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County Commission Passes Ordinance, Thanks McConnell



Pendleton County Commission president Gene McConnell, right, hands resolution to Diana Mitchell, Pendleton County 911 director. Also pictured are, from left, Rick Gillespie, Carl Hevener and Roger Dahmer.

By Stephen Smoot

With the increase in structure fires and other types of emergency calls in the past months, the Pendleton County commissioners passed a resolution of appreciation for Pendleton County 911 staff as part of its regular business on Dec. 20.

“acknowledges the commitment and perseverance of the E-911 staff in effecting successful outcomes even under trying conditions.”

Commissioners also took up the issue of a local floodplain ordinance. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency website, “once FEMA provides a community with the flood hazard information upon which floodplain management regulations are based, the community is required

to adopt a floodplain management or ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum National Flood Insurance Program requirements.”

Local governments were given a choice that Gene McConnell described as “pretty binary.” The county must adopt the ordinance provided by FEMA for the region to remain eligible for flood insurance. No adoption means no participation. No participation means no protection.

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Wildcat Standout Earns National Recognition



Pendleton County's Ana Young won Prep Girl Hoops National Player of the Week for Dec. 19-25. She bested nine other players from California, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, and elsewhere by earning 33.18 percent of the national online vote with more than 500 more votes than the second-place finisher. Young was recognized for her 53 points in three quarters of play performance against Tygarts Valley last month. Photo by Robin Alt.

PCC Earns \$100K Grant to Boost COVID Vaccination Efforts

By Stephen Smoot

Last month, Pendleton Community Care received support for their efforts to expand COVID vaccination efforts in the region. They received \$95,161 from the Health Resources and Services Administration office in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the nationwide Expanding COVID-19 Vac-

cination Initiative.

Jamie Hudson, chief executive officer of Pendleton Community Care, explained that the grant supported allowable practices to encourage people to get COVID 19 vaccinations. She explained that overall the grant supports efforts “to increase community awareness of how they can get vaccinations, letting them know

where they can get them, and being able to provide them.”

Specific programs that the grant funding supports includes community vaccination events. Funding will also pay for outreach education to ensure that people have accurate and timely information about COVID, vaccinations, and awareness

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Old Christmas and Three Kings, Many Still Celebrate January 6 As Part of Christmas

By Stephen Smoot

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave something to me. Whatever it was, she presented it on Jan. 6.

The modern world focuses on Dec. 25 as the day to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. Individuals and families celebrate their faith while children young and old playfully reenact the Santa Claus rituals of leaving out cookies and milk. The recognized holiday season lasts through the modern Saturnalia of New Year's Eve. By New Year's Day, many have boxed up the decorations, taken down the tree, and moved on.

Outside of the commercial holiday calendar, however, Christians in a board spectrum of cultures still see Jan. 6 as one of the most important of religious days, but for quite different reasons.

On the Christian calendar, Jan. 6 is called Epiphany, which means in Greek “appearance.” On this day, the Magi came from the East to visit Christ and deliver gifts. Many cultures have their own version of Epiphany. The Eastern Orthodox Church, which started in Byzantine Constantinople and is still dominant in Russia and Eastern Europe, considers Jan. 6 as the baptismal date of Christ.

That date coincides with a completely unrelated his-

torical phenomenon. Under Julius Caesar, experts created the calendar that the Western world used. Rome had relied on a calendar that grew more inaccurate and unwieldy over time. When he took over the failing Roman Republic, Caesar ordered the creation of a new calendar based on the Egyptian solar cycle model. Though much more accurate, it overcalculated by 11 minutes per year. After 1500 years, this put the calendar out of step by 10 days.

Pope Gregory XIII commissioned church astronomers to correct the error. They created the Gregorian calendar which is used across most of the world today, and Catholic Europe started using it in the 1580s. At this time, religious wars and divisions raged across Europe. German Protestants, adherents to the Church of England, Eastern Orthodox, and others who opposed the Roman Catholic Church refused to adopt the calendar at first. The British Empire did not adopt it until 1752, Russia not until 1917.

One of the best explanations of the changes over the years came from Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard's Almanac. Under the name Richard Saunders, he wrote: “Yet is the Gregorian Year far from being perfect, for we have shewn, that, in four Centuries, the Julian Year gains three Days, one Hour,

twenty Minutes: But it is only the three Days are kept out in the Gregorian Year; so that here is still an Excess of one Hour, twenty Minutes, in four Centuries; which in 72 Centuries will amount to a whole Day.”

In his understated style of advocacy, Franklin, who, ironically, was born on Jan. 6, points out that though still inaccurate, the Gregorian's mistakes are spread more broadly over time. He also explained the history of the errors of the old Roman calendar as well.

Through the 1700s, American colonists spread slowly into the back country. An outpost, such as the future Pendleton County, lay months from the centers of settlement and authority. Many of those who came to such rugged and remote places in the mid-1700s had no access to publications such as Poor Richard's Almanac or the latest Acts of Parliament. Most cared little of what the British government did, so long as it left them alone in peace and helped to defend them when war from the French and their Indian allies came.

Adoption of the new calendar progressed slowly on the frontier and many continued to celebrate Christmas as it was set in the Julian calendar. Over time, even as people reconciled to the new model, they continued

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Community CALENDAR

Ag Dinner Meeting Planned for Jan. 16

The West Virginia University Pendleton County Extension Service will be sponsoring its first educational dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. Dr. Kevin Shaffer will speak on “Understanding and Applying Value of Grain in a Livestock Enterprise.” For reservations for the meeting, call 304-358-2286 by Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Quilters To Gather

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Faith Lutheran Church. The activity will be a demonstration on how to make a crib sheet and receiving blanket.

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

BOE Discusses Bleachers for FES, Programs to Develop More Local Teachers

By Stephen Smoot

As the hearts and thoughts of the community focused on celebrating Christmas, the Pendleton County Board of Education held its final meeting of the year on Dec. 20.

The group was in high spirits, enjoying a potluck dinner and discussing the accomplishments of the Pendleton County High School basketball teams before settling into business.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer, Charles Hedrick, Pendleton County Schools superintendent, revealed student honorees at Pendleton County High School for November and December. These included Hannah Harvey who was November James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month, Lindsey Smith who was November Academic Student of the Month, Taylor Wimer who was December James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month, and Selena Hedrick who was December Student of the Month.

New business centered around a proposal to add 150 bleachers to the seating section of the Franklin Elementary School gym. One quote already submitted set a price of \$42,096 for four rows of 70-foot-long bleachers. Hedrick expressed disappointment, saying “it should be better than this.”

Because of the expected benefit to both the school and the community, he recommended that the board approve the purchase at that price or better. The board supported that unanimously. Board member Sonny O'Neil said that “as youth leagues go to the elementary school, it's going to be a win – win.” He then added “it's going to be well received by the community.”

The fourth month attendance report was tabled due to questions over how student absences get entered into the

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Ralph Harper Dunkle

Ralph Harper Dunkle, 86 of Franklin passed away Dec. 21, 2022, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

He was born May 3, 1936, in Deer Run, the son of the late Newman Paul and Freida Harper Dunkle.

Mr. Dunkle was a 1954 graduate of Franklin High School. He attended Potomac State College and graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelors in agriculture in 1959 and a masters in agriculture in 1967.

He worked as county extension agent, starting in Brooke County in 1959. In 1962, he moved to Tucker County and finished his career in Pendleton County from 1975 to 1994. In this role, he most enjoyed working with youth be it in county or state 4-H camps and judging activities. After college he refereed high school football and basketball for a number of years.

In his retirement he became the family babysitter taking care of all of his grandchildren during the summers and before they were able to attend school. He was an avid hunter and taught his children and grandchildren about hunting and enjoying the outdoors. Once the grandchildren were school age, he worked part time at both Sports Unlimited and Pendleton County Outdoors. He also enjoyed auctioneering.

He was a 50-year member of the Farm Bureau. He was a 50+ year member of the Order of Eastern Star Franklin Chapter #138, a 50+ year member of Pendleton Lodge #144, a member of the Scottish Rite and a Shriner. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church. On June 7, 1959, he married his wife of 55 years, Sally Ann Ours Dunkle, who preceded him in death on May 29, 2015.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Dunkle "Sandy" Trushel and husband, Ed of Mechanicstown, Ohio; a son Larkin Paul "Duke" Dunkle and wife, Melinda of Franklin; six grandchildren, Justin W. Smith and wife, Hannah of Staunton, Virginia, Bethany D. Dunkle Hubbard and husband, Ben of Franklin, Trisha M. Smith Brennan and husband, Jonathan of Dorcas, Dylan P. Dunkle and wife, Emily of Lewisburg, Lindsay B. Dunkle Phares and husband, Isiah of Flemington, Wade D. Smith, and Rennick A. Hubbard; an aunt; several nieces; a nephew; and several cousins.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Rebecca Ann Dunkle Tomlinson.

An Eastern Star Service was held Dec. 27 at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services were held Dec. 28 in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Mike Loudermilk officiating. Interment was in Cherry Hill Cemetery in Upper Tract with Masonic Services conducted by Pendleton Lodge #144.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Pendleton County 4-H, Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Pendleton Manor, or Pendleton County Rescue Squad.

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Thomas Earl Propst

Thomas Earl Propst, 64, died at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown after being airlifted from Franklin.

Tom, or Tommy - as friends and family called him, was born Sept. 28, 1958, in Baltimore, Maryland, to the late Samuel Bowers Propst, Sr. and Lucy Jean (Hartman) Propst.

Mr. Propst lived and worked in Irvine, California, most of the year, returning to his family farm on Smith Creek for a few months every year since the early 2000s. On his most recent trip to Smith Creek, he sustained a stroke, leaving him completely incapacitated until his death on Dec. 23, 2022.

Surviving are sisters, Linda Louise Propst of Franklin, Cathy Yvonne (Dwight Sr) Huffman of Greenville and Mary Elizabeth Fern of Abingdon, Virginia. Nieces and nephews, Michael Scott Fuller, Jonathan Matthew Fuller, Shannon Fern, April Martell, Dwight Huffman, Jr. and Elizabeth Huffman, cherished his quirky and quick-witted personality.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Samuel Bowers Propst, Jr.; a sister, Brenda Anne (Glenn) Andrews; and a nephew, Anthony Guy Skarzinski.

A "brother" to him is cousin Garry Bennett of Anchorage, Alaska, who shared this sentiment to demonstrate Tom's kindness and their close relationship: "During one of my deployments to Afghanistan, Tom emailed and asked if I needed anything. I told him I didn't but complained about how the Pat Tillman USO had coffee but no damn creamer. About a month later the Tillman center had boxes of coffee creamer on the counter with a thank you "Thomas Propst - Irvine California" card next to it. He must have depleted the shelves in Irvine. My last visit with Tom was in Franklin tagging along on a survey task on Castle Mountain and working on the spring. I'm really glad I made that trip. I understood Tommy, and I know where he was in life in the 1980s and what he became after his move to California."

His very dear friend, Margaret, who he had talked with days before his passing, wrote this: "You are a man with morals, principals, and a style of a classic age gone by. Of days when men were chivalrous, gentlemanly, kind, and noble. You were truly my White Knight. No wonder you didn't feel appreciated all these years by the people around you. The world has moved on to a more shallow and materialistic existence, while you chose to remain in an era when things had meaning, and love was true. You truly are a romantic at heart. RIP my dear Tommy."

While in California, he earned the respect and admiration of professional colleagues and students, as noted by Jerry Uselton, principal and senior project manager of Fuscoe Engineering:

"Tom Propst was a professional land surveyor and certified federal surveyor with 37 years of experience, with licenses in Virginia, West Virginia, and California.

Although licensed in Virginia and West Virginia, most of Tom's surveying experience was in Southern California. Tom had a brief stint with Van

Dell and Associates and Coast Surveying, but the majority of his work was with Fuscoe Engineering from February 1995 until mid-2008 as the senior land surveyor on the mapping team.

During the 2008 housing financial crisis, Tom opted to transition into a consultant capacity for Fuscoe Engineering and devote time to several other passions. One of those passions was to author several surveying books. Tom authored the case law compilations: Federal Land Boundary Cases and Codes and California Land Boundary Cases and Codes.

Other credited accomplishments were amending the 1974 BLM supplement 'Restoration of Lost or Obliterated Corners and Subdivision of Sections' with cross references to the 1973 and 2009 BLM Manuals of Survey Instructions and a reprint of the General Land Office 1919 'Advance Sheets' for certified federal surveyors. All the above are still available on Amazon.com.

While continuing to consult for Fuscoe Engineering during 2008 housing financial crisis, Tom took on a teaching position at Santiago Canyon College. Tom had a passion for teaching and was a surveyor who lived his profession, which made him a natural teacher.

As an instructor he helped bolster the college's surveying curriculum by teaching classes such as Boundary Surveying, Writing Legal Descriptions and Legal Aspects of Land Surveying. To this day some of his students have referred to his classes as being very difficult but admitted that they were the most beneficial classes for their ongoing education and career development.

Recently in 2021, Tom graciously accepted to come back to Fuscoe Engineering in a full-time capacity as a senior land surveyor. He was back where he belonged.

Tom has always been a very special and dear friend of mine for over 25 years. I will sorely miss his friendship and his unique sense of humor.

Tom's friends and colleagues on the Fuscoe Survey and Mapping team, along with the entire Fuscoe Family, respected and admired him for who he was and will miss him dearly."

It took Tom a while to decide what to be when he grew up, but Tom and Eve Firor provided the motivation and encouragement for him to pursue a degree in land surveying from Glenville State College. To them, we are forever grateful. This education provided Tommy an opportunity to live a fulfilling life and pursue many interests and hobbies, including finely detailed wood-working, photography, stained glass, tap dancing (yes), banjo, harpsichord and he even ran a marathon ("one and done!"). Tom loved outside. A bike was his usual form of transportation in West Virginia and California. Margaret has pictures of a trip to Yosemite, where he seems to revel in the grandeur of mother nature. Finally, Tommy was kind. He did what he thought was right and provided help to family and friends when asked. His last act of kindness was to be an organ-tissue donor.

At this time, a celebration of Tom's life has not been planned. He will be buried at the Poor Farm Family Cemetery on Smith Creek Road alongside his mother, father, brother, Sammy, and sister, Brenda. The family remains grateful to Glenn Andrews for helping Tom attend to and care for the farm, where Tommy enjoyed living his east-coast life.

Donations in Tom's memory can be made to Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

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



Samuel Curry Wilkins

Samuel Curry Wilkins, 51, of Seneca Rocks passed away Dec. 25, 2022, at his home.

He was born on April 22, 1971, in Petersburg, the son of Patricia Arbogast Harrison and husband, Michael of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Jack Curry Wilkins and wife, Shirley Wilfong Wilkins of Hillsboro.

Mr. Wilkins was a 1989 graduate of Circleville High School and had attended Potomac State College.

He attended Cherry Grove Baptist Church in Cherry Grove. He enjoyed spending time with his buddies, Ben, Andy, and Steve on the Hinkle Farm or at the family cabin on Rich Mountain.

His legacy is in his family and friends within the community. As a result of an accident in his early years, the Greater Shenandoah Valley Brain Injury Support Group was founded which has created many opportunities for traumatic brain injury survivors in the Greater Shenandoah Valley area.

In addition to his parents, he leaves behind to cherish his memory a brother, Carlton Wilkins of Riverton; a sister, Rebecca "Becky" Wilkins of Riverton; two half sisters, Susan Wilkins Taylor and Sarah Wilkins Brown, both of Hillsboro; a half brother, Jonathon Wilkins of Hillsboro; grandmother, Izetta Canfield Arbogast of Circleville; a niece, Makayla Wilkins of Riverton; a great-nephew, Tabor Wilkins Gillespie of Riverton; maternal aunts and uncles, Joan and Gene McConnell and Debra and Boyd Lucas, all of Circleville and James and Debra Arbogast of Seneca Rocks; paternal aunts and uncles, Dotsy and Harlan Miller of Blacksburg, Virginia, and Jane Wilkins of Riverton; and a special friend, Samantha Boggs of Petersburg.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Jack and Dolly Wilkins of Franklin and Paul Arbogast of Circleville.

In honoring Mr. Wilkins' wishes, his body has been cremated.

A celebration of life was held Dec. 31 in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Ted Bennett and Rev. Debra Lucas officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to The Greater Shenandoah Valley Brain Injury Support Group, PO Box 2121, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

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

Charles Lee Whetzel, 78

Charles Lee Whetzel, 78, of Franklin went to his heavenly home on Jan. 1, 2023.

Arrangements were incomplete at press time. Full obituary may be viewed at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

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Ruth Marie Moyers

Ruth Marie Moyers, 95, of Sugar Grove passed away Dec. 31, 2022, surrounded by family at the home of her son.

She was born Nov. 1, 1927, a daughter of the late Oscar Ray and Mary Catherine (Kesner) Thorn.

A Christian, Mrs. Moyers was a member of Totten Chapel United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed attending the Methodist Women's group. She also held membership with the VFW Post 9666 Ladies Auxiliary and Pendleton County Farm Bureau.

A homemaker and farmer, she enjoyed raising beef cattle, dairy cattle and sheep. She loved her flowers, tending to her garden, sharing her bounty, as well as cooking for her family and friends. She enjoyed backroad traveling and speaking with numerous friends over the phone. A local historian in her own right, she held special interest in family genealogy and cemeteries.

She will also be remembered for being so attentive to her grandchildren, often-times picnicking with them, going on deer drives, feeding baby lambs and calves and sharing her love of cooking. Above all, she will be remembered as a selfless individual with a strong work ethic, who always placed her family's needs above her own.

On July 2, 1949, she married Rembert Dewey Moyers, who predeceased her on June 19, 2008.

Surviving are daughters, Sarah Moats of Verona, Virginia, Brenda Daniel and husband, David of Parkersburg, Caroline Sponaule and husband, Jim of Doe Hill, Virginia, and Sheba Crouse and husband, Ernie of Green Spring; sons, Dewey "Dean" Moyers, Sr. and wife, Shirley of McDowell, Virginia, Scott Moyers and wife, Shari of Moyers, and Kevin

Thomas Lee Moyers, 58

Thomas Lee Moyers, 58, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, passed away the week before Christmas.

Mr. Moyers was born Nov. 24, 1964.

He attended Turner Ashby High School. Throughout his career, he was employed by Beam Trucking Company, Crosby Trucking and Brockway Manufacturing.

Surviving family members include his mother, Sharon Kaye Moyers Gillispie and husband, David of Brandywine; a brother, Alan Moyers and wife, Cindy of Bridgewater, Virginia; a stepbrother, Danny Gillispie and wife, Melissa; a step-sister-in-law, Olivia Gillispie; two nephews, Tanner Moyers and Chantz Gillispie;

Moyers and wife, Kimberly of Hot Springs, Virginia; sisters, Lucy Seymour of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Goldie Showalter of Timberville, Virginia, Anna Lee Alt and Mary Faye Kile, both of Upper Tract, and Catherine Lantz and husband, Eugene of Broadway, Virginia; sister-in-law, Sue Thorn of Keyser; grandchildren, John Moats, Kimberley Hohenstein, Dewey "D.D." Brian "Bubba," Joshua, Isaac and Emily Moyers, Amanda Anderson, Tina Tidd, Andy, Timothy and Nathan Daniel, Michael and Matthew Sponaule, Cathy James, Cora Via, Laura Fears, Erin and Starsha Crouse; great-grandchildren, Tyler and Blake Hohenstein, Shawn, David, Kim and Gabriella Arnott, Dewey, Briannah, Jack, Hugh, Ruthi, Daisy and Kaleb Moyers, Hunter, Alex, Dalton, Chloe, Brooklyn, Madalyn and Alana Daniel, Isaac and Ryan Parsons, Jasper, Clu, Michaela and Eleanor Sponaule, Caitlyn, Daniel and Abigail James, Brody, Violet and Eli Anderson, Kera, Johnnie and Dakota Tidd, Wanda, Hunter and Dustin Maddox, Kylee and Shawn Offer and Crispin James and Theodore Nystrom; great-great-grandchild, Ava Arnott; as well as four special friends, Virginia Propst, Audrey Arbogast, Myrtle Rader and Wilma Obaugh.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, James Arnold Thorn; a son-in-law, Roger Moats; a granddaughter, Megan Crouse; great-grandchildren, Makayla and Makenzie Daniel; brothers-in-law, Dick Seymour, Kay Showalter, Herman Alt and Arlin Kile.

The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m., Friday at the Obaugh Funeral Home in McDowell, Virginia. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Hannah Lee officiating. Burial will follow in Doe Hill Cemetery.

Her grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Memorial contributions may be sent to Totten Chapel United Methodist Church, c/o Tom Kimble, 7107 Upper South Branch Road, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

two nieces, Gracie Moyers and Lily Moyers; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and special neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Moyers; maternal grandparents, Layman and Hazel Moyers; paternal grandparents, Lee and Judith Moyers; and a stepbrother, Dwain Gillispie.

His body was cremated and laid to rest at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens in Harrisonburg, Virginia. A private service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

Condolences may be shared at kygers.com.

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

Our Heartfelt Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of sympathy and friendship shown to us during the passing of Evelyn. Thank you for the food, cards, phone calls, text messages, flowers, Gideon Bible donations and memorial contributions.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff of Pendleton Manor for their compassion and care of Evelyn for the past seven years, especially during her final days. Thank you to Pastor David Morris for his kindness and words of comfort. We are grateful to the ladies of Ruddle Presbyterian Church and Friends Run Church of the Brethren for the meal they provided...it was greatly appreciated. Finally, we offer a special thank you to Keith, Barb and the staff at Kimble Funeral Home for their dedicated service to our family.

We were blessed to have mom for 96 years, and we give thanks and ask God's blessing upon each of you.

The Family of Evelyn M. Ruddle



Edward John Gaus, III

Edward John Gaus, III, 57, passed away Dec. 30, 2022, in Franklin as the result of a logging truck accident.

Mr. Gaus had a big personality and was a big guy (6'4") with piercing blue eyes, a quick smile, a booming voice and an infectious laugh. He could adapt to any environment – using his instincts, physical strength and know-how both on the water in any sized craft or on land where he was embracing his new life as a mountain man. Whether he was working in his beloved West Virginia mountain garage or exercising other practical skills with friends in a pub, he was above all else a loyal man with three loves: his family, friends and country.

He was born in Douglaston, Queens, New York, a son of Agnes Gaus and the late Edward Gaus, II, and spent his childhood years in Manhasset, New York. He once wrote he, "grew up on the beaches and waterways of Manhasset, Port Washington and Mattituck, Long Island," where he enjoyed many adventures and made lifelong friends.

A graduate of St. Mary's High School in Manhasset, New York, he enlisted in the Marines at the age of 18 where he served as a "Dragon Gunner," an anti-tank weapons specialist, before returning to college and graduating from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. He was a patriot through and through and was proud to be able to serve and protect this country and fellow countrymen, putting the Marine Corps – his "destiny" as he once said – before his own college education.

In his high school and post-college years, he loved sailing the Long Island Sound and Block Island Sound on the boats, "Kamikaze" and "Equinox." He taught himself how to assemble or repair nearly any mechanical device imaginable, including his cherished 1968 Dodge Charger.

He was perpetually active and even braved clouds of

black flies during summer in order to bike 800 miles across Alaska.

In the late 1990s, he moved to Virginia where, in 2004, he met the love of his life, Amy, at the dog park. They married July 4, 2009. The Dog Park Family became a lasting part of their life.

After several years of enjoying a second home in West Virginia, he, his wife and their pups moved permanently to High Valley where he expanded his gardening and homesteading. While transitioning to their new surroundings, he characteristically developed another group of close friends, the mountain family of High Valley and loved mountain life and all the cool stuff that came with it. He got immense joy out of the 4-wheeler, log splitter and chainsaws, and was so proud of his vintage Ford truck that won second place in the local county fair's annual parade.

In his final service to his country, from 2010-2022, he supported the American effort in the war on terrorism, working for the U.S. Department of State in International Narcotics and Law Enforcement in Washington, DC, Afghanistan, Ukraine and Colombia, among many other posts around the world.

Mr. Gaus was honest, loyal and hardworking with a tremendous sense of humor, a constant yearning to be outdoors and an irrepressibly positive outlook on life rooted in true, unconditional love. In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by sisters, MaryEllen Grimm, Regina Gaus and Maureen Gaus; brother, Billy Gaus; nieces and nephews, Megan, Kevin, Bryan, Sean and Owen Grimm, Regan and Julie McCooey and Maureen Kade; countless friends he considered family; and of course, the four loyal pups that were he and his wife's everything, Jack, Sam, Rosie and Ava.

In honoring Mr. Gaus' wishes, his body was cremated.

Visitation will be held from noon until 2 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. A celebration of life will follow visitation with military funeral honors conducted by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pendleton County EMS or volunteer fire company.

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



Betty (Conrad) May

Betty (Conrad) May, 93, of Ft. Seybert passed away Dec. 26, 2022, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1929, at Ft. Seybert, the daughter of the late John Emory and Nora (Dunkle) Conrad.

Mrs. May was a 1946 graduate of Franklin High School, where she was the salutatorian of her graduating class. She worked on the family farm with her husband and retired in 1996 after working for 28 years as a deputy clerk for the Pendleton County Clerk's Office.

She was a lifelong member of Fairview Bethel United Methodist Church, where she was an organist for more than 70 years. She was also a member of the Fairview Bethel United Methodist Women and served as treasurer for many years. She served as one of the original trustees and a long-time secretary of the Fairview Cemetery Association.

She loved music, reading and family history. She had an excellent memory, especially for people's names and family connections.

On April 28, 1950, she married Durwood Earl May, who preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 2021.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a daughter, Beth May of Ft. Seybert; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, John Franklin May (Jan. 14, 2008); a sister, Mary Ann Ours; and a cousin who was like a brother, Maurice D. Ruddle.

A graveside service was held Dec. 30 at Fairview Cemetery in Ft. Seybert with Pastor Mike Loudermilk officiating.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice.

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Theodore Clinton Zarvis

Theodore Clinton Zarvis, 84, of Franklin and formerly of Circleville passed away Dec. 22, 2022, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

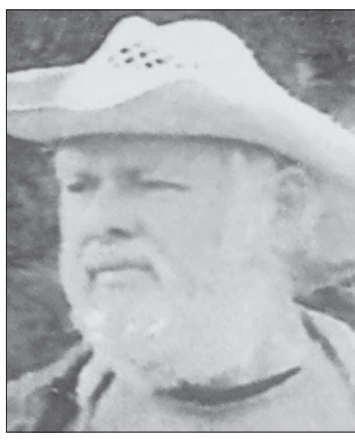
He was born on Feb. 6, 1938, in Atlaburg, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Bell) Zarvis.

Mr. Zarvis had worked as a welder.

Surviving are two sons, Paul Mabbot (Robbie) of South Carolina and Phillip Mabbot of Texas.

In honoring Mr. Zarvis' wishes, his body has been cremated.

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Charles Ernest Nesselrodt

Charles Ernest Nesselrodt, 81, of Franklin died Dec. 22, 2022, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg.

He was born Dec. 1, 1941, and was the son of the late Carl R. Nesselrodt and Mabel Bolton Nesselrodt.

Mr. Nesselrodt was a 1959 graduate of Franklin High School, a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during the Vietnam War, and a bus driver for Loudoun County Public Schools.

He loved horses and enjoyed watching youth equestrian sporting events. He was a great storyteller.

Surviving are a daughter, Tansy Wetmore (Grant) of Round Hill, Virginia; two sons, Josh Nesselrodt (Amber) and Jay Nesselrodt, all of Franklin; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jon Nesselrodt; and a brother, Gerald Nesselrodt.

His body has been cremated and his life will be commemorated at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Potomac Highlands Rec Center, PO Box 1170, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

Arrangements were entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.



Helen Lucile Cowger

Helen Lucile Cowger, 95, of Franklin passed away Dec. 21, 2022, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1927, in Sylacauga, Alabama, the daughter of the late Grady and Myrtle Lee (Pullen) Landers.

Mrs. Cowger attended Sylacauga High School in Alabama and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She had worked as a seamstress at Kans Department Store. She loved painting, gardening and flowers.

Her husband, Roland Dyer Cowger, preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 2000.

Surviving are a sister, Carol Waites of Dothan, Alabama; two brothers, Jimmie Landers (Sue) of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Sam Landers (Janie) of Sylacauga, Alabama; several nieces and nephews, including Steve Cowger (Susan) of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and two great-nephews, Brian Cowger of Harrisonburg, Virginia and Kyle Cowger of Broadway, Virginia.

A graveside service was held Dec. 27 at Fairview Cemetery in Ft. Seybert with Brian Cowger officiating.

Memorials may be made to Pendleton Manor Landscape Fund, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807.

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



Rocky Glenn Kee

Rocky Glenn Kee, 66, of Denver, Colorado, and formerly of Troup and Tyler, Texas, passed away Dec. 19, 2022, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 30, 1955, the son of the late John Carlos and Eunice Pauline (Isbell) Kee.

Mr. Kee was a member of the Concord Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Concord, Texas, and a graduate of Troup High School in Troup, Texas. He had worked in construction and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Surviving are a daughter, Roxanne Arbaugh (Derek) of Circleville; a son Ryan Kee (Hallie) of Denver, Colorado; a sister, Lela Murray (Jackie) of Marana, Arizona; a brother, David Kee (Rose) of Mankato, Minnesota; five grandchildren, McKenzie, Grant and Madison Arbaugh, and Nyla and River Kee; and several nieces and nephews.

In honoring Mr. Kee's wishes, his body has been donated to Meaningful Donations where non-transplant donors give life to medical research training.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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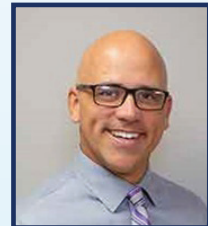
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Brian Michael Shobe

Brian Michael Shobe, 48, of Franklin went to his heavenly home on Dec. 16, 2022.

He was born Oct. 18, 1974, at Elkins and was the son of Martha Hedrick McGee of Elkins and the late James Monroe Shobe, and the stepson of Walter McGee of Elkins.

Mr. Shobe worked at Redbud Hill Naturals and was a former truck driver for Matheson. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

On Aug. 5, 2016, he married Wendy Renee Hutchison Shobe, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Sean Shobe (Alexus) of Elkins; a stepson, Brett Smith of Edmond, Oklahoma;

three stepdaughters, Courtney Smith of Goose Creek, South Carolina, and Brittany Wimer and Natasha Wimer, both of Brandywine; a sister, Jamie (Kenneth) Trail of Elkins; two stepsisters, Katherine McGee of Clarksburg and Annette McGee of Morgantown; a stepbrother, Jonathan McGee of Morgantown; three grandchildren, Levi Michael Shobe, Raleigh Rayne Hinkle and Isaiah William Wimer; and a number of nieces and nephews.

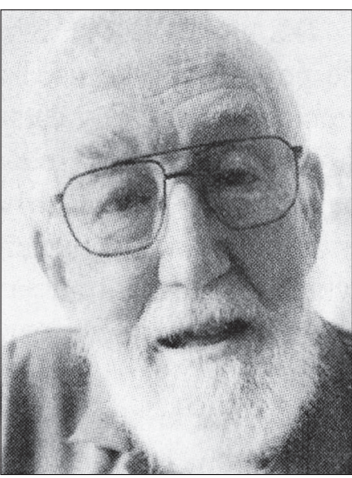
He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Nellie Shobe and Arthur and Lucy Hedrick; and a stepbrother, Ralph McGee.

A joint celebration of life service for Brian Shobe and his father, the late James Monroe Shobe, was held Dec. 29 at Redeeming Grace Outreach Worship Center in Franklin with Pastor Jason Boggs officiating.

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

Arrangements were entrusted to the direction of the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

OBITUARIES CONTINUED



Raymond Calvin Cox

Raymond Calvin Cox, 87, of Petersburg went to be with his Lord on Dec. 21, 2022, at the Grant County Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg.

He was born on Dec. 24, 1934, in Landis, the son of the late Samuel Calvin and Lena (Kesner) Cox.

Mr. Cox graduated from Franklin High School and became an LPN, retiring from Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg. He attended Wilson Chapel Church, Upper Tract United Methodist Church and later South Mill Creek Church of the Brethren.

He was a talented self-taught musician and belonged to the Potomac Valley Men's Choir. He loved to spend time in the garden caring for his roses and many flowers. He was known as a kind, compassionate person who also loved animals. He was passionate about his faith and enjoyed telling others of how good the Lord is.

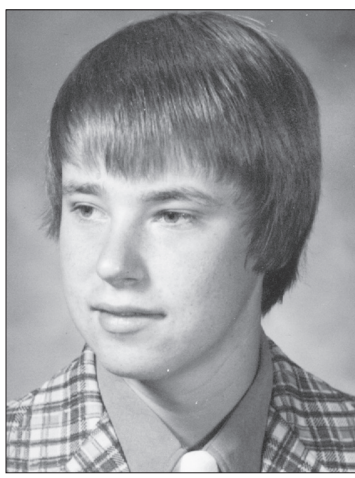
Mr. Cox leaves behind to cherish his memory a sister, Janie Sites (Johnny) of Dorcas; and several nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Carolyn Ours (Larry) of Petersburg.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Norma Swick.

In honoring his wishes, he will be cremated and a celebration of life will be held by his family at a later date with inurnment at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family c/o the Basagic Funeral Home, PO Box 400 Petersburg, WV 26847.

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



Steven Craig Judy

Steven Craig Judy, 63, of Upper Tract passed away Dec. 26, 2022, at his home.

He was born July 26, 1959, at Petersburg and was the son of the late Denver Henry Judy and Bonnie Mae Kimble Judy.

Mr. Judy was a 1977 graduate of Franklin High School and had worked at Hanover Shoe Company, Trenton Motor Company and as a small engine mechanic for Kimble Lawn and Garden.

He had attended Upper Tract United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Brianna Bruns (Matthew Pennybacker) of Franklin; three sisters, Karen Chamberlain (Ross) and Beverly Vandevander (Wayne), all of Franklin, and Sherry Watts (Nick) of Petersburg; a brother, Dennis L. Judy (Donna) of Upper Tract; a niece, Valerie Dasher; two nephews, Fredrick Vandevander and Keaton Watts; and a grandson, Ryan Bruns; and a number of cousins, including a special cousin, Jackie Vance.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Roger Dale Judy.

A funeral service was held Dec. 29 in the chapel of the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Mike Loudermilk officiating. Interment was at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Upper Tract.

Mr. Judy was a cat lover, so memorials may be made in his name to PAWS, PO Box 804, Franklin, WV 26807.

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



Mary Ada Mallow Judy

Mary Ada Mallow Judy, 83, of Wardensville passed away Dec. 25, 2022, at Riverton.

She was born Feb. 18, 1939, at Riverton, and was the daughter of the late Herbert Lester Mallow and Viola White Mallow.

Ms. Judy had worked at Wampler Foods, Holly Farms and Peak Breeder Farms in Rockingham, Virginia.

Surviving are four daughters, Joanne Mallow of Riverton, Mary Ann Knight (Johnny) of Rockingham, Virginia, Martha J. Sager (Thomas) of Baker and Debbie J. Grogg of Mathias; a son, Shannon Lee Judy (Hazel) of Wardensville; three sisters, Ivanell Thompson and Juanita Vandevander, both of Riverton and Arvella Kline (Joseph, Jr.) of Fulks Run, Virginia; three brothers, Herbert Lee Mallow (Stacey) of Maysville, Charles Robert Mallow (Annalee) of Riverton and Delmer M. Mallow (Lucille) of Bartow; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Freda Mae Mallow Hedrick; and four grandchildren, Bralynn Judy, Jeremy Grogg, Jax Grogg and Shawn Sager.

A graveside service was held Dec. 30 at Mallow Cemetery #2 in Riverton.

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

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



Betty Lou "Babe" Propst

Betty Lou "Babe" Propst, 89, of Marlinton and formerly of Brandywine passed away Dec. 27, 2022, at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

She was born on April 22, 1933, in Propstburg, the daughter of the late Harvey A. and Lou (Hoover) Propst.

Ms. Propst attended the old Propst School and was a graduate of Franklin High School.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church. She played in the Franklin High School Alumni Band and loved cats. She was a homemaker, sold Avon products and raised her own chickens and sheep.

Her companion, James Blizzard, preceded her in death in March 2021.

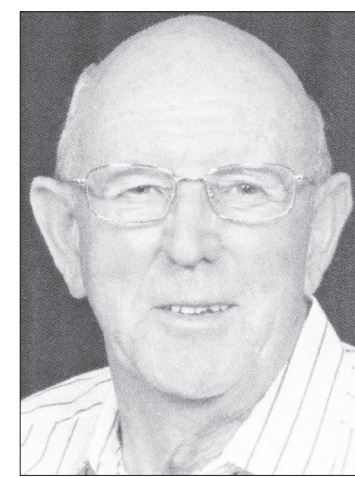
Ms. Propst leaves behind to cherish her memory several nieces, nephews, and cousins, including Debbie and Doug Reedy of Brandywine.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, an infant, and Hampton Propst; and a sister, Eula Reedy.

A memorial service was held Dec. 30 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Brandywine with Pastors Jason and Jess Felici officiating. Interment was at the Propst Cemetery in Brandywine.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church.

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



Harold Otho Judy

Harold Otho Judy, 86, formerly of Millersburg, Indiana, passed away Dec. 30, 2022, at Greencroft Healthcare in Goshen, Indiana.

He was born July 7, 1936, in Pendleton County to Kile and Mary (Riggleman) Judy.

Mr. Judy did two years of 1-W service in Norristown, Pennsylvania.

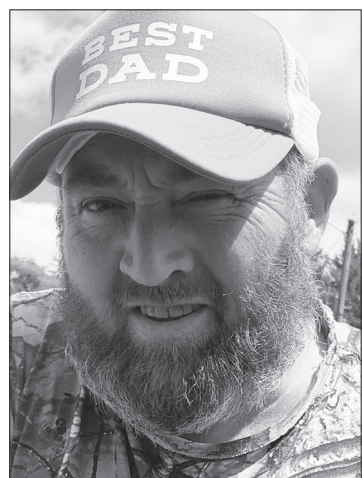
He drove truck for Zook/AG Trucking until his retirement in 1999. A member of the Carriage Travel Club, he served as a director after his retirement.

On March 18, 1962, he married Janet I. Yoder in Middlebury, Indiana, who preceded him in death on April 28, 2019.

Survivors include a daughter, Annette (David) Boys of Goshen, Indiana; a son, Gregory (Amy) Judy of Millersburg, Indiana; four grandchildren, Heather (Jared) Gibbens and Sara, Kile and Emily Judy; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Maggie Hartman of Franklin.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. today at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen, Indiana, with Pastor Joe Miller, Maple City Chapel, officiating. Burial will follow in Brown Cemetery in Millersburg, Indiana.

Memorial donations may be given to Alzheimer & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana.



Terry Lee Reel

Terry Lee Reel, 52, of Rawley Springs, Virginia, passed away Dec. 18, 2022.

Born Jan. 19, 1970, in Franklin, he was the son of the late Ollie and Catherine Thompson Reel.

Mr. Reel graduated from Franklin High in 1989 and was raised Pendleton County.

He had a longstanding career as a truck driver with Heritage Services in Dayton, Virginia, for almost 20 years. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting and spending time with friends and loved ones.

Surviving are a son, Justin Reel and wife, Kristin of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a daughter, Jenna Reel of Broadway, Virginia; three brothers, Mark Reel, John Reel and Billy Reel; former spouse, Tawnia Litten of Broadway, Virginia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

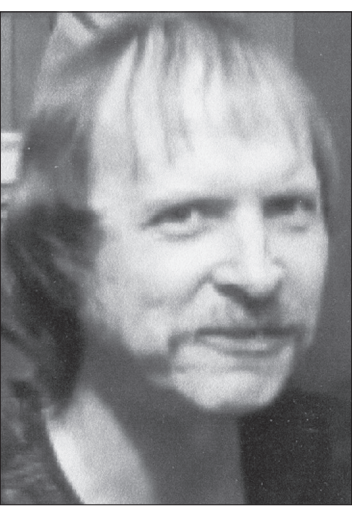
Memorial contributions may be made to the family to help offset funeral expenses.

A memorial gathering is planned for a later date in 2023 in West Virginia.

Condolences may be shared at kygers.com.

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Stanley Len Bennett

Stanley Len Bennett, 58, of Circleville died Dec. 28, 2022, at his home.

He was born March 23, 1964, at Cleveland, Ohio, and was the son of the late Lenza Bennett and Donna Marie (Hall) Bennett.

Mr. Bennett was a diesel mechanic and loved deer hunting, fishing and riding his four wheeler.

Surviving are a sister, Diane Koch (Jim) of Bloomingdale, Indiana; three nieces, Diona Baird, Kala Koch and Kyla Koch; a nephew, Aaron Koch (Leah); and three great-nieces, Cheyenne Taylor, Alyssa Taylor and Lillian Koch.

His body has been cremated. His life will be commemorated at a later date.

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10 Years Ago
Week of January 3, 2013

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Week of January 7, 1993

PENDLETON PAST

SUGAR GROVE

by Harold D. Garber

Cleaning Chimneys On New Year's Brings Good Luck

New Year's Day Superstitions—Besides getting sloppy drunk and kissing everybody in the room at the stroke of midnight, celebrants throughout the ages have observed numerous lesser-known New Year's customs and superstitions.

Because Jan. 1 is the first day of the new year, we have drawn a connection between what we do on that day and our fate throughout the rest of the year.

Here are some of the ways we attempt to guarantee a good outcome through our acts on that portentous first day:

Kissing at midnight—we kiss those dearest to us at midnight, not only to share a moment of celebration with our favorite people, but also to ensure those affections and ties will continue throughout the next 12 months.

Stocking up—the new year must not be seen in with bare cupboards, lest that be the way of things for the year.

Paying off bills—The new year should not be begun with the household in debt, so checks should be written and mailed off prior to Jan. 1. Likewise, personal debts should be settled before the New Year arrives.

First footing—The first person to enter your home after the stroke of midnight will influence the year you're about to have.

Nothing goes out—Nothing, absolutely nothing, not even garbage, is to leave the house on the first day of the year. Some people soften this rule by saying it's okay to remove things from the home on New Year's Day provided something else has been brought in first.

Food—A tradition common to the southern states dictates eating of black-eyed peas on New Year's Day will attract good luck.

Work—Make sure to do, and be successful at, something related to your work on the first day of the year, even if you don't go near your place of employment that day.

Also, do not do laundry on New Year's Day, lest a member of the family be "washed away" (die) in the upcoming months.

New clothes—Wear something new on Jan. 1 to increase the likelihood of you receiving more new garments during the year to follow.

Money—Do not pay back loans or lend money or other precious items on New Year's Day. To do so is to guarantee you'll be paying out all year.

Breakage—Avoid breaking things on that first day lest wreckage be part of your year. Also, avoid crying on the first day of the year lest that activity set the tone for the next 12 months.

The custom of cleaning chimneys on New Year's Day supposedly brought good luck to the household during the coming year. Today we say "cleaning the slate" instead of "cleaning the chimney." This means making resolutions to correct faults and bad habits, and resolving to make the new year better than the previous year.

An American Ceremony

"Ring out the old, ring in the new." These traditional New Year's words take on special significance in 1993, as Americans welcome Bill Clinton as our 42nd president on Jan. 20.

America's first president, George Washington, was inaugurated on April 30, 1789. The ceremony was simple. Washington took the 35-word oath required by Article II, section 1, of the U.S. Constitution to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." He then delivered his inaugural address—a ritual that is still the heart and soul of our present-day inaugural ceremony.

40 Years Ago Week of January 6, 1983

Treasure Mountain Festival May Be Discontinued

Pendleton County's Treasure Mountain Festival is on the rocks.

The problem—lack of cooperation by local civic groups and individuals.

The Treasure Mountain Festival has developed into an excellent ambassador for Pendleton County. It has brought the county much recognition and many friends. The great majority of the people of the county would like to see it continued, and it is hoped that festival problems can be successfully worked out and the festival continued.

60 Years Ago Week of January 3, 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.

Emancipation Edict Hailed, Condemned

One hundred years ago this week, in one of the darkest moments of the Civil War for the United States, the words of a proclamation spread across the nation to change the history of the

war and of the nation.

It was President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, issued, as he had promised, on the first day of 1863. He had put the final touches on it in the last hours of 1862, at the same moment when hundreds of Federal troops were being shot down in the cotton fields around Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Some had said Lincoln would not issue the proclamation, even though his preliminary emancipation proclamation, issued the preceding September, had promised the document would be forthcoming with the new year.

It was too revolutionary, too shocking, many had said; the war was to restore the Union, not to end slavery, they had argued.

Perhaps, they thought, Lincoln would change his mind.

But they were wrong. New Year's Day came and the proclamation was prepared. That morning, Lincoln shook hands for hours in an annual reception. That afternoon, William H. Seward, Secretary of State, came to the White House with the document, and Lincoln, his hand wavering slightly from the hand-shaking of the morning, signed it—with his full name, "Abraham Lincoln," instead of the usual "A. Lincoln."

The document burst forth in newspapers across the country and, eventually, in history books around the world. "I do order and declare," it said, "that all persons held as slaves within (certain states) . . . are, and henceforth shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons . . ."

"And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States . . . And upon this act . . . I invoke the considerable judgement of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God."

The proclamation, however, specifically exempted most areas of the country under Union control; slavery was not forbidden in certain counties of eastern Virginia, certain parishes of Louisiana and 48 counties in what is now West Virginia. Nor did the proclamation prohibit slavery in Tennessee or the border states of Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri.

Nevertheless, the proclamation was met with celebration by New York Negroes and their friends and by 100-gun salutes in Pittsburgh, Boston and Buffalo.

Others condemned it. The New York Herald called it unnecessary, unwise, ill-timed and beyond the constitution. The New York Tribune said it was a usurpation of power. And a Richmond paper called it "the most

startling political crime, the most stupid political blunder yet known in American history."

Abroad, too, there were some criticisms—especially of the proclamation's failure to give freedom in areas where the Union could enforce the edict. But, as some noted at the time, the proclamation stirred the imagination of popular opinion throughout the world. It was, they realized, a gigantic step toward the end of human slavery everywhere.

Sherman Repulsed At Chickasaw Bayou

It was a hectic Christmas season for Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman and the people of Vicksburg, Miss., 100 years ago last week.

Christmas Day found Sherman and some 30,000 Federal troops under his command moving down the Mississippi River from Memphis in transports and steamers toward what he considered the key city of the Confederacy: Vicksburg. Taking Vicksburg would give the Federals control of the Mississippi from top to bottom and would cut the Confederacy in two.

Sherman's plan was to do just that. He and his men, he figured, would move downstream to the Yazoo River, which emptied into the Mississippi just north of Vicksburg. There, they would turn into the Yazoo and debark, and the troops would assault the city from the rear through the swamp and water called Chickasaw Bayou. Sherman's commanding officer, Ulysses S. Grant, would meanwhile offer help from northern Mississippi by keeping the Confederates busy in that quarter.

But affairs didn't go as planned. Sherman's troops passed into the Yazoo, debarked and prepared for their assault on schedule, and immediately Federal problems arose.

The first problem had come up before Christmas. Grant, cut off from his supply line and communications, had been forced to withdraw from the area of Oxford, Miss., thus liberating some of the Confederate troops there to go to the defense of Vicksburg. The Confederates, under Gen. J. C. Pemberton, quickly took advantage of this fact, and two days after Christmas Pemberton was at Vicksburg with three extra brigades to defend the city.

The lay of the land caused a second Federal problem at Chickasaw Bayou. When Sherman spread his men out for the attack, they found only three roads through the swamps on which to move. Confederates had effectively obstructed them with fallen trees and had taken positions covering each of them with artillery and small arms.

Despite the problems, Sherman decided to go ahead as planned. "We will

lose 5,000 men before we take Vicksburg, and may as well lose them here as anywhere else," he told one of his division commanders. The attack was ordered Dec. 29.

Immediately before the attack, a colonel questioned whether he was to make a direct assault. "Yes," he was told; "form your brigade." With an air of respectful protest, the colonel went to do his duty, moaning, "My poor brigade..."

At noon that day, with shouting and yelling, three brigades of Federals charged down the three roads toward the Confederate positions and were mowed down en masse. Some fell in the swamp; some turned and fled; some floundered through the mire to the bluffs under the Confederate positions and there took protection. The Confederate line remained unbroken.

Darkness ended the fighting, after more than 1,200 Federals had been killed or wounded, another 500 listed as missing. The Confederate losses numbered only 187. The New Year came with Sherman and his men still licking their wounds, and on January 2 they headed back North for safer country.

Next week: Battle of Murfreesboro.

70 Years Ago January 8, 1953

Wildcat Kills 97 Chickens Sunday

A wildcat got into Mr. Ralph Rexrode's chicken house Sunday night and killed 97 of his laying flock. The damage was estimated at \$200.

Mr. Rexrode went to feed the chickens Monday morning at about 6 o'clock and found the dead chickens scattered all over the building. "I thought lightning had struck it," he said describing the scene. On closer investigation he saw the wildcat lying back in a corner under some chicken roosts.

He then sent Charles, his son, back to the house after a gun. Charles, just 13 years old, got the pleasure of shooting the cat. Mr. Rexrode works at Sites Chevrolet, Incorporated.

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By MARY MANN ZINN Home Demonstration Agent

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To prevent peel from sticking to the grater, rub washed lemon diagonally across the grater in long strokes.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Welcome to a new year and may it turn out to be a great year.

Last week, area residents experienced some very cold temperatures. This week is the opposite as the temperatures are to be in the upper 50s and low 60s. It is only the beginning of winter as there are still two and a half months to go until spring.

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

Prayer thought: "As we head into a new year, let's remember that Jesus stands eager to crown all who've loved Him and may we live to finish strong."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Dec. 26 - 30°, 12° (61°, 39°); Dec. 27 - 41°, 19° (51°, 34°, .09°); Dec. 28 - 50°, 23° (54°, 41°, .06°); Dec. 29 - 61°, 25° (55°, 43°); Dec. 30 - 63°, 36° (55°, 42°, .04°); Dec. 31 - 53°, 47°, .14° (61°, 35°, .07°) and Jan. 1 - 62°, 34° (63°, 48°, .52°).

Total rain for December was 1.6", compared to .66" in December of 2021.

Rainfall in 2022 was 41.15", compared to 37.78" in 2021.

Snowfall in 2022 was 32.5", compared to 9.75" in 2021.

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Wildcats Split at Petersburg Holiday Tip Off Tournament

Pendleton County Drops Heartbreaker in Overtime Petersburg Tournament

By Stephen Smoot

There is one measure of a true rivalry, when one has to ignore the records of both teams coming into the game. Pendleton County's rivalry with Moorefield has proved no different over the years. Last week a struggling Yellow Jacket squad met a Wildcat team voted fifth in single A in a coaches' poll and pulled the upset in dramatic fashion.

Pendleton County has relied on its height advantage to break down opponents in wins this season and enjoyed one over the Yellow Jackets. Moorefield generates plays based on their guards' elusiveness while not having much height of their own.

Action opened with Jacob Beachler using his height and athleticism to make big plays. The first few minutes saw key blocks of Moorefield shots. He then executed a post move to score a layup and stole the ball. All of this happened in the first three minutes of the game as Pendleton County slowly built a lead.

Throughout the first quarter, Moorefield's shooters could not find the basket. The Wildcats' luck was little better, but they closed the quarter with a 13-4 lead as Clayton Kisamore sank a dramatic three point shot while drawing a foul with seven seconds left. He hit the free throw as well.

In the opening minutes of the second quarter, the Wildcats painstakingly extended their lead by attacking the post. Beachler used a post move to score a layup with 7:20 left to push the lead to 15-4. Shortly thereafter, Chase Owens was fouled as he completed a post move for an easy inside shot. His effort increased the lead to 17-4, the largest Wildcat advantage of the night.

Moorefield started to claw their way back after the five-minute mark. They took

advantage of free throw opportunities, but they also started breaking down both the Pendleton County press and half court defense. That said, they still struggled to connect on open shots. Moorefield tied the game at 24 with two free throws at the 37 second mark and that ended scoring in the half.

Officials consistently allowed both teams to play a physical game on both ends, making the game a dogfight from start to finish. Beachler, Kisamore, and Owens in particular played aggressive games, rebounding and defending well.

The third quarter saw Pendleton County once again using patience to build back their lead. Owens hit two free throws with 6:07 left in the quarter to give the Wildcats a 30-27 edge. Pendleton County kept making plays on defense, including shot blocks by Beachler and Dusty Smith tying up a ballhandler with 4:15 left in the quarter.

Moorefield changed their strategy in the second half, using their small lineup to spread the floor. At times, they positioned all five players around the perimeter. Yellow Jacket guards used their quickness to work their way to the basket for layups. Beachler often rotated to disrupt or block shots, often in dramatic fashion. He put his team up by nine with a layup with two minutes in the quarter, then hit a hook shot with 40 seconds left in the stanza. Moorefield, closed scoring with a three-point shot to pull within four at 42-38.

Action turned even more intense in the fourth quarter. From the last minute of the third quarter through the end of the fourth, the Yellow Jacket guards channeled the spirit of Pistol Pete Maravich. They missed numerous open opportunities in the second quarter, but they connected on well contested

shots in the fourth.

Pendleton County kept making plays on offense to desperately cling to their slender lead to weather the Moorefield onslaught. Kisamore at the 7:11 mark drove to the basket for a layup, drawing a foul. He converted the free throw to complete the old fashioned three-point play. With 5:43 left, Dustin Vandevander nailed a crucial 3-pointer to notch a 48-47 lead. Almost a minute later, he hit another three to give the Wildcats a 51-49 lead.

Moorefield seized a 55-53 lead at the 3:09 mark with a three-point basket, then extended that to 57-53 with less than two minutes to play. A Kisamore drive with 1:36 left pulled Pendleton County within two. Beachler once again came up with a huge defensive play at the 48 second mark. He then took a pass to the post, backed his man to the basket, drew a foul with 24.9 seconds left, and coolly sank two free throws to tie the game.

The Yellow Jackets had one last chance to win in regulation, but air balled a shot sending the game into overtime.

In overtime, Pendleton County kept fighting, but Moorefield's hot shooting never cooled. Kisamore tried to put the game on his shoulders, coming up with steals, driving to the basket, making shots and drawing fouls. The Yellow Jackets, however, conjured up answers for every Wildcat advance. Seizing the momentum, they never let it drop. Pendleton County tried to extend the game through intentional fouling, but Moorefield's hot streak extended to the free throw line as well, leading to a final of 73-66.

The Petersburg Holiday Tip Off Classic is 63 years old and serves as the oldest basketball tournament of its type in the state.

Wildcats Bounce Back to Batter Tigers in Holiday Tip Off Tournament 76-15

By Stephen Smoot

Just one night after Pendleton County struggled late against Moorefield, the Wildcats put together a statement game against the Union Tigers to close out competition in the oldest high school basketball tournament in the Mountain State.

Union came in with losses to Harman and Petersburg on their record. While they have some size at the power forward and center positions, the Tigers elected to counter the height of the Wildcats with a small lineup. This gave Union's players the Herculean task of finding answers against Pendleton County's skilled ballhandlers and athletic post players.

The Wildcats controlled the opening tip and Union started the game in a packed 2-3 zone, daring Pendleton County to try and win with outside shots. Pendleton County all night long refused to walk the path suggested, instead scoring their first basket on an entry pass to Clayton Kisamore at the low post. Jacob Beachler scored the next point with a free throw after being fouled near the basket, putting his team up 3-0 with 4:38 left in the first quarter.

Pendleton County methodically built their lead while playing suffocating defense across the entire court, employing a full court trapping press. On offense they exercised discipline in making extra passes to find open players. Chase Owens hit a three pointer to double the lead to 6-0 with 3:57 left in the quarter. Beachler 20 seconds later decisively made a post move to beat a Tiger triple team and complete a soft layup.

The last four minutes of the quarter saw the Wildcats surge offensively, scoring 12

points to Union's four. Quick defense by the Wildcats created more scoring opportunities and Pendleton County seized the advantage. Josiah Kimble with 3:25 left swiped the ball and coasted in for a layup to put his team up 10-0. At two minutes to play, Connor Armentrout laid the ball in to extend the lead to 14-2. As the quarter ran down, with Coach Jeremy Bodkin exhorting his team to use "patience," the team found Kisamore for yet another short-range bucket.

Dustin Vandevander started second quarter scoring in dramatic fashion, sinking a 3-pointer to increase the lead to 21-4. Tiger frustrations boiled over with only two minutes gone in the second when Kisamore stumbled on his way to yet another layup. The Union coach disputed the lack of a traveling violation and earned a technical foul.

Patience on offense and effort on defense continued to pay off for the Wildcats. With 4:17 left in the quarter, Dusty Smith executed a nifty head fake to evade a defender before driving to the basket for a layup, increasing the lead to 31-6. Brayden Beachler shortly thereafter wrestled an offensive rebound away from a Tiger and laid the ball in. In a play proving that lady luck sat on the Wildcat side that night, Kisamore at the 3:04 mark used an Evan Teter assist to bank in a three-point shot. Teter joined the scoring column on an assist from Brayden Beachler. Dillon Smith tracked down a rebound with 30 seconds left that set up another deep Kimble 3-pointer. The first half closed with a Kisamore free throw putting the Wildcats up 43-8.

Though Bodkin substituted freely the entire game

and called off the press for the most part, Union never gained traction on offense. In a remarkable team performance, Pendleton County shut out the Tigers mostly using their base man-to-man half court defense for the entire third quarter. Union kept seeking answers to the onslaught, deploying a press in the second half that did little to slow the Wildcats.

Armentrout showed the instincts that made him a star in the football team's defensive backfield, using his long arms and quickness to snag a steal and break up passes. Scoring in the third quarter closed as Brayden Beachler scored inside to put Pendleton County up 66-8.

Though reserves played much of the fourth quarter, they continued the patient and disciplined approach in finding open shots. Dillon Smith hit a 10-footer with 5:52 left to play, followed by a Cashton Kisamore layup a minute and a half later to preserve the 60-point lead. Zykijah Wright entered the game full of fight. In the last five minutes, he ripped an offensive rebound away from his opponent, blocked an outside shot into the stands, and, to the delight of the supportive traveling Wildcat student section, nailed a 3-pointer with 33 seconds left in the game. A Union bucket made the final score 76-15.

Pendleton County played Pocahontas County on Jan. 3 with results not available at press time. The team enjoys a 10-day break before hosting Harman on Jan 13.

Scoring: Clayton Kisamore 16, Kimble 15, Owens 8, Vandevander 7, Jacob Beachler 6, Dusty Smith 6, Armentrout 4, Cashton Kisamore 3, Wright 3, Dillon Smith 2, Teter 2

Letters to the Editor

Editor, Pendleton Times:

My compliments to Stephen Smoot on his fine article about the history of Thompson's Motel. Paul and Lulabell Morton certainly created a family atmosphere - Lulabell with her great smile and Paul with his straight talk and firm handshake.

They had talented cooks doing a great job of providing home-cooked meals and a friendly efficient staff of waitresses (like Annabell) serving customers and making everyone feel

very welcome. Besides the great food, Thompson's was a meeting place for various groups and was a social gathering place for folks for many, many years. Besides keeping records and greeting folks in a friendly manner, Judy always knew how to find Paul if he was not at the motel or restaurant.

I stopped there every time I was in Pendleton County and always tried to get there around "meal time" so I could enjoy a Thompson Burger with all the trimmings and a piece of homemade peanut butter

pie - talk about "Almost Heaven!"

Your article certainly brings back a whole lot of pleasant memories and time spent there and I am grateful for Paul for all his years of making Thompson's such a great Pendleton County landmark.

Best wishes to the new owners for many years of success in beautiful Pendleton County.

Harold K. Michael
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Applications Available for Specialty Crop Block Grants

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for FY 2023 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Funds will be awarded to enhance the production, processing, and consumption of specialty crops in West Virginia. Five West Virginia projects were awarded a total of \$292,293.44 in 2022.

"Specialty crops are vital to expanding, diversifying, and enhancing the impact agriculture has on our state's economy. The department is looking for projects that highlight how innovative programs and rural development groups can help

West Virginia agriculture expand," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "Our goal is to close the production and consumption gap in West Virginia. In order to have more resilient food systems, we must take a diversified approach."

The state Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the WVDA. Recipients have two years to plan, implement and gather data on their respective projects. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops,

including floriculture.

The USDA awarded \$72.4 million to 50 states, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories in 2022. The WVDA anticipates receiving approximately \$270,000, from which multiple grants will be awarded.

Application, instructions and other information can be found <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/specialty-crop-block-grant/>. Applications are due Jan. 20, 2023.

For more information, contact Angel Wallace, awallace@wvda.us or 304-558-2210.

Eastern Seeks Community Input On Business Needs Survey

Staff with the Workforce Education Department at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College are asking questions, and community members in the Potomac Highlands can help them find the best answers.

The questions are part of the college's annual Business Needs Survey, which is available online on Eastern's website at <https://easternwv.edu/workforce-education>.

The survey is designed to help Workforce Education staff learn about workforce skills that are needed to grow businesses and organizations in the region. Survey results will guide the development and expansion of Workforce Education training programs at Eastern.

The collected survey information is confidential. Respondents are not required to provide any identifying information, but they can include a business name and

contact information if they wish to be contacted.

As an incentive, one randomly selected survey participant will win a free \$50 gift certificate that can be used to purchase items at Eastern's branded merchandise store in Spring 2023 (this online storefront currently is under development).

Megan Webb, dean of advancement and continuing education at Eastern, said the survey is vital for shaping workforce training programs that fit the area's most pressing economic needs. "We appreciate hearing from the local community, business owners and leaders and aim to use this information to support our region's economy," she said.

Questions about the survey can be directed to WorkforceEd@easternwv.edu.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM: EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

DATE: December 13, 2022

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

Low-income Board members are elected by low-income individuals to represent their interests on the Board of Directors. The election for a low-income Eastern Action Board member representative will be held at all Eastern Action offices from January 2, 2023 through January 13, 2023. Ballots for Low-Income Board members are available at your local Community Action office or online at www.easternaction.org.

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system, or are coded. The state requires that schools provide reasons for student absences. Certain codes prevent the student's absence from being counted against the school. Schools in other areas unwittingly coded some absences improperly, leading to them being wrongly penalized in the system.

RESA 8, the state's regional education office, has been advising schools on how to avoid problems in coding. J. D. Wilkins, president of the Pendleton County Board of Education, commented that "our attendance has been okay, but now it should get better."

Hedrick followed up by reporting on a potential new tool to boost student achievement on the SAT and improve chances to earn the state's PROMISE scholarship. Horizons Education, he explained, gives tests that can break down student weaknesses and provide advice for improvement.

The superintendent then reviewed a new partnership with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College and the West Virginia Department of Education. He said later that "the goal is to have students exit high school with a minimum of one year of college credit hours toward a bachelor's degree in education. We plan on beginning implementation at the start of the next school year."

According to the state department of education's information on the program, the program "will enable high school students who want to

become classroom teachers to fast-track into their careers," to help "address West Virginia's critical teacher shortage."

O'Neil requested that staff and others write letters of support to the delegates and senators who represent Pendleton County. These letters would urge state financial support for the Communities in Schools program, which runs on grant funding. The organization, known as CIS for short, started in the 1970s in New York City under founder Bill Milliken. The mission, according to the website, lies in "bringing community resources inside public schools — where they are accessible, coordinated, and accountable."

The organization already works with partners to help children in West Virginia. Last year, Communities in Schools partnered with the West Virginia National Guard and the Office of First Lady Cathy Justice to deliver 8,000 presents to children in need in 36 counties.

Finally, the board praised Dave Eason and others from Pendleton County High School. Eason, who serves as athletic director and dean of students, responded quickly when he heard word of a Randolph County school bus experiencing a flat tire as it ferried the girls' basketball team to Franklin. Eason was joined by area residents Dan and Chuck Miller who also volunteered to help. The Randolph County Superintendent of Schools personally thanked Eason and the others for their help in getting the bus back on the road as quickly as possible.

PCC \$100K Grant

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of events. Allowable expenses include supplies needed to support public vaccination events.

The mission of the program lies in ensuring access to the vaccine by individuals in underserved populations who choose to receive one. In addition to providing resources, the program "will strengthen coordination between healthcare providers and community-based organizations that provide childcare, early childhood development, housing, food, employment, education, older adult, and other health services," according to a recent joint release by U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito and Joe Manchin.

Hudson emphasized that the public need not wait for a vaccination event if they need one. She urged that "if they want a COVID vaccine they just need to call and we can coordinate that with them."

In a release announcing the statewide grants, Capito stated "these grants give our state more resources to allow every West Virginian the access to address their healthcare

needs." She went on to say that "this money also provides more tools to healthcare providers to better help them address the health needs for people across our state."

Manchin added "the funding announced today will help expand drive-up, walk-up, and community-based vaccination events." He added that the program will "ensure everyone who wants a vaccine can get one, especially as flu cases and other respiratory diseases peak."

West Virginia will receive \$6 million of \$350 million distributed nationally to Federally Qualified Health Centers, or FQHCs, across the nation.

Pendleton Community Care and other similar FQHC clinics across the United States "provide a set of comprehensive, high-quality primary care and preventative services regardless of patients' ability to pay," while collaborating "with other providers and programs to improve access to care and community resources," according to the Rural Health Information Hub.

Old Christmas

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celebrating on Jan. 6. Many called it "Old Christmas," others referred to it as "Little Christmas" or even "Green Christmas." As late as the 1930s, however, several Appalachian areas and the Armenian Church still regarded Jan. 6 as the true date to celebrate the birth of Jesus. According to David Hackett Fischer in his book "Albion's Seed," some North Carolina communities considered Dec. 25 a "man-made" Christmas holiday.

Fischer also described the customs that followed settlers as they moved from the Scottish lowlands and north English highlands to the Appalachians. Old Christmas celebrations in mountain communities could be surprisingly ribald, closer to the conduct of old Saturnalia or modern New Year's Eve. "There was a feast even in the poorest houses and bonfires at night with much gunplay and fireworks," Fischer wrote. He also described the curious process of "stanging," which was "a rough and sometimes violent ceremony in which a victim was hoisted on a long pole and forced to dangle until he brought himself free." Merry Christmas, indeed!

Modern Old Christmas and Epiphany traditions have left behind the days of dangling selected individuals from poles. In West Virginia and elsewhere across the Appalachians more recently, Old Christmas since the 1800s is seen as the more serious and contemplative holiday compared to Dec. 25. Children received fruit and nuts in stockings or "treat totes" instead of presents. An entire mythology emerged around the day, including beliefs that elder bushes sprouted on Old Christmas but did not grow again until spring, that animals prayed to the Holy

Spirit on the day, and that it was bad luck to loan anything out. Serenading and caroling were also at one time popular pastimes on Old Christmas.

Armenian Christian churches celebrate January 6 as the date of the baptizing of Christ by John the Baptist. Before the Divine Liturgy, Armenian Christians re-enact the sacrament in a ritual called "Jurorhnek," or "blessing of the waters." First, they dip a cross into a container of water inside the church. Next, blessed oil from a dove shaped container is poured into the water, symbolizing the presence of the Holy Spirit. Finally, the congregation shares the water, which reminds all that participation in the acts of Christ remain essential for eternal life as described in the Bible.

The Amish, whose ancestors were dissenting Anabaptists driven from their German homes in the religious wars, fast until noon, then eat one large meal later in the day. Amish do not work or conduct business on Old Christmas.

Many Spanish cultures celebrate Jan. 6 as Three Kings' Day, centering the holiday around festivities and gift giving. Each item given by the Magi to Christ symbolizes some part of the divine nature of Jesus. Children wait anxiously for the Magi on this day as they did Santa Claus 12 days prior. They leave shoes by the door and grass for the hungry camels that bring the Magi and their gifts. Spain sees massive parades all over their country in honor of the holiday.

Regardless of the reason, many cultures around the world extend the Christmas season into the New Year with unique traditions dating back centuries.

Fleisher Run

By Anna Cupp

The area has had a couple of cold weeks. As a person rides up and down the roads, one can tell by the smoke coming from all the chimneys that wood stoves are burning.

Well, the big day that everyone had been waiting for has come and gone.

Visitors at their camps over the holidays were Mike Crum and Steve Smith of Stuarts Draft, Virginia, and Jeff and Melissa Arbogast of Dayton, Virginia.

Over the holidays, Rodger and Judy Coleman visited their daughter and son-in-law and Mike Lambert and granddaughters in North

Carolina.

Visitors in the Cupp household have been Douglas and Sandra Botkin of Churchville, Virginia, Mike, Joyce and Wesley Cupp of Dayton, Virginia.

Rick White and Jennifer Scheider spent a few days in New Jersey visiting Peggy White, Greg White and other relatives and friends.

Zack Eckard of Warrenton, Virginia, and Everette Eckard spent some time hunting with Harold Cupp. All the good food was really appreciated that was brought into the household while they were visiting.

June and Shirley have been spending time at their place in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

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McConnell explained that "there is a process in place to address errors." Those who feel that property was placed in the floodplain by mistake can apply for an elevation certificate. Commissioners noted that the county had seen such errors in the past. The ordinance gives the county commission the authority to place areas in the officially designated floodplain that are not there as of now, but should be.

Cases may exist, McConnell warned, where properties left untouched by the 500-year flood in 1985 may be placed in the 100-year floodplain. FEMA maps determine the floodplain by their own criteria.

Scott Somerville of Sugar Grove asked about the case of a campground located in the floodplain. McConnell responded that "most are just campers. They have to be roadworthy and licensed for the road." Carl Hevener added that the section of the campground in question was in the flood plain and only allowed temporary use. Long-term users have access to parts of the property above the floodplain.

Laura Brown, Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority executive director, reported on her meeting with John Golden of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. Based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, this philanthropic organization's mission lies in supporting community and economic development in West Virginia and southwest Pennsylvania. Brown stated that Golden was pleased with the county's efforts. She said, "We have the feasibility studies. He is interested in regional projects and will follow up."

Brown also reminded those in attendance that households who qualify for broadband serv-

ice extension in Sugar Grove need to get their library cards and use a physical address instead of a post office box.

McConnell then brought up the Federal Communications Commission request for people to log on to their official broadband service map. He said "The position was right, but the address was wrong." Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, replied "the FCC says this is just a draft, but it's still messed up." McConnell speculated that the FCC was having the public clean up their database for them.

As the meeting approached its close, the official representative from the office of Congressman Alex Mooney expressed his thanks and explained that this would be his last visit with the commission. Redistricting placed Pendleton County in a new congressional district. He explained that his office could help those trying to contact the office of Carol Miller, the county's new representative in Congress.

As the meeting closed, commissioners and others took the opportunity to remark on the two-term tenure of McConnell coming to a close. Hevener said, "I'd like to thank you for 12 good years."

McConnell responded, "This is one of the best groups I've ever worked with." He described how the county would set a budget with very limited resources affecting all departments, but he never remembered hearing a complaint. "You can't ask for any better than that," he remarked.

He finished by saying "it's been a good 12 years. I'm thankful." Then the commissioners requested that he have the honor of calling for the meeting to adjourn, which he did.





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Life's Simple Lessons Are Deemed Most Gratifying

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Another reader sent the writer this letter written by the late Paul Harvey. It bears reading. Perhaps a good "read" for the New Year.

Paul Harvey's Letter to His Grandchildren:

"We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better.

I'd really like for them to know about hand me down clothes and homemade ice cream and leftover meat loaf sandwiches. I really would.

I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and that you learn honesty by being cheated.

I hope you learn to make your own bed and mow the lawn and wash the car.

And I really hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you are sixteen.

It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your old dog put to sleep.

I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you believe in.

I hope you have to share a bedroom with your younger brother/sister. And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when he wants to crawl under the covers with you because he's scared, I hope you let him.

When you want to see a movie and your little brother/sister wants to tag along, I hope you'll let him/her.

I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friends and that you live in a town where you can do it safely.

On rainy days when you have to catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as your Mom.

If you want a slingshot, I hope your Dad teaches you how to make one instead of buying one.

I hope you learn to dig in the dirt and read books.

When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head.

I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a boy/girl, and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what ivory soap tastes like.

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.

I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it... And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize he/she is not your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandma/Grandpa and go fishing with your Uncle.

May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during the holidays.

I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through your neighbor's window and that she hugs you and kisses you at Christmas time when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you - tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life."

The writer hopes that this is carried through to all children/grandchildren. It is what life is all about.

The writer wishes all of her readers a happy New Year



with a great flight through 2023.

Life's lessons to make one's day much nicer include the following:

1. Commit oneself to constant improvement.
2. Become the most positive and enthusiastic person one knows.
3. Return borrowed vehicles with the gas tank full.
4. Stop blaming others. Take responsibility for every area of one's life.
5. Keep one's promises, no matter what.

The weeks before and after Christmas sure were wintry and cold. A blast of freezing temperatures descended on the area allowing for the wood stoves to be cranked up high. New Year's Day had warmer temperatures.

Quotes for the new year are as follows:

"There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humour." — Charles Dickens

"There's something about a holiday that isn't all about how much money you spend." — Hilarie Burton

"You can tell a lot about a person by the way (s)he handles three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights." — Maya Angelou

"My wish for you, sweet happy life...may all your sorrows be gone and your heart begin to sing." — Peggy Lee.

"May your coming year be filled with magic and dreams and good madness." — Neil Gaiman

Looking at the "Talk of the Grove":

News from the Willard and Judy Rader household — Bob and Marti Fisher of Romney were Christmas visitors in the home of Willard and Judy Rader and a Christmas dinner at Monterey, Virginia, was enjoyed. Willie, Donna, Travis and Amanda Rader, Chad, Amber and Bella Kimble, C. J. Eckard, Rick Starita and Jazmyn Clatterbuck enjoyed a Christmas Eve dinner in the home of Willard and Judy Rader. Eddie Rader of Davis was visiting in the home of Willard and Judy Rader on Monday and enjoyed a Christmas luncheon. On Christmas Day, Willard and Judy Rader enjoyed visiting and Christmas dinner in the home of Benny and Linda Custer.

Bob and Judy Grimm enjoyed Christmas with Rodney Kiser and family of Preston County. They had a white Christmas!

Janelle Mitchell, Natalie and Destiny of Charlotte, North Carolina, enjoyed a Christmas/New Year's visit at the home of Paula and Tom Mitchell. While here, they visited friends. Other visitors in the home were Jennifer, Tim, Allison and Morgan Hoover, Damian Morris and

Brandon, Cara, Macie, Carson and Carly Mitchell.

St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church celebrated their Sunday worship service with their Christmas program.

Janet Judy, Terry Harper, Judy Costello and Evelyn Varner motored Saturday evening to Victory Baptist Fellowship Church in Dayton, Virginia, to enjoy the Jeff and Sherri Easter presentation. Judy Costello accompanied Evelyn home to spend the night with her.

Robbie, Linnea, Michael and Logan Fisher enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner at the home of Bob and Brenda Fisher.

Phil Downs motored to Romney to assist the Ruffner family whose house burned. He took some supplies along.

New Year's clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:

•The first year that fireworks were used for the New Year's Eve celebration was 1904.

•About 360 million glasses of champagne are served New Year's Eve in the United States.

•In ancient Persia, eggs were given as gifts.

•Before the clock strikes at midnight in Spain, 12 grapes are eaten.

•The translation of the title song "Auld Lang Syne" is "Times Gone By."

•The Australian city having the largest New Year's Eve celebration is Sydney.

The judges have declared the winners for the Parade of Lights contest in the Sugar Grove community. The winners were as follows: Brandon and Cara Mitchell, grand prize; Jason and Martha Smith/Benny and Dinah Mitchell, first place; Jeff and Maxine Rader/Galen Crummett, second place; Rhonda Nash/Andrew Kiser, third place; and Justin and April Simmons/"Pidge" and Charles Anderson, honorable mention.

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

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Notice of Public Hearing
Pendleton County Schools will conduct the second mandatory public hearing for community comment on the 2022-2023 public school calendar on January 17, 2023 at the Pendleton County Board Office Annex at 5:30 p.m. 1-5-2c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the following estates is pending in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, 100 S. Main Street, P. O. Box 1167, Franklin, West Virginia 26807. The names of the personal representatives are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity

of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Commission are required to file their objections with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE, whichever is later.

All creditors of the decedent(s) and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate(s) must file their claims with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 5, 2023. Deadline for claims is March 6, 2023.

Browning Boggs Estate - Ann Elliott, Executrix; Estyl C. Shreve Estate - Amber Hedrick, Administratrix cta; Harold Julian Dubois Jr. Estate - Marcia Christian Dubois, Executrix; David Howard Snyder Estate - Shirley L. Snyder, Executrix; Anne Hill Johnson Estate - Sarah G. Kellam and Jessica G. Madden, Co-Executrices; Ralph H. Dunkle Estate - Sandra D. Trushel and Larkin P. Dunkle, Co-Executors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 30, 2022.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 1-5-2c

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until February 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):

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WV Hunters Harvest 1,012 Turkeys

West Virginia's 2022 fall turkey harvest increased by almost 46% over last year's harvest, according to preliminary results released by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Fall turkey hunters harvested 1,012 birds this past season compared to 694 birds last year. The fall 2022 harvest was just 0.24% below the five-year average and 9.6% below the 10-year average. Although fewer counties had a two-week season this year due to a decline in the spring harvest, the fall harvest generally remained on par with long-term averages.

Counties with the most harvests were Randolph County (72), Nicholas (65), Greenbrier (57), Monroe (41) and Webster (39), all of which had a four-week season.

Turkey harvest in Pendleton County was 22, compared to 19 last year. This year's harvest in surrounding counties were Grant (25), Hardy (37) and Pocahontas (34).

All six districts reported increased fall turkey harvests compared to last year, with Districts 1 and 3 reporting more than double the number of harvests. District 3 (Braxton, Clay, Lewis,

Nicholas, Pocahontas, Randolph, Upshur and Webster counties) had the highest harvest with 261 birds, followed by District 2 (Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan and Pendleton counties) with 187, District 4 (Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming counties) with 166, District 1 (Barbour, Brooke, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Taylor, Tucker and Wetzels counties) with 150, District 5 (Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne counties) with 128 and District 6 (Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt and Wood counties) with 120.

Fall turkey harvest numbers are influenced by hunter participation, but also depend on the current year's brood production and mast conditions. This year's brood survey results were similar to last year's, resulting in the best two production years in the past five years. While last year's fall harvest did not mirror the increase in brood production, this year's fall harvest reflected the increase.

Heat the Home Safely

By Charlotte Lane, Chairman of Public Service Commission

It seems like every winter there is the heartbreaking news about a family that has lost everything in a house fire. Nearly half of all house fires are caused by space heaters and over 80% of home heating fire deaths involve stationary or portable heaters.

If a person doesn't have central heating or is dealing with a power outage, take every precaution to keep one's home and everyone in it safe. Rule number one: no matter how tempting it is, never use an oven or stove as a heat source.

Keep gas-powered generators outdoors and clear of all doors and windows. Carbon monoxide is a silent killer that can seep inside the home

through the smallest opening. No matter one's heat source, smoke and CO2 detectors are essential.

If one is using a space heater that uses kerosene or propane, make sure there is proper ventilation and keep the fuel outside. Keep all space heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials. Keep a safe distance between the heater and furniture and curtains. Never put a space heater on carpeting. Set it on a flat, level surface away from high traffic areas. Electric space heaters should be plugged directly into the wall socket. If an extension cord must be used, use a heavy-duty outdoor cord. Never link multiple extension cords together or leave space heaters unattended. Turn them off before bed and use an electric blanket overnight.

Wood-burning fireplaces need to be inspected at least every two years. Know what kinds of wood are safe to burn. Evergreens and some kinds of scrap wood cause creosote buildup that can set your chimney on fire. Don't burn freshly cut wood, instead season your firewood so it burns cleaner and safer.

If a person needs help paying one's heating bill, call the utility. Low-income families may qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance or the 20% Discount Program. Utilities also offer budget billing plans to make heating more manageable and deferred payment plans if a person falls behind on one's bills. If one needs help negotiating with the utility, the Public Service Commission's Consumer Affairs technicians can help at 1-800-642-8544.

Winter's Chill Word Search

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NF Social Studies Fair Winners Announced



North Fork Elementary students submitting winning entries in the Social Studies Fair were, from left, front row, Izzy Jameson, Kayden Warner, Abby Judy, Skye Dahmer, Tori Heavner, Chloe Barkley, Avery Kile and Allie Hedrick; and back row, Dalila Sponaugle, Mason Miller, Miley Kimble, McKenzie Vandevander, Vaylee Harper, Azalea Waddell, Kinley Bennett, Callen Kisamore and Elaina Raines. Missing from the photo is Ty Johnson.

North Fork Elementary School hosted its annual Social Studies Fair on Dec. 6. Every student in grades four through six completed a project. The projects showed their hard work and dedication to their chosen topics.

Winners were as follows:

Division 1: Grades 4-5

State and Local Studies — Azalea Waddell, Mary Lou Retton: America's Star Gymnast, first place; Miley Kimble, Princess Snowbird and The History of Seneca Rocks, second, and Chloe Barkley, Princess Snowbird, third;

U.S. History — Vaylee Harper, Sacagawea, first, Tori Heavner, Dolly Parton, second, Elaina Raines, Amelia Earhart, third, and Avery Kile, Abraham Lincoln and Kinley Bennett, Native American Tribe: The Cherokee, tie for honorable mention; and World History — Skye Dahmer, The History of Clogging, first,

Callen Kisamore, The Progression of Hay Bales, second, and Ty Johnson, The Titanic, third.

Division II: 6th Grade

U.S. History — Abby Judy, The History of Braces, first, McKenzie Vandevander, Who Was the Angel on the Battlefield?, second, Mason Miller, Compound Bow Vs. Crossbow, third, and Allie Hedrick, George Washington and Kayden Warner, Ellis Island, tie for honorable mention;

World History — Izzy Jameson, History of Diets of Soldiers During WWII, first, and Dalila Sponaugle, The Titanic, second.

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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 8.94 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Doublewide, unfinished basement, Heat Pump, Propane, Central AC, Shop. **\$299,000.00. \$279,000.00 REDUCED \$239,000.00.**

SGR173 3 Acres, Raw Land, North Fork. **\$24,900.00.**

SGR156 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, \$29,900.00. Water available. Hardy County. **\$95,000.00. REDUCED \$89,900.00.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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