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## Wildcats -- Sectional Champions



The Pendleton County Wildcats captured the Region II Section 2 Championship title last Friday at home after defeating Tygart's Valley 67 - 50. Pendleton County will play East Hardy at 7 p.m. today for a regional title with the winner advancing to state playoffs next week in Charleston. Members of the team are, from left, front row, Dillon Smith, Brady Bowers, Dusty Smith, Josiah Kimble, Chase Owens, Cashton Kisamore and Zykijah Wright; back row, Dustin Vandevander, Evan Teter, Jacob Beachler, Clayton Kisamore, Connor Armentrout and Brayden Beachler. Photo courtesy of Steve Clutter.

## Highlands Golf Club at Fisher Mountain Rated Second in the Nation by CNBC

By Stephen Smoot

"They say that they could go anywhere to play, but they play here."

So says Jerry Landis, manager of the Highlands Golf Club at Fisher Mountain.

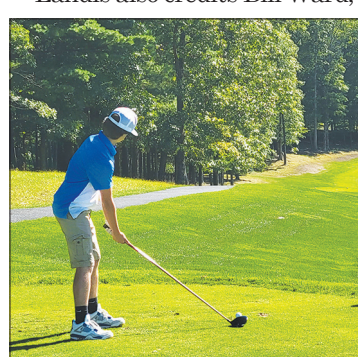
Last month, the nation found out about a hidden gem tucked away out Troublesome Valley Road, just outside of Franklin. NBC Sports Next's Golf Pass reported that the scenic course placed second on the ninth edition of the Golfer's Choice rankings.

The second-place finish came from Golfers' Choice's examination of player ratings over the past year.

That recognition comes after almost 20 years of work to develop a first-class golf facility in Pendleton County. As Jerry

Landis, who manages the facility, explains, "The original idea came from Robert Locklin. It was his idea. He purchased the land, got money and grants from the state and a couple of other places."

Landis also credits Bill Ward,



Cameron Beachler, Pendleton County's lone state tournament qualifier in 2022, prepares to tee off on a brilliantly sunny day last fall at Highlands Golf Club.

"who built the place." The club opened in 2006, but struggled initially and went into bankruptcy in two years. A Texas company purchased the club and held it until 2016. Then Waterfront Group bought it.

Rankings of the courses were "mostly from player reviews," Landis said. He added that "we were rated 4.99. We don't have a lot of amenities, but we're working on that." Immediate plans include "giving it a facelift in here, painting, and putting

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## PCM/HS Celebrates Future Farmers of America Week

By Stephen Smoot

Almost 106 years ago, Congress passed the Smith-Hughes Act which provided federal support for vocational agriculture education, home economics, and schooling in the trades. Nine years later, part of that support was channeled into developing the Future Farmers of America. Last month the FFA chapter at Pendleton County Middle/High School celebrated FFA, along with its impact on both education and the community.

All week long, FFA students organized and coordinated activities. Chapter officers, including Selena Hedrick, president, Lindsey Smith, vice president, Ryleigh Cook, secretary, Reagan McConnell,

secretary, Lydia Heavner, recorder, and James Ruddle, sentinel, ensured that activities were successful and went as planned.

On Monday, members celebrated with a member tailgate before the boys' basketball game. Ruddle manned the grill and made hamburgers for chapter members in attendance.

Tuesday saw class officers use Food for America Day as an opportunity to educate younger kids on surprising aspects of the food they eat. "We chose corn as our topic," said Hedrick. She added that "we went to all the elementary schools, read to kids." For kindergarten and first graders, they turned "duck, duck, goose," into "kernel, kernel,

pop."

Older children learned that many unlikely foods and products use corn for fuel, as a sweetener, and almost everything in between. Hedrick said "the kids are really interactive and couldn't believe that corn was in all that stuff." Smith added that familiarity helped to breed interest, saying "there are cornfields throughout the county and the kids see it."

While FFA focuses on farming, according to the national website, members also go into fields that relate to and support agriculture. As the site says, "members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers, and

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The Pendleton County Middle/High School FFA members went to Brandywine and all other elementary schools in the county during FFA Week to educate children on corn, one of the area's top crops. Members sharing FFA with BES students were, from left, Isabella Lockard, Lydia Heavner, Ryleigh Cook, James Ruddle, Reagan McConnell, Bailee Kiger, Selena Hedrick and Lindsey Smith.

## Ag Dinner Meeting Planned for Monday

The West Virginia University Pendleton County Extension Service will be sponsoring its second educational dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Clinton Hedrick Community Building in Riverton. Ben Goff will speak on "Changing the Grazing Mentality: Learning to Treat Pasture as a Crop."

This meeting will offer credits for pesticide license.

For reservations for the meeting, call 304-358-2286.

## UT 4-H'ers To Meet

The Upper Tract Producers 4-H Club will gather at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Upper Tract Training Center. The program will be "Visual Presentations and Demonstrations."

## Quilters To Gather

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Faith Lutheran Church. The activity will be a demonstration on how to make the pineapple block.

## Community Calendar

### Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Yokum's Store and Vacationland will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" for 60+ Seniors Friday at the Franklin Senior Center (304-358-2421). Meals will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To reserve a free lunch, call today.

### TMF Association To Meet Today

The Treasure Mountain Festival Association will meet at 6 p.m. today at the bowling alley in Franklin. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

### 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 Franklin Presbyterian Church. The message will be delivered by Fletcher Hutcheson, pastor of the Circleville and Seneca Rocks Presbyterian churches.

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



Paisley Hott, a student at Franklin Elementary School, joined her classmates in making and showing their art treasures.

## Students Show Their Skills in FES Art Show

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Franklin Elementary School PTO decked the shelves, walls, and tables of the library with art. Students of all ages brought a wide variety of art for judging, from realism to abstract, and even three dimensional pieces creatively made from common household objects.

"One of the reasons it was started was because there's a lot of focus on academics and sports," says Tanya Wehrle, PTO member and one of the show organizers. She added that "we want to give all kids an opportunity."

FES's first art show took place in 2020, just before the arrival in the United States of the pandemic. Last year was skipped due to continuing pandemic concerns, but in 2023 it was deemed the show must go on.

Art shows do more than give children a chance to draw, paint, or sculpt. As Jess Felici from the PTO explains, "This recognizes the need for promoting STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) but, unfortunately you don't always find the A in steam."

According to the Michigan State University Extension Service, art helps in four main areas of development.

In the youngest of children, art helps in developing fine motor skills. Experts say that grasping and using crayons and other art supplies develop hand muscles, as well as coordination. Additionally, they help to provide the fundamentals of problem solving and cause and effect. Art also helps children to learn how to make and follow a mental plan, as well as the best times to deviate from it and adapt to changing conditions.

Older children's art experience supplements teaching in  
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## Superintendent Addresses Recent Issues at PCM/HS

By Stephen Smoot

Recently, regional media reported on discipline related accusations and incidents that occurred at Pendleton County Middle/High School.

One incident involved the discovery of Post It Notes with racially charged language. The other was a fight that, among other potential factors, also carried accusations of use of racist language as part of the confrontation.

"We expect our staff and students to comply with our safe and supportive schools' policies and that's how we addressed it," said Charles Hedrick, superintendent of Pendleton County Schools, to WHSV Channel 3 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He added, "It ensures that there's no tolerance for harassment whether it be religious, ethnic, racial, or sexual in nature. We're committed to promptly addressing those issues."

Pendleton County Schools uses the STOPit anonymous reporting system to help students who feel bullied or harassed or wish to report incidents happening to others. This app allows for reporting of problems without fear of being named. Reporters can submit via app, website, and telephone hotline. According to the STOPit website, reported incidents go to a national incident response center with trained specialists. This allows for both a timely and appropriate response or alerting of proper authorities, especially during times of the day and week when school officials may not be working.

It also properly documents incidents for school officials or others to review.

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## Good Luck Wildcats!

### Come Out, Support the Wildcats

Wildcats: The Wildcats will host the East Hardy Cougars at 7 p.m. today to determine a regional championship. The winner will advance to the state tournament and will play either next Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on the team's ranking.

Come out and support the Pendleton County High School Wildcats as they seek their third consecutive berth in the state basketball tournament.

Lady Wildcats: The Lady Wildcats advanced to the state tournament by defeating the Union Tigers. They were scheduled to play Cameron on Tuesday with the winner advancing to the semi-finals on Friday at 11:15 a.m.

# OBITUARIES



**June Propst**

June Propst, 82, of Franklin died March 5, 2023, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin. She was born June 3, 1940, at Onego and was the daughter of the late Abraham Turner and Floda Alice (Day) Turner. Mrs. Propst was a homemaker and loved painting and gardening. She attended Asbury United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bernard Raines, and by her second

husband, Ernest "Ernie" Marshall Propst.

Surviving are two daughters, Anita Huffman (Bill) and Lois Waggy (David), all of Franklin; two sons, Marlin Raines (Janice) of Circleville and Danny Raines (Kacey) of Mt. Crawford, Virginia; three sisters, Joann Morgan (Alfred) of Manassas, Virginia, Joy Warner (Kenneth) of Franklin and Josie Goldizen (John) of Cabins; eight grandchildren, Chandra Berryman, Marlena Beachler, Ashley Johnson, Julie Mallow, William Waggy, Rachel Johnson, Hunter Huffman and Caleb Raines; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Donald Turner and Chester Turner; and a grandson, Matt Shriver.

The family will receive friends from 1- 2 p.m. today at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin where a funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Johnny Goldizen officiating.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.kimblefuneralhome.com](http://www.kimblefuneralhome.com).



**Martha Kail Alt**

Martha Kail Alt, 70, of Upper Tract passed away March 3, 2023, at her home.

She was born April 24, 1952, at Petersburg and was the daughter of the late Edwin Nowery Rodgers and Ethel Virginia (Pratt) Rodgers.

Mrs. Alt was a homemaker and had worked for a number of years at Rocco Turkey in Dayton, Virginia.

On Nov. 24, 1978, she married Denton L. Alt, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jeremy Schell (Kim) and Daniel "Bucky" Alt, all of Upper Tract, and Brian Alt (Ashley) of Franklin; six brothers, Dallas Rodgers of Washington, DC, Clayton Rodgers and Richard Rodgers (Tammy), all of Petersburg, Robert Rodgers (Robin) of Baltimore, Maryland, Dawn Rodgers (Amanda) of Moorefield and Douglas Rodgers of Augusta; two sisters, Patricia Slifer of Spavinaw, Oklahoma, and Mary Hedrick (Foster) of Maysville; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Kenny Schell; an infant grandson, Jerry Ray Schell; two brothers, Sam Rodgers and Forrest Rodgers; and a sister, Laura Kemp.

Her body has been cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.kimblefuneralhome.com](http://www.kimblefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.



**Patricia A. Hansen**

Patricia A. Hansen, 62, of Brandywine passed away March 5, 2023, at her home.

She was born July 24, 1960, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Elizabeth Harrison (Fred) of Franklin and the late John

Hansen.

Ms. Hansen was a graduate of Cherry Hill West High School and Drexel University. She had worked as a licensed stockbroker and as a compliance officer for UBS.

On June 16, 1988, she married Paul Raymond Venous, who survives.

In addition to her husband, mother and stepfather, she leaves behind to cherish her memory two brothers, John Hansen (Kelly) of Summerville, South Carolina, and Matthew Hansen (Victoria) of Point Pleasant, South Carolina.

In honoring Ms. Hansen's wishes, her body has been cremated.

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

## FFA

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premiere professionals in many career fields."

According to Ronald Hudson, faculty advisor for FFA, "I've had kids become dentists, lawyers, doctors, physician assistants, engineers, nurses, and teachers." He explained that in addition to learning more about agriculture, "leadership skills kids gain help them go farther in life." He recalled that students returning from college shared that their professors were shocked at their public speaking skills and asked about where they'd learned them.

Wednesday morning found chapter members in the kitchen, arriving at 6:30 a.m. to prepare a true farmers' breakfast for teachers arriving an hour later. Ruddle said, "we made pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, and toast. There were a lot of teachers there."

The State of West Virginia has recently enjoyed an explosion of tourism, some of it spurred by those looking for visitor friendly food and agriculture events and sites. Value added agriculture, its relation to tourism, and also advancements in technology, such as in high tunnel greenhouses, make West Virginia agriculture more exciting and potentially profitable than ever. FFA helps members to see those opportunities and learn how to make the most of them for themselves and the community.

Growth in agriculture and tourism in Pendleton County and across the state made Thursday's activity pivotal. On this day, chapter officers went to eighth-grade classrooms to make their recruiting pitch. Officers shared their stories of trips, making new friends, and what they learned in FFA.

Fun, fellowship, skills development, and family top the lists of reasons why students join. Most FFA members look forward all year long to nationals, held last year in Indianapolis. Hedrick recalled that "sitting in the stadium you get goosebumps, especially seeing everyone in their jackets." Last year 70,000 attended and participated, approximately 20,000 more than the population of Charleston.

Heavner agreed, saying that she liked attending "the sessions and seeing everybody there. I had a great time."

Cook described how FFA helped her develop the types of leadership skills mentioned by Hudson. She said, "It taught me how to work better with a team and speak in front of people." Hudson added that as a freshman, Cook would have struggled more with speaking in public.

Students also learn the fundamentals of doing business. "We do the greenhouses," Ruddle said, adding that many have never seen a greenhouse. He explained that in FFA, one can learn to "turn a little bit of money into a lot of money." Ruddle added that "all the profits get put back into the chapter to do events."

Many members join from a sense of family legacy. Smith said, "My older two siblings were in FFA. I live on a poultry farm, so that influenced me, too." Ruddle shared that "I have six siblings and Mr. Hudson knew all my siblings. They liked it and enjoyed it."

FFA also provides a direct local economic impact. According to Hudson, last year FFA contributed approximately \$50,000 to the county economy and had \$85,000 in total impacts. Much of this comes from livestock and crop projects that students do outside of school hours.

## FES Art Show

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both mathematics and language arts. They must work with different sizes and shapes while also using numbers, geometry, and spatial reasoning. In sharing and describing their compositions, students practice articulation. "They develop skills not built into the curriculum," says Felici.

As Wehrle adds, "Art helps them to express themselves. It helps the brain to develop the kinds of connections that make it more active and dynamic." She also stated that "kids don't always have the words to express things, but they do through art."

Art therapy has developed into an important clinical tool with some children. As the American Art Therapy Association explains, "Art therapy is used to improve cognitive and sensorimotor functions, foster self-esteem and self-awareness, cultivate emotional resilience, promote insight, enhance social skills, reduce and resolve conflicts and distress."

Even more important than the educational reasons, Wehrle said, "they've been so excited." Students got a chance to vote for the winners, but generally "they'd have their tickets and vote for their friends. The kids got so excited for their friends."

Though the school does not have its own art teacher, the administration strongly backed the show. "Miss Whitecotton asked us to have February be an art month. Art was encouraged throughout the school." Wehrle said.

Parents also praised the effort. "It's important for children to have access to artistic outlets," says Ammie Ruddle, whose child participated. She added that "this allows children to explore and express their creative abilities."

## PCM/HS Issues

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Hedrick stated to WHSV that "it's always concerning when we see this type of student conduct violation and we have the STOPit app which is available to our students. It allows for anonymous reporting of any type of harassment or any other concerns which our students might have."

He added that "I would say to those families and all of our families that we have no tolerance for racial harassment of any kind, nor do we have tolerance for any other type of harassment."

Privacy laws and policies prevent the school system from sharing details of disciplinary actions that involve minor children. Additionally, it is unethical for the press to report on these types of details of such events even if they come to a newspaper or other outlet's attention through other means.

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## Highland's Golf Club

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in a new floor." Landis's office will be included in newly expanded clubhouse space.

National golfers through the rankings learn what a number of local enthusiasts have known for years. Charles Burgoyne, head coach of the Pendleton County Middle/High School varsity golf team, says "it's the scenery that makes it special. The greens are different than anywhere else and are well-manicured."

Burgoyne adds that "the high school kids that come here like it compared to other places that they play," and also "I've played every course around and this is as good as you'll find."

Overall, players appreciate that "the pace of play is laid back. They don't feel as rushed here." Players particularly like the 10th hole, Landis said, explaining that "it's kind of unique. It has island greens and a par four."

Additionally, "the course is in good shape. They love the scenic view. Wives will bring a book and either ride in the cart or sit on the porch while their husbands play."

The scenery and the well-kept course, as Landis describes, "sells itself." Golfers who come in from Washington, D.C. and other urban areas appreciate that "everything's so green and so pretty and they can't imagine this where they live."

Laura Brown, director of the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority, also praised the "beautiful golf course," saying "One of the things that makes it so appealing to guests is the serene mountain setting at every hole."

Ownership is far from done in implementing its vision. Landis says that "the new company wants to really ramp up everything, hosting events, weddings, a lot more things like that, bringing everything they can to the property. They want to totally capitalize on tourism, but have not brought it to its full potential yet."

Brown agreed, saying "With the new ownership in place, I think the Waterfront Group will have some big plans for Fisher Mountain that will welcome even more visitors to our county."

Efforts to improve the facility dovetail with county plans to rely on tourism to promote economic development. Landis says the course is "the biggest asset in the county."

Also important from the ranking is the sense of pride it engenders. Landis says that "we don't get ranked often in anything. It's pretty nice."

Said Jason Scott Deegan, managing editor of NBC Sports Golf Pass, "What I love about this year's Golfers' Choice Top 50 is the variety of courses represented. The difference in price point, architecture and setting is profound from the number one course — Mauna Lani South, a high-end resort course in Hawaii — all the way to number 50 — the Gladstone Golf Club, a sort of hidden gem in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. No other publication offers such a unique mix in their course lists. It just showcases the wide range of courses our golfers play and appreciate for what they offer during a round of golf."

The impact of the course goes beyond a great game of golf in a stunning setting. Landis shared that "this morning I got a call from a guy in New York. He says he's going to come down in April. It brings tourists here. People come from Okinawa in Japan to play here."

**FES 5th & 6th Grades**  
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# 118,606 Deer Bagged, 2,136 in Pendleton County

Deer hunters in West Virginia have had a good year. According to preliminary numbers released by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, hunters harvested 118,606 deer during the 2022-2023 seasons, which is a 12.7% increase over the 2021 harvest and 12.2% above the five-year average of 105,718.

"From the start of the archery and crossbow seasons in September to our Mountaineer Heritage season in January and everything in between, West Virginia has some of the most incredible deer hunting opportunities in the eastern United States," said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director. "We're excited to announce a good harvest this year and we're so encouraged to see hunters and their families getting out more and more each year and enjoying so much success in the field."

A breakdown of the combined 2022 deer seasons reveals that hunters harvested 48,938 bucks during the traditional buck firearm season, 31,669 antlerless deer during all antlerless firearm hunting opportunities, 32,850 deer during urban and regular archery and crossbow seasons, 4,566 deer during the muzzleloader season and 583 deer during the Mountaineer Heritage season.

A total of 2,136 bucks were harvested in Pendleton County. Total harvests in neighboring counties were as follows: Grant - 2,102; Hardy - 2,440; Pocahontas - 1,929; and Randolph - 3,774.

**Buck Firearms Season**  
During West Virginia's two-week buck firearms season from Nov. 21 - Dec. 4, hunters harvested 48,938 bucks, an increase of 18% over the 2021 harvest. The largest increases were reported in West Vir-

ginia's central and western areas, where buck harvests increased 39 and 36%, respectively. The top 10 buck harvest counties in 2022 were Greenbrier (1,856), Preston (1,760), Randolph (1,667), Ritchie (1,633), Jackson (1,539), Hampshire (1,453), Mason (1,417), Kanawha (1,352), Lewis (1,270) and Pocahontas (1,196).

In Pendleton County, hunters bagged 1,133 bucks with Grant, Hardy and Randolph harvesting 1,074, 1,166 and 1,646, respectively.

**Antlerless Deer Season**  
During the 2022 antlerless deer season, which includes the youth, class Q and class XS deer season, hunters harvested 31,669 deer, an increase of 14.7% compared to the 2021 harvest of 27,614 and 3.1% above the five-year average of 30,708.

The top ten antlerless deer harvest counties in 2022 were Preston (1,523), Jackson (1,327), Lewis (1,255), Mason (1,250), Ritchie (1,246), Upshur (1,241), Wood (1,070), Hampshire (1,063), Roane (939) and Monroe (870).

Antlerless deer harvest in Pendleton County was 495, compared to 558 in Grant, 778 in Hardy, 314 in Pocahontas and 816 in Randolph.

"It is important to note that the antlerless harvest is the key component to any deer management strategy, as it controls the future deer population," said Paul Johansen, chief of the WVDNR's Wildlife Resources Section.

**Muzzleloader Deer Season**  
Hunters harvested 4,566 deer during the 2022 muzzleloader season, which is a 9.8% increase over the 2021 harvest of 4,159, but 3.2% below the five-year average of 4,718. The muzzleloader deer season harvest does not include the deer taken with side lock and flint-lock muzzleloaders during

the Mountaineer Heritage season.

The top ten muzzleloader deer harvest counties were Preston (204), Randolph (193), Nicholas (188), Greenbrier (166), Upshur (155), Jackson (153), Lewis (139), Wood (139), Braxton (138) and Mason (133).

During the muzzleloader season, Pendleton County hunters bagged 67 deer while the count was 64 in Grant, 72 in Hardy and 53 in Pocahontas.

**Archery and Crossbow Deer Season**

Hunters harvested 32,850 deer with bows and crossbows in 2022, a 4.7% increase over the 2021 harvest of 31,362 and 13% above the five-year average of 29,067. The archery and crossbow harvest does not include the 37 deer taken with recurves and longbows during the Mountaineer Heritage season.

The top ten archery deer harvest counties are Preston (1,557), Kanawha (1,166), Randolph (1,090), Wyoming (1,053), Raleigh (1,046), Wood (984) Upshur (962), Jackson (950), Fayette (945) and Mason (828).

In Pendleton County, archery and crossbow hunters harvested 434 deer while hunters in Grant, Hardy and Pocahontas bagged 404, 416 and 367, respectively.

**Mountaineer Heritage Season**

During the Mountaineer Heritage Season, seven deer were harvested in Pendleton County. Grant County reported two harvests with Hardy and Pocahontas reporting eight each and Randolph 29.

The increased deer harvest can be attributed to favorable weather and poorer mast conditions in 2022 and a slightly lower overall deer harvest during the 2021 seasons, which resulted in more deer being available last year.

For more information about deer hunting in West Virginia, visit WVdnr.gov.

# Black Bear Harvest Numbers Released

Hunters in West Virginia harvested 1,727 black bears during the combined 2022 archery, crossbow and firearms seasons, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced. The preliminary harvest for the combined 2022 seasons is 37% below the 2,756 bears killed in 2021.

Hunters killed 521 bears during the first segment of the 2022 archery/crossbow season (Sept. 24 - Nov. 20). Hunters harvested 250 bears with vertical bows and 271 with crossbows. The top five counties with the most archery/crossbow black bear harvests in 2022 were Preston (46), Fayette (45), Randolph (26), Barbour and McDowell (24), and Boone and Webster (20).

Hunters harvested 1,206 bears with a firearm in 2022. Hunters harvested 213 bears in September and October (28 bears during the concurrent antlerless deer/bear season, one during the youth, class Q/QQ, XS season). Hunters harvested 289 bears during the concurrent buck firearms/bear season and 702 during the traditional December season. Two bears were

harvested with a muzzleloader during the state's fifth Mountaineer Heritage Season in January 2023. The top five counties with the most firearms black bear harvests were Boone (132), Nicholas (119), Fayette (118), Pocahontas (101) and Randolph (100).

In Pendleton County, hunters harvested seven bears during archery/crossbow season and 40 with a firearm.

Total bear harvest in neighboring counties were Grant - 31; Hardy - 16; Pocahontas - 101; and Randolph - 100.

According to Colin Carpenter, black bear project leader for the WVDNR, hunters harvested fewer black bears in the combined 2022 seasons compared to previous years for several reasons.

"We predicted a lower bear harvest in 2022 based on a number of factors, including mast conditions and more restrictive hunting opportunities that were put in place to achieve management objectives," Carpenter said.

More conservative hunting seasons took place in all or parts of 15 eastern mountain counties where

the WVDNR has successfully reduced the bear population over the last 13 years. To reduce the bear population in those counties, the WVDNR allowed more hunting days over the last decade.

Poor mast conditions also caused bears to return to their dens early in the season and made them less available to hunters. There also were 25 fewer days of bear hunting with or without dogs from September to November and the concurrent buck-gun and bear season was removed from all or parts of 15 counties.

The statewide mast index for all species combined in 2022 was down 22% compared to 2021. The best hard mast production in 2022 was recorded for white oak (up 137%) and chestnut oak (up 52%). Mast production for all other monitored species, except scrub oak and sassafras, decreased significantly in 2022. The 2022 Mast Survey and Hunting Outlook predicted a lower archery/crossbow harvest compared to 2021 and a decreased firearms harvest over the levels observed in 2021. Both predictions were correct.

## Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Announced

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce the return and expansion of the West Virginia Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

SFMNP is designed to get fresh, local fruits and vegetables to low-income senior citizens. Seniors sign up for the vouchers used to purchase the fruits and vegetables from local producers at their county level senior center. Senior applications will be available after June 1 at the local senior centers.

Farmers wishing to participate in the program should note that applications are now available and due March 31. Late applications will not be accepted. Information and applications can be found at Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program : West Virginia Department of Agriculture (wv.gov).

For more information, contact SeniorFarmersMarket@wvda.us or Angel Wallace at awallace@wvda.us or 304-558-2110.

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**EASTERN ACTION**

**Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation for Rick Smith**

Whereas Richard Carl "Rick" Smith served as Executive Director of Eastern West Virginia Community Action for nearly twenty years the Board of Directors of Eastern West Virginia Community Action deem it appropriate to publicly express thanks and appreciation in light of his recent passing.

Rick Smith came to this position out of a deep caring for the people and communities of this part of the Eastern Panhandle. After several years of teaching public administration at West Virginia University he had a desire to move from the classroom to the field of service. Rick believed in people. He believed that given the right resources and encouragement people could make their lives better, so with courage and vision he fought for those resources and demonstrated that encouragement. Rick Smith believed in his staff and their ability to excel and grow in what they did. Rick believed in his community and served it faithfully.

During his time as Executive Director, Eastern West Virginia Community Action achieved financial stability that continues to this day. The breadth and depth of programs was developed and Eastern West Virginia Community Action was and continues to be recognized as one of the most effective Community Action agencies in the state.

Therefore, the Board of Directors, meeting on February 27, 2023, resolve to express their thanks and appreciation For Rick Smith's leadership, compassion and dedication to the people of the communities of Eastern West Virginia.

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**10 Years Ago**  
**Week of March 7, 2013**

**SUGAR GROVE**

**Blacksmiths Vital To Early Communities**

During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, there was relatively little industry in this area. The majority of people led a nearly self-sufficient existence. It is said that it takes three generations to make an area civilized. The first generation brought in goods by way of carts or wagons and built very crude homes. There were no stores or any way of getting things and no mills of any kind. The second generation would build the grist mills to supply the needs of the community and cut roads or pathways through the mountains. The third generation would find a well-settled and suitable way of life, have organized churches, blacksmith shops and grist mills.

Iron was essential for the well-being of the early settlers. The early settlers would make a forge like the blacksmith used, and with iron and forge they would hand make the portions of their homes that were necessary. This would include the iron hook that hung in every chimney, on which the settlers hung their pots for cooking. They made their ovens out of iron in which to bake their breads and other foods, along with the iron skillets to fry their foods. They also used iron to make hinges, rims for wagon wheels, cow bells, tools, homemade nails and to make necessary repairs around the home.

At that time, the blacksmith played a vital role in his community and was accorded due respect. Indeed, without his skill, the life-style would have been extremely primitive. The shop itself was often a place where people socialized, especially on rainy days, or while waiting for something to be made or repaired. In a culture where everyone, including children, had to work to just get by, it is easy to understand how important the blacksmith was at that time. Tools were probably difficult to obtain, and so very often a special tool for a certain job had to be tailor made for the job. Blacksmithing was taking raw, unformed iron and making a finished, useful product.

Of all the tools a blacksmith needs, the anvil is probably the most important. The heated stock is placed on the anvil to be formed, whether it is to be cut, bent, punched or drawn out. Hammers were probably used more than any other tool. The blacksmith uses different weights and sizes, depending on the task at hand. The heavier the work, the heavier the hammer was needed to perform the job. Chisels were used for cutting metal. They were made for hot or cold work. Tongs were used to hold items that were heated or being worked on when hot. Coming in different

sizes and shapes, a pair was made specifically to work on one particular thing. Punches were used for enlarging holes, for marking measurements and punching. Tempered tips were made to be flat or pointed, round or square. Files were used to smooth off rough spots, a hand drill for drilling holes, a soldering iron was used for sawing small pieces of metal, and a traveler or tire wheel was used to measure the metal rim for a wagon wheel. Foot-powered grindstones were used to sharpen all the tools; vises were used to secure objects that were being worked on, and mandrils, which were cone-shaped forms, were used to form or stretch circular objects.

Most blacksmiths were skilled woodworkers, as well as metal-workers. The fire was critical to the blacksmith's work because the iron and steel had to be heated in order to be softened to be forged or welded.

During this time, blacksmiths would even pull teeth for people. People went to the blacksmith for just about everything. No wonder he was a well-respected individual in the community.

The last known blacksmith in this community was the late Willy "Piggley Wiggley" Puffenbarger. Many of his creations are still being used at Williamsburg, VA.

**20 Years Ago**  
**Week of March 13, 2003**

**Regional DMV Office Opens Near Franklin**

The ribbon's been cut, the speeches delivered and now the regional Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office in the Pendleton Business Center (formerly the Hanover building) is a reality.

The State of West Virginia's newest full-service facility, located on US Rt. 220 south of Franklin, was dedicated on Monday morning.

**County Chamber of Commerce Organized, Directors Named**

Following up on the momentum generated at its inaugural meeting, the county-wide Pendleton Chamber of Commerce hit the ground running at its second get-together, putting together a formal organization, establishing committees and assembling a board of directors.

**SUGAR GROVE**

**Elizabethan Speech Colors Local Mountain Dialect**

Southern Mountain dialect spoken by Appalachian people (as the Appalachian folk speech is called by linguists) can generally represent the first Queen Elizabeth historical period. What is heard today is totally a sort of Scottish flavored Elizabethan English. It is possible to compile a long list of these words and phrases. "I was

getting better but now I've done took a backset from the flu." "When I woke up this morning, there was a skiff of snow on the ground." Words like "a-studying" and "a-working" are verbal nouns and go back to Anglo-Saxon times (from the 1300s on). "Bring them books over here" was considered good English in the 1500s. "I found three bird's nests on the way to school," and "That pencil's not mine; it's here'n" evolved in the Middle Ages. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, found people saying, "You wasn't scared, was you?" "I done finished my work" echoes of late Anglo-Saxon times. Using current Anglo-Saxon and Elizabethan phrases such as "I got so mad I wanted to pick up a board and wrap (worp) him alongside the head" and "He caught a whole slue of fish" are still occasionally heard. Typical Scottish pronunciations are "poosh, boosh, eetch, deesh, feesh (push, bush, itch, dish and fish)." At times there is confusion with the words "pen" and "pin" (which most people continue to pronounce alike as "pin"). These words are regularly accompanied by a qualifying word — "stick pin" for the pin and "ink pen" for the pen. Until recently, the dialect considered it brash to use either the word "bull" or "stallion." Therefore, it was necessary to refer to a bull as a "father cow" or a "gentleman cow." A "stable horse" was really a stallion. Embarrassing incidents often took place. A young lad had gone to the general store for some asafetida (to wear in a bag around his neck) and discovered, to his amazement, that the only clerk in the store was a lady! He decided he couldn't possibly ask for it by the right name since the first syllable didn't sound proper to him, so after thinking it over, he requested some "rumpifidity."

**30 Years Ago**  
**Week of March 11, 1993**

**Survey Indicates 89.6 Percent of Residents Approve Canonico**

An overwhelming majority of Pendleton County residents think Dr. Alan Canonico has done a good job as superintendent of Pendleton County Schools, according to a telephone survey of Pendleton County residents.

An impressive 89.6 percent of persons expressing opinions in the survey said they think Canonico is doing a good job, and 91 percent said the superintendent's job performance was not so bad that he did not deserve to have his contract extended.

**60 Years Ago**  
**Week of March 14, 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 in-**

**stallment covers events which occurred exactly 100 years ago.**

**Federals Begin Siege Of Port Hudson, La.**

While General Ulysses S. Grant worked his army toward Vicksburg, Miss., 100 years ago this week, other Federals began a siege of Port Hudson, La., more than 100 miles downstream.

It was a combined army-navy effort to help Grant cut the Confederacy in two along the line of the Mississippi. The opening of the siege gave the Confederates a beautiful sight—the exploding of a Federal warship—but it gave the Federals something much more valuable: control of the mouth of the vital Red River, supply line of the Confederacy connecting Texas with the East.

The assault on Port Hudson had long been planned by Federal Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks who had taken command of Federal troops in New Orleans in December. Shortly after his arrival, in fact, Banks had occupied Baton Rouge, 25 miles south of Port Hudson, and had begun preparations to move north.

Like Vicksburg, Port Hudson proved to be a natural fortification, and Confederate General John C. Breckinridge had taken advantage of it. By early 1863, he had 21 big guns and more than 12,000 men strongly entrenched on bluffs 75 to 90 feet above the river.

Banks chose to move on Saturday, March 14th with 17,000 men. He moved out of Baton Rouge upward and to the rear of Port Hudson, hoping to divert Breckinridge from the river and to open fire on the Confederate batteries in the lower portions of the bluff. Throughout the day, his men and wagons moved upstate beneath the trees and Spanish moss of the Louisiana woodlands.

That night Admiral David Farragut moved upstream with a fleet of Federal gunboats to pass the Confederate fortifications at Port Hudson in cooperation with Bank's plans. But things went awry. Banks was not yet in position to fight.

As Farragut's fleet moved under the guns of Port Hudson, they were surprised when suddenly a huge fire of pine knots blazed up on the right bank of the river. The blaze set purposely by the Confederates, made perfect silhouettes of the Federal ships, caught between the fire on one bank and the guns on the other. The Confederates quickly opened fire on their illuminated targets.

Four of the vessels—the Richmond, Monongahela, Genesee and Kineo—found the artillery too hot and retreated back downstream. Two others—the Hartford and Albatross—made it through the gunfire and headed north toward Vicksburg. One ship, the Mississippi, stuck on a spit opposite Port Hudson in the line of fire of three Confederate batteries. After half an hour's effort to

free his vessel, the Mississippi's captain, Melancton Smith, removed the crew and set the vessel afire. As both sides watched, the blazing ship floated free, drifted downstream and blew up.

The attack had failed in one sense, but a siege of Port Hudson had begun. More importantly for the present, Farragut's two vessels, the Hartford and Albatross, were north of Port Hudson and soon made contact with the Federals surrounding Vicksburg. From that moment on, the Federal navy controlled the Mississippi between Vicksburg and Port Hudson, including the important confluence of the Mississippi and the Red Rivers.

Next week: Gunfire in Virginia and Tennessee.

**70 Years Ago**  
**Week of March 12, 1953**

**EDITORIAL**

**JOE — — —**

The funeral of Joseph Vissarionovitch Djughashvili—better known as Joe Stalin—ended the reign of a tyrant who had for the past 30 years ruled over an empire that extended from the banks of the Danube in Europe to the South China Sea, and embraced 800 million people.

Through treachery he attained power. When Lenin died, Trotsky—the one man who might have given democracy to Russia—was on his way for a cure in the Caucasus. He wired the Kremlin asking when the funeral would be held, and saying that he wished to attend. He received a telegram signed by Stalin which read: "The funeral takes place on Saturday. You will not be able to return in time. The Politburo thinks that because of your health, you must proceed to Sukhum." The funeral was on Monday. Trotsky could have been there.

Stalin's diabolical idea was to keep Trotsky's friendship with Lenin from the Russian people—to keep him out of the newspaper pictures of the funeral, and plant the idea in the minds of the Russian people that Trotsky had deliberately stayed away.

The plan worked. Once in power, Stalin deliberately planned a great famine which wiped out five million countrymen. The famine gave Stalin a much tighter rein on the government. His entire reign was one of bloody, bawdy villainy. His government was conceived in tyranny and dedicated to the proposition that most men were created for slavery.

An advertisement appearing in the Chicago Tribune last Monday probably sums up the feelings of this country for him. The ad appearing on the day of his funeral was edged in black and read: "This Store Will be Closed on Monday Due to the Death of Stalin—The Employees Are Going On a Picnic."

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**Smith Creek/ Friends Run**

by Dave Ellis

February is over. The area did not receive much snow, as was the same for January. As for the temperatures, it was above average for most of the month of February.

There will be more daylight in the evenings come Sunday as the clocks are moved ahead one hour. But, everyone will lose that hour of sleep.

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


Prayer thought: "Dear God, this world can be a lonely place, but I'm astonished at how truly you know me. It fills me with wonder and joy."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Feb. 27 through March 5, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Feb. 27 - 46°, 31°, .02" (46°, 29°); Feb. 28 - 58°, 34° (53°, 23°); March 1 - 63°, 47° (61°, 35°); March 2 - 61°, 41° (62°, 36°); March 3 - 41°, 37°, .79" (52°, 29°); March 4 - 46°, 34°, .01" (57°, 18°, .01") and March 5 - 57°, 24° (68°, 24°).

Total rainfall for February was 2.03", compared to 3.07" in February of 2022.

Total snowfall for February was .5", compared to 2.5" in February of 2022.

**HAPPY 88<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**



**Cletus Shreve**  
March 15

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**Thankful GRATEFUL Blessed**

I would like to thank my family for my 100th Birthday Party and would also like to thank all who came out to celebrate with me in spite of the bad weather. I thank everyone for the many, many cards, flowers, calls and gifts. It was so beautiful and heartwarming. I fully enjoyed it and will continue to enjoy all the treasured memories. I feel so blessed to be surrounded by all the wonderful people who made it great.

*Thanks to all of you and may God Bless You.*

**VIRGINIA PROPST**

**Sincere Thanks**



I would like to thank family and friends for your prayers during my recent surgery and since returning home.

Special thanks to Dwight, Larry, Jason and Freddie for getting me firewood and keeping my woodbox filled and to the ladies for bringing me in some food and to the ladies for getting me off the hardtop road when I had fallen instead of pulling me back onto the hardtop.

*May God Bless Each and Everyone of You!*

**Donald L. Nelson**



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# Life's Lessons Paved Way for Witty Expressions

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Thanks to a reader, this was sent to the writer to prove that history is definitely not boring!

In the pioneer days, a big kettle was hung over a fire for cooking in the kitchen. Not much meat was cooked; vegetables were the daily diet. The fires would be lit every day, and things added to the kettle. The stew was eaten for dinner with leftovers being left in the kettle to get cold overnight, and then started again the next day.

Sometimes the stew had foods that had been there for quite a while. That is how "peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot, nine days old" came to be. Whenever pork was obtained, everyone felt very special.

Whenever visitors arrived, bacon would be hung up to show off. It was a sign of wealth that the man of the house could, "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a piece to share with the guests and all of the persons would sit around and "chew the fat."

Wealthy souls had plates made of pewter. Lead poisoning eventually happened due to the food with high acid content causing lead to leach onto the food. Tomatoes were a high culprit of this poisoning so for the next 400 years, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Something interesting took place with bread. It was divided according to status. Workers got the burned bottom of the loaf, the family always got the middle, and guests got the top, or "the upper crust."

To drink whisky or ale, lead cups were used. The combination would sometimes throw a person for a loop for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for dead. They would be laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait to see if the person would wake up. Hence the custom came to be of "holding a wake."

Cemeteries in England were running out of places to bury people. So, coffins would be dug up and bones would be taken to a bone house, and then the grave would be reused. When opening the coffins, one out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside, and it wasn't long before they realized that the persons had been buried alive. So, string would be tied on the wrist of the corpse, which was lead through the coffin and up through the ground and tied to a bell. Someone would be delegated to sit out in the graveyard, "graveyard shift," all night to listen to the bell; and perhaps someone would be "saved by the bell" or considered "a dead ringer."

Life's little lessons include the following:

- Never stop learning.



After serving a 10-year ministry in the county, Pastor Jason and Jess Felici will begin ministering in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Their children are Emma, Elijah and Noah.

- Remember that all news is biased.
- Take lots of photos.
- Don't mess with drugs and don't associate with those who do.
- Be thankful, always.

Winds have not been gentle. As a matter of fact, they have been ferocious. Still, the weeping willow and daffodils have been pushing out into spring. Will they regret coming out so early? Frogs are jumping and hollering, whilst the birds are busy chirping. Sunday morning's heavy frost makes one realize that this weather is quite crazy.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Gentleness clears the soul, love cleans the mind and makes it free." — David Bowie

"March is the month God created to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like." — Garrison Keillor

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn." — Lewis Grizzard

"March is an example of how beautiful new beginnings can be." — Amamika Mishra

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." — Maya Angelou

By the fireplace it is to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Benny and Linda Custer were Saturday visitors in the home of Willard and Judy Rader. Willard and Judy and Ed and Barbara Parker enjoyed celebrating Benny and Linda's birthdays at the Gateway Restaurant.

A nice crowd of churchgoers gathered Sunday morning at Calvary Lutheran Church. All five churches of the Mountain Lutheran Parish were in attendance for the baptism of Noah

James Felici, son of Pastors Jess and Jason Felici. There was also a fellowship dinner to honor Pastors Jess and Jason on their 10-year ministry to the charge and to wish them well as they begin a new ministry in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Their ministry touched many lives, and they will be sorely missed.

Wesley, Becky, Ben, Emma and Nathan Puffenbarger spent the weekend in Northern Virginia, celebrating Ben's birthday.

Marleta Wimer and Steven Grogg paid a visit this past week to Rosalee Grogg.

Great news! Penelope, Tiffany Arrington's dog, has been found after being missing for three weeks, a great way to celebrate Tiffany's birthday.

Phil Downs motored to Northern Virginia to spend two days recently. While there, he attended an 80th birthday for a past co-worker at Fairfax, Virginia. Friday, his daughter, Tara Kelley of Springfield, Virginia, came to spend several days with him. She also attended the funeral for Verla Puffenbarger.

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

- Cats cannot see in absolute darkness, as many people believe.
- In Christopher Columbus's four voyages to America, he never once set foot on what is now the Continental United States.
- In an average lifetime, the heart beats 2.5 billion times.
- The sea otter eats while floating on its back, using its chest as a lunch counter.
- The Pony Express was a financial failure and lasted only 18 months.

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, the Anna Cupp family, 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, the Verla Puffenbarger family, 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.

## Students of Quarter Recognized



The South Branch Career and Technical Center in Petersburg has announced its Students of the Quarter. Students recognized were, from left, front row, Katelyn Greaser, therapeutic services (Union Educational Complex), Emma Daughtry, computer network repair (Pendleton County High School), Bryson Riggelman, law and public safety (Petersburg High School), Cameron Ault, welding (PHS) and Braxton Lahman, carpentry (PHS); and back row, Kinley Hinkle, cosmetology (PCHS), Bryce Berg, electrical (PHS), Mason Warner, broadcasting (PCHS) and Dakota Thompson, automotive (PHS).

## Pendletonians Named To WVU Honor Lists

Eighteen Pendleton County students attending West Virginia University achieved academic honors for the fall semester.

Earning President's List recognition, along with their field of study, were Colton Batson of Brandywine (sustainable food and farming), Dawson Apple (mining engineering), Joshua Witt (environmental microbiology) and Braelyn Young (elementary education), all of Franklin, Bai-

ley Thompson of Riverton (engineering track 2), Sophia Harper of Sugar Grove (animal and nutritional sciences) and Kelsey Alt (health and well-being) and Joshua Wagoner (exercise physiology), both of Upper Tract.

Named to the Dean's List, along with their field of study, were Carrigan Hedrick (fashion, dress and merchandising), Corinne Hedrick (psychology), Hannah Koontz (nursing) and

Kaley Sponaugle (biology), all of Brandywine, Lindsey Houck (multidisciplinary studies), Tiffany-Amber Perry (nursing) and Kenton Young (electrical engineering), all of Franklin, Adam Judy of Riverton (music industry), Ryan Mitchell of Sugar Grove (mechanical engineering) and Derek Johnson of Upper Tract (business and communications pathway).

## PCM/HS Honor Roll Announced

Ali Wimer, counselor at Pendleton County High School, has released the following honor rolls for the second nine-weeks grading period.

Principal's Honor Roll (All As)

Seventh grade — Samuel Eason, Dylan Eye, Alaena Fertig, Mason Harper, Katie Heavner, Katie Keyser, Chloe Kisamore, Phoebe Pownell, Albert Ramos-Rivera, Allison Reuss and Lauren Sisson;

Eighth grade — Alex Adams, Zander Adams, Cole Harper, Spencer Hartman, Ty Heavner, Callie Judy, Cain Nulph, Liam Simmons and Susan Vincell;

Ninth grade — Mason DiFalco, Evelyn Ditch, Kiera Heavner, Dakota Huffman, Cashton Kisamore, Orrin Merrick, Jameigh Miller, William Owens, Vivian Pownell and Carolyn Varner;

Tenth grade — Elizabeth Alt, Sawyer Apple, Caleb Armentrout, Leah Bennett, Cortlyn Hartman, Emma Hartman, Aubree Keiter, Josiah Kimble, Paigelyn Long, Jacob Mitchell, Titus Nulph, Addison Rexrode, Nicholas Rhodes, Jenna Smith, Makayla Tingler, Avery Townsend and Zykiyah Wright;

Eleventh grade — Kaylee Callison, Natalie Evick, Myra Mitchell and Megan Smith; and

Twelfth grade — Hannah Rexrode and Rowan Witt.

Regular Honor Roll (B/3.0 Average)

Seventh grade — Bella

Alt, Natalie Arbaugh, Ty Armentrout, Charity Chan, Shayne Clutter, Susan George, Jordyn Gibson, Lukas Halterman, Aubriana Holloway, Alanna Miller, Marleigh Moyers, Travis Owens, Benjamin Puffenbarger, Colton Roberson, Jonah See, Erica Sterba, Kaylee Teter, Danielle Warner and Cameron Wyatt;

Eighth grade — Cayson Armstrong, Bryce Basagic, Olivia Gonshor, Trace Lambert, Jessica Parker, Molly Rowe, Rylan Tilley, Alex Tracy, Kourtney Whetzel, Brody Wimer and Brennan Wyatt;

Ninth grade — Madison Arbaugh, Breena Bowers, Landon Champ, Madison Ciangetti, Emily Conrad, Corbin Dove, Logan Fisher, Tildon Graham, Larissa Greathouse, Laikyn Hanna, Garrett Hartman, Ethan Hawk, Makinley Hedrick, Braylin Hull, Gena Lambert, Ruby McClanahan, Kaitlyn McQuain, Jaiden Mitts, Leah Nesselrodt, Emily Poling, Clara Raines, Kamron Redman, Taylor Roberson, Sadie Rowe, Lindsay Simmons, Madison Simmons, Jonas Turner, Tony Vanmeter, Brynlynn Waggy, James Waybright, Cheyanne Whetzel, Knox Wright and Isabelle Zirkle;

Tenth grade — Kinsley Armstrong, Baylee Beachler, Hannah Bennett, Kacy Bennett, Timothy Bogan, Bradey Bowers, Madisen Brooks, Jacob Buck, Abigail Engle, Isa-

belle Engle, Michael Gill, Hannah Harvey, Lydia Heavner, McKenna Hedrick, Ashton Hess, Ila Jones, Isabella Lockard, Gracie Lough, Katelynn Maxson, Julia Mongold, Andrew Mowery, Jaida Reel, Bryson Ruddle, Laney Sites-Woods, Johnnie Tidd, Lucas Vandevander and James Vincell;

Eleventh grade — Kaylee Arbogast, Cameron Beachler, Makaylin Calkins, Margaret Connor, Claire Cooney, Allie Cooper, Gabby DePue, Allison Fleming, Wyatt Franklin, Katelyn Hedrick, Natalie Hedrick, Kinley Hinkle, Riley Howard, Tanner Huffman, Seneca Johnson, Ashlyn Judy, Bailee Kiger, Genesis Kobetic, Emily Medzius, Magenta Merrick, Colton Pennington, Hanna Pennington, Dillon Poling, Ashley Reuss, Kacie Simon, Dillon Smith, Dusty Smith, Marcus Smith, Ally Vance, Abigail Vanmeter and Breanna Wolfe; and

Twelfth grade — Riley Apple, Lillian Harbour, Sadie Bowers, Glenna Burns, Jakob Campbell, Ryleigh Cook, Emma Daughtry, Elizabeth Gonshor, Selena Hedrick, Kamron Kirk, Clayton Kisamore, Mikhi Kuydendall, Landon Mason, Reagan McConnell, Braden McCoy, Alexandria Perry, Lilly Phillips, Jayden Roberson, Adam Ruddle, Alex Ruddle, James Ruddle, Gage Sites-Woods, Lindsey Smith, Kaleb Steinbrecher, Evan Teter and Ariana Young.

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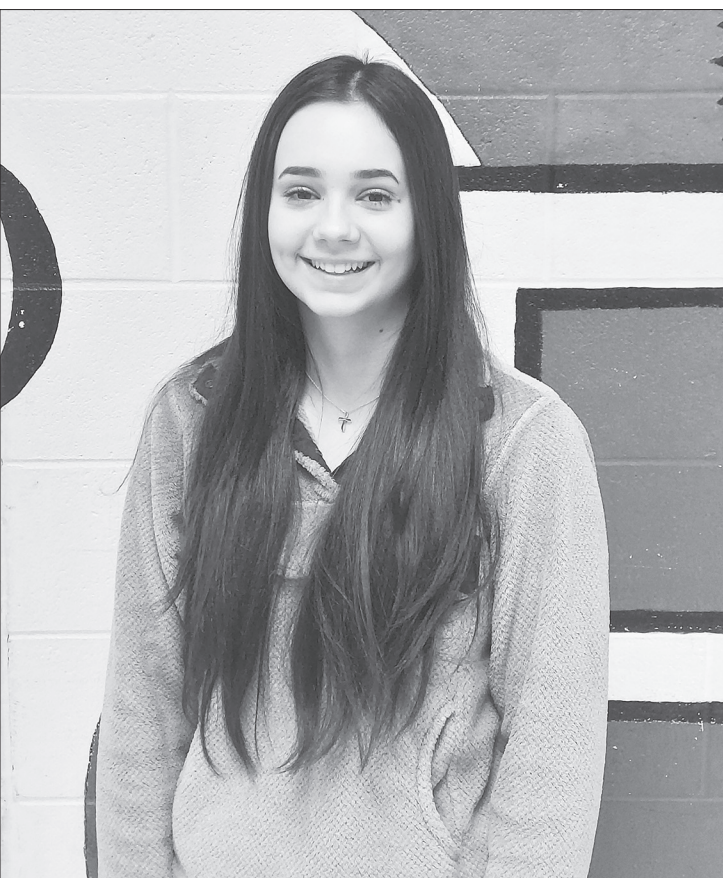
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# Long, Rexrode, Teter Named PCH/MS Students of the Month



Hannah Rexrode

Paigelyn Long, Hannah Rexrode and Kaylee Teter have been named outstanding students of the month for January at Pendleton County High/Middle School.

A sophomore, Long of Circleville is the January James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Michael Bennett and step-mother, Joy, and she lives with her grandfather, Todd Bennett. She is on the A Honor Roll and a member of Upward Bound, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, FFA and Cherry Grove Baptist Church. Her goal is to



Kaylee Teter

finish high school with honors and get into her dream college at Glenville State University. She wants to get an elementary teaching degree and return to Pendleton County to teach.

Rexrode, a senior, is the Academic Student of the Month. She is on the A Honor Roll and is a member of the National Honor Society, FFA, the PCHS softball team and the St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church Youth Group. She also lifts weights. She is the vice president of the class of 2023 and is on the Dean's List at Eastern



Paigelyn Long

West Virginia Community and Technical College. Her plans are to attend Virginia Western Community College to obtain a degree as radiation therapist. She is the daughter of Mark and Amanda Rexrode of Franklin.

The Pendleton County Middle School Student of the Month is Kaylee Teter. She is the daughter of Terry and Kathy Teter of Circleville. She also has a sister, Emilee Teter. She loves playing volleyball and playing with her dog. She is a member of North Fork Baptist Church. After high school, she would like to work with K9s.

## NFES Students Earn Academic Recognition

North Fork Elementary School has released the honor roll for the second nine-weeks grading period.

### A Honor Roll - Second Nine Weeks

First grade — Jace Ours, Vera Selmon, Kinsley Shane and Hannah Sponaugle;

Second grade — Darek Greathouse and Andelyn Vance;

Third grade — Declan Shane and Levi Arbaugh;

Fourth grade — Skye Dahmer, Ally Jameson and Elaina Raines;

Fifth grade — Vaylee Harper and Alayna Huffman; and

Sixth grade — Isabella Jameson, Abigail Judy, Mason Miller and Jacey Thompson.

### A/B Honor Roll - Second Nine Weeks

First grade — Oliver Cook and Jaden Warner;

Second grade — Noahjo Nededog, Eli Nelson, Brooklyn Vint and Haley Warner;

Third grade — Tommy Vint, Sadie Wimer, Kimberly Sponaugle, Keaton Swick, Allison Warner and Emilee Hedrick;

Fourth grade — Nick Harper, Tori Heavner, Addy Huffman, Avery Kile and Callen Kisamore;

Fifth grade — Kinley Bennett, Ty Johnson, Katy Raines, Ava Sherman, Jacob Thompson and Azaela Waddell; and

Sixth grade — Mackenzie Vandevander.

### Perfect Attendance - Second Nine Weeks

Kindergarten — Bensen Harper, Aniah Hedrick and Ellie Huffman;

Fourth grade — Addy Huffman, Skye Dahmer and Ally Jameson;

Fifth grade — Kiley Hedrick, Alayna Huffman, Azaela Waddell and Katy Raines; and

Sixth grade — Allie Hedrick, Isabella Jameson, Dalila Sponaugle and Kayden Warner.

### Faithful Attendance - Second Nine Weeks

Kindergarten — Makenna Bell, Blake Long and Hurricane Thompson

First grade — Karlee Arbaugh, Jayson Jameson, Kaden Kimble, Jace Ours, Vera Selmon, Kinsley Shane, Hannah Sponaugle, Leelan Swanigan, Layla Warner, Blake Watring and Dale Watring;

Second grade — Taylor Arbaugh, Darek Greathouse, Andelyn Vance and Haley Warner;

Third grade — Tommy Vint and Sadie Wimer;

Fourth grade — Jakob Gray, Tori Heavner, Avery Kile, Callen Kisamore, Elaina Raines and Caroline Vandevander;

Fifth grade — Kinley Bennett, Mackenzie Day, Vaylee Harper, Miley Kimble and Ava Sherman; and

Sixth grade — Isabella Jameson, Allie Hedrick, Abigail Judy, Mason Miller, Brayden Morris-Hedrick, Dalila Sponaugle and Mckenzie Vandevander.

### A Honor Roll - First Semester

First grade — Jace Ours, Vera Selmon, Kinsley Shane and Hannah Sponaugle;

Second grade — Darek Greathouse and Andelyn Vance;

Third grade — Declan Shane, Kimberly Sponaugle, Sadie Wimer and Tommy Waybright;

Fourth grade — Skye Dahmer and Elaina Raines;

Fifth grade — Vaylee Harper and Alayna Huffman; and

Sixth grade — Abigail Judy, Mason Miller and Jacey Thompson.

### A/B Honor Roll - First Semester

First grade — Karlee Arbaugh, Oliver Cook, Jaden Warner and Dale Watring;

Second grade — Eli Nelson, Brooklyn Vint and Haley Warner;

Third grade — Keaton Swick, Isabella Arcure, Dakota Vandevander and Aaliyah Martin;

Fourth grade — Nick Harper, Tori Heavner, Addy Huffman, Ally Jameson, Avery Kile and Callen Kisamore;

Fifth grade — Kinley Bennett, Ty Johnson, Miley Kimble, Katy Raines, Ava Sherman, Jacob Thompson, Azaela Waddell and Katy Raines; and

Sixth grade — Isabella Jameson and Mckenzie Vandevander.

### Perfect Attendance - First Semester

Kindergarten — Makenna Bell, Blake Long and Hurricane Thompson;

Third grade — Dakota Vandevander and Tommy Vint;

Fourth grade — Addy Huffman; and

Fifth grade — Alyana Huffman.

### Faithful Attendance - First Semester

Kindergarten — Benson Harper and Ellie Huffman;

First grade — Karlee Arbaugh and Vera Selmon;

Second grade — Taylor Arbaugh, Andelyn Vance and Haley Warner;

Third grade — Sadie Wimer, Keaton Swick, Allison Warner, Emilee Hedrick and Declan Shane;

Fourth grade — Skye Dahmer, Ally Jameson, Callen Kisamore, Tori Heavner and Avery Kile;

Fifth grade — Vaylee Harper, Kiley Hedrick, Miley Kimble, Ava Sherman and Azaela Waddell; and

Sixth grade — Allie Hedrick, Isabella Jameson, Abigail Judy, Mason Miller, Brayden Morris-Hedrick, Dalila Sponaugle and Mckenzie Vandevander.

## NRCS Is Accepting Applications for CSP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service is accepting applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program.

CSP offers technical and financial assistance to help agricultural and forest producers to take their conservation efforts to the next level. Landowners of farmland or forestland may apply for this program regardless of the size of operation. The entire operation will be enrolled for a period of five years, with payments being issued as soon as practical after Oct. 1 of each fiscal year for contract activities installed and maintained in the previous fiscal year and completed before Sept. 30.

Through CSP, NRCS can work with a person to develop a plan tailored to one's operation. It offers an opportunity for both agricultural and forest managers to enhance their operations while adopting conservation activities that will enhance work a person has already completed. Practices and enhancements are available to improve resource concerns such as soil health, water quality, wildlife habitat, or reduce soil erosion. Whether one is looking to improve tree stands, plant cover crops, install pollinator habitat, establish riparian buffers, or incorporate enhanced grazing management activities, NRCS can custom design a plan to help meet those goals.

Applicants must establish records with USDA-Farm Service Agency and meet both land and producer eligibility. This includes compliance with both adjust gross income requirements, as well as highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements. Additionally, participants must meet stewardship threshold eligibility, which is a term NRCS uses to determine if a CSP applicant is currently meeting or exceeding an adequate level of conservation criteria for a particular natural resource concern. They must be the landowner or legal operator and be in control of the day-to-day operations, but do not have to be a resident of the state in which the property is located.

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# Pendleton County Deals Defeat to Harman in Sectional Opener 82-35

By Stephen Smoot

Last week Pendleton County won their sectional opener, but the laurels of victory also went to virtue, good character, sportsmanship, and pride. The team and coach that Harman High School brought to Franklin last week nobly withstood the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, then took arms against a sea of troubles more commonly known as the seventh ranked Pendleton County Wildcats.

Through a series of misfortunes, the Panthers could only bring five players to compete against a Wildcat squad hitting its stride in every way as the post season opened. Some squads may have forfeited a post-season road game whose result might seem a foregone conclusion, but not Harman.

Pendleton County controlled the tip off and went straight to work. Jacob Beachler opened scoring with a layup 10 seconds into the game. Then the Wildcats jumped into a tight man to man press. Josiah Kimble stole the ball at the 7:30 mark, then hit a three seven seconds later to put his team up 5-0.

Harman gave strong effort the entire night. They tried to play tight defense and did well in the half court, but turnovers led to a number of Wildcat fast break scores. Chase Owens, Kimble, and Beachler in particular were relentless in jumping passing lanes. Clayton Kisamore joined them in pulling down rebounds and hitting high percentage shots. With a minute to go, Kisamore took an Owens pass and hit the open layup to put his team up 24-7.

Despite the relentless pressure and effort from both squads, the teams showed great sportsmanship. When a Harman player accidentally barreled into Dusty Smith, who was hustling after the ball, and knocked him down, the player quickly got to his feet to offer Smith a hand up.

A Panther three-pointer answered by an Owens' steal and drive to the hoop put the

first quarter score at 26-10.

Harman tried to get back into the game in the second quarter by patiently running their offensive plays. They enjoyed the most effectiveness when patiently passing to find open players on the outside to fire up deep shots.

Most of the time, however, Wildcat defenders forced Panther shooters to get creative in finding openings. Some performed stepback or dribble moves while others shot from 20 feet or more away. Harman did connect on nine three-pointers on the night.

Kisamore exploded in the second quarter. With five minutes left, he drove to the basket and laid in a finger roll to put the score at 32-15, then evaded three defenders to hit another shot 30 seconds later. This set the score at 34-15. Dustin Vandevander then swiped a pass and started a possession that ended in a Beachler layup seven seconds later.

Kimble also enjoyed success in the quarter. At the 2:39 mark, he grabbed a steal and drove the ball down the court for a layup, then did the same only 17 seconds later to give the Wildcats a 40-18 advantage.

Connor Armentrout ended the half with big plays of his own. He stole the ball at the 1:43 mark. A minute later, Beachler connected with a pass and gave Armentrout an open layup. The half ended when a Brady Bowers pass found the hands of Armentrout, who laid the ball in for a 47-20 advantage.

At the half, Harman head coach Christian Moats praised his players, saying that under the conditions of having only five ready to compete, "scoring 20 points in the half against the seventh ranked team in the state, you can't ask for more."

The third quarter opened with a Kimble steal and a dramatic Kisamore dunk, both in the first minute of play. A three from Smith pushed the score to 54-20. Kimble hit a three-pointer with an assist from Owens, but the Panthers buried their own three with a Wildcat

hand in the face to cut the lead to 57-23.

Harman players continued to execute moves to get open and hit long shots, often drawing "oohs" from the crowd. Never did they falter in effort at either end of the floor.

Halfway through the third, Pendleton County coach Jeremy Bodkin sent in mass substitutions. Neither the starters nor bench for the home team let up in effort. To do so would have been disrespectful to their undermanned opposition.

At the opening of the fourth, the Wildcats struck gold twice in a high low set. Both times, Evan Teter found Cashton Kisamore for an open layup. Later in the quarter, Bowers hit a three-point shot. He had even more impact with his defense, sticking mere inches from his man most of the time.

Armentrout continued to have one of his best games of the year. In the third, he hit a layup and drew a foul. In the waning minutes of action, he also hit a three-point shot, then another layup.

With 13 seconds left, a Panther fouled out, leaving the team with four players. Undeterred, they drove up the floor and buried their final three-pointer with two seconds left, leaving the score at 84-38. Moats said of his young men, "the five that came gave 100 percent."

In their final game of the year, Harman did not win on the scoreboard. By showing virtue and giving their all, however, the players who came to Franklin taught a valuable lesson. Win or lose, getting into that arena and giving one's best, regardless of the outcome, should always be a source of pride and honor.

Theodore Roosevelt, a famed sportsman who served in other important roles, once said, "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena . . . who strives valiantly . . . and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."



Wildcat point guard Dusty Smith brought reliable play on offense and defense to Pendleton County's sectional title game victory. Photo by Steve Clutter.

## Wildcats Seize Sectional Crown in Hard Fought Victory Over Bulldogs

By Stephen Smoot

The Tygarts Valley Bulldogs traveled to Franklin last week in hopes of overcoming their biggest obstacle all year. While they posted a strong record with a skilled team, Pendleton County always managed to stay at arms' length ahead during the regular season despite the Bulldogs' scrappy play. This game would be no different.

Tygarts Valley took the opening tipoff, but turned the ball over 12 seconds later due to outstanding defense by Josiah Kimble. With their opening possession, Jacob Beachler took an offensive rebound and laid it in for the first score.

Tygarts Valley was ready for the occasionally dominant Beachler. They brought post players with height, quickness, and, most important, brute physical force. Throughout the game, the Bulldogs attacked the post. They backed Beachler into the post, then used their quickness to make post moves and take high percentage shots near the basket.

On defense, the Bulldogs extended past the three-point line, trying to disrupt the Pendleton County outside shooters.

The first quarter saw the Wildcats slowly building a lead despite the Bulldogs' energy and active defense. Chase Owens delivered big plays on both ends of the court in the opening stanza. Halfway through, he took a steal all the way to the basket, laid it in, and put his team up 12-3. Beachler followed that up with his own fast break layup.

Owens then hit two threes

in quick succession at the 2:07 and 1:27 marks, respectively. Kimble then hit a layup with 38 seconds left that set the quarter score at 22-12.

From the beginning of the second quarter, Clayton Kisamore put on a show. He opened scoring for his team at the 7:22 mark with a layup. A Dusty Smith three-point shot extended the lead to 29-14. After that, Kisamore drove the lane, split two defenders, and scored a layup.

Though Tygarts Valley contained the Wildcats' outside shooters, they left space for Pendleton County players to work. Kisamore, Owens, and Kimble in particular used lanes to attack the basket all night. Beachler used his quickness to find opportunities to hit running hook bank shots over the heads of the tall Bulldog defenders.

The Bulldogs then went on a run, starting at the 5:34 mark. They scored seven to the Wildcats' two in a three-minute span. At the 2:02 mark, they cut a 17-point lead to 12. Beachler then beat three players to score a layup. Kisamore followed that with a three pointer, and the halftime score was 42-25. That pattern continued in the second half. The Bulldogs would claw away at the lead, gain a little momentum, then Pendleton County would surge back ahead.

The Bulldogs returned to attacking Beachler at the post with a Tygarts Valley post player bullying his way to the post and scoring a layup. Thirty seconds later, at the 6:16 mark, they hit a three. With almost 5:30 left in the quarter, they cut the lead to 10 with a layup.

Kimble answered, however, driving past three defenders and hitting a close shot.

Owens followed with a steal and a coast-to-coast drive for a layup. Tygarts Valley tried to answer with a baseline shot, but Beachler skied to swat the shot well out of bounds. When at the 2:35 mark, Owens beat three defenders on a drive to the hoop, the Wildcat lead was elevated to 48-33.

Tygarts Valley never seemed out of the game. Though they could score in bunches, they could not shoot consistently as well as the home team.

Pendleton County opened the fourth with a tenuous 51-39 lead, but Kisamore helped to break the game wide open. He hit a layup at about the five-minute mark, then scored again after a Smith steal to push the lead to 60-43. One of his most physically impressive plays didn't even involve a score. He dove on the floor to steal a ball, tipped the ball, hustled after it, gained control, dribbled up the floor, and drew a foul.

Then, with almost 2:30 left, Kisamore took a steal the length of the floor and scored, putting the lead at 64-45. Tygarts Valley scored again, but never threatened. Brady Bowers and Dustin Vandevander ended the game by combining on a steal. The final score was 67-50 with the last point coming from a Smith free throw.

Pendleton County will play against East Hardy at 7 p.m. today by virtue of their loss to Tucker County. The Wildcats, should they defeat East Hardy, will advance to the state tournament in three consecutive years.



The undermanned Harman Panthers put up a strong fight despite only bringing five players.

## Wildcats Roar Their Way to Regional Championship Over Tigers

By Stephen Smoot

For the second time this year, many currently on the Pendleton County girls' basketball team will have to pack their bags for Charleston.

The victory over Union last week earned the girls a regional title and a trip to the state girls' basketball tournament. Several members of the basketball team will bring postseason experience from volleyball along, helping to give them an advantage in playing on the biggest stage in state high school sports.

How the Wildcats won should send a message to future opponents that they will get Pendleton County's strongest effort. The Wildcats took the tip off and roared into action early, going into an aggressive full court man to man press. Players provided as much energy and focus as they have expended in a game all season.

Though Pendleton County did not score on their first possession, Lizzie Alt stole a pass with only 30 seconds gone. Shortly after, Avery Townsend scored a layup and drew a foul.

Baylee Beachler took the ball from Union only 10 seconds after Townsend's score. On defense and rebounding, she produced consistently, scoring multiple baskets after seizing offensive rebounds. Her first such score came with 6:11 left in the first, giving her team a 9-0 advantage.

In her final home game Ana Young put on a command performance. She hit a three only 40 seconds into the game. She had three steals in the first quarter alone, one starting a full court drive ending in a deft finger roll layup. With 3:31 left in

the quarter, Young hit a three-pointer that set the score at 20-2.

The story of the first quarter, however, came from energetic and relentless defense. Gabby DePue blocked a shot at the 1:53 mark and Alt racked up another steal shortly thereafter. Union hit a three, however, with two seconds left to cut the Wildcat lead to 23-5.

Second quarter action opened with Alt finding Beachler down low for an easy layup. Union's defense stiffened. They scored a layup with 7:24 left in the quarter, then traded scoreless possessions with the Wildcats with almost five minutes left in the half. The scoring lull ended when Young hit a finger roll layup with 3:30 left. She followed that with a three with an assist from Beachler. This extended the lead to 35-9 with less than three minutes left in the half.

With 42 seconds left, Jameigh Miller grabbed a steal and took it all the way down the court for a layup. Union answered with a layup, putting the halftime score at 44-18.

DePue dominated in the third quarter, starting with a steal at the 6:51 mark. She followed that with a blocked shot a minute later. With 5:30 left in the third, Young hit a layup, then stole the inbounds pass, scored again, and drew a foul. She missed the free throw, but the score by this point was 53-18.

As the game wound down, Kiera Heavener drained a three pointer at the 3:50 mark to push the lead to 74-30. Shortly after, Julia Mongold drove toward the basket, pulled up, and hit a 10-foot shot.

With 34 seconds left in the game and the starters having enjoyed almost a quarter of rest, Coach Micah Bailey subbed



Wildcat players cheer a late game three-point shot in their regional title game victory. Photo by Robin Alt.

Young back in. With time running out, the team passed the ball to her. As the seconds ticked away in her last home game Young stood proudly, ball in hand, as the fans in the full bleachers rose to offer her one last standing ovation in appreciation for a legendary career.

Results of the Tuesday's game against Cameron were not available by press time, but the following week's edition will have full coverage of the state girls' basketball tournament.



# Utility Bill Payment Assistance Is Available

By Charlotte Lane

Public Service Commission chairman

Sadly, many people in West Virginia have a hard time making ends meet. Utility bills are a necessity that everyone must fit into the budget. If a person struggles, there are resources that can help.

One of the first things to consider is budget billing. Many utilities offer this as a way to avoid sharp spikes or dips in one's bill from month to month. Knowing how much one's bill will be each month makes it easier to plan a budget.

If a person receives financial assistance through the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, one may qualify for a 20% discount on heating and water bills. The Special Reduced Residential Service Rate Program is administered by DHHR and is available from all natural

gas and electric utilities, except municipal or cooperative service providers. West Virginia American Water also participates in the program.

If a person receives assistance from Social Security Supplemental Security Income, WV WORKS, Temporary Aid to Needy Families, or if one is at least 60 years old and receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program assistance, ask DHHR if one qualifies for the utility discount program.

Another source of possible assistance is United Way's 211 program. Simply dial 2-1-1 to get contact information for agencies throughout the state that can help with utility bills and other household needs.

If a person falls behind on utility bills, ask the utility about a deferred payment plan. The Public Service Commission requires that customers who have been notified their service is scheduled to be terminated for non-payment be given an

opportunity to enter into a deferred payment agreement. Customers who have accrued an uncontested outstanding balance they are unable to pay may qualify for a deferred payment plan that allows them up to 12 months to catch up on their bill. However, a person must request the plan before the utility discontinues the service, and current monthly bills must be paid in addition to the plan amount. Once service is disconnected, the company is not required to honor the request for a 12-month payment plan and may require a substantial portion of the balance due be paid in order to restore service.

Contact the Public Service Commission prior to a scheduled service termination if a person needs assistance in establishing a deferred payment agreement with an utility company. The staff will work with a person and one's service provider to try to resolve the situation.

# WIC Announces Infant Formula Changes

West Virginia's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health has announced it will return to offering Similac products only, effective March 1. WIC will continue to allow larger sized cans of Similac products to be purchased through April 30.

In March 2022, WIC expanded allowable sizes, brands, and types of formula available for purchase with eWIC benefits. This change

was permitted while Abbott Nutrition (manufacturer of Similac products) made new formulas and dispersed products to grocery stores. In July 2022, Abbott Nutrition reopened their manufacturing facility in Sturgis, Michigan.

"WV WIC is committed to providing our WIC families with nutritious foods, including infant formula," said Heidi Staats, director of DHHR's Office of Nutrition Services. "WV WIC will continue to work with our retailers and Abbott Nutrition to ensure adequate supply of approved infant formula

remains on West Virginia's grocery shelves."

WIC provides pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 with nutritious, supplemental foods. The program also provides nutrition and breastfeeding education and referrals to health and social services.

WV WIC continues to offer virtual benefit issuance, as well as virtual nutrition services and breastfeeding education. To find a WIC clinic, visit <https://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/Clinic-Search.aspx>.

# CSP Application Cutoff Is April 14

The deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program applications to be considered for funding this year is April 14. Through CSP, the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service helps farmers, ranchers and forest landowners earn payments

for expanding conservation activities while maintaining agricultural production on their land. CSP also encourages adoption of new technologies and management techniques.

"CSP continues to be a very effective tool for private landowners working to achieve their conservation and management goals," said Jon Bourdon, NRCS state conservation-

ist in West Virginia. "It is the largest conservation program in the United States with more than 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled."

CSP is offered in West Virginia through continuous signups. The program offers an opportunity for both agricultural and forest managers to enhance their operations while adopting conservation activities that will refine work already completed. Practices and enhancements are available to improve resource concerns, such as soil health, water quality, wildlife habitat, or reduce soil erosion. Whether a person is looking to improve tree stands, plant cover crops,

install pollinator habitat, establish riparian buffers, or incorporate enhanced grazing management activities, a plan can be customized designed a plan to help meet one's goals.

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by the deadline to ensure their applications are considered for 2023 funding.

For additional information about CSP, contact the local service center or visit the website at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>.

# Burning Restrictions Began March 1

The start of West Virginia's annual spring fire season on March 1 marked the return of burning restrictions. The West Virginia Division of Forestry reminds residents to confine their outdoor burning to the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. according to the West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

"Since Jan. 1 we have responded to 162 fires that have burned approximately 1144.1 acres. Even though it seems that we have had some wet weather leading up to our spring fire season I would like to remind everyone that it doesn't take much sun and wind to dry out our fine fuels that allow fires to spread rapidly," said Jeremy Jones, assistant state forester-fire, WV DOF.

Jones said more than 99% of wildfires in West Virginia are caused by people and that burning

debris accounts for 35% of all wildfires during the past 10 years.

Statewide burning restrictions will remain in effect until the close of the spring fire season on May 31. The division of forestry has issued burning guidelines on its website at [wvforestry.com/fire-laws](http://wvforestry.com/fire-laws). Regulations include:

- All fires must have a ring or safety strip.
- The safety strip itself must be cleared of burnable material and be at least 10 feet wide.

- Any fire must be attended until completely extinguished.

- Only vegetative materials, such as leaves, brush and yard clippings, are permitted to be burnt.

- Spark-throwing machinery, such as power shovels or sawmills, operating on land subject to fire must contain an adequate spark arrester.

- Inflammable waste disposal areas must annually

remove all grass, brush, debris, and other inflammable material adjacent to disposal areas to provide adequate protection, preventing the escape of fire to adjacent lands.

"Our fire laws protect one of West Virginia's most valuable resources: our forests," Jones said. "We urge everyone who burns anything outside to be completely familiar with the guidelines available on our website."

Commercial burning during prohibited periods requires a permit, which are issued by local WVDOF offices. A permit is required for each commercial burning site.

Any person or company who causes a fire on any grass or forest land must reimburse the state for costs to suppress the fire. Fines for forest fires caused by negligence range from \$100 to \$1,000 with an additional civil penalty of \$200.

# Guidelines for Responsibly Digging Ramps Listed

Digging and eating ramps in the spring is a traditional activity throughout Appalachia, especially in Monongahela National Forest's gateway communities. While collecting ramps for personal use is permitted on the forest within established limits, commercial harvesting of ramps in the forest, including re-selling ramps collected for personal use, is prohibited. Personal use is defined as two gallons per person in possession at any one time, about the amount that fits in a typical plastic grocery bag. This equals about 180 whole plants, including roots and leaves. Individuals may not collect ramps on behalf of someone else.

People who are taking advantage of these early spring-like conditions and already collecting ramps in

the forest are encouraged to follow these guidelines to ensure abundant ramps in the future:

- Collect ramps only in patches with more than 100 plants.

- If a person finds a patch that has already been harvested, move on to another area.

- When collecting ramps from a large clump, take only one-fifth of the plants. Leaving behind most of the plants will allow them to mature and go to seed, and the patch will recover faster.

- If digging bulbs, use a soil fork or a small hand trowel and a knife rather than a large shovel. Shovels disturb the root system of neighboring ramps and other plants much more than these smaller tools. To dig ramps, loosen the soil

with the soil fork or hand trowel and use the knife to cut the ramp roots beneath the bulb.

- After digging a ramp, cover the bare soil with leaves. This will reduce the likelihood of invasive species taking root.

By following these guidelines for harvesting ramps, it will ensure that one's children and grandchildren can enjoy ramps for generations to come. A person can learn how to grow ramps on one's property at <https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/2017/04/12/grow-your-own-ramps-2/>.

For more information about the ecology of ramps in Monongahela National Forest contact Amy Lovell, education specialist, at [amy.lovell@usda.gov](mailto:amy.lovell@usda.gov) or (304) 413-6675.

# Summit Reports Fourth Quarter Earnings

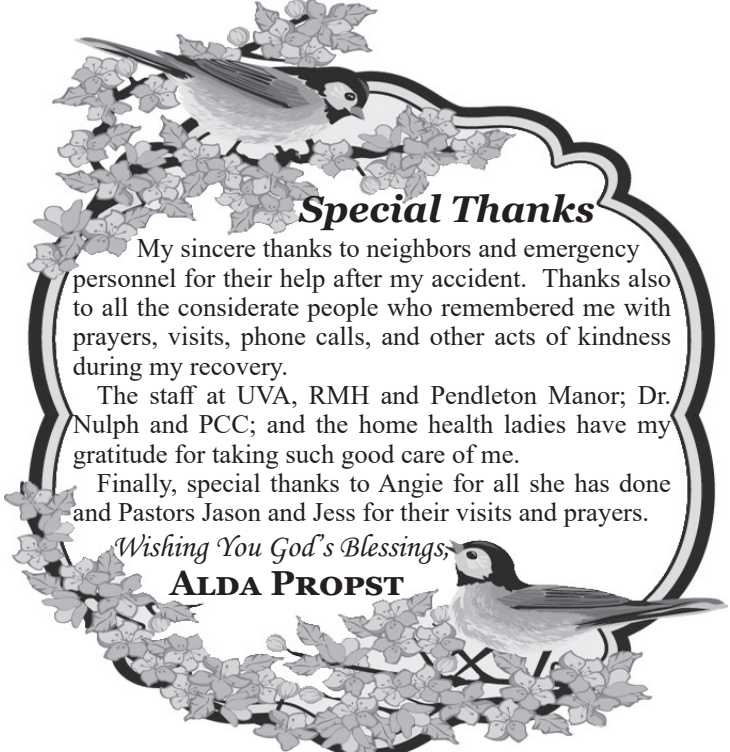
Summit Financial Group, Inc. has reported financial results for the fourth quarter of 2022, including continued strong earnings on growth in loans and total revenue.

The company, which serves commercial and individual clients across West Virginia, the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, Virginia and Kentucky through Summit Community Bank, Inc., reported net income applicable to common shares of \$14.9 million, or \$1.16 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2022, as compared to \$14.2 million,

or \$1.11 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2022 and \$12.4 million, or \$0.95 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2021.

"In the fourth quarter and full year of 2022, our team continued expanding existing customer relationships and cultivating new relationships from our strong commercial pipelines to continue to deliver annualized double-digit loan growth, strong deposit growth, increased revenue and earnings," said H. Charles Maddy, III, president and

chief executive officer. "Our disciplined underwriting standards consistently provide stable asset quality metrics and improved in the fourth quarter and for year-end. Given the challenging interest rate environment, the sequential increase in our tangible book value per common share differentiates us from our peers. Our tremendous operating results in 2022, pending merger with PSB Holding Corp. and the strength of our balance sheet well-positions us for continued growth in 2023."



**Special Thanks**

My sincere thanks to neighbors and emergency personnel for their help after my accident. Thanks also to all the considerate people who remembered me with prayers, visits, phone calls, and other acts of kindness during my recovery.

The staff at UVA, RMH and Pendleton Manor; Dr. Nulph and PCC; and the home health ladies have my gratitude for taking such good care of me.

Finally, special thanks to Angie for all she has done and Pastors Jason and Jess for their visits and prayers.

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# Adrift Metallic Balloons Can Cause Power Outages

Mon Power is warning customers about the dangers of improperly handling foil balloons. The metallic coating on foil balloons conducts electricity and poses a risk to the electric system.

Numbers show a decrease in damage caused by foil balloons over the last few years - perhaps a sign of success in educating the public about the damage the balloons can do. In 2022, there was an 18% decrease in balloon-related outages when compared to 2021 and a 25% decrease when compared to 2020.

However, balloon related outages still happen more often than a person would think. Last year, foil balloons were to blame for 102 power outages across FirstEnergy's six-state service area. Therefore, it's important to continue educating people about handling foil balloons.

February typically marks the onset of a dramatic increase in outages caused by adrift metallic balloons that peaks in June, when warm weather takes celebrations and picnics outdoors.

"Our communities have done a great job helping us raise awareness of the dangers of power outages caused by metallic balloons, and FirstEnergy has experienced year-over-year decreases in the number of these outages as a result," said Lisa Rouse, director of outage management at FirstEnergy. "However,

we must continue to educate people of all ages on how to use these balloons responsibly to keep electricity flowing safely and reliably year-round."

To help ensure holidays and celebrations are enjoyed responsibly, customers are encouraged to keep the following balloon safety tips in mind:

- Use caution and avoid celebrating with metallic balloons near overhead electric lines.
- Securely tie helium-filled metallic balloons to a weight that is heavy enough to prevent them from floating away. Do not remove the weight until the balloons are deflated.
- Puncture and deflate metallic balloons once they are no longer in use because they can stay inflated for several weeks. Never release them into the sky.
- Never attempt to retrieve any type of balloon, kite or toy that becomes caught in a power line. Leave it alone and immediately call FirstEnergy at 888-544-4877 to report the problem.
- Stay far away from a downed or low-hanging power line. Always assume downed lines are energized and dangerous. Report them ASAP by calling 911.

# Restitution Available for Fees Due to Payment Delay

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Social Services has developed a process for families to apply for reimbursement of unexpected fees directly related to the delay in foster care, adoption, legal guardianship, and adult services payments for the month of February.

The reimbursement form and the W-9 form can be found on the Bureau for Social Services website or can be picked up by families at county DHHR offices.

Acceptable documentation that must be provided with the form includes:

- a copy of the statement showing the late charge/fee (please circle the charge for clarity),
- a copy of the statement from the bank or financial institution showing overdraft fees, or
- other documentation such as utility bills, medical bills, payment receipts, etc., showing accrued late charges, and
- a completed W-9.

Completed forms and documentation must be mailed to Commissioner Jeffrey Pack, Bureau for Social Services, 350 Capitol Street, Room 730, Charleston, WV 25301.

# Highlands Bankshares Reports Year End Earnings

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. announced unaudited earnings of \$4,427,000 for the year ended Dec. 31, 2022. This represents a decrease of 10.29% from the \$4,935,000 earned during 2021. On a per share basis, net income was \$3.31 for 2022, compared to earnings of \$3.69 per share for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021.

On Feb. 14, the board of directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.45 per share to be paid on March 6 to all shareholders of record as of Feb. 27. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.19%.

Jack H. Walters, chairman and chief executive officer of the holding company, stated "We are pleased with our operating

results from the past year. While 2022, presented its share of challenges such as inflation and the unprecedented pace of interest rate increases, we remained focused on building and growing relationships with consumers and businesses throughout our market areas. We look forward to serving our many customers throughout the Potomac Highlands and Virginia in 2023."

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. operates 12 banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia through its two wholly-owned subsidiary banks, The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, and offers insurance services through its wholly-owned subsidiary HBI Life Insurance Company.

## Position Openings

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## JOB OPENINGS

**POSITION: FULL TIME DESK CLERK FOR MEDICAL SURGICAL UNIT — SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED:** Days/Evenings; (3) 12-hour shifts per week, with rotating weekends required. Performs a wide range of clerical, receptionist duties including but not limited to admitting/discharge duties in support of patient care department. Excellent customer service, computer and communication skills including telephone etiquette required. Basic CPR, recommended. High school diploma or equivalent, required. This job requires a person who is pleasant, cooperative and exhibits a positive attitude. Must be able to communicate effectively and work productively under stress. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 03/17/2023

**POSITION: (3) FULL TIME RESPIRATORY THERAPIST — SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED:** Various shifts - (3) 12-hour shifts per week, alternating weekends required, but schedule may flex to cover open shifts. Job duties include: Set-up, operate and maintain various oxygen and therapeutic gas equipment; administer various respiratory treatments; postural drainage with percussion and positioning; perform arterial sticks and run arterial blood gas analysis; must be able to read and understand physician orders and respond accordingly; perform various pulmonary function tests. Excellent Customer Service Skills required. Current West Virginia RT license required. ACLS and PALS certification recommended. Must be capable of multitasking and have critical thinking skills. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 03/31/2023

**POSITION: FULL TIME REGISTERED RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGIST — SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED:** Rotating nights and weekends. ARRT and West Virginia license required. CT experience preferred, but not required. Excellent customer service and computer skills needed. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 03/31/2023

**POSITION: FULL TIME RN FOR MEDICAL SURGICAL/SPECIAL CARE UNIT — SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED:** Nights - (3) 12-hour shifts per week, with rotating weekends and holidays. Current West Virginia RN license required. BLS, ACLS and PALS certifications recommended. Reliable and detail oriented, exhibits good judgment and promotes teamwork. Must be capable of multitasking and have critical thinking skills. Excellent Customer Service Skills required. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 03/31/2023

**POSITION: PART TIME LPN FOR MOTHER INFANT CARE CENTER (MICC) — SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED:** Various; 12-hour shifts (with alternating weekends). Current West Virginia RN license required. Excellent customer service skills and prior labor and delivery experience preferred, but not required. ACLS and PALS recommended. Must be capable of multitasking and have critical thinking skills. Highly motivated individual who can work as a team and individually. Ability to undertake a variety of diverse care tasks and work in a multi-disciplinary environment. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 03/31/2023

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# Maple Festival Scheduled For Two March Weekends

It's Virginia's sweetest event of the year! Nestled in the peaceful, rural mountains on the western border of the Commonwealth, travelers can take a step back in time for a cultural and culinary adventure at the county-wide 63rd Highland County Maple Festival set for March 11-12 and 18-19.

Highland County is Virginia's least populous county but has been drawing tens of thousands of visitors to the community since 1959 to celebrate the "opening" of the trees and to observe the process of making delicious, pure maple syrup. Free "sugar camp" tours provide a unique and educational experience for the entire family to learn how the golden delicacy is made from tree to bottle, ranging from traditional to modern techniques. Local sugar camps have even expanded to include syrups infused with fruits and spices or even aged in spirit barrels. Other tree syrups can be found at the festival as well, including hickory, birch, and black walnut. Ten local sugar camps will be open on Saturdays and eight on Sundays this year.

Local civic clubs and organizations will be bringing back their delicious food offerings, including those famous fresh maple doughnuts, pancake and buckwheat cake meals with sausage and gravy, trout sandwiches, pork rinds, funnel cakes, and just about anything maple-flavored.

More than 100 juried arts and crafts vendors will be available in Monterey, Virginia, and McDowell, Virginia, providing one-of-a-kind treasures, tasty treats, and special gifts. Admission to access vendors at the Highland County Public

School gyms and The Highland Center is \$5 purchased onsite (children 12 and under are free), and payment comes with a collectible maple leaf keychain that also provides access to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. entertainment at The Highland Center.

Each day of the festival this year will feature at least two live shows at The Highland Center. On March 11, enjoy the popular bluegrass band Southern Rail Express at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., as well as the classical banjo of The John Bullard Trio at 5 p.m. On March 12, listen to local favorites Mountain Air play their blend of acoustic Americana at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. On March 18, put on one's dancing shoes with square dancing at 10 a.m. with local callers Ellen and Eugene Ratcliffe, and stay for the 2 p.m. square dance when old time music band Mudhole Control brings more heel stomping fun. Finish up the festival with two clogging performances on March 19 with the Hi-Horse Cloggers performing at 10 a.m. and the homegrown Little Switzerland Cloggers entertaining audiences at 2 p.m. For more entertainment options, visitors of all ages can listen to bluegrass music at Southernmost Maple in Bolar, Virginia, starting at noon on Saturdays, or those 21 and up can groove to the acoustic blues of Delta Junction at Hull's Hideaway Restaurant & Tavern in Monterey, Virginia, starting at 8 p.m. on March 11.

In 1999, the Library of Congress designated The Highland County Maple Festival a "Local Legacy," and in 2014, the Governor of Virginia signed a bill into law designating the festival as the "official maple festival of Virginia." More recently, the festival has earned sev-

eral user-voted awards, including the winner of Best Unique Festival in the Best of the Blue Ridge 2023 Reader's Choice Awards from Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine and 2022's first-place winner for best Festival of the Shenandoah Valley Region in the eleventh annual Best of Virginia issue from Virginia Living. An economic impact study in 2022 conducted by Virginia Tech with assistance from Future Generations University revealed that the festival generated between \$1.36 and \$2.02 million in direct spending in Highland County.

Traditional hours of the festival include Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., though visitors can get a jumpstart to the day with maple doughnuts being served at 6 a.m. and pancake meals starting as early as 7 a.m. Full details on all the festival happenings can be found at [www.highlandcounty.org/maple-festival](http://www.highlandcounty.org/maple-festival), with posts highlighting the festival available at [www.facebook.com/HighlandCounty](http://www.facebook.com/HighlandCounty) and [www.instagram.com/highland\\_county\\_va](http://www.instagram.com/highland_county_va).

## PVCD Board To Gather Tuesday

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 14 at the Farm Credit building in Moorefield. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting on the district website at [www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm](http://www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm) or by contacting the Romney office at 304-822-5174.

The public is invited to participate.

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**SGR264A** 2.097 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 bath Brick Cape Cod, 2 Car Detached Garage, convenient to town amenities. **NEW LISTING \$329,000.00.**

**SGR259A** 230.82 Acres, more or less, Spring, Septic, Electric available, subject to 4-year farm lease. Sugar Grove Distric. **NEW LISTING \$869,000.00.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SGR216** 0.662 Acres w/1 Bed, 1 Bath, 908 sq. ft. Cabin located in close proximity to Brushy Fork Lake and National Forest, Sugar Grove District. **\$79,900.00 REDUCED \$74,500.00.**

**SGR197** 557.7 Ac., Raw Land, Excellent Hunting, Joins National Forest, No Utilities, Potential Food Plots, Watering Holes, Bldg. Sites w/Views. Milroy District, Grant County. **\$1,749,000.00.**

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

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

**SGR187** 8.87 Ac., Raw Land, Hoover Mtn., Bldg. Sites, View. **\$79,900.00.**

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

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

**SGR128** 2-3 Bedroom Ranch w/Full Basement on 0.6386 Acres, more or less, Moyers Gap Rd, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$169,000.00 REDUCED \$149,900.00.**

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

**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.**

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