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Community In Schools Presentations to School Board Offer Optimism for Reducing Chronic Absenteeism

By Ken Bustin

The highlight of the Pendleton County Board of Education's February 15th meeting actually took place before the main session, as a series of presentations from, in turn, each of the Community In Schools (CIS) representatives: Manda Teter from Brandywine Elementary School (BES), Wendy Kisamore from Franklin Elementary School (FES), Liz Harper from North Fork Elementary School (NFES), Lesley Cook from Pendleton County High School (PCHS), and Liz Warner from Pendleton County Middle School (PCMS).

Though their presentations, three in person and two as recorded sessions, each included a lot of specifics and outlined individual approaches and methods, there was a common overriding theme to all of them – working to promote good attendance, and striving to make that attendance a rewarding experience for students. All emphasized developing strong communication and building a level of trust with students, especially those with chronic attendance issues.

Approaches ranged from incentives and rewards for good attendance, to increased contact with parents and attempts to involve them in the solutions, to just reaching out to individual students and making them feel that their presence at school was valued.

Teter said she was constantly making phone calls and sending letters to parents of students with chronic absences, attempting to identify any problems at home which might bear upon lack of attendance, and just generally trying to urge parents to

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PCMS Captures Cheerleading Title



Members of the Pendleton County Middle School cheerleading team captured first place in the Potomac Valley League competition Feb. 19 in Petersburg. The squad also earned the spirit stick. The team was coached by Rebecca Miller. Pictured from left to right, front row, Charity Chan, Victoria Chan, Kaitlyn McQuain, Jaidah Nesselrodt, Alanna Miller, Makinley Hedrick, Jaiden Mitts and Colbie Wimer. Top row, Bella Alt, Candace McQuain and Larissa Greathouse.

Mediation in Pendleton County's Complaint Against Frontier Continued Until February 24th

By Ken Bustin

Pendleton County's complaint to the Public Service Commission (PSC) against Frontier Communications went to its first mediation session on February 16, but was eventually continued until February 24 at the request of Frontier, in order that they might have time to properly assess the allegations before presenting their responses. The request was granted by the mediator and subsequently ratified by the PSC.

The mediation session took the form of a conference call between mediator Bridget D. Davis, Emergency Management Services Coordinator Rick Gillespie, representative for Pendleton County, and four representatives of Frontier -- David Morris, John Tipton, James Ford and Angie McCall.

By using the mediation process, and the parties proceeding without their respective lawyers participating, it was hoped that the proceedings would be not only faster, but less adversarial and more cooperative.

Reached for comment by the Times after the session, Gillespie said that he could not comment on the content of the session, as the mediator had asked that this be kept confidential until its conclusion, but did say that he remained optimistic about reaching an equitable solution. Although he was unable to provide any detail, he did say he had been allowed to present his case before Frontier had requested the continuance.

The formal complaint now before the mediator addressed a number of concerns, including frequent and extended service outages, leaving customer unable to reach 911 and emergency services for lengthy periods

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Community CALENDAR

Senior Center At Riverton To Be Discussed

Pendleton Senior and Family Services will be holding an open meeting at 1 p.m. March 2 at the senior center in Riverton. The future of the North Fork site will be discussed.

Friends of Library To Meet Tuesday

Friends of the Library will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Pendleton County Library in Franklin.

EDA To Host Business Roundtable

Pendleton County Economic and Community Development will host a business roundtable beginning at 6 p.m. March 2 at the South Fork Ruritan Building in Oak Flat.

Robert Hammer, West Virginia Small Business Development Center coach, will be presenting information about small business start up's in the region, as well as a brief presentation about agri-tourism in Pendleton County with Future Generations University Appalachian Program.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For questions, please contact Laura Brown, executive director, at edadirector@pendletoncounty.com or 304-358-2074.

PVCD Board To Meet March 2

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 2 by teleconference. Instructions are posted at www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting on the website or by contacting the Romney office. The public is invited to participate.

First Mountain State Maple Day Rated 'A Sweet Success!' By Most Attendees

By Ken Bustin



The open evaporating pans filled the room with steam and enticing aromas as the maple sap boiled furiously, heated by a roaring wood fire in this "old school" evaporator, under the watchful eye of Jack Mountain Maple proprietor Kent Simmons on Saturday afternoon. Although maple sugaring has been mostly a hobby for Simmons up until now, his recent retirement has provided him with the time to step up the pace somewhat. In previous years, using only about 800-900 tree taps, he says their acreage has the potential for many more. He projects that, in the future, they may employ about 1,500-2,000 taps and substantially increase their previous production.

Photo by Simon Blodgett

The weather didn't cooperate quite as well as it might have. It was windy and uncomfortably cold, with a few swirling snowflakes mixed in periodically. But despite that, the turnout was good and everyone appeared to be having a good time. The first Mountain Maple Day was declared a success by most participating in it.

"The first Mountain State Maple Day of 2022 was most definitely a sweet success!" enthused Lindsay Kazarick, Future Generations University Appalachian Program Outreach Associate. In addition to being the de facto organizer of much of the event, FGU also had activities of its own taking place at the former McCoy Mill on Thorn Creek Road, south of Franklin. Their mobile sugar shack was set up as a demonstration, and they had a "rocket."

"We heard from producers across the county and across the state on Saturday, as they participated in tree-tappings, syrup-making, and of course lots of pancake breakfasts and everyone was having a great time! Paul Ronk, West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers Association president, welcomed West Virginia Department of Agriculture

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Officials Announce New Coronavirus-Related Death

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – The number of deaths in the county associated with the coronavirus has increased to 16.

Pendleton County Health Department officials announced the latest coronavirus-related death on Feb. 18 on the organization's Facebook page. The post stated the individual was a 71-year-old male and he had been in the hospital.

It had been nearly one month since the last reported death of a county resident associated with the coronavirus. County officials revealed the death of a 78-year-old male on Jan. 29 on Facebook.

The number of new coronavirus cases in the county continues to slow down. Health officials announced a total of 28 cases in the county since Feb. 14.

There were seven new cases unveiled on Feb. 14, another three cases the following day, seven additional cases on both Feb. 16 and 17 and four cases on Feb. 18 in the county. There were no new cases announced Feb. 19 through Feb. 21 by health officials.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources coronavirus website lists 27 cases of the Delta variant and one case of the Omicron variant being reported since the start of the pandemic in Pendleton County. There has been a total of 1,969 coronavirus cases in the county.

Pendleton County remains listed as green on the WVDHHR state color map. The county's positivity rate was listed as 3.39 on the Feb. 19 update, 3.16 on the Feb. 20 and 2.66 on the Feb. 21 update. All are in the green level. The infection rate, on the other hand, was in the yellow level at 26.65, 30.75 and 34.85 from Feb. 19 to 21.

There has been a total of 233 breakthrough cases in the county since the start of the distribution of the coronavirus vaccine. There is one breakthrough death. A breakthrough case is defined as an individual testing positive for the coronavirus despite being deemed as fully vaccinated.

Gov. Jim Justice and Dr. Clay Marsh, the state's coronavirus czar, discussed the possibility that the pandemic could begin to transition into an endemic stage during the Feb. 21 press briefing. Marsh cited the reduction in cases associated with the recent surge associated with the Omicron variant due to the immunity levels in state residents. He added the immunity is from the vaccination and the boosters as well as "native immunity."

"And if the COVID virus does not have a substantial additional set of mutations that creates a different kind of variant that is a much different kind of variant," Marsh said. "Then indeed, given the immunity that we have and also the acceptance that I think our country has now

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Commissioners Meeting Addresses Problem of Tourists Stranded in National Forests During Winter

By Ken Bustin

The Pendleton County Commissioners rocketed through their short agenda in just one hour flat – to the minute – at their last session on February 15. Commission President Gene McConnell opened the session on the stroke of 9 a.m., and first declared the last hearing of the Board Of Review and equalization to be open. But there were no matters to be brought before it, so it was only moments until, observing that there was no business to come before the hearing, McConnell called for a motion to close the hearing. One was forthcoming from Commissioner Carole Hartman that was quickly seconded by Commissioner Carl Hevener, and carried by unanimous vote.

With that vote recorded, McConnell declared the regular session to be called to order. All commissioners were present.

The minutes of the previous

“We can only protect people from themselves just so much...”

Commission meeting and previous meetings of the Board Of Review from its February 7 and 11 hearings were approved as written without further discussion, with all in favor.

McConnell turned to County Administrator Karen Pitsenbarger for a maintenance report.

"I didn't really have anything to report until this morning," said Pitsenbarger. She paused slightly, and then, with little sigh, said tentatively, "But now I think we're out of fuel," adding quickly that the fuel supplier had already been called and was en route to the courthouse to cure the problem. And sure enough, by the time the meeting adjourned and the Times reporter exited the building, the fuel truck had arrived and was parked adjacent to the building, filling the tank.

Pitsenbarger also reported that a revised bid for the courtroom renovations had been received from Eddie Simpson, in the amount of \$4,240.44, and the commissioners briefly revisited the proposed project. County Attorney April Malow argued briefly in favor of extending the scope of the work to the entirety of what had been originally proposed, including upgrading the tables used by the attorneys, as well as the area used by the court recorder. But to no avail, Hartman soon moved to proceed with only the renovations to the court recorder's section. Hevener seconded, and the votes were all in the affirmative, leaving the remainder of the work to be considered at another time.

Moving to the 911 report, McConnell turned to 911 director Diana Mitchell with an

inquiry as to the progress in finding 911 dispatcher candidates. Mitchell said that five applications had gone "out the door," but she did not yet know how many would be turned back in. Had the position been posted to social media as well as advertised in the newspaper, she was asked, and replied in the affirmative. She said they had set the end of the month as the deadline.

Emergency Services Coordinator Rick Gillespie reported to the Commissioners that he had received a firm quote from Discount Communications & Electronics, in the amount of \$85,743.38, to upgrade the 911 emergency call system. These funds will come from monies received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds which the county received, and

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OBITUARIES

Helen Wagoner Hill



Helen "HoHo" Wagoner Hill, 96, a resident of Bridgewater Retirement Community in Bridgewater, Virginia, passed away Feb. 17, 2022.

She was born Feb. 28, 1925, in Deer Run to the late Roy Hammer and Nora Cloe Dahmer Wagoner.

Mrs. Hill graduated from Franklin High School and was the class historian. She organized many class reunions and kept a scrapbook until age and travel difficulties dissolved this close-knit class.

She attended Shenandoah College in Dayton, Virginia. Her roommate's brother would become her husband. She attended Fairmont State College. She taught school in Pendleton and Rockingham (Virginia) counties.

She retired from J.C. Penney after 26 years working in the downtown store and later at the Valley Mall in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Here she got her "HoHo" moniker from her upbeat positivity and sense of humor. "No complaining" was her rule. These traits never left her.

She loved volunteer work and her clubs. She was a faithful bell ringer for the Salvation Army and handed out juice and cookies for the American Red Cross blood drives. She was a member of the Dale Enterprise Home Demonstration Club, the Singers Glen Senior Citizens and the Carl D. Lee V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary (the Buddy Poppy Queen). She held leadership roles in all of these groups.

Mrs. Hill faithfully attended Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church with the children in tow where she taught Sunday School and ladies groups. After moving to Bridgewater Retirement Community Assisted Living in 2014, she enjoyed chapel and Bible Study and sharing with Chaplain Russ.

She loved gardening, canning, mowing (even using a push mower), cooking, walking, sewing, reading, crossword puzzles, picking up her chestnuts and a sip of sweet red wine occasionally.

She kept everyone together as a family. One Sunday a month, all the extended families were at her table to reconnect and love each other. The family had great laughs and memories from these dinners. She always made Christmas special.

She loved to cruise and fly. She was blessed to be able to visit Alaska, Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii with a childhood friend. Oh the stories! She toured the battlefields in Germany where her husband served in World War II. Recently, one of her caregivers asked her where her favorite place was. Her answer with a laugh was "Wild, Wonderful West Virginia!"

Bridgewater Retirement Community became her second home. There were so many new friends, activities and loving and caring staff to keep her on her toes. And so many great stories!

On June 22, 1946, she married Harry Nelson Hill, Sr. at the First Presbyterian Church

on Court Square in Harrisonburg, Virginia. They celebrated 57 years of marriage until his death in 2003. They shared four children.

She is the last surviving member of her family.

Surviving are her daughters, Lana (Bill) Hartman of Penn Laird, Virginia, and Mary "Clooney" Rodeffer of Bridgewater, Virginia; daughters-in-law, Patricia Hill of Broadway, Virginia, and Kerry Hill of Mt. Crawford, Virginia; a special forever sister, Joanne Swan in Princeton, Illinois; grandchildren, Mollie (Andrew) Hess of Culpeper, Virginia, Leanne (Henry) Karnes of Shenandoah, Virginia, Mark (Kelly) Hill of Fulks Run, Virginia, Natalie (Chris) Campbell and Nathan Rodeffer, all of Staunton, Virginia, Adam (Michele) Hill of Seattle, Washington, and Alex (Claudia) Hill of Williamsburg, Virginia; 10 great-grandchildren, Ian and Annabelle Hess, Logan Karnes, Luke and Laci Hill, Corinne Campbell, Bradley and Nicholas Rodeffer and Noah and Gabriela Hill; and many special nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Virgil (Mary) Wagoner and Roy Lee (Jean) Wagoner; a sister, Hilda Mullenax (Arthur); two sons, Roger W. Hill and Harry N. "Chop" Hill Jr.; and a son-in-law, Kenny Rodeffer.

Chaplain Russ Barb and Wendell "Sonny" Henkel conducted a graveside service Wednesday at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorial donations may be made to Bridgewater Healthcare Foundation, 302 N. Second Street, Bridgewater, VA 22812.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.mcmullenfh.com.

Proverbs:31 - A very good and faithful woman with love for her family and life well lived. Cheers Mother Dear! And go light up heaven.

Arrangements were under the direction of the McMullen Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Kenneth Bruce Eye



Kenneth Bruce Eye, 82, of Brandywine passed away Feb. 16, 2022, at his home.

He was born on March 14, 1939, at the Mouth of Seneca, the son of the late Olie and Edith (Rexrode) Eye.

Mr. Eye had worked for 45 years as a truck driver before retiring in 2001, including driving for M & M Trucking, Overnite Roadway and North & South Trucking.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Brandywine Christian Church.

On June 26, 2016, he married Brenda Cook, who survives in Brandywine.

Also surviving are two sisters, Clona Brown of Pennsylvania and Linda Baine of Grottoes, Virginia; and two grandchildren, Joshua Emrich (Samantha) and Ryan Emrich (Heaven); and three great-granddaughters.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Elwood Rexrode.

In honoring Mr. Eye's wish-

es, his body was cremated and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

Larry Douglas Blankenship



Larry Douglas Blankenship, 71, of Upper Tract went to be with his Lord on Feb. 17, 2022, surrounded by his family at UPMC in Cumberland, Maryland.

He was born June 21, 1950, in Williamson, the son of Alice Black Blankenship Millan of Rockville, Maryland, and the late Leonard Blankenship.

Mr. Blankenship graduated from Franklin High School in 1968, and he pursued additional education at Potomac State College in Keyser.

He worked as a carpenter and was known as a jack-of-all-trades, as he could fix almost anything and loved working on and building things. He also loved gardening, working in his shop and studying the word of God.

He was a member of Bethel Church in Landis, where he was a deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years, and was presently attending Christ Central Community Church in Upper Tract.

He leaves a legacy of a strong work ethic. He was a man of integrity, strength, courage, love and strong faith in Jesus Christ, his Lord and Saviour. He was humble, gentle in nature, quick-witted, had a wonderful sense of humor and was an inspiration to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

"He fought a good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7.

On Sept. 29, 1972, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Loretta Waggy Blankenship, who survives.

They were blessed with a son, whom he adored, Aaron Douglas Blankenship (fiancée, Tracey) of Clermont, Florida.

Also surviving are a brother, Micheal Blankenship (Nancy) of Franklin; two sisters-in-law, Linda Scott (Steve) of Sarasota, Florida, and Anita Hartman (Hugh) of Franklin; two

brothers-in-law, J.T. Waggy (Jennifer) of Huntington and Fred Schaner of Maryland; and six nephews, Jason Scott (Jordan), Adam Hartman (Amanda), Thomas Waggy (Madison), Mick Blankenship (Teresa), Nevin Blankenship (Vicki) and Andrew Schaner.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Blankenship.

The family commemorated his life with a private graveside service at Kline Cemetery with Pastor Sam Harper officiating.

Memorials may be made to Christians United for Israel, PO Box 1307, San Antonio, TX 78295; Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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

Arrangements were entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

Ida Susan Engle



Ida Susan (Mullenax) Engle, 91, of Silver Spring, Maryland, passed away on Saturday morning, Feb. 12, 2022, at Riderwood Arbor Ridge Long Term Care in Calverton, Maryland.

She was born on April 25, 1930, in Franklin, where she lived until she attended Shepherd College. She was the daughter of the late Marvin Mullenax and the late Anna Lee (née Moyers) Mullenax.

Mrs. Engle took a job at the Glen L. Martin Co. in Middle River, Maryland. She met her husband, Rogers Engle, and married on May 7, 1955.

She lived in Laurel, Maryland, from 1966 until 2014 and was a member of the Christ Memorial Church in Columbia, Maryland. She was an avid bowler and square dancer and enjoyed going to Baltimore Orioles baseball games. She loved camping and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are a son, David Rogers Engle and wife, Karen Engle of Silver Spring, Maryland; two grandchildren; Natalie and Eric, both of Silver Spring, Maryland; and a great-grandchild, Grace.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Theron, and three brothers, Ted, Hobert and Dewey.

Vergie Mae Cartwright



Vergie Mae (Hanna) Cartwright, 93, of Brandywine passed away on Feb. 15, 2022, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 22, 1928, in Richwood, the daughter of the late Arbor and Verna Virginia (McClung) Hanna.

Mrs. Cartwright attended Canvas Grade School and graduated from Nicholas County High School and Charleston Beauty Academy.

She owned and operated Vergie's Beauty Shoppe in Franklin, Moorefield and Ft. Seybert until her retirement in 2008. She was a Christian by faith.

Her husband, John Pershing "Purge" Cartwright, preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 2015.

Surviving are two daughters, Deborah Hanna of Ft. Seybert and Brenda Jackson of Summersville; a stepdaughter, Phyllis Hurt of Tennessee; two stepsons, Darrell Cartwright and Basil "Darvin" Cartwright (Mary), all of Summersville; 13 grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren; and a number of great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Roger Hanna; and a sister, Nancy McCutcheon.

In honoring her wishes, her body was cremated and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

Lucy Ellen Bodkin



Lucy Ellen Bodkin, 86, of Brandywine passed away on Feb. 13, 2022, at Virginia Menonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1935, in Youngstown, Ohio, the daughter of the late George R. and Ruth Francis (Fogle) Sewell.

Mrs. Bodkin attended the Church of the Nazarene in Staunton, Virginia, where she served as secretary/treasurer and the church organist. She was a member of the First Baptist church in Brandywine, where she served as treasurer and was active in Women on a Mission. She was also a member of the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She was a homemaker and had worked as a US Mail Carrier for five years.

On June 16, 1951, Lucy married Billy Sheldon Bodkin, who preceded her in death on April 26, 2016.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Anjey Bodkin of Lawrenceville, Georgia; two grandchildren, Rhiannon Bodkin and Muireann Alastair Nic an Gheator; and a great-granddaughter, Alice Hatch.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Mark Sheldon Bodkin; a granddaughter, Annastine; and three brothers, George Daniel, Vernon and Charles.

Funeral services were held Friday at the First Baptist Church in Brandywine.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Brandywine, or South Fork Volunteer Fire Company.

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10 a.m.

Potomac Highlands Rec Center
Franklin

Entry Fee - \$30 per person

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•50/50
•Raffle Games

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**If you have any questions concerning vaccinations or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact:
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304-358-7565**

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Pendleton Senior & Family Services

Wednesday, March 2

1 p.m.

**13804 Mountaineer Drive
Riverton**

~Discussion~

Future of North Fork Site

Pendleton Prepares for Postseason Clash

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – Two games is all that separates the Pendleton County girls basketball team with another trip to Charleston.

Pendleton coach Micah Bailey would like for his team to claim two victories in its march to Charleston. He knows there is another, but more difficult path to get the Lady Wildcats back to the Charleston Coliseum. Pendleton can return to the state tournament with a loss in the sectional title contest, but it would need to claim victory in the regional co-championship contest.

Pendleton (7-11) will begin postseason action when it plays host to the winner of the Pocahontas County - Tygarts Valley contest on Feb. 25 in Franklin. Pocahontas, the No. 3 seed in Region II, Section 2, and Tygarts Valley, the No. 2 seed, were scheduled to square off on Feb. 22 in Mill Creek. The

winner will take on Pendleton for the sectional title.

The other side of the Region II bracket featured No. 3 seed East Hardy heading to No. 2 Union for a matchup on Feb. 22 in Union. The winner travels to face top-seeded Tucker County tonight in Hambleton.

The winner of the Section 2 championship clash will play host to the loser of the Section 1 title tilt for a spot in Charleston. The loser of the Section 2 battle will be forced to hit the road to battle the Section 1 champion for a berth in the state tournament.

Bailey hopes the Lady Wildcats will be able to reverse a late-season slide. Pendleton has dropped three of its last four contests, including its last two contests. Webster County claimed a season sweep of Pendleton with a 63-26 victory on Feb. 15 in Upper Glade. Petersburg also swept the season series with Pendleton by holding on for a 65-58 victory on

Feb. 17 in Franklin.

"We definitely had some stumbles here and there," Bailey said. "As long as we play up to our potential, we have a good possibility of being successful in the postseason."

Bailey added it is important for Pendleton to secure home-court advantage during the postseason.

Brandy Bowers and Lizzie Alt both netted a team-leading six points in Pendleton's loss to Webster. Sydney Baird was the only player to reach double digits in scoring, scorching the nets for a game-high 36 points. Baird connected on three 3-point field goals in the win.

The Lady Highlanders raced out to a 17-9 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Webster stretched its margin to 34-14 at halftime and increased its lead to 48-24 heading into the final quarter.

Ana Young netted a team-high 24 points in the loss to the

Lady Vikings. Avery Townsend contributed 12 points. Kennedy Kaposy netted a team-leading 22 points in the victory. Kaposy was one of three Lady Vikings to reach double figures in scoring. Mickala Taylor chipped in with 17 points and Braylee Corbin added 11 points.

Petersburg jumped out to a 21-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Vikings extended their advantage to 36-22 at halftime. Pendleton started to battle back by trimming the deficit to 51-39 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

"Record-wise doesn't matter, you can go 15-0 and then lose, you still lose. Or 20-0, it doesn't matter if you still lose," Bailey said. "So being where I'm at record-wise doesn't matter, we knew there would be some bumps this year just because we have new people coming in, accepting new roles."

"I think now we're where we need to be."



Lizzie Alt scored six points in the team's loss at Webster County. Pendleton will return to action Friday when it plays host to the Region II, Section 2 championship.

Wildcats Extend Win Streak to 4

By Shawn Stinson



Pendleton's Braden McClanahan scored a team-high 13 points in the team's victory against Union.

FRANKLIN – Pendleton coach Jeremy Bodkin understood the second matchup with Tygarts Valley was the key to attempting to secure home-court advantage in the Region II, Section 2 tournament.

Tygarts Valley earned a seven-point victory in the first clash on Dec. 14 in Mill Creek. The Wildcats needed a win on Feb. 15 in Franklin to even the season series. A Pendleton victory could be the difference in the minds of the region coaches to push the Wildcats to earn the higher seed and a chance to host the sectional championship contest.

It wasn't easy, but Pendleton rallied from a three-point halftime deficit to post a 62-50 victory over Tygarts Valley. Tanner Townsend led the way for the Wildcats with a team-high 21 points. Clayton Kisamore netted 15 and Jacob Beachler chipped in with 13 points in the victory.

Garrett Gibson was the lone Tygarts Valley player to reach double figures in scoring, knocking in a game-high 22 points.

Pendleton jumped out to a 20-11 lead at the end of the first quarter. Tygarts Valley

battled back to secure a 34-31 advantage at halftime. The Wildcats pulled in front and grabbed a 39-37 lead at the conclusion of the third quarter.

"The fourth quarter is when we just took over," Bodkin said. "The kids have learned you just have to play all four quarters. We are starting to get where we need to be. We are starting to peak."

Pendleton continued its winning ways the following night with a 67-33 victory against Union in Union.

Braden McClanahan paced a balanced-scoring attack for Pendleton with a game-leading 13 points. Cole Day had 10 points for the Wildcats. Pendleton had 11 players score in the contest.

Ryan Bennett netted nine points for Union in the loss.

Pendleton jumped out to a 16-7 lead at the end of the first quarter and extended the margin to 35-15 at halftime. The Wildcats stretched the advantage to 54-23 heading into the final period.

Day netted a game-high 18 points to lead Pendleton to a 67-41 victory over Petersburg on Feb. 21 in Petersburg. Townsend and Kisamore netted 15 and 13 points, respectively, in the win.

Slade Saville scored a team-high 12 points for Petersburg. Bumby Van Meter added 10 points in the loss.

The Wildcats sprinted out to a 26-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. Pendleton built the margin to 38-18 at halftime and extended the advantage to 57-29 heading into the fourth period.

"It was an all-around team game," Bodkin said. "Jake didn't score a lot, but Jake did some of the little things like blocking shots and keeping them inbounds and grabbing huge rebounds. We just kept

going tonight. We were playing hard from the get-go. It was fun to watch and fun to coach."

Pendleton (15-3) was scheduled to return to action Feb. 23 when it played host to Moorefield. Pendleton is slated to square off with Harman today in Franklin.

"We can see the end, we know what we need to do," Bodkin said. "We win out and we are where we need to be."

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10 Years Ago
Week of February 16, 2012

SUGAR GROVE

Pork, Venison and Squirrel Diet of Most Families

Rural living is dependent on food for survival. "Mountain folk" are a proud people who are self-maintained. They are survivors because they know how to process foods. Their heritage has been preserved and treated with respect, and there happens to be a great appreciation for it. An "outsider" once said that West Virginians will survive because they know how to process the foods and sustain within their environment. This happens to be a rural tradition.

Long ago, and then some, pork, supplemented with squirrel and venison, was the main diet of most families during the winter months, and so at butchering time, little was wasted. Hogs provided meat and grease for cooking. Parts of the hog were used to make salve and to grease saws and make brushes. Even the tail was used to add fun on the hog-killing day.

The week prior to hog butchering meant making last minute preparations. Butchering tools needed to be gathered, such as a .22 rifle, scrapers, hooks, large tubs, kettles, a variety of sharp knives, meat boards, buckets, pans, scalding chains, kettle rings, axe, wood, butcher saws, wooden tripod hog hangers, lard press and sausage grinder. All of the items needed to be washed and cleaned for the process.

Food for lunch also needed to be gathered. Deciding on a menu was done a week prior, with the preparations beginning the day before and cooking the day of butchering. Setting up tables with chairs, along with the eating utensils meant for busy hands in the kitchen.

Once the hogs were on the cutting board, helpers started to cut the meat. Hams, shoulders and side meat were cut out first. These were taken to the smoke or meat house. A cure of a mixture of brown sugar, pepper and salt was then packed on the meat. Hogs usually have large slabs of fat on them. These were cut into squares for rendering in the kettle, and fried for a long time to turn into lard, which is then stored in five gallon tanks and kept in a cool place, such as the cellar. This is used for cooking throughout the winter months. The next summer, whatever lard is left over, may be used to make lye soap.

Another pile of meat that is left on the cutting board, consists of the lean trimmings from the ham and shoulders. This was put into a tub after grinding, seasoned and stirred by hand before packing. Another kettle of meat boils slowly, consisting mainly of fat scraps and small bits of lean. The hog's tongue and some liver are then added to season this mixture called "pudding." Once tender, the meat is ground, seasoned and stored for cooking.

Toward the end of the day, the final chore is to make ponhaus. This is made by boiling the broth from the pudding meat, mixing the cornmeal, flour, salt and pepper and stirring for 30 minutes. Then the mixture is poured into small pans to cool. Once jelled, it becomes a delicious treat when sliced and fried. Some folks even top it with applebutter. The stomach, or ponch, is cleaned and stored in the freezer for a day when a mixture of sausage, onions, potatoes and celery are inserted to be cooked for several hours prior to eating. What a delicacy!

The remainder of the meat—the tenderloin, ribs, pork chops and sausage are packaged and put

away. The hooves of the hog are made into pickled pig's feet. The few scraps left over at the end of the day are fed to the dogs and cats. Every part of the hog is good to use except for the squeal. By the end of the day, all are exhausted.

The cleaning of the equipment and tools and putting everything back into its place usually takes several days before life is back to normal. Many hard workers arrived to take part in the annual hog butchering tradition.

30 Years Ago
Week of February 27, 1992

DAHMER

Weather Fools Birds, Too, Bluebird Lays Egg

Even the birds get fooled on the springtime weather—in the wintertime. When the writer cleaned out his bird houses, one bluebird had made a nest and laid an egg February 19 on Smith Creek. No kidding! The egg fell to the ground and broke, which proved it to be a fresh egg. Out of 32 bird boxes, 25 were used by some species of birds during 1991. The highest percentage was the bluebird. The one and half inch hole in diameter in the box keeps starlings from entering. In areas of large old trees in a field, the bluebird often prefers the former downy woodpeckers old nesting site in a tree, instead of a bluebird box. A cluster of trees in a field attracts squirrels, especially flying squirrels that can be a problem. The Eastern red squirrel is said to be very destructive in robbing of the eggs and young birds.

50 Years Ago
Week of February 17, 1972

DAHMER

The late John Hoover, son of Saul Hoover who lived in a place called the Hole and married Miss Mahulda Propst, daughter of Jacob and Matilda Propst of near Dahmer, told a story about the Trotter brothers who carried the mail from Staunton, across Cheat Mountain to Clarksburg. One Trotter brother wrote the Post Office Department in response to complaints why deliveries were not prompt:

Postmaster General Washington, D. C. Sir: If the gable of hell should blow out, and rain fire and smoke and melted lava for forty days and nights, it would not melt the snow enough on Cheat Mountain so as to get your damned mail out on time.

J. S. A. Trotter

60 Years Ago
Week of February 22, 1962

Pendleton Among Top 103 Turkey Raising Counties

MORGANTOWN—Pendleton, Hardy and Grant counties of the Mountain State ranked in the top 100 counties in the number of turkeys raised in 1959, according to the 1959 Census of Agriculture reported by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. This was cited here by specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service, West Virginia University.

One-eighth of all turkeys raised in the United States were accounted for by the nation's five leading turkey-producing counties, according to the ranking based on the 1959 Census of Agriculture.

Rockingham County in neighboring Virginia led the list of counties, with a production of 3,208,696 turkeys. This county

also led the list five years earlier, according to the 1954 farm census.

Among the states, Minnesota led with 22 counties among the 100 leaders. California was next with 17 counties in the list, and Iowa was third with 11 counties in the top 100.

Clark Mowery Is 102

Our congratulations this week go out to David Clark Mowery of Reeds Creek who observed his 102nd birthday Wednesday.

Born February 21, 1860, on Upper Reeds Creek near his present home, Mr. Mowery lived through the Civil War, homesteaded in Kansas, and lived for two years in Indiana.

During his 102 years, Mr. Mowery has witnessed many events of historic significance. He saw West Virginia secede from Virginia, the Union crush the Confederate rebellion, the United States triumph in two World Wars, and John Glenn make three trips around the earth in a space ship.

The Mountaineer
Postmaster ---

A recent edition of "The Mountaineer Postmaster," a trade publication of postal workers, carries a memorial address by Brady Randolph which eulogizes the late Lester B. Sites of Onego.

Randolph says in his address that it is his custom each year to pick out one postmaster and record his value to his community. The following is taken from Randolph's address:

"It is our custom to feature one postmaster each year, to establish and record, the value of a postmaster to his community, apart from serving his patrons in his office. This year we have chosen Lester B. Sites of Onego as typical of the high type of person usually serving his community as postmaster. Onego, often mispronounced O'nego, nestles close to the eastern slopes of the Allegheny Mountains, by the banks of the beautiful, trout filled, Seneca Creek, and almost in sight of towering, majestic, Seneca Rocks.

"Mr. Sites served this community of 130 families as postmaster for 38 years, and in addition he found time to conduct a general mercantile business, act as director of the Pendleton County Bank, be an active member of the EUB Church, Sunday School teacher, and still time to be a real father to four children, all of whom occupy an important place in the communities in which they now reside. Mr. Sites even conducted his own Department of Public Assistance. Credit at his store was freely given to all his neighbors who needed help. His books showed accounts totaling close to fifty thousand dollars, very little of which was collectible.

"I spent an afternoon in the Onego community. The admiration and love for Mr. Sites and his wonderful family is evident everywhere. Neighbors told me of

his seven years as a school teacher, of his deep religious convictions, of his love for his neighbors, and of his outstanding record as a soldier in World War I. His family keeps his citation and his medal for bravery in the safe in the General Store. His family also treasures a book of World War I which tells in detail how a young man named Sites from the mountains of West Virginia, through a long dark night, through intense artillery fire, screaming, bursting shells, and white-hot shrapnel, kept the telephone lines from the front lines to Regimental Headquarters. None of us are perfect of course, but in reviewing the life of Lester Sites, I think I have found a near perfect example of the true West Virginia Mountaineer. As long as Seneca Rocks point their multi-colored columns toward azure skies, the name of Lester Sites will be affectionately remembered along the eastern foothills of the beautiful Allegheny Mountains."

100 YEARS AGO

Davis Is Inaugurated Amid Gloom, Rain

By LON K. SAVAGE

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

It was Washington's birthday, and beneath the huge equestrian statue of the first president of the United States in Richmond's capitol square, a crowd of well-dressed men and women jostled and pushed under a sea of umbrellas.

Jefferson Davis, after a year of service as provisional president, was being inaugurated as the first permanent president of the Confederacy on February 22, 100 years ago this week. Despite the ceremony and festivities, it was an unhappy time.

The day had begun on a gloomy note, with clouds thickening across the Richmond sky. Davis rose early, went to his office, then returned to the White House of the Confederacy and went to his room. There his wife, Varina, found him on his knees that morning praying "for the divine support I need so sorely."

He left for the capitol, and Mrs. Davis followed soon afterward. A cold, winter rain has begun, and the street gutters were awash with swirling water.

Davis, in a plain black citizen's suit, entered the capitol, where the beginning ceremonies were held in the Virginia Hall of Delegates. From there, he and his inaugural procession moved outside to the statue, under a canopy, where he read his inaugural address in a heavy downpour of rain.

The cold, wet crowd before him huddled under umbrellas and wondered how he would acknowledge the recent series of defeats the Confederacy had sustained. Davis did not keep them waiting.

"At the darkest hour of our struggle," he told them, "the provisional gives way to the permanent government. After a series of successes and victories—we have recently met with serious disasters."

The people were not cheered by this reference to the news: that Roanoke Island in North Carolina's inland waters had fallen; that New Berne, N.C., now was occupied by northern troops; that Forts Henry and Donelson had fallen, the latter with the capture of 12,000 troops; that the Confederacy's Kentucky line had caved in entirely with Joseph E. Johnston's withdrawal from Bowling Green; that Nashville now seemed doomed.

"But the picture has its lights as well as its shadows," Davis said. "This great strife has awakened in the people the highest emotions and qualities of the human soul—It was, perhaps, in the ordination of Providence that we were taught the value of our liberties by the price we pay for them."

As he drew to a close, the crowd was visibly moved, and Mrs. Davis became so affected that she slipped away and was driven home. Later she was to remark: "Thus my husband entered his martyrdom."

Spirits were far higher that day in the North, however. Ulysses S. Grant's victory at Donelson had set off nationwide demonstrations of joy, and a new confidence swept across the land.

In the White House at Washington, however, Abraham Lincoln still awaited a more important victory—a victory over the Confederate army in Virginia. Three weeks earlier he had ordered Gen. George B. McClellan to move South on or before February 22, and now the day had come. As the sun set that day, McClellan's army kept to its tents and huts around Washington.

Next week: A Confederate Defeat in Arkansas.

70 Years Ago
Week of February 28, 1952

Thousands Of Troops Train In Local Hills

A group of about 20 U.S. Army officers and enlisted personnel will arrive in Elkins this weekend in conjunction with an extensive troop training program planned in this area during August and September.

Upwards of 22,500 troops of the Second Army area are expected to engage in the mountain training program, according to an announcement made by Gen.

Mark W. Clark, chief of the Army field forces at Washington the other night. Lt. Gen. Edward H. Brooks is commander of the Second Army.

Two officers arrived in Elkins from Ft. Meade, Md., last Wednesday afternoon to arrange for billeting personnel who will arrive for the preliminary studies of the undertaking. They left by plane for their station the next day.

The announcement from Gen. Clark's headquarters said that selected men from the units to be trained in the area will arrive in August for an indoctrination period of two weeks.

A four-week training period for larger forces will follow with regimental combat team exercises in offensive and defensive warfare, based on experience gained on the Korean front.

It is assumed that the training will take place in the wartime West Virginia Maneuver Area which was operated for more than a year of low mountain training. Gen. Clark said that the exercises will stress the use of helicopters and conventional aircraft and other transportation facilities developed during war in Korea.

The war games will be known as "Operation Pine Ridge," Gen. Clark stated.

During World War II more than 400,000 men passed through the West Virginia Maneuver area which had its headquarters and various service installations at Elkins.

Much of wartime training took place on Monongahela National forest lands, although maneuver rights were secured from many private land owners. The Elkins training is one of three being set up in the nation for specialized training. Both day and night exercises are planned in the mountains on a cross-country basis.

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Widow's Peak Is Associated with Many Myths

Sugar Grove

by Paula Mitchell

Ever heard of the Widow's Peak? Perhaps a person has one. A V-shaped hairline, as opposed to a straight hairline, seems to run in families. It appears to be in the genes. Widow's peaks are quite common even though they cannot compete with Eddie Munster's widow's peak. In fact, some are so subtle they may not be noticed as a widow's peak.

One belief was that the V-shaped hairline foretells an early widow situation. In other words, the wife will outlive her husband. Of course, men are known to also have widow's peaks.

Another belief is that it points out the rogues and villains. A much less common belief is that a woman with a widow's peak is more intelligent and competent than her husband.

Neither of these beliefs come any closer to reality. Anyway, the expression of the peak probably originated in the 1700s and likely came from a widow's hood or cap, usually black and worn by widows. The head covering came to a peak in the middle of the forehead. These hoods or caps dating from the Middle Ages were described as "biquoquets" (bee-co-kehs).

This hairline phenomenon comes to mind with the show "The Munsters" from the 1960s television show. Eddie, the son of Herman and Lily Munster, who were members of a family of monsters and vampires, played for laughs. Eddie's forehead feature has been linked to vampirism as with the dreaded Count Dracula. A more modern example of the evil character with the widow's peak is the Joker in Batman.

Life's little instructions to bring about kindness in one's life include the following:

1. Holding doors for strangers.
2. Say, "Good morning."
3. Keeping babies entertained in grocery lines.
4. Stopping to talk to a lonely person.
5. Being patient with the sales clerk.
6. Showing kindness, understanding and judging less.

Windy conditions have caused man and beast to "hunker down." Coats are zipped up around the neck with scarves and head gear hanging on tight. It has been quite brutal, with temperatures down to around 11°, making it much colder with the wind blowing.

This week's quotes are as follows:
"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them." — Dalai Lama
"It's easy to have principles when you're rich. The important thing is to have principles when you're poor." — Ray A. Kroc
Life is better by the fireplace to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Ava and Laura Bowers spent a day skiing in Canaan. They had a great time, despite the cold and wind.

Paying a visit to Rosalee Grogg were Marleta Wimer and Leana Leap.

Clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:
· Eating berries, pears and apples creates a virtuous cycle inside one's body that lowers blood pressure.
· Rabbits literally jump for joy.
· Earth's core is as hot as the sun's surface.
· Centenarians in New Mexico are exempt from state taxes.
· About 1 in 10,000 clovers has four leaves.

"Pidge" and Charles Anderson had a nice visit from their niece on Wednesday. Lester and Marsy Alice Hyre from Old Fields enjoyed the time with them.

Upcoming March birthdays are as follows: Tim Hoover, Ben Puffenbarger, Bradley Wilfong, and Leslie Bowers, second; Chris Lambert, third; Judy Grimm, fourth; Ruth Warner and Myrtle Mauzy, fifth; Teresa Hott, sixth; Linda (Richard) Rexrode, seventh; Hendrix Bogan, eighth; Marsha Nelson, ninth; Roger Shrewsbury, Willy Rader, Emilie Kobetic, Ann Wimer, and Pam Waggy, 10th; Robert Lambert, Ryan Spo-



Leota M. Simmons (July 5, 1923- ?) was the oldest of her siblings born to Myra Alice Mitchell (July 13, 1897 - 1972) and William Luther Simmons (Nov. 23, 1895 - Jan. 26, 1982). She grew up across the river from Trinity Lutheran Church and attended the Sugar Grove School. Upon graduating from Franklin High School, she married and had four children.

naugle, Jason Rexrode, Eugene Varner, Cheyanne Varner and Diane Pennybacker, 11th; Jeff Bowers and Carolyn Thompson, 12th; Linda Mallow, Anthony Bowers and Letha Caplinger, 14th; and April Simmons, Cloe Simmons, Elsie Eye, Wanda Pitsenbarger and Krista Owens, 15th.

Concerns for this week are as follows: the Larry Blankenship family, Larry Byers, Scherry Chambers, Charlotte Copley, Jeff Craig, Joy Darnell, Jeff Evick, Lee Roy and Ina Evick, the Andy Eye family, Mary Eye, Ron Gilkeson, Lola Graham, Marlene Harman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Starr Hedrick, Winona Judy Hewitt, Lorena Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Margaret Kiser, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Morris and Sue Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Naomi Michael, Joe Moats, Ernie Morgan, Aaron Nelson, Kathy Nelson, Ken Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Betty Lou Propst, Garry Propst, Nathan Propst, Sheldon Propst, Eldon Puffenbarger, Willard Rader, Don Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Barbara Simmons, Eva Simmons, Ona Smith, Steve and Greg Smith, Stanna Smith, Patricia Swecker, Harry Lee Temple, Charlotte Thompson, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Jack Vogel, Ruthene Warble, Amby Waybright Jr., Ron White and Judy Williams.

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Complaint Against Frontier Continued Until February 24th

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of time; a number of instances where utility poles were broken or leaning and communications cables at unsafe heights or on the ground for extended periods of time; downed tree limbs or brush damaging or fouling lines or equipment cabinets for extended periods of time; failure to respond to requests for emergency assistance by first responders at vehicle crashes which had damaged or broken utility poles or downed cables; providing no emergency backup power to customers, leaving them without access to 911 and emergency services in the event of power outages; and failing to provide a promised backup trunk to carry 911 communications and emergency access outside the county in the event of failure of the main circuits, which are carried on a single cable beside the roadway across Allegheny Mountain, and which have been damaged or severed repeatedly in runaway truck crashes, leaving Pendleton County without any emergency communications to areas beyond the county.

Pendleton County brought the formal complaint to the PSC after a previous informal

action brought by the county failed, in the opinion of county authorities, to have adequately resolved all of the issues, although Frontier did address and remedy some of the items in that complaint, including replacing broken utility poles and clearing brush blocking an equipment cabinet on the line serving the Pendleton 911 center.

The Times has reached out numerous times to Frontier for official comment on this matter, including for this story. At press time, we did not have a specific response to our most recent inquiry, but following our outreach for a previous story, Frontier spokesperson, Bridget Smith, did respond by saying: "In response to your query, Frontier operates a highly complex and interconnected telecommunications network with sophisticated electronic equipment. When Frontier experiences issues with this equipment, we work diligently to respond as promptly as possible to minimize the impact for its customers. Frontier regrets any inconvenience to impacted residents in Pendleton County."

Friends of Library Hold Annual Meeting

The Friends of Pendleton County Library elected a new board of directors, reviewed 2021 accomplishments and previewed plans for 2022 at its annual meeting Feb. 12.

Elected to two-year terms were Madeline Hoover (president), Rhonda Nash (vice president), Darlene Bokelman (secretary) and Trent Reid (treasurer). Hayley Craig, Nan Goland, Mike Reclin and Terry Lee Ryan were elected to serve two-year terms on the board.

Reid reported that the Friends gave \$3,311 to the library in 2021 to help fund new books, summer reading activities and other library projects. Becky McConnell, library director, shared a power point highlighting library activity and programs, such as the summer reading program for young readers and library improvements.

New furnishings for reading areas, upgraded roof gutters and decorative lamp posts were funded by donors.

Tom Craig of the program committee reported on music programs being planned for June to benefit the library and provide family friendly entertainment for the community. Local talent is being lined up.

The business meeting was preceded by a program which included a visit by members of Pendleton County Girl Scout troop 32119, who led the Pledge of Allegiance, and half an hour of traditional music by the Dulcimer Dames.

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Morrisey Speaks On EPA Lawsuit In Nation's Capital

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey delivered remarks at the National Press Club on Thursday concerning upcoming oral arguments in West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency. Those arguments, scheduled for Feb. 28 before the U.S. Supreme Court, will revolve around the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's legal authority under the Clean Air Act to regulate existing power plants. "This case will determine whether Congress, as opposed to an unaccountable federal agency, will drive decisions on how to address climate change," Attorney General Morrisey said. "This ruling will also have a significant impact on West Virginia jobs and the price of electricity in the Mountain State." A coalition of 19 states, coal companies and others have joined West Virginia in challenging an overbroad interpretation of the EPA's power to regulate greenhouse emissions from coal-fired plants. The states' challenge asks the Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling that would give EPA virtually unlimited authority to regulate wide swaths of everyday life. In particular, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals mistakenly concluded that a narrow provision of federal law grants EPA broad authority to unilaterally decarbonize virtually any sector of the economy, including factories and power plants.

Among other things, the coalition argues the EPA's new power—including the power to reorder entire industries—presents such a substantially important question that an administrative agency such as EPA cannot decide it without a clear statement from Congress that it can. The coalition also asserts Congress must speak in even plainer terms before an agency can be allowed to upset the balance of power between the federal government and the states. No federal law includes such a "clear statement" here. EPA has instead sought to sidestep Congress to exercise broad regulatory power that would radically transform the nation's energy grid and force states to fundamentally shift their energy portfolios away from coal-fire generation. The case marks the most consequential development in environmental law since Attorney General Morrisey won an historic and unprecedented stay of the Obama-era Clean Power Plan at the Supreme Court in February 2016. Without the Supreme Court's intervention, the coalition has argued the lower court's ruling could set a devastating standard and lead to decisions of great economic consequence based upon unlawful EPA regulations, not the rule of law. And if upheld, the lower court's decision would devastate coal mining, increase consumer's energy costs, and eliminate countless jobs.

Smith Creek and Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

It is getting closer to spring as the robins have been spotted. With the warm temperatures in the afternoons, the Easter flowers are starting to poke up through the ground.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Shelda Warner, Vestyl Bible, Pam Riner, Anna Tessi, Ira and Ruby Propst, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Mary Alice Simmons, Reva Hartman, Sandy Washburn, Evelyn Ruddle and Sandra Vandevander; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Effie Harr, Brian Wilton, Tyler Moore, Tristan Hartman, Ronald Hayes, Becky Hedrick, Joshua Shirk, Libby Leeson, Doug Judy, Kay Alt, Mark Simmons, Ronnie Bowers Sr., Allen Kile II, Donna Bennett, Lloyd Hartman, Michelle Mullen, Leann Britton, Mia Mahoney, Anne Hartman, Jack Vogel, Virginia Richardson, Cub Bennett, Rick Hoover, Don Rexrode, Ruth Simmers, Harry Allen Warner, Nancy Raines, Roberta Bennett, Julie Warner, Quinley McConnell, Etha Mae Bowers, Mary Jo Wilfong, Patsy Weese, Garry Propst, Winona Judy Hewitt, Grace Hammer, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Bonnie Bender, Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Darlene Nelson, Sherman Bennett, Rodney Crites, Raven Hoke, Charlotte Copley, the family of Andy Eye, the family of Vergie Cartwright and the family of Larry Blankenship.

Prayer thought: "Loving and Almighty God, please help me to live every moment with You today and to receive the strength You alone can give."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Feb. 14 through Feb. 20, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Feb. 14 - 26°, 13° (32°, 27°, .14"); Feb. 15 - 42°, 10° (36°, 26°, .31"); Feb. 16 - 51°, 32° (45°, 17"); Feb. 17 - 61°, 48°, .7" (33°, 19"); Feb. 18 - 57°, 29°, .18" (35°, 25°, 1" snow + .2"); Feb. 19 - 33°, 20° (34°, 21°) and Feb. 20 - 52°, 16° (28°, 11°).

Officials Announce New Coronavirus-Related Death

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for the impact of COVID-19 on our citizens, then presumably we will be navigating and transitioning to a more endemic sort of mode."

Health officials define a pandemic as an epidemic that affects people throughout a large region or across multiple continents. An endemic is defined as a disease that is still spreading from person to person and will affect people all over the world, but it will do so at stable levels.

Marsh cautioned the coronavirus has been "very resilient."

"We can't count it out, in case it takes a different turn and has more mutations that give us a brand-new variant with new characteristics that would cause more problems for us," Marsh said. "But the more people that are immunized, the more likely that we will see this start to fade from pandemic to more endemic."

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encourage good attendance. There were incentives and rewards offered in some cases -- \$10 gift cards to the Family Dollar store, or tickets which could be redeemed for various goods at the school store. Coloring contests could provide a prize of an ice cream cone to winners from each grade level, with the overall winner claiming a slice of pizza as their reward. Pendleton Community Bank had provided water bottles to be given to students for various achievements. Law enforcement officers had been invited to come and speak to students about the importance of avoiding drugs. In some cases, students got to watch movies, and there had been trips to the bowling alley as a reward for good attendance. Dental Hygiene Month had reinforced good dental health habits. An "angel tree" had proven a popular activity, and at Thanksgiving the "Turkey Trot" had gotten acclaim. The efforts were constant and unrelenting, and progress was being made.

Next up was Harper. She reiterated that improving the attendance rate was the most important goal. It was now at 94%, she said, but the next goal on which they had set their sights was 96%, and to accomplish it, they had established an attendance award for each grade. She, too, emphasized that good communication with students was key. She said it was important, in cases of chronic absences, to have personal contact with the student, and to ask them directly what would help to improve their desire to come to school? The holiday food drive had worked well to get kids involved, she'd observed. They were sending backpacks of food home with students who might be from households which were struggling to have enough to eat. Grades four, five and six were going on a field trip. There was a dental clinic upcoming, along with a career week in March, with speakers who would outline some possible career choices to students. The sixth grade would have a graduation ceremony in May. And these efforts were working: the rate of chronic absence was currently at 18.27%, below the 26% rate that was projected in September.

Thanking Harper for her report, board member Sonny O'Neil added another goal of his own to the list. "I want you to get the [attendance] trophy away from Franklin Elementary," he quipped, to a round of chuckles in the room. O'Neil lives in, and is the board member representing the portion of the county in which NFES is located.

Cook told the Board that the baseline for chronic absence was 30% -- but the current rate was now 25% -- a substantial improvement and an accomplishment well below their target of 29.3%. Like the others, they used incentives and rewards to encourage attendance. Students could get a Wildcats water bottle for 95% attendance. They had established a newsletter for parents, outlining their goals and efforts. Because attendance problems often caused -- or were caused by -- academic difficulties, they had established both virtual and in-person tutoring sessions for students experiencing problems. When other problems, not of an academic nature, were observed, they worked with guidance counsellors to provide assistance in their resolution. Students who needed case management were provided it, and of the 22 students who did, 18 had shown signs of progressing. There was a job fair planned for April, to highlight career possibilities for students.

A second important goal was to increase proficiency in English and Language Arts (ELA). The baseline proficiency, taken from the end-of-year standings for the 2020-21 school year, was 48%, and the target had been established as 52.8%. But currently 87% of students had at least a "C" or higher in ELA.

Warner was up next, in a virtual presentation. Along with attendance, her most important goal was to increase reading proficiency, she said. Like the others, she used a variety of incentives and rewards, adjusted appropriately for the students' ages. An afternoon snack program had been instituted, as well as a CATS reward store. There currently were 14 students using a Team Tutor program. On Tuesdays, seven high school students were volunteering to tutor middle school students who needed the help. The CIS had established a book club, and 20 students had so far been invited to participate. Twenty-eight middle school students had active case management.

Kisamore said that, like the others, a primary goal was to reduce chronic absences -- and it was working. At the end of the first nine weeks, the absentee rate was 26.9%, but it had fallen dramatically to only 20.51% by the end of the second nine-week period. This had been accomplished by calling parents and offering support, making sure to have personal contact with students returning to school after an absence, and making a strong effort to greet students as they arrived at school in the morning and let them know they were missed. They also made it a point to check in with students during the day, to ask how their day was going, as well as making contact with them at dismissal time and telling

students they hoped to see them the next day. A "Book Buddy" program had been established, birthday certificates good for pizza at a local restaurant were given out, and all students had received gloves or mittens at the beginning of the winter.

Though they readily admitted there was still room for improvement, all agreed that these efforts were producing results -- it was working.

All Board members were present -- Teresa Heavner participating by virtual link -- when President J. D. Wilkins turned attention to the main portion of the meeting, and called upon Superintendent of Schools Charles Hedrick for the student and staff recognition. Hedrick reported that the Academic Student of the Month at PCHS for February was Titus Nulph, the son of Daniel and Laura Nulph of Franklin. Hedrick said that Nulph is a member of the PCHS band and a winner of the West Virginia Golden Horseshoe. Titus likes farming and likes to read. After graduation, he plans to attend college and major in medical or engineering studies.

Aaron Conrad captured the James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month title for February. Aaron is the son of Melissa and David Conrad of Franklin. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Franklin Presbyterian Church. Conrad enjoys watching TV, as well as helping his dad cut firewood. After graduation, he plans to attend college in the fall to study computer science.

The minutes of the previous meeting were quickly adopted as written by a unanimous vote.

Personnel was next up on the agenda. There were no resignations to consider, but there were six new employees to review and approve: Corrie Wagoner, for a homebound teaching position at all schools; Wes Fleisher, as a bus driver on the run to the South Branch Vocational Career and Technical Center; Amy Gardiner, as a half-time cook and half-time custodian at PCMHS; Lori Moore, as principal of NFES; and Rebecca Miller as a long-term substitute secretary at FES.

Four people were named to posts in the Summer Success Academy, as well: Holly See, as an itinerant school nurse; Nancy Bowers, as a cook and custodian at NFES; Margaret Wimer, as a cook and custodian at FES; and Beth Kimble, as an itinerant aide with autism mentor and CRP certification.

Hedrick recommended approval of all of the new hires, and it was quickly moved, seconded and unanimously voted to do just that.

Sharon Crider was proposed as a volunteer and chaperone at BES and Patricia Sponaugle was nominated as a volunteer at NFES. The Board quickly ratified both with a unanimous vote.

There were no new contracts or leaves of absence to consider.

Moving to the finance item, President Wilkins called on Business Manager J. P. Mowery to present his report. Mowery gave the Board a brief presentation outlining the highlights of the month, and distributed a written summary for the Board to review and study, after which it was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the report.

There were no budget revisions to consider.

Mowery reported to the Board that a request had been received from the West Virginia University Cooperative Extension Service for a contribution of \$5,000 toward its programs. With Mowery and Hedrick recommending approval, the Board lost little time in passing a motion, unanimously, except for an abstention by Heavner, to grant the request.

The Board was advised that the auditor would be coming on February 21. A conflict of interest and fraud questionnaire was handed out to Board members to complete, in connection with the audit.

Mowery reported to the Board that Trent Sites had arranged for Upcycle Electronics to come on February 18 to collect discarded electronics equipment and properly recycle it.

He closed his financial report by reminding the Board that budget discussions would begin in March.

Moving to the facilities report, Facilities Director Tim Johnson told the Board that he would be meeting with the architects to

begin planning for renovations at the recently-acquired Lovegrove Building, in preparation for its makeover during the summer months. The bid to change the locks at that facility had been received and was being reviewed, he reported. A conference call in which he had participated concerning security cameras had determined that grant monies up to \$500,000 might be available, and it had been determined to apply for the full amount, any proceeds of which would be used to upgrade security cameras. At NFES, the vendor would be coming to look at the gymnasium padding the following week. DSO was working on the split climate system for the server room at the high school. Technicians would be coming the next day to NFES to adjust the regulators for the heating system. A new pressure regulator was being installed at FES, as the old one had been blowing seals. Workmen were pulling cable for the Halo system at the high school.

O'Neil asked the status of the Alternative Education building, and Mowery replied that the grant monies should be arriving any day.

Board Member Betty Kimble asked if it was possible to clean the bleachers at the high school? She said her son had told her about a small unit which could fit between the rows and run down the aisles. Johnson asked Kimble to provide him with the information about the unit and promised he would follow it up.

Kimble also inquired about what could be done about very high steps on the bleachers at NFES, and Johnson said additional handrails could be fabricated and installed in such a way that they could be removed when it was necessary to fold the bleachers up for storage.

There was no new discussion on the advanced construction planning agenda item.

The was no old business to come before the Board.

New business was next, and the Board was presented with an updated educational leave plan which, after brief review, it was approved unanimously.

Moving to the superintendent's report, Hedrick's first item was a report on a power outage which had recently occurred at BES. At first, he said, the outage had only affected half the school, but shortly it had spread to the entire facility. A conversation with the power company indicated that the outage might last for an extended time. The students were moved by bus to PCMHS but the power outage had not lasted as long as had been predicted, and they were moved back to BES again.

Hedrick said there was new guidance on masks, effective on February 18. When the county was in a high (red) or substantial (orange) condition, masks would be required in schools, but when the risk level fell to moderate (gold) or low (green), while masks would still be recommended, they would not be required. Masks would continue to be required on school buses, in accordance with CDC guidelines. He passed out a sheet outlining those policies, as well as policies in the event of exposure to COVID.

There were no conferences scheduled, so he had no conference update for the Board.

There being no more business to come before the board, it was soon voted unanimously to adjourn.

The next regular meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex at 5:30 p.m.

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this project was previously approved at an earlier session of the Commissioners.

Hartman asked when the system would be finished, and Gillespie replied that the vendor had not set a start date for the project yet, observing that it might be as affected as many other things by supply chain shortages and delays.

McConnell asked if Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) technology was being incorporated into the new system. "I'm glad you asked that question," replied Gillespie, explaining that many new systems are going to VOIP technology, which uses digital Internet lines instead of dedicated Centralized Automatic Message Accounting (CAMA) trunks, which permit automatic identification of the calling number with conventional analog lines, as is prevalent in 911 centers currently, and used at the Pendleton County 911 Center.

Gillespie said that the new system can continue to use the existing CAMA trunks for now, but could be converted to VOIP technology using fiber lines at a future date, though it would require some additional upgrades to do so. In addition, with those upgrades, it would be able to support "next generation 911" (NGA911), which will allow for texting as well as voice calls, once it is available, something which the existing system cannot accommodate. He observed that this upgrade was very necessary, as the current system was already two years past its recommended service life and out of its manufacturer's support.

McConnell called on Laura Brown, executive director of the Economic Development Authority (EDA), for an update on broadband efforts. Brown said she received word that the questions answered for the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) grant application were sufficient and no additional information was needed at this time. She also heard from Lingo Networks, the Internet service provider which will build and operate some of the network expansion which is part of one of the other pending grants, that the WV Broadband Council had contacted them for additional information about their company. She said some of the information being sought included that company's "DUNS number" - which can be used to access a company's Dun & Bradstreet report and do financial checks and assessments of a company's character and creditworthiness -- a sign that the grant application has been found satisfactory in its technical parameters and is in the final stages of review since, as Gillespie aptly characterized it when he quipped, "You don't need their DUNS number in order to say 'No!'."

Turning attention to the proposed annex to the courthouse, McConnell observed that, since the central office of the Pendleton Schools would soon be moving to their recently-acquired building on main street, their current office across the street from the courthouse building, may be available to purchase. McConnell said that, given the high cost of new construction, the Commission should study the feasibility of adapting this building as an annex in lieu of the current annex plans. But Hevener was less certain. It had been investigated before, he said, and it would need a lot of work, including installing an elevator to ensure proper compliance for handicapped access.

"We owe it to the county to take a good look," McConnell felt, and in the end, the Commission agreed that Omni Architects should come and take a good look, to determine if it would be possible - and less expensive - to adapt and rehabilitate that building than to construct a new one.

The Farmland Protection Board has three members up for re-appointment. They are Dale Walker, representing the Soil Conservation District, Kim Ruddle, representing the EDA, and Gary Swecker. Walker and Ruddle are no longer affiliated with those organizations and will need to be replaced. Hevener stated that Lois Carr, the new representative for the Soil Conservation District and Amber Nesselrodt, representing the EDA, have already been contacted. Nesselrodt has indicated that she would be willing to be appointed, but they have not received a response from Carr or Swecker as of this date. As a result, the Commission agreed to table the appointments until the next meeting.

There was discussion on forest service emergency calls regarding tourists who are visiting the national forests and get stuck and/or lost. Gillespie said that, currently, the 911 center receives many such calls, and is frequently obligated to dispatch emergency personnel and equipment to respond to what, in most cases, is a situation which only requires a tow truck, because they are unable to accurately verify the location

coordinates. If the 911 center is unable to verify the coordinates, then the call must be treated as a search and rescue call, and they have to send out the fire department, he explained. He said that often tourists from outside the area are without proper equipment - no food, water, warm clothing or emergency equipment, putting them at serious risk in cold weather.

The National Forest Service has recently posted on social media advisories that the Spruce Knob Road is not being plowed in winter, but it was observed that this is of little use to tourists. There was discussion about needing better signage, both advising people of the fact that the roads may not be plowed and to mark locations, so callers in trouble could identify their location more accurately to 911 personnel, but it was observed that it was unlikely that the National Forest Service had either inclination or funding to implement this solution, since they felt that such signage reduced the natural beauty of the areas.

It was suggested that some of these roads could be gated during the winter.

Mitchell observed that, in addition to the Spruce Knob area, the Reddish Knob area was also a source of many calls to the Pendleton 911 center. Often, she said, tourists had come into that area from the Virginia side, further compounding the problem of locating them. She praised some of the area towing companies, saying that some often go above and beyond their duty by rescuing the people even when the vehicles are so inaccessible that they cannot be retrieved until spring.

McConnell added that the problem also extended to trucks relying on GPS and map directions using the wrong roads and having to turn back. He recounted one instance where a truck had been forced to back out over a mile because there was not even a place to turn it around. He said he had contacted John Morgan at the Forest Service to schedule a meeting with the county to discuss the issue.

"But," he concluded, "we can only protect people from themselves just so much."

The sheriff's financial statement for the month of January 2022 was received, reviewed and filed. Since this report is independently audited, the Commission need not formally vote to approve it.

The Commission scheduled a budget workshop meeting for February 23 at 9:00 a.m. Budget requests were tabled until that meeting.

Brown brought up the need to do a county strategic plan, which she said was one of the requirements of her contract. She explained that, according to the WV Code, a comprehensive plan is to come from the Planning Commission. At this time, the County does not have a planning commission, and some of the commissioners balked at the idea of creating one.

"This can be a can of worms," opined Hartman, recalling prior efforts in that vein, and then asking, "Why do you believe it is necessary?"

"For planning and grant-writing purposes," countered Brown, observing that many grant applications want to have such a plan provided as part of the backup information supporting it.

"To Carole's point, we should look very carefully at this," said McConnell, observing that a previous plan which had been developed "was good, but probably put in a desk drawer somewhere." Hartman added that the previous planning commission had 15 members, which was far too large and unmanageable, she felt.

McConnell agreed. "If we had a million people [in the county], I wouldn't support having 15 members," he concluded.

"Why was the previous planning commission abolished?" asked Mallow.

"Because nothing was going on," replied county clerk Elise White.

In the end, the Commission tabled the matter, pending further discussion and review.

The Commission approved one fiduciary report and three estate settlements. There were no exonerations to be acted upon.

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of the bills. There being no other business to come before the Commission, Hevener made a motion to adjourn the meeting on the stroke of 10 a.m., exactly one hour from its call to order.

The next regular meeting of the Pendleton County Commission will be March 8 at 9 a.m. at the Commission office in the county courthouse.

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Stephanie D Dawson PETITIONER PO Box 812 Franklin, WV 26807 2-17-2p

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Division of Highways
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 21-0857-E-CN
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY,
public utilities
Petition for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Environmental Compliance and Modernization, Upgrade, and Improvement Program and related Surcharge for Coal-fired Boilers at Electric Power Plants.

NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On December 17, 2021, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (collectively, Companies) requested that the Commission approve an environmental compliance program to meet effluent limitation guidelines (ELG) at Ft. Martin and Harrison power stations, as described in the filing, and implementation of an associated cost recovery Surcharge to recover costs. Details of the proposed project construction and proposed Surcharge can be found on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us>.

The ELG compliance plan is needed to comply with ELG rules issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and involve water treatment for bottom ash and flue gas desulfurization processes. The proposed plan is needed for those power plants to operate beyond 2028. The incremental revenue increase due to the Surcharge is estimated to be initially \$6,545,986 in 2024 when the Surcharge begins and is expected to total \$26,154,891 by 2026 when all the installations are complete. The Surcharge is proposed to be reviewed annually by the Commission beginning September 2024. The Surcharge estimated rates for 2024-2026 by rate schedule are shown below:

Rate Schedule	Class	2024 ELG Surcharge		2025 ELG Surcharge		2026 ELG Surcharge	
		\$/kW-kVA	\$/kWh	\$/kW-kVA	\$/kWh	\$/kW-kVA	\$/kWh
A & R	Residential	\$ 0.00051	\$ 0.00052	\$ 0.00149	\$ 0.00151	\$ 0.00204	\$ 0.00209
B & G	General Svc						
C & E	General Svc	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.00064	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.00186	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.00258
CSH	Church & School						
D, PH & AGS	Large General Svc	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.00064	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.00186	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.00258
K & PP	Large Power Svc	\$ 0.111	\$ 0.00064	\$ 0.313	\$ 0.00059	\$ 0.427	\$ 0.00081
Street Lighting	St Lighting	\$ 0.00021	\$ 0.00021	\$ 0.00059	\$ 0.00059	\$ 0.00081	\$ 0.00081

The average monthly bill impact for the various classes of customers is proposed to be changed as follows:

	Average Increase Per Customer	Average Increase Per Customer	Average Increase Per Customer
	2024	2025	2026
Residential	\$0.51	\$1.49	\$2.04
Commercial	\$1.63	\$4.64	\$6.36
Industrial	\$690.60	\$1977.02	\$2735.08
Streetlighting	\$0.47	\$1.32	\$1.82
	Change 2024	Change 2025	Change 2026
Residential	0.5%	1.4%	2.0%
Commercial	0.5%	1.4%	1.9%
Industrial	0.4%	1.2%	1.7%
Streetlighting	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%
	0.5%	1.3%	1.9%

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on June 1, 2022. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene no later than March 14, 2022. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Acting Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
FROM: EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
DATE: February 9, 2022

ELECTION NOTICE
- The Board of Directors of Eastern West Virginia Community Action Agency, aka Eastern Action is comprised of representatives from Private Business, Public Officials and Low-Income members. This board governs the activities of Eastern Action.

Low-income Board members are elected by low-income individuals to represent their interests on the Board of Directors. The election for a low-income Eastern Action Board member representative will be held at all Eastern Action offices from February 14, 2022 through February 28, 2022. Ballots for Low-income Board members are available at your local Community Action office or online at www.easternaction.org.
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Please submit cover letter and resume to wvpa@hardynet.com no later than Friday, March 18.

First Mountain State Maple Day Rated 'A Sweet Success!'

(Cont. from Page 1)



The sap reducing process has evolved over time, from the most basic devices, like the wood-fired "rocket stove" illustrated above, set up and running at the former McCoy Mill in Franklin by Future Generations University, as part of their Maple Day demonstrations, to the oil-fired stainless-steel giant (below) employed by more serious producers, like M & S Maple in Upper Tract. The latter device, using conjunction with a reverse osmosis unit, which removes much of the excess water from the sap, allows M & S to produce 600-700 gallons of syrup a year without straining its capacity. In fact, says M & S proprietor Mark Kimble, their limitation is in the number of taps he can maintain by himself - 2,100 - and that, if he could buy more sap, he could easily at least double that production. In the photo below, proprietor Sarah Kimble emerges from the next room, where the reverse osmosis unit is kept, after a check on its progress.

Photos by Simon Blodgett



At the former McCoy Mill, where Future Generations University had set up their mobile sugar shack and other displays, local coffee producer Valkyrie Farms had set up a booth. Here, proprietors Brandon Berg and Natasha Wilson stand by to greet visitors and answer questions. Valkyrie Farms introduced a new maple coffee just in time for Maple Days.

Photo by Simon Blodgett

Commissioner Leonhardt to his farm for a ceremonial tree-tapping, and here locally we got to sample maple moonshine and a buffet of goodies throughout the county's restaurants. The partnership between the EDA, CVB, and WVMSPA worked to elevate the producers and local businesses and it did just that. We hope to do the same - or even better - on March 19," Kazarick concluded.

Laura Brown, executive director of the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority, was equally unequivocal in her assessment: "Blue skies greeted visitors this weekend in Pendleton County. Our office loved hearing the feedback from local businesses regarding how successful the first Maple Day was for them. Future Generations University organized a wonderful day for visitors and locals," adding, "Next week is our first business roundtable of the year and one

of our guests is actually Future Generations University Appalachian Program. They'll be speaking about their program and can give some details about the next Maple Days on March 19. Our office is always available for questions or anyone wanting to get their business showcased during the March Maple Days event. Make sure to follow the Pendleton County EDA Facebook page, too, for a giveaway featuring our county's five maple syrup producers."

Saturday's schedule for the Times reporter included visiting several of the participating businesses, and all reported surprisingly good turnout for a first-time event. They expressed optimism that the second Maple Day, on March 19, weather cooperating, might be even better. Several additional businesses will be participating in the March event. Watch the Times for listings the week prior to the event.



At the Korner Shop Cafe in Franklin, our breakfast stop, where many breakfast menu items that day included local maple syrup, there wasn't an empty seat in the house, and the staff was scurrying like a swarm of ants to keep all of their customers supplied with good food and coffee. Speaking to the Times later, manager Tammy Linaburg said that their business that day had exceeded even the Treasure Mountain Festival days. The crew took advantage of a moment's time out to pose for a photo and to catch their breath. Front row (left to right) are Tammy Linaburg, Sara Harper, Kathy Eye and Susie Hartman. Back row: Nicki Herb, Megan Bancroft and Tina Stuber.

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Sport Show Scheduled for this Weekend

The 34th Annual Western Virginia Sport Show will be held Friday through Sunday at Augusta Expo in Fishersville, Virginia (I-64, exit #91). Show hours are 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and noon until 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

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Special guests and attractions presenting seminars and meet and greet opportunities featured at this year's show include: R.J. & Jay Paul Molinere - Swamp People, Hank Parker - Outdoor Magazine TV pro, Neil Selby - nationally known dog trainer, Lance Hanger - grand national turkey calling champion who will be demonstrating

winning techniques and tips on hunting a big gobbler this spring. Howard and Jason Caldwell will demonstrate Falconry featuring their "Raptors Up Close" program for conservation education of these fascinating birds of prey. Welde's Grizzly Experience will feature an up-close live show with these extraordinary bears. The featured artist is Jack Paluh from Pennsylvania, award winning artist known for his scenic landscapes, Eastern Indian hunting culture and wildlife.

Virginia's largest big game display will include an extraordinary collection of animals from throughout North America and Africa. Popular attractions will include indoor trout fishing tank, annual big buck contest and South River Taxidermy's display featuring the top 10 whitetail mounts in the world. The new #1 world record Pope & Young buck will be on display.

More information about the show is available online at www.westernvasportshow.com.

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