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Community CALENDAR

Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Hartman's Service Station will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" for 60+ Seniors on Friday at the North Fork Site (304-567-2240) and the Franklin Site (304-358-2421). Please call today to reserve a free lunch which will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tire Collection Rescheduled

The tire collection has been rescheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority on 100 Thorn Creek Road in Franklin.

Only tires from state residents will be accepted. Tires from businesses will not be accepted. A 10 tire per person limit will be strictly enforced. Tires must be off the rim. Only passenger car or light truck tires will be accepted.

Road Work Closes Snowy Mtn. Road

The West Virginia Department of Highways is replacing culverts on County Route 17, Snowy Mountain Road. The road will be closed to traffic between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. until the work is completed. Only emergency traffic will be allowed.

Ham, Bacon, Egg Show To Be Held

The annual FFA South Branch Valley Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Moorefield High School. FFA members from Pendleton, East Hardy, Moorefield and Petersburg will be showcasing their products.

Community Meeting To Be Held Tuesday

The Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Pendleton County HUB team, and Franklin Beautification will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin to discuss future plans and projects for the upcoming year for Pendleton County.

Ciara Lambert, CVB director, said everyone's input and comments are welcomed, and that there will be volunteer opportunities available for interested citizens.

Morrisey's Staff To Be Here Friday

A representative from Attorney General Patrick Morrisey's office will meet with residents from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Pendleton Senior and Family Services Center in Franklin.

Lenten Luncheons Continue Today

The annual Lenten Luncheons hosted by the Pendleton County Ministerial Association will begin at noon today at Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Franklin.

Attendees will drive through and get their food (soup, sandwich and dessert). Written messages will be provided in the bag with the meals. Recordings of the message will be available at churches' Facebook pages and websites around noon.

Today's meal will be provided by South Fork United Methodist Church with Pastor Judy Vetter delivering the message.

Next week's meal will be provided by Friends Run and Smith Creek Churches of the Brethren with Pastor David Morris delivering the message.

The Pendleton Sheriff's Department is Going to the Dogs - Happily

Meet Deputy Dargo (right), the newest member of the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department. He's a 2-1/2-year-old German Shepherd, trained for both tracking and narcotics detection. His handler and patrol partner is Deputy Matt Kontyko, who says, although the two have only been working together for a short time, they already make a great team and have become fast friends. Dargo came to the department by way of Battle Ridge K9s in Madison, where he spent more than a year in training for his new position. Once his solo training was completed, Kontyko joined him in Madison to spend two weeks of intensive training together, which he said went very well.

"He's got a good nose," Kontyko said, praising his new partner and explaining that the new sleuth was off to a strong start, having already sniffed out some controlled substances on his very first duty shift. He'll be riding along with the deputy each time he's on routine patrols, as well as taking a more leading role in finding illegal drugs and lost or missing persons.

In line to be assigned to one of the new patrol cars which arrived just before Christmas, Kontyko had to forego it and keep using an older unit which was already outfitted with the kennel. But there were no regrets on his part. "It was totally worth it," he said firmly, as he grinned at his new patrol buddy.

Kontyko said Dargo seems to be getting on well with all of the other members of the department, and added with a grin, as Dargo hastened to enthusiastically greet Sheriff Chad Bowers as he approached, "He really likes the sheriff."



Grand Jury Indicts 10

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – There were 10 individuals indicted on 21 felonies by the latest grand jury.

The members of the grand jury met March 1 at the Pendleton County Courthouse in Franklin.

Robbie Hartman, 27, was indicted on two felony charges. Hartman, of R and Eve Lane, Franklin, is facing two charges of delivery of a controlled substance from two separate incidents in 2021 in the county.

Authorities allege Hartman did unlawfully and feloniously on or about April 26, 2021 as well as April 27, 2021, deliver a controlled substance – methamphetamine, a schedule II non-narcotic drug.

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Lots of Food, Fun and Learning Experiences at 2nd Mountain State Maple Day on Saturday

By Ken Bustin



The second Mountain State Maple Day is coming up this Saturday, March 19. After the first day on February 19 – rated a "sweet success" by Future Generations University (FGU), its de facto organizer – all of those involved in the event, armed with the knowledge and experience gained last month, are working hard to make the second one even better. Several more businesses are participating.

A list of participants can be found on the website of the West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers Association, at <https://wvmspa.org/maple-days-participants-list/>.

Four maple syrup producers will be showcasing their production and featuring their maple products:

- M&S Maple, 44 Graystone Lane, Upper Tract. (304) 358-2426
- Dry Run Spirits, 3576 Dry Run Rd, Franklin. (304) 358-7034
- Cool Hollow Maple Farm, 627 Cool Hollow Drive, Sugar Grove. (304) 218-1175
- Jack Mountain Maple, Creekside Drive, Moyers. (304) 358-7909

In addition, FGU will be set up on main street in Franklin with an information center, providing information and directions to the other participants, as well as featuring in-

formation on its Appalachian Program, which promotes development of agri-tourism and provides guidance and assistance to those desiring to explore the hobby or business possibilities of maple products.

Several local restaurants and stores will also be featuring special offerings for Maple Day. In Franklin, the Korner Shop Café will be featuring local maple syrup with its pancakes and waffles; The Hollow restaurant will be offering maple pancakes with pecans and maple sausage and home fries; the Franklin Moose Lodge will be offering a sweet style Margarita with local maple syrup, tequila, triple sec, lime juice and salted rim; and T & K Markets will be featuring locally-produced maple syrup and locally-roasted Valkyrie Farms maple coffee. Heading east on Route 33 toward Harrisonburg, Virginia, Long Mountain General Store and Brandywine General Store will have local maple syrup available.

The success of the earlier event has sparked enthusiasm from several quarters. Lind-

say Kazarick of FGU's Appalachian Program, speaking to the Times on Monday, was looking forward to this weekend's events with anticipation:

"As we are approaching the second event of the 2022 Mountain State Maple Days we can feel the excitement building! It's been a fantastic opportunity working with the maple producers, local businesses, WVMSPA and the Pendleton County EDA and CVB. The partnerships that have been formed truly have built a strong foundation for more community development opportunities in the near future. Through these initiatives we've even seen new participants come on board since the last event in February and we hope to see even more next year! There will be a lot going on Saturday, March 19th in Pendleton County and the Future Generations University Appalachian Program will be set up in front of Sunshine Consignment on main street to serve as an information center for all events. We encourage visitors to stop by and see us. We will have maps indicating where the sugar camps are in the county, information on the camps, cookbooks, syrup for sale, and more."

Another FGU staffer, Jenny Totten, put the event into perspective with a broader

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Business Roundtable Speakers Discuss Small Business Development Assistance, Sustainable Land Uses

By Ken Bustin

The Pendleton County Economic Development Authority holds periodic Business Roundtable events, designed to showcase local businesses or report on developing industries or trends in the area.

Their first roundtable of 2022, held on March 2nd, provided a look at agritourism in Pendleton County, as well as showcasing the resources and help available from the Small Business Development Center, a service of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development.

Meeting at the South Fork Ruritan building in Oak Flat, the session featured two speakers. The first, Robert "Buc" Hammer, of the SBDC, outlined the services and resources that organization provides to owners and prospective owners of small businesses.

There are 14 small business coaches in the SBDC system, and they frequently collaborate on clients' projects when one or another of them has a stronger background in the skills needed. Between them, their experience and skill set covers a wide spectrum. And, in the rare cases when that isn't enough, they can call upon the resources of the entire West Virginia Department of Commerce, Hammer was quick to point out.

Their services and expertise are available to entrepreneurs who are considering starting a new business, those looking to become the new owner of an existing business, and to owners of existing businesses which want to expand or add new product lines or fields of endeavor.

Although they will assist in a myriad of ways, Hammer is quick to point out that they do not ever make the decision to undertake a project for themselves or for their clients. They will



Future Generations University Appalachian Program Director Luke Taylor-Ide speaks about their efforts to develop maple sugaring and other sustainable land uses.

help to find and analyze information of all kinds, assist in market research, and business projections, review needs for capital and financing and assist in finding it, and help to find other human resources when needed. But, the decision of whether or not to implement any idea is always left to the client.

Typically, when a client comes to them for help, they begin by giving them help and advice on a business plan – though they do not ever write it for them.

Once there is a solid business plan in place, they will assist in finding financing. Hammer said that he believes that having SBDC assisting in the background does help to make banks look more favorably on an application, since they know that the client has benefited from good advice and is more likely to have done thorough research before proceeding.

After financing has been secured, they will help with such things as finding a location, lining up vendors and suppliers, getting permits and licenses, identifying and filling staff positions, setting up bookkeeping, creating an employee handbook, and finding other resources like accountants and attorneys.

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Three Other Counties File Similar 911 Complaints...

Pendleton vs. Frontier Mediation Continued Until March 28 After Reaching Agreement

By Ken Bustin

Pendleton County's complaint to the Public Service Commission against Frontier Communications took an unexpected turn on Monday when, after reaching an agreement through mediation on March 11, the matter was suddenly continued for two weeks, until March 28.

A notice of the continuance obtained from the Public Service Commission's website says simply that the matter is "waiting on parties to return signed copies of the mediation results."

It is, however, only one party – Frontier – who has not signed the agreement that was mutually developed by the parties and accepted

by the mediator, as Pendleton County Emergency Services Coordinator, Rick Gillespie, who has managed the case for Pendleton County, confirmed to the Times on Monday that an agreement between the parties had been reached at the March 11 mediation session, and that Pendleton County

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OBITUARIES

Ira H. "Bub" Propst



Ira H. "Bub" Propst, 96, of Franklin passed away March 14, 2022, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

He was born July 24, 1925, and was the son of the late Charlie Lewis Propst and Margaret "Maggie" Whetzel Propst.

Mr. Propst attended Franklin High School and served in the U.S. Navy. He worked at Kline Motor Sales, Pendleton Motor Sales and retired from the West Virginia Department of Highways.

He attended Smith Creek Church of the Brethren and enjoyed woodworking.

He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

His wife, Ruby C. Simons Propst, survives.

Also surviving are a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Carroll Propst, Jimmie Propst and Billie Propst; and two sisters, Mabel Cayton and Edith Stone.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. today at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin where a funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor David Morris officiating. Interment will

be at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to Franklin Rescue Squad, PO Box 902, Franklin, WV 26807; Smith Creek Church of the Brethren, 182 Goshen View Lane, Franklin, WV 26807 and Pendleton Manor, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

Elsie (Peppel) Eye



Elsie (Peppel) Eye, a resident of Pendleton Manor in Franklin, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2022, four days before her 93rd birthday.

Born on March 15, 1929, in Benton Harbor, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late Julius Peppel and Lydia (Gellert) Peppel.

Ms. Eye was a prim, proper and beautiful young lady and during her high school years she participated in modeling for a photography studio. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

After graduation, she followed her love of medicine and became an X-ray technician at the University of Michigan, where she met her former husband, Dr. H. Luke Eye. They moved to Franklin, where he be-

gan his practice, and she became a homemaker. She was a talented painter of water-colors, enjoyed playing golf, bingo and bridge and volunteered with the rescue squad.

In the early 90s, she moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia, where she continued to pursue her many hobbies. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Surviving are two daughters Suzanne Terschueren and Betsy (Elwood) Smith; a daughter-in-law, Beverly (Andy) Eye; five grandchildren, Aviana Terschueren, Christopher (Lori) Smith, Aaron (Jordan Stutzman) Eye, Seth (Laura) Eye and Isaac Eye; three great-grandchildren, Gary Smith, Bruce Andrew Eye and Lillian Eye; two sisters, Ruth Wilkes and Janie Peppel-Wojdula; a close friend, Bob Maphis; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Andrew (Andy) Luke Eye; a grandson, Noah Terschueren; three sisters, Esther Lovell, Ida Green and Linda Peppel-Ludwig; and five brothers, Frederick, Albert, Edward, Samuel and Henry Peppel.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Woodbine Cemetery in Harrisonburg, Virginia, with Rev. Terry Lynn Wyant-Vargo officiating.

Memorials may be made to Pendleton Manor, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807 or Franklin Rescue Squad, PO Box 966, Franklin, 26807.

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

which allows them to receive federal funding.

All local emergency planning committees are required to have an emergency plan in place for hazardous materials, hold regular quarterly meetings, and maintain by-laws, elect officers, prepare agendas, and record meeting minutes. Additionally, the committees are required to invite the public to attend at least one meeting each year. The committees are also further encouraged to keep the public informed of the local emergency plan explaining how to respond when an emergency occurs.

Discussion after the presentation focused on hazardous material risks that exist within the county. There are currently 18 businesses on the state's Tier 2 list, which is a federally mandated reporting system for companies storing hazardous materials. These materials include gasoline, diesel fuel, chlorine, fertilizer, and battery acid. Furthermore, there are risks associated with the transport of hazardous materials on

the highways. Businesses storing large quantities of hazardous materials are required to report such storage. However, any business may voluntarily report hazardous material storage to the Tier 2 system in the interest of safety. Voluntary reporting is free of charge.

Training for first responders was also discussed. The committee has applied for training in response to inland oil spills, such as in the case of a vehicle wreck or storage breach. Such training would address public safety, containment, and protection of the environment which includes waterways.

The final piece of business involved the election of officers. Bruce Minor was elected as chairman; Brooke Hott, vice chairman, and Frank Wehrle, secretary/treasurer. The next meeting of the PCLEPC will be held May 12, noon, at the Pendleton Community Building.

Council Members Discuss Vacant Position

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – The members of the Town of Franklin council discussed a vacant water operator position and other items at their latest meeting.

Council members Kristin Dingess, Genevieve Glover, Clay Richardson and Edwin Wimer were in attendance at the March 8 meeting. Bob Horan, mayor, and Bruce Minor, recorder, also were at the meeting. Laura Brown was the lone council member not present.

The council members briefly talked about the difficulty of filling the vacant water operator position. Horan informed the council members there have been advertisements for the position. He added there was one qualified applicant but he declined to accept the position.

The council members unanimously voted to go into an executive session to discuss personnel issues. When they returned to the regular meeting, they approved a \$1 an hour salary increase for town employees. The raise was scheduled to go into effect on March 11.

In other action, Kim Ruddle, an employee with Region 8, addressed the council members regarding the group's GIS services available for municipalities. Ruddle said she is working with Capon Bridge officials to map the town's water system. No action was taken by the council members regarding the offer from Region 8 officials at this time.

Town attorney Jonie E. Nelson discussed a sewer easement regarding town residents. Council members approved the easements as presented at the meeting.

Nelson also discussed joint easements for cell towers and water tanks. She said the easements were for the IWG tower company for the cell

tower on Anderson Hill and American tower on the property owned by Rick Gillespie. She inquired if the council members were interested in contacting the cell tower companies and property owners to continue the easements and right of ways to access the towers and water tanks. The council members unanimously approved to authorize Nelson to pursue the agreements.

The council members discussed changes in the by-laws with the Chamber of Commerce and Pendleton County Visitors and Convention Bureau. The changes would permit non-voting members of the board to become voting members. The council members approved the town's representative, Elizabeth Scott, to remain on the two boards as a voting member. Dingess recused herself from the vote due to her role with the Chamber of Commerce and Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Frank Wehrle, town manager, submitted the monthly financial statement for approval. He informed the council members that "by and large most of the funds are doing fairly well for this time of year." He added there was a significant payment from the board of parks fund due to the delivery and installation of the bleachers at the town park. The council members unanimously accepted the statement.

Wehrle reminded the council members that March 24 is the deadline for candidate filing. He said the filing fee is \$5 and the election is set for June 14.

The minutes from the Jan. 11 meeting as well as the Jan. 31 special meeting were accepted with minor corrections. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 12 at the town office.

COUNCIL MEMBERS APPROVE PROPOSED BUDGET

The council members met

prior to the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the proposed levy estimate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The levy rate for Class I personal property and public utility is 12.5 cents per \$100. There are no personal property or public utility in that class in the town limits. The levy rate for Class II real estate and personal property is 25 cents per \$100. The town is expected to generate a total of \$48,486 (\$48,423 in taxes from real estate and \$63 in personal property in Class II). The levy rate for Class IV real estate, personal property and public utility in the town limits is 50 cents per \$100. The town is expected to receive \$54,944 in real estate, \$29,434 in person property and \$11,993 in public utility. A total of \$144,857 in Class IV taxes is anticipated.

There is an expected 5% in delinquencies, exonerations and uncollectable taxes, a total of \$7,243 and another 2% in tax discounts, a total of \$2,752. The total projected property tax collection is \$134,862. There is also a 2% assessor valuation fund expense of \$2,697. The total amount expected to be collected in taxes is \$132,165.

The next largest revenue for the town is refuse collection, which is expected to generate \$85,000. Excise tax on utilities is expected to generate nearly \$49,000 for the town.

The town's total proposed revenue for the upcoming fiscal year is \$369,065. The town's budget is also \$369,065. The largest expected expenditure is for city hall, approximately \$187,500.

The council members unanimously approved the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Emergency Planning Committee Resumes Duties

By Walter Hojka

After a two-year hiatus, the Pendleton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (PCLEPC) resumed its quarterly meeting schedule. The committee met March 10 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin with 11 representatives of the community in attendance. The meeting addressed updating the local emergency hazard plan, providing hazardous materials training for first responders, maintaining a list of hazardous material storage in the county, and the election of officers.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation given by Shawn Dunbrack from the West Virginia Emergency Management Division. In his presentation Dunbrack laid out the goals and requirements of the division. The goals include an emergency planning committee in every county, having those committees actively meet again, and that all committees are meeting federal requirements

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had signed and returned the agreement immediately upon its presentation. Citing confidentiality rules which prevent discussion of the substance of the agreement until it is completed, Gillespie declined to offer any further explanation, saying simply that he had not expected the proceedings to be continued for that length of time. He had previously told the *Times* in an earlier interview that it was his understanding that the mediation would need to be successfully resolved by March 14, or would then go before the full Commission.

A search of the Public Service Commission's website, however, revealed that four new complaints had been filed with the PSC last week regarding extended failures of 911 service in several other counties in West Virginia. One of the key issues raised in the Pendleton County

complaint was the failure of Frontier to provide a secondary route for 911 communications to the Pendleton County 911 Center in Franklin.

The new complaints which were filed last week concern themselves with failures and outages affecting Barbour, Brooke, Grant, Harrison, Taylor, Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel counties. Brooke, Marshall and Ohio counties each filed individual complaints, while the fourth was filed by the West Virginia Enhanced 911 Council, addressing issues in all of the counties cited. In each case, Frontier is required to file a response in 10 days, or in the case of these four complaints, by March 17 and 18.

The March 28 continuance extends the date of any order in the Pendleton case past that time, effectively keeping the results of that

mediation agreement from being released to the public. If the parties in each of those matters elect to have their cases handled by mediation, those proceedings would also be kept confidential until a resolution was reached in each of them. Mediation results become public upon a successful completion of the proceeding.

Asked if he felt that the lengthy continuance in the Pendleton matter had been sought to prevent public disclosure of any resolutions in the Pendleton matter which would establish precedents which could be applied to the other upcoming complaints, Gillespie declined to comment.

Calls to Frontier for comment on the matter had, at press time, gone without reply.

SKSRT ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone, Inc. will award a \$500 scholarship to two graduating seniors whose parents or legal guardians are current customers of Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone, Inc.

Applicant must be a member of a current graduating class, must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA or in the upper 1/3 of the class, and must be accepted as a full-time student in an accredited two- or four year college, university or vocational-technical school.

Applicant must have character that is respectful of students and teachers in a manner that shows leadership, honesty, responsibility, integrity and consideration of others.

Further information on eligibility and criteria can be obtained by calling 304-567-2121, M-F from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by e-mail at skprt@spruceknob.net.

Applications are available at the telephone office or can be downloaded online at www.spruceknob.net.

Deadline for submission of application is April 19, 2022.

Heartfelt Thanks

The family of Helen "HoHo" Wagoner Hill wishes to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the calls, cards, hugs, flowers, food, memorials and stories shared with us during her time of passing. That she was loved so, will be missed so and touched so many lives brings us peace and comfort. You are family.

A special thank you to everyone at Bridgewater Retirement Community Assisted Living who made her feel so loved and welcome during her 7-year stay with you - loving, caring compassionate family.

To McMullen Funeral Home for all the helpful, professional and loving care. Mom was beautifully at peace. Thank you...you are family.

To Blue Ridge Florist, mom's spray was tastefully elegant. Thank you... you are family.

To Chaplain Russ Barb and Wendell "Sonny" Henkel - her longtime friends - you gave her a grand and meaningful send off. Thank you...you are family.

To East Lawn/Dignity, we leave mom and dad (reunited at last) in your care. Thank you...you are family.

Thank you Mother Dear for all the wonderful memories you've given all of us. As you always said on your good days and on your bad days, "Whoop-de-doo." We will always be family.

A good and faithful woman - a life well lived.

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Business Roundtable Speakers Discuss Small Business Development Assistance, Sustainable Land Uses

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Their assistance can continue well after a business has opened its doors and is operating. Hammer said he has had clients whom he has helped for several years. He said his case load currently includes 43 active clients, including start-ups, expansions of existing businesses, and transitions in ownership. He added that the SBDC's clients are divided among, roughly, 25% pre-venture, 30% start-ups, and 45% existing businesses.

Though he said stronger clients are often able to obtain financing without the backing of the Small Business Administration (SBA), most of the financing they find for clients is through SBA.

Even with their help, Hammer emphasized that starting a new business can be a daunting task, and one which should never be undertaken lightly, adding that the three largest causes of failure of a new business are the following:

- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of experience
- Lack of capital

He encouraged anyone exploring the idea of a new business, or an existing business wanting to expand or branch into a new line of business, to contact SBDC, emphasizing that all of their help is both confidential and free.

Readers who want more information can visit their website at www.WVSBDC.com or contact Hammer by phone at (304) 546-4593.

The second presenter of the evening was Luke Taylor-Ide, director of the Appalachian Program at Future Generations University (FGU), who began with a quick overview of the university. "We are the smallest and most applied university in the country," he said, inviting anyone who was unfamiliar with the institution to come learn more about it.

"If you want to know what we do up there," he said, referring to the university's headquarters atop North Mountain, "come on up."

"I'll be up," said Hammer,

as he packed his presentation materials nearby. "I've always wanted to know."

FGU's Appalachian Program started in 2016, and was born of a desire to help local farmers to make better, more productive, more sustainable use of their land. In the 1800s, Taylor-Ide said, farming in West Virginia was very different than much of it is today. Farmers in those times would have "farmed the forests," doing some selective timber cutting, allowing animal grazing and with some row farming. But gradually, as time went by, they tried more and more to copy the farming practices of the



Before and after the main program, those in attendance were invited to partake of a variety of enticing and delicious treats – most of which were maple-themed -- catered by Dean's Gap Farm in Fort Seybert. Readers wanting more information about their services may visit their website at www.deansgapfarm.com.

Midwest.

Trouble is, he said, this land and terrain was very different, and that type of farming was not well-suited to West Virginia. The Appalachian Program, therefore, was designed to explore and promote farming and agricultural endeavors which were more suited.

As the program progressed, the university became more and more interested in helping to promote a resurgence in maple products. That was helped along, he said, by two technology advancements. The first one was very simple: 3/16" plastic tubing, which required no vacuum to deliver sap from taps in trees to central collection vessels. As long as there was slope, the sap would run by gravity.

"And we have lots of slope here in West Virginia," he grinned.

The second technological advancement was the development of reverse osmosis gear, which could remove much of the excess water content in sap, raising its sugar level to 10% sugar, thus requiring far less boiling to produce syrup.

Together, those two advancements have made the production of maple syrup easier and more economically viable.

"West Virginia has more tappable maple trees than Vermont," he explained, and current maple production left most of those still untapped. The potential for expansion is still quite vast. He added, in addition to maples, much of the local forest lands also have many walnut and sycamore trees, both of which also produce usable sap.

The best part of maple sugaring, observed Taylor-Ide, is that it doesn't require a lot of investment to get started. "The materials cost very little," he said, making it easy for anyone with land with tappable maples to get started without major investment. And someone could start small, expanding as they learn more about the process and gain more confi-

dence. That is the best way to approach it, he believes. "Don't bite off more than you can chew," he advised.

FGU offered a maple syrup production course, and several of the producers in the area had gotten started as a result of taking that course, he explained.

To help prospective maple producers, Taylor-Ide said that the university will do free assessments of forests and woodlots. "We can take a look at your property and tell you what you can do with it," he said, observing that, "... an untapped woodlot is not a healthy woodlot," and that there are often options, in addition to maple sugaring, that go unnoticed. For instance, he said, one could allow pigs to forage in a woodlot, then finish up their feeding on acorns, and in so doing increase the value of the bacon by five times. While some selective cutting is often indicated to maintain good health in a woodlot, focus was on finding ways to make money from property without cutting all the timber, and leave the property in better condition as a result.

Product diversification on a property is a good goal, he said, and many of the endeavors are very low investment and low risk.

He cited an example of

one landowner who had developed a number of different revenue streams from his property: a lodge and restaurant which served local produce; cross-country trails; leasing of grazing rights; maple tapping rights; some selective wood cutting; and selling carbon credits. While not every piece of property would have that number of options, many would allow multiple endeavors which would produce revenue for the owner.

Agri-tourism is on the rise in the area, Taylor-Ide said, and the university is doing its best to encourage it. They have played an integral part in the organizing of Mountain State Maple Days, and are exploring other possible events. He hoped when people heard the term agri-tourism, they will associate that with good food, and we're working with area restaurants to diversify their menus to use more locally-produced goods.

FGU will be set up on main street in Franklin this coming Saturday, during Mountain State Maple Day, providing information about maple sugaring. Readers are encouraged to stop by and ask questions.

New Coronavirus Cases Slow to a Trickle

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – The number of new coronavirus cases in the county increased by three according to Pendleton County Health Department officials.

There have been 1,992 total coronavirus cases reported in the county since the start of the pandemic in Pendleton County. There have been three new cases reported since March 7 in the county. Officials have announced 17 deaths associated with the coronavirus in the county.

Pendleton County was listed as a green county on the March 14 update on the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources coronavirus website. Pendleton was one of 53 counties listed as green on the latest map update. Ritchie County was the only yellow county in the state. Webster County was listed as gold on the March 14 update.

State officials utilize two indicators to determine a county's color on the map – positivity rate and infection rate. Pendleton's positivity rate on March 12, 13 and 14 updates were in the green level at 0.77, 0.78 and 0.8, respectively. The county's infection rate remained in the yellow range in those updates at 14.35, 28.7 and 28.7, respectively.

The WVDHHR coronavirus website lists 27 cases of the Delta variant and one case of the Omicron variant in a county resident since the start of the pandemic.

The number of breakthrough cases reported in the county increased to 246. Officials have listed one breakthrough death in a county resident since the distribution of the coronavirus vaccine. A breakthrough case is defined as a positive test result in an individual who is deemed as fully vaccinated by health officials.

Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

The last few days of winter are still left. This past Saturday, Mother Nature sure put a good last storm with high winds and snow. Don't think winter is over because last year we had snow on April 21.

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, Sandra Vandevander and Garry Propst; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Effie Harr, Brian Wilton, Tyler Moore, Tristan Hartman, Ronald Hayes, Becky Hedrick, Joshua Shirk, Libby Leeson, Doug Judy, Kay Alt, Ronnie Bowers Sr., Allen Kile II, Donna Bennett, Lloyd Hartman, 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, Quinley McConnell, Etha Mae Bowers, Mary Jo Wilfong, Winona Judy Hewitt, Grace Hammer, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Rodney Crites, Raven Hoke, Charlotte Coley, Anita Hartman and Danny Arbogast.

Prayer thought: "Creator God, thank you for the unique and perfect way You created the world and all that's in it. Your works are wonderful."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for March 7 through March 13, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: March 7 - 71°, 45°, .34" (43°, 16°); March 8 - 44°, 33° (59°, 37°); March 9 - 46°, 28° (61°, 28°); March 10 - 44°, 26° (68°, 42°); March 11 - 63°, 25° (73°, 49°); March 12 - 26°, 13°, 1" snow (62°, 41°) and March 13 - 42°, 11° (54°, 37°).

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BSA will provide regular sponsorship updates and let everyone know when the pig will be visiting BES for the "big smooch."

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20 Years Ago
Week of March 7, 2002

30 Years Ago
Week of March 19, 1992

assigned the office of postmaster of the Upper Tract Post Office following the retirement of her father, William Perry Graham, on September 30, 1971.

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riches also to his spirit and his soul. As Whittier wrote, "Aloft on sky and mountain wall are God's great pictures hung."

SUGAR GROVE

School to Mark 50th Anniversary

50 Years Ago
Week of March 16, 1972

The arms, the backs, of West Virginians still show little slack. We must be sure that we preserve our spirits, too, as mountainously strong and great are those of the mountain men who came before. Theirs were great spirits.

100 YEARS AGO

N. C. Town Falls; Peninsula Invasion Set

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.

Bay to Fort Monroe, just across Hampton Roads from Norfolk, Va., and there launch a Peninsula campaign eastward toward Richmond. Lincoln, while insisting that enough men be kept back to protect Washington, approved the plan that same day.

And four days later, March 17, the first divisions of the Army of the Potomac began boarding ships at Alexandria, Va., to set out on their ill-fated campaign.

Change in Command

But that was not the only news that week. In the midst of the activity, Lincoln announced that McClellan had been removed from command of the northern armies and commanded only the Army of the Potomac (McClellan learned of the rather insulting order from a newspaper at Fairfax Courthouse).

Down in Richmond that same week, Confederate President Jefferson Davis also made an important military change. Gen. Robert E. Lee, (who had arrived recently from South Carolina with a new horse named Traveler), was charged "with the conduct of military operations in the armies of the Confederacy."

Davis also reorganized his cabinet that same week, promoting the controversial Jew, Judah P. Benjamin, from Secretary of War to Secretary of State despite the protests of certain congressmen.

An far across the country, a federal flotilla of gunboats and transports descended the Mississippi River to the Confederacy's northernmost river stronghold—Island Number Ten. On March 17, they attacked the island, beginning a siege that eventually would crack the Confederacy's western defenses once again.

Next week: "Stonewall" Jackson attacks.

But in Washington that week, Gen. George B. McClellan was far more interested in events in Virginia. He had just learned that Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston had withdrawn his army from northern Virginia, and suddenly all his plans had gone awry. (McClellan advanced to Manassas March 11-12 to confirm Johnston's withdrawal, and he found logs, painted and mounted like cannons, aimed toward the North. The story of the logs, called "Quaker guns," brought humiliating laughter down upon McClellan from throughout the North).

On March 13, McClellan and his corps commanders, sprung into action, gathered at Fairfax Courthouse just south of Washington, and made an historic decision: because Johnston had pulled south beyond the Rapidan River, the great Union army under McClellan would move by water down the Potomac River and Chesapeake

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MONDAY, MARCH 21
Stuffed Peppers
Roasted Potatoes
Mustard Greens
Apple

TUESDAY, MARCH 22
Potato Soup
Grilled Cheese
Pickle Fries
Strawberries

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
Lasagna
Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread
Apple Crisp

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Early Medicinal Remedies Showed Ingenuity

The scarcity of medical facilities in very remote areas of the country at the turn of the nineteenth/twentieth century has been well documented. People did get sick and often needed help. Thus, they were forced to make do with what they had on hand. The remedies themselves stand as a testament to the ingenuity of an all but vanished race. There were many variations about a remedy for rheumatism. To get rid of the malady, all one needed to do was place a potato in each pants pocket and leave them there until relief arrived.

The following list includes cures for relieving pain: wear nutmeg around one's neck, wear plain gold earrings in pierced ears, wear a strip of leather around one's neck, rub grease from a skunk around one's knees and feet every day, drink large amounts of sweet milk, make a tea from burdock root and drink it hot three times a day.

Some witch doctors had cures. One typical procedure was as follows: trim the fingernails on one hand, then trim the toenails on the opposite foot. Reverse the procedure and gather the trimmings. Take these to a knot hole in a tree and place the nail clippings into the hole. Replace the knot or plug up the hole and strike the area with a hatchet while saying the words, "God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit."

The Brandywine School Association is planning to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary May 2 at the school.

SUGAR GROVE

Advent of Electricity Was Death Knell for Ice House

With the use of electricity and refrigeration in the early 1940's, it seems the river has little need to ice-over for a length of time. The old-fashioned refrigerators required cutting and storing huge blocks of ice—thus a bond was provided within the community. That, indeed, was a great community gathering; which in turn called for another community gathering in the summer—a big ice cream social! However, when was the last time anyone saw the river iced-over like the "good old days?"

40 Years Ago
Week of March 18, 1982

H-P Stores to Close—Postponed Clothing Sales, Economy Cited

Half-Price Store Opened In Franklin 44 Years Ago

Employees of the H-P Store in Franklin had tears in their eyes Tuesday.

They were informed late Monday evening that the Franklin store, along with all other stores in the 16-store chain, is closing.

"I didn't feel like getting up this morning," store manager Bill Evick told a *Times* reporter Tuesday. "It's sad. Real sad. It's like giving up part of your life. I didn't think it could happen."

The store employees were busy Tuesday marking down prices in preparation for the liquidation sale which began this morning. When the present stock of merchandise is sold, the stores will be closed permanently.

The Half-Price Store, as it was called at that time, opened in Franklin in 1938, and during the 44 years it has been in business in Franklin, it has been a dependable and important member of the local business community. A number of years ago the name of the chain was changed from Half Price Stores to H-P Stores.

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Do You Remember?... 25 YEARS AGO

Dr. H. Luke Eye began his medical practice in Franklin in March 1957 after serving two years in the U.S. Navy. Dr. Eye moved to his present location October 27, 1969, from the Franklin Hotel.

10 YEARS AGO

Lola C. Graham was

Dixie School at Riverton Still Serving People

Dixie School in Riverton is presently and has been since November, 1971, a Head Start Center. It is centrally located in the western area of Pendleton County where low-income children are transported from the surrounding area.

Many people formerly familiar with the interior of the building would scarcely recognize it now. The Ruritan Club of Riverton consented to the use of the building for Head Start and also made themselves responsible for the renovations that were needed. The well-equipped kitchen with built-in cabinets, storage areas, plumbing, and replaced flooring was completed by the club. The Ruritan Club members deserve much credit for their interest and work.

Hiking Trails To Be Provided In Dolly Sods Area

Forest Supervisor "Tony" Derrell of the Monongahela National Forest announced that a cooperative agreement has recently been signed by the Monongahela National Forest and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. The subject of this agreement is the maintenance of hiking trails in the Dolly Sods Scenic Area of the Potomac Ranger District.

The primitive character of Dolly Sods Scenic Area would be maintained.

The Higher a Man Climbs

by ROWLAND ASPINAL
Retired Methodist Minister

The greatest sermon ever preached was spoken on a mountain.

Mankind's mightiest achievements, its most severe temptations, have taken place on mountain peaks. The Ark of Noah came to rest on one; the Ten Commandments were graven on stone upon another.

Throughout our spiritual history, mountain heights have had a special meaning for all men.

In the Mountain State, this is a fact that we must not lose sight of. We have our second century of statehood rapping at our door. In it, it is a seeming certainty that we will realize increasingly the riches of our natural resources—wealths so vast that our mountain cores are filled with them, our hills grown over with them. They were surely put here for man to use, and our full use of them is as much a duty for the West Virginian, today, as their preservation was for those who settled in these hills in yesteryears, and held them for our using.

But it is up to us to keep those mountainous material wealths now opening up to us from leveling the spiritual heritage that came to us with them.

In a mountain state few things are petty. Views are limitless, the beauty staggering.

Hearts come huge, and courage great. Wealths can

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Week of March 15, 1962

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Sassafras Had Various Medicinal Purposes

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

“Drink sassafras tea during the month of March and you won’t need a doctor all year long.” This happens to be an old mountain saying.

There is a little ditty used to promote the sassafras tonic in earlier days:

“In the spring of the year,
When the blood is too thick,
There is nothing so fine
As a sassafras stick.
It tones up the liver,
And strengthens the heart,
And to the whole system
New life doth impart.”

A small shrubby tree, sassafras is found in patches in light woods and overgrown fields. For tea purposes, folk dig the roots early in the spring while the trees are still dormant and when the bark peels off easily. The sapling roots make excellent tea, rich red in color.

It is best to avoid metal pots to boil up a good-flavored tea. First job is to scrape the roots and scrape off the bark. Cut the roots into small pieces and dry them near a fire or an open oven for two or three hours. Bring the water to near boiling and drop in the roots. Simmer for a half hour. Many folks like to add sugar prior to drinking.

The Indians used the root to treat fevers, rheumatism and to strengthen women following childbirth. They also used the powdered sassafras as a drug to treat wounds and venereal infections.

Shiploads of sassafras roots were shipped to England and Europe. It was touted as a cure from sore eyes to stinking breath, from dysentery to gout. The Europeans slowly determined that this highly acclaimed root was not all that it was cracked up to be.

Across the Appalachians, it remains the beverage of choice to be consumed cold in summer and hot in winter.

Try some of these life little instructions in one’s daily walk:

1. Ask for a raise when a person believes one’s earned it.
2. Don’t be afraid to say, “I made a mistake.”
3. Compliment even small improvements
4. Carry jumper cables in one’s car trunk.
5. Commit oneself to constant improvement.

Looking out of the window, Saturday morning, one found that Mother Nature left quite a surprise. Balmy temperatures on Friday led one to believe that spring was on its way; however, changes took place overnight and winter still was in the picture. Several inches of snow fell, with temperatures remaining in the twenties. Sunday morning temperatures fell to around 8°. The warm sunshine lent its way to a beautiful day, capturing the beauty of the snow. Such is life. One can never fully appreciate the weather until one realizes that it cannot be controlled — a good thing!

Quotes for the week are as follows:

“You’ll never get ahead by blaming your problems on others.” — Willie Nelson.

“Love can touch us one time, and last for a lifetime, and never lets go until we’re gone.” — Celine Dion

“I have found that the only thing that does bring you happiness is doing something good for somebody who is incapable of doing it for themselves.” — David Letterman.

“If you have to choose between being kind and being right, always choose to be kind. Then you will always be right.” — Donnie Osmond.

“You only pass through this life only once. You don’t come back for an encore.” — Elvis Presley

Life is still better to sit by the fireplace and hear the “Talk of the Grove:

“Pidge” Anderson and Evelyn Varner fixed a mess of dandelions last week for their “eaters” at home. This spring tonic has been around for many, many years.

Please keep Chloe Simmons in one’s prayers as she broke her leg at school on Monday. Chloe is the daughter of April



Pictured are twins, Wilda Smith McDorman, left, and Wanda Smith Pitsenbarger, daughters of William Gordon Smith (April 26, 1896 - March 19, 1963) and Lula Puffenbarger Smith (Dec. 8, 1906 - April 12, 1937). The couple had 12 children and lived in Stony Run.

and Justin Simmons.

Bryer Puffenbarger, son of Autumn Puffenbarger, has come through surgery well. Continued prayers are needed for a full recovery.

Rosalee Grogg really enjoyed having Terri Grogg with her for several days. Lots of “chitter chatter” amidst the work that was done.

Clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:

- More than 50% of Americans say they get out of bed before 7:00 a.m.
- First vehicle to use inflatable rubber tires was Queen Victoria’s carriage in 1846.
- In Colonial America, kids ate popcorn with cream and sugar for breakfast.
- Marietta, Ohio, is named after Marie Antoinette.
- Alexander the Great was reportedly buried in a vat of honey.

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

Letter to the Editor

Editor the Times,

In July of 2005 I wrote a letter-to-the-editor in which I warned “...if the people of Pendleton County don’t join together and come up with a plan for the future, big money interests would change our county in ways we may not like.” If not for three individuals who truly care about the direction of Franklin and the County that very nearly happened. A chain of discount stores selling cheap merchandise most likely made in China attempted to invade main street. The third spot they picked out was in the residential neighborhood right next to the place I call home. Tear down a beautiful old home to erect a community eyesore! It’s time to wake up; is this what we want for Franklin? Was our Franklin Town Council aware this was happening? Do they even care?

While I applaud the efforts of Laura Brown and Ciara Lambert in trying to resurrect the planning commission, the effort needs to go much further than that. I have a stack of letters-to-the-editor that I have written over the years addressing our future. Eighteen years ago, I wrote and circulated a position paper suggesting we pursue making Pendleton County a destination for all that is country music. I have spoken before the town council numerous times. I gave a talk to the businessman’s association on a vision for the county. I’m not saying

these things to blow my own horn for I am not alone in this push that has been ongoing for years. Unfortunately, it seems as though it matters not what is said or who says it. It always falls on deaf ears.

We need planning but even more so we need a vision for the future. The path forward is through a common vision that gets the entire community involved. Slogans, signs, and neatly cut grass just won’t get it. Everyone needs to get aboard this train; the county commission, the town council, every civic organization and every individual. Where do we want the county to be in 5 years? 10 years? 25 years? 50 years?

Pendleton County is a wonderful place to live and we need to encourage people to raise their families here and give their children and grandchildren the opportunity to raise their families here. The future of Pendleton County lies with our young folks. They deserve every opportunity we can afford them.

Ron Kirk

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Grand Jury Indicts 10

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Curtis Kimble, 39, was indicted on four felony charges. Kimble, of Bennett Gap Road, Riverton, is facing four charges of delivery of a controlled substance from four separate incidents in 2021.

Authorities allege Kimble did unlawfully and feloniously on or about April 17, 2021, deliver a controlled substance – methamphetamine, a schedule II non-narcotic drug. Authorities also allege Kimble delivered methamphetamine on April 23, 2021, May 10, 2021, and June 23, 2021, in the county.

Jon Eugene Michael, 29, was indicted on a felony charge of failure to register as a sexual offender or provide notice of registration charges, second or subsequent offense.

Authorities allege Michael, of Bowers Wood Edge Lane, Seneca Rocks, on or about Nov. 5, 2021, did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly refuse to provide accurate information when so required or did knowingly fail to register for life. They also allege Michael did knowingly refuse to provide accurate information or did knowingly fail to provide notice of a change in his place of employment or occupation within 10 business days. Michael is required to register as a sexual offender for life following an order in 2010 by the Superior Court of Guam for third degree criminal sexual conduct. The victims were minors and he is required to register as a level one sexual offender for life.

Michael was convicted of failure to register as a sexual offender or provide notice of registration changes on or about April 8, 2021, in the Circuit Court of Pendleton County.

Amanda Scott, 29, was indicted on a felony charge of conspiracy. Authorities did not have an address for Scott. Authorities allege Scott did unlawfully, willfully and feloniously conspire with Jerry Lee Vance Jr., Paul Shipco and Andrea Suarez to commit the offense of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance – fentanyl.

Paul Shipco, 39, was indicted on two felony charges. Shipco of Buttercup Lane, Upper Tract, is facing a charge of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance and conspiracy.

Authorities allege Shipco on or about July 26, 2021, did unlawfully and feloniously possess with intent to deliver a controlled substance – methamphetamine, a schedule II non-narcotic drug. Shipco is also alleged to have unlawfully, willfully and feloniously conspired with Jerry Lee Vance Jr., Amanda Scott and Andrea Suarez to commit the offense of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance – fentanyl.

Ethan Randall Shively, 32,

was indicted on two felony charges and five misdemeanor charges. Shively of Midlothian, Virginia, is facing charges of domestic battery, battery upon a law enforcement officer, fleeing from an officer by any means other than the use of a vehicle, possession of a controlled substance and three counts of obstructing an officer.

Authorities allege Shively on or about Dec. 21, 2021, did unlawfully, feloniously and intentionally make physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with his family or household member or did unlawfully and intentionally cause physical harm to his family or household member. Shively is alleged to have struck a family or household member in the face, causing a bloody nose. Shively has been convicted on at least two prior occasions of the same or similar offense in 2013 and 2015 in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

Authorities also allege Shively on the same date did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally make physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature or did unlawfully and intentionally cause physical harm to a government representative, healthcare worker, utility worker, emergency service personnel, correctional employee or law enforcement officer acting in their official capacity and did so knowingly or having reason to know that the victim was acting in their official capacity – Pendleton County Sheriff Chad Bowers. Shively had been convicted of the same or similar offense in 2016 in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

Authorities allege Shively on the same date did unlawfully and intentionally flee or attempt to flee by any means other than the use of a vehicle from any law enforcement officer, probation officer or parole officer acting in their official capacity.

Authorities allege Shively did unlawfully by threats, menaces, acts or otherwise forcibly or illegally hinder or obstruct or did attempt to hinder or obstruct any law enforcement officer, probation officer or parole officer acting in their official capacity. Shively is alleged to have committed this offense against West Virginia State Police Sgt. Andy Teter, West Virginia State Police Cpl. Justin Ware and Bowers.

Shively is also alleged to have unlawfully, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance that was not obtained directly from and pursuant to a valid prescription and order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his professional practice – gabapentin, a schedule V controlled substance.

Charles Louis Smiley III,

37, was indicted on a felony charge of failure to register as a sexual offender, second offense.

Authorities allege Smiley of Petersburg Pike, Upper Tract, on or about Sept. 22, 2021, did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly refuse to provide accurate information when so required or did knowingly fail to register for life. They also allege Smiley did knowingly refuse to provide accurate information or did knowingly fail to provide notice of a change in his place of employment or occupation within 10 business days. Smiley is required to register for life having been ordered in the Circuit Court of Baltimore, Maryland, and having been previously convicted of failure to register as a sexual offender or provide notice of registration changes on Dec. 4, 2020, in the Circuit Court of Grant County.

Matthew Solarchick, 41, was indicted on four felony charges. Solarchick of Mount Freedom Drive, Circleville, is facing four charges of delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school.

Authorities allege Solarchick on or about April 7, 2021, did unlawfully and feloniously deliver a controlled substance – methamphetamine, a schedule II non-narcotic drug – and being 18 years of age or older at the time of the distribution which took place in, on or within 1,000 feet of North Fork Elementary School. Authorities allege this took place twice on the date.

Authorities also allege Solarchick on or about June 23, 2021, did unlawfully and feloniously deliver a controlled substance – methamphetamine, a schedule II non-narcotic drug – and being 18 years of age or older at the time of the distribution which took place in, on or within 1,000 feet of North Fork Elementary School. Authorities allege this took place twice on the date.

Andrea L. Suarez, 40, was indicted on a felony charge of conspiracy. Suarez of Buttercup Lane, Upper Tract, is alleged to have unlawfully, willfully and feloniously conspired with Jerry Lee Vance

Jr., Paul Shipco and Amanda Scott to commit the offense of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance – fentanyl.

Jerry Lee Vance Jr., 53, was indicted on three felony charges and one misdemeanor charge. Authorities did not have an address for Vance. He is facing a charge of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, a charge of possession of fentanyl, conspiracy and possession of a controlled substance.

Authorities allege Vance on or about July 26, 2021, did unlawfully and feloniously possess with intent to deliver a controlled substance – fentanyl, a schedule II narcotic drug. Vance was also alleged to be in possession of fentanyl, a controlled substance, involved in the offense, either alone or in combination with another controlled substance and the net weight of the fentanyl was one gram or more, but less than five grams.

Authorities also allege Vance did unlawfully, willfully and feloniously conspire with Amanda Scott, Paul Shipco and Andrea Suarez to commit the offense of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance – fentanyl.

Vance is also alleged to have unlawfully, knowingly and intentionally possessed a controlled substance that was not obtained directly from and pursuant to a valid prescription and order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his professional practice – marijuana, a schedule I, non-narcotic controlled substance.

Vance is facing two felony charges from a May 13, 2021, incident in the county. Authorities allege Vance did unlawfully and feloniously deliver a controlled substance – fentanyl. Vance is also alleged to unlawfully and feloniously be in possession of fentanyl involved in the offense, either alone or in combination with another controlled substance and the net weight of the fentanyl was less than one gram.

Kids Kick Opioids Contest Underway

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced the sixth Kids Kick Opioids contest, a public service announcement partnership with elementary and middle schools that encourages students to raise awareness of prescription painkiller abuse.

Kids Kick Opioids has drawn more than 14,400 entries since its inception. The sixth contest launched this month with the mailing of entry forms and details to schools and superintendents across West Virginia.

“Every year, the Kids Kick Opioids contest exposes the immeasurable talent and creativity of the students in our elementary and middle schools,” Morrisey said. “Their entries viscerally demonstrate that the opioid epidemic resonates in classrooms across West Virginia. Kids Kick Opioids gives students an outlet to express their concerns, while using the creativity and talent of all participants to raise awareness of the epidemic.”

The contest provides an opportunity for students to learn the dangers of prescription painkiller abuse. It has also given many an outlet to express the personal impact of opioid abuse upon their lives and that of their loved ones.

Students can work individually or in groups. Submissions may include drawings, poems, letters or anything that would promote awareness.

The winning entry will ap-

pear as a statewide newspaper public service announcement. Regional winners will be displayed in the state capitol.

Thousands of West Virginians have lost their lives to a drug overdose, many of which were opioid related. Reversing this trend has been a top priority for the Attorney General. He has fought the epidemic on multiple fronts, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation’s drug quota system.

The Attorney General also has battled the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multi-state initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

Contest entries must be postmarked by May 6 by mail to the Attorney General’s Office, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E., State Capitol Building 1, Room 26-E, Charleston, WV 25305, or sent by email to AGPSA.contest@wvago.gov.

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Richard Nazelrodt: Petersburg, WV Nazelrodt Harman Rd.
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Joseph Mumford: Petersburg, WV Near Joes Place Rd.
Joseph Arnold: Petersburg, WV Near Hooping Hollow Rd.
- Pendleton County**
Charles Agle: Franklin, WV By Rt. 10
William Conley: Upper Tract, WV By Rt. 220
Russell and Justin Smothers: Franklin, WV By Rt. 220
Adam Sapp: Petersburg, WV By Rt. 220
Joseph Eyer: Petersburg, WV By Rt. 28
Hoy and Ann Ferguson: Upper Tract, WV Near Rt. 220

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STEM Festival Scheduled for March 26

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Why imagine it, when one can actually do these things when one attends the Mineral County Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Festival, to be held from noon until 4 p.m. March 26 on the campus of West Virginia University Potomac State College in Keyser. This free event is open to students, K-12, their families and to members of the community.

Potomac State faculty and students will make the following thought-provoking presentations and offer hands-on presentations during the event:

Hands-On Anatomy and Physiology – Has a person ever wondered what the inside of one's body looks like or how the various organs work? Sheryl Chisholm, Ph.D., biology professor, along with some of her students from the Anatomy and Physiology I class, will answer these questions with an interactive approach.

Exploring Cells – Erin Cunningham, biology professor, and students from the Life Science Club, will lead attendees through the process of making their own animal or plant cells while learning about the structure of the cells through the eye of a microscope. Attendees will also get to examine their handwashing techniques using glow-germ lotion.

PSC Paleo Palooza – Attendees will get the chance to handle real dinosaur bones, as well as other fossils and replicas. Nicholas Gardner, PSC library director, and Nathan Van Vranken, geology professor, will take attendees back through time. Special guests also include JP Hodnett and Max Bovis, paleontologists, from Dinosaur Park, Laurel, Maryland.

Make One's Own Binary Jewelry – Mary Moore, computer information science professor, will help participants create a piece of jewelry with their name spelled in binary code. Different colored beads will represent 1s, 0s, and delimiters to represent the ASCII code for the letters of the participant's name.

Fun Engineering Projects – Members of the college's engineering club will assist attendees with driving a gas-powered go-kart, launching potatoes across the quad with a launcher, calculating how far a life-size catapult can throw a tennis ball, along with other electric and magnetic projects. The club is under the advisement of Mohammed Saifi, engineering and computer science professor.

The mission of the STEM Festival is to re-invigorate the interest of area youth in STEM activities and careers by producing and presenting compelling, exciting, educational, and entertaining science gatherings.

The Mineral County STEM Network's purpose is to increase communication among individuals, business/industry and organizations interested in encouraging area youth to consider the different STEM fields for careers.

For more information on the Mineral County STEM Network visit <http://mineralstem.com/> and for regular updates on the STEM Festival "Like" the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MineralCountySTEM>.

2nd Mountain State Maple Day

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view, saying, "Mountain State Maple Days is a statewide celebration of the blossoming nascent maple syrup industry and it's important to note that by supporting your local producers and local businesses, residents and tourists alike are playing a vital role in the creation of this agricultural market. One of the most exciting things about the 5th annual Maple Days activities has been watching small local communities engage with their producers, create events, and build support for local businesses like restaurants and vacation rentals."

Like the previous one, the upcoming event attracted enthusiastic support from Ciara Lambert, executive director of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau:

"The first Maple Day was deemed a huge success for many of the local businesses within the county, one even reporting a record high number far exceeding that of even Treasure Mountain Festival weekend. This is the type of economic growth we want to see for agri-tourism within our area. Maple Days really highlights this. I was ecstatic to hear the feedback from all the local businesses and am expectant that the second date will far exceed that the first one. I have spent the last month meeting the Future Generations University and the economic development authority and brainstorming ways in which we can highlight the county and make the March date even more successful. I'd like to remind everyone to shop local for all maple syrup needs. Be sure to watch the CVB Facebook page for all the delicious Maple Syrup recipes!"

Executive director of the EDA, Laura Brown, echoed Lambert's positive outlook, saying, "We are looking forward to the second Maple Day for our local producers and businesses. It's not only a play off the Highland County's festival, but it will also be a good chance to showcase our maple community. I know some Pendleton businesses had record days at our first Maple Days last month, so it will be exciting to hear this one's success as well."

All residents and tourists alike are encouraged to come and join in the fun.

For an interactive map of the locations of the participants state-wide, readers may visit:

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entrepreneurship camps, Adventure Camp for 7 – 12 year olds, and Youth Opportunity Camps which are free of charge for income-eligible boys and girls. From outdoor recreation to team building challenges to creativity and technology in the new MakerSpace laboratory, the Horseshoe experience offers growth, challenge and adventure for all. The outdoor setting and commitment to health and safety guidelines make quality programs possible in the age of COVID-19.

For more information, call Horseshoe at 304-478-2481, e-mail horseshoe@yla-youthleadership.org or write Horseshoe Leadership Center at 3309 Horseshoe Run Rd, Parsons, WV 26287-9029.




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WIC Introduces Additional Flexibilities Amid Powdered Infant Formula Recall

West Virginia's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health is announcing additional flexibilities for WIC participants following the recent recall of powdered infant formula manufactured at Abbott Nutrition's facility in Sturgis, Michigan.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced an investigation into four complaints of infant illness related to products produced at the Sturgis, Michigan, facility from Sept. 6, 2021 to Dec. 18, 2021. Abbott issued a voluntary recall of powdered infant formula from Similac, Alimentum or EleCare and one lot of

Similac PM 60/40.

If a WIC customer purchased baby formula included in the recall with WIC benefits, the product may be returned to the store where it was purchased for an exchange for the same product (not included in the recall), a liquid form of formula, a different size container or a different brand. Each store establishes their own return policy. WIC participants may contact their local WIC clinic if there are difficulties with store exchange.

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Additional information on the infant formula recall is available on the WV WIC website. To find a WIC clinic, visit <https://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/Clinic-Search.aspx>.

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March 29, 2022 at 8:45 a.m.

That certain tract or parcel of real estate containing 0.40 acres, lying and being situate on the west side of U. S. Route 220 and 0.6 mile south of the intersection of said route and the Ridge Road in Mill Run District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and being

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CASE NO. 21-0658-E-ENEC

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, public utilities.

Petition to initiate the annual review and update to the ENEC rates currently in effect.

NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On August 27, 2021, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (jointly the Companies) filed their 2021 petition to initiate the annual review and update of Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates. The Commission entered a final order in this case on December 21, 2021. Since that time, the Companies under-recovery balance for fuel costs has grown to \$87.5 million. The large under-recovery balance must be addressed and customer rates may increase.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including an evidentiary hearing to be held on March 24, 2022. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may increase the adjustable ENEC surcharge as a result of this hearing in order to avoid a larger increase after December 2022 when the rate would normally be adjusted.

Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible although protests will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Acting Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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more particularly described on a Plat of Survey and Description of Survey attached to a Deed conveying the property to Michael Alt and Denise Alt dated April 7, 2000 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 153, at Page 95. The foregoing 0.40 acre is part of a 0.955 acre tract conveyed by Glodie and Curtis Alt to Glenville and Ilene Alt by deed dated April 10, 1986, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 115, page 492.

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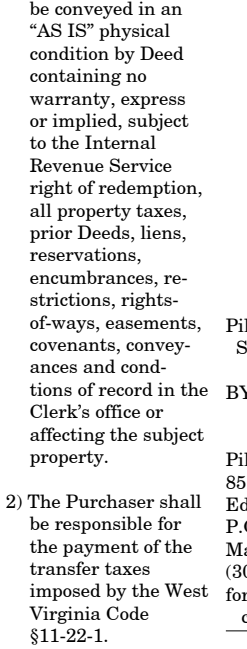
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By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – It was one of those nights for the Pendleton County boys basketball team.

Dusty Smith connected on a last-second 3-point field goal at the end of the first quarter. Just before the halftime buzzer sounded, Braden McClanahan banked in a half-court shot to spark Pendleton to a 74-41 victory against East Hardy in the Class A Region II co-championship game March 9 in Franklin.

“I give a lot of the credit to the kids, they went out and played hard,” Pendleton coach Jeremy Bodkin said. “The coaching staff did a great job, we watched the film trying to figure out what happened with East Hardy at Tucker when they played, we tried not to let that happen to us. The kids went out and played, I can’t ask for any more than that.”

The win propelled Pendleton to its second consecutive trip to Charleston for the Class A state tournament. Pendleton qualified for a berth in the 2020 Class A state tournament but officials canceled the event due to the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Pendleton earned the No. 6 seed and squared off with No. 3 Tucker in the opening contest of the tournament. The Mountain Lions swept the season series with the Wildcats. Tucker knocked off Pendleton 45-39 on Dec. 17 in Hambleton. The Mountain Lions claimed a 49-42 win on Feb. 8 in Franklin.

Bodkin said he figured Pendleton would be one of the lower seeds in the state tournament despite sporting a 19-3 record.

“I thought we would be anywhere from 5 down, I didn’t think there was any chance to get into the top four,” Bodkin said. “I am just glad to be there. Glad the kids played well.”

“We will go do what we got to do.” Haden Wamsley netted a team-high 14 points for Tucker in its initial victory against Pendleton. Levi Bennett chipped in with 11 points for the Mountain Lions. Tanner Townsend scored 14 points to pace Pendleton in the loss.

In the second matchup of the season, Maddox Anderson led the way in the victory with 11 points. Ashton Lycliter had 10 for Tucker.



Braden McClanahan and his teammates celebrate following his buzzer-beating half-court shot against East Hardy.



Pendleton's Cole Day, left, and Jacob Beachler, right, attempt to block the shot by East Hardy's Jordan Teets.

Townsend netted 11 and Clayton Kisamore had 10 for the Wildcats.

Tucker advanced to the Class A semifinals with a 59-45 victory against Pendleton on March 15 in Charleston. Wamsley led the way for the Mountain Lions with a game-high 17 points. He connected on three 3-point field goals in the win. Owen Knotts contributed a double-double, scoring 12 points and grabbing 10 rebounds for Tucker. Clayton Kisamore netted a team-leading 15 points in the loss for Pendleton. Cole Day chipped in with 10 points. Jacob Beachler had nine points and seven blocked shots in the loss.

The Mountain Lions jumped out to a 13-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Wildcats trailed by as much as eight points in the second quarter before storming back to tie the game at 25 heading into halftime. Tucker slowly

began to pull away in the second half, grabbing a 40-34 advantage at the end of the third quarter.

Three Pendleton players scored in double figures in the team's victory against East Hardy. Tanner Townsend netted a team-leading 14 points for the Wildcats. Clayton Kisamore and McClanahan both added 13 points. Townsend grabbed six rebounds and McClanahan pulled down five. Jacob Beachler finished with eight points and eight rebounds in the victory. Beachler added five blocked shots.

Dawson Price had a game-high 19 points for the Cougars. Price was the lone East Hardy to reach double figures.

Pendleton jumped out to a 16-8 lead at the end of the first quarter thanks to Smith's last-second heave. The Wildcats stretched their advantage to 37-18 at halftime. Pendleton pulled

away for a 55-26 lead heading into the final quarter.

Bodkin thanked the Pendleton fans for providing a home-court advantage during the season. Pendleton posted a 9-1 record at home this season.

“They showed up and they're still here,” Bodkin said. “It's just amazing the fan base that Pendleton County has had. They had it for everything, they always had it. These fans come out and just support the team.”

Bodkin beamed soon after he and the players cut down the nets to celebrate another regional co-championship.

“It's special. This isn't about me, this is about the boys and that's what it's all about,” he said. “It's about them and they have stepped up and played well. I have to give my coaching staff a lot of credit ...”

“This is special. This is nice.”

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