

Community  
CALENDAR

### Hunter Education Class Scheduled

A hunter education class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department in Brandywine. Students must pre-register by logging into the following web site: register-ed.com.

### Recycling Event Set for Saturday

The North Fork 4-H Club and North Fork Disposal are hosting a community recycling event from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Clinton Hedrick Community Building parking lot in Riverton. Materials should be cleaned and sorted. Cardboard, plastics 1 and 2 and aluminum and tin cans will be collected. No trash will be accepted.

### Lenten Luncheons Move Inside Today

Beginning this week, the annual Lenten Luncheons, hosted by the Pendleton County Ministerial Association, will be moved inside Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Franklin. The message will be delivered at noon. Following the message, attendees have the option of eating inside or taking a lunch with them. Pastor David Morris will deliver the message and the meal will be provided by Friends Run and Smith Creek Churches of the Brethren. Next week's speaker will be Pastor Cindy Skinner, and the meal will be provided by St. John and Calvary Lutheran churches.

### County Commissioners Approve Proposed Budget

The Pendleton County Commissioners made short work of their agenda at the March 15 meeting. Commissioners Gene McConnell and Carl Hevener were present in person, while Commissioner Carole Hartman was joining the session by telephone, when President McConnell called the assembly to order at 9 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were quickly reviewed and approved unanimously. The maintenance report was first up on the agenda, but County Administrator Karen Pitsenbarger said there was nothing new to report.

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## The Second Mountain State Maple Day Eclipses the First

By Ken Bustin

It's always tough to have an encore that's better than the original performance, but that's just what happened on Saturday in Pendleton County. February 19th's Mountain State Maple Day had been considered a "sweet success" by its organizers, who all hoped for an even better result a month later, but they acknowledged that it was going to be a hard act to follow. But Saturday's weather, unlike that a month ago, cooperated. It was sunny, warm and mostly calm – perfect for all-day outings. And people responded, showing up in even greater numbers than in February. When it was all over, it seemed to be the general agreement that, overall, the second act had eclipsed the first. On main street in Franklin, Future Generations University (FGU) – the de facto organizer of the event – had set up an information table. They handed out information, provided directions to the site of the former McCoy Mill, just south of Franklin, there was a slightly different demonstration in progress: FGU was boiling down sycamore sap. After having developed a curriculum around maple sugaring and syrup production, FGU is experimenting with alternatives. In addition to opening up its production facility for the public to tour and offering maple syrup in various sized containers, Cool Hollow Maple Farm in Sugar Grove

was also operating its cotton candy machine, spinning maple sugar into webs of maple cotton candy, and delighting the steady stream of youngsters who were touring the facility with their parents on Saturday afternoon. Proprietor Rick Harper, in between serving up bags of the sweet confection, took time to speak to the Times reporter about the day, the season, and their operation. Now in their ninth season of production, Cool Hollow Farm is one of the larger producers in the area, maintaining about 5,000 taps on their property. Harper said he had intended to expand that number, but that time, weather, and the arrival of a new member of his family – son Renner Ross Harper, born February 16th – had left not enough time to do so. But he said by next year, that total would be "at least 7,500." All of their taps are located on their own 136-acre farm. Once again due to the same constraints which prevented the installation of more taps, syrup production was down – only about 700 gallons. Last year, they did considerably better, making about 2,000 gallons. And next year, he projects, production will be about 2,500 gallons. Usually, Harper explained, they produced about 800 gallons for wholesale. But with the reduced production this year, all will be sold at retail. To produce all that syrup, Cool Hollow employs a giant evaporator, which dominates the scene inside their production facility. "I



There was lots to see and do around Pendleton County on Maple Day, but since some of the maple producers were far out of town on back roads, in addition to giving out information on their Appalachian Program, of which maple production is a part, Future Generations University's table on Main Street in Franklin also served the purpose of providing directions. Here, left to right, Jenny Totten and Lindsay Kazarick of FGU, and Amber Nesselrodt from the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority – who also operates Sunshine Consignment in the same building – greeted visitors, steered them toward the other attractions, and perhaps sold them some syrup or a cookbook of maple recipes.

tell people it's like a stainless-steel locomotive. When it's running, you can see the steam from the road," grins Harper, gesturing toward the mammoth cooker, which does bear a resemblance to a small steam locomotive. "It's more machine than we really need," he admits, but then adds quickly, "But we figured that it would allow us to get things done more quickly." The evaporator is easily capable of producing 7,000 gallons of syrup, which is Harper's goal for the future. It can produce a 40-gallon barrel of syrup in about 1 to 1-1/2 hours.

Fired by oil, the machine has quite an appetite. "We calculate that it burns about .7 gallon of fuel per gallon of syrup produced," he explains. We've used about 550 gallons of fuel to produce 700 gallons of syrup." Harper said that they had enjoyed a steady stream of visitors on Saturday. "I'm having a wonderful day," he beamed. "I've met a bunch of great people today," he said, adding, "It's really great to not be needing [COVID] masks, and to start getting back to normal."

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## Pendleton County and Frontier Ink an Agreement After Mediation

By Ken Bustin

After several weeks of mediation, Pendleton County and Frontier Communications arrived at a mutually-agreeable resolution to Pendleton County's formal complaint to the Public Service Commission, regarding a number of issues involved with Frontier's telephone and Internet service, including 911 service, in Pendleton County. But it was not without a small hiccup. Although the parties had arrived at an agreement at their session on March 11, and it was immediately signed by mediator Bridget Davis and Pendleton County's representative in the proceedings, Emergency Services Coordinator Rick Gillespie, Frontier sent the agreement to its attorney, Joseph Starsick, who, according to Gillespie, objected to the content of the mediation proceedings being released to the public. Though mediation proceedings are kept confidential during the process, so as not to impair or prejudice negotiations, it is the past practice of the Public Service Commission that they be made public once the proceedings have been completed. When Frontier failed to sign the agreement by the March 14 deadline, after which it should have been bound over to the full Public Service Commission for resolution if the mediation failed, it was instead continued for two weeks, until March 28. The official notice of the continuance said it was "... due to waiting on parties to return signed copies of



One of the issues addressed in Pendleton County's formal complaint to the Public Service Commission against Frontier Communications was failure to maintain their lines free of brush and tree limbs. Frontier appears to be taking the requested remediation seriously. Last Wednesday, a contractor for Frontier was hard at work clearing branches from Frontier's line alongside Route 33. The previous week, falling tree limbs had dislodged a line from the poles and left it hanging about eight feet above the roadway, closing one lane to traffic for several hours. This is currently the only line which carries Pendleton County's emergency 911 communications, although Pendleton County's complaint asks for a second line to be built on a separate route, to provide redundant back-up in the event that this line becomes disabled, as has happened multiple times in the past when accidents involving runaway trucks on Allegheny Mountain have taken broken utility poles and severed the cable.

the mediation results," but in fact only Frontier had not returned a signed copy. Gillespie said he was never consulted about a continuance and became aware of it only when the order was issued. A search of the PSC website revealed that four additional formal complaints had been filed only days before, on March 7 and 8, concerning themselves with failures and outages in 911 service 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 was

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, had it run its entire course, would have extended 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. On Friday, an agreement was again reached between the parties. A new resolution was drawn up and this time signed by all parties. While the new agreement will be made public, Gillespie says it makes reference to additional documents which are not being publicly released, citing "Proprietary & Confidential" information being contained in them.

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## Pendleton County Is Awarded Its First Broadband Grant

### \$2.3 Million Award Expands Broadband to Another 106 Homes

By Ken Bustin

There were a lot of smiles and excited utterances in Pendleton County on Friday, when Governor Jim Justice announced the award of several broadband grants, totaling \$3.9 million, for the Line Extension Advancement and Development (LEAD) program. Included was one for \$2,296,596, slated for Pendleton County. This marks the second round of grants awarded as part of Gov. Justice's Billion-Dollar Broadband Strategy, also known as the West Virginia Broadband Investment Plan (WVBIP). Grant recipients were selected among applicants in the LEAD program's second application round, which closed on Dec. 30, 2021. "My Billion-Dollar Broadband Strategy is really on the move. I could not be more proud of this announcement today," Gov. Justice said on Friday. "By providing more and more of our communities with access to high-speed internet, West Virginia will be able to truly compete on the world stage. Businesses will be able to get a leg up by utilizing all the most cutting-edge technology at their disposal and residents will be able to tap into the benefits that broadband gives all of us. It's a win-win for everybody." "We are opening the door to a bright new future," Gov. Justice continued. "All West Virginians should be incredibly proud and excited for the advances that this program will inspire and the goodness it is going to bring to our state." This allocation of state funding, in the amount of \$3,922,732 will leverage \$872,500 in additional funds, for a total broadband infrastructure investment of \$4,795,232, state-wide. Pendleton County's grant accounted for a major share of this round of awards. Gov. Justice previously announced the preliminary approval of another \$17.4 million in LEAD program funds in the first round of grants awarded as part of his Billion-Dollar Broadband Strategy. With Friday's announcement, the total amount approved through the program to date now exceeds \$21.3 million. The LEAD program includes one additional application round, which closed on Jan. 30. The third round of approvals will be issued in the coming weeks. Funding for the WVBIP's LEAD program is provided through the West Virginia Legislature's allocation of \$100 million to create the West Virginia Broadband Development Fund. The Fund includes \$90 million in funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and \$10 million in state general revenue funds. Funds are also derived through the

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# OBITUARIES

## Nancy Raines



Nancy Louise (Auville) Raines, 79, of Riverton was to be with the Lord on March 18, 2022, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1943, at Brushy Run, near Onego, the daughter of the late Paul Edman and Nellie Frances (McGowan) Auville, being the oldest of their nine children.

Mrs. Raines was a 1961 graduate of Circleville High School and was employed at Pendleton Nursing Home, where she worked as a nursing assistant, home health aid, volunteer coordinator and activities director. She was also a member of the Dixie Extension Homemakers Club for 32 years and a member of the Riverton United Methodist Church. She was active with the Pendleton County Fair and Treasure Mountain Festival.

On Dec. 12, 1960, she married Richard Lee Raines, who preceded her in death on July 5, 2010.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories a son, Terry Lee Raines of Riverton; a daughter, Cathy (Raines) Jennings of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; three grandsons, Christopher Jennings (Sarah) of Chesapeake, Virginia, Eric Jennings (Bethany) of Moorefield and Ryan Raines (Sarah) of Franklin; four great-granddaughters, Kylie, Kaelynn, Alaine, and Emily Jennings; two great-grandsons, Lucas Raines and Christian Jennings; two sisters, Arlene Goldizen (Delmas) of Jordan Run and Connie Propst of Timberville, Virginia; five brothers, Paul Auville, Jr. (Linda) of Dry Fork, Eugene Auville (Norma) and Raymond Auville, all of Riverton, Rowland Auville (Diane) of Seneca Rocks and Orville Auville of Cabins; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Auville.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated.

Her family will receive friends from 1 – 2 p.m. April 9 at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. A celebration of life will follow with Pastor Mike Lambert officiating. Inurnment will be at North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memorials may be made to Grant County Rehabilitation and Care Center, 127 Early Ave., Petersburg, WV 26847 or Riverton United Methodist Church, Riverton, WV 26814.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com) or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

## Ivy Arlene Dove Mitchell



Ivy Arlene Dove Mitchell, 91, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2022, at Bellaire at Stone Port in Harrisonburg,

Virginia, surrounded by her loving children.

She was born Dec. 6, 1930, in Sweedlin Valley to the late Rev. John Luther Dove, Sr. and Ada Siever Dove.

In 1949, Mrs. Mitchell graduated from Franklin High School. After graduation, she taught as an interim school teacher at Mountain Top Schoolhouse, a one room schoolhouse in Pendleton County.

She cherished many things, especially working on the farm, attending many family reunions gardening, canning, sewing and raising her six children. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She was a faithful and active member of Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren, where she faithfully served her Lord and will be sadly missed by many.

In 1951, she married Earl Leo Mitchell, who preceded her in death on March 11, 2005.

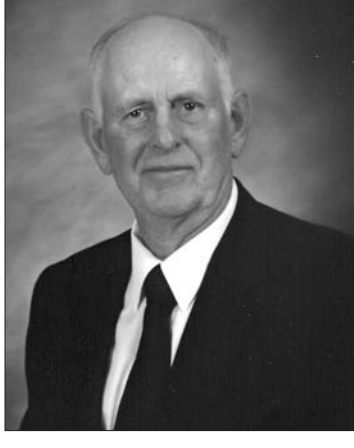
Surviving are four sons, Earl L. Mitchell, Jr. and wife, Phyllis of Mt. Crawford, Virginia, Larry A. Mitchell and wife, Brenda of Keezletown, Virginia, Keith O. Mitchell and wife, Frances of Broadway, Virginia, and Dennis L. Mitchell and girlfriend, Chris Besendorfer of Grottoes, Virginia; two daughters, Wanda M. Muterspaugh and husband, Troy of Bridgewater, Virginia, and Linda F. Cline and husband, Gary of McGaheysville, Virginia; a sister, Ruth Boyers and husband, Auburn; grandchildren, Jessica, Daniel, Charity, Bradley Mitchell and Melissa Sullivan, Nathan Mitchell and wife, Amanda, Gregory Mitchell and wife, Wendy, Rachel Morris and husband, Luke, Amanda Breeden and husband, Josh, Crystal Waters and husband, Matthew, Misty Drumheller and husband, Dave, Missy Muterspaugh and Andrea and Alex Cline; great-grandchildren, Tristian, McKinley, Lani, Kaylie and Liam Mitchell, Dylan Doffelmyer, Patrick, Joshua, Jagger Sullivan, Killian, Vaida and Remington Snell and Liam and Kayleigh Drumheller.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Alvin, John Luther, Jr., Wilbur and Roy Dove; and two sisters, Velma Miller, and Elda Kibler.

A funeral service was conducted Saturday at Kyger Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, Virginia, with Pastor Henry Elsea, Jr. officiating. The burial was private.

Condolences may be shared at [kygers.com](http://kygers.com).

## Paul C. Bennett



Paul C. Bennett, 93, of Moyers passed away March 20, 2022, at his home.

He was born March 1, 1929, in Circleville, a son of the late Curtis and Alpha (Sponaule) Bennett.

A graduate of the Circleville High School, Class of 1947, he went to electrical school and worked in Canton, Ohio. There soon after, he was drafted in to the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany. He was a member of McKendree United Methodist Church and attended McDowell United Methodist Church, as well.

A successful farmer, Mr. Bennett raised cattle and sheep and was well known within his community for his strong work ethic. Additionally, he loved time spent hunting, trapping and simply being outdoors. Above all, he will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

On June 16, 1961, he married Nancy Cunningham, formerly of Whitmer.

In addition to his wife of 60 years, he is survived by two daughters, Debbie Bennett Mines of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Amanda Bennett of Raleigh, North Carolina; two sons, Terry Bennett and wife, Missy of Moyers, and Stacy Bennet of Moyers; Roy Ellinger and wife, Kelly, whom he thought of as a son; grandchildren, Austin, Alyssa, Blayke and Levi Bennett, all of Moyers; a brother, Harlan Bennett of Damascus, Maryland; two sisters, Delane Bland of Wickliffe, Ohio, and Judy Stout and husband, Dywayne of Franklin; an aunt, Idelta Lambert of Circleville; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Justin Mines; a granddaughter, Jessica Mines; a brother, Richard Bennett; and three infant brothers.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. today at Obaugh Funeral Home with Rev. Dave Boger officiating. Interment will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Active pallbearers will be Ronnie Pitsenbarger, Eddie Malcolm, Bob Blahnik, Tim Mines, Louis Royston and Robert Bitzer.

Friends in attendance will serve as honorary pallbearers.

The family received friends from 6 - 8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be sent to McKendree United Methodist Church, 103 Siron's Mill Road, Doe Hill, VA 24433 or McDowell United Methodist Church, 1183 Doe Hill Road, McDowell, VA 24458.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.obaughfuneralhome.com](http://www.obaughfuneralhome.com).

# Broadband Grant

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ARPA Capital Projects Fund, which includes \$136 million for broadband development in West Virginia. The West Virginia Department of Economic Development's Office of Broadband will administer the program funds.

Speaking to the *Times* about the award on Friday, Pendleton County Economic Development Authority (EDA) Executive Director Laura Brown was almost effervescent:

"We have anticipated this award for what seems like forever. When I got a call this morning from J.P. [Mowery], who was the first one to see the Governor's announcement, I admit I may have screamed in his ear from excitement," said Brown, grinning from ear to ear. "We – the Broadband Council, the county commission and others – have put many hours and a lot of energy into meetings, working towards a plan for our county. This award really validates that time as well spent."

"Our ISP partner, Lingo Networks, and our engineering firm, Thrasher – especially our contact from there, Jeffrey Hartley – were also thrilled with the award. They have been incredibly helpful and knowledgeable throughout this process and will continue to be an asset to our county," Brown declared.

"But," she added, her tone returning from exuberant to serious, "as excited as we all are, we are making plans for our next steps so we can reach our goal – connectivity for all of Pendleton County. It's important for the public and our community to understand that the area for this particular grant award, was developed with broadband maps supplied by the state, which guided us in which areas we could apply for. Combining those maps with how our ISP could actually build was a challenge, but the West Virginia State Department worked with our local guru, Rick Gillespie, to get us through that process. This 31 miles of new fiber build that we have been awarded with the LEAD grant will continue to lay the main trunk line of fiber in our county. Just like roads, you have to extend off existing infrastructure and that is what we are doing

with fiber."

Though a bit more subdued than Brown in his reaction, Gene McConnell, Pendleton County Commission president, was clearly also enjoying the moment and the accomplishment.

"This grant award is the result of a lot of hard work by a lot of people. While expansion of broadband in Pendleton County is dependent on the availability of government funding, implementation will be a journey and this is just the first leg. Our goal is to ensure that anyone who desires a broadband Internet connection has the option of acquiring that connection," he said.

J. P. Mowery, business manager for Pendleton County Schools, together with the Pendleton County Library, are awaiting news on a broadband application of their own. Mowery also served on the broadband council and was enthusiastic in his reaction to the news:

"The grant awarded Friday is a really big deal for Pendleton County. Yes, there is a lot further to go, but this was not a slam dunk and took many hours and effort to make it a reality," said, adding, "It truly was a team effort and I was grateful to be a part of that. All broadband council members are to be applauded for attending the many meetings necessary to discuss details and plans."

"But make no mistake," said Mowery, "without the leadership, vision, conviction, and enthusiasm of Laura Brown, this would not have happened. She kept a team of diverse members, with diverse opinions, focused on the goal and the task at hand. She is simply outstanding at her job."

"It also would have been very difficult for this to happen without the extreme expertise, dedication to detail, and tenacity of Rick Gillespie," Mowery declared. "Rick's years of roaming the roads of Pendleton County and beyond as a state trooper helped immensely with knowledge of mapping and where potential pathways crisscross the county currently. Mapping potential routes was very difficult.

Rick's knowledge was invaluable," he opined.

"I also applaud the Pendleton County Commission for stepping forward and offering ARPA funds to serve as a county match for this project," Mowery said. The commission voted late last year to earmark \$1 million, the lion's share of the funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for matching funds needed to apply for additional grants. Including the grant just awarded, Pendleton County and the School/Library consortium have applied for about \$6.3 million in grants to expand and develop broadband in the county.

"Students, parents, and the general citizenry will potentially benefit from this initiative for generations to come. The task now is to make sure this initiative is followed up on by additional future projects to enhance broadband access in the county," Mowery concluded.

## MENU

### Pendleton Senior & Family Services

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Baked Fish  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Peas & Carrots  
Peaches

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Ham  
Sweet Potatoes  
Lima Beans  
Pineapple

#### MONDAY, MARCH 28

Cheeseburger  
Lettuce, Tomato, Onion  
French Fries  
Orange  
Pudding

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Chicken N Dumplings  
Mixed Vegetables  
Peach Crisp

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Open Faced Pork  
Sandwich  
Mashed Potatoes  
Brussel Sprouts  
Raisins

Meals served daily at the Franklin center from 11:45 to 12:15. North Fork meals are served M, W, F from 11:45 to 12:15. Two percent milk served with every meal. Menus are subject to change.

## In Appreciation

The family of Randolph (Randy) Teter would like to thank everyone for their love, prayers, support, phone calls, cards, visits, food, flowers and memorials received from extended family, friends, neighbors, members of the community and area churches after the passing of our loved one.

A special thanks to Schaeffer Funeral Home, ministers Joey Conn and Harold Mullenax for the beautiful service, the pallbearers, and Edna Mullenax and Erica for the beautiful song, Seneca Rocks Fire Department for the wonderful meal and Kristina Vance for all your help.

*May God Bless You.*

*The Randolph (Randy) Teter Family*

## National Wild Turkey Federation Potomac Headwaters Chapter

### Annual Jakes Day



### For Boys & Girls Age 5 to 17

#### ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE

Turkey Calling Seminar • Archery • BB Guns  
Shotguns or 22 Caliber Shooting  
Muzzleloading Demo • Outdoor Survival Skills  
Dog Show Bench Demo  
Gun Safety • Trapping • Tomahawk Throwing

Guns and bows will be furnished  
for the shooting. Please don't bring your own.

Games ~ Prizes  
FREE Hot Dogs ~ Chips ~ Drinks

Youth 5 to 17 years will win the free gun or bow.

COME HAVE FUN For More Information CONTACT  
**Bobby Keesecker** Cell **304-668-2285**  
**Jeremy Hedrick** **358-2178** Cell **304-703-8285**  
**Richard Ceely** Cell **540-476-4795** COME HAVE FUN

## The Family of Marvin Orlando Dice would like to thank everyone

for their love, prayers, phone calls, cards, food, flowers, etc., for the wonderful service provided by Basagic Funeral Home, Pastor Cindy Skinner, and the pallbearers. A big thank you to the High Rock Church for the wonderful meal.

### Carol & Junior

## In memory of Judy Mae (Gordon) Propst March 24

### Happy Birthday in Heaven, Sister

Miss your Monday calls saying  
(just checkin' on ya')

Love, Rose & Family



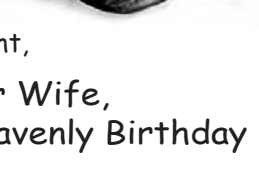
## In Loving Remembrance of my Husband, Randy Teter, on his birthday March 25

### NEVER FORGOTTEN

You'll never be forgotten, that simply cannot be.  
As long as I'm living, I'll carry you with me.  
Safely tucked within my heart, your light will always shine. A glowing amber never still,  
Throughout the end of time.  
No matter what the future brings,  
or what may lie ahead,  
I know that you will walk with me  
along the path I tread.  
So rest my angel, be at peace,  
And let your soul fly free.  
One day I'll join your glorious flight,  
For all eternity.

—Kelly A. Polley

Love, Your Wife,  
Happy Heavenly Birthday  
Rebecca





# Outdoor Salad Greens Give Springtime Boost

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Housewives used to go out with their baskets under their arms, gathering wild greens along the creeks and roadways, anything from poke to dock to lamb's quarter. They would get watercress out of the creek by wading in the creek and getting it out. After a winter of eating dried beans, a body needed a good mess of greens to purify the blood and get some vim and vigor for spring planting. Greens provided an amazing variety of vitamins, especially C, plus iron and other essential minerals.

Lamb's quarter and speckled dock were parboiled, then fried in bacon grease along with chopped onions. Nutritious dandelion was an early green favorite also. Finding dandelions even when the leaves were as small as a squirrel's ear, is thought to be at their height of taste.

Ingredients:

- 5 cups torn dandelion greens
- 3 or 4 strips of bacon
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1-1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1 small onion chopped fine

Rinse greens several times, discard stems, drain and place in a large bowl.

In a skillet, cook the bacon until brown and crisp.

Drain bacon, reserving two teaspoons of the drippings in the skillet.

Crumble bacon into small pieces. In a small bowl, place vinegar, sugar, mustard, and onion — mix well. Pour this mixture into the skillet with the reserved drippings and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly for 2 minutes.

Quickly pour the dressing over the greens, add the crumbled bacon, toss to mix and serve immediately.

And there's the dandelion wine recipe:

Gather 2 gallons of dandelion bloom pods and put them into a five-gallon crock.

Add one cake of yeast and 10 pounds of sugar.

Fill the crock with fresh water allowing 2-3 inches at the top of the jar for fermentation.

Cover the crock with a clean cloth, fasten it down with elastic and let it set for two weeks.

At the end of two weeks, remove the cloth and sift out the bloom that will be on top of the liquid.

Cover the cloth again and let set for three weeks.

At the end of three weeks, the wine is ready to drink.

Life's lessons include the following:

1. No one is in charge of a person's happiness, except oneself.
2. Smile. A person doesn't own all the problems in the world.
3. Time heals almost everything, give it time.
4. Make peace with one's past so it won't mess up the present.
5. Avoid negative people.

This week's clickety-clacks for the chin wagers are as follows:

- Coffee beans aren't beans — they're fruit pits.
- Three Mile Island is only 2.5 miles long.
- ow How many quarts of blood are in a person's body? To find out, divide one's weight by six.
- The story of Cinderella has been made into a movie at least 58 times.
- the three best-known western names in china: The three best-known names in China are Jesus Christ, Richard Nixon and Elvis Presley.

Life is better on the porch (right now) to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

"Pidge" and Charles Anderson had a few visitors. Evelyn Varner and Irma Moats came to visit Thursday, and everyone had a nice visit. Also visiting were Alvin and grandson.

Shaun, Ava and Leslie Bowers spent the weekend in Fairmont. Ava and the Pendleton Builders 4-H Lego team competed in the state Lego competition at Fairmont State University. The 4-H'ers did well and had fun!

Helen and Rhonda Nash had a wonderful long weekend with Calli, Gregory, Hannah, Madalyn, Nolan and Tucker Fox and Myah Hidalgo. Their visit included the "Nashland Bicycle Rally" and fun in the river at home, taking in the festivities of the Maple Festival in McDowell and Monterey, Virginia, and being introduced to the pizza at AGK in Franklin. Nashland was rather quiet after their departure and they are counting the days until the next visit.

Robert, Nancy, Robby and Matt Hodges, Butch and Mary Puffenbarger were visitors of Wes and Becky Puffenbarger. Ben, Emma and Nathan Puffenbarger enjoyed flying kites with their uncles.

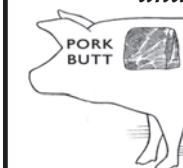
Saturday visitors of Evelyn Varner were Donnie, Judy and Marty Smith of Bridgewater, Virginia. Then, Saturday found Evelyn accompanying Joann Moyers, Erma Moats and Eugene Varner, who motored to the home of Karen and Ronnie Pitsenbarger where they all enjoyed celebrating Wanda Pitsenbarger's 85th birthday. The fried pizza was especially enjoyed by all.

Stopping by the home of Rosalee Grogg's on Saturday, following their Saturday visit to the Maple Festival, were Lynn and Sherry Mathes of Luray, Virginia. Marleta Wimer was another visitor in the same home.

Steve Stump's brother, Jeff, and family of Ocean City, Maryland, spent the last week in the home of Steve Stump.

## Brandywine School Association

is raising money to support the BES Bobcat student and faculty educational initiatives



**We are asking individuals and businesses to sponsor a pork "butt."**

**BES Principal Ryan Lambert has graciously volunteered to kiss a pig if the BSA is able to get 35 "butts" sponsored.**

**\$20 to Sponsor a "butt"**

Money can be sent with students or dropped off at BES, care of Brandywine School Association.

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

All "butts" will be used for our pulled pork sale Saturday, April 9, at BES. (More information about sale will be forthcoming.)

**Please consider supporting our school!**



Wanda Pitsenbarger celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Karen Pitsenbarger.

They all enjoyed the grilling out, with some seafood added in the mix. The children loved the golf cart rides all week.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut." — Will Rogers

"Giving birth is like taking your lower lip and forcing it over your head." — Carol Burnett

"We teach how to drive in school, but not how to manage finances." — Andy Williams

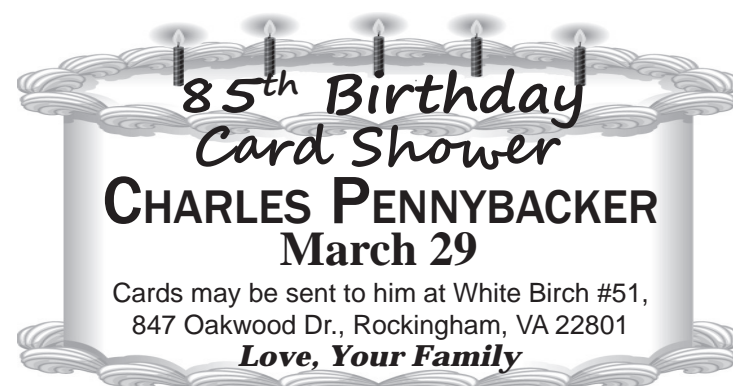
"We do not own this place, we are just passengers." — Robert Redford

"I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by." — Douglas Adams

Concerns for this week are as follows: the Paul Bennett family, Scherry Chambers, Charlotte Copley, Jeff Craig, Joy Darnell, Jeff Evick, Lee Roy and Ina Evick, the Elsie Eye family, Mary Eye, Robert "Bob" Fisher, 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, Margaret Kiser, Rex Landis, Jay Linaburg, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Morris and Sue Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Willard May, Neil McLaughlin, Naomi Michael, Joe Moats, Lincoln Moore, Ernie Morgan, Aaron Nelson, Kathy Nelson, Ken and Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Par-rack, Betty Lou Propst, Garry Propst, Kara Propst, Linda Propst, Nathan Propst, Sheldon Propst, Bryer Puffenbarger, Eldon Puffenbarger, Willard Rader, Don Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Barbara Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Ona Smith, Stanna Smith, Steve Smith, Berlie Sponaugle, Patricia Swecker, Harry Lee Temple, Charlotte Thompson, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Jack Vogel, Amby Waybright, Jr., Ron White, Judy Williams, Carol Windett and the people of Ukraine.

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# Local Musicians Spice Up Maple Sugar Festival



Several local musicians provided musical entertainment last Saturday at the Sugar Maple Festival held in Highland County, Virginia. Providing bluegrass music at the Bluegrass Mercantile in Bluegrass, Virginia, are, from left, Walter Hojka, Mike Johnson, Jeff Moats, and Bill Harmon.

## Snowy Mountain Studio Plays for Square Dancers



Pictured, from left, are Jax Bennett, Magnus Campbell, Aris Campbell, and Azalea Waddell playing fiddles for a square dance workshop at the Highland Center in Monterey, Virginia, on March 19.

## Correction

Last week, in its story about the Pendleton County EDA's Business Roundtable, the *Times* incorrectly reported that the catering for the event had been provided by Dean's Farm.

Although they also had representatives at the event, and were handing out business cards, they were not the event's caterer.

The delicious maple-themed food was, in fact, provided by Buffalo Snow Catering.

The *Times* apologizes for its error.

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20 Years Ago  
Week of March 21, 2002

Fishing Is \$309 Million Industry in West Virginia

The annual economic impact of fishing in West Virginia is \$308,804,127, according to Scott Knight, the business manager for the Wildlife section of the state Division of Natural Resources (DNR).

In an interview, Knight additionally noted that anglers in West Virginia annually spend \$205 million on retail sales in pursuit of their sport and hobby. Fishing, Knight said, supports 4,450 jobs in West Virginia and provides the state with \$12.3 million in sales tax revenue.

Moreover 336,000 resident and non-resident anglers fish in West Virginia, and those 336,000 anglers spent a total of five million days fishing in the state last year.

28 Local Students to Get Promise Scholarship

According to final numbers released by Governor Bob Wise for the PROMISE scholarship, 28 Pendleton County High School (PCHS) seniors have met the requirements for it and will be awarded the new, merit-based college scholarship this spring.

In this county, 38 PCHS seniors applied for the PROMISE scholarship, and 28 students have met the required qualifications of a “B” average in core academic subjects and a composite score of 21 on the ACT test.

Those 28 students maintained an average GPA in core subjects of 3.49 and an average ACT composite score of 24.7. They had an overall average GPA of 3.58.

State-wide, more than 5,800 students applied for the PROMISE scholarship. According to the final number, 3,862 will be awarded the scholarship, which provides for tuition and fees at West Virginia colleges and universities.

Pendleton Pioneers Celebrate 100 Years

The Pendleton Pioneer 4-H Club had its monthly meeting on March 11 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. A special program to celebrate the 100 years of 4-H was included.

Hunters Donate Deer To Feed Hungry

Hunters donated a record 1,715 deer to the Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) program in 2001, providing almost 70,000 pounds of venison to needy families across the state, according to Curtis Taylor, chief of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Resources Section.

For the third consecutive year, deer donations from hunters have exceeded 1,000. This year’s record is almost a 50 percent increase over last year.

30 Years Ago  
Week of March 26, 1992

Franklin Wins Class A State Basketball Crown

Franklin High School’s boys basketball team completed the final chapter of the 1991-92 story book season by defeating the Herndon Indians to capture the Class A Boys Basketball State Championship last Saturday in Charleston.

The Panthers, until this year, had never been able to complete the final chapter. In 1979, Franklin’s first state tournament appearance under the direction of Coach Enoc Lyons met the Mullins Rebels and left the story incomplete.

In 1982, Coach Donnie Kopp led his Panthers to the state tournament only to be eliminated by eventual State Champion Guyan Valley. Again, the story was incomplete.

Franklin Coach Greg Smith made his first appearance with the Panthers in 1985, but lost to Harts in round number one.

The Panthers were not to be denied, however. After one year’s absence, the cagers from Pendleton County began a consecutive string of six straight state tournament appearances beginning in 1987 with a second round loss to eventual State Champion Paden City. In 1988, the Panthers knocked off the defending state champs, but fell to a Hamlin team in the semifinals. The story was still incomplete.

In 1989, a Jeremy Bodkin-led team dropped a close decision to eventual State Champion Burch from southern West Virginia.

Mullins spoiled it for Franklin in 1990 in another overtime thriller, and in 1991, after downing Tygarts Valley in the opening, the Burch Bulldogs again left the Panthers and fans empty after stealing a 48 to 46 decision. Burch went on to win the title that year, also.

Finally in 1992, the story was completed. Franklin knocked off the number one ranked and defending State Champions Burch in round number one. The Ceredo-Kenova Wonders fell in the second round to put the 25-1 Panthers in their first ever state championship game on Saturday.

The Herndon Indians tried once again to leave that empty feeling in the hearts of Panther players and fans. However, this was the year of the Panthers as they recorded a 74 to 59 win for their first State Basketball Championship in the history of the school. The story was completed at last.

40 Years Ago  
Week of March 25, 1982

Compact Trucks Made in USA

WASHINGTON, D. C.—“America Fights Back” was the theme of Ford Motor Company’s 1983 Ranger Driveaway from the Washington Mall on March 10. M. L. Sponaule, Sr. of Pendleton Motor Sales in Franklin picked up the first of the American-made compact trucks to be sold at their dealership. More than 140 of the import fighters were displayed at the foot of the Capitol Building prior to a parade through Washington by dealers from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. Last year, all of the more than 500,000 compact trucks sold in the U. S. were produced overseas.

60 Years Ago  
Week of March 22, 1962

100 YEARS AGO  
Shields Rebuffs Attack By Jackson

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.

The war situation 100 years ago this week was enough to make any knowledgeable Confederate rather queasy.

Blue-coated federal troops were moving in transports down the Potomac River from Washington into the Chesapeake Bay and down to Fortress Monroe, where they would launch a gigantic westward assault on Richmond. A second federal army stood poised south of Washington, capable of moving straight down on the Confederate capitol. A third maneuvered in the upper Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, prepared to come down and polish off the work of the other two, if needed. And thousands of federal troops were pushing down through western Tennessee, cracking the Confederacy’s western defenses with regularity. One could well surmise that the Confederacy would be crushed within a few months.

There would be many events and personalities which would frustrate this great federal offensive and keep the war going for three more years. One of these events—the little battle of Kernstown—and one of those personalities—Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson—came into the news 100 years ago this week.

Jackson Attacks

Jackson, with a motley little army of 4,000 had been posted in the Shenandoah Valley to keep an eye on a huge federal army under General Nathaniel P. Banks. In March, Jackson learned that Banks was moving east through the Blue Ridge (it was part of the great northern offensive; Banks was to relieve the army south of Washington so that army could move to Richmond). Jackson determined he could not let Banks slip away without so much as a fare-thee-well.

So at dawn on March 22, Jackson took the lead of his little army at Mount Jackson, Va., and set out in a hasty northern march toward Kernstown, nearly 40 miles away. There, he was told, he could administer a painful little slap on a brigade on Banks’ rear guard, a unit commanded by Gen. James Shields.

As Jackson marched, his cavalry—riding far in advance of the main body—attacked Shields at Kernstown: The fighting was brief, but before it ended, Shields had been wounded. Next morning, as his cavalry continued skirmishing with the federals, Jackson hurried the rest of his troops to Kernstown and, despite their fatigue, plunged them straightway into battle. Although Jackson did not know it, his men were outnumbered two-to-one.

Race For Flank

The battle was a race for the flank. Jackson first sent his men against the weak federal right; the federals quickly reinforced that side, and soon the two armies were in the thick of a bloody, three-hour battle. But the relentless assault of the federals and their superiority in numbers soon broke Jackson’s line, and when the sun set, Jackson was in full retreat. The battle had cost more than 1,300 casualties, and more than 700 of them were Confederates.

Despite the loss (it was the only defeat in open battle in

Jackson’s Civil War career), the South would reap great rewards from the battle. Federal officials in Washington, impressed by Jackson’s aggressiveness, began to think they should keep a larger army nearby to protect Washington. As a result, Banks’ full command was kept in the Shenandoah Valley; troops that had been intended for the march to Richmond were kept near Washington, and when the final assault was made on Richmond, some weeks later, it was repulsive.

Next week: Island Number Ten.

DAHMER

Four miles south of Monterey, Virginia, is Sounding Knob, the highest point of land in Highland County with a height of 4,400 feet.

Two Deer Die In Accidents

It never pays to look back. And Denver Bennett, driver of the Franklin-Harrisonburg mail route has this story to prove it.

Several mornings ago Bennett was on his way to Franklin with the mail. It was about 6:45 a.m. and he was approaching the foot of Shenandoah Mountain when he looked out the window and saw two deer running along the road just ahead of the truck. One of the deer jumped out into the road and the truck struck it. Bennett got out and found that it was dead.

The other deer looked back to see what had happened, and as it did so, it ran into a fence and broke its neck.

Anybody Have A Minieball? ---

A lot of ideas have been advanced for the celebration of West Virginia’s 100th birthday next year, some of which are far-fetched while others have a great deal of merit.

One of the most recent suggestions that has come to our attention was made by Carter Ruddle, a former Franklin boy who migrated to Charleston a number of years ago to make his fortune with a new company getting started there by the name of Carbon and Carbide.

Carter still comes back to Pendleton several times a year, and during a recent conversation with him, he suggested that during its centennial year, West Virginia should have a special deer season for muzzle-loading rifles.

He says there are at least seven clubs in West Virginia where members meet and fire the old muzzle-loaders. “It is surprising,” he exclaimed, “how much interest there is in old firearms, both in West Virginia and surrounding states.”

It would seem that our friend has a good suggestion here. Because the idea is unique, a week’s special season prior to the opening of the regular deer season could result in a considerable amount of publicity for the state, not only in the press throughout the country but also in sporting magazines which have wide readership.

Besides, the old mountain rifle played a colorful role in the early days of our state, what with all the bear huntin’, feudin’, and Indian fightin’ going on. It deserves a special place in the Centennial celebration. We hope the idea will be given serious consideration.

Times Have Changed ---

A lot of talk has been going around about the snow two weeks ago being the biggest one in history. We think it is time we set the record straight.

Hugh Moyers has informed us that while this year’s snow was a whopper, we had a bigger one in 1890. He says that on December 16, 1890, thirty-six inches of snow fell in 24 hours.

Moyers is backed up by William McCoy who says that when one of his brothers started to school on the day after the 1890 snow, he went in up to his shoulders.

They both agree that we don’t have the snows we used to.

70 Years Ago  
Week of March 20, 1952

Beaver Bag of 720 Largest on Record

CHARLESTON, March 19—This year’s beaver kill slightly exceeded last year’s take of 713, C. O. Handley, chief of the Game Management division, reported this week.

The 3,500 beavers estimated to be in West Virginia now are descendants of 64 head stocked here from 1933 through 1939. They were obtained from Michigan in a trade for wild turkey.

Some of last year’s pelts brought upwards of \$30 in fur markets in West Virginia and New York, but prices to be paid by fur buyers this year still are highly uncertain.

The 1952 beaver crop (about 720) compares with the 713 last year, 821 in 1950, 577 in 1949, 135 in 1948 and 79 in 1947, the first open season.

‘Skid’ Was Hurler Of Note During His College Days

The following was part of a column entitled “Baseball Through the Years,” that appeared in a recent issue of “The Pasquino,” Potomac State school paper:

“From the beginning of baseball in 1902 until 1920 there were no definite records kept. If you would happen to meet some of the faculty members of that period, you would find that they did not have very successful teams during these years, due mainly to lack of material.

“The ‘21 baseball team faced one of the roughest baseball schedules of that era. They played 15 games. Among their opponents were Davis and Elkins, Pitt Freshmen, St. Johns, Princeton Freshmen, and many others just as strong. “ ‘Spooks’ Lytle turned out a winning team in 1923. All the members of the previous year’s team were back again for another year. They opened the season by downing the Romney Mutes, 16 to 1. After finishing college, Skidmore tried out with the Baltimore Orioles and in an exhibition game with New York, he fanned Babe Ruth twice!

“Potomac State opened the 1925 season with a loss to West Liberty, 13-1. They next met W.V.U. in the opening game for the Mountaineers and handed them a 5-2 setback.

“Potomac State opened the 1926 season with an 8-3 win over Romney Institute. In the next game they shut out the Keyser Independents by a 3-0 score in a seven-inning game. One of the members of this team was Dana “Horse” Lough.

“The 1927 team was under the supervision of Paul Huble, who turned out a fine team. Those boys tackled a 15-game schedule which included one four-day road trip.”

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Spring is finally here, but we’re not out of the winter grasp. The area is still having cold mornings. The buds on the trees are starting to show. With dry conditions, the farmers are getting out and plowing their fields. It’s too early to plant, but getting fields ready is a job.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Shelda Warner, Vestyl Bible, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, 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, 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 Copley, Anita Hartman, Danny Arbogast, Jim Bible, Gloria Moats, the family of Ira Propst and the family of Nancy Raines.

Prayer thought: “Remember, regardless of where we are and what time of day or night it might be, our Father in heaven is always near and listening.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for March 14 through March 20, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: March 14 - 53°, 25° (58°, 30°); March 15 - 66°, 31° (50°, 25°); March 16 - 67°, 33°, .02” (47°, 32°, .01”); March 17 - 65°, 30°, .12” (64°, 43°); March 18 - 70°, 38° (52°, 45°, .57°); March 19 - 71°, 45° (46°, 30°, .04”) and March 20 - 52°, 35° (54°, 21°).

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Ryan Lambert guided Pendleton County High School to the school's first trip to the Class A state tournament.

# Lambert Earns Coaching Honor

By Shawn Stinson

CHARLESTON – Former Pendleton County boys basketball coach Ryan Lambert stepped away from the sidelines before the start of this season when he accepted the principal position at Brandywine Elementary School.

Lambert secured one final notch in his coaching belt, being named as the West Virginia Coach of the Year for boys basketball by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission for the 2020-2021 season.

“The award was never a goal,” Lambert said. “I was blessed to have a group who bought into our culture and brand. This award is a result of that and we could not be more humbled or proud. Our culture was built on the intangibles we could control every single night. Our non-negotiable expectation was that we would be the more disciplined team who always set the tone with effort. This was a special group and this award is the cherry on top.”

Lambert guided his 2019-2020 squad to a perfect 23-0 season and qualified for a berth in the Class A state tournament. Officials were forced to cancel the tournament due to the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Wildcats extended the winning streak to 40 games and advanced to the Class A championship game in the 2020-2021 season. Pendleton had its winning streak snapped in a loss to Man in Charleston.

“It was a great two-year run where the community was absolutely wonderful and supported us,” Lambert said. “There was a buzz around the excitement and special time and special seasons we had. It is also a celebration of the culture that we created on those squads.”

Lambert also credited having talented players in the program who were willing to sacrifice their own statistics for the good of the team.

“You have to have special kids who are dedicated, who have the buy in and are willing to do all the extra and then be coachable and do everything you ask of them,” he said. “It was a special, special group and experience in two years.”

Lambert was selected to coach in the West Virginia Athletic Director Association's North-South All-Star Classic. Lambert led the North Bears to a 105-104 victory. Lambert coached three of his Pendleton players – Josh Alt, Isaiah Gardiner and Bailey Thompson in the contest.

# Smiths Honored at State Tournament



Greg and Steve Smith were honored during the West Virginia boys basketball championship contests on March 19 in Charleston. The Smith twins were recognized by the West Virginia Schools Athletic Coaches Association. The retired coaches of the year award is presented annually by the group. There was a reception and the honorees were recognized at halftime of the Class AAA title contest. Greg Smith, second from left, was escorted by his son Eric, left. Steve Smith, right, was escorted by his son Aaron, second from right. Greg Smith was a former coach at Pendleton County High School. Steve Smith was a former coach at Grafton High School.

# Pendleton Opens Season with Win

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – Pendleton County baseball coach Sam Yokum opened last season with a young and inexperienced team due to state officials delaying the state basketball tournament.

The Wildcats were nearly finished with a third of their schedule when the members of the basketball team were able to take to the diamond. The veteran players were inserted into the starting lineup as the younger players were relegated to backup roles.

Fast forward a year and Yokum is faced with fielding a young team once again. This time it is not because of the basketball tournament, but due to the lack of veteran leadership on the squad.

The young Pendleton team opened its 2022 season with a 16-4 victory against Pocahontas County in five innings on March 21 in Franklin.

The Wildcats were led by “youngsters” James Vincell and Alden Rexrode. Vincell, a freshman, went 2-for-3 with three runs batted in, three runs and a double. Rexrode, a

sophomore, was 2-for-3 with a triple. One of the “older” players on the squad, Landon Colaw, a junior, went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, a double and three runs.

Colaw started the game on the mound for Pendleton. Colaw pitched 1-2/3 innings and allowed two runs on one hit. He struck out five. Cameron Beachler relieved Colaw and pitched 2-1/3 innings, allowing one earned run on one hit. He struck out two. Rexrode pitched the final inning and struck out the side.

“I didn’t know how we were going to react,” Yokum said. “We were trailing 4-2 in the bottom of the third before we got things going.”

Yokum added that he lost 13 players from last season’s team who played significant innings due to graduation or electing to not play this year. Yokum said he has no seniors on the squad with playing experience on the varsity level.

Pendleton is scheduled to return to action today when it plays host to Tygarts Valley at 5 p.m. in Franklin. Pendleton will battle Bath County at 5 p.m. Friday in Franklin.

# Tucker Knocks Out Pendleton

By Shawn Stinson

CHARLESTON – Pendleton County fans hoped the adage of “it is difficult to beat a good team three times in a season” would prove to be accurate when Pendleton and Tucker squared off in the opening game of the Class A State Tournament.

Unfortunately, the Mountain Lions were able to claim their third victory against the Wildcats, posting a 59-45 win on March 15 at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center in Charleston.

Pendleton ended its season with a 19-4 record. Pendleton dropped all three contests to Tucker by an average of nine points. Tucker lost to Greater Beckley Christian in the semifinals.

James Monroe claimed the Class A championship with a 72-47 victory against Greater Beckley Christian. The Mavericks finished the season with a 28-0 record. During the season, the Crusaders knocked off the Mavericks in one of the teams’ regular season matchups but were forced to forfeit the game due to the use of ineligible players.

The Mountain Lions raced out to a 13-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. They extended the margin to 25-17 in the second quarter before the Wildcats stormed back to knot the game at 25 at halftime. Clayton Kisamore scored six of Pendleton’s eight points in the 8-0 run.

Following the halftime break, Tucker began to pull away from Pendleton. The Mountain Lions connected on 6 of 13 field goals in the third quarter, including 2 of 3 from beyond the 3-point line. The Wildcats, on the other hand, struggled to find the net, hitting 4 of 14 from the field and missing all four attempts from the 3-point line.

“That’s just the Civic Center, it’s tough to score down here,” Pendleton coach Jeremy Bodkin said. “[Haden Wamsley] hit a couple threes and that basically put the dagger in us.”

An old-fashion three-point play by Kisamore gave Pendleton its final lead of the contest at 30-29 with 5:23 remaining in the third quarter.

Pendleton’s offensive woes stretched into the fourth quarter, while Tucker continued to scorch the nets. The Wildcats connected on 4 of 17 shots from the field in the period and were 2 of 8 from the 3-point line. Tucker hit 5 of 7 from the field and all three of its 3-point attempts in the quarter.

“We tried to force too many shots and didn’t run our offense at times,” Bodkin said. “I’m not going to be upset with that because we were trying.”



Photo by Eddie Ferrari (MetroNews)  
Pendleton coach Jeremy Bodkin talks to his team in a timeout during the Class quarterfinal matchup with Tucker County High School.

Kisamore finished with a team-high 15 points for the Wildcats. Cole Day was the only other Pendleton player to reach double figures, scoring 10. Jacob Beachler netted nine points, grabbed eight rebounds and seven blocks.

Pendleton hit 19 of 56, 33.9%, of its field goals attempts and was 2 of 14, 14.3%, from the 3-point line in the contest. Tucker connected on 20 of 46, 43.5%, of its field goal attempts and was 6 of 11, 54.5%, from the 3-point line in the game. The Mountain Lions outrebounded the Wildcats 40-29.

“We rebounded the ball and shot much better in the second half,” Tucker coach Daniel Helmick said. “I know we are going to play good defense because we’ve guarded well all year.”

Wamsley finished with a game-high 17 points and hit three from beyond the 3-point line. Owen Knotts added 12 points and 10 rebounds for Tucker in the victory.

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# Pendleton County and Frontier Ink an Agreement

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“As a part of the agreement, I agreed that it was best, in order to gain an agreement, that each party and the WV PSC execute an additional document that is detailed, but, ‘Proprietary & Confidential,’” Gillespie said.

He went on to say, “In summation, I am very pleased with what we (Pendleton County) have gained in the agreement and over time, I believe that the entire Pendleton County Frontier territory will see improvement and Pendleton 911 will have much more robust, reliable service to our all-important 911 Trunk Lines.”

Contacted for comment on the matter, Frontier had not responded by press time.

The terms of the mediated agreement are as follows:

- Frontier agrees to evaluate and resolve any trees

and limbs that exhibit a safety or service-affecting situation on 911 trunk lines, current and future planned routes.

- Frontier agrees to establish an escalation channel for any safety or service-affecting issues to Frontier’s lines caused by trees, limbs, or poles identified by the PSAP, or individuals residing in the area, throughout its Pendleton County territory.

- Frontier agrees to reinforce with Technicians that they are required to report for resolution—through Frontier’s established reporting process—any safety or service affecting issues to Frontier’s lines caused by trees, limbs, or poles they encounter while working on a customer’s service in Pendleton County. Frontier call center personnel will keep

Pendleton 911 informed of response times to the scene of traffic obstructing and emergency conditions.

- Frontier agrees to and is addressing situations, and areas where pictures were taken, presented during the Mediation Hearing.

- Frontier will evaluate redundancy concerns and implement any changes technically feasible and cost effective that will further protect the PSAP and customers residing in Pendleton County and has agreed to implement the redundancy/diversity steps as set forth in the “Proprietary and Confidential” document by the stated deadline.

- Frontier will inspect all secondary power supply to remote cabinets in the field serving all Pendleton County residential and business customers and replace

any that show signs of failure. Frontier will notify all customers by bill message of the availability of a back-up power source for modems in the event of a power outage. Frontier agrees to take the steps set forth in the “Proprietary and Confidential” document as it relates to the power backup of critical field gear serving the Pendleton PSAP.

- Frontier agrees to strive to restore out of service conditions for residential and business customers within 24 hours as per the Public Service Commission service quality metrics. The nature of a highly complex and interconnected telecommunications network means that service issues arise for a whole host of issues, including many outside of Frontier’s control like third-party conduct, weather, an

unstable commercial power supply and the like.

- A separate “Proprietary and Confidential” document has been provided to Pendleton Emergency Services containing detailed explanation of the above and a time frame in which each step is to be completed. With a successful mediation, Frontier agrees to adhere to the timeline and perform the tasks referred to therein.

Miscellaneous Provisions:

1. The Parties acknowledge that this settlement represents a negotiated compromise of opposing views on numerous issues and that the particular compromises reached here apply only to the unique circumstances regarding the specific complaint and allegations by Pendleton County in this proceeding. It shall not constitute an admission by Frontier of any liability or violation of law. It may not be cited or relied upon

by any third party in any proceeding, nor shall it be cited or relied upon by either Party, except in a proceeding to enforce its terms.

2. The Parties agree that each term of this settlement is an integral part of the whole. If this settlement is not accepted in full by the Commission, each Party reserves the right to oppose any aspect of the settlement, including those aspects which the Commission or its Administrative Law Judge has accepted without modification.

3. The undersigned represent that they have the authority to sign this Stipulation.

4. This Stipulation may be executed in counterpart or by electronic signature, or both.

5. This Stipulation constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties on the subject matters to which it applies.

## Play To Depict How a Small Town Overcomes Pandemic

“These Months of Our Lives” is an original musical scheduled to hit the stage April 1 - 3 and 8 - 10 at the Landes Art Center in Petersburg.

The musical is the story of a small West Virginia town and its determination to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. The play is based on the real stories of community members and follows them as they overcome the fear, mistrust, frustration and uncertainty that shook the community.

The creation of the play started with a simple question: “How were you impacted by the Covid pandemic?”

When Vana Nespor first went about asking this question to residents in the tiny community of Petersburg, she had already seen the impact the pandemic had in the region. Located in Grant County, the town’s small, critical-access hospital was straining under the weight of an aging population already susceptible to illness. The county was reporting a higher death-toll per capita than many of its surrounding areas and outcries about closed schools and mask mandates were dominating the local discourse and creating rifts among neighbors.

Nespor is an educator and a director who had worked and lived in the area for many years but had left decades earlier. She had been in Grant County during the Flood of 1985 that had left the community rebuilding and she had seen their resiliency.

But the stories she sought now were different. Earlier in the pandemic, Nespor had been contacted by an old friend, Phyllis Cole, who told her about another casualty of Covid - the Landes Arts Center, the town’s theater and art gallery. The center had been constructed as a community effort with fundraising from around the county and dedicated grant seeking by Cole and others who saw the deep interest in art that thrived in the region. However, the center had been shuttered due to the spike in positive cases in the state and was now staring at a deep financial wound that they feared they could not heal.

Cole’s request was simple. She asked Nespor to put on a play, something that would draw attention to the center and remind community members who had been distanced from the programs they offered. Nespor was

less convinced than Cole. She knew the center housed its own acting troupe, West Virginia Theater East, who boasted an array of talented community directors. No, she told Cole, it would have to be something original. But it was difficult to look past the pandemic that had already claimed the minds of the world and had impacted every community member in some way. The tone and the mood of the community was set and no production, no matter how lively, could change that. So, instead of trying to distract the viewer, Nespor decided to meet them where they already were - to talk about Covid.

Nespor and Cole then set about opening a dialogue with the community, meeting the residents of Petersburg to interview them and discuss how Covid had impacted them.

During her interviews, Nespor heard and felt it all - from children feeling isolated from friends, facing loneliness while parents did their best to keep bills paid despite a time of nationwide layoffs; from recovering ad-

dicts watching their sobriety support system crumble around them; from small family-owned businesses watching helplessly as their doors closed and their customers retreated, and to government officials desperate to reassure a population that growingly mistrusted their guidance and turned toward conspiracy.

It was the story of Petersburg and the community that called it home. It was a story of West Virginians overcoming adversity during a time of uncertainty and remembering to love their neighbors even while political disagreements work to rip them apart.

To purchase tickets and for more information regarding the play, please visit [www.thesemonthsofourlives.com](http://www.thesemonthsofourlives.com); LandesArtsCenter Facebook page or [youtu.be/TxvtFygsv9Q](https://youtu.be/TxvtFygsv9Q).

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# County Commissioners Approve Proposed Budget

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911 Center Director Diana Mitchell reported to the commissioners that the installation of new lighting had been accomplished, and “really enhances the work environment,” and that the staff was all very pleased.

In response to a question about the progress being made on hiring new dispatchers, she said that three prospective candidates had taken the test for the position, and that they would now proceed to conduct personal interviews.

Emergency Management Services Coordinator Rick Gillespie asked for the signatures of the commissioners on the annual review of the county emergency plan. There were no changes since last year, making the approval little more than a formality, and one which was promptly gotten.

The members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee were confirmed by the commissioners with a unanimous vote. Named to serve were Bruce Minor, chair; Brooke Hott, vice chair; Frank Wherle, secretary/treasurer; Trent Alt, Chad Bowers, Rick Gillespie, Carole Hartman, Amber Hedrick, Bob Horan, Matt Kile, Diana Mitchell, Valerie Ruddle, Rosey Santerre, Alan Thomas and Walter Hojka.

Gillespie reported to the commissioners that the recent mediation sessions between Pendleton County and Frontier Communications had been fruitful, with agreement being reached between the parties at their session on March 11. He said he felt that the settlement they had developed was a good one.

But there was a catch. A completed document had been drafted, which the mediator had signed, and which Gillespie had signed on behalf of Pendleton County. Frontier, however, had submitted the completed agreement to their lawyer, and then, though all parties had developed it together and

agreed upon the completed documents, Frontier had subsequently been unwilling to sign it. The matter had been continued until March 28, he said, though that action had apparently been taken unilaterally, because he had never been made aware of it until after the fact. He noted that four additional complaints had been filed with the Public Service Commission within the previous week, all of them regarding 911-related issues.

Gillespie said that lines of communication to Frontier remained open and they were continuing to talk. He was hopeful of resolving the matter. In fact, it did subsequently resolve by week’s end. (See related story on page 1.)

Referring to the additional similar complaints, McConnell observed that he thought the Public Service Commission had a responsibility to take a stronger role than simply waiting for Complaints to be filed. He stated that their regulatory and oversight function demanded that they be proactive in policing issues like the quality and reliability of 911 service, and should be issuing directives to the utilities on their own initiative. He said these issues affected the entire state, not just individual counties, and where there were problems, the PSC should be resolving them uniformly at a state level, not by individual agreements with each county.

“What kind of feeling did you get from the PSC?” McConnell asked Gillespie.

“I feel they could be doing more,” Gillespie replied.

“The PSC represents the state and should be directly involved,” opined McConnell.

Commission Hevener observed that a lot of time and trouble could be saved if the PSC simply established one standard.

“The Commission needs to think about spending money on legal counsel if the mediation doesn’t resolve and this needs to go before the full

PSC,” Gillespie said.

“This plot’s going to thicken,” declared McConnell, announcing an intention of himself to call the PSC that afternoon.

Moving on to broadband, McConnell called upon Laura Brown, Economic Development Authority executive director, for an update, who said that there hadn’t been any definitive word on any of the pending grant applications, and that more questions had come down only the day before. But, she added, those questions seemed not to be difficult ones, and opined that they were merely “crossing their T-s and dotting their I-s.” (See related story on page 1.)

At a prior meeting, Brown and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ciara Lambert, had asked the Commission to consider establishing a planning commission to develop a strategic plan for the county. The matter had been tabled to allow a copy of a previous plan, developed a few years ago, to be found and reviewed. McConnell said that the previous plan had been located and reviewed, and that much of it still seemed applicable today.

“We know what to do, now we just need to do it,” he quipped. But he added that he worried about establishing yet another commission, and wondered if it couldn’t be just as readily done by a committee of the EDA? “The EDA needs to stay in control of this,” he thought.

Brown agreed conceptually, but noted that West Virginia law required the Commission to appoint a planning commission.

“Maybe if we have to have a formal plan, we’ll have to reconsider this,” McConnell said. “But I don’t like the idea of multiple committees.”

Brown said that EDA would form a committee to begin work on it, and McConnell reminded her that they were not limited to just members of the EDA board, and should

probably include representatives from other entities and the general public.

“I can just run with it,” said Brown, adding, “...if that’s OK?” McConnell agreed that it would be, noting, “I want not to do what happened at Sugar Grove a couple years ago...”

Pitsenbarger presented the commissioners with copies of a letter from Omni, the architectural firm working on the proposed annex. At the Commission’s request, they had examined the central office building of the Pendleton County Board of Education, located across the street from the courthouse. With the acquisition of the Lovegrove Building on Main Street, the board of education was planning to relocate their offices and sell their existing building. The Commission felt that an exploration of its potential acquisition and use in lieu of building a new annex was indicated, to see if the cost might be less than new construction.

The letter detailed their examination of the structure and recommendations. Without knowing the cost to acquire the building, Omni said, they could not accurately predict the total cost of the project, but outlined a number of problems which would be encountered in the conversion. The size of that building was not as large as the proposed annex, and the construction of it made it impractical to add another story to it. Another alternative would be to buy that building and demolish it and build a new structure on the site, but that was projected to be more expensive than simply building a new annex onto the existing courthouse, though it would preserve the existing parking.

In the end, the assessment seemed not to favor using the board of education building, and the commissioners took no action other than tabling

the matter for further study.

Next up was a request for a road name change in Upper Tract. Mitchell told the Commission that she had reached out to the party requesting the change, and outlined the formal procedure that would be necessary to effect it, but hadn’t yet heard back, and assumed that they would now follow the proper procedure to advance the process. “They do have a good reason for wanting the name change,” she opined. No action resulted.

Hartman asked County Clerk Elise White if she had recruited enough poll workers for the upcoming primary election?

“Yes, as of right now,” replied White, adding, “That might change when I send the letters out.” The Commission approved the appointments unanimously.

An annual agreement with the Potomac Valley Conservation District was renewed with all in favor.

An agreement with GST, the firm which maintains the security and firewall on county computers, was renewed for three years by a unanimous vote.

The renewal of the liability insurance policy on the county’s storage tanks likewise obtained the support of all the commissioners and was promptly approved. The new premium will be \$2,152.78, a slight increase from last year’s \$1,993.00.

At a previous meeting, the Commission had addressed the cancellation of checks which had been issued but never cashed. Some of those checks dated as far back as 2016, and at the time Hartman had asked if it wasn’t required in that circumstance, to deposit the money with the Unclaimed Property Office of the state? It had been since learned that this was the proper procedure after a period of one year, so the commissioners directed that this procedure was to be followed

in the future.

Meantime, White said four of the check recipients had been contacted, and it would be possible to simply re-issue those checks to complete the payment. One firm had gone out of business in the interim, and would require further research to determine what disposition should be made of those funds. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve that course of action.

The sheriff’s monthly financial report for February was received and reviewed. Since these reports are independently audited, no action or approval of the Commission is necessary.

Discussion turned to the budget for the upcoming year. It was noted that funds for an additional deputy, who would serve as a court bailiff, had been added to the sheriff’s budget. Hartman asked if adding this new officer would reduce overtime for the existing deputies, and Sheriff Chad Bowers answered that he doubted that it would have a major impact, but would perhaps reduce overtime a little.

After only minimal discussion, the proposed budget was approved by a unanimous vote.

It was noted to the commissioners that new EMS employees would be enrolled in a different health care plan, and that this might result in higher costs for the county.

There was only one fiduciary appointment, and it was unanimously approved. A second motion unanimously approved a single estate settlement. There were no exonerations which needed to be acted upon.

The Commission reviewed and approved the bills as its final act before adjournment.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for April 4 at 9 a.m. at the Commission office in the Pendleton County Courthouse.

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# The Second Mountain State Maple Day Eclipses the First

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Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce Director, Ciara Lambert, rated the day a good success. Speaking to the Times on Monday, she observed, “Saturday proved to be a beautiful day to get out and enjoy all things maple, and Pendleton County seemed to be ‘hopping,’ to say the least. On all sides of the county, patrons were out and about, enjoying the beautiful weather and making their rounds for some farm fresh liquid gold – stopping along the way for some delicious eats and freshly-made maple doughnuts. I personally started my day with a maple doughnut – or two – and ended it with homemade maple marinated salmon. I am excited to see the response to the recent Maple Days activities within the county. I can only hope we can build off of that momentum and continue not only agri-tourism events within the county, but also further farm-to-table discussions in the near future.

Luke Taylor-Ide, director of FGU’s Appalachian Program, under whose auspices the event had been planned and organized, summed it up with unequivocal enthusiasm: “Mountain State Maple Days 2022 was a tremendous success! Great weather on Saturday and ideal spring sugar-making weather conditions, created the perfect formula for success. It was a great opportunity to come out and experience the sugar-making process firsthand, so it was great to see so much interest. The addition of so many restaurants and businesses was a really fun addition that certainly lifted participation. It will also hopefully lead to ongoing sales and demand for local syrup. Reports are already pouring in about the buzz that this year’s

maple season created for both producers and customers. Future Generations University and the WV Maple Syrup Producers Association would like to thank everyone who came out for Mountain State Maple Days 2022. We would also like to remind anyone who missed it that you can find your nearest participating sugar-shack online at [www.wvmspa.org/our\\_farms](http://www.wvmspa.org/our_farms).”

Laura Brown, Pendleton County Economic Development Authority (EDA) executive director, Laura Brown, also expressed her satisfaction with the outcome of the event:

“Credit goes to Future Generations for their role in making Maple Days a success – twice! We heard from some local producers who once again echoed the success of the February Maple Days. With a county as rural as Pendleton, it’s crucial to utilize every opportunity we can to support our local economy and businesses. The EDA was happy to give support to FGU with everything their organization is doing in Pendleton County to support agri-tourism and we look forward to getting together with their team, post-Maple Days, to brainstorm for Maple Days 2023.”

That the events are gaining in popularity and garnering more notice was evidenced by Saturday’s event having attracted the attention and participation of West Virginia Department of Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt and Deputy Commissioner Joe Hatton, both of whom were touring sites of producers and vendors in different areas. Leonhardt put in an appearance at Heasley Homestead Maple in Bruceton Mills, while Hatton was scheduled to make a variety of stops in Pocahontas and Pendleton counties.



Though maple products were the predominant feature of Maple Day, its dominance wasn’t absolute. FGU was using a “rocket stove” to boil about 20 gallons of sycamore sap down into what would become, when finished, about one gallon of syrup. Here, Luke Taylor-Ide, the director of FGU’s Appalachian Program, tops off the pan with a bit more sap in Saturday’s live demonstration of the syrup-making process at the site of the former McCoy Mill in Franklin. Sycamore trees, which are plentiful in the area, also produce sap which can be used in combination with maple. FGU’s Appalachian Program seeks to help local farmers and landowners find sustainable and profitable ways to use their land responsibly.

## Officials Announce 4 New Coronavirus Cases

By Shawn Stinson

FRANKLIN – Pendleton County continues to be listed as a green county on the state’s coronavirus color map.

The March 21 update on the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources coronavirus color map showed Pendleton as one of 53 counties in the state as green. The two counties to be listed as yellow were Braxton and Webster.

Pendleton’s positivity rate was 0.85 on the March 21 update to allow the county to be labeled as green. The county’s infection rate, the other indicator used by state health officials to determine a county’s color on the map, was 14.35 in the yellow status. The March 19 and 20 updates listed the county’s positivity rate as 0.83 and 0.84, respectively. The infection rate remained steady at 14.35 for both days.

Pendleton County Health Department officials announced there were four new cases reported in county residents since March 14. There has been a total of 1,996 cases in the county since the start of the pandemic.

There were three additional breakthrough cases of the coronavirus in county residents since the March 14 update. There have been 249 breakthrough cases and one breakthrough death in the county since the start of the pandemic. A breakthrough case is defined as an individual testing positive for the coronavirus despite being deemed fully vaccinated by health officials.

The WVDHHR coronavirus website continued to list 27 cases of the Delta variant and one instance of Omicron variant in a county resident since the start of the pandemic on the March 21 update.

Gov. Jim Justice announced the creation of the West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program during his March 21 coronavirus press briefing. The program will aid homeowners in the state who have experienced a financial hardship related to the coronavirus.

“If you’re a homeowner, especially if you’ve been hurting financially, you’ve got to see if you can take advantage of this program because we can come running to the rescue,” Justice said. “Any federal dollars that are available to the state, we want to try to capitalize on that in any way we can. “Not only will we be able to help you, but this will also be a major stimulus for our economy, because the multiplier effect of these dollars will be enormous.”

The program can provide aid for past-due mortgage payments of up to \$15,000, past-due utilities bills of up to \$2,500, past-due insurance, property tax payments and other housing costs of up to \$5,000, \$300 in internet assistance and \$500 of assistance on certain down payment loans. Applications will be accepted on March 28. Online and paper application forms will be available.

Justice also announced an online vaccination due date calculator is active on the [vaccinate.wv.gov](http://vaccinate.wv.gov) website. The application permits an individual to determine a vaccination due date for anyone at any stage of vaccination.

“This incredibly important tool will help some people to ensure that they’re getting their booster shots,” Justice said.

## Rexrode Earns Dean’s List Honor

Anna E. Rexrode, of Upper Tract has been named to the 2021 fall semester Dean’s List at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia. Rexrode is a health and exercise science major.

She was among more than 500 students named to the Dean’s List, which was announced by Dr. Leona A. Sevvick, provost and executive vice president.

Students on the Dean’s List have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

## Hires, HVAC, Budget Discussed At School Board Meeting

By: Rebecca Arcure

The Pendleton County Board of Education discussed new hires, an HVAC system and the budget, among other topics at its regular meeting on March 15.

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. President J.D. Wilkins called those who were present to order at 5:33 p.m.

Superintendent Charles Hedrick called to recognize the Pendleton County Middle/High School boys basketball team for all of their hard work, and former coach of Pendleton County, Ryan Lambert, for earning the 2021 Coach of the Year Award. Hedrick also recognized Coach Greg Smith for his dedication as a coach to Pendleton County.

The Board voted unanimously to accept two resignations, that of Crystal Huffman-Warner, who was a teacher for extended school services for the elementary schools in the area, and Rose Plaugher, a homebound teacher of Pendleton County.

Hedrick recommended the board employ Thomas Craig for middle school head softball coach, Luke Cooper for itinerant multi-category special education preschool special needs teacher at North Fork Elementary School, Ciera Nine-Miller for the preschool/preschool special needs teacher at NFES, Tim Johnson as the principal at PCMHS, Stephanie Adkins as substitute aide, Ammie Ruddle as a substitute aide and substitute secretary, and Shelby Layton as a substitute secretary. The board accepted Hedrick’s recommendation and voted unanimously to certify the employment of the new hires in the county.

Moving on to the chap-erones and volunteers, the board voted unanimously to approve Anna Rexrode, Debra Jackson, Regina Hedrick, Patricia Sites, Lowell Hedrick, and Carol Vandevander to be volunteers at Franklin Elementary School. Lucy Wimer was approved as a volunteer for NFES.

Approval of contracts was discussed next. For profes-

sional probationary contracts: Mahala Alt with an alternate certification, Gwendolyn Cauley, Hayley Craig, Madison Gargus with an alternate certification, Elizabeth Harper, Rachel Mitchell, Kimberlie Richardson with an alternate certification, LeeAnn Shreve with an alternate certification, Kellee Waddell, Taylor Yokum with an alternate certification, Steven Barnett, Phillip Combs, Diane Davis, Eric Hartman, Darren Kimble with an alternate certification, Rose Plaugher with an alternate certification, Mahala Ruddle, Shawn Stinson with an alternate certification, Liz Warner, Kelsey Cardwell, Lesley Cook, Savannah Flannigan, Melissa Hartman, Wendy Kisamore, Victoria Rhodes, Lloyd Sherman with an alternate certification, Manda Teter, and Christopher Wilburn with an alternate certification. The board voted unanimously, and the motion was passed for the approval of all the members.

The superintendent recommended the approval of the professional continuing contracts of Aiden Bailey, Traci Rightsell, Crystal Huffman-Warner, Stacy Slaughter, and Jaqueline Propst. The motion was voted on by the board unanimously and was passed.

The service probationary contracts were discussed for Kathy Eye, Renee Hedrick, Amanda Morgan, Ruth Vanmeter, Amy Gardiner, Ashley Holloway, Denise Neil, Shannon Hartman, Trisha Knicely, and Robin Simmons. The motion was passed after a unanimous vote from the board members.

Next the service of continuing contracts was discussed. Nicole Hevener recommended the approval of Connie Bowers, David Traub, Connie Hedrick, and Andy Moyers. The board voted unanimously, and the motion was passed with one exception.

Next on the agenda at the board meeting was finances for the school system of Pendleton County. J.P. Mowery, business manager, stated the school system is in a

very stable condition to be in at the current time in the treasurer’s report. The disbursements for the month of February came to a total of \$1,067,611.76. A summary of 1.4 million was the current term balance.

Levy rates will be discussed more on the third Tuesday of April. The levy rates are set by the state and help the school systems funding every year. At this current time the tax levy rates have added an increase of \$0,000 in funds this year. That is more than 15% profit than the previous year. In the last 20 years, the tax values have been trending upwards on a gradual trend. Tax revenues have tripled in the last 20 years and have a great impact on the school system. Hedrick recommended approving tax levy rights for the school systems and after a unanimous vote the motion was passed. Mowery stated that the \$ 2.5 million budget will exceed \$3.1 million by the end of the year and that budget helped purchase the Lovegrove Building on main street. Transportation and fuel prices vary and affect budget prices for the school system. The school board hopes to hit \$14.1 million by the end of the year to cover all projects. No budget revisions were needed.


Mowery gave the financial update. The DSO will be paid 7.4 million for the HVAC systems that were installed in NFES and PCMHS. NFES had a cost of \$2.69 million for its new HVAC system, and PCMHS had a cost of \$5.87 million for its new HVAC system. Over \$8.4 million during the last year


was spent for updates to the schools in the county have been completed.

The 2022 calendar update was discussed next. Hedrick recommended changing a professional learning day to May 31. The board voted and the motion was passed. The 2023 calendar was voted on and approved by all board members and is ready for state submission.

Travis Hevener spoke of school improvements next by starting with Math Field Day which was back again for the first time since the coronavirus had shut many school activities down. Math Field Day was held Feb. 22. Two of Pendleton County’s students placed well; Albert Ramos Rivera of Brandywine Elementary School and Gage Sites-Woods of PCMHS placed in the top 20 alternates in regionals that were held at Potomac State College. Hevener attended pre-school registration at NFES and BES. Parents and children got to see the classroom and meet their new teachers. He will be at FES doing pre-school registration on March 18.

Pendleton County student Ruby McAnahan placed third in the regional science fair in Beckley and a few other students got honorable mentions. Hedrick said House Bill 4380 was passed, allowing two vans that hold up to 18 students to be used for field trips and sport activities. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex Building.






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## Davis Academy Applications Available to High School Seniors

Davis Medical Center's "Davis Academy" is currently taking applications for the 2022-2023 internship program. The academy targets high school graduates who are undecided about a career path or who are not planning to go to college.

The academy provides paid, job-related education and coaching to create workers fully competent for a healthcare career. During the 10-month program, workers cycle through the following DMC departments: outpatient clinics, patient registration, surgical services, medical lab, nursing, and information technology. Each department has a designated mentor to ensure performance competencies are successfully completed.

"It's an ideal way to earn as you learn," said Melissa "Dulane" Casto, RN, academy director. "Not a lot of internship programs offer an hourly wage and benefits. It's one of the ways our program is uniquely different."

In May 2022, the academy will have concluded its first year with two interns prepared to enter the healthcare workforce.

"I'd really like to thank Davis Medical Center for the opportunity. Without the academy, I wouldn't have discovered a love for the medical field, be up to my neck in student loan debt, and still

unsure of what I want to do. This program truly gave me the identity I was searching for," said intern Natalie Phillips.

Glyserine Raboy, another intern was also thankful for the experience. "Being a part of this program is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Having the chance to experience new things and learning at the same time was so valuable and I really am excited to see what the future holds," Raboy commented. "Without the academy, and the people behind it all, I really don't know where I would be right now."

Both interns agree that rotating through different departments took them beyond their "comfort zone" at times. "The department mentors provided such great guidance, and helped me develop clinical skills I had never considered," added Phillips.

Dulane Casto said the academy's first year was a great success and looks forward to expanding the number of interns in 2022.

Information and applications about the DMC Academy are available on the website <https://www.dhsacademy.com/>, or by calling Casto at 304-637-3523 or email [casto.dulane@davishealthsystem.org](mailto:casto.dulane@davishealthsystem.org).

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## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

### PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY 2022 - 2023

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 15th day of March, 2022.

Charles F. Hedrick  
Secretary of the Board of Education

	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>Current Year</b>			
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -
Public Utility	-	-	-
Total Class I	\$ -	-	\$ -
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 356,703,070	38.80	\$ 1,384,008
Personal Property	1,699,142	-	6,593
Total Class II	\$ 358,402,212	-	\$ 1,390,601
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 76,135,430	77.60	\$ 590,811
Personal Property	54,176,301	-	420,408
Public Utility	121,136,979	-	940,023
Total Class III	\$ 251,448,710	-	\$ 1,951,242
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 10,988,870	77.60	\$ 85,274
Personal Property	5,886,704	-	45,681
Public Utility	2,398,506	-	18,612
Total Class IV	\$ 19,274,080	-	\$ 149,567
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 629,125,002</b>		<b>\$ 3,491,410</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectibles Taxes	5.00%		174,571
Less Tax Discounts	2.00%		66,337
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection</b>			<b>3,250,502</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)	2.00%		65,010
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes For Budget Purposes 3-24-2c			<b>\$ 3,185,492</b>

### NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PROPOSED PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF COUNTY ROUTE 220/4 (0.52 MILE) LOCATED IN PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) will hold a virtual public informational meeting on May 12, 2022, between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., regarding the proposed partial abandonment of County Route 220/4 (0.52 mile), beginning at a point on CR 220/4, said point being 2.62 miles southwest of the junction of CR 11 and CR 220/4; thence southwesterly following the CR 220/4 alignment for 0.52 mile and ending at the junction with the previously abandoned section of CR 220/4 on the western side of the waterway, as located in Pendleton County, West Virginia. Total length to be abandoned is 0.52 mile.

The May 12, 2022 informational meeting will provide citizens the opportunity to ask questions, gain information, and comment upon the proposed partial abandonment in Pendleton County, West Virginia. WVDOH-District 8, requested the abandonment on behalf of adjacent property owners, Stephen C. Mallow, the Arthur Mitchell heirs (Velma Lantz, Diana Mitchell, Arthur Mitchell, Jr., and Tina Mitchell), Albert Hugh Hartman (Highway County Administrator), and Lorella L. Nelson-Mitchell.

Persons may participate in the meeting virtually, using this Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/rvs-zknb-vac>

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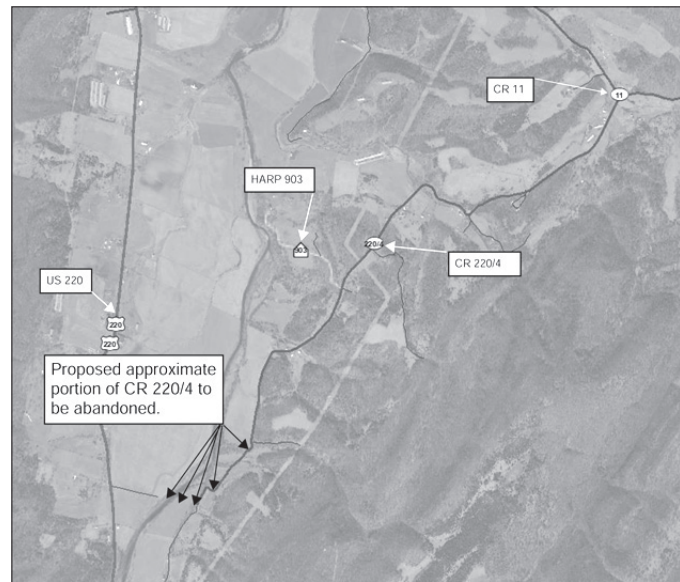
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FORMAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL WILL BE MADE ON MAY 12, 2022 AT 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM. The scheduled public meeting is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the public will be afforded the opportunity to ask questions and give written comments on the project throughout the meeting. Information related to the proposed abandonment will be available after May 12, 2022, and may be viewed on the WVDOH website found at: <http://go.wv.gov/roadabandonments>

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**FUNDED) - Temporary, part-time position:** April 11, 2022 through August 31, 2023. Not benefit eligible. Two days a week (flexible days and work hours); No more than nineteen (19) hours per week. Hourly rate: \$30.75. This position will focus on developing healthcare career awareness and fostering pathways between Eastern, Technical Centers and High Schools by promoting healthcare programs to students to enhance enrollment of partner C.N.A. programs plus dual credit acquisition to support Nursing Program continuation at Eastern for students to obtain an Associate in Applied Science. Bachelor's degree in appropriate field (public health, healthcare social work, health administration, or other health related field) is required. Master's preferred. Experience in lieu of degree will be considered. Minimum of 2-3 years of demonstrated skills and background in workforce development and planning preferably in the fields of health, public health, higher education or social service. For more info, email careers@easternwv.edu or call Missy Shockey at 304-434-8000 Ext.9253. 2c

**LICENSED Practical Nurse/Registered Nurse North Fork Primary Care-Pendleton Community Care, Inc.,** seeks a part-time or full-time Registered Nurse to work 32-40 hours per week as a Patient Care Manager at North Fork Primary Care, Riverton, WV. This would also include working at our other sites in Franklin and Harman, when needed. Must have a valid WV license. Requirements include good verbal

communication skills, and ability to work evenings and Saturdays. Prior experience in patient training, use of electronic health records and emergency care are pluses. Duties can include: administering injections, phlebotomy, obtaining vitals, assisting clinicians with procedures, interviewing patients, managing electronic patient records and other related duties as assigned. Competitive wages and benefit package. Please email hbailey@pcc-nfc.org or mail to Pendleton Community Care, Inc., Attn: NFC Care Manager Job Opportunity, PO Box 100, Franklin, WV 26807. If you have questions, please call 304-358-2355 ext. 1165 to speak with our HR department. PCC is an EOE employer. 3-17-2c

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PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA LEVY PAGE REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY 2022 - 2023				
Column E	Certificate of Valuation	Levy	Taxes	
Current Year	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Class I	Levied
Class I				
Personal Property	\$	14.30		\$
Public Utility				\$
Total Class I				\$
Class II				
Real Estate	\$ 356,703,070	28.60		\$ 1,020,171
Personal Property	1,699,142			4,860
Total Class II	\$ 358,402,212			1,025,031
Class III				
Real Estate	\$ 76,135,430	57.20		\$ 435,495
Personal Property	54,176,301			309,888
Public Utility	121,136,979			692,904
Total Class III	\$ 251,448,710			\$ 1,438,287
Class IV				
Real Estate	\$ 10,988,870	57.20		\$ 62,856
Personal Property	5,886,704			33,672
Public Utility	2,398,506			13,719
Total Class IV	\$ 19,274,080			\$ 110,247
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 629,125,002			\$ 2,573,565
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%		128,678
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%		48,898
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)				

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Total Projected Property Tax Collection			2,395,989
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	2.00%		47,920
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes For Budget Purposes (Transfer amount to Worksheet GCRev - Account No. 301-01)			\$ 2,348,069

Pendleton County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2022 - 2023 Fiscal Year	
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA County of: Pendleton, West Virginia	

In accordance with WV Code § 11-8-10, as amended, the Pendleton County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance .....	\$ 3,000,000
Property Taxes Current year .....	2,348,069
Prior Year Taxes .....	39,000
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees .....	30,000
Property Transfer Tax .....	30,000
Gas and Oil Severance Tax .....	10,000
Wine & Liquor Tax .....	2,000
Hotel Occupancy Tax .....	100,000
Miscellaneous Permits .....	500
Federal Grants/Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes .....	200,000
State Grants .....	10,000
Sheriff's Service of Process .....	6,000
Sheriff's Earnings .....	150
County Clerk's Earnings .....	20,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings .....	6,000
Accident Reports .....	100
Franchise Agreement .....	5,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan) .....	25,000
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement .....	7,000
Interest Earned .....	3,000
Miscellaneous Revenue .....	4,000
Sheriff's Commission .....	15,000
Gaming Income .....	45,000
Video Lottery .....	3,000
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources) .....	268,436
Dog & Kennel Reimbursement .....	700
General School Reimbursements .....	20,000
Payroll Reimbursements .....	433,359
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund .....	111,390
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues .....	\$ 6,742,704

Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues
Assigned Fund Balance .....	\$ 9,000
Coal Severance Tax .....	16,000
Total Coal Severance .....	\$ 25,000

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
County Commission .....	\$ 938,299	\$ -
County Clerk .....	242,820	-
Circuit Clerk .....	214,461	-
Sheriff-Treasurer .....	272,718	-
Prosecuting Attorney .....	209,914	-
Assessor .....	200,033	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund .....	111,390	-
Statewide Computer Network .....	18,000	-
Agricultural Agent .....	70,360	-
Elections-County Clerk .....	126,500	-
Custodial .....	22,000	-
Insurance Program (Self Insured) .....	37,092	-
Courthouse .....	185,800	25,000
Other Buildings .....	91,000	-
Regional Development Authority .....	5,928	-
Economic Development .....	105,258	-
State Grants .....	10,000	-
Contingencies - Not to Exceed 10% of Budget .....	674,270	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT .....	3,535,843	25,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
Sheriff-Law Enforcement .....	434,645	-
Sheriff-Service of Process .....	6,000	-
Regional Jail .....	250,000	-
Emergency Services .....	193,976	-
Communication Center .....	433,359	-
Fire Department .....	32,500	-
Ambulance Authority .....	32,500	-
Flood Control .....	7,500	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY .....	1,390,480	-
<b>HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</b>		
Local Health Department .....	35,000	-
Water .....	242,305	-
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION .....	277,305	-
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>		
Parks & Recreation .....	22,500	-
Community Center .....	1,551	-
Visitor's Bureau .....	50,000	-
Library .....	31,000	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION .....	105,051	-
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>		
Public Transit .....	5,000	-
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES .....	5,000	-
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>		
General Government .....	1,429,025	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY .....	1,429,025	-
Total Expenditures .....	\$ 6,742,704	\$ 25,000

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT .....			3,535,843	25,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Sheriff-Law Enforcement .....	434,645	-		
Sheriff-Service of Process .....	6,000	-		
Regional Jail .....	250,000	-		
Emergency Services .....	193,976	-		
Communication Center .....	433,359	-		
Fire Department .....	32,500	-		
Ambulance Authority .....	32,500	-		
Flood Control .....	7,500	-		
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY .....	1,390,480	-		

TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION .....			277,305	-
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				
Parks & Recreation .....	22,500	-		
Community Center .....	1,551	-		
Visitor's Bureau .....	50,000	-		
Library .....	31,000	-		
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION .....	105,051	-		

TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES .....			5,000	-
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>				
General Government .....	1,429,025	-		
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY .....	1,429,025	-		

Total Expenditures .....	\$ 6,742,704	\$ 25,000
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
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I, Elise M. White, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

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# Tire Collection a Resounding Success



A long line of vehicles forms as drivers wait to drop off tires on Saturday. Photo by Walter Hojka.

By Walter Hojka

If you were traveling on 220 S. on Saturday morning, your trip may have been slowed by pick-up trucks loaded full with tires. But the wait was due to a good cause. The vehicles were all heading to the tire collection site at the Pendleton Business Park on Thorn Creek Road. The collection program is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

At 11 a.m. a line of vehicles stretched halfway around the building waiting patiently for their opportunity to drop off used tires. According to Aaron Miller, coordinator for the event, vehicles were lined up as much as an hour before the drop-off began.

The 10-tire limit was neither enforced or observed as one participant brought in as many as 50 tires he had re-

claimed from along the road and in the waterways.

In all, more than 4,500 tires were collected in a single day. Miller credits the success to the good weather, and to the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority for getting the word out.

The tires will be shredded at a facility in Weston. The material is then placed in a monofill. Here the material awaits a potential future use as recycled material. The process removes the tires from back yards, streams, and empty lots, and stores them in a compact and more environmentally friendly space. Miller said, "We would rather see the tires rounded up than to be sitting in rivers and fields."

Tire collection was interrupted in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. The department is now resuming yearly collection.

# NFES Students Celebrate Read Across America Day

North Fork Elementary School celebrated Read Across America Day on March 2. In the morning each classroom had a family member of one of the students come in to read a book to the class. In the afternoon Pendleton County High School students, who were former NFES students, came and read to the students. Teachers also read stories to their students throughout the day. The students enjoyed their day very much. Students also celebrated "Wacky Wednesday" on this day.



Third-grade students were read Walt Disney's "Donald Learns A Lesson" by Allie Cooper. Pictured are Darek Greathouse, Andelyn Vance, Haley Warner, Eli Nelson, Cooper, Forest Wimer and Cyrena Harper, teacher.

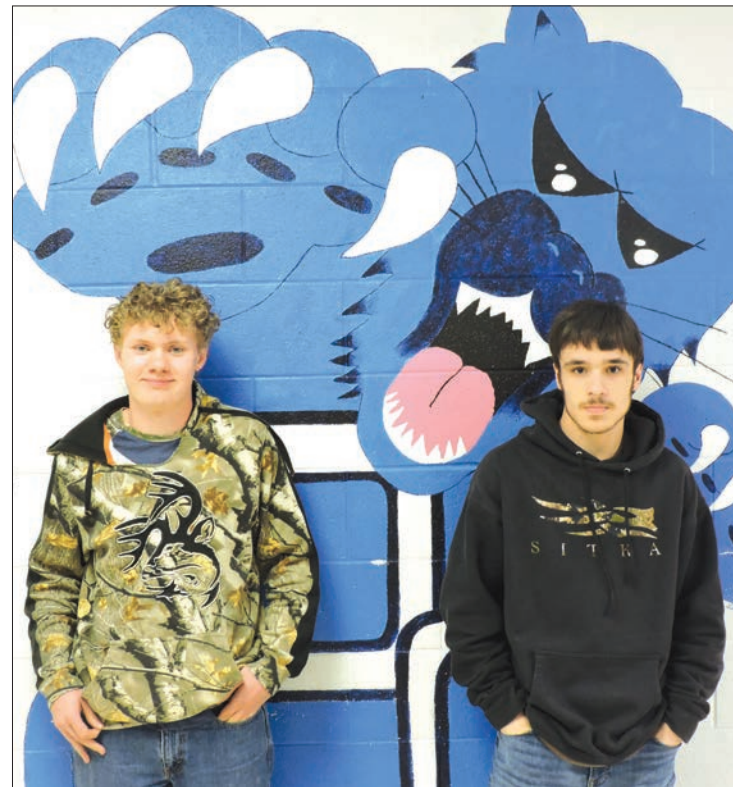


"The Magic Porridge Pot" was read to second graders, from left, front row, Emilee Morris-Hedrick, Keaton Swick, Allison Warner, Isabella Arcure, Kimberly Sponaule, Declan Shane, Ailayah Martin, Dakota Vandevander and Tommy Waybright. Leslie Bowers, teacher, and Trinity Vance, PCHS student reader, are pictured in the back.



PCHS students reading were, from left, front row, Emilee Teter, Kourtney Hedrick, Trinity Vance and Allie Cooper; and back row, Selena Hedrick, Kacy Raines, Cole Hinkle, Landon Colaw, Clayton Kisamore and Gage Sites-Woods.

# Conrad, Nulph Named PCHS Students of the Month



PCHS February students of the month are Titus Nulph, left, and Aaron Conrad.

Aaron Conrad and Titus Nulph have been named outstanding students of the month for February at Pendleton County High School.

Conrad, a senior, is the James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month. The son of David and Melissa Conrad of Franklin, he is a member of the National Honor Society and the Franklin Presbyterian Church. He enjoys watching television and cutting wood with his father. He plans to attend college in the fall to study computer science.

A freshman, Nulph is the Academic Student of the Month. He is a member of the PCHS band and a winner of the Golden Horseshoe. He likes to farm and enjoys reading. He plans to attend college and major in the medical or engineering fields. He is the son of Daniel and Laura Nulph of Franklin.

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# History Hero Honored



David Sponaule of Circleville was formally presented with his award as a History Hero on February 24 at the West Virginia Culture Center on the Capitol Complex in Charleston. The award acknowledges Sponaule's untiring efforts over the past decade to locate, document and catalog dozens of small cemeteries and gravesites in Pendleton County. As a result of his efforts, more than 75 additional cemetery sites were identified and added to the latest edition of the Pendleton County Historical Society's book of local cemeteries. Sponaule (center) is congratulated by Robert Conte, the former chair of the WV Archives and History Commission (left), and Randall Reid, curator of the WV Department of Arts and History.

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**SGR191** 557.7 Ac., Raw Land, Excellent Hunting, Joins National Forest, No Utilities, Potential Food Plots, Watering Holes, Bldg. Sites w/Views. Milroy District, Grant County. **NEW LISTING \$1,749,000.00.**

**SGR195** 1.62 Acres, w/3 Bed, 1.5 Bath Ranch Home, Smith Creek. **NEW LISTING \$189,000.00.**

**SGR194** 280 Ac. Raw Land, Excellent Hunting, Views. Located in Cabins. WV. **\$499,000.00.**

**SGR192** 40 Ac +/- Raw Land, Mitchell Mtn. Pending Survey. **NEW LISTING \$120,000.00.**

**SGR191** 1.62 Acres with 3 Bed, 3 Bath Home. Bonus Room w/Vaulted Ceiling, Concrete Stamped Patio, 2 Car Garage. Franklin District. **\$269,000.00.**

**SGR190** 3.97 Acres, Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Level Bldg. Site, Mature Timber. **NEW LISTING \$49,900.00.**

**SGR189** 3.73 Acres, Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Level Bldg. Site, Mature Timber, Views to East & West. **NEW LISTING \$49,900.00.**

**SGR188** 22.72 Acres, Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Hunting, Bldg. Sites. **NEW LISTING \$179,900.00.**

**SGR187** 8.87 Acres, Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Views, Bldg. Sites. **NEW LISTING \$79,900.00.**

**SGR186** 3.02 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin, Loft, Kile Knob, Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$179,000.00.**

**SGR185** 74.41 Acres, Strawders Run, Pasture, Hunting, Views, Creek & Spring fed Pond. Franklin District. **\$249,000.00.**

**SGR182** Homesteaders Dream! 6.49 Acres, 2 houses, Guest Cottages, Barns, Fenced Pasture, Mature Fruit Trees, Berry Bushes, Goldfish Pond, Bethel District. **\$385,000.00 REDUCED \$300,000.**

**SGR181** 0.39 Acres, w/Brick Ranch, 3 Bed, 2-1/2 Baths, Full basement, Franklin Corp. **NEW LISTING \$249,000.00.**

**SGR176** 2.02 Acres Raw Land, Rocky Mountain Rd, Deer Run area. Electric nearby. **\$19,900.00.**

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**SGR165** 1.1 Acres w/4 Bed, 2.5 Bath Ranch Home w/Attached 2-car garage. **UNDER CONTRACT \$349,000.00.**

**SGR164** 0.28 Acres or less, w/3 Bed, 3 Bath Home. Full Basement. Franklin Corp. **\$199,000.00.**

**SGR158** 5 Bed, 4 Bath Victorian Home, located in Monterey. VA. **\$525,000.00.**

**SGR157** 867.21 Acres w/3 Bed, 2.5 Bath Pole Barn Structure w/4-car garage. Cornfields, Pasture and Woodlands, Monterey. VA. **\$1,300,000.00.**

**SGR156** 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, Electric nearby, Water available. Hardy County. **\$95,000.00. REDUCED \$89,900.00.**

**SGR154** 39.80 Acres, w/1950's Renovated home, 4 Bed, 1 Full Bath & 1 Unfinished Bath, Circleville District. **\$399,000.00 REDUCED \$380,000.00.**

**SGR152** 50.96 Acres w/1 Bed, 1.5 Bath, 1666 sq. ft Cabin w/Loft. Franklin District. **\$349,000.00.**

**SGR148** 136.47 Acres Raw Land, Building Sites w/Excellent Views, Active Spring, 2 Ponds. **\$499,900.00.**

**SGR130** 0.36 Acres, w/House & Bunkhouse located in Harman. WV. **\$269,000.00.**

**SGR107** 28.99 Ac, more or less, Raw Land, Eldon Heights, Franklin District. **\$249,000.00.**

**SGR104** 7.27 Acres or less, former elementary school. Endless opportunities. **NEW LISTING \$449,000.00.**

**SGR078** 2181.4 Ac Farm w/Flood Control Dam, Springs, Waterfall, 1 Unfinished Bath, 1 Unfinished Kitchen, on both sides of 2 Public Highways, Barn, 3 Silos, Pasture Fields and more. **\$4,500,000.00.**

**SGR042** Five Unit Townhouse property located in Brandywine. Each unit has 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, LR and Large Kitchen. Near National Forest for hunting and fishing. Perfect for retirement income, live in one and rent the others! **\$399,000.00.**

**SGR980** 6.69 Acres, Raw Land, Oakwood Estates Subdivision, Franklin District. **\$40,000.00.**

**SGR892** 5.297 Acres, Raw Land, High Valley Subdivision, Franklin District. **\$58,000.00. REDUCED to \$56,500.00.**

**SGR634** 2.77 Acres, Raw Land, Hawes Run, Great Commercial Property, on US 33, Brandywine. **\$75,000.00. REDUCED \$69,500.00.**

**SGR441 Residential lots**, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte 33 East of Franklin. Lots from **\$20,760.00.**

**SGR247 Residential lots** with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from **\$14,630.00.**

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