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WVU Extension Service Presents on Livestock Marketing

By Stephen Smoot

Local beef producers received a thorough education in livestock marketing and economics on Jan. 16. Kevin Shaffer, a West Virginia University Extension livestock specialist, explained the fundamentals of how to squeeze the most profit out of raising and selling livestock.

Before the presentation came a baked steak and green beans dinner followed by a broad selection of delicious desserts. The Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club made and served the dinner, then helped to clean up afterward.

Shaffer opened the presentation by explaining the difference between selling and marketing cattle. He told a story, almost in Goofus and Gallant style, of a producer that he knew who, "brings his cattle to market and does everything the way he wanted. He sold it the day he wanted, the time he wanted, and how he wanted to sell it."

Then when the producer made less than others, "who do you think he blamed," Shaffer asked. A respondent answered "the sale barn." Shaffer said that the producer "never asked himself, 'could I have done something different?'"

Producers, according to Shaffer, must "try to find a way

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Cattle producers and others learn the fundamentals of maximizing beef profits at the WVU Extension Service educational dinner last week.



Mountain State Maple Days will open Feb. 18 in Pendleton County with an educational demonstration by Future Generations University. The presentation will be at McCoy's Mill, which according to wvculture.com is one of the oldest manufacturing locations in the region.

Local Maple Syrup Producers Provide Learning Option During Mountain State Maple Days

By Stephen Smoot

"Any time you see a sugar shack, it grows the local economy."

So says Kent Leonhardt, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture, as he describes the impact of Mountain State Maple Days and rising production in the region and around the state. He added that during Maple Days, events attract locals and tourists alike, saying "some people come from quite a ways away to buy the local syrup."

"By promoting this where people gather and learn, then making the product, this boosts the local economy," Leonhardt explained.

Lindsay Kazarick, from Future Generations University

near Franklin, explained how past Mountain State Maple Days events have helped the county's goals of boosting its main industries of agriculture and tourism. She said that Maple Days helped some area businesses benefit from higher traffic than even during the Treasure Mountain Festival. Rising demand for authentic maple syrup for flavoring, cooking, and even distilling could help landowners and small businesses to earn good profits year after year without harming trees in the process.

"A West Virginia natural resource like maple," she says, "could do something like that for Pendleton County."

Mountain State Maple Days starts in Pendleton County at 10 a.m. on Feb. 18 at the historic McCoy's Mill on Thorn

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State Agriculture Commissioner Urges Participation in Census

By Stephen Smoot

While most of the country wrapped up its participation in major statistical surveys in 2020, farmers have been asked to provide information to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, generally called the Census of Agriculture.

The agriculture census has almost nothing to do with information that the United States Census Bureau collects through its Constitutional mandate every 10 years. Information for this count is collected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service, operated by the United States Department of Agriculture. The survey takes place every five years.

According to the USDA, "the Census of Agriculture is a complete count of U. S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them." This census asks informa-

tion of anyone who sells more than \$1,000 worth of "growing fruit, vegetables, or some food animals." Whether in a rural, suburban, or even an urban setting.

The US Census Bureau also collects business information that it releases almost yearly on national, state, and county level economic trends. The County Business Patterns Data numbers, however, exclude most aspects of agricultural operations.

Kent Leonhardt, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture, stated in a release that "we encourage everyone who receives a census to participate." He explained that "this is the only source of impartial, comprehensive, state and county level agriculture in the nation." Information helps Congress and the federal government develop funding formulas in the Farm Bills. Addition-

ally, information provided "helps local governments, extensions, educators, and researchers make informed decisions that directly affect our state's farm operations, communities, and industries."

For example, information gathered during the 2012 and 2017 agricultural censuses showed that Pendleton County added a cattle operation between those years, raising the total number to 380. The number of total cattle on county farms, however, dropped from 21,550 to 20,892. Additionally, the number of farms raising sheep and lambs in the county dropped from 90 to 70, but the number of animals on those farms increased from 4,013 in 2012 to 4,221 in 2017.

When confronted with statistics like this, officials can investigate whether the

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County Commission Discusses Impact of Radio Quiet Zone on Emergency Communications

By Stephen Smoot

On Jan. 17, the Pendleton County Commission held its second regular meeting of the month. Roger Dahmer, county commissioner, opened the meeting with a prayer requesting "the wisdom to make the right decisions," and to best "serve the people."

The meeting opened with Rebecca McConnell delivering a report on the Pendleton County Library accomplishments, activities, and needs in 2022. She shared "great concerns" over Governor Jim Justice reducing the state's library authority from a Cabinet position and placing it under the West Virginia Department of Arts, History, and Culture, currently led by Secretary Randall Reid-Smith. This

department also oversees the State Archives, state museums, and more.

McConnell additionally worried that tax cuts could prevent libraries across the state from receiving added funding. She also expressed fears that a bill running through the Legislature could mandate online payments. "We cannot afford to add that to what we do," she explained, but added that a waiver could likely be obtained for the county library.

The library remained active in the community throughout 2022. McConnell reported that "we do tons of things for the school system," including sending requested books to facilities all over the county. "We're working with the EDA on a broadband project," McConnell added, "We're ready

to hit the ground at least at one end of it."

McConnell went on to describe the summer reading program, the Christmas ornament party, and more events that got young and old alike involved.

The library also worked on upgrades. Senators Bill Hamilton and Robert Karnes secured funds to get the library a new technology friendly front counter. Also, Hardy County will give six computer stations to Pendleton County after they purchase new ones. The library has experienced water seeping into the basement recently and hopes that the source can be found soon.

McConnell ended by describing a "project from hell," involving shelving ordered a

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Community CALENDAR

Mother/Daughter Tea Party Planned

A mother/daughter tea party for daughters in kindergarten through eighth grade will be held Sunday from 3:30 - 5 p.m. at the Clinton Hedrick Building in Riverton. The event is being sponsored by Black Diamond Girl Scout Troop in hopes of recruiting girls to form a troop in the North Fork area. In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled.

For more information, contact Rosa Propst at 304-249-6205.

Board of Education Holds Reading on Medical Cannabis Policy in Regular Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Pendleton County Board of Education held its second meeting for the month of January. It included the reading of policies surrounding potential medical cannabis distribution and use for both students and adult professionals and volunteers on school property. Another policy pertaining to use of Naloxone was also read.

In September of 2022 came a new legislative rule establishing standards for nurses and other qualified person-

nel serving in the school system concerning medical cannabis distribution and use. The rule included exceptions for "the operating procedure of School-Based Health Centers. The rule covered all health care practices while focusing on "medication administration for students and the possession of medical cannabis by students in the West Virginia public education system," as stated in the rule document released by the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office.

The policy read at the

board meeting would mandate that school personnel who provide services "for students with special health needs" receive training in handling and disposal of bodily fluids, basic first aid, CPR, and confidentiality. Those needing "specialized health care procedures" must have a documented health care plan which will "guide the certified school RN's care of the student." Any related records "are considered highly confidential" and "must be maintained two years from completion of the student's education."

Two policies to further define the rules concerning medical cannabis came before the board for approval. First, came the reading of the approximately two-year old medical cannabis policy provided by the state.

The policy clearly states that "employees are prohibited from using, possessing, being under the influence of, and/or storing medical cannabis in the workplace." State law, however, prohibits the county school system from issuing discipline to employees who receive le-

gitimate identification and certification to receive medical cannabis.

Additionally, school bus drivers and others subject to drug testing by the U.S. Department of Transportation cannot cite legal use of medical cannabis as "a valid medical explanation for a positive drug test result."

Rules and definitions governing student medical cannabis use come from the state's Medical Cannabis Act of 2017. First, parents or guardians must "notify

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OBITUARIES



Herbert "Howard" Roy

Herbert "Howard" Roy, 93, of Seneca Rocks passed away on Jan. 17, 2023, at Sentara RRMH Medical Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

He was born Dec. 19, 1929, in Harman to the late Herbert and Carrie Roy. He grew up with his siblings, Joan Roy (Teter) (Carl), who preceded him in death, and Helen Roy Bennett (Herbert) who survives.

Mr. Roy attended school in Harman where he had his mother as a teacher. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

When his military stint was finished, he returned home to marry Dottie Harman of Seneca Rocks on Aug. 3, 1952. The couple moved to Maryland where he became the carpenter for the Washington Star. On July 4, 1961, the couple's only son, Kevin, was born. Being a kind and dependable father was of the utmost importance to him, and he certainly did not disappoint when it came to loving his family.

As many couples of their generation did, he and his wife returned home to West Virginia, moving to Petersburg, where he became the carpentry instructor at the South Branch Vocational School while his wife worked for the state of West Virginia.

After retiring from teaching, he spent most of his time on the family farm in Harman Hills surrounded by his dogs, cats, and cattle.

He was a member of the Petersburg Masonic Lodge #145 and a 32nd degree Mason.

In addition to his wife of 70 years and his son, Kevin, and daughter-in-law, Angel, and his sister, Helen Bennett, he is survived by two grandchildren, Jamie Roy and Rachelle Roy; three great-grandchildren, Tyler, Kole and Brynn; and several nieces and nephews, who were a big part of his extended family.

The funeral service was private with a celebration of life at a later date. Burial was at the North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners at <https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en>.

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



Edwin Lewis Troutman, Jr.

Edwin Lewis Troutman, Jr., 70, of Brandywine passed away Jan. 17, 2023, at his home.

He was born June 16, 1952, at Cumberland, Maryland, and was the son of the late Edwin Lewis Troutman, Sr. and Argil Bennett Troutman.

Mr. Troutman had been an electrical technician at Brown TV Shop in Cresapton, Maryland, Antietam Cable in Hagerstown, Maryland, American Cable System of Virginia in Glade Spring, Virginia, and Winchester/Adelphia TV Cable in Winchester, Virginia. He had a passion for amateur radio, enjoyed AM and FM radio and music soundtracks from movies.

He was a member of the Cumberland Brethren Church and attended the First Baptist Church in Brandywine. BibleGateway.com audio was a go to for him, Revelations was his favorite book in the Bible, and he spent many hours listening to Hal Lindsey. He loved being outdoors, especially sitting around a campfire. Studying space and watching the stars and the moon was a favorite pastime. His motto was to learn something new every day. He enjoyed visiting all 50 states.

On Aug. 1, 1981, he married Helen E. Rosier Troutman, who survives.

Also surviving are a number of aunts and uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a special aunt and uncle, Ray and Evelyn Getz.

A funeral service was held on Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Brandywine with Pastor Tim Weaver and Rev. Larry Hakes officiating. Interment was at Pine Hill Cemetery at Brandywine.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Brandywine or South Fork Rescue Squad, PO Box 55, Sugar Grove, WV 26815.

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

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.



Margaret "Margie" Mary Loehle Connor

Margaret "Margie" Mary Loehle Connor, 76, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, passed away Jan. 18, 2023, at home.

She was the wife of the late Robert J. Connor, Sr., to whom she was married for 51 years.

Born April 28, 1946, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, she was the youngest daughter of the late Dr. John F. and Mae Cecilia (Scott) Loehle.

Mrs. Connor was a graduate of Lebanon Catholic High School. She was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church where she was drawn to a life of service participating in the summer and Christmas bazaars, leading the Council of Catholic Women, and serving on the St. Paul's kitchen committee, along with her husband, Bob, at the many spaghetti dinners, wedding receptions, and mother-daughter banquets. She was also an Oblate of St. Benedict.

She and her husband enjoyed antiquing together and made several memorable trips to Weston Priory in Vermont and to Chincoteague, Virginia. They also looked forward to getting away on fall and spring trips to Stone Harbor, New Jersey, and made several sightseeing trips with her husband's brother, Tim, and his wife, Karen.

She worked as a cleaning lady in many homes in the Lebanon area, but her true calling was as a wife and mother, providing for the many needs of and raising her four children of whom she was very proud. She enjoyed cooking and baking, and her family especially enjoyed her chicken pot pie, whoopie pies, and wet bottom shoe fly pies. She delighted in playing with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, reading her Bible, watching EWTN, playing Scrabble, and solving word search puzzles. She was particularly fond of her

sea salt caramel ice cream and would often indulge her "sweet tooth" with a little snack before bedtime.

In recent years, she made extended visits to Full Quiver Farm in Sugar Grove, where she enjoyed relaxing with son, John, and Michelle Connor and her grandkids and great-grandkids. The kids enjoyed reading school books and chapter books with Grandma Connor, as well as playing board games and sitting around the campfire making smores and reminiscing about her life growing up. She enjoyed meeting the friendly people of Pendleton County and enjoyed the fellowship when she attended Living Faith Church with the family. She especially enjoyed apple dumplings from The Korner Shop.

Surviving are four children, Joseph Connor, husband of Michelle of Annville, Pennsylvania, Robert Connor, Jr. of DeRidder, Louisiana, Dorothy Ellinger of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and John Connor, husband of Michelle of Sugar Grove; 21 grandchildren, Adam, Noah, Eoin, Katelyne, Christian, Dominic, Raine, Faith, Gabrielle, Charles, Joelle, Abigail, Emma, Joslyn, Myah, Audrey, Clare, Grace, Maggie, Jack and Thomas; 23 great-grandchildren: Blakeley, Keegan, Ellyana, Noor, Ayra, Mikayla, Liliana, Analaisa, Lucian, Jaxson, Allison, Dace, Adara, Reyann, Caleb, Isaiah, Jeremiah, David, Jude, Isabella, Alexandria, Rylan, and Tristan; and a sister, Maryanne Drury.

She was also preceded in death by her three brothers, John "Skip" Loehle, Jr., Joseph Loehle, and Frank Loehle; and a sister, Helen "Sis" Townsend.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at St. Paul's Church in Annville, Pennsylvania. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Viewing hours will be held on Friday from 5-7 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home, Inc. in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and Saturday from 10 - 11 a.m. prior to Mass at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Council of Catholic Women, 125 S. Spruce St., Annville, PA 17003.

Memories may be shared with the family at the online guest book at thompsonfuneralhomelebanon.com.



Eddie Wayne Malcolm

Eddie Wayne Malcolm, 68, of Sugar Grove passed away Jan. 16, 2023, at his home.

He was born May 30, 1954, in Staunton, Virginia, a son of the late Clement Guy Malcolm and the late Mary Virginia (Simmons) Bosserman.

A Christian man, Mr. Malcolm was baptized and raised in St. Paul Church and over the past several years enjoyed attending Wayside Baptist Church.

A long-time cattle producer, he also hauled cattle for hire and had worked at Hanover Shoe Company for more than 20 years. Often referred to as "Elvis," he loved hunting and traveling to lawn parties, county fairs and community events. He could often be found drag racing and working on his cars. Best summed up by a friend, he will be remembered as one who would "do anything in the world to help and didn't have any enemies to mention."

Surviving are two brothers, William "Billy" C. Malcolm of Craigsville, Virginia, and Jerry L. Malcolm of Brandywine; and special friends, Gary Sheffer of Sugar Grove, Andy Moyers of Franklin, Ronnie Pitsenbarger of Sugar Grove, Terry Bennett of Sugar Grove and Chris Harper of Franklin.

A graveside funeral was held Monday in St. Paul Cemetery with Pastors Tim Johnson and Jerry Smith officiating.

Active pallbearers were Gary Sheffer, Andy Moyers, Ronnie Pitsenbarger, Terry Bennett, Travis Moyers and Chris Harper.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul Cemetery Fund, c/o Joeann Moyers, 1685 Doe Hill Road, Sugar Grove, WV 26815.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.obaughfuneralhome.com.



Thomas Mark Burgoyne

Thomas Mark Burgoyne, 65, of Franklin passed away Jan. 17, 2023, at University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, the result of a motor vehicle accident.

He was born on Dec. 14, 1957, in Petersburg, the son of the late Shirley Burgoyne.

Mr. Burgoyne was a 1976 graduate of Franklin High School and a member of Brandywine First Baptist Church. He was a truck driver for L & J Trucking in Green Bank.

On Sept. 14, 1985, he married Sandra Ellen "Sandy" (Hise) Burgoyne, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory a daughter, Nikki Burgoyne (David Carper) of Strasburg, Virginia; a son, Jeremy Evans (Kimeran) of Morgantown; a sister, Laura Bilek of Binghampton, New York; and six grandchildren, Willa, Declan, Daleigh, Hadley, Camden, and Maddox.

He was also preceded in death by a nephew, Ryan Burgoyne; a brother, Michael Harper; and a sister, Maggie Harper.

In honoring Mr. Burgoyne's wishes, his body has been cremated. A celebration of life will be held later in the summer.

Memorials may be made to Brandywine First Baptist Church, 11116 Blue Gray Trail, Brandywine, WV 26802 or to CAN, PO Box 503, Franklin, WV 26807.

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A Meeting of the Membership/Board of the Christian Assistance Network
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C.A.N. Building, 331 Maple Ave., Franklin
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Dear Lord, please carry my love to Dad on the wings of your angels.
Your daughter, Missy



Virginia Lee White

Virginia Lee White of Spanish Fork, Utah, passed away peacefully on Dec. 18, 2022, surrounded by family. Born April 22, 1929, in Smith Creek, at what is referred to as the Lee Warner place, she was the oldest of 11 children of the late Leslie and Evelyn (Smith) Lambert. She married Ed Ryan and to this union were born five children. He passed away in 1952 leaving her with three boys and expecting the fourth. Work was hard to find in Franklin so

she moved to the Eastern Shore, Maryland, to find work. There she met Southey White (deceased) and to that union was born Sharon (Sherry). In the late 1970s, she moved to Seattle, Washington, to be near her brother, Dale, and find better paying work. She was hired as a lead custodian by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and worked there until she retired. Mrs. White was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and held many callings. She was active in genealogy, researching and finding information for many of her ancestors. She is remembered for her generosity, often helping family in need, and the much requested deviled eggs, gobs, potato candy and other morsels as requested. She is also remembered for her gift of gab, and was often referred to as her childhood nickname of "Windy" by her relatives, of which she carried as a badge of honor to the end.

She lived in the Seattle, Washington, area with her daughter, Sherry, until both relocated in 2021 to Utah. Surviving are children Gary (Lorraine) of Caldwell, Idaho, Jerry (Sherrie) of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Sherry of Mapleton, Utah; multiple grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and siblings Dale (Bonnie) of Seattle, Washington, and Madeline (Keith) Hoover and Mary Jane Santelli, all of Franklin. She was also preceded in death by seven siblings, Flossie (Franklin), Cleo (Salisbury, Maryland), Howard (Franklin), Doris Emerick (Glencoe, Pennsylvania), Jerry (Comfort), Richard (Vulcan, Alberta Canada), and Rachel (Franklin), and three children, James (KIA - Vietnam), Bill (Tampa, Florida) and Peggy (an infant). A memorial was held Dec. 23 in Spanish Fork, Utah. She is buried next to first husband, Ed Ryan in Bruce-ton Mills in Preston County.

Upper Tract 4-H Club Members Elect New Officers



New officers of the Upper Tract Producers have been elected for the 2022-2023 4-H club year. Officers are Lydia Heavner (president), McKenna Hedrick (vice president), Ty Heavner (treasurer), Addie Rexrode (secretary), Katie Keyser (reporter), Carly Kimble (historian) and Kallie Keyser (health officer) with other members serving as song and game leaders. Pictured are, from left, front row, Kallie Keyser and Carly Kimble; and back row, McKenna Hedrick, Lydia Heavner, Addie Rexrode and Katie Keyser. Submitted by Katie Keyser, reporter.

Despite Running Out Of Free Seeds, Garden Challenge Continues

By Stephen Smoot

Though the free seeds for this year are all gone, the West Virginia University Extension Service's "Grow This: The West Virginia Garden Challenge" continues. Now in its sixth year, the Grow This challenge exists to help West Virginians learn gardening skills once commonly practiced across the state. For generations who lived before grocery stores and who later experienced shortages during the world wars, gardening served as a vital part of family life. Modern times have made food easier to purchase at the store than grow at home, but the rise of inflation has many taking a new look at an old practice. Brooke Alt, with the WVU Extension Service in Pendleton County, says that "this program provides West Virginia residents with free seeds to help grow produce in their own gardens." She added, "There is an educational aspect that goes along with it, and people can follow their Facebook and Instagram pages for more information." The program provided access to the free seeds to those who completed a short survey last month. Over 25,000 seeds were

distributed quickly across the state. When the program started in 2018, the extension service only had a few hundred seeds to distribute. In 2020, interest in the program exploded due to COVID 19. Some wanted a hobby to pass the time during lockdowns and remote work. Others feared that food supplies might run short and gardened for household food security. Kristin McCartney, WVU Extension Service assistant professor explained in a recent release that "with the high cost of food right now, people can really benefit from learning how to grow their own food." She adds that "gardening can seem like a daunting task to people who have never done it before." McCartney advises that first timers "start small with a few crops and let your confidence grow from there." "Homesteading has become popular," Alt stated, adding that "during the pandemic, we saw an increase in calls to our office with questions about gardens, pruning trees, raised beds, etcetera." Many have also called to learn more about canning and preserving, another old-time mountain skill that was once very common. Gardening also provides the sense of security that

comes from knowing where your food comes from. Alt says, "A lot of people are concerned about chemicals being on their food." Beginning gardeners should also learn about the "bugs and 'critters'" that they will have to watch for and remove. Even though the free seeds are gone for another year, the program offers much more. For example, the "Grow This" email newsletter helps gardeners stay on track with weekly advice and "to do" lists based on the WVU Extension Service garden calendar. Their Facebook and Instagram pages offer opportunities to interact with program experts, learn about gardening, and even win prizes for participating in discussions. Alt says, "They have a lot of great information there and host webinars on how to garden. Each month they have been featuring different vegetables for the public to learn more about." In 2022, over 100,000 West Virginians received seeds. Over 40 percent of participants last year were first time gardeners. The program serves as part of the extension service's Family Nutrition Program, supported by the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.

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Winter Games
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As popular as snowmen are, there are only so many that a child can create in one season. But don't give up and just place offspring in front of the television until spring.

"Snow brings joy to children," says Trish Kuffner, author of "The Children's Busy Book: 365 Creative Games and Activities to Keep Your 6- to 10-Year-Old Busy" (Meadowbrook Press).

"But to keep them entertained, you have to mix it up every once in a while," Kuffner says. "By teaching them new games, you'll make your children happy. And you'll also have the knowledge that you are showing them how to be creative."

From her book, Kuffner offers these unique games for children to play in the winter.

Target Practice — Cut three or four holes, each about a foot in diameter, in an old sheet or blanket. Fasten this target with lots of clothespins to a rope strung between two trees or posts. Have each child stand about 10 feet away and throw snowballs at the holes. Score one point for each snowball that goes through a hole. The first player to score a set number of points is the winner. A child playing alone can see how many snowballs it takes to score a certain number of points.

Snow Painting — Add a few drops of food coloring or a spoonful or two of tempera paint to a spray bottle full of water. Let the child paint the snow by spraying it, or brush on undiluted tempera paint poured into small containers.

Button, Button — This game requires four or more players. Make snowballs, one less than the number of players. Hide a brightly colored button inside one of the snowballs. Choose one player to be "it." The other players stand in a circle around this person and pass the snowballs quickly until told to stop. The "it" person then guesses which player has the snowball with the button inside. The players break open the snowballs to see if the person has guessed correctly. If not, that person is "it" again. If that person guessed correctly, the player holding the button becomes "it."

50 Years Ago
Week of January 18, 1973

Most Spectacular
Photo Taken
On Spruce Knob

A two-page, full color spread in the January issue of Wonderful West Virginia Magazine "Is the most spectacular picture ever taken of a scene in the Mountain State," says Ed Johnson, editor of the state publication.

The photo was made by the magazine's photogra-

pher, Arnout Hyde, Jr., from atop the 4,860 foot Spruce Knob in Pendleton County during December when the temperature was 20 degrees with a 30-mile-per hour wind. The chill factor was many degrees below zero," Hyde said.

The photographer had to use a four-wheel drive vehicle with chasis on each wheel to negotiate the long, deep, snow-covered road to the top of the state's highest mountain.

The editor predicts that "There will be a lot of Mountaineer hearts skip a beat when they see this incredible photo."

"It was one of those clear days when you could see forever—at least 50 miles in any direction. Spruce trees, covered by snow and ice, were multi-shaped wintry statues," the editor declared.

DAHMER

Most people like to eat honey. Did you know a strong hive of bees contains approximately 70,000 bees? A honey bee makes 154 trips for one teaspoon of honey. The drones are fed by the working bees as they cannot feed themselves. Bees consume seven pounds of honey to make one pound of beeswax. Actual weighings have shown that it takes about 20,000 trips to bring in a pound of nectar from the flowers and blossoms.

60 Years Ago
Week of January 24, 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.

Hooker Replaces
Burnside in Virginia

First it had been Gen. Irvin McDowell who was to lead the Federal army in a march over the 100 miles from Washington to Richmond early in the Civil War, and that march had ended ingloriously at First Bull Run 30 miles south of Washington. Then came Gen. George B. McClellan who had taken nearly a year to train his army and lead it up the Peninsula to Richmond's outskirts, where it was defeated soundly by Robert E. Lee. Next came John Pope who set out again from Washington for Richmond, to see his hopes go up in smoke at Second Bull Run. The fourth general to try his hand at the Federal game of marching on Richmond was Ambrose Burnside, whose advance came to a bloody end at Fredericksburg.

Now, it was someone else's turn to take General Lee. One hundred years ago this week, that selection was made. It was Joseph E. Hooker of Massachusetts—"Fighting Joe," they called him—a veteran of nearly all the important battles in

the East.

Hooker was a tall, blonde, blue-eyed man, known for his handsome face and self-confidence. He had witnessed the mistakes of his predecessors and, everyone thought, would know enough not to repeat them.

The change was made January 26, and on the same day President Lincoln wrote Hooker a letter that would become famous. Lincoln had gotten word that Hooker had been critical of his former boss, Burnside; he also had heard, second-hand, some remarks Hooker had made about the need for a dictator to run the country.

"I think it best for you to know," Lincoln wrote Hooker, "that there are some things in regard to which I am not quite satisfied with you." He then accused Hooker of criticizing Burnside—"a great wrong to the country and to a most meritorious and honorable brother officer." Then, referring to the remark about dictatorship, Lincoln added: "Only those generals who gain successes can set up dictators. What I now ask of you is military success, and I will risk the dictatorship."

So Hooker took command, and almost immediately the battle-scarred Army of the Potomac began to perk up; morale rose; parades were held and Hooker was cheered by his men. Burnside stepped aside.

Burnside's last week commanding the Army of the Potomac had been pathetic. To recoup the disgrace of Fredericksburg, he had marched his beaten army January 20 down the Rappahannock River to try another crossing and launch another attack on Lee. Morale was so low that the army never really got moving properly. A heavy rain fell, and mules, wagons, artillery and even the soldiers got stuck in the mud. Within 48 hours the movement was abandoned as hopeless, and it went down in history derisively as Burnside's "Mud March."

So Burnside joined the ranks of demoted ex-commanders of the Army of the Potomac and went off to Ohio. There were fewer Rebels to worry about in that part of the country.

Next week: Fighting on the water.

70 Years Ago
January 29, 1953

HISTORY OF COUNTY
POOR FARM
RECALLED BY
WRITER

Many years ago we had poor people in Pendleton county that were of the unfortunate type, or commonly called paupers that must be supported by others. But in days gone by they were supported in a different way from what they are now. The older people, matrons and little children who were unable to care for themselves were boarded and clothed in homes at various prices and usually a specified time in which the pauper or paupers were to remain in the

home or place. Sometimes these unfortunate people were treated in the kindest manner that could be shown or bestowed upon any human being. Others were treated in just the opposite way.

Prior to 1850, it is authentically known of two little girls who were placed under a heavy tub, with air space and kept there until the man or woman would return home from their Sunday visits or doing errands. In a short time the girls were placed in other homes. The man went to the west. Some years later the same man came back on a visit, and went to visit the home in which the little girl (then a married woman) was living. The man of the house said to the married lady, "I guess you don't know this man?" She replied rather loudly, "Yes sir, I know him." In a moment the man hung his head in shame and ceased to speak until the married lady left the room.

Sometimes exorbitant or unsatisfactory bills were charged, but not always paid, unless contracted for at times when those in authority would tickle for those who tickled for them.

The County Court in 1885 was composed of six members as follows: James M. Temple, Leonard Harper, Martin Moyers, George Teter, Lewis Moyers and John R. Dolly. All were considered men of good judgment and very conservative. Martin Moyers made a suggestion to the court that too much money was spent in keeping the poor people called paupers. Why not buy a farm and keep the paupers there? Most of the court members thought it a wise plan.

The next question, who will locate a farm? All voted for Moyers to do so and report at the next meeting. He considered the Sol Cunningham farm on South Branch at Upper Tract the most suitable one he could find, considering the price.

When the next lawful meeting was called, Moyers made an oral report. Just a little hesitation. A few did not favor the deal whole-heartedly. Moyers replied slowly, "Alright, I will keep the farm myself." After a little discussion by the court of its merits, viz: The fine bottom land for farming, the good grazing land, the large flowing spring, the beautiful flat topped hill on which to build houses, the convenient road through the place and timber land to boot.

The court entered into an agreement with Cunningham on December 9, 1885, for the farm, consideration \$9,500.00 for 408 acres of land. On March 20, 1886, Cunningham made a deed to the court for same, Leonard Harper, president.

The court appointed Frank Keister the first superintendent of the farm and caretaker of the unfortunate. Isaiah Murphy is now superintendent and caretaker.

It is almost incredible to tell the price paid for the place, compared with what it is worth today—a real

asset to Pendleton County.

If some of the good citizens in the county owned this farm, individually, they would feel happier than Queen Elizabeth on the throne of England.—John Dahmer.

SIMPLE ARITHMETIC

There have been ninety justices of the U. S. Supreme Court, but in the ninety-year history of West Virginia, the state has not had the honor of having a native son appointed to this high and august body. A judgeship on this bench is second in importance only to the presidency. The judges are appointed for life, and in one or two instances, a Supreme Court Judge has made a greater imprint on the history of our country than has several of our presidents.

All the bordering states have had members of the court. Ohio has had 8—6 since 1863; Pennsylvania has had 6; Kentucky 5; Virginia 5; and Maryland 4. This makes a total of 28 justices in the five states bordering West Virginia—our state has had none.

Is it because we are too small a state or that we have not produced men of the caliber necessary for the job? Neither proposal seems valid. As for the caliber of the men, there is probably no state in the Union, large or small, that has contributed more able men to the country's service than has our state.

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War during Wilson's administration, Louis Johnson, recent Secretary of Defense, John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for president in 1924, J. J. Cornwell of Romney, one of the finest lawyers the state has produced—these are but a few of our outstanding leaders. A complete list would fill this column, indeed, even this page.

Since we have eliminated the logical criteria for the selection of a U. S. Supreme Court Justice, the only deduction is—we are sorry to say—that in many cases this high honor has not been awarded fairly or on merit or ability, but through the "spoils system" of politics has become a political plum tossed at powerful politicians or friends of political bosses in key states with a high electoral vote, with the next election in mind. States like New York has had 11 judges.

Is West Virginia to go ninety more years without one representative in the judicial branch of the federal government?

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Smith Creek/
Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

In one more week, it will be the halfway point of winter (Groundhog Day). The first month of winter has been cold, but no big snowfalls. With the rain the area is getting, it is the time to burn 24/7, but make sure the wind is not blowing.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Shelda Warner, Vestyl Bible, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, 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, Sandy Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Jack Judy, Ruthalene Judy, Jason Rexrode and Savannah Flanigan.

Prayer thought: "Who could have imagined that a Saviour would be the hope of all creation, the glory of our God. You deserve all power, praise and love."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Jan. 16 through Jan. 22, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Jan. 16 - 54°, 19° (28°, 13°, 11° snow); Jan. 17 - 55°, 34°, .05" (27°, 22°, 2" snow); Jan. 18 - 56°, 40° (33°, 23°); Jan. 19 - 54°, 38°, .04" (46°, 36°); Jan. 20 - 37°, 30° (35°, 14°, .14"); Jan. 21 - 38°, 23° (19°, 3°) and Jan. 22 - 37°, 31°, .04" (35°, -6°).

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Quilt Knotting - A Time of Fellowship and Goodwill

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

It's that time of year when volunteers begin to gather at St. John Lutheran Church to knot quilts, which will be shipped where needed in disaster areas around the world. The first gathering was scheduled for Wednesday with a soup and sandwich luncheon to be served. All volunteers are welcome. This is a time of reflection of all those less fortunate, whether it be plight or disasters. For the writer, it is also a time of remembrance of some of the people who so faithfully donated of their time to this cause.

One individual, who left this earth a year ago to be with the Lord, comes to mind. Eston Propst, a faithful life-long member of St. John Lutheran Church, looked forward to the fun and fellowship experienced at this time of the year, and he knotted many, many quilts. It was not uncommon for he and Judy to share their famous chili soup, which they also provided for Lenten Luncheons.

Eston was a faithful and valued member of St. John, holding various offices, including property management, and treasurer, assisting with the annual lawn party, Relay for Life events, preparing and driving parade floats, providing and driving for hayride events, and lending his gift of crafting and fixing almost anything.

He was a proud military veteran of the U.S. Army, STRATCOM, a member of the West Virginia Farm Bureau for approximately 40 years, American Legion Post #30, and VFW Post #966 in Sugar Grove. He was a central office technician for 30 years, seeing the transitions from C and P Telephone to Bell Atlantic to Verizon and was fortunate to retire in 1998. He then devoted the majority of his time to his beloved family farm in Moyers.

Along with this wife, Judy of 55 years, he spent his time farming, gardening, canning, and contributing to his family and the surrounding community. With Judy's supervision, he became quite the cook, and as she began to experience increasing health issues, he also provided for her extensive care.

Eston enjoyed collecting antique dishware; but his passion was his extensive Civil War collection. He even owned one square foot of ground in Wise' Field at Fox's Gap at the South Mountain Battlefield.

He left a legacy of a strong work ethic, devoted husband and family man, friend, and faithful servant. His strength, courage, love, faith, and positive spirit inspired many. He is greatly missed. Though quiet, humble and of a gentle nature, Eston left his fingerprints all over his beloved farm, and community.

Life's little lessons to help make one's day better include the following:

1. Write thank you notes. The receiver will be very surprised.
2. Help clean the table following a meal.
3. Making one's bed in the morning is believed to promote better rest and sleep hygiene at night.
4. Call an elderly person and engage in a conversation. Ask questions about "the good old days."
5. Eat a meal every day with the family seated around the table....no cell phones.

The weather has been fickle. There are a few days with mild temperatures, rain, followed with colder situations. Sunday, the snow flew; however, it did not lay on the ground.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

- "Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers." — Kahlil Gibran
- "It's better to have your nose in a book, than in someone else's business." — Adam Stanley
- "When people don't want to be with you, they make excuses. When people want to be with you, they make efforts." — Rahul Kaushik
- "I love beginnings. If I were in charge of calendars every day

would be January 1." — Jerry Sinelli

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." — Anne Frank

Sitting by the fireplace is a definite must to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Carly Mitchell, daughter of Brandon and Cara Mitchell, picked her first dandelion — bloom and all!

Claude Casselberry is celebrating his birthday on the 23rd. Claude and Terri were visitors of Rosalee Grogg, as well as Marleta Wimer, Hendrix Bogan, Ronnie and Christine Bowers, and Pat Hoover.

Students are involved with the Social Studies Fair at Brandywine Elementary. Basketball practice has kept the parent busy.

Helen and Rhonda Nash recently celebrated Helen's 85th birthday with lunch at Olive Garden in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Helen was surprised to find son, Todd Nash, daughters, Terri Lowery and Vickie Nash, and grandson, Lucas Hidalgo, already at the restaurant, joining them for her celebration. Adding to the fun, gifts, flowers and wonderful food were a couple of video visits with son, Robbie Nash in Alaska.

Wesley, Becky, Ben, Emma, and Nathan Puffenbarger went fishing Sunday and caught a mess of trout. Sounds like some good eating!

Laura George and Ava, and Leslie Bowers enjoyed watching "A Christmas Carol" performance by the Pendleton County High School drama club on Friday evening.

Bob and Marti Fisher of Romney were Saturday visitors in the home of Willard and Judy Rader. They all enjoyed the trip to the Jackson River Bakery and delicious dinner in Monterey, Virginia.

This week's clackety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

- By law, Mardi Gras float riders must wear masks.
- Looking at a photo of a loved one can relieve pain.
- About 17 million Americans skip out on work the day after the Super Bowl.
- Crows always fly in one direction in the morning and the other way in the evening.
- The coldest inhabited place in the world is the Siberian village on Oymyakon. In 1964 the temperature reached 96 degrees below zero.

February birthdays include the following: David Gillispie, first; Carolyn Smith, second; Tom Mitchell, Bernie Sasscer, Vanessa Moats and Steven Grogg, fourth; Patsy Bennett and Rhonda Stump, fifth; Eddie Smith, Liz Armstrong and Charles Cook, sixth; Hannah Koontz, seventh; Mary Eye and Lannie Mitchell, eighth; Danny Gillispie, ninth; Pat Hoover, Violet Aumann and Dennis Hull, 11th; Virginia Propst (100), 12th; Jennifer Simmons, Donna Ruddle and Dick Rexrode, 14th; and Buddy Ruddle, Lisa Jamison, Joyce Moates and Judy Hott Vance, 15th.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: "Pidge" Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Nathan Beachler, Lynn Beatty, Jack Bennett, Jimmie Bennett, Bill Brackman, the Tom Burgoyne family, Jed Conrad, the Bob Dyer family, Ron Gilkerson, Lola Graham, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Gary and Jackie Hills, Virgil Homan, Jr., Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Anna Gae Hughes, Doris Hull, Alice Johnson, Kim Kline, Richard Judy, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, the Eddie Malcolm family, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Jamie Mitchell, Gloria Moats, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Kathy Propst, Sheldon Propst, Verla Puffenbarger, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Simmons, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, the Ed Troutman family, Sandra Vandevander, the Johnny Rexrode family, Pam Rexrode, Glen and Jeannie Riggelman, Max Rodriguez, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barbara Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons and Davey Simmons.

Redesigned SSA Website Launched

Visitors to SSA.gov will experience a fresh homepage and a new design to help them find what they need more easily.

"SSA.gov is visited by over 180 million people per year and it is one of our most important tools for providing efficient and equitable access to service," said Kilolo Kijakazi, acting commissioner of the Social Security Administration. "Whether providing service in person or online, our goal is to help people understand what they may qualify for and seamlessly transition them to an application process."

Improved self-service capability allows people to skip calling or visiting an office, which helps Social Security staff focus on those visitors who need in-person assistance.

Part of ongoing efforts to improve how the public can do business with the agency, the redesign is intended to provide a clear path to the tasks customers need to accomplish. Many of the most visited sections of SSA.gov are now live with a more user-friendly and task-based approach. New pages and improvements based on public feedback will continue to be unveiled in the coming months.

Visitors to SSA.gov can use interactive tools to:

- Check eligibility for benefits. The new benefit eligibility screener is a convenient and simple way for people to learn if they might be eligible for benefits.
- Save time on Social Security Number (SSN) and card online services. If a person loses their SSN card, they may not need a replacement. In most cases, simply knowing their SSN is enough. If a person does need a replacement card, they may be able to request it online by visiting www.ssa.gov/ssnumber. In-

dividuals can also start an application for an updated card or request an SSN for the first time. People may never need to visit an office and, if they do need to visit an office to complete the application, they will save a lot of time by starting online.

•Start an application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). People can start the application process online and request an appointment to apply for SSI benefits by answering a few questions at www.ssa.gov/benefits/ssi/.

•Apply for Social Security benefits and other online services. For most benefits, people can apply online or start an application online. In many cases, there are no forms to sign. The agency will review the application and reach out with questions or for more information. Visit www.ssa.gov/onlineservices to apply for retirement, disability, or Medicare.

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

Pendleton County Overcomes Slow Start to Win Big at East Hardy

By Stephen Smoot

It was one of those nights typical at the midway point in a basketball season where great teams are not playing in top form and have to manufacture plays to win the game. Great teams understand how to earn wins in these situations against talented opposition, even when the breaks seem to all be going against them.

The Wildcats won the tipoff to open the game. For the first minute and a half, the two squads traded turnovers and fouls while shooting ice cold while feeling each other out. East Hardy broke the drought at the 5:35 mark by hitting a 15-foot shot, followed closely by Ana Young who hit from that distance herself to tie the game.

Pendleton County employed a man-to-man press to start the game, which has generally frustrated opponents. East Hardy, however, ran press breakers that used deep passes to sprinting cutters to try and work their way behind the Wildcat defense. On occasion, such as at the 4:55 mark, they scored uncontested layups. More often, however, Pendleton County hustled back to block passes or disrupt shots.

Avery Townsend helped to spark the Wildcats toward the end of the first quarter with unflinching defense. At the 3:16 mark and again at 3:03, Townsend swiped the ball from an East Hardy player and drove the distance for a layup. The second score put Pendleton County up 8-6 and from that point on, the Wildcats led.

Scoring remained difficult for both teams in the second quarter as Pendleton County built its lead. East Hardy gifted some

of the points by putting Young on the line, then subsequently committing a foul on a made Baylee Beachler layup. She made the free throw for an old fashioned three-point play to extend the lead to 17-9.

In addition to Townsend's tough defense in the first half, Jameigh Miller fought, hustled, and made solid plays on both offense and defense. The second quarter's first action came from her aggressively tying up a Cougar to get the ball back for her team. She also blocked shots and grabbed steals to help keep East Hardy off balance.

A Townsend steal and layup gave the Wildcats a 22-13 lead with 49 seconds left in the half, which East Hardy countered with a steal and layup with the final seconds draining from the clock at the end.

Coach Micah Bailey adjusted by pulling his team out of the press, which restricted opportunities for the Cougars to score near the basket.

The third quarter opened with an East Hardy shot about five feet from the basket, pulling them to within five. In some games a five-point lead is nothing, but in this competition a five-point advantage deceptively felt like more of a 15-point spread. Just as Townsend attacked the ball in the first quarter and Miller in the second, Beachler led on defense in the third.

East Hardy tried to work a size advantage against Beachler for most of the quarter. She didn't allow the Cougar post players to push her off the block, but instead used her athleticism to block shots, disrupt passes, and grab rebounds. As all efforts to score against Beachler came to naught, Young's



Jameigh Miller drives the ball against the East Hardy defense during the Wildcat win last week. Photo courtesy of Robin Alt.

shooting suddenly became blazing hot.

At 4:21, Young hit a three-pointer coming off of a solid Gabby DePue pick. Almost two minutes later, she drilled a step back three to extend the lead to 30-22. Young scored the next basket off of a Beachler assist, followed by another Beachler steal.

The third quarter ended in spectacular fashion. Miller drove to the basket, shot, missed, wrestled away the offensive rebound, and found Young open from 10 feet. Young hit the shot at the end of third quarter action to extend the lead to 34-22.

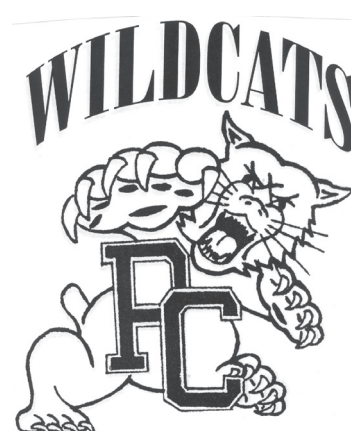
Young continued to find the basket from long range in the fourth quarter. She hit four more three-pointers in the game, the second off of a Miller assist and the last one off of a Miller pick. Lizzie Alt also played a huge role in disrupting East Hardy, playing tight defense, grabbing steals, and rebounding well. Alt, Nataley Hedrick, and Jenna Smith also confounded the Cougars with steals coming from the players being in the right position and playing aggressively.

With two minutes left,

Young drove hard to the basket. While doing so, she made a subtle ball fake that looked like she was about to dish the ball off. It confused the defender and opened the lane for Young to make a finger roll layup for her team's final score of the game.

Pendleton County's defense didn't lose its fire after rolling up a 50-35 lead. Kiera Heavener came into the game to block a shot at the post as East Hardy kept struggling to close the gap. The Cougars closed to 50-39 in the last minute, but never seriously threatened.

The Lady Wildcats were scheduled to host Moorefield Wednesday night and will travel to Doddridge County on Friday.



Wildcats Bow to Mountain Lions

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, two of the most dynamic programs in West Virginia single A came together in Franklin to battle. While the night provided all the excitement expected of it, the Wildcats did not get the result they fought so hard to achieve.

From the start, the capacity crowd backed their teams loud and proud with seemingly equal numbers of Wildcat and Mountain Lion supporters. They created a big game atmosphere that translated into energetic performances by both squads.

Tucker County controlled the initial tip and roared out to an early lead, despite strong pressure by the Pendleton County defense. They hit shots early close to the basket. Despite great pressure by especially Dusty Smith, resulting in a backcourt steal at one point, at the five-minute mark in the first quarter, the Mountain Lions led 9-2.

The Wildcats would dominate the rest of the half and well into the third quarter.

One of the catalysts of the Wildcat surge was freshman guard Chase Owens. He worked his way into the starting lineup with gritty defense and good shooting ability. Owens put the team on his back in the middle of the first quarter, first driving past his defender for a layup to cut the lead to 9-4.

After a Josiah Kimble three brought the Wildcats to within two, Owens found a cutting Clayton Kisamore for an easy layup to tie the game. He answered a subsequent Tucker County layup with a three-pointer to put the Wildcats ahead for the first time in the game, inspiring thunderous student section chants of "he's a freshman!" That was followed with another Owens three with 47 seconds to play putting his team up 15-13. Brayden Beachler blocked a Tucker County three with less than a second to go to close action in the quarter.

Between the 1:06 mark in the first quarter and about 6:20 left in the second, Pendleton County went on a 13-0 run. For much of the second quarter the Wildcats started to run their offense from about 23 feet away from the basket, primarily passing along the perimeter. This set up situations loosely comparable to NBA isolation plays. Pendleton County's ball-handlers aggressively drove around their defenders isolated in man-to-man coverage, finding good passes and easy shots close to the basket. This also forced Tucker County into a more reactive defense for a time.

Jacob Beachler, Kisamore, and others methodically broke down their defenders, using their athleticism and skills to complete layups and draw fouls. Jacob Beachler, as always, blocked shots and forced mistakes close to the basket. As the game wore on, however, Tucker County players adjusted to the shot-blocker by taking higher arcing shots over his outstretched hands.

In the third quarter, Tucker County adjusted by focusing on running their offense, as opposed to taking early open shots that they generally missed in the first half. They did not truly settle in, however, until the middle of the stanza. Kimble hit a three-pointer with 2:49 left in the quarter to give the Wildcats a 37-24 lead.

After the Kimble three, Tucker County erupted with a flurry of made three-pointers, mostly from the left corner by their own bench. Between the 2:49 mark in the third and the 3:26 mark in the fourth, Tucker County hit six three-pointers, most of them hotly contested, and executed a 24-3 run to build a 48-40 advantage over the Wildcats.

Pendleton County tried to work their way back into the game, but excellent defense by the Mountain Lions held them at bay the rest of the evening. The final score of 58-47 reflected more the lights out free throw shooting after intentional fouls by the Wildcats in the last two minutes than how close these teams actually are in terms of both ability and effort.

Scoring: Owens 17, Kisamore 11, Kimble 11, Jacob Beachler 5, Brayden Beachler 3.

The Wildcats are scheduled to play at Tygarts Valley today.

Young Attains 1,000 Points



Ana Young celebrates scoring 1,000 career points with her team after the game at Tucker County. Members of the Lady Wildcat team are, from left, Kiera Heavener, Lizzie Alt, Julia Mongold, Nataley Hedrick, Madison Arbaugh, Young, Gabby DePue, Jameigh Miller, Baylee Beachler, Avery Townsend and Jenna Smith. Photo courtesy of Robin Alt.

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to capture the value that we create.” Shaffer described how some producers feel trapped by the market while others seek to try and manipulate or control it. He added that “you can’t control the overall market, but you can control your place within the market.” He then laid out the current national trends, sharing that cow slaughter is up 13% over 2021 through last September, heifer slaughter up 10% over 2021, and replacement heifers down about 2.5%. Inventory has dropped by one million head. The herd should continue to retract over the next two years even as total beef production continues to rise.

Over the past two decades, drought in some parts of the United States has driven scarcity in the cattle market, pushing prices up. Shaffer points out that producers should not put themselves in a position for hoping that drought strikes so that they can profit. With inflation and supply chain issues ailing the industry almost across the board, price increases may not always make up for rising costs.

He said this involves, “doing the right thing instead of doing things right.” One can do the wrong things right, not make a profit, and wonder why.

Shaffer related that producers should develop “awareness and literacy of the market,” basically what does the market need the most and when does it want it. In essence, this means studying the market variables and finding out what the market is paying producers the most to create.

The rise and fall of costs combined with the impact of trends can guide producers to the most profit. Shaffer taught attendees how to use the information producers can access to create a profitable strategy for a livestock enterprise.

“The market will tell us what it wants you to do,” Shaffer said, “if you listen.”

Agricultural Census

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number shifts over the five-year period occurred as a result of market conditions or if there is a problem requiring assistance. The numbers break down into more specific statistical categories, but not specific enough to reveal sensitive operations information of specific farms.

Also, the statistics gathered this year will reveal the impact of the pandemic and subsequent supply chain shortages on agriculture at the national, state, and local level.

One of the main concerns of respondents to both the United States Census and Census of Agriculture centers around data security. According to Alissa Cowell-Mytar, the West Virginia State Statistician for the National Agriculture Statistics Service, “all information is kept confidential under federal law.” She went on to explain that “we publish in aggregate for and for statistical purposes only.” Just as with the U.S. Census County Business Patterns Data, care is taken to prevent identification of any individual by looking at the numbers. She also said, “we don’t sell information, such as addresses or other personal data.”

Those responding online will only be asked to answer questions relevant to their operation, as opposed to sifting through the full set. This, as Cowell-Mytar explained, will make responding much more efficient.

She agreed with Leonhardt on the importance of responding, offering that the survey creates “data used by decision-makers to help them to create policies to aid agriculture on the state and local level.” Additionally, it is “an opportunity to making local farming voices heard.”

Feb. 6 will be the final day that farmers can respond to the Census of Agriculture.

County Commission

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year ago. Delays kept them from being installed until recently. Next, commissioners heard the emergency services report from Rick Gillespie. He described that the 911 center was currently “in the midst of an upgrade.” Most of the equipment is in place and ready for installation. The 911 center on Jan. 17 shut down for three hours, transferring calls to Grant County while the system was put in place.

Gillespie also warned of the need to upgrade the “homemade” phone system because it currently limits outside calls and other facility capabilities. He said they need \$10,000 to \$12,000 to do it right, adding “it’s there in the bank, so to speak. Let’s make it the kind of operation that it needs to be.”

Commissioners and Gillespie discussed emergency communications as well. Gillespie drafted a letter for commissioners to sign regarding the National Radio Quiet Zone that covers parts of Pendleton and Pocahontas counties. He noted that “limits for the proposed tower site in Seneca Rocks have gone from good to bad.” With the Department of Defense budget covering new missions for the Green Bank Observatory, the fear is that “everlasting” regulations that “don’t come without a cost to the community,” could get set in place. Lack of cellular phone service in the North Fork region prevents ambulances from being able to forward potentially life-saving information ahead to the hospital. “The National Radio Quiet Zone is an inhibitor,” Gillespie stated. “It’s strangling us and we go more to those kinds of devices.”

The county commission went on to discuss possible grant funding to fix the parking lot at the community building. Gillespie suggested that federal infrastructure funds could help to pay for the project. He said that a paving company contracted with the state had provided a rough estimate of \$350,000, but admitted that the cost could currently have risen to \$500,000. Laura Brown, Pendleton County Economic Development Authority director, suggested that the county go through Region 8 to apply for grant funding.

Fixing the parking lot will cost more because the ground has failed underneath, leaving mud and pools of water. Drains for the lot will also require repair. Gillespie said, “I know the county doesn’t have the money to do it,” but also stated that “it does not portray a good image for the county.”

Mountain State Maple Days

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Creek Road. Future Generations will be on hand to perform demonstrations, hand out educational materials, and describe efforts to expand syrup production to walnut and sycamore as well.

“We’re still doing a lot of research at McCoy’s Mill,” Kazarick shared, then added, “Sycamore trees can be tapped for syrup and made there.” Future Generations research on walnut and sycamore focuses on tapping the tree for as much sap as possible without damaging the tree significantly. They share research with landowners interested in maximizing profits from their property.

Across the state, Mountain State Maple Days runs from Feb. 18 through March 18. Alongside McCoy’s Mill, regional participating producers include Mountain Cajun Getaways in Circleville, Jack Mountain Maple near Moatstown, Cool Hollow Maple near Sugar Grove, Dry Run Spirits Distillery south of Franklin, Spruce Knob Maple near Job, and M&S Maple near Upper Tract. Bowers Maple Farm will not directly participate, but is open by appointment for tours and purchases.

Local businesses also support the event by selling authentic maple products made throughout the county and region all year long or during maple days. These include Brandywine General Store, Long Mountain General Store, Korner Cafe, Yokum’s, T&K Markets, and more.

Living off the land in every way possible is one of the Mountain State’s oldest traditions. Leonhardt describes that “in the early days, this was the sweetener of the home-

BOE Cannabis

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the school principal before medical cannabis can be administered on or in school property or at a school-related event.” Parents or guardians must also provide the proper documentation.

Additionally, the medicine must be given by a designated caregiver who is not school personnel unless that person is also a parent, legal guardian, or designated caregiver. Medical cannabis in “dry leaf or plant form” is excluded entirely and must be administered “outside of the view of other students.” Any information received by the school related to medical cannabis use and related personal information is covered under privacy laws and considered confidential.

The third drug related policy reading governing use of Naloxone or other “opioid antagonists” came from a request by the state health officer. It “establishes guidelines and procedures for the utilization of . . . Naloxone” by the school nurse or other “designated school personnel at Pendleton County Schools.”

According to the National Institute of Health, “Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose” by attaching itself “to opioid receptors and reverses or blocks the effects.” First responders usually equip themselves with the drug because it can immediately stop the drug’s effects and has saved countless lives in the process.

The policy read to the board allows school nurses to administer Naloxone in the school setting. It also sets protocols for storage, use, procurement, and follow-up with the victim and family.

Also shared at the meeting, the county school system is enjoying the benefits of rising interest rates. Interest earned on the checking account for the month to date as of the meeting totaled almost \$11,000. The Pendleton County Commission and Town of Franklin have experienced similar good fortune from interest on their accounts.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 7.





steads of West Virginia. Cane sugar was very expensive. This is what people used.”

“The woods were not necessarily a disadvantage to mountain farmers, a point usually lost on residents of developed counties,” wrote Ronald Lewis, West Virginia University emeritus professor of state history in Transforming the Appalachian Countryside. He added that early settlers in places like Pendleton County developed “the roots of a highly adaptive agricultural system that depends on the forests.”

As late as the 1870s, women on regional farms still produced “for home consumption and traffic, large quantities of butter, eggs, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, guineas, feathers, beeswax, honey, ginseng, maple sugar, molasses . . .” as a period commentator quoted in John Alexander Williams’ Appalachia described. Many regional farms and homesteads still work to provide as much as possible for the family from the land while selling the excess, even as many of those traditions have disappeared elsewhere.

Leonhardt suggests that communities may need to revisit the traditions of local resilience, saying that in a time of supply chain disruption and food shortages, agricultural producers and consumers should try to “get back to basics, shortening the distances between where food is produced and where it’s consumed.”

Mountain State Maple Days and those who produce for and support it are one step toward getting back to more reliable production and going forward to economic growth.

PENDLETON COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL						February
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MS Boys PVL Week of Feb. 19 at East Hardy	 FFA Week Activities Feb. 20 - FFA Member Tailgate Basketball Game with Tygarts Valley Feb. 21 - Food for America Feb. 22 - Teachers’ Breakfast Feb. 23 - Teacher Test/Bingo Feb. 24 - Middle School Recruitment	1 HS Girls Basketball Elkins 6:30 (H) MS Boys Basketball East Hardy 6:00 (A)	2 HS Boys Basketball East Hardy 6:00 (A) MS Boys Basketball Capon Bridge 6:30 (H) MS Girls Basketball Capon Bridge 6:00 (A)	3 Healthy Relationships Seminar During Advisory in Auditorium HS Girls Basketball Moorefield 6:00 (A) Interim Reports	4 HS Boys Basketball Moorefield 6:00 (H)	
5	6 HS Boys Basketball Pocahontas 5:45 (A) MS Boys Basketball Petersburg 6:30 (H) MS Girls Basketball Petersburg 6:00 (A)	7 HS Girls Basketball East Hardy 6:30 (H)	8 HS Boys Basketball Keyser 6:15 (H)	9 HS Girls Basketball Union 6:30 (H) MS Boys Basketball Moorefield 6:00 (A)	10 EARLY RELEASE	11 HS Boys Basketball Petersburg 6:00 (A) HS Girls Basketball Pocahontas 7:00 (A)
12	13 HS Girls Basketball Tucker 6:30 (H) 7th Grade Girls PVL @ Moorefield FCCLA Strawberry Orders Due	14 8th Grade Girls PVL @ Moorefield 	15 HS Boys Basketball Union 6:30 (H) HS Girls Basketball Lewis 6:00 (A) FCCLA Week	16 HS Girls Basketball Petersburg 6:30 (H)	17 County Math Field Day	18 County Social Studies Fair MS/HS Cheer Competition
19	20 HS Boys Basketball Tygarts Valley 6:15 (H)	21 HS Boys Basketball Frankfort 6:15 (H)	22 FFA Week	23 HS Boys Basketball Moorefield 6:00 (A)	24	25 Winter Formal 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. Grades 7 - 12
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Gillespie Voices Concern About EMS Systems

The following letter addressing emergency service issues was sent to Governor Justice and legislative leaders.

Dear Governor Justice & Legislative Leaders,

Pendleton County and many other counties are experiencing failures of our EMS Systems. Our volunteer organization has few active members and is struggling to serve. We applaud those who continue to serve; however, they need major help. Volunteerism is about dead. It is definitely on life support. We have days/times where a call for an ambulance has gone as long as almost six hours before an ambulance arrived at the call, as well as times when we have four ambulance calls at the same time. Our volunteers' regular jobs take them out of county or to employers that do not allow them to depart work to run calls. Therefore, volunteers are not sitting around a station waiting to take a call. Paid personnel is the answer and funding to provide those paid personnel is a large part of the assistance that State government could provide.

Counties such as Pendleton have little financial resources to support EMS. The State of West Virginia owes its citizens professional, efficient, and functional law enforcement, fire and EMS services. At the State level, the Legislature and State government do a good job funding the state police and other statewide law enforcement entities, however, we have far too long relied on our hard-working volunteers to provide the vital fire and EMS services. Volunteer fire departments are limping along, however, EMS is CRASHING.

Before the budget surplus is given away or given back to the taxpayers, I remain hopeful that you have an eye on a REAL EMS solution for the 2023 Session. This issue is not going to wait much longer for several counties. A dedicated funding source needs to be identified and adopted this year. Major funds need to come to the county commissions, so that they can implement the fix.

The cost of a new ambulance is nearing \$300,000 and the wait can be two-years to receive one. Counties and volunteer organizations can no longer afford the equipment it takes to be EMS Responders. A real solution includes funds for ambulances, equipment and most importantly, PERSONNEL. The days of unpaid volunteers carrying this burden are near their end.

I respectfully suggest that the Legislature look at some form of statewide EMS organization, modeled after a mini-version of the State Police, DNR Police, Fire Marshal, Department of Forestry, etc. The purchasing power and budgeting power of the State needs to be called to duty for the protection of your citizens. The State enjoys buying power and should implement a program wherein the State purchases ambulances for county EMS organizations (this was done in the 1970s) and, taking it one step further, you could build the framework of a rural EMS department/organization wherein actual state employees are deployed to counties/regions where EMS has (or shortly will) fail. Absent that model of EMS solutions, you should consider disbursing MAJOR funds to the counties to assist them in applying a fix.

Regarding Senate Bill 105, I must respectfully state that I do not see an amusement tax as being able to raise adequate funds in counties such as Pendleton. Please do not view this as a method to completely fix the issue.

I look forward to hearing from you and I would welcome a personal meeting with each one of you as an effort to help do our part to fix this EMERGENCY issue. A quality meeting would include our county commission and leadership of our local volunteer EMS organization- Pendleton County Emergency Rescue.

Thank you for your service to the citizens.

Regards,
Rick Gillespie
Emergency Services
Coordinator
Pendleton County

Pendleton Community Bank Receives Reader's Choice Award

Pendleton Community Bank has been named the "Best Bank in West Virginia" in the annual West Virginia Living magazine Best of West Virginia reader's choice awards.

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"I am thrilled and honored for PCB to be named West Virginia Living's 'Best Bank,'" said Sheldon Arbaugh, senior vice president and West Virginia area executive. "It is very gratifying for our team members to be recognized for delivering our brand of banking throughout the many West Virginia communities we serve. Thanks to all who voted for PCB in this contest!"

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Davis Medical Center patients will be routed to the medical center parking area from existing entrances along Martin Street and Main Street. Individual and commercial traffic will need to take alternate routes around the road section.

"The road closure is solely for the safety of our patients and employees," said Vance Jackson, CEO. "We have patients who stop along Gorman Avenue to drop off and pick up family members. Some vehicles do not even slow down to allow people to cross the road. It's just become too dangerous."

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 13, 2023.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the

Pendleton County Commission 1-19-2c

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affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. 1-19-2c

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STP-0033(453)D
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Allegheny Mtn Barrier
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End: STA. 47+71
COUNTY: PENDLETON

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West Virginia Lifeline/Tel-Assistance Information
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Lifeline is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that make communications services more affordable for eligible low-income consumers. This benefit provides eligible customers with a monthly discount of up to \$9.25 on qualifying internet service or telephone service bundled with qualifying internet service. In certain circumstances, a reduced benefit of \$5.25 may be available for voice only telephone.
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Certification forms may be obtained by the Department of Health and Human Resources. Services may vary by telephone company. 1c

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE PENDLETON COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT'S ROUTE 220 (JAKE HILL ROAD) WATER EXTENSION PROJECT

The Pendleton County Public Service District, Pendleton County, West Virginia is in the process of obtaining LEGAL service for its water extension project. Procurement for services shall be in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200. Contracts are to be awarded on an hourly fee basis. All interested firms and individuals interested in being considered for this project must submit a letter of interest detailing qualifications, expertise, and related prior experience. The proposal must also provide hourly fees for services. The object of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm/individual who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly, qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents may be interviewed.

Please submit all requested information to Angie Curl, Project Specialist, Region 8 Planning and Development Council, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847 no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 9, 2023.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project is to be undertaken with Federal and State funds and all work will be performed in accordance with the regulation issued by those agencies and the State of West Virginia. The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to Records provisions.

The Pendleton County Public Service District will afford full opportunity for minority business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin in the contract award.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTING

'When I Grow Up' Essay Contest Underway

State Treasurer Riley Moore kicked-off the statewide 2023 SMART529 "When I Grow Up" student and teacher essay contest at Potomack Intermediate School in Martinsburg.

The annual essay contest gives students around the state the chance to win up to \$5,000 in SMART529 savings for higher education. Teachers have an opportunity to win a \$2,500 cash prize.

"It's critical for children to start thinking about their future careers as early as possible," Moore said. "The annual SMART529 'When I Grow Up' essay contest gives students an opportunity to explore potential job pathways and understand how they can achieve their dreams through post-secondary education, whether that is attending college or a trade school."

In its 16th year, the SMART529 "When I Grow Up" essay contest gives kindergarten through fifth-grade students a chance to win both SMART529 sav-

ings for higher education and cash prizes for their schools. Essay entries will be judged among five regions in three grade groups (K-1, 2-3, 4-5), making for a total of 15 regional winners.

The regional breakdown is as follows: Region I – Beckley/Bluefield area; Region II – Charleston/Huntington area; Region III – Clarksburg/Weston area; Region IV – Martinsburg area and Region V – Wheeling area.

The 15 winners will be awarded \$500 invested into SMART529 college savings accounts. Out of the regional winners, one grand prize winner will be randomly selected to receive a total of \$5,000 in SMART529 scholarship money during an awards ceremony next fall at the state Culture Center in Charleston. Each winner's school will also receive a \$500 cash award.

Teachers of grades kindergarten through fifth also have the opportunity to compete in the teacher portion of the essay

contest. This year's winning teacher will receive a \$2,500 cash prize.

The SMART529 "When I Grow Up" essay contest allows students to submit, in 100 words or less, an essay that explains what they want to be when they grow up. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and the importance of post-secondary education.

Entry forms for both students and teachers are available at www.SMART529.com. In addition, entry forms will be available at elementary schools throughout the state. The deadline for entry forms and essay submissions is Feb. 24.

SMART529 is a qualified tuition program issued by the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs and administered by Hartford Funds. Complete information about SMART529 plans and investment options is available at www.SMART529.com.



PCH/MS November students of the month, from left, are Lindsey Smith, Molly Rowe and Hannah Harvey.

Smith, Harvey, Rowe Named PCH/MS Students of the Month

Lindsey Smith, Hannah Harvey and Molly Rowe have been named outstanding students of the month for November at Pendleton County High/Middle School.

A senior, Smith is the Academic Student of the Month. She has been a member of FFA for four years, currently serves as vice president, and holds Greenhand Chapter and State Degrees. She is a two-year member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, currently serving as secretary, and National Honor Society. She is on the A/B honor roll. She shows

market steers and hogs at the Tri-County Fair and the West Virginia State Fair. She attends Christ Central Community Church and is a member of God's Mountaineers Youth Group. She plans to attend Glenville State to major in elementary education. She is the daughter of Randal and Angie Smith of Franklin,

Harvey, a sophomore, is the James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month. The daughter of Terry and Erica Harvey of Franklin and Misty Harvey of Upper Tract, she is a member of FCCLA and plays the trombone in

the school band. She has faithful attendance and is on the A/B honor roll. She works for Puttin on the Ritz and is a member of the Pendleton County Library. She plans to attend Shepherd University to pursue a degree in graphic design.

The Pendleton County Middle School Student of the Month is Molly Rowe. She is the daughter of Billy and Tammy Rowe of Franklin. She loves to hunt and fish, play basketball and softball and be with her dog, Tator. After graduation, she plans to go to work for her dad at Billy's Auto.

BES Honor Roll Released

Ryan Lambert, principal at Brandywine Elementary School has released the following honor rolls for the second nine-weeks grading period.

Principal's Honor Roll
First grade — Cailee Armstrong, Hunter Bowers, Faith Hough-Lachica, Carson Mitchell, Nakiyah Perez, Fletcher Puffenbarger, Vencen Rawson, Chloe Simmons and Bethany Teagarden;

Second grade — Grayson Gilbert, Vianca Henderson and Kendalyn Hoover-Bartley;
Third grade — Blydan Boone, Harley Bowers, Michelina Browder, Harper Marsh, Macie Mitchell, Alan

Reyes, Corina Simmons and Addison Williams;

Fourth grade — Landon Bowers, Owen Champ and Levi Wimer;

Fifth grade — Anthony Bowman and Cayden Hensley; and
Sixth grade — Ava Bowers, Laney Bowers, Kinsley Price and Lauren Williams.

A-B Honor Roll
First grade — Karson Fox, Lucas Hanna and Alani Shockey;

Second grade — Logan Bowman, Thomas Connor, Piper Hanna, Trevor Redmond and Elizabeth Wheeler;

Third grade — Brayden McKinney and Koltin Price;

Fourth grade — Emma Graham and Austin Ruddle;

Fifth grade — Aniyah Spencer, Kynleigh Sponaugle, Noah Kobetic and Ellie Redmond; and

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Fruit & Cake
MONDAY, JANUARY 30
Chicken Casserole
Cauliflower
Stewed Tomatoes
Apple
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31
Cheeseburger Deluxe
French Fries
Tropical Fruit
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Liver & Onions
Mashed Potatoes
Collard Greens, Pears
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
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PASSENGER VEHICLES	SALE
2020 FORD ECOSPORT AWD, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., silver, only 15K miles	SPECIAL \$27,900 \$25,900
2019 HONDA FIT 4-DR HATCHBACK, 4-cyl., auto., ldd., red, great MPG and only 43K miles	SPECIAL \$17,900 \$15,900
2019 NISSAN PATHFINDER AWD, 3.5 liter V-6, auto., ldd., blue, 114K miles, like new cond.	\$21,900
2018 FORD EXPLORER 4-DR XLT AWD, V-6, auto., ldd., charcoal, only 59K miles, ex. cond.	\$24,900
2018 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM AWD, 2.0 4-cyl., auto., ldd, blue 102K miles, very sharp	\$19,900
2014 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD, 3.5 V-6, auto., ldd., white, 209K miles	FOR ONLY \$8,995
2014 FORD EXPLORER AWD "POLICE INTERCEPTOR," 3.7 liter, V-6, auto., ldd., white, 170K miles	SPECIAL \$14,900 \$10,900
2014 FORD EDGE SELAWD, V-6, auto., ldd., 92K miles, silver, ex. cond.	\$17,900
2005 FORD E-350 CARGO VAN, 6.0 diesel, auto., air, etc., white, only 134K miles	\$8,995

UNDER CONTRACT

SGR266A 1.0 Acre, 3 Bed, 2 Bath Doublewide w/2 Car Garage, Mountain view, New Roof 2021. Located in Green Acres Estates. Some Conventions & Restrictions. **NEW LISTING \$199,900.00.**

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 District. **NEW LISTING \$869,000.00.**

SGR257A 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath 14x70, 2007 Mobile Home and Cabin (14x70) on .73 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 .73 Acres w/ easy access. Located between Seneca Rocks & Riverton. **NEW LISTING \$224,900.00.**

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, Cisterne, etc. 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 1,000 sq. ft. Home, Bonus Room (11x11) w/ Full Bath, Spills, Franklin Corp. **\$149,900.00 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. **\$269,000.00 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. **\$79,900.00 REDUCED \$74,500.00.**

SGR197 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. **\$1,749,000.00.**

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

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

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

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

SGR174 3.97 Acres, w/2 Bed, 2 Bath Doublewide, unfinished basement, Heat Pump, Propane, Central AC, Shop. **\$299,000.00 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 REDUCED \$149,900.00.**

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.**