro has been selling water out of its reservoir for the past three years to oil and gas companies to use in local drilling operations. The water is taken from the reservoir until a marker is visible on a pipe that acts as the stop-gap to monitor a safe water level.

Since entering into yearly contracts to sell this water, Pennsboro now has over \$450,000 in the Water Account to use for anything related to water for the city. Monies in the Water Account are earmarked for expenditures pertaining to water. Until now.

At the last Pennsboro City Council meeting, mayor Robert Riggs revealed he has taken steps to move \$300,000 from the Water Account and place it in the General Fund to be used for anything the city needs or wants. He wanted city attorney Wyatt Hanna to discuss it at the council meeting, but Mr. Hanna was in the hospital and could not come to the Pennsboro monthly meeting on August 24.

Mayor Riggs stated there is enough to pay the \$80-90,000 for the Cunningham Run Road Waterline project, but Pennsboro was generously given \$30,000 from the Ritchie County Commission towards engineering fees and providing the supplies (pipeline, hydrants, fire plugs) to install the waterline, so all of that \$80,000 will not be used.

Mayor Riggs mentioned using some of that \$300,000 for resurfacing the walking track around Myles Stadium (\$20,000), sewer projects, street repairs and other pet projects he has in mind to get underway before Winter comes.

But the mayor wants to wait until after the meeting with the state DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) in Charleston concerning reducing the penalties assessed Pennsboro for infractions spanning several years for being non-compliant with sewer upgrades and repairs. Those fines were originally over \$60,000, but the mayor and town officials have been negotiating to have that amount lowered.

"Here's the reason I don't want to put a bunch of money into the Sewer Fund," explained mayor Riggs. "If I put \$50,000 in the Sewer Fund and we go down there and meet and the DEP sees we have 80 or 90 thousand dollars in there, it's not 'where is that coming from?' - It's how much we pay (in fines)."

City Recorder, Beckie Talkington explained that any money used must be from that specific account, "If you withdraw money out of the Water Fund and put it in General, then how are you going to know? Once you start using out of the General Fund you've got to pay bills out of the Water Fund and pay bills out of the Sewer Fund. You can't pay Water out of General and you can't pay Sewer out of General."

Attorney Hanna had told mayor Riggs projects could be paid out of the General Fund, and Talkington added that was true, but only the amount needed for the project could be put into the General Fund to draw on.

Council member Vance Weekley commented, "Basically, anything that doesn't pertain to water or sewer can come out of the General Fund."

The mayor concluded with saying the Sewer Fund began with \$150,000 when DEP levied the first fine and now there is \$36,000 in that Fund.

Everyone agreed to work with Mr. Hanna on transferring money from the Water Fund to other accounts for the next meeting.

The next regular Pennsboro City Council meeting will be Monday, September 21, 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

Power Company Wants Customers To Pay For Vegetation Control

By Sarah Tincher; WOWK

FirstEnergy Corp. (Parent company of MonPower) has asked West Virginia regulators to approve a rate increase totaling more than \$75.8 million over two years to cover costs associated with its tree-trimming program.

FirstEnergy, on behalf of its subsidiaries Monongahela Power and Potomac Edison, filed the rate request with the West Virginia Public Service Commission on August 31 to increase its Vegetation Management Surcharge, which would cover costs of its Vegetation Management Program.

The new surcharges, which equated to a 2.8 percent overall increase, would cover \$51.9 million in past vegetation management expenses and \$23.9 million in expected vegetation management costs. If approved, the new rates would take effect Jan. 1, 2016 and continue through 2017.

During the first year, the company estimates customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would see their monthly bills rise by about \$3.64.

The PSC ordered the state's electric utilities to file a comprehensive Vegetation Management Program in 2013 to enhance reliability after the 2012 derecho storm knocked out power for hundreds of thousands of residents, including 357,000 FirstEnergy customers in the area.

Todd Meyers, a spokesman for the companies, explained that the rate increase is a necessary step to provide the equipment and manpower needed to fulfill the PSC's VMP order.

"It's all sort of as a result of this order," Meyers said. "At the end of the day we want to make our electric service more reliable for our customers; and when they do have outages we want to shorten duration of those outages."

Throughout the first 15 months of the program, Meyers said the company trimmed almost 2 million trees and removed 400,000 more trees along 7,000 miles of electric lines.

"While we are only a little more than a year into a five-year program, results so far are encouraging that the vegetation management plan we started in 2014 is helping us keep the lights on," he added.

The request comes just two weeks after the utility asked the PSC to raise its Expanded Net Energy Costs (ENEC) by \$165 million to cover fuel costs and power purchases at the Harrison Power Plan.

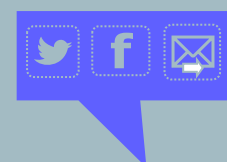
The proposal would equate to a \$8.79 monthly rate increase for residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month.

Emmett Pepper, executive director of Energy Efficient West Virginia, said the August 14 ENEC request highlighted the need for the utilities to provide more energy efficiency incentives to its customers.

"Compared to AEP's West Virginia utilities or FirstEnergy's sister subsidiaries in other states, MonPower and Potomac Edison are doing essentially nothing to help their customers take control of their bills through efficiency," Pepper said. "Given the number of rate hikes that their customers have been subjected to, FirstEnergy should harmonize its programs in West Virginia with the programs it already operates successfully in Maryland and Pennsylvania."

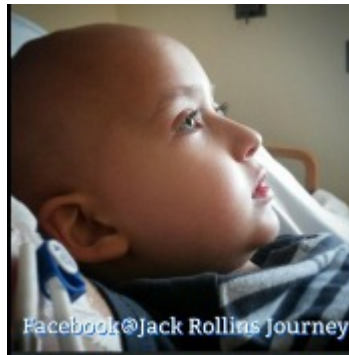


A helicopter trims trees along a MonPower right-of-way



Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month Highlighted By Jack Rollins Journey

By Debbie Frederick



4-year-old Jack Rollins has Neuroblastoma cancer and a Facebook page chronicles his journey and a chance to help his fight.

Families, caregivers, charities and research groups across the United States observe September as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. In the U.S., 15,780 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer every year; approximately 1/4 of them will not survive the disease. A diagnosis turns the lives of the entire family upside down. The objective of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children, survivorship issues, and – importantly – to help raise funds for research and family support.

There are many, many causes and awareness days, weeks and months set aside to bring attention to all sorts of things. This one has a face and a name to put with it to make it more real.

Many Ritchie Online readers have been keeping track of a young boy in our area named Jack Rollins whose family lives in Jane Lew. On December 27, 2013, two year old Jack Rollins, was diagnosed with Stage 4, High Risk, Neuroblastoma Cancer.

Neuroblastoma most often begins during early childhood, usually in children younger than 5 years of age. It is found when the tumor begins to grow and cause signs or symptoms and often begins in the nerve tissue of the adrenal glands. There are two adrenal glands, one on top of each kidney in the back of the upper abdomen. The adrenal glands make important hormones that help control heart rate, blood pressure, blood sugar, and the way the body reacts to stress

The Rollins family has set up a Facebook page to chronicle Jack Rollins Journey as he undergoes treatment and battles this cancer. There are several fundraising opportunities to be involved with Jack, but there is also something very interesting to reach out and encourage this young man as he faces the fight of his life.

The family has set up a prayer pager that allows Jack and his parents to "feel" the prayers being sent up for them. The Facebook page says this brings them great comfort. Every time the pager goes off, Jack responds with a "Thank You".

Call 1-304-987-7315, and when prompted, enter your zip code.

To find out more about Jack, ways to contribute and to follow his progress, visit his Facebook page:

[**JACK ROLLINS JOURNEY**](#)

20th Annual Gary Hissem Fishing With Friends

The Ritchie County Deputy Sheriff Association will host the 20th Annual Gary Hissem Memorial Fishing With Friends on Sunday, September 13. Children ages 3-12 can come to the pond area at North Bend State Park (near River Run Campground) for a great day of fishing and interacting with their local law enforcement in a positive environment.

Registration begins at noon with the fishing tournament going from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Food, drinks and night crawlers will be provided at his free event.

Trophies and door prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament for: Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish, Most Fish and Most Accurate Cast.

Last year, 98 children and their parents came for an afternoon of fishing and fun! Hope to see you there this year!



Deputies and participants in a past Fishing With a Friend at the pond at NBSP.

Harrisville Moose Donate To Fishing With A Friend

The Harrisville Moose Lodge #944 and Women of the Moose have donated six bicycles to the Ritchie County Deputy Association for the Gary Hissem Memorial Fishing With a Friend Tournament scheduled for September 13th. This was another community project the local Moose Lodge has committed to help as part their "Heart of the Community" projects.

Making the presentation was (l-r) Drema Goodnight Hargrove (Community Service Chair Person for Women of the Moose), Donna McKee (Senior Regent for Women of the Moose), Bryan Davis (Ritchie County Sheriff's Office), Kyle Hargrove (Administrator), Brian Morton (Governor), and Jim Turner (Past Governor).



Harrisville Moose Lodge #944 gives bicycles to Fishing With A Friend. (L-r) Drema Goodnight Hargrove, Donna McPeck, Capt. Bryan Davis, Kyle Hargrove, Brian Morton, Jim Turner.

Free Venison Workshop

The WVU Extension Office is having a Venison Workshop on Wednesday, October 14, at the Ritchie County 4-H Grounds Assembly Hall from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

This is a FREE hands-on workshop that will cover such topics as field dressing, butchering skills, venison processing and preserving methods, freezing, pressure canning, dehydrating and more.

Several delicious recipe samples will be available for sampling.

Pre-registration is required to ensure enough space is available for all participants. Please contact the Ritchie County Extension Office at 304-643-5200 or email Alexandria.Straight@mail.wvu.edu **by Monday, October 12.**



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Of Elenboro**



Point Of View (POV)

Plan? What Plan?

Once again, the common fellow is being asked to pay for something that a big business should have made par of their business plan.

Parent company of MonPower, FirstEnergy, is requesting a rate increase for all of its customers to pay for a program they were mandated to do from the government. (See front page story)

When the derecho blasted through our area in 2010, electricity was off for several weeks, as we all remember. Most of that was due to trees downed in the right-of-ways of the power lines.

Work crews came from all over the U.S. to help, and the ones I spoke with were from Wisconsin. They had never seen such a mess. They could not believe there were so many trees blocking their access to get to the electrical lines.

One fellow I talked with from out of state said they never let their right-of-ways get so overgrown as these were in West Virginia.

Would that not be part of a business plan? If you have tens of thousands of miles of right-of-way, would it not be common sense to keep them clear of vegetation?

FirstEnergy was granted a rate increase about this time last year to pay for cleaning up the mess and restoring everyone's power following the derecho in 2010.

Now they have applied for another rate increase to keep the right-of-ways clear of vegetation with a tree trimming program. I still maintain that if this is part of the every day operation of the company, it should be their issue to deal with in their annual budget. They simply must make allowances for the vegetation clearing as part of their yearly operation costs. It should be expected to conduct business.

Yet, FirstEnergy is acting as if some huge burden has been placed on them for something they should be doing in the first place - taking care of the electric lines. Other states seem to recognize this and they keep the right-of-ways clear.

West Virginia does have a lot of trees and vegetation to contend with, but they aren't the only ones. But, apparently, they have a good group of lawyers to present their case that it is a hardship to maintain service to its customers. A rate increase to make its customers pay for it is their answer.

Basically, if you want electric service the customer must foot the bill for everything.

The average increase will be around \$4 per household for the first year and around \$76 million will be paid by the customers to keep the lines clear.

I still don't understand why the Public Service Commission doesn't see this as part of FirstEnergy's business plan. It would make sense to include vegetation control as part of what you do to provide services to customers. Did no one ever think trees and brush would grow?

The key words, I guess, is that it would "make sense", and we all know that is asking a lot to make sense.

Plan? What plan? When electric lines criss-cross thousands of miles in the state, do they really not have a plan to keep the right-of-ways clear? All this time they have been unaware those lines needed to have vegetation cleared around them?

And now that the government has told them to clear the right-of-ways, it is a hardship they cannot afford - but their customers somehow can afford.

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“Run Or Dye” 5k Walk/Run To Benefit Packs Of Plenty

By Debbie Frederick

A benefit to raise money for the Ritchie County Packs of Plenty program is planned for Saturday October 10. “Run or Dye” 5k walk/run will be held at Ritchie County Middle School beginning at 10:00 a.m. Registration is 8:00-9:30 a.m.

The course will go through Ellenboro and back to the school and organizers warn to “be prepared to be covered in color” with non-toxic dye powders thrown into the air to shower participants as they pass by. It will be the most colorful fun you will ever have!

Those wishing to take part can save \$5 by registering by September 20. Pre-registration is \$20 and \$25 after September 20.

The top two places will be awarded in each age category and overall male and female runner and walker will be awarded.

There will be an after-the-race party with dancing for all ages, a DJ, food and vendors available.

Packs of Plenty helps prevent hunger. The program was designed to step-up where federal aid stops by feeding children during the holiday breaks in Ritchie County. It is our HOPE that this program will grow into an every weekend opportunity for those in need. Children receive backpacks filled with kid-friendly, ready-to-eat items to cover the meals they won't receive on days when school is not in session.

For more information on the Run or Dye 5K contact Paula Hogue at phogue@k.12.wv.us or call 304-481-4916.



Knight Is Medalist Again At Glenville Course

By Debbie Frederick

RCHS senior, Ben Knight, was the medalist at Tuesday's tournament in Glenville

Ben Knight, senior, was the medalist, once again, Tuesday at a Ritchie County High School golf tournament. He carded 35 on the par 35 course to take the honor.

The team traveled to the Glenville Golf Course to tee it up against Gilmer and Clay counties.

The Gilmer team came away the winner with a combined score of 163, RCHS was second with 173 and Clay County posted 225.

Scoring for Ritchie County:

- Ben Knight - 35
- Austin Garrett - 43
- Sydney Brill - 43
- Tyler Layman - 52
- Josh Brannon - 63

The team now has a 39-11-1 record so far on the season.

The golfers play again tomorrow, September 3, at Mingo Bottom Golf Course in Wirt County.

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Upcoming Events

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RCHS Golf

4:00 p.m. Mingo Bottom. Golf Course, Wirt Co.

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RCHS Volleyball - St. Marys, Pkbrg Catholic, Ravenswood

6:00 p.m. RCHS Gymnasium

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RCMS Football v Wirt Co.

6:00 p.m. Wirt Co.

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RCHS Football v Roane Co.

7:30 p.m. Chuck Schofield Memorial Stadium



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Blazer Football Underway Tonight

By Debbie Frederick

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The Ritchie County Middle School Blazer Football team has their first game of the season tonight under new head coach Jared Shipe. The Blazers travel to play at Wirt County with kickoff at 6:00 p.m.



Scores/Results

Autumn Classic XC

RCHS Boys - 2nd
RCHS Girls - 9th
RCMS Boys - 2nd
RCMS Girls - 2nd

St. Marys - 55 Ritchie County - 8

Indian Run XC

RCHS Boys - 5th
RCHS Girls - 10th
RCMS Boys - 6th
RCMS Girls - 2nd

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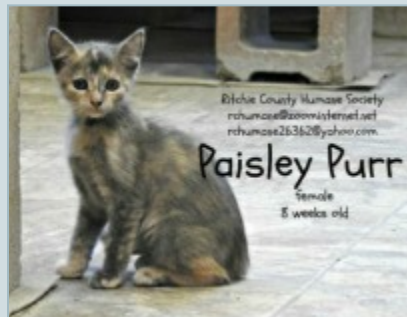
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KATTIE PURRY

Paisley is a beautiful swirl of colors, a dilute calico. She has that kitten energy, running, spinning, jumping and hissing at anything and everything that moves. She loves wrestling with her siblings. Dropped off during the night at the shelter Paisley and her litter mates have been cleaned up, de-fleaed and are ready for their forever home. Paisley is small in size, just starting a growth spurt and looks a little gangly. She is going to be a beautiful cat.

If interested in adopting email rchumane@zoominternet.net

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BOOGIE

We've named him Boogie because he is super fast! He was found running the streets on 8/17/15. We will hold him for 5 days to see if his family is looking for him and then he will be available for adoption.

He weighs 11 lbs and is 2-3 years old.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES WV

is looking for a full-time Program Assistant to work with their clientele and programs, including their Mobile Food Pantry. They are looking someone who can work with diverse groups of people with experience in social work and/or social issues.

The salary range is \$30,000 - \$34,000 based on experience and education.

For more details, including a full job description, please email Deborah Shaffer at dshaffer@ccwva.org.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

is seeking a licensed social worker or registered nurse to work in the Right From The Start program on a contract basis.

This position will be working out of the Pennsboro office.

Hours are dependent on number of clients.

For more information, contact Kim Kramer, RN, Regional Coordinator at 304-485-0650 or 1-800-760-6183.

NORTH BEND STATE PARK

is accepting applications for a cook, dish washer and housekeeper.

Apply at the lodge front desk.

Death Notices

Archives

Ernestine Pearl Taylor Schrebe

Ernestine Pearl Taylor Schrebe, 77, of Newport, OH, passed away, August 30, 2015, at her residence.

She was born, July 24, 1938, in Calcutta, Pleasants County, WV, a daughter of the late Lee and Mary Steele Taylor.

Services will be Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 3 P. M. at the Ingram Funeral Home, St. Marys, WV, with Pastor Charles Hall officiating. Interment will be in the Calcutta Cemetery, Pleasants County, WV. Friends may call from 3 to 9 P. M. Tuesday and from 2 to 3 P. M. Wednesday at the funeral home.



Joanna Johnson McFarland

Joanna Johnson McFarland, 77, of St. Marys, WV, passed away, August 30, 2015, at her residence.

She was born, December 25, 1937, in Pleasants County, WV, a daughter of the late Jack and Wanda Nellis Johnson.

Services will be held Thursday, September 3, 2015, at 11 A. M. at the Ingram Funeral Home, St. Marys, WV, with Bob Long officiating. Interment will be in the St. Marys IOOF Cemetery, Park Section. Friends may call from 5 to 9 P. M. Wednesday, and from 10 to 11 A. M. Thursday at the funeral home. There will be an Eastern Star Memorial Service Wednesday at 7 P. M. at the funeral home.



Robert L. Allender

Robert L. Allender, 86, of Marietta, died Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at his home. He was born December 15, 1928 in Pennsboro, WV to Bert and Bessie Jane Cornell Allender.

There will be graveside services held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2015, at Barlow Central Cemetery, with Pastor Rick Headley officiating.

Friends may call at the Marietta Chapel of Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home on Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.



Howard C Heflin

Howard C. Heflin, Jr., 71, of Pennsboro, WV, departed this life on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at Salem Center Nursing Home in Salem, WV.

Howard was born October 13, 1943 in Clarksburg, WV, a son of the late Howard C. Heflin and Dortha (Baker) Myers.

McCullough-Rogers Funeral Home, Pennsboro, WV has been entrusted with the cremation arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mcculloughraiguel.com



Vincent L. Gayheart

Vincent L. Gayheart 49, of Elizabeth WV passed away September 1, 2015 after an extended illness.

Vincent was born in Chicago IL. October 10, 1965, the son of the Late Vernon Gayheart and Verdie Gayheart.

Services will be 1:00 PM Saturday, September 5, 2015 at Matheny Whited Funeral Home of Elizabeth WV

Visitation will be 6-8 PM, Friday September 4, 2015 and Saturday 11 am until time of the service. Interment will be at New Home Cemetery (Mayberry)

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