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Packed Room Responds to Pleas for Help Running TMF



By Stephen Smoot

Forty years ago in January, a call went out to save the Treasure Mountain Festival. At the time, the newspaper reported that the main threat to it came from a lack of volunteer help. Though the festival continues, the same issues bedevil it. Last month, the TMF officers released a plea to the community. Please help more, or face the possibility of the festival's disappearance.

On March 9, concerned citizens responded to the call and packed a meeting room at Potomac Highlands Recreation Center. The officers did not call the meeting, but came to join the discussion led by Jennifer Taylor-Ide.

Taylor-Ide opened by reminding attendees that "this is not a business meeting. I am not an officer." She explained that she was requested to run the meeting, which would help the community discuss in greater detail the problems facing TMF. It was not an official meeting to conduct the business of the organization.

"I'm very excited to see so many people here," she said. "It's exciting for the future of the festival."

As attendees stood in the doorway and spilled into the outside of the room, volunteers passed out 3x5 cards. Speakers urged that attendees share ideas on the cards and not in the meeting itself. The Treasure Mountain

Festival's main problem boiled down to a statement made by Taylor-Ide, "we need brains." The festival has six standing committees: safety, parade, food, crafts, flea market, and activities. "These committees are not peopled," she stated.

Most TMF committees function currently as a committee of one. Some help out part time, or as needed, but "there are people who are tired and want to step out. We need people to step in." Specifically, the group needs the kinds of people with skills to organize and market in the 21st century.

Taylor-Ide explained that TMF needed two types of volunteers. One "level," would be composed of those working to help put on the festival in 2023. These volunteers can help with much of the logistics of putting together the festival and its attractions. Also important, the TMF organization needs people with vital skills. For instance, one attendee suggested "people who, with the flick of a wrist, can put something cool up." The website also was said to need attention.

Other needs include those who can come up with organizational needs, such as creating bylaws, processes, procedures, and a marketing strategy.

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Enthusiasts find excitement and adventure working their way up the rock formations at Reed's Creek. Photo courtesy of West Virginia University.

Tourism Boosting Rock Climbing Bill Passes House and Senate

By Stephen Smoot

"Completed legislation." This phrase, as applied to HB 3560, created a cause for celebration among those determined to elevate Pendleton County rock climbing as a premier adventure sports experience. It meant that a crucial piece of area tourism plans may now fall into place.

Introduced and solely sponsored by Gary Howell,

House Chair of Economic Development and Tourism and delegate from Mineral County, the bill officially expands a 1931 state law defining "land" and "recreational purposes." Recreational purposes now include rock climbing, rope related sports, and "bouldering activities."

The most crucial effect lies in allowing landowners to opt into arrangements "that would take away liability

from the landowner if injury occurs." In other words, if a private landowner wanted to allow access to a rock formation on his or her property, they could allow climbers if they will waive liability. Rock climbing would then fall under the same "assumption of risk" category that keeps a person from suing a major league baseball team if they get injured by a foul ball.

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Community CALENDAR

Dulcimer Dames To Perform Friday

Dulcimer Dames will be playing from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Friday in the dining hall at the Pendleton Senior and Family Services Center in Franklin. Come enjoy their music and stay for lunch.

Lenten Lunches Continue Today

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

A meal, consisting of soups, sandwiches, desserts and drinks, will be served at noon. The message will be delivered at 12:30 p.m.

This week's meal will be provided by Riverton United Methodist Church and Circleville and Seneca Rocks Presbyterian churches. The message will be delivered by Pastor Mike Loudermilk of Mountaintop Ministries.

Next week's message will be delivered by David Webb of the Pendleton/Grant United Methodist Church. The meal will be provided by Lutheran churches.

Morrisey's Staff To Visit Tuesday

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

Community Rallies to Save WELD As April Auction Date Looms

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Pendleton County Commission heard from Mary Hess, a concerned citizen who is one of many fighting to save WELD as a station devoted to local content. Hess said, "I'm here for ideas, investors, resources to help." She added that "I just find it heartbreaking that (local coverage) might go away if a corporation buys it."

WELD faces an uncertain future. The station has accumulated approximately \$700,000 in debt and has been put up for auction on April 4. Currently, three stations broadcast out of Fisher. These include WELD 101.7 FM, considered the flagship, WELD AM and WQWV.

Carl Hevener, president of the Pendleton County Commission, noted that station manager Chip Combs had reached out to him, saying "we don't want to go to the U.S. Senate without getting the county involved."

Hess said Combs was "heading it up," and described him as "the voice and face of WELD."

WELD broadcasts out of Fisher on a hillside a few miles north of Moorefield. The station harkens back to an earlier day in radio, situated between farms on the side of a mountain. In its heyday, WELD claimed an effective broadcast area that included Garrett, Mineral, Allegany, Hampshire, Rockingham, and Frederick counties. Today, in its 67th year of serving the region, the station focuses on Hardy, Grant, and Pendleton as "core" counties.

Even now, WELD potentially reaches between 70,000 and 100,000 listeners.

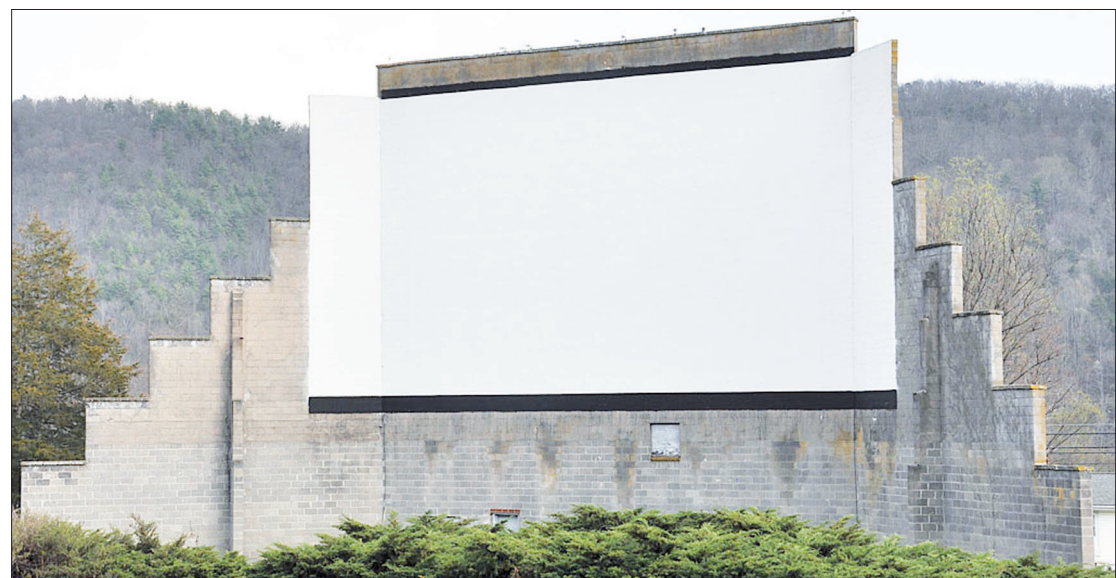
The community meeting held last Thursday revealed some good news. The auction planned for early April was set to sell off the real estate first and the license second. As Combs described, "this put us in a bind." Auctioning off the real estate first, which includes the building, music library, and other materials, creates risk that the Federal Communications Commission license and radio station property could end up in different hands.

Switching the order puts the license auction first and makes it much more likely that property and license end up in the same hands.

Next the meeting discussed ownership options. An entity would need to bid on the license and station to keep it in local hands. Some suggested that a non profit, either a 501 © 3 or 4 could run the station. Combs said that an attorney he consulted "recommended that we form an LLC, purely from a time perspective."

Forming a non-profit requires time. The Internal Rev-

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Warner's Drive-In, Franklin

Warner's Drive-In Eyes Big Plans For Arts and Facilities Expansion

By Stephen Smoot

Last year, the historic Warner's Drive-In and Cultural Center celebrated seven decades since the establishment of the theater. Now its organizational leadership seeks to honor the legacy of its history by expanding its facilities to offer the community even more arts and

entertainment options.

The drive-in theater, one of the last of a formerly popular breed, was opened by Charlie Warner and his son, Harold. According to a 1988 Los Angeles Times article, drive in theaters enjoyed their greatest popularity between the 1950s and 1970s. Near major cities, drive ins started to dwindle as suburban devel-

opers eyed their land.

At the same time, the allure of loading the family into a car and using it for recreation started to dwindle. Also, as costs of their operation went up in the 70s, many drive-ins lost their privilege of offering first run movies and had to turn to less

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County Commission Considers Emergency Services Requests

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Pendleton County Commission opened with an attempt to listen to a presentation given to the Hardy County Commission by a legal representative of the West Virginia Farm Bureau concerning HB 3313.

The equipment could not pick up the presentation given. House Bill 3313, according to the State Legislature website restrains "county

commissions from imposing rules and regulations on farmers beyond what is already prescribed through state statute." According to the West Virginia Farm Bureau, that organization supports HB 3313. It has passed the full house and is now in front of the Senate Government Organization committee.

After a few minutes, Carl Hevener, county commission president, said, "I don't think

there's any use to waste time on it," and the body commenced its work.

Commissioner Roger Dahmer led the commission in prayer, saying "we pray that You'll be here and help us, Lord."

In the opening minutes, Karen Pitsenbarger reported the successful completion of the installment of replacement lights at the rescue

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OBITUARIES



Mary Virginia (Lough) Anderson

Mary Virginia (Lough) Anderson, 97, of Mozer passed away on March 9, 2023, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg.

She was born Aug. 4, 1925, in Mozer and was the daughter of the late John Daniel and Mamie Susan (Hevener) Lough.

Mrs. Anderson was a 1943 graduate of Franklin High School and a 1945 graduate of Shenandoah Junior College in Dayton, Virginia. A homemaker and farm wife, she was also an avid reader and historian.

She was a member of the Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church and was the first female member of the South Branch Ruritan Club.

Her husband of nearly 70 years, George William Anderson, Jr., whom she married on Oct. 11, 1947, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, John Anderson of Cabins; two daughters, Judy (Roy) Matlick of Shepherdstown and Jane (Jack) Yokum of Petersburg. She was blessed with four grandchildren, Kristen (Chris) Matlick Butler, Jonathan Yokum, Jared (Rachel) Matlick and Daniel Yokum and a great-granddaughter, Brigid Butler. She is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Audrey Lough and Helen Sheffer; a brother-in-law, Fred (Anna Lee) Anderson; a former sister-in-law, Mary Lough; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, James A. Lough and George G. Lough; and a stillborn sister.

The family will receive friends from 10 - 11 a.m. March 25 at Horeb United Methodist Church in Upper Tract. A memorial service will follow at the church with the Rev. David Webb officiating. Interment will be private in Lough Family Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, 172 Ridge Road, Upper Tract, WV 26866 or to the South Branch Ruritan Club, 3861 S. Mill Creek Rd. Upper Tract, WV 26866.

Arrangements are by Schaefer Funeral Home in Petersburg.



Monte X Willis

Monte X Willis went home to be with the Father God on March 5, 2023.

He was born March 25, 1991, in Raleigh, North Carolina, the youngest son of Terry and Denise (Lamb) Willis of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. Willis graduated from Leesville High School in Raleigh, North Carolina. He attended UNCG University in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in biology. He was employed at the Pharmaceutical Product Development (PPD) company in Morrisville, North Carolina, where he worked as an MIA in the medical communication department.

He was a member of the St. Paul AME Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Willis leaves behind to cherish his memory a brother, Tavone Willis of Norfolk Virginia; his grandmothers, Patty Willis of Franklin and Brookie Coston Lamb of Durham, North Carolina; uncles and aunts, Eddie Willis, Patrick Willis, Asala Willis and Kara Willis, all of Franklin, Joseph Coston of Durham North Carolina, Karen Willis-Hilliard and Tony Hilliard of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and a host of cousins and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, William N. Willis and Joseph Lamb.

The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Patrick "Chip" Willis officiating. Interment will be in the Willis Family Cemetery on Entry Mountain, Franklin.

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



Ona L. Puffenbarger

Ona L. Puffenbarger, 84, of Palm Bay, Florida, and Ft. Seybert died March 12, 2023, in Palm Bay, Florida.

He was born April 7, 1938, at Ft. Seybert and was the son of the late George Leslie Puffenbarger and Ressie Dove Puffenbarger.

Mr. Puffenbarger graduated from Franklin High School in 1956 and was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army Military Police.

On July 14, 1961, he married Barbara Ann Robinson Puffenbarger, and they made their home in Ft. Washington, Maryland. He worked for Safeway and studied bank auditing at a local business school. He was also interested in watch repair and took classes in Washington, DC. He became an internal auditor for First National Bank of Southern Maryland, and later advanced to bank administrator, working for that same bank, then known as Allfirst National Bank, until he retired in 2001.

He and his wife then moved back home to his roots in West Virginia, and he often jokingly said that he retired so he could be a lawn mower, as much of his time was spent mowing lawns for elderly friends and family members in the Sweedlin Valley community. Some of his favorite pastimes were bowling, hunting, making apple cider, and cracking walnuts.

After purchasing a home in Palm Bay, Florida, he and

his wife became snowbirds, spending the colder months in Palm Bay, and returning to Ft. Seybert for the warmer months. After his wife of 53 years, passed away in May of 2014, he and his brother, Carl, lived together and cared for each other, and continued to be snowbirds.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Church of the Brethren, had served as president of Bankers Administration International (BAI) and was a member of Centennial Masonic Lodge #174 A.F. & A.M. in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Surviving are a son, Gary D. and wife, Brigitte of Palm Bay, Florida; a brother, Carl Puffenbarger of Palm Bay, Florida, and Ft. Seybert; two sisters, Barbara Barker and husband, John of Christiansburg, Virginia, and Edith Winegard and husband, Shirdon of Roanoke, Virginia; a granddaughter, Meagan N. Miranda of Riverview, Florida; a great-grandson, Maddox; two step-grandchildren, Troy and Shannon; four step-great-grandchildren, Tommy, Tyler, Victoria and Hillary; a sister-in-law, Betty Puffenbarger of Franklin; and a number of nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, Irvin Puffenbarger, Dewey Puffenbarger, Bruce Puffenbarger and Virgil Puffenbarger; and a sister, Goldie Puffenbarger Smith.

The family will receive friends from 1 - 2 p.m. Sunday at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin where a funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor David Morris officiating. Interment will be at the Puffenbarger Family Cemetery at Ft. Seybert with military honors by the West Virginia Army Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the Peru Community Center.

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



Hilda Lee Bergdoll

Hilda Lee Bergdoll, 81, of Bridgewater, Virginia, passed away March 11, 2023, at the Bridgewater Home in Bridgewater, Virginia.

She was born Dec. 9, 1941, in Franklin and was a daughter of the late Kennie and Delsie (Skiles) Bergdoll.

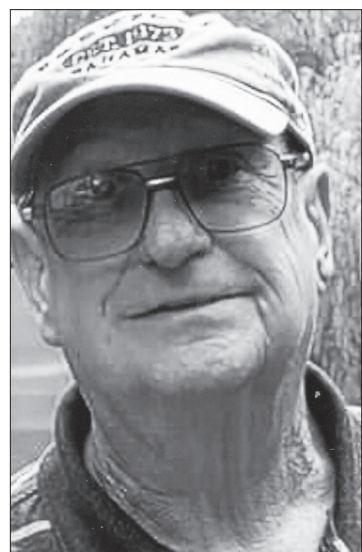
Ms. Bergdoll retired from Marshalls Distribution Center in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Surviving are a brother, William Orlando Bergdoll, Sr. and wife, Janet of Bridgewater, Virginia; a sister, Wynona Sandridge of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a niece, Anne Painter; three nephews, Robert Bergdoll, William Bergdoll, Jr. and Rodney Lee Sandridge; and numerous great-nieces and -nephews and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her fiancé, Scherril Sonifrank; a niece, Rebecca Moore; and sister, a Nyoka Sandridge.

The family received friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Johnson Funeral and Cremation Service in Bridgewater, Virginia. The casket will be closed. A service celebrating her life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Dan Garber officiating. Burial will be private.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at johnsonfs.com.



Lewis S. Propst

Lewis S. Propst, 70, of West Minister, Maryland, and formerly of Franklin passed on Jan. 29, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Propst was a 1970 graduate of Franklin High School and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He moved to Maryland and worked as a heavy equipment operator until his retirement.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Shirley Propst of Maryland; two sisters, Amy VanMeter (Danny) of Franklin and Janet Smith (Tony) of Bridgewater, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Cleveland "Toots" and Bertha (Fink) Propst; and a brother, Jason Propst.

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All pre-kindergarten through six-grade students participated. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade took at least one Accelerated Reader test. Buddy Reading, Read Alouds, myOn (Renaissance online reading program), and

novels were practiced in the event.

Students were allowed to wear pajamas and bring a pillow/blanket for comfortable reading.

The Brandywine School Association purchased popcorn so students could snack while they read.

It was meaningful and enjoyed by staff and students alike.



Frances Propst reads aloud to her second-grade students.



Third graders, from left, Harley Bowers, Addison Williams, Macie Mitchell and Harper Marsh, read comfortably in their pajamas with pillow and blanket.



Levi Wimer, a fourth-grade student, reads to Karma Calhoun, a preschooler, in the library.



Fourth grader Emma Graham reads to preschooler Rieghlynn Eckard in the library.

What's at the End Of a Rainbow?

By McKenzie VanDevander
Sixth-Grade Student
North Fork Elementary School

What's at the end of a Rainbow, no one really knows?
Maybe a pot of gold or perhaps 7 gnomes.
That can grant 7 wishes
That are sealed with 7 kisses.

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The 7 million flowers can buy 7 million hours.
7 million hours can buy 7 million showers of spring.
That ring with joy when you're with your significant other.

There could be magical powers.
Many magical powers that can save so many precious hours.

The power flying might be there, so you can soar so high.
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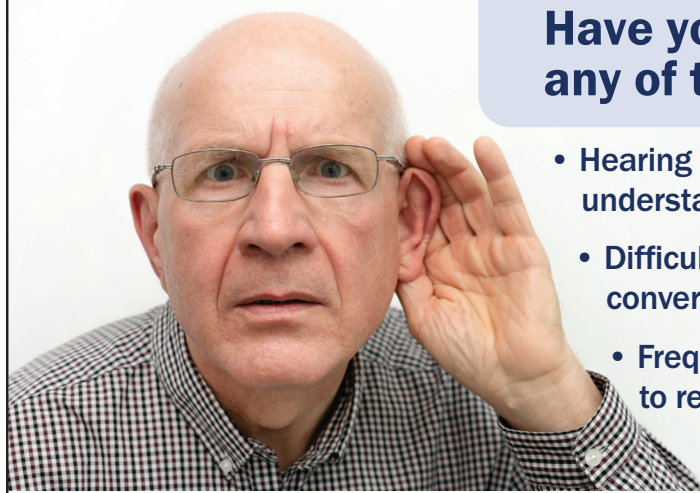
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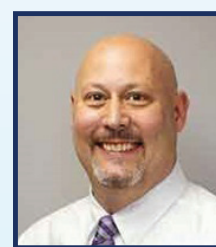
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10 Years Ago
Week of March 14, 2013

SUGAR GROVE

Things of Good Old Days Bring a Smile to the Face

- Sprinkle bottles...clothes were sprinkled down after they dried and were rolled up tight and put back in a basket. Everything was ironed; but once steam irons came, the sprinkle bottles were thrown away.
- Wringer washers...what work that was! If one didn't get an arm caught in the wringer, one had to lug a basket of wet clothes to the backyard and hang them on the line.
- The smell of Old Spice, playing Mother May I, Jacks, marbles.
- Red Rover, Red Rover, won't you come over?
- "Step on a crack...break your mother's back," climbing trees, Cowboys 'n' Indians, licking mom's mixer beaters.
- You'll wonder where the yellow went when you brush your teeth with Pepsodent.
- Wooden folk toys...spinning top, idiot stick, lumberjack man, tic tac toe, ox yoke puzzle.
- Doctors made house visits to care for extended families, including parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, all living under the same roof.

Snowstorm Slams County

A late winter snowstorm dumped almost two feet of heavy, wet snow on the county last Wednesday. The snow began falling in the county seat late on Tuesday evening and left 14 to 20 inches on the ground in the Franklin area. The storm also pummeled the Shenandoah Valley, dropping more than a foot of snow in Harrisonburg, VA, and a reported 29 inches on Elkton, VA. A violent late winter blizzard dropped up to three feet of snow on parts of the county over the weekend of March 12-14 in 1993. Snow drifts as high as 16 feet blocked Rt. 33 on Allegheny Mountain and Snowy Mountain.

20 Years Ago
Week of March 20, 2003

SUGAR GROVE

Writer Shares 'Things' I Wish I'd Known

Last week's article regarding the Appalachian dialect was met with humorous appreciation by many readers. The writer enjoyed compiling the article from notes written while attending an Appalachian culture class several years ago. Internet has contributed many interesting antidotes to computer owners. "Things I Wish I'd Known" was a delightful piece of information the writer would like to share with her readers—

- Any and all compliments can be handled by saying, "Why, thank you!" (It helps if one has a southern accent).
- Never give yourself a haircut after three margaritas.
- Never continue to date anyone who is rude to the waiter or doesn't like cats or dogs.
- The five most essential words for a healthy, long-lasting relationship are "I apologize" and "You are right."
- Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
- When you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It's easier to eat crow while it's still warm.
- The best advice my mother gave me was "Go! You might meet somebody!"
- Pick your battles. Will this matter one year from now? One month? One day? Don't sweat the small stuff.
- Never pass up an opportunity to use the bathroom. It may be your last chance for a long time.
- Work is necessary, but it's not the most important thing.
- Be nice to your friends. You never know when you are going to need them to visit you in the nursing home.

30 Years Ago
Week of March 18, 1993

Pendleton Paralyzed by Violent Winter Blizzard

High Winds Cause Deep Snow Drifts

Pendleton County was hit by a winter blizzard of unusual intensity over the past week-end that dumped up to three feet of snow on some areas of the county and subjected it to high winds measured up to 71 miles per hour. Temperatures as low as six above zero were recorded. Snow drifts as high as 16 feet blocked Route 33 on top of Allegheny Mountain and on Snowy Mountain. Snow blowers and bulldozers were brought in to open paths in the mountains of snow. Electric power was interrupted for approximately six hours Saturday night in the Sugar Grove, Crummetts Run and Dry Run areas of the county. Problems with electric power were caused by trees falling over electric power lines. Reports indicate that at least 170 lives were lost in the eastern part of the nation during the storm which extended from Florida to Maine.

40 Years Ago
Week of March 17, 1983

DAHMER

Johnny Arvin Dahmer cut a locust tree from which he made 86 fence stakes. The top of the tree was rotten or it would have made over a hundred.

50 Years Ago
Week of March 15, 1973

Snake Found In Post Office

Mrs. Raymond Cowger, a postal clerk at the Franklin Post Office, did some high stepping Monday morning. When she opened the post office early in the morning, she found a four-foot blacksnake lying in the middle of the floor. As soon as she caught her breath and made sure it wasn't crawling up her leg, she got Postmaster Gene Scott Hammer on the telephone and summoned him summarily to the office. Hammer put the snake in a box and took it out into the woods and released it. He said someone apparently put the snake through a mail slot as a practical joke.

60 Years Ago
Week of March 21, 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.

Silence Finally Broken In Virginia

General Robert E. Lee was in Richmond 100 years ago this week, conferring with Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. Suddenly, news arrived from the front, and Lee quickly headed post haste for Fredericksburg, Va., 50 miles to the north. Even before he left, a division of Texans under Gen. John B. Hood was marching from Richmond for the front, as women of the city cheered them and passed out bread to them.

The news: Federal troops had crossed the Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg, breaking nearly three months of silence on the Virginia front.

At the same time that fighting broke out in Virginia, the Civil War had begun to grow lively again on the dormant front in Tennessee.

In Virginia, throughout the first three months of 1963, Lee's army had waited on the south bank of the Rappahannock River watching the huge Federal army under Gen. Joseph Hooker, encamped on the northern bank. On March 17, Hooker decided to test Lee's cavalry around Culpeper, just north of Fredericksburg, and on that morning, 2,100 Federal cavalymen splashed across the Rappahannock at Kelly's Ford.

The Federals were successful at first. They drove back a band of Confederate cavalymen on the south side of the ford, then charged into a Southern cavalry brigade at Culpeper.

The Confederates gave way briefly, but they counter-charged, and the Federals gave way. For five hours the horsemen battled until more than 150 had fallen.

Among the victims was a boyish Confederate captain

who had come to Culpeper to appear as a witness in a court martial. When the fight broke out, the youth had rushed to the front, where he was killed by an artillery shell.

He was John Pelham, a promising young Alabama boy who had been in the class of 1861 at West Point and whose use of artillery at Fredericksburg had made him, perhaps, the South's youngest war hero. His commanding officer, "Jeb" Stuart, broke into tears on Pelham's death and wired Richmond: "The noble, chivalric, the gallant Pelham is no more."

The little fight at Kelly's Ford ended as it had begun. The Federals gradually were forced back to the river, and as dusk came, they splashed back across to their own side. Silence returned to the Virginia front.

In Tennessee, there had been fairly constant skirmishing in early 1863 between the armies of Federal General William S. Rosencrans and Confederate General Braxton Bragg on a line running roughly along the Duck River from McMinnville west to Shelbyville and Columbia.

Then, in early March, Confederate Gen. Earl Van Dorn, with the aid of the famous raider Nathan Bedford Forrest, badly whipped 3,000 Federals between Columbia and Franklin, taking most of them prisoners. On March 18, another Federal detachment tried to capture Gen. John Hunt Morgan, another famous Confederate raider, northeast of Murfreesboro. Morgan attacked the Federals and was beaten off with heavy losses.

Spring was coming. You could tell it by the shooting. Next week: Grant meets failure.

70 Years Ago
Week of March 19, 1953

More Water Mains Will Reduce Rates

"If an additional 350 feet of water pipe were installed in Franklin, there is a good possibility that the fire insurance rates would be reduced for the entire town," Mr. B. J. Aulde said today.

"The town has about 350 feet of pipe left over from last year, which has been paid for," he said. "It would cost about \$1,000 to lay the new line, but reduction of rates would probably run about \$1,000 or \$1,500 for the insured people."

Form Chess Club

A number of Franklin people have become interested in the playing of chess in the past few weeks, with the result that there has arisen a need for the formation of a chess club. We are asked to state that a meeting of all persons interested in the formation of such a club will be held at Dahmer's restaurant this Friday evening about 7:30 o'clock. Those who can play this ancient and absorbing game and

those who would like to learn are equally welcome. If a club is formed those who are unfamiliar will be instructed in the rudiment of chess which, while an intricate and strategic pastime, will begin to assume a familiar pattern after four or five games.

Bands Clear \$90 On Recent Dinner

The Franklin School bands gave a turkey dinner in the Presbyterian Church on March 4th from 5 to 7 p.m.

It seems there was a good turnout. There was about 200 served and according to Mr. Judy, the band cleared about \$90.

We, the band members wish to thank you all for helping to make it a success by coming to our dinner. Also, we wish to thank the band mothers for helping to sponsor it, and everyone who helped and donated.

The purpose of this dinner was to raise money to buy new instruments and suits for the children coming into the band.

EDITORIAL

To what extent the sudden death of Stalin will affect the present world tension has created wide speculation. A partial answer came last week when a Russian MIG shot down an American Thunderbolt over Germany. The first indications seem to be that the "cold war" may get slightly warmer.

It is unlikely, however, that the Russian attacks on our planes were meant to provoke a war. Most of the experts agree that Russia will strike hard when and if an attack comes. She would not be likely to start a war over the destruction of one obsolete American fighter plane.

If she attacks, it is more likely that it will be a blow designed to cripple American industry—an atom bomb raid which would destroy great American industrial centers, the nation's capital, and cities with dense populations. It is unlikely that she would deliberately provoke an incident that would put us on guard, or in a position to bomb Russia first. She would lose the element of surprise—in modern warfare, a country's most potent weapon.

Russia's attitude most probably will remain the same. It is not likely that Stalin would have chosen a successor who was not in complete agreement with his plans. The Russians, however, are unpredictable and their culture radically different from our own. What other people would play Russian roulette for a pastime—the game in which a cartridge is placed in a pistol, the cylinder spun, and the player, placing the gun to his head, pulls the trigger. It would be nice if this game, played very little today, would be revived—and the Russians would hit a streak of bad luck.

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Smith Creek Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Lots of folks are saying they can't wait until spring gets here. This is the last week of winter. Don't get one's hope up of warm weather because the area can still have snow into late April.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Shelda Warner, Vestyl Bible, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Ruby Propst, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Mary Alice Simmons, Reva Hartman, Sandy Washburn, Sandra Vandevander, Larry Moyers and Ruth Simmons; 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, Quinley McConnell, Etha Mae Bowers, Mary Jo Wilfong, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Rodney Crites, Charlotte Copley, Billy Rowe, Myrtle Hammer, Jack Judy, Jimmie Bennett, Sandy Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Jason Rexrode, Margaret Wimer, Harry Allen Warner, Doris Simmons and Audra Huffman.

Prayer thought: "God is always ready not only to forgive us and welcome us back, but also to restore us so we can love, serve and glorify Him."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for March 6 through March 12, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: March 6 - 61°, 25° (70°, 51°, .39"); March 7 - 49°, 35° (71°, 45°, .34"); March 8 - 47°, 23° (44°, 33°); March 9 - 56°, 21° (46°, 28°); March 10 - 43°, 35°, .15" (44°, 26°); March 11 - 39°, 25° (63°, 25°) and March 12 - 34°, 29°, .25" snow (26°, 13°, 1" snow).

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Our family would like to thank all the people who assisted my husband on February 21st after his fall on the Walgreen's parking lot. We do not know who you were but, we are grateful. Thank-you to Walgreens, Pendleton Community Care, Franklin Fire and Rescue Squad and air ambulance for their assistance.

Walter Pitsenbarger family

Today's Phrases Were Coined from Way of Life

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

There are some interesting facts that hail from the 1500s. At one time, urine was used to tan animal skins, so families used to all "pee" in a pot. Once the pot was full, it was taken and sold to the tannery. When one did this they were considered "Piss Poor." However, really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot were of the lowest of the low and "didn't have a pot to piss in."

Most people got married in June because it followed the yearly bath in May. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. This is how the custom of carrying a bouquet of flowers came to be.

In those days, baths consisted of a big tub that was filled with hot water. The nice clean water was first used by the man of the house, then all the other sons and men, followed by the women and then finally the children. Last of all were the babies. By then, the water was so dirty that one could actually get lost in the water. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

In those days, houses had thatched roofs that were made of thick straw piled very high with no wood underneath. This was a place that the animals could get warm, so all the cats, mice, bugs, etc., lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery causing the animals to slip and fall off the roof. That is how the saying "It's raining cats and dogs" came to be. Now, there was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. Bugs and other droppings could really mess up nice clean beds, hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That is how the canopy came into existence.

Except for the wealthy, most houses had dirt floors. Hence, the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that oftentimes became slippery. Straw would be spread on the floor to keep their footing in the wintertime. As the winter wore on, more thresh would be added with a piece of wood being placed in the entrance way to keep the thresh from slipping out. Hence, the language included "a threshold."

Perhaps a little of history behind the coined phrases one uses, helps one to better understand that way of life. Life's little instructions will enhance daily living:

1. Call a friend.
2. Avoid clutter.
3. Think of planting a garden this spring.
4. Avoid junk food.
5. Get regular checkups.

This past week's Worm Moon is the last full moon of the winter season. It ushers in a season of winter melt and the return of earthworms to the surface of the earth. It dates back to writings from the 1760s about worms and beetle larvae coming out with the spring thaw. Other names for



Students in the fifth and sixth grade at the Sugar Grove Elementary School were, from left, first row, Jim Rexrode, Bob Puffenbarger, Jim Armstrong, Eugene Bodkin, Pat Riley, John Wayne Propst, John Bryan Ellinger and Edward Lee Moyers; second row, Lanny Mitchell, John Rexrode, Steve Propst and Bruce Propst; third row, Mary Smith, Bertha Puffenbarger, Maggie Puffenbarger, Paul Eckard, Beth Todd, Norman Wilfong, Wanda Sue Simmons, Karen Lubke, Judy Grogg, Linda Mongold and Linda Smith; and fourth row, John Boggs, teacher.

the March moon used by tribes in the northeastern U.S. include the Crow Moon and Sap or Sugar Moon.

Even though Sunday proved that winter is still in one's grasp, with snow measuring 1-2 inches, it did not linger long on the roadways. This week shows signs of colder temperatures and winds. On another note, spring is just around the corner!

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Some people will never like you because your spirit irritates their demons." — Denzil Washington

"To have a cricket in the hearth, is the luckiest thing in all the world!" — Charles Dickens

"All one's life is music if one touches notes rightly and in time." — John Ruskin

"Lord make us mindful of the little things that grow and blossom in these days to make the world beautiful for us." — W.E. Dubois

"You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming." — Pablo Neruda

Sitting by the fire is the best place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

This was just "in" from Grey Cassell: "Nastiest curve finally removed by Virginia Department of Transportation on Shenandoah Mountain!!! March 2023!! It would be hard to estimate the number of wrecks this curve caused due to negligence on the part of Virginia!!!! Thanks, Virginia for finally taking care of this!!! Now hope the state will take action on the rest of the Virginia side of the Shenandoah Mountain!!!"

The time changed to Daylight Saving Time. That's all about that subject.

A birthday supper was held Friday at the Clover Hill Schoolhouse for

Eugene Varner, Roger and Reda Shrewsbury, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Ronnie Pitsenbarger, and Evelyn Varner. Others joining in on the celebration were Randy and Lorella Whetzel, Will Hoosier, Judy Costello, Janet Judy, Terry Harper, Kitty and L.J. Purcell, Richard and Joyce Marshall, Erma Moats, Karen Pitsenbarger and Cindy Varner. This was a great occasion to celebrate.

Wes, Becky, Ben, Emma and Nathan Puffenbarger spent Saturday in Lynchburg, Virginia, visiting SeaQuest where Emma got to feed and play with a baby sloth. On the way home, they drove through Buckingham, Virginia, where Wesley likes to hunt. Friday, Ben, Emma, and Nathan spent the day with grandparents, Robert and Nancy Hodges, since school was canceled.

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

- In ancient China, one could tell a person's social rank by the color of their fingernails.
- All clouds are white. Some look grey because they are very thick and little sunlight can pass through them.
- Seagulls sometimes travel 700 miles in a single day.
- Invisible ink was invented by Sir James Jay for use during the Revolutionary War.
- The first galoshes were wooden sandals worn by French monarchs to protect their silken shoes.
- A person can find names of 26 U.S. states on the back of a five-dollar bill.

The remainder of the March birthdays are as follows: Chloe Simmons, 15th; Julie Smith, 16th; Gernon Hoover, 17th; Allison Hoover, Jaiden Mitts and Brad Gumm, 18th; Jean Thompson, 19th; Jennifer Hoover, Sharon Harr, Robbie Sites, David Marsh and Cindy Wilkins, 21st; Wanda Messerly, Michael Eye, Shirley Pratt and Christy Harper, 22nd; Connor Armstrong, 23rd; Debbie Cayton, 25th; Kraista Walls, 26th; Patty Harper, 27th; Andrew Kiser, 29th; Rudi Mitts, 30th; and Gene Boggs and Doyle Moats, Jr., 31st.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Nathan Beachler, Lynn Beatty, Debbie Beal, Jed Conrad, Jeff Craig, Mary Eye, Mia Felici, Donna Fleisher, Ron Gilkerson, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Gary and Jackie Hills, Virgil Homan, Jr., Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Anna Gae Hughes, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Neil McLaughlin, Gary Mitchell, Jamie Mitchell, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, Kara Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Mike Propst, Stanley Propst, Sheldon Propst, K.D. Puffenbarger, Dick Rexrode, Gary Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Sandra Vandevander, Pam Rexrode, Max Rodriguez, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Amy Vaus, Judy Williams, Margaret Wimer, people in Ukraine and Yemen, earthquake victims in Turkey and victims of East Palestine, Ohio.

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Despite Young's 43 Points, Dragons Too Tall Of an Order for Wildcats at State Tournament

By Stephen Smoot

Last year, Cameron won the West Virginia girls' high school basketball championship by knocking off the number one seed.

Last week, Pendleton County hoped for some of that same tournament magic as they took on the defending champion and number one seed Cameron Dragons.

Standing in the way of Wildcat aspirations was Ashlynn Van Tassell, a 6'2" junior who stood a half a foot higher than the tallest Pendleton County starter.

Ana Young, who received all-tournament honors, said after the game that "our plan was to put in more effort, to get them tired, to prove we have more effort and hustle."

Cameron controlled the tipoff and hit a layup 15 seconds into the game to take the early lead. Ana Young, almost 20 seconds later, drove into the lane and floated a one hander in to tie the score. The Dragons followed that up with a free throw, then a three with 6:08 left to go in the quarter. They pulled ahead 6-2.

Young brought her top game to Charleston, putting her team on her back to will them to a win. Cameron used much of the first quarter to patiently build a lead with their center and outside shooters. They extended to a 15-5 lead with 2:48

in the quarter.

Young then took control. She hit a pullup on a drive at the 2:37 point. Young then followed that with a steal and a pass ahead to Avery Townsend whose layup helped the Wildcats pull within six. Gabby DePue then broke up a Dragon pass inside, leading to a Young three pointer.

After the game, Coach Micah Bailey said "she's (Ana's) meant a lot to the program. She's put in a lot of work and time and it shows."

Pendleton County finished the quarter with a 12-2 run in just less than three minutes. Young hit a step back three-pointer to cut the Dragon lead to 17-15. The quarter ended with Cameron enjoying only a one-point advantage.

Cameron pulled ahead to a 23-18 lead with two straight layups. Townsend then drew a foul while shooting a three, then made two of three foul shots. A Young 10-foot shot narrowed the lead to one again. Cameron layups pushed the lead back out.

At the 1:45 mark, Lizzie Alt drew a foul while shooting. Her conversion of both shots cut the Cameron lead to 32-29. Cameron hit a layup with 52 seconds left to extend their lead to five.

The Wildcats enjoyed success in the second quarter with a defense that double teamed Van Tassell, but left a shooter

open. In the third, the Dragons started to find that open shooter, allowing the Cameron center more one on one opportunities.

Alt, who along with DePue and Baylee Beachler, had the job of containing Van Tassell, said, "It's definitely tough when you don't match up size wise. You just have to give the best effort you can."

Cameron started the third by hitting two three-pointers in the first minute. This, plus a Townsend layup, gave Cameron a 40-31 lead. Made three-point shots opened the middle and Cameron took full advantage. Young fought hard, hitting shots and attacking the basket, but the Dragons brought championship form.

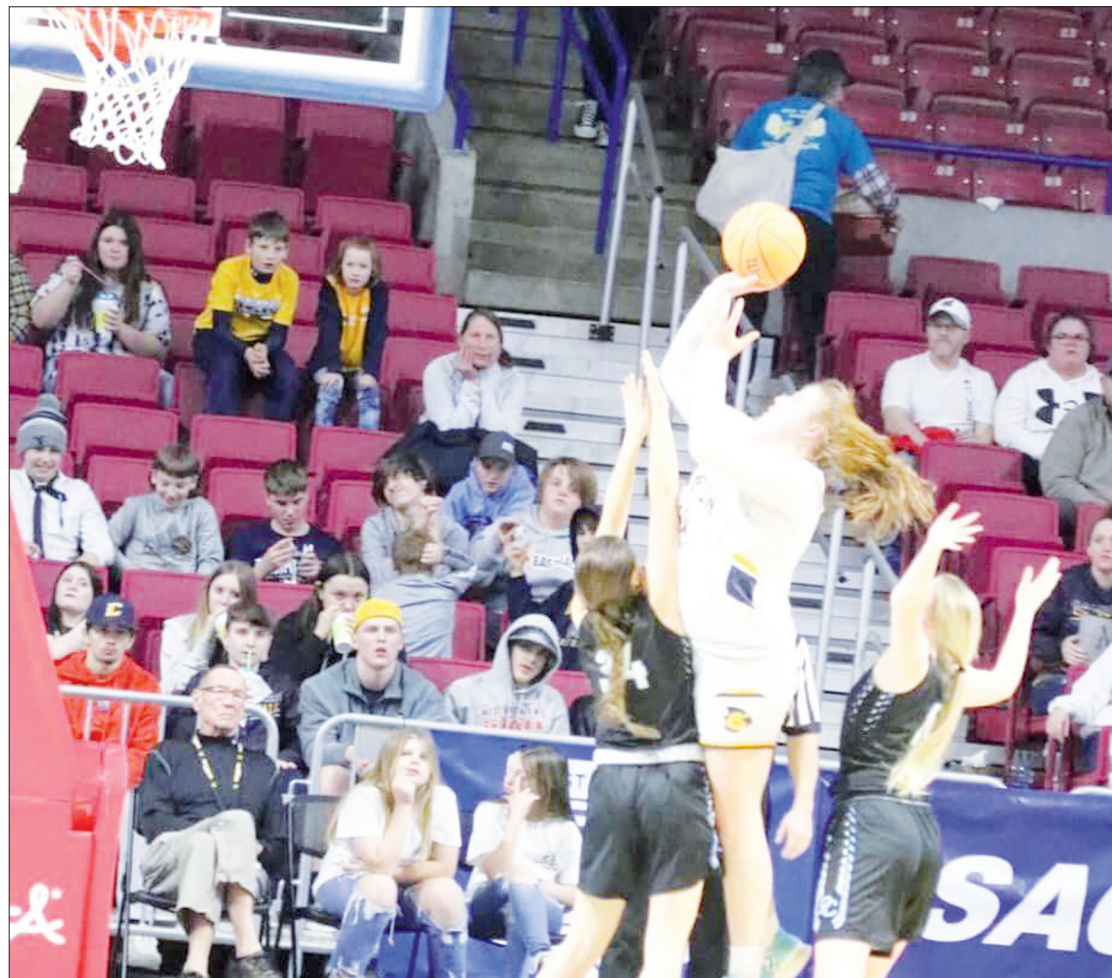
Early in the fourth quarter, the Dragons built a 29 -point lead. Pendleton County, however, stayed in the game. Young's shots and drives brought the score back to a 20-point lead. Cameron took the game with a final score of 79-59.

To the girls, however, the sting of the loss paled in comparison to the joy they took in playing together. Townsend explained that, "it was really awesome to compete with her team at the tournament." She added that "it was a pleasure to play with Ana and the whole team on this court."

Young stated that "this is the best group of girls I have ever played with."



Baylee Beachler, Lizzie Alt, and Gabby DePue show their game face during their state tournament appearance. Photo by Robin Alt.



Lizzie Alt fights to defend the basket against Cameron's 6'2" center. Photo by Robin Alt.



Avery Townsend relentlessly pushes the ball up the court against defending state champion Cameron. Photo by Robin Alt.



Coach Micah Bailey, Ana Young, Avery Townsend, and Lizzie Alt answer reporters' questions after the game.

Wildcats Bested By Cougars in Hard Fought Regional Game, 74-60

By Stephen Smoot

In the postseason, experience matters. Great teams struggle for the win and bring their best. East Hardy brought a team laden with upperclassmen to Franklin last week. The stakes were high, the opportunity to compete in the state tournament in Charleston was on the line.

Pendleton County controlled the tip off and roared in the opening minutes. Jacob Beachler stole a pass, starting a fast break that ended in a Clayton Kisamore layup at the other end. Josiah Kimble then took a steal of his own and buried a three with 6:09 left in the first quarter.

East Hardy applied a full court man-to-man press to disrupt the Wildcats. They took a steal in for a layup to cut the lead to 5-2. Chase Owens answered by taking an offensive rebound up for a score and a 7-2 lead. The Cougars hit a three with 4:34 left in the quarter. Kimble answered 20 seconds later with his own three.

Throughout the first half, East Hardy owned a hot hand. They hit a number of deep shots, many contested.

Kisamore hit a three-pointer of his own with 2:28 that tied the game at 13. He duplicated the effort with 48 seconds left and followed that with a baseline drive for a layup that put his team up 18-13 at the end of the first.

East Hardy quickly tied the game back up in the opening minutes of the second quarter. Kisamore put his team on his back and tried to will them to victory through the rest of the game. After the Cougars tied the score with a three, Kisamore drove to the basket and hit a hook shot to put the lead back at two. East Hardy shortly thereafter took the lead with a three. Kisamore took it right back at the 5:04 mark when he again attacked the basket and scored.

The problem lay in Pendleton County hitting twos while East Hardy kept hitting threes. A layup at the end of the half gave the Cougars a 36-29 advantage.

In the third quarter, the Wildcats gave full effort to cut into the East Hardy lead. Kisamore drove to the basket and drew a foul, hitting one of two free throws. Owens

then hit a three-pointer followed by a Beachler blocked shot. Dusty Smith hit two free throws at the 3:21 mark with Kisamore scoring on a reverse layup at the 2:54 mark to set the score at a 44-37 East Hardy lead. Kisamore hit Beachler on a lob that scored a layup to cut the lead to five.

For every Pendleton County challenge against the lead, East Hardy had an answer. They took steals at pivotal opportunities. Every long range shot seemed to answer a Wildcat big play. By the end of the third quarter, East Hardy had added two points to their lead, setting it at 50-41.

East Hardy drew first blood in the fourth quarter with a steal and a made seven-foot shot. Owens then hit Beachler with a pass that led to a made shot. The game remained close until almost the very end. Kisamore hit a three to pull his team within six with a minute to play. Then Pendleton County had to foul the Cougars to extend the game. East Hardy made their shots, setting the final at 74-60.



Clayton Kisamore poured in 25 points and played strong defense in the Wildcats' season ending effort. Photo by Steve Clutter.

PCMS Wildcat Baseball Schedule	
March 20	Davis-Thomas .6:00 (H)
28	Petersburg.....5:00 (A)
April 4	Tygart's Valley.6:00 (H)
6	Petersburg.....5:00 (A)
11	Davis-Thomas.6:00 (A)
13	Petersburg.....5:00 (H)
18	Tygart's Valley.6:00 (A)
20	Elkins6:00 (A)
27	Elkins6:00 (H)
29	Buckhannon-Upshur (DH).12:00 (A)
May 4	Petersburg.....4:00 (H)

PCHS Wildcat Baseball Schedule	
March 23	Bath Co.....4:30 (A)
25	Spring Mills (DH).....1:00 (A)
27	Pocahontas Co.5:00 (H)
28	Paw Paw.....5:00 (A)
29	Tygart's Valley.5:00 (A)
April 1	Highland (DH).1:00 (H)
3	Pocahontas Co.5:00 (A)
4	Tygart's Valley.6:00 (H)
7	Legends Tournament (Petersburg/Keyser).....TBA (H)
10	East Hardy.....6:00 (A)
12	Moorefield.....6:00 (H)
17	Paw Paw.....6:00 (H)
18	Tygart's Valley.6:00 (H)
19	Bath County....6:00 (H)
22	South Harrison (DH).....1:00 (A)
25	Moorefield.....6:00 (A)
26	Tucker Co.6:00 (H)
28	Jefferson.....4:30 (A)
Southern	
	Garrett Co.7:00 (A)
May 1	East Hardy.....6:00 (H)
4	Petersburg.....6:00 (H)
5	Musselman.....5:00 (H)

PCMS Wildcat Softball Schedule	
March 29	Tygart's Valley.6:00 (H)
30	Petersburg.....5:00 (H)
April 8	Braxton Co. (DH).....2:00 (A)
13	Tygart's Valley.5:00 (A)
21	Eastern Greenbrier (DH).....5:00 (H)
22	Barrackville (DH).....1:00 (A)
25	Petersburg.....5:00 (A)
27	Elkins6:00 (H)
29	Philippi (DH)...1:00 (H)
May 5	Eastern Greenbrier (DH).....5:00 (A)

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March 17	Keyser (DH)6:00 (A)
22	East Hardy.....5:00 (A)
25	Spring Mills (DH).....1:00 (A)
27	Pocahontas Co.5:00 (H)
28	Tygart's Valley.5:00 (H)
30	Petersburg.....5:00 (H)
April 3	Pocahontas Co.5:00 (A)
5	Tucker Co. (DH).....5:00 (A)
7/8	Robert C. Byrd.....TBA (A)
11	Moorefield.....6:00 (H)
14	Hampshire (DH).....5:30 (H)
15	Frankfort (DH).....2:00 (A)
18	Moorefield.....6:00 (A)
19	Tygart's Valley.6:00 (H)
21	Moorefield.....TBA (A)
22	Musselman....TBA (A)
24	Keyser.....6:00 (H)
25	Petersburg.....7:00 (A)
26	East Hardy.....6:00 (H)
28	Liberty-Bealeton.....TBA (A)
29	Unity ReedTBA (A)

Correction:
The player identified as Cameron Beachler in last week's story about the golf course was incorrectly identified. The player was, in fact, Haiden Waggy. Our apologies for the misidentification.

Warner's Drive-In

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family friendly R rated fare. In 1958, 4,063 drive-in theaters operated across the United States. By 2013, that number had dropped to 368.

Warner's managed to buck the trend of decline for decades, remaining a popular spot for family entertainment. As the Warner's five-year plan document states, "for many generations, Warner's Drive-In provided one of the few opportunities for gathering and entertainment in and around this part of Eastern West Virginia and the Potomac Highlands."

"We have such unique tourism opportunities in our county with one of the few existing drive-ins in West Virginia," says Laura Brown, Pendleton County economic development director. She added that "visitors get the chance to not only watch the big screen, but also see the moon come over the mountain."

While it survived the industry killing trends of the 70s, Warner's had to shut down in 2014 due to Hollywood switching from film to digital projectors. When the organization that now administers it sought to bring it back, as Bob Davis, board member, recalled, this served as the first major challenge to reopen.

"How do we show movies," they asked. At the time, a new digital projector ran at about \$100,000. They said "let's see what we can do to save this."

First, they looked for a less costly option, which turned out to be a used projector. "Less costly," meant a significant discount, but still the best price available was \$60,000. One supporter handed over a lot with a house to sell and urged them to take what proceeds they could and invest into the theater. With \$40,000 from the house sale and vital support from the community "things started coming together quickly," including a loan from USDA Rural Development.

As Jessica Basagic, who leads the effort to schedule the best possible movie selections each summer, recalled, "the previous owners were also great helps." Hall's Drive-In, a nonprofit theater in Lexington, Virginia, also offered advice.

In 2016, Warner's hit a home run with its first release. The Pixar hit movie Finding Dory, featuring the voice of Ellen DeGeneres, became the first showing of the new Warner's. It grossed \$135 million in its first week and was no less popular in Pendleton. Davis said, "There were cars lining up and down 220. We were shocked at community interest."

Davis, Basagic, and the board did not want to simply rest on the laurels of the continuing popularity of movies shown there. Basagic describes their goal as forming a "cultural and resource center," asking "how can we get involved in the schools and support arts, culture, and entertainment?"

County Commission

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squad building.

Mike Alt then issued a report on upcoming needs of the Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department. Alt described a "unique situation" that confronted the department earlier this winter. During the cold snap, the area had no power for 24 hours. No facility in the area enjoyed generator backup, although both the fire hall and that training center are designated disaster shelters.

A generator alone will not solve the issue, however. Alt said that "we inherited old equipment." The power company would have to install \$27,000 worth of equipment, including replacement of old and deteriorating poles. They must also upgrade their system to accommodate higher levels of power.

Hevener then stepped in, suggesting "we were taking this system here to the community building," but then decided that the generator at the courthouse would not be a good fit there. The commission offered the generator to Upper Tract VFD.

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, urged "you've got to wire it accordingly."

Alt responded, "that will cut our costs way down," and added that it might be a couple of months before the poles and equipment are ready for the generator. He then related that the rescue squad's tactical skills team needed new equipment. Regulations and other requirements set the shelf life of certain emergency equipment at 10 years; much of the equipment is approaching that cut off.

Gillespie suggested that "I'd think Title II could work for that." Title II funds help to pay for emergency equipment that would be mostly or entirely used on federal lands, such as the national forest. Alt confirmed that the equipment is mostly used for national forest calls.

Hevener told Alt, "We'll look into it."

Commissioners heard from citizens concerned about the potential sale of WELD, a station based in Fisher, but that serves much of the Potomac Highlands, including Pendleton County. They shared information about the potential buyers and a community meeting on March 9. Hevener replied that Chip Combs of WELD reached out to the Pendleton County Commission.

While the community has raised \$50,000 to help to keep ownership local, the station has \$700,000 in debt. Gillespie voiced concerns over the future of emergency communications if the station went to outside hands or disappeared altogether.

The commission also agreed to provide letters of support for congressional funding of projects at the Franklin Innovation Center and Pendleton County Industrial Park, a new hot and cold food truck for Pendleton County Senior and Family Services, and a state arts grant for Warner's Drive-In.

Additionally, how can the theater best serve its patrons?

Basagic explained needs that the theater have recently tackled, as well as what remains to be done. One main priority lay in bringing climate control to the snack bar kitchen. Formerly, temperatures inside the building could reach well into the 90s, causing extreme discomfort.

This year, she says "we desperately need an outdoor restroom facility." She added that "it's not uncommon to have a thousand people" in attendance in an evening. Increasingly, portable toilets have proven inadequate to the task. Installing this, plus moving the aging septic system, was listed as the first of three areas of focus by Davis.

Davis named his second focus, the construction of a stage to expand the potential arts offerings. He said they also "need a sound system with the right lighting." A stage could host pre movie music, provide a concert venue for bands and other artists, or even help to sell the facility for weddings, revivals, or other major events.

The last area of major focus involves using the incomplete two-story structure on which the screen is affixed. Previous owners envisioned building an apartment at the top to house an employee who could both live there and operate the theater. Organizers see it as a prime spot for a bed and breakfast whose revenues would support the programs.

Davis says, "we have big dreams with a big price tag," saying that the structure could eventually hold a green room for the comfort of live artists or also a museum to display old equipment, posters, and other memorabilia from days gone past.

Brown shared that the board "makes our drive-in so special." She praised "how dedicated their volunteer board of directors is" and how they "open for an entire viewing season with volunteers only."

One of the big reasons for the popularity of the food and theater lies with one such volunteer, Doris Brackenrich. The retired district conservationist told the board, "I want to make this snack bar run for you guys." "Miss Doris" spent hours of time during each week preparing the food that the community enjoys so much. Basagic stated that "she does a remarkable job," including dealing with vendors.

"You can't put a price tag on someone like that," says Basagic.

Patrons can expect a lineup packed with blockbusters this season, starting with Fast X, the latest installment of the globally popular Fast and Furious franchise. Also coming are the latest in the Indiana Jones and Mission Impossible series, as well as the live action redux of The Little Mermaid.

WELD Auction

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enue Service must review an organization's tax free status and assign a tax identification number. Conversely, forming a limited liability corporation, or LLC, takes much less time and money. With the auction looming in a few weeks, it could be difficult to form a non-profit of any kind prior to the auction.

Combs said that it is "in everyone's best interest to resolve it all on sale day."

The auction could open up a potentially broad range of scenarios concerning the fate of WELD, but the cost of losing the station could be huge.

First, Combs says "the station is integrated into the community because it's all local content." On each weekday, WELD FM broadcasts community news, morning hymns, obituaries, a trading post, and even content for pet owners. If a corporate network, such as I Heart Radio, buys it, Combs warns that "when you take the local flavor out, corporate won't change anything unless it notices a change in the market."

More significantly, WELD serves as a vital source of emergency communications. Combs recalled "in 1985, my parents lived in Cabins. That night, November 4th, I went to stay with them. Sure enough, that's when the flood hit." He recalled they had "no heat, no power, but we did have a battery operated radio."

Combs described how the family stayed glued to Willard Earl on WELD. "People walked information to Willard and he read it on the air. Boy howdy, that's when I realized how vital a radio station can be."

Those sentiments were echoed in the county commission meeting by Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County emergency services coordinator. He stated that without WELD, areas without digital communications may not be able to receive potentially life-saving information.

Combs said in the worst disasters, battery operated radio may once again be the only dependable way to get news. "For a lot of residents of Pendleton and Grant county, internet service is non-existent, or at least not dependable, but they can get our signal."

Despite the current financial problems, Combs has a plan to bring the station back. He says that "we're just scratching the surface in terms of advertising," and added that "we could double the revenue if we had boots on the ground."

He also shared that flexibility in advertising campaigns and creative use of the other two stations could also help to boost revenues.

Rock Climbing

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"It's actually a bigger deal for private landowners than anyone else," says Laura Brown, Pendleton County Economic Development Authority director. She went on to say that "what we are hoping is . . . we will be able to then speak to landowners with rock formations on their land about allowing people to use their rocks."

Legislation represents the first step in the process to unlock more of Pendleton County's rock climbing treasures. Seneca Rocks, Reeds Creek, and Smoke Hole Canyon currently offer superior experiences on public land. Access to private lands can help to offer a more diverse and even, possibly, customized, experience.

Brown speculated that efforts to boost rock climbing and related sports in the area could involve non-profits such as the Access Fund. This organization, according to its website, "was founded in 1991 to fight for legal and physical access to the places we love to climb." Additionally, "we must work to manage our impacts, instill a conservation ethic within the climbing community, and collaborate with land managers and lawmakers to ensure that we are able to enjoy these places for generations to come."

This organization has already worked on opening sites in Monongahela County and also the New River Gorge area.

The legislation germinated last year with the EDA's attorney Josh Jarrell, who wrote up the bill. According to Brown, since the writing of the bill, the American Alpine Club, West Virginia Tourism and West Virginia University's Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative worked in "further developing and supporting the bill." The OECD exists to use "West Virginia's outdoor assets to ignite the economy, develop world-class recreational infrastructure, and expands outdoor educational opportunities."

Last year, the economic development authority and the county commission developed a plan to promote rock climbing as a flagship activity in marketing the region. While Pendleton County shares breathtaking scenery and outdoor activities, such as fishing and hiking, with almost every county, Pendleton is one of the few counties that offer world-class rock climbing sites.

As Brown explained, "tourism and outdoor recreation play a huge role in Governor Justice's agenda. This will add not only to Pendleton County's economy, but also our neighboring counties, like Grant and Hardy."

Treasure Mountain

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The work, it was explained, "is not something that you do one week out of the year. You do it the full year, or it doesn't happen."

Taylor-Ide suggested that while filling out the standing committees, that "understudies" should be selected. These people could step up to lead in the committee chair's absence, or replace them if needed.

Discussion next centered on organizing regular, monthly committee meetings, as well as the need for regular and good communication between committee leaders and officers. "It can't be heavy and cumbersome, though," Taylor-Ide said.

Bob Horan, mayor of Franklin and attendee, asked if the group had a board of directors. The answer to his question stated that the governance committee could suggest changes that could accommodate that.

Going forward, committees can shoulder more responsibilities for decision making in their spheres. When a discussion broke out over vendor fees, it was said that this is a question that should be addressed in committees.

The next regular meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday in April.

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Board of Education Holds First Meeting in New Building

By Stephen Smoot

After years of preparation and a lot of hard work, the Pendleton County Board of Education finally held its first ever meeting in their new building. The meeting opened with a prayer from J. D. Wilkins, president, in which he related "we thank You for every hand, and every gift, and every talent."

As Charles Hedrick, Pendleton County Schools superintendent, said of the move, "It took everybody in here and everybody in the office to make it work," and reserved strong praise for Travis Heavner. Hedrick also thanked Dan Miller and Andy Moyers, who "were workhorses for us."

Heavner replied that "we've still got a lot to do, but we've come a long way in three weeks." He joked that in terms of decoration, "we've hit some home runs, but we've hit some foul balls too."

Overall, Heavner reported that "we've been pushing pretty hard to get finished." He added that they had a few odds and ends left to remove, except "there are quite a few things left in the basement." Staff will commit one day per week to finishing the move until it's completed.

Hedrick pointed out that the process of moving "came at no extra cost to the county," because they used staff and county vehicles to move furniture and other materials.

The board then moved to the approval of bills, which included a nearly \$10,000 purchase of fresh beef from Darell Warner. J. P. Mowery, director of finance for Pendleton County schools, stated that "the state wants us to buy as much from local sources as we can."

Mowery went on to share the treasurer's report. For the month of January 2023, it showed \$811,151.38 in receipts for the month and \$1.25 million in disbursements. February had \$913,389.55 in receipts and \$1.13 million in disbursements. Mowery explained that cash flow normally recedes in the first few months of the year. He also showed that in the fiscal year to date, the school system had received more than \$10 million in receipts, while paying out \$8.56 million, showing a healthy balance sheet overall.

Board members heard an update from Heavner on the Christian Assistance Network building renovations. He shared that parts of the floor had degenerated to a serious condition, saying

some of the "2x12s were completely rotted. There's nothing left." Workmen installed two separate vapor barriers, 20 tons of gravel and rebar, then applied concrete.

"They actually paved the floor this morning," Heavner said. After the floor cures, workers can install slip resistant pads. "Hopefully by the end of the month, we can get them back up and running," Heavner explained.

Board members also heard about progress on the alternative education building. Much of what was needed was already in place, and workers constructed both walls and the roof. Heavner said that he hoped to receive the new building over the summer and that it was being shipped in two pieces.

The board also accepted the resignation of Joe Vincell as middle school girls' basketball coach while approving the hiring of Mary Beth Hebb as assistant track coach and Hayley Craig as middle school assistant softball coach.

Finally, the board heard that data from the Horizons PSAT exam had been collected and was being analyzed. Benefits include giving students an extra way to prepare for the actual exams later on while also giving teachers ideas for improvement.

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Federal Project NHPP-2023(244)D
Description PAVEMENT MARKINGS INTERSTATE STRIPING

Tariff Form No. 8 (RULE 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

NOTICE is hereby given that Mountaineer Gas Company, a public utility, has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing a requested increase in rates and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective Friday April 5, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$19,740,000 annually in additional revenues, or an overall average increase in revenues of approximately 6.08%. The \$19,740,000 consists of an increase in base rates of \$37,649,000 and a decrease in the Company's Investment Replacement and Expansion Program ("IREP") of \$17,909,000. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	INCREASE	INCREASE
Residential	\$ 7.08	% 7.85
Commercial	\$ 10.26	% 2.68
Large Commercial	\$ 747.47	% 0.70
Industrial	\$ 293.54	% 0.40
Resale	\$ 100.00	% 1.70
Other	\$ -	% -

This increase incorporates the rate impact of the cumulative investment under the IREP that was placed

2023, for furnishing labor and materials and performing all Work set forth in the Contract Documents prepared by Omni Associates - Architects which will be available as of March 7, 2023

The project will be bid under a single Prime Contract. The project consists of an exterior concrete ADA accessible ramp along with some concrete overpour on the north facade and porch of the existing Courthouse. Ramp to be built according to ANSI 117.1 2017 standards. New handrails, guardrails and lighting will be provided as well

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Omni Associates - Architects
207 Jefferson Street
Fairmont, WV 26554

Construction Employer's Association
2794 White Hall Blvd.
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Valley Construction News
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(2021-S-00000006 - Pendleton County - Hardy County Holdings)

To: OCCUPANT, RVR LLC, RVR LLC, RVR LLC RICHARD K. WILKINSON, REG. AGENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT MILL RUN MAP 26 PARCEL 0002 0007
You will take notice that Hardy County Holdings, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000006, 7.75 ACS LOT#7 WILDLIFE HAVEN, located in MILL RUN, which was returned delinquent in the name of RVR LLC, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Pendleton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 19, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 18, 2023 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 18, 2023.\$311.70

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 18, 2023.\$200.47

Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to April 18, 2023.\$1,016.19

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 18, 2023.\$534.28

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable Chad Bowers, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pendleton County**.....\$2,062.64

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor**. \$35.00

You may redeem at any time before April 18, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division
1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
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into service as of December 31, 2022. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi and Southern Public Service Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a part in the case should file on or before June 5, 2023 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R.1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protest should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protest and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and the addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the Company:

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A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

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Mandatory Pre-bid Conference:

A Mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held at Pendleton County Courthouse, 100 South Main Street, Franklin WV 26807 at 1:30pm on March 16, 2023.

Bids received after the

cheduled closing time for the reception of Bids will be returned unopened to the Bidders. Pendleton County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any informalities.

The Omni Associates - Architects
207 Jefferson Street
Fairmont, WV 26554

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PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY 2023 - 2024

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 7th day of March, 2023.

Charles F. Hedrick
Secretary of the Board of Education

	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Current Year			
Class I			
Personal Property	\$	19.40	\$
Public Utility	\$		\$
Total Class I	\$		\$
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 369,122,610	38.80	\$ 1,432,196
Personal Property	1,918,034		7,442
Total Class II	\$ 371,040,644		\$ 1,439,638
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 83,458,610	77.60	\$ 647,639
Personal Property	66,616,043		516,940
Public Utility	123,105,142		955,296
Total Class III	\$ 273,179,795		\$ 2,119,875
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 11,306,060	77.60	\$ 87,735
Personal Property	6,630,038		51,499
Public Utility	2,727,588		21,166
Total Class IV	\$ 20,663,686		\$ 160,350
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 664,884,125		\$ 3,719,863
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectibles Taxes		5.00%	185,993
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	70,677
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			3,463,193
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	69,264
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes For Budget Purposes			\$ 3,393,929

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Eastern Students Receive Nursing Scholarships



Representatives of 40 & 8 Voiture 1623 (back), present \$500 scholarship checks to four Eastern nursing students. Pictured, from left, are Alicia Van Meter, nursing director, Michelle Adkins, Whitney Hall, Crystal Goodwater, Jodee Crites and Micaela Kidwell, nursing faculty member.

Representatives from 40 & 8 Hardy County Voiture 1623 recently presented four \$500 checks from their nursing scholarship to Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College nursing students. The nursing student recipients were Michelle Adkins of Pendleton County, Jodee Crites of Grant County, Crystal Goodwater of Hampshire County and Whitney Hall of Hardy County.

"This scholarship has truly been helpful and has assisted me in being able to continue my education without having to work full-time hours throughout my studies," said Adkins.

"I am honored and extremely thankful to have been awarded the 40 & 8 scholarship," said Crites. "As a single mom of two little girls, this money will not only help me but also

benefit my daughters while I work towards my nursing degree. I hope that they see that through hard work and dedication, they too will be able to make their dreams come true."

Scholarship support is very important for students to make pursuing their education even more affordable, as well as make it easier for those who work while enrolled.

"Receiving this scholarship has helped me with everyday living expenses while attending school," said Hall. "I am very grateful for the opportunity to receive the scholarship and can't express the stress that it takes off of me while focusing on my nursing classes."

The 40 & 8 was founded in 1920 by American Veterans returning from France after World War I. In 1955,

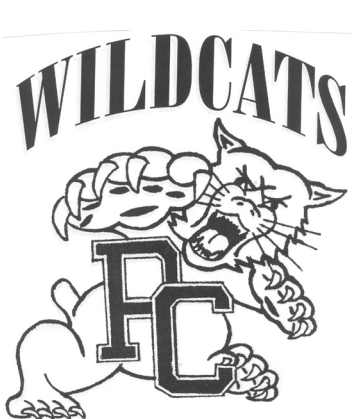
they began their support for nursing education. Voiture 1623 of the 40 & 8, based in Moorefield, has been a long-time advocate and supporter of Eastern's nursing students with this scholarship.

"The 40 & 8 scholarship is much more than monetary support; it is an encouragement," said Goodwater. "It is wonderful to have help with the cost of school, however, knowing an organization such as 40 & 8 supports me as a veteran's wife and a nurse in training means so much more."

This is the second time these students were awarded this scholarship. The first time in October of 2022, they were presented the checks by Jeff Fraley, director of nursing education for Voiture 1623 of the Forty & Eight (40 & 8) Veterans Organization. In support of their nurs-

ing scholarship program, members of the 40 & 8 hold several fundraising events

each year. To learn more about Eastern's nursing program, contact Barbara See at 304-434-8000 ext. 9268 or barbara.see@easternwv.edu.



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