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Redeeming Grace Outreach Worship Center to Open Academy Doors Next Fall

By Stephen Smoot

Starting in the fall, Redeeming Grace Outreach Worship Center in Franklin will offer classes as part of its new academy with a non-traditional approach to student education.

“We want to provide another option. We don’t want to be in competition with the public school system,” explains Rebecca Schlaegel, director of student services. She went on to say that while

the public school system does a great job with most children, some need individualized education plans and outcomes. “Schools provide the best options that they can, but it’s difficult to provide all students with all that they require.”

Schlaegel, who taught at Franklin Elementary School for 17 years, says “our hope is to work with the public schools here.”

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Pastor Jason Boggs and Rebecca Schlaegel, director of student services, show the old Franklin Elementary School newly renovated for next fall’s students.

BES Students Earn Incentives



First semester incentives were handed out at Brandywine Elementary School. Students earning the incentives, along with the type of incentive and item received, were Annabelle Back and Cailee Armstrong, Faithful Attendance, JBL wireless earbuds; Addison Williams and Jacob Wheeler, Perfect Attendance, Amazon Fire Tablet; Hunter Bowers, Accelerated Reader, Amazon Fire Tablet; Ava Bowers and Elizabeth Wheeler, PBIS Behavior, \$50 Savings Deposit from Pendleton Community Bank; and Kynleigh Sponaugle and Dylan Hensley, PBIS Behavior, Target Gift Certificate. Pictured are, from left, front row, Hunter Bowers, Elizabeth Wheeler, Cailee Armstrong, Jacob Wheeler and Dylan Hensley; and back row, Addison Williams, Kynleigh Sponaugle, Ava Bowers and Annabelle Back.

Governor Issues Tax Relief Plan in State of the State Address, Elected Officials Share Thoughts on Reform

By Stephen Smoot

As part of the State of the State Address last week, Governor Jim Justice rolled out his tax reform plan for consideration by the people and the Legislature. With both Roger Hanshaw, Speaker of the House, and Doug Skaff, House Minority Leader, jointly introducing the bill to the House of Delegates, the reform package carries the currently rare mark of real bipartisanship.

In his unique way, Justice introduced the proposal by stating that he has held discussions on the issue with both House Speaker Roger Hanshaw and Senate President Craig Blair. He related that they said, in essence, “over and over and over that what we need to do in regards to the PIT (personal income tax) is they wanted to think, either don’t do it or make a big splash. That’s all there is to it. Either don’t do it or make a big splash. So here comes me, cannonballing into the pool.”

Justice added, “By God, I’ll make a big splash. I’ll promise you that.”

Tax reform has emerged in the past year as an issue. The massive Proctor and Gamble manufacturing complex built in Berkeley County several years ago served as the opening of a flood of business and manufacturing businesses locating in West Virginia. The Eastern Panhandle and Ohio River Valley in particular have seen large upticks in activity. As business tax collections rise along with natural resource severance taxes, officials have determined that personal income taxpayers no longer need to bear so much of the burden.

Delegate Elias Coop-Gonzalez relates that “a considerable cut to the state income tax has been long overdue.” He adds that “as it stands, West Virginia currently has the highest tax rate among all the surrounding states.”

Last fall, tax reform proposals took the form of a state Constitutional amendment that ultimately failed. Reformers tried to target the personal property taxes that provide the lion’s share of support for county governments. They proposed that the State Legislature could issue payments to counties to backfill what counties would lose. Governor Justice and the Pendleton County Commission feared that counties could ultimately be left high and dry if they did not control their own dedicated source of revenue.

Justice led a crusade, traveling the state to discuss his opposition. Not only did the tax reform amendment fail, but the other unrelated amendments’ chances of passing dwindled as well.

The tax bill laid out by Justice focuses entirely on cutting personal income tax rates by up to 50%, described by the Governor as “the biggest tax cut in the history of the state.” If passed, the Governor’s plan would provide for a 30% reduction in tax year 2023, 10% the following year and 10 more percent the year after that.

As Delegate Gary Howell, R-Mineral, chairman of the House Economic Development and Tourism Committee says, “if the bill passes, it will take several months to get the tax tables out. After the new tax tables are out, you will see more money in your paycheck.” He explains that “if you buy a big screen TV, the six percent sales tax will generate revenue for the state.” With the
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Franklin Town Council Discusses Sewer Plant Damage

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Franklin Town Council held a busy first meeting of the year, starting with legally required readings of legal documents pertaining to a water project bond ordinance and a floodplain ordinance.

The water project bond ordinance will permit the town to sell bonds to cover the cost of a major water project. Town administrator Frank Wehrle explained that the bonds have a 40-year schedule of repayment and “the rate is not bad as these things go.” The lowest and winning bid for the project came in at \$1.9 million over budget, so the town reset its request to cover the bid and other possible contingencies that could force the cost higher.

“Our goal is to avoid a rate increase,” Wehrle explained. He added that “there is some gravity to this. It’s not the first time the town has had a bond and it won’t be the last. In my time, it has happened four times now.”

By law, the town must hold a second reading in two

weeks and will schedule the third with a representative from Steptoe and Johnson at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

Phase I of the project will involve renovating the town water plant. New equipment and technology will upgrade the efficiency of the plant and provide more timely and accurate data to operators. Also, the Hanover tank shall be sandblasted and painted while also receiving new safety equipment.

Next, the council heard the first reading of the floodplain ordinance. Wehrle stated that the town had to do so to keep the town, its residents, and its businesses eligible for federal flood insurance. The county commission held a similar reading recently for the same purpose. Wehrle reported that the new ordinance had no significant changes over a similar one passed in 2021, except that the community building is no longer considered to be in the floodplain.

He also shared that the town is required to adopt standardized procedures, including forms for water

quality complaints, cybersecurity issues, various standard operating procedures, and an emergency water supply plan. Since the town has already complied, the council voted to adopt current policies as written.

Wehrle next reported on what could have been a costly flood at the sewer plant. As he described, “on or about the 23rd or 24th of December, when it was very cold with high winds two water lines froze and burst at the sewer plant.” On Christmas Day, officials met at the plant and determined that the town lost 30,000 gallons of water. The frigid temperatures almost immediately froze the water in place outside of the building. The town filed an insurance claim on the next business day.

Fortunately, as Wehrle explained, “We got lucky, it could have been bad.” The burst pipes left three to four inches of standing water in the facility. Luckily, it did not damage expensive equipment placed on six-

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West Virginia DNR Releases New Fishing Regulations

By Stephen Smoot

State anglers will have to follow new regulations and guidelines this year, according to a release by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

According to Mark Scott, assistant chief of fish management for the WVDNR, who was quoted in a release, “Probably the biggest change is that we now have a statewide 30-fish daily creel and a 60-fish possession limit for game fish that didn’t have a creel limit before.”

A creel limit refers to the “maximum number of fish in a species that can be legally taken in a day,” according to the Law Insider website.

New limits apply to “black and white crappie in aggregate, bluegill and all other sunfish species in aggregate, all other game fish not currently under a creel limit, and yellow perch.” The regulations went into effect on Jan. 1. Limits on fish that had no limits prior will help the WVDNR to determine if the limits need to remain in place to protect numbers.

In other changes, the WVDNR designated and marked a half mile section of Thorn Creek

for fly fishing only. DNR officials also established delayed harvest on a 5.5 mile stretch of Shavers Fork of Cheat River from Whitmeadow Run to McGee Run in Randolph County and on the Williams River from Tea Creek to two miles downstream in Pocahontas.

According to the WVDNR, delayed harvest is “a regulation implemented to provide recreation C&R angling during periods when the likelihood of fish survival is highest, then removing restrictive harvest when conditions begin to become inhospitable.”

The new regulation book also identified June 10 and 11 as Free Fishing Days with no license required. WVDNR also introduced three new licenses: a three-year hunting and fishing license (Class X3), hunting and fishing license with trout stamp (Class XP), and a three-year hunting and fishing license with trout stamp included (Class XP3).

While the DNR does not announce trout stockings in advance, they provide information on stocking in the recent past. On Jan. 5, the DNR stocked Spruce Knob Lake and the North Fork of the South Branch

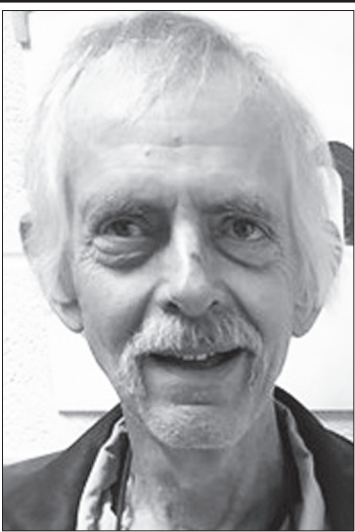
catch and release zone. On Jan 6, they stocked the North Fork of the South Branch in an area without catch and release restrictions. The DNR also stocked the South Branch at Petersburg on Jan. 10.

The state will continue to promote special fishing events. For the sixth year in a row, the West Virginia Gold Rush returns. Over 12 days, between March 28 and April 8, the WVDNR will stock selected locations with 50,000 golden rainbow trout. Some call them Centennial trout because of its introduction on the state’s 100th year of existence.

Gold Rush stocking in and near Pendleton County will take place on North River at the mouth of Mossy Creek, Hawes Run downstream of the Brandywine Recreation Area, on the South Branch at Franklin, Spruce Knob Lake, the North Fork downstream of Seneca Rocks, Smoke Hole Campground on the South Branch, and South Mill Creek upstream from Wolfpen Hollow.

Around the state, the DNR will also stock at appropriate West Virginia State Parks and Forests.

OBITUARIES



James R. "Bob" Dyer

James R. "Bob" Dyer, 74, of Brandywine passed away Jan. 10, 2023, at Sentara RMH in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

He was born Aug. 20, 1948, near Buckhannon and was the son of the late James N. Dyer and Grace Boggs Dyer.

Mr. Dyer was a 1966 graduate of Franklin High School and attended Potomac State College and West Virginia University.

He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a farmer and had worked at Hanover Shoe Company, the galley at the Sugar Grove Naval Base and retired from public works at the naval base, where he specialized in water/sewage operations.

He was a member of Fairview-Bethel United Methodist Church, a member of the American Legion, a life member of the Sugar Grove V.F.W. Post #9666, and had been a volunteer fireman at the local South Fork substation. He had a passion for reading and anything chocolate.

On Dec. 20, 1970, he married Joyce Marie Bowers Dyer, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Alan Dyer (Brittany) of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Derek Dyer (Angela) of Daniel Island, South Carolina; four grandchildren, Sierra Grace Dyer, Myles Dyer, Juliette Dyer and Scarlet Grace Dyer; a brother, Larry Shreve (Vel) of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and a sister, Kitty Dyer of Florida.

His body has been cremated and his family will commemorate his life privately.

Memorials may be made to the Grace Minnix Higher Education Fund, c/o Diana Stout, V.F.W. Auxiliary, 740 Lower Donnally Road, Charleston, WV 25304.

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

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



Johnny Lee Rexrode

Johnny Lee Rexrode, 71, of Sugar Grove passed Jan. 14, 2023, at his home.

He was born on June 14, 1951, in Mill Gap, Virginia, the son of the late Berlin and Hazel Dorean (Lowry) Rexrode.

Mr. Rexrode attended Highland High School and was a member of St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church.

He had worked for 20 years at Hanover Shoe Company and retired from Pendleton County Schools, after working for 18 years as a custodian at Franklin Elementary School. He truly embodied that teachers are not the only adults at school who make an impact on our children.

On Nov. 23, 1991, he married Pamela Sue (Eye) Rexrode, who survives in Franklin.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory a brother, Melvin Rexrode (Terry) of Monterey, Virginia; a brother-in-law, Michael Eye (Kathy) of Sugar Grove; his mother-in-law, Violet Eye of Sugar Grove; a niece, Bethany Eye of Sugar Grove; two great-nephews, Alex Smith of Monterey, Virginia, and Avery Smith of Hightown, Virginia.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Derek John Rexrode (May 5, 2015); and a niece, Melanie Rexrode Smith.

The family will receive friends from 6 – 8 p.m. on Friday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Jerry Smith officiating. Interment will be at St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church Cemetery in Sugar Grove.

Memorials may be made to South Fork Rescue Squad, St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church, or PAWS.

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



Richard D. Huffman

Richard D. Huffman, 90, of Franklin (North Mountain) went to be with the Lord on Jan. 12, 2023, at his home, after a long battle of illnesses. He was surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1932, in Dry Fork, the son of the late Blosser and Radie (Raines) Huffman.

Mr. Huffman was a U.S. Army veteran and served during the Korean Conflict. Following the war, he moved to Ohio with his new bride, Doris, where he worked at General Tires for years, before returning back to West Virginia, where he began his career of more than 30 years as a loader operator with Greer Limestone Company.

He was an avid gardener and farmer. He loved to cook, especially make bread.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and was known as "Nandad." Most of all, he loved spending time with what he cherished the most, his family. He never

met a stranger and was loved by everyone.

On Jan. 31, 1956, he married the love of his life and his soulmate, Mary Doris (Warner) Huffman, who survives.

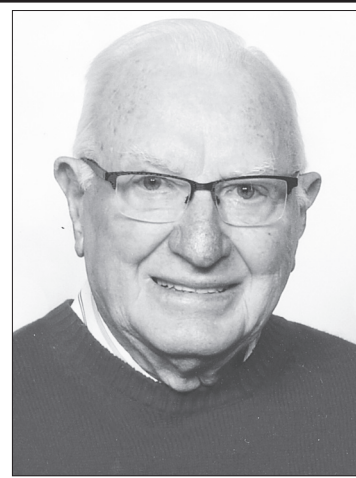
In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory three loving daughters, Sarah (Tommy) Taylor of Statesville, North Carolina, Sandie (Danny) Smith and Susan (Vanessa) Hedrick, all of Franklin; six beloved grandchildren, Bryan Taylor (Ashley Josey), Megan Taylor (TJ Church), Breanna (Tim) Hartman, Lacey Smith (Matthew Bowers), Samuel (Savanna) Ruddle and Adam Ruddle; and six great-grandchildren, Ethan Taylor, Lucas, Mason, and Mavis Ruddle, and Tyler Bunton.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, Thurman, Herbert, Marshall and Burl Huffman; and four sisters, Gae Huffman, Nola Pennybaker, Juanita Huffman and Wilma Huffman.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Tim Johnson officiating. Interment was in the Richard Huffman Family Cemetery in Franklin (North Mountain) with military honors conducted by the U.S. Army, Camp Dawson.

Memorial donations be made to Grant Memorial Hospice, any Pendleton County Rescue Squad, or Franklin Volunteer Fire Department.

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



Charles "Charlie" Guy Harper

Charles "Charlie" Guy Harper, Sr., of Warren, Ohio, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Jan. 11, 2023.

He was born April 2, 1930, in Onego to the late George and Bertha Ketterman Harper.

Mr. Harper grew up in West Virginia where he married his wife, Mary. In 1953, the family moved to Ohio where he began his career at Packard Electric. He worked as a die setter until the age of 58 when he retired.

He was a kind and caring man who loved his family and friends. If a person knew him one became family and were treated like one of his own. His grandkids held a special place in his heart; he always wanted to be close to his little ones, holding them and showing them all his love.

In the springtime, one

could always count on him to be in the garden, lovingly known as "the rhubarb man." He grew many kinds of fruits and vegetables and would make sure everyone left his home with something he had grown.

He enjoyed his sports, watching any of the Cleveland, Ohio, teams, and was an avid Ohio State fan. He truly loved working with his hands and spent time woodworking. He had a special place in his heart for his dog, Sven.

His wife, Mary Smith Harper, preceded him in death.

Surviving are children, Charles (Lynda Priddy) Harper, Jr., Jerry (Judi) Harper, Donald (Debbie) Harper, Michele (Rick) Lee and Michael (Sarah) Harper; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two-great great-grandchildren; a twin brother, James Gar Harper; and a sister, Marcie Clatterback; beloved nieces; and extended family members.

He was also preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

A funeral service was held Sunday at Lane Funeral Home, Shafer-Winans Chapel in Cortland, Ohio.

Memorial donations can be made to the Bazetta/Cortland Optimist Club in his honor.

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tax cut, Howell says “you’ll be better off, the businesses you patronize will be better off, and the state will be better off.”

According to Cam Matheny, a Jackson County based certified public accountant, “the cuts are fairly straightforward.” Furthermore, he agrees that because many West Virginia households would spend the money, the state would recoup a large amount back in sales taxes. “The wealthy will see the most benefit because they will most likely not spend all of their tax savings and will instead invest or save more.” Of course, when the extra money is saved, local community banks benefit from having more capital with which to operate as well. Higher interest rates also make putting the money in savings a more lucrative proposition than before.

Matheny also noted that the Legislature in this session seems uninterested in lowering the business tax.

Senator Robert Karnes, one of Pendleton County’s two representatives in that chamber, built on what Matheny described. He explained that, “there is a velocity of money related to the number of times a dollar is spent. Every dollar that gets put back in taxpayers’ pockets gets spent seven times in the community.” Through sales taxes, gas taxes, and more, the state can recoup its money, help taxpayers, and boost the local economy at the same time. Karnes noted that it will not be a 100% offset immediately, but “when there’s more commerce and jobs, we will collect more revenues.”

Howell agrees that dollars in the community act more dynamically in the wallets of the people. He stated that a dollar in government hands only has a 33-cent benefit to the community while each dollar returned as a tax cut has a multiplier effect of three times. Additionally, he says, “by year three, there is an incentive for you to move

to West Virginia. If you are living and near Harrisonburg [Virginia] and you want to buy a new home, you will drive 10 or 20 more minutes farther to pay less taxes.” With Pendleton and other Potomac Highlands counties poised to join a program to recruit out of state remote workers, tax reduction could also boost results there.

Late last month, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Eric Tarr shared some of his chamber’s ideas with West Virginia Metro News. Similar to the proposed amendments, Senate leadership wants to, as West Virginia Metro News wrote, craft a “\$460 million rebate plan connected to the annual car tax and six categories of property taxes including the machine, equipment and inventory tax. He’s also a talking about a possible 15% cut in income tax that would total approximately \$335 million.”

Karnes stated that his own chamber serves as the reason why tax reform has not happened yet. “The House has wobbled a lot,” he says, “but settled on income tax reduction.” Karnes added that “hopefully we don’t waste another year.” Coop-Gonzalez speculated that “I hope that the Governor and the Senate can come to an agreement. There might still be some tension between them after the debacle surrounding Amendment 2.”

Karnes provided evidence on why he feels reducing the income tax should take priority, “Nine states don’t have income tax. They have added 32 congressional seats. Then there are states that don’t have a personal property tax. Since the 1970s, these states have lost seats in Congress.” He added that he opposed Amendment 2 because if the state controlled the main source of funds for counties, the “slush fund” as he described it, could be used to punish local government if they or their senators or delegates voted against leader-

ship’s wishes.

He added that last fall, “the voters spoke very loudly” when they rejected Amendment 2, but advised “there’s a process and people should watch that process play out.” Karnes added that, “the House gets it. Going back to it (Amendment 2) would be a slap in the face of voters.”

Others feel that the Governor and Legislature should direct the surplus toward spending priorities. Charles Burgoyne, former Pendleton County commissioner, speculates that the Governor may be “playing politics,” saying that “I am against his proposed tax cut and the surplus money should be used to address major issues facing West Virginia.” Burgoyne explains that approved construction plans by the state School Building Authority and PEIA reimbursements remain significantly underfunded.

Burgoyne adds that he would like to see the state provide assistance to helping rescue squads maintain vehicles and staff. He also shared concerns that the state struggles to maintain full staffing at schools and correctional facilities. He says that “these are real issues that can only be improved when everyone works together,” but “the Governor is only interested in political statements . . . Who is not interested in tax cuts or refunds?”

In November, Delegate Bryan Ward shared his concerns about the impact of tax relief during rising inflation, saying “we must be mindful that the surpluses we have experienced over the last several years are not guaranteed,” adding that economically, “so much is unravelling right now. Everyone knows there is a likelihood that we will be in a recession.” Ward also stated that state government works under the same inflationary rules as everyone else and that costs may continue to rise.

Redeeming Grace

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mission of providing individualized education comes the need to place “emphasis on Biblical principles.” Schlaegel stated that the school will “incorporate Biblical principles into character traits, helping kids to be that kind of person when they grow up.”

The academy embraces the ideal of flexibility in education, using the Accelerated Christian Education program, which centers around a diagnostic approach. Many children do not perform precisely at the grade level indicated by their age. An eight-year-old may perform on a sixth-grade level in reading and a second-grade level in mathematics, or vice versa. Other children in the same class will likely also have capabilities at different stages of development.

Students will take tests that help to determine the proper academic placement. Furthermore, the classroom structure will not look traditional. As Pastor Jason Boggs says, “The classroom setting is going to be different. Students will have individual cubicles to pace themselves as instruction goes to each individualized student.”

Students will not simply sit in cubicles all day, however. They will also join with other students at “gathering tables” at times where mass instruction is more appropriate and also perform lessons at computers.

Cubicles help children with ADD and ADHD in particular focus on work and get distracted less easily. Teachers will come to students to provide individual assistance when needed. If students struggle at their identified grade

level, a pace program helps them to develop skills as they learn. Instead of assignment to traditional grades, students get categorized more generally as “lower, middle, and upper.”

“It’s the beauty of using this curriculum,” Schlaegel said, adding that “students rarely are all the way across at one level. We’ve got to tailor to their needs.” The academy will strongly encourage students to pursue personal passions as part of an overall academic plan. “Students get a chance to form an ability or interest they are passionate about, whether it be photography, public speaking, music lessons, art, teaching the guitar or the piano. It could be anything.” They can also engage in academic competitions on both the regional and state level. The future could even include an athletic program where teams compete against other small Christian schools.

A lot of hard work and help went into bringing education back to an old schoolhouse. Pastor Boggs explains that the outreach center obtained the building in January 2022 and that “I always wanted to provide a Christian education to our community.”

Boggs stated that “we prayed about it. Through prayer, we felt the Lord leading us to open a school here.” One night at 3 a.m., he describes, “I asked Lord, what do you want me to do.” He said that by 4:15, the Holy Spirit led him to the answer.

The community stepped up in support when the Outreach Center sought to purchase the building. Pastor Greg Locke provided funds to help to pay for the structure while the owner,

Nelson Schwarz, offered to discount the price. Pastor Boggs said, “Pastor Locke gave us the facility debt free with no strings attached.”

Though, as Schlaegel said, “one of the biggest challenges in this community is finances,” recent state legislation has made it easier for families to explore different education options. The HOPE Scholarship, administered by the West Virginia State Treasurer’s Office, “is the state’s education savings account program that gives parents an opportunity to build an individual learning experience that works best for their child,” as the website explains. The West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals ruled that the HOPE Scholarship did not violate the state constitution, allowing families to start participating last fall.

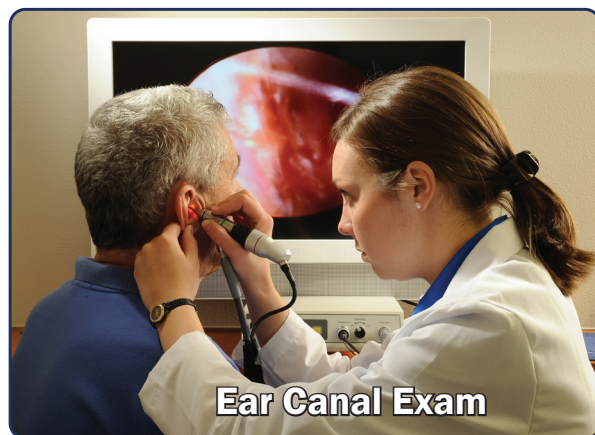
Because so many children come from families experiencing their own struggles, the academy has committed to providing a wide range of family options. These will include nighttime GED instruction, as well as the kind of settings that support those suffering from drug addiction, emotional problems, and other issues that can impact the family.

Pastor Boggs added that “we’ve had much of the county reach out. They’re excited about this program going forward.” He also said that the program has heard from families as far away as Grant and Rockingham [Virginia] counties.

“It shows the need,” Schlaegel said. “Many parents are looking for something different.”

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Smith Creek/Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

This past week, Mr. Winter couldn't make up his mind if the area was going to have warm or cold temperatures. The afternoons have been nice with temperatures in the upper 40s and low 50s. But, when the sun goes down, it gets cold. Spring is only two months away.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Shelda Warner, Vestyl Bible, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tessi, Ruby Propst, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Mary Alice Simmons, Reva Hartman, Sandy Washburn, Sandra Vandevander and Larry Moyers; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Brian Wilton, Tyler Moore, Tristan Hartman, Ronald Hayes, Becky Hedrick, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Doug Judy, Ronnie Bowers Sr., Allen Kile II, Ruth Simmers, Roberta Bennett, Raven Hoke, Harry Allen Warner, Quinley McConnell, Etha Mae Bowers, Mary Jo Wilfong, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Rodney Crites, Charlotte Copley, Randy Bennett, Carolyn Gilbert, Glenn Sites, Billy Rowe, Myrtle Hammer, Kathy Propst, Jimmie Bennett, Paul Mallow, Sandy Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Jack Judy, Ruthalene Judy, Jason Rexrode, the family of Richard Huffman and the family of Johnny Rexrode.

Prayer thought: "Let us celebrate the underserved grace that God has given and understand more fully what it means to extend your grace onto ourselves." High and low temperatures and precipitation for Jan. 9 through Jan. 15, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Jan. 9 - 41°, 28° (44°, 33°, .35"); Jan. 10 - 43°, 20° (33°, 13"); Jan. 11 - 44°, 24°, .36" (34°, 12"); Jan. 12 - 54°, 34°, .01" (50°, 36"); Jan. 13 - 41°, 31°, .01" (41°, 34"); Jan. 14 - 32°, 23°, .25" snow (40°, 30°) and Jan. 15 - 42°, 13° (32°, 16°).

10 Years Ago Week of January 17, 2013

SUGAR GROVE

Brandywine Area Has Seen Much Change

So much can be said for the sleepy town of Brandywine. Times have certainly changed things. At one time, Brandywine had two grocery stores and several beer joints and dance halls.

The late Mary Propst Rexrode recalled how her granddaddy, Charles Hedrick, was a blacksmith in Miller's Run. He made the horseshoes right in his shop. He would get the coals hot and hammer the shoes in the shape he wanted. Then he would douse them in a bucket of cool water. They would sizzle as they cooled. Roy Smith also ran a blacksmith shop where Harry Lee Scott's store is presently located. Ike Propst had his shop across from where Bill Bolton lives.

Wherever there was timber, camps moved to that location. The late Bill Hardy had a saw mill behind the Baptist church. A narrow dinky railroad followed the river up from Moorefield to where Bowers Garage is now located to collect the timber.

The first school was where the Paul Simmons' beer joint was located. One spring it burned. According to Bucky Joseph, the first two weeks the students spent time in the garage that is adjacent to the cemetery entrance. They then moved to the two-room school, which was situated behind the present school. The students often referred to it as the "sheep shed."

The town of Brandywine originated where Hoover's Mill stands. This was where wheat was ground. The Still House, which was along the mill race, was where whiskey, wine, peach and apple brandy were made. Morgan Trumbo and Feltie Swadley ran a store which was a long, low building situated across the river. The late Shirley Propst Pitsenbarger Rexrode recalled her father selling pheasants for 75 cents a piece and rabbits for 10 cents. Yard goods, such as thread, thimbles and needles, were sold here, as well as grocery items, such as oatmeal, salt and sugar. Morgan's son, Lon Trumbo, built a store on the south side of the intersection. Both stores were later torn down to accommodate the intersec-

tion. Arthur Propst had a store in what was known as "Old Brandywine." A book could be written about "the happenings" at the store.

There was a factory on a hill. This factory, being built in the early 1900s, was a long wooden building with a wide open door in the very center front.

In the early spring when the sap would rise, the men in the community would cut down the chestnut trees, peel the bark, load them onto wagons, as high as possible, and haul them to the factory with a four-horse team.

The bark was unloaded and put into large vats, covered with water. Water was pumped from the river to boil the chestnut bark. A large fire was kept burning under each vat, day and night and boiled down until a brown-like liquid called "ooze" formed. The ooze was poured into whiskey barrels and 50-gallon drums, put on a wagon with four- or six-team horses and taken across Shenandoah Mountain to Harrisonburg, VA, to a tannery. It was here that cow and horse hides were tanned into leather to make the men's, women's and children's shoes. The rest of the trees were used to make chestnut rails. When the chestnut blight came, all the chestnut trees died.

Elmer Keister made gloves out of deer hide that would fit one's hand perfectly. He was the best corn shucker around working like a juggler. He kept a daily dairy, and his farm was immaculate.

Web Joseph had an ice house. He would cool his soft drinks in the ice house before selling them at the store.

Zadie Joseph was the mid-wife. She would travel as far as North Fork to do her "mid-wifery," since there were no doctors in the immediate area.

The Mitchell brothers of Little Fork worked the threshing machine. Large meals were served to the workers.

The road at "Old Brandywine" used to go across cemetery hill, down around Irvin Propst's home and down over the hill to go to Sugar Grove. The Still House was behind the house at Hoover's Mill. That was where brandy was made, therefore the name for Brandywine. George Hoover was an undertaker of sorts. He had a horse-drawn hearse. Folks would keep the body of the dead at home

until time for the funeral, at which time George would either take them to the church or on to the cemetery. Oftentimes, people would have the funeral at the home.

Two brothers, George and Ed Taylor from Ottobine, VA, were well known for their carpentry expertise. George was Shirley Hammer's father. Many houses in the area were built by the brothers. It is even thought that George built coffins for the area.

The Shenandoah Mountain Road was built in the early 30s. Shirley Taylor Hammer remembers the men working—some being prisoners with guards keeping them from running away. There was a convict camp located on South Fork Mountain, and the curve is still known as "Convict Curve" to this day. Carrie Schulz of Franklin remembers the school bus passing the chain gangs each day as they performed manual labor, such as road building. The first road went above the dam and followed the hollow up to the Shenandoah Mountain and on down to the Switzer Dam. On a snowy day, one can still see traces of the old road on the Virginia side.

There have been many changes over time to this town of Brandywine. Perhaps one would not recognize what used to be.

60 Years Ago Week of January 17, 1963

100 YEARS AGO

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.

Grocery Prices Soar In Confederate States

The South, despite its victories during the preceding year, was in distress 100 years ago this week.

"Shall we starve?" asked a Confederate war clerk in Richmond in his diary entry on January 17, and his question expressed the problem of the entire Confederacy.

For while the Confederate armies were racking up their victories in the field, the Southerners in their homes were facing hardships and deprivations far worse than

their counterparts of the North. "None but the opulent, often those who have defrauded the government, can obtain a sufficiency of food and raiment," the war clerk wrote.

Food prices in the Confederacy had skyrocketed as the war went on. Butter cost \$2.00 per pound in January, 1863. "Yesterday," the war clerk wrote on January 17, "beef was sold for 40 cents per pound; today it is 60 cents. Lard is \$1.00."

Other commodities were scarce or non-existent. Calico for women's dresses, once selling at 12 cents per yard, sold at \$2.25 per yard if it could be found. Patches were the order of the day. Farther South, a planter complained of the price of a small box of candles—\$10.00. Rents had also soared.

Soldiers suffered from the shortages, too. Lee arrived in Richmond from the Virginia front that same week and the matter was discussed in the Army's highest echelons. Wheat, meat, blankets, shoes, forage for horses and other supplies were dangerously lacking in the Army.

The causes were many. Extra issues of treasury notes to pay for the war forced prices up. Fewer crops had been planted because of lack of manpower on the farms and because Federal troops occupied many rural areas. Military demands on transportation left few railcars free to carry food to the cities. Speculators who cashed in on the Southern problems added to the misery.

Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy, arrived in Richmond from his tour of the West shortly before Lee, and he, too, took up the matter of the South's economy and financial problems in his message before the newly-convened Confederate Congress.

That same week, another piece of bad news reached Richmond from the West.

Generals John A. McClernand and William Tecumseh Sherman had joined forces on the Mississippi River below Memphis and had sailed up the Arkansas River some 40 miles to the Confederacy's Fort Hindman—called Arkansas Post.

There, with a barrage from Federal gunboats, they quickly brought the fort under their control, and, within a matter of hours, they had nearly 5,000 Confederate prisoners. The capture, which took place January 11,

appeared to be Sherman's answer for his defeat at the Yazoo Bluffs at Vicksburg in late December.

Next week: Hooker Replaces Burnside.

Retired Teacher John Dahmer, Makes Annual Visit to Schools

"Schools in Pendleton County are doing a good job of educating our youth."

This was the conclusion drawn by John Dahmer after a recent four-day visit to all seven elementary schools in the county.

Mr. Dahmer has made a practice in late years of making annual visits to all elementary schools in the county. He visits each room in the school and makes a little talk to the pupils and gives each of them a surprise. This year he gave each pupil a lollipop and a shiny new dime. His generosity cost him \$27.50 for lollipops and he gave away \$141 worth of dimes.

Although his philanthropy is a little hard on the pocketbook, Mr. Dahmer doesn't begrudge the expense.

"I would rather visit the schools than take a trip east, west, north or south," the retired teacher said with a grin.

Mr. Dahmer began teaching in 1899 and taught for 43 years. He retired after teaching 40 years, but because of the shortage of teachers during World War II, he returned to the classroom for three years during that period.

Reflecting over his recent visit, Mr. Dahmer said, "I was well impressed by all the schools and all the children, and I particularly noticed that everyone seemed to be in good spirits. And then he added with a chuckle, "I didn't see a sour face on a child or teacher in the county."

Commenting on his own experience as a teacher, Mr. Dahmer said he never whipped a child in his life.

"I never had much trouble with discipline," he remarked. "I found that you should not threaten to punish children unless you carry it out. If you follow this practice, they soon find that you mean business."

"But the best way to get along with children is to make them like you," he admonished.

"Kindness wins friends," is a good rule to follow.

Summer Internship Positions Available

Monongahela National Forest is recruiting students for 12 summer internship positions. College and high school students are encouraged to apply.

Applications are being accepted until Jan. 27 through <https://www.usajobs.gov/>.

The following internship positions are open:

- Student trainee (general) GS-0099-02; two positions in Elkins, one in Richwood. <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/698022100>;

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- Student trainee (administration and office support) GS-0399-03/04/05; one position in Elkins. <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/698015500>;

- Student trainee (engineering) GS-0899-03/04/05; two positions

in Elkins. <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/698015300>; and

- Student trainee (physical sciences) GS-1399-03/04/05; two positions in Elkins. <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/698018700>

Review the job announcement carefully for deadlines and required informa-

tion. Start dates vary. Visit the Forest Service Jobs webpage at <https://fs.usda.gov/fsjobs> to learn more about career opportunities, benefits, hiring events, and resources to help with the application process. For more information contact Donald Rakes, administrative officer, at [dona](mailto:donald.rakes@usda.gov)

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Candle Making Is a Lengthy Process

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Electricity certainly didn't exist when the pioneers settled in this community. Candle making was certainly an important trade. Usually, the women made the candles. Making these candles for the dark nights was a yearly chore. It was an absolute necessity because they were a primary way to light a home.

To make a candle, the first thing to do was to craft the wick with thin pieces of cotton or linen, or bought candle wick, if it could be afforded. The homemade wicks were cotton spun on a spinning wheel.

The dipping process was next. Tallow or animal fat was heated and melted in a large kettle full of scalding water. Once this tallow was melted, it would be skimmed off and put in another pot for dipping.

The long wick would be tied to the end of a stick. Usually, several wicks would be tied to one stick so that dipping several candles could take place.

Once the wick was tied, the process of dipping the wick into the melted tallow would take place. The tallow had to be stirred regularly with a wooden spoon, taking about 25 dippings for a whole candle. The wick would be dipped into the burning animal fat several times. This dipping was done until the candle was the desired size.

Once the candle had hardened, the wick was trimmed and the candle was ready to be used. Because this was quite a process, folks would set aside an entire day for this annual chore. This type of candle, made from tallow, gave off an unpleasant odor.

The vast majority of candles were made from tallow, which was a hard and fatty animal substance. The best candles were made from half sheep and half beef tallow. This combination smelled the least and burned the best without sputtering.

Some folk made candles from beeswax. Sometimes folk used molds made out of tin or wood to make a more uniform looking candle. The heated tallow would be poured into the mold with the wick in place.

When the oil lamp came on the scene, folks continued to make candles simply because they found them to be beautiful. Perhaps there are some in the community who still have candle molds and candles made from them.

Life's little instructions that will make one's day brighter include the following;

1. Let someone cut ahead of one in line.
2. Be on time. Don't make excuses.
3. Do something nice and try not to get caught.
4. Give clothes not worn to charity.
5. Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.

Weather is always a steady topic of conversation. Early Sunday morning, the temperature reading in this neck of the woods was 8°. Snow flew around Friday, but by now most of it has disappeared. Fires are being stoked for warmth in homes.

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

- Hens turn their eggs many times a day while hatching them.
- A thunderstorm has 50 times more potential energy than an atomic bomb.
- In the United States alone, more than 7,000 varieties of apples have been recorded.
- Vatican City is the smallest country in the world. It occupies an area of only 0.17 square miles.



Antique tin plate candle mold

•Only 10% of the world's population lives below the equator.

It is definitely better to sit by the fireside to hear the "Talk of the Grove"...especially these days.

Ben, Emma and Nathan Puffenbarger spent Sunday night with their grandparents, Robert and Nancy Hodges in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Nathan Puffenbarger spent Saturday with Butch and Mary Puffenbarger. Nathan and Pappy have a farming battle going on between John Deere and Case International.

Helen and Rhonda Nash are proud to share the news that grandson/nephew, Jack Nash of Palmer, Alaska, was recently selected as the Gatorade Alaska Football Player of the Year. One high school player from every state is chosen for this prestigious award each year. From these honorees, the Gatorade National Football Player of the Year will be announced later this month.

Little Madelynn Jane Kontyko is the newest resident of Sugar Grove. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 18-1/2 inches. She was born Dec. 17 to Matt and Shannon Kontyko, who reside in the former Elmer Snyder home. Maternal grandparents are Michelle and Tim Propst. Congratulations!

Marleta Wimer visited with her mother, Rosalee Grogg,

who is recuperating from a recent fall. They were talking about persons having birthdays, and mentioned that Isaiah Snyder had his on the fifth, with Blakely Grogg having a birthday on the sixth.

Quotes for January are as follows:

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written." — Melody Beattie

"Winter reminds us that everything needs some quiet time." — Katrina Mayor

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." — John Steinbeck

"When it snows, you have two choices: shovel or make snow angels." — Unknown

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold." — Aristotle

Waldo Spears wrote a poem called "The Clock of Life."

The clock of life is wound but once,

And no man has the power

To tell just where the hands will stop

At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed

To lose one's health is more;

To lose one's soul is such a loss

As no man can restore.

The present only is our own,

To seek to do God's will;

Tomorrow holds no promise, for

The clock may then be still.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Nathan Beachler, Lynn Beatty, Jack Bennett, Jimmie Bennett, Bill Brackman, Jed Conrad, the Bob Dyer family, Jeff Evick, Ina Evick, Dan and Margaret Ferrell, Ron Gilkerson, Lola Graham, Rosalee Grogg, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Gary and Jackie Hills, Virgil Homan, Jr., Charlee Marie Hoover, Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Doris Hull, Bob and Cynthia Hurry, Lisa Dawn Jamison, Alice Johnson, Kim Kline, Richard Judy, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Naomi Michael, Gary Mitchell, Gloria Moats, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Bennie Nesselrodt, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Kathy Propst, Sheldon Propst, Mary Puffenbarger, Verla Puffenbarger, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, the Johnny Rexrode family, Pam Rexrode, Glen and Jeannie Riggleman, Max Rodriguez, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barbara Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Tom Simmons, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Stanna Smith, Patricia Swecker, Rosa Tichenor, Ed Troutman, Sandra Vandevander, the Charles Lee Whetzel family, Ron White and Judy Williams.

A Meeting of the Membership/Board of the Christian Assistance Network

Thursday, January 26 • 1:45 p.m.

C.A.N. Building, 331 Maple Ave., Franklin

C.A.N. membership consists of all C.A.N. board members, any minister in Pendleton County, representatives from referring agencies, C.A.N. volunteers and patrons and other interested parties.

Anyone with an interest in C.A.N. is welcome to come to this meeting and learn more about how we operate and become more involved.

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Gary & Ramona Harman

Thank You

I would like to thank my friends and neighbors for the cards, food, visits and other acts of kindness following the death of my mother, Betty May. I am also deeply grateful for those who took the time to send mom a card or to visit her during her stay at Grant Rehab and Care Center. Your thoughtfulness made a difficult time easier for her.

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Completed poster size must be 11" x 17" or 12" x 18". Posters may be illustrated vertically or horizontally.

First place winners will be submitted to the West Virginia Department of Education to compete on the state level. A poster must win at the state level to be entered into the national contest, so please do not mail your posters directly to the NAPT.

Posters must be submitted by February 28, 2023 to a school Community in Schools (CIS) Coordinator:

Brandywine Elementary School: Manda Teter

Franklin Elementary School: Wendy Kisamore

North Fork Elementary School: Elizabeth Harper

Pendleton County Middle/High School: Lesley Cook or Elizabeth Warner

Please contact a CIS Coordinator for the required paper for the poster or if you have any questions.



Nataley Hedrick looks for an open cutter during the Wildcats' big win over the Warriors. Photo courtesy of Robin Alt.

Balanced Wildcat Effort Traps Warriors 66-27

By Stephen Smoot

After a nearly three-week layoff due to inclement weather, one might expect a little rust from the Pendleton County girls' squad. Their performance against Pocahontas County, however, showed that the Wildcats remained ready to give a solid performance despite the time off.

The Wildcats took the opening tip. In the opening seconds, Ana Young snagged an offensive rebound and laid the ball in for the team's first bucket. Shortly afterward, Gabby DePue took a pass from Young and drilled a 15-foot bucket from the foul line extended.

Lizzie Alt then took over the game for the next minute. On two consecutive Warrior possessions, she stole the ball, drove coast to coast, scored layups, and drew fouls, helping her team to build a 9-0 lead only a minute and 50 seconds into the game. Ten seconds later, Avery Townsend found Young down low for another Wildcat layup.

Pendleton County opened the game with a suffocating full court trapping press. Exasperated Pocahontas County players felt pressured into taking the first open shot for the first half of the first quarter. By the end of the quarter, Warrior players started using the passing game to avoid the traps and find open shots, but made baskets still proved elusive.

Scoring closed in the quarter as Young and Jameigh Miller executed a pick and roll off the left wing, leading to a Miller layup that put Pendleton County up 22-5.

The Wildcats continued to make big plays on offense, moving the ball effectively against the Warrior defense. Nataley Hedrick used a Jenna Smith pick on the right wing at the 5:37 mark in the second quarter to find an open Young on the left post, who completed the play with a layup to extend the lead to 26-7.

Midway through the second quarter, Coach Micah Bailey called off the press and pulled the defense back mostly inside the three-point line. This gave the Warriors an opportunity to run their motion offense around the perimeter. They could not, however, make the Wildcats pay for conceding some outside shots, creating the same clock-eating effect as if Pendleton County ran the four corners play.

Pocahontas County continued to fight, tracking down several offensive rebounds in the last two minutes of the half, but for the most part, failing to convert. The Wildcats put them on the line with one second left. Their free throw conversion made the halftime score 34-8.

The second half saw the Wildcats substituting liberally, but continuing to make big plays on both ends of the court. Midway through the quarter, Baylee Beachler wrestled an offensive rebound away from a defender and scored a layup. Less than a minute later, Young found Beachler streaking toward the basket, delivering a perfect pass leading to a layup to put the Wildcats up 44-13.

Townsend ran the offense efficiently from her point guard position, finding Young on a cross court pass

for a layup, then taking a steal in for her own score with less than a minute to play. With 30 seconds left, Miller stole the ball, drove to the basket, and tried to find Young with a lob to the opposite post. The lob was errant, but Young tracked it down, then turned around and nailed a three-pointer from the left corner to close scoring in the quarter at 54-18.

Fourth quarter scoring opened with a Smith three-pointer off of a Kiera Heavener assist. Pocahontas County answered on their next possession by banking in a 17-foot shot. With 4:14 left in the game, Madison Arbaugh took a free throw miss, rebounded the ball, and delivered a layup to push the lead to 59-22. Arbaugh then took the ball from Pocahontas County on their next possession.

After a Warrior 17-foot shot with 3:07 left, Heavener responded by burying a left wing three-pointer. Pocahontas County found a player underneath for a layup with 2:13 left. The Wildcats followed that with another score when Julia Mongold dribbled to the post, then dished to Arbaugh who completed the layup despite being somewhat body checked on the shot.

With 1:20 left, Arbaugh scored another layup off of a precise pass by Hedrick. A Heavener steal ended Pocahontas County's offensive play for the night as Coach Bailey put his team in four corners to run out the clock.

The Wildcats travel to East Hardy tonight. Game starts at 6 p.m. They host Doddridge County beginning at 6:15 Saturday.

Feisty Harman Squad Downed By Pendleton County 86-35

By Stephen Smoot

The Harman Panthers came to Franklin to face the Wildcats last Friday night. Though they showed heart to the end, Pendleton County's athleticism and skill carried the day for the home team. Harman, like the Wildcats, defeated Union a month ago, but by a single point.

Harman controlled the opening tipoff through sheer hustle, but from the start faced a tight and aggressive man-to-man defense. Scoring erupted for the Wildcats after only 33 seconds passed. At the 7:26 mark, Jacob Beachler took an entry pass and hit a short jumper. Clayton Kisamore followed that with a layup at the 7:11 mark. Only 14 seconds later, he hit his second layup in a row. By the 6:30 mark, two Dustin Vandevander free throws put his team up 8-0.

Initially, the press discombobulated the Harman offense. They took rushed and quick shots as soon as they found themselves open. Deep shots led to long rebounds, fast breaks, and easy scores for the Wildcats very early on.

Harman, however, had individuals capable of breaking free and making big plays. One drove toward the basket and launched a running one hander to put his team on the board, though Dusty Smith on the very next Wildcat possession buried a three-pointer to put his team up 13-2. Next, Vandevander took a steal, drove toward the basket on a fast break, then dished the ball to Kisamore for a layup.

Beachler then took over for much of the rest of the quarter. He rebounded his own miss and scored a layup to put his team up 17-2, stole the ball and drove it in for another layup, then blocked a 17-foot shot. Josiah Kimble buried a three with 1:09 left to put his team up 24-4. Harman, however, scored the last basket of the quarter with a precise pass to a cutter who made a layup to

make the score 24-6.

Pendleton County's athletes could have individually broken down the Harman 2-3 zone, but elected instead to run their offensive plays all the way through before looking for shots. They used passes instead of drives to advance the ball, often finding and making good open baskets.

Harman, conversely, often found themselves pressured by the Wildcat defense into a more street ball style. Individual players for their squad made plays on both ends of the court, particularly in making unlikely shots. Their players also demonstrated good ball handling skills under pressure. Wildcat coach Jeremy Bodkin praised the Panthers under their first-year coach, saying "Harman will be good." He added that they have talented players who will continue to grow as a team and improve.

The second quarter opened almost as it closed, with a Kimble three-pointer putting his team up 27-6. His shot was closely followed by a Connor Armentrout tip in to put the score at 29-6. Chase Owens at the four-minute mark drove past a defender to score a layup. Pendleton County ended their full court pressure and, for the most part, pulled their defense inside the three-point line, but Harman continued to struggle.

For the rest of the first half, the Wildcats held Harman's offense at bay while carefully building a large lead.

Pendleton County did not lessen their intensity with a 39-10 halftime advantage, but Harman opened scoring with a three-pointer 10 seconds into the action. Vandevander answered with his own deep shot to put the Wildcats up 42-13. With 6:21 left, Beachler took a pass from the left foul line extended and showed his long strides, taking one dribble to get to the hoop for an easy layup.

The third quarter saw Harman showing impressive shooting range. With the defense nipping at their heels around the three-point line, Panther shooters hit from NBA range. The Wildcats continued to counter with Dillon Smith using tight and aggressive defense to take a steal to the basket for a layup. Kimble closed scoring in the quarter with a three-pointer to put the team up 61-22.

Harman kept clawing at the Wildcats in the fourth quarter. At the 7:31 mark, despite tight defense by Dillon Smith, a Harman player made a turnaround move near the baseline to sink a 10-foot shot. Brayden Beachler shortly thereafter wrestled an offensive rebound away from a Panther, scoring a layup that extended the lead to 66-28. Dusty Smith followed that by getting his team the ball back when he took a hard charge.

Cashton Kisamore remained active around the basket, grabbing rebounds and playing strong defense. With 5:34 left in the game, he jumped a pass, got a steal, then drove coast to coast to put his team up 69-28. Shortly after, Dillon Smith executed a ball fake on the outside, took two dribbles left, and confidently sank a 17-foot shot. With less than three minutes left, Brayden Beachler took a precise outlet pass from Armentrout in for a layup at the other end.

Three-pointers from Brayden Beachler and Dillon Smith, plus a running one hander from Harman, closed out scoring in the game. The Wildcats prevailed 86-35.

On Wednesday, Pendleton County, currently ranked 8th in single A in the coaches' poll, hosted 2nd ranked Tucker County. Tomorrow, they travel to Richwood.

Scoring: Clayton Kisamore 17, Jacob Beachler 15, Brayden Beachler 12, Dillon Smith 10, Kimble 9, Vandevander 7, Cashton Kisamore 7, Dusty Smith 5, Owens 2, Armentrout 2

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First Publication Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023
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Decedent: Charles Douglas Rexrode, Augusta County, VA
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 13, 2023.
Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 1-19-23

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Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA:

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF: ADOPTION OF: MARION W.

CASE NO. 23-A-1

- ORDER OF PUBLICATION -

On the reading and filing of a verified Petition for an adoption proceeding of a minor child, Marion W., and good cause appearing therefore; now, therefore, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JORDAN FROELICH, and to all persons who may be affected or prejudiced by the above specified action, that on January 3, 2023, an Adoption Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Pendleton County,

West Virginia. That on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, a hearing will be held on the Adoption Petition in the Courtroom of the Pendleton County Courthouse located at 10 South Main Street, Franklin, West Virginia 26807. JORDAN FROELICH your parental rights, if any, may be terminated in the proceeding and that you may appear and defend any such rights within the required time after this service and if you fail to respond within the required time after this service, you may not appear in or receive further notice of the aforementioned adoption proceedings. Additionally, an Order may be entered against you for the relief requested for in the Adoption Petition;

2. A copy of this Order shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Pendleton County, West Virginia, for two times as required by law; and,

3. A copy of this Order shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Ward County, North South Dakota, for two times as required by law.

Dated January 3, 2023

Shalee D. Wilburn, Clerk
1-12-23

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the County Commission of Pendleton County will meet as a Board of Review and Equalization of Pendleton County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse of said Pendleton County beginning on February 1, 2023

For the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment of said Pendleton County, as returned by the Assessor thereof, and said Board will continue to meet in session from day to day as long as the said Board deems that it will be justified in remaining in session. The land books and personal property books of said Pendleton County for this current year will then be open for inspection and any person, or persons may examine the same and have any errors corrected that may appear in the assessment of his or their property and do such other and further things as may be necessary to protect his interest therein. If any person fails to apply for relief at such meeting, then he shall be deemed to have waived his right to ask for any correction in his assessment list as fixed by the aforesaid Pendleton County Commission, acting in the capacity of said boards, and he shall not thereafter be permitted to question the correctness of his list.

Anyone desiring to appear before said Board should contact Elise M. White, P.O. Box 1167, Franklin, WV 26807, or call 304-358-2505.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of January, 2023.

Elise M. White,
Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission of Pendleton County, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Review and Equalization 1-12-23

Franklin Town Council

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inch platforms. Damage was limited to the burst pipes, a few ceiling tiles, a broken water heater, some dry wall, "and, mercifully nothing else," he said.

Mayor Bob Horan commented that he also inspected the plant, saying "it was kind of a mess when you first look at it, but wasn't as bad as it seemed."

In other business, Bruce Minor, council member and Potomac Valley Transit Authority board member, updated the council on "the best rural transit authority in the state of West Virginia." He said that under executive director Doug Pixler, they have doubled their routes and operations. Minor also shared information that PVT would participate in a pilot project using hydrogen cell units to power buses.

"Electric vehicles are going away," Minor explained, adding "hydrogen seems to be the thing." Diesel has become too expensive and electric vehicles struggle to traverse the mountains of West Virginia.

Wehrle also reported some bright news in the financial statement. With the Federal Reserve raising interest rates to battle inflation, the accounts in which town ARPA funds are deposited have given increasingly good returns. He stated that the money earned on interest may

rise enough to force a revision in the budget, which Wehrle said "is a great problem to have."

Council member Jarred Rawson shared citizen concerns over truckers ignoring the sign urging them to not use "jake brakes" in town. Wehrle explained that West Virginia law forbids local governments from outlawing their use, due to the fact that sometimes their use is a safety issue.

Rawson also shared that some citizens support revitalizing the tennis courts at the park. Elizabeth Scott, a member of the Franklin Board of Parks and Recreation, explained the difficulties in trying to satisfy the needs of various groups wanting to use the park, such as T-ball and Little League baseball, softball, skateboarders, tennis enthusiasts, and others. She stated that the board of parks and recreation would take up the issue at their next meeting.

Horan urged that in making determinations about the park, that "we don't want to take space away from the kids." Wehrle added that concerns for the safety of younger children should be recognized as well.

Scott went on to report that the town would send out sponsorship requests to local businesses to help fund the town pool's needs. Last year, businesses

donated approximately \$6,000 that covered costs for new chairs and other essential items. Donors could achieve different tiers with a higher level donation.

She also shared updates on upcoming town events. Trout Fest will return to a two-day event. Scott said that she is seeking "more vendors that are into fishing, in addition to crafts and places to shop." The event will include a tent, music, and "we're working on having a nice dinner, too." The beauty pageant will be moved back to a date earlier in the spring.

She also stated that the board wants to grow Summer Fun Fest and will set the date for it permanently as the third weekend in July for the convenience of attendees. Since the fire department has planned a picnic on the same day, Scott said she is working on coordination with them.

Finally, Scott told Horan that "on behalf of town employees, we appreciate that you did a pizza party for us for the holidays." She shared that those in attendance had an enjoyable time.

The next town council meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

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New Officers Elected to Lead NF 4-H'ers



Members of the North Fork 4-H Club relax after completing a recycling collection. Four-H members pictured with Jared Bennett, owner of North Fork Disposal, are from left, front row, Jared Bennett, Callie Judy, Abby Judy, Jacey Thompson, Vaylee Harper, Jacob Thompson, Chloe Kisamore and Madison Sword; and back row, Tori Heavner, Tuff Heavner, Ty Armentrout, Darek Greathouse and Mason Harper.

By Jax Bennett
club reporter

The 4-H year is off to a great start for North Fork 4-H Club.

The first meeting of the year was held at CW's Corn Maze, where new members were greeted, and new officers were elected. The new club officers are as follows Callie Judy (presi-

dent), Cole L. Harper (vice president), Chesnee Colaw and Mason Harper (secretaries), Ty Armentrout and Abby Judy (treasurers), Jax Bennett (reporter), Alayna Huffman and Jacey Thompson (health officers), Ariat Ewald, Tori Heavner and Dereck Tingler (recreation leaders), Caleb Armentrout, Hannah Bennett and Madison Sword

(teen leaders), and Vaylee Harper (historian).

The quarterly recycling collection, in conjunction with North Fork Disposal, was held Nov. 5 at the Clinton Hedrick Community Building in Riverton. Once again, the event was a big success.

Club members are looking forward to another great year of 4-H.

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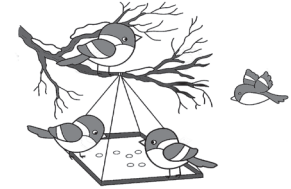
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SGR265A .63 Acre lot, located in Brandywine. **NEW LISTING \$7,900.00.**

SGR264A 2.097 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 bath Brick Cape Cod, 2 Car Detached Garage, Unfinished basement. Quiet neighborhood, conveniently located to town amenities. **NEW LISTING \$329,000.00.**

SGR259A 230.83 Acres, more or less, Spring, Septic, Electric available, Subject to 4-year farm lease. Sugar Grove Distric. **NEW LISTING \$869,000.00.**

SGR257A 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath 14x70, 2007, Mobile Home and Cabin (Camp) on 0.77 acres, more or less, Sugar Grove District located near Brushy Fork Lake. Well & Septic. Cabin needs work. **NEW LISTING \$80,000.00.**

SGR255A 2 Bed, 1 Bath recently remodeled home w/ basement on 2.5 acres w/1/2 acre access. Located between Seneca Rocks & Riverton. **NEW LISTING \$199,000.00.**

SGR252A 81.01 Acres, more or less, Lot 7, Seneca Lookout, adjoins National Forest. Spring on property. North Fork hiking trail crosses. Union District. Covenants & Restrictions. **NEW LISTING \$519,000.00.**

SGR249 1.417 Acres, more or less, Lot 10, Highland Estates, Grant County, Perc approved. Some Restrictions. **NEW LISTING \$31,500.00.**

SGR248 1.407 Acres, more or less, Lot 9, Highland Estates, Grant County, Perc approved. Some Restrictions. **NEW LISTING \$31,500.00.**

SGR247A 12 Acres, more or less, w/386 sq. ft. 1 Bedroom Cabin, Loft, Cistern, Septic. Located Buffalo Hills Vista, Franklin District. **NEW LISTING \$199,000.00.**

SGR246 242.36 Acres, more or less, w/5 Bed, 2-1/2 Bath Contemporary Home as well as a Farmhouse on property, Pond, Magnificent Views. Conservation Easement. **\$998,700.00.**

SGR245 0.96 Acres w/2 Bed, 1.5 Bath 1900's Remodeled Cottage, Seneca Rocks. **\$249,900.00 REDUCED \$234,900.00.**

SGR244 0.14 Acres w/2 Bed, 1 Bath 1,008 sq. ft. Home, Bonus Room, Metal Roof, Mini-Splits. Franklin Corp. **\$149,999.00 REDUCED \$144,900.00.**

SGR238 533.29 Assessed Acres. Mobile home w/ addition and new roof over both. Pastureland, Pond. **\$979,000.00.**

SGR237 4.62 Acres, w/Home, Barn, Smokehouse & Shed located on Hammer Run Rd., Franklin District. **\$269,888.88 REDUCED \$239,000.00.**

SGR236 World Class View Overlooking Germany Valley! Log Cabin, 2 bed, 2.5 Baths. Seneca Lookout. Some Restrictions. **\$799,000.00.**

SGR234 10.21 Acres (2 parcels, Lots 3 & 6), Well, Septic, Ravens Rock Development, Franklin District. **\$90,900.00.**

SGR233 29.82 Acres, Raw Land, Electric. Located on South Fork Mountain. Mill Run District. **\$190,000.00.**

SGR223 0.6673 Acres w/Spacious 3 Bed, 2 Bath Home, 2090 sq. ft., 1 Car Detached Garage. Franklin Corp. **NEW LISTING \$329,000.00.**

SGR216 0.662 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath, 908 sq. ft. Cabin located in close proximity to Brushy Fork Lake and National Forest, Sugar Grove District. **\$79,999.00 REDUCED \$74,500.00**

SGR174 8.94 Acres, w/2 Bed, 2 Bath Doublewide, unfinished basement, Heat Pump, Propane, Central AC, Shop. **\$299,999.00, \$279,999.00 REDUCED \$239,000.00.**

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

SGR128 2-3 Bedroom Ranch w/Full Basement on 0.6386 Acres, more or less, Moyers Gap Rd, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$169,000.00.**

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.**

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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