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Outstanding Pendleton County FFA members recognized were, from left, Caleb Armentrout, Gena Lambert and Colton Pennington. Photo courtesy of Janice Heavner.

FFA Members Recognized For Accomplishments

Blue jackets adorned the auditorium at Pendleton County High School Sunday as Future Farmers of America members celebrated another year of accomplishments at the chapter's banquet.

An FFA member knows that he/she can make a difference by telling the FFA story within a community as he/she strives to strengthen agriculture. As a chapter, FFA members can transform the message of agriculture, continue to work together in educating others on the importance of agriculture and make a positive difference in the future. Members develop their potential for premier leadership, personal

growth and career success through agricultural education.

The Pendleton County FFA Chapter has 50 members.

After Cody Mitchell led the invocation, FFA members and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal provided by Dean's Gap Farm.

The opening ceremony was presided over by Pendleton County FFA officers, Selena Hedrick, president, Lindsey Smith, vice president, Ryleigh Cook, secretary, Reagan McConnell, treasurer, Lydia Heavner, reporter, and James Ruddle, sentinel, and Ron Hudson, FFA advisor.

After a video presentation of the year's high-

lights, special awards and presentations were made.

FFA Greenhand Degrees were awarded Madison Arbaugh, Barrett Cook, Logan Fisher, Wille Fisher, Jaydon Hess, Braylin Hull, Cashton Kisamore, Gena Lambert, Isabella Lockard, Paigelyn Long, Jameigh Miller, William VanMeter and Brynlynn Waggy.

To earn a Greenhand Degree, FFA members must enroll in an agricultural education program and have plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience, learn and explain the FFA creed, mission and motto and salute, describe and explain the meaning of the

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South Fork VFD Honors Those Who Went Beyond the Call of Duty

By Stephen Smoot

"When I am called to duty, God/ Wherever flames may rage/ Give me strength to save some life/ Whatever be its age."

These words form the opening lines of the "Fireman's Prayer" of the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary. They reflect the devotion and virtue shown by the men and women who serve, especially those who volunteer, in Pendleton County emergency services.

Mark Stewart, a field deputy with the West Virginia Fire Marshal's office, provided the keynote address. He has given 42 years of service in firefighting and related roles. For the last 12 years, he has worked as an inspector.

"Being with the inspection division, we do annual inspections of every school, hospital, detention center, nursing home, and any new construction," he said. Working as an inspector, he added, "it's the most enjoyable 12 years of my life."

"Our group makes it safer for the citizens of West Virginia," Stewart also remarked.

Stewart described new programs that start to provide some recognition for firefighters. The state will award years of service coins starting at five years of service and extending to 25 and 50 years. Also, certificates and other paperwork can now be uploaded to a central online repository. His most important message



Mike Stewart, field deputy for the West Virginia Fire Marshal's office, addresses a packed room at the South Fork VFD banquet.

lay in advising fire houses how to attract and keep firefighters. Stewart explained, "I think the fire department is the best place to bring up a family. The only thing keeping fire houses alive is families." When the spouses and children of firefighters come to the station, it creates the kind of family atmosphere that people want to be a part of.

Stewart added that the aging population of state firefighters has already become an issue, but Jeffrey Bowers responded with "we're blessed. We've got a lot of young firefighters coming along here."

Next, State Senator Bill Hamilton and Delegate Bryan Ward responded to an invitation to share a few words. Hamilton related a brief story of experiencing fire danger as a child. He also remarked that serving as chair of the newly combined committee of agriculture and natural resources "puts me between the bear hunters and the farmers."

As Hamilton shared his story, attendees were reminded of the serious reasons behind the celebration that evening. Radios crackled with the sound of a dispatcher requesting units to investigate reports of heavy smoke on Reddish Knob Road. Several uniformed first responders quietly leapt to their feet. In seconds they had geared up, mounted their trucks, and sped off into the fading sunlight.

Ward followed Hamilton, leading his remarks with "there's a lot of heroes in here." He discussed his work in law enforcement in Maryland and Hardy County prior to serving in the State Legislature. Despite being a "gunslinger," and the friendly rivalry between police and fire units, Ward shared, "We are family and I'm tickled pink that you all invited me up."

Doug Mongold, chief of the Moorefield Fire Department, ascended the podium after

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Community Calendar

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. May 10 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Living Faith Church 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 12:15 p.m. To reserve a free lunch, call today.

PVCD Board To Gather Tuesday

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. May 9 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 or by contacting the Romney office at 304-822-5174.

The public is invited to participate.

Revival Services Set at North Fork Apostolic Church

Revival services will be held at the North Fork Apostolic Church located in Judy Gap beside the highway department. Services will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday. Rev. Jodie Wilson will be ministering and playing the guitar.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 304-567-2179.

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 folded star potholder.

UT 4-H Club To Meet Monday

The Upper Tract Producer's 4-H Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Upper Tract Training Center.

TMF Association To Meet May 11

The Treasure Mountain Association will meet at 6 p.m. May 11 in the meeting room at the bowling alley in Franklin. All interested parties and volunteers are welcome to attend.

National Day of Prayer Service Planned for Today

The Friends Run Church of the Brethren will host a National Day of Prayer at 7 p.m. today.

The focus of this National Prayer Day is to be in a spirit of prayer for the nation and the many acts of violence that are occurring. Many faith groups across the nation are joining in on this yearly event.

The service will consist of scripture readings, congregational singing and praying for those who have experienced acts of violence.

As everyone gathers in a spirit of prayer, one should honor that spirit of quietness as he or she enters the church.

For additional information, contact Rev. David J. Morris at 434-964-7556.

Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County Petition Commission

By Stephen Smoot

Late last month, the Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County Facebook group came to the second consecutive Pendleton County Commission meeting to share their views on a potential wind farm and their ideas on how to prevent its establishment.

Roger Dahmer opened the session with a prayer, saying "we thank you for this wonderful day You have given us."

Barbara Dean, secretary and treasurer of the group ceded two minutes of her allotted time to Scott Somerville, who addressed the commission in the first April meeting. Somerville opened with a mea culpa, apologizing for leaving the impression that he had made personal attacks. He said "I am very sorry . . . if I came across as a bully." Somerville said that his intent lay in wanting "us to come together as citizens" and that the county should "take its time to get it right." He praised the commissioners, including "Mr. Hevener" who "has been nothing but polite."

Dean then explained the history of the group's opposition to wind farm construction in 2006 that led to a permit denial by the West Virginia Public Service Commission in 2007. She recommended a moratorium on construction of structures over 200 feet in height.

Mike Willenborg expressed concern about the Public

Service Commission fast-tracking an application for building wind turbines. He reiterated the need for a moratorium to allow time to review all aspects of the impact of the turbines in the county.

Other speakers followed. Leonard Uptain, president of the Blackthorn Mountain homeowners' association, discussed the possible effect on property values. Jack Bowers shared his experiences in Europe seeing rows of idle and decommissioned towers when the lifespan of the generators ended. In general, the speakers related concerns about "potential negative impacts they could have in regards to tourism, agritourism, scenic views, water, noise, traffic, and health."

The proposed moratorium sparked concerns about construction on non-wind energy structures, such as communications towers. Carl Hevener, commission president, remarked that it could also hamstring grain producers. One of the challenges of writing a moratorium would be to make it general enough to satisfy the law, but specific enough to leave out vital agricultural, communications, and other structures.

Other county officials weighed in with their research. April Mallow, prosecuting attorney, shared that as of April 17, no one had filed to construct wind farms in the county. Laura Brown,

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 5

- 4 - 6 p.m. — Vendors Open (Craft Building and Grounds)
- 4 - 6 p.m. — Trout Dinner (Community Building)
- 4 - 6 p.m. — Rodeo Registration (Community Building)
- 6 - 8 p.m. — Nat Frederick (Main Stage)
- 6 - 8 p.m. — Rodeo Registration (Main Stage)

Saturday, May 6

- 6:30 - 10 a.m. — Trout Rodeo Registration (Pendleton Senior Center)
- 7 - 10 a.m. — Breakfast (Pendleton Senior Center)
- 8 a.m. - Noon — Trout Rodeo
- 9 - 10:30 a.m. — Justin Hensley (Main Stage)
- 10 - 11:45 a.m. — Rodeo Registration (Main Stage)
- 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. — Vendors Open (Craft Building and Grounds)
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Library Book Sale (Pendleton County Library Community Room)
- 11 a.m. - Noon — Raymond's Gymnastics (Main Stage)
- Noon - 2 p.m. — Kids' Conservation Area (Craft Building)
- 12:30 - 2 p.m. — Corey Hager (Main Stage)
- 12:30 p.m. — Doors Open for Bingo (Pendleton Senior Center)
- 1 p.m. — Bingo (Pendleton Senior Center)
- 2:15 - 2:45 p.m. — Trout Rodeo Awards
- 3 - 5 p.m. — Micayla Curry Band (Main Stage)
- 6 - 9 p.m. — Spencer Hatcher & the Ol Son Gang (Main Stage)

Body Found Along Road In North Mountain Area

On Monday, the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department shared that a deceased individual has been found in the North Mountain area along the roadway. The sheriff's department and other agencies responded, and the FBI is also involved in the investigation at this time. The body will be sent to

the West Virginia Medical Examiner's office for identification. Upon learning the identity of the individual, the investigation will be spearheaded by the proper jurisdiction.

Chad Bowers, Pendleton County sheriff, stated that no further details are available at this time. It remains an open investigation.

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**James Jennings
"Jamie" Mallow**

James Jennings "Jamie" Mallow, 56, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and formerly of Upper Tract passed away May 1, 2023, at his home.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1967, in Elkins, the son of the late Dr. John Allen and Barbara (Jennings) Mallow.

Mr. Mallow was a 1985 graduate of Franklin High School, where he was an active member of the 1984 State Championship Baseball Team. He attended West Virginia University and received his bachelor's degree in physical education and a minor in biology from West

Virginia Tech, where he was also a member of the baseball team for four years.

He worked for 30 years for Pilgrim's Pride as an assistant breeder manager. He enjoyed fishing in the Smoke Hole with his brother, Jasper, and hunting on the Reeds Creek Farm, where he always got a big buck.

He had attended Upper Tract Presbyterian Church.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory a daughter, Gwen Branner (Kaleb) of Quicksburg, Virginia; a son, Phillip Mallow of Quicksburg, Virginia; a sister, April Mallow of Upper Tract; and a brother, John Jasper Mallow (Dawn) of Franklin.

The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel, with Pastor David Webb officiating. Interment will be in Cherry Hill Cemetery in Upper Tract.

Memorials may be made to Pendleton County High School baseball team, PO Box 40, Franklin, WV 26807.

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



**Keturah Elsie-Ruth
Barrow**

Keturah Elsie-Ruth Barrow was born Nov. 5, 1990, to Nathaniel and Corona Barrow. She departed this life suddenly on April 16, 2023.

She was a free-spirited woman with an abundance of love for people and life itself. She was extremely dedicated to her family from childhood to adulthood. She had a strong love for God and demonstrated kindness toward God's people. From a young age, she demonstrated the service of charity and comradery. Her bubbly personality touched and imparted love and hope to all who came in contact with her. Her generosity and non-judgmental attitude attracted anyone to her. Her ability to comfort and understand others went unmatched often. She was everyone's nurse; everyone's chef; everyone's best friend. She was everyone's sister; and everyone's Mama! - she earned the name Kee Ma.

Mrs. Barrow was talented with pen...she made poetry come to life in music. She recorded "Kee Ma, Thug Love," a musical compilation that can be found on all streaming apps. She was a comedian when laughter was needed. She was soft and quiet when peace was imperative. However, when smoke was needed, she was that firecracker that sounded and blasted off loud and bright. She was harmonious and gracefully chaotic. Words will never articulate how special she was. To know her was to love her.

She leaves to embrace

her memory, her husband, Weldon E. Burden, III; two children, Caleb David, and Amore'Rael Natalia; her parents, Nathaniel and Corona Barrow; a grandmother, Elsie Margene Barrow; two sisters, Vashti Barrow and Natalie Harris (John); a brother, Jeremy Barrow (Jervonne); her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Weldon, Jr. and Faith Burden; four brothers-in-law, Randay, Darius, Tony and Anton; and two sisters-in-law, Tananda White (Darius) and Demetria Mickey (Devon); six nephews, Fred Blackwell, DeVante Evans, Elijah Taylor, Annan Barrow, Jeremy Barrow, Jr. and Gabriel Barrow; seven nieces, Stacie Blackwell, Ollie Wigfall, Da'Mya Harris, Kaniya Evans, Jordan Harris and E'lisha and E'lyah Harris; seven uncles, Kevin Rhodes (Wanda) of Millington, Tennessee, Sampson Barrow and Joel Barrow (Darlene), all of Franklin, Reshay Childress (Jaanai) of Atlanta, Georgia, Julian Rhodes (Tasha), Smithville, North Carolina, and Carlos Rhodes (Caroline) of Seattle, Washington; aunts, Terry Harvey (Bonzell) of Moyers, Tracy Moats (David) of Port Republic, Virginia, Tara Landers (Randall and Evelia Millard, all of Atlanta, Georgia, Liti Barrow of Franklin, Charla Schofield of Jacksonville, Florida, and Ashanti Herbert of Charlotte, North Carolina; and a multitude of other relatives and very close friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Sampson Barrow and Esic Rhodes, Jr.; her grandmothers, Elsie Ruth Brent Rhodes and Gwendolyn Rhodes; and uncle and aunt, Mark and Wanda Barrow.

A celebration of Life was held at Elohim Christian Church in Henrico, Virginia. Her repast will be held at Crusade for Christ Christian Church Ministries in Richmond, Virginia. A graveside service was held Saturday at the Moats Family Cemetery in Moatstown.

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



Sandy Lee Vint

Sandy Lee Vint, 65, of Circleville passed away April 29, 2023, at home, surrounded by her family.

She was born on July 1, 1957, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the daughter of Cornelia Etta (Hartman) Teter of Franklin and the late Jacob Mitchell "Jake" Teter (Sept. 18, 2017).

Mrs. Vint attended school in Franklin and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was a homemaker and loved spending time with her family.

In 1975, she married Joe Eddie Vint, who survives.

In addition to her hus-

band, she leaves behind to cherish her memory a daughter, Wendy Vint (Steve) of Circleville; a son, Gary Vint of Circleville; three grandchildren, Bethany, Zachary and Aaron Vint; three sisters, Sue Bockey of Strasburg, Virginia, Judy (Teter) Harrison (Jeff) of Newberry, South Carolina, and Jackie Sisson of Arbovale; and her furry friend, "Spot."

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, William "Timmy" Teter and James Kennedy "Nick" Teter; and a nephew, Wesley Teter.

The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home chapel with Bishop David Hartman officiating. Interment will be in the Joe Vint Family Cemetery in Circleville.

Memorials may be made to "the family," c/o Basagic Funeral Home, PO Box 215, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

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We would like to thank family and friends for all the beautiful cards and flowers, visits, phone calls, food, and all other acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Special thanks to Basagic Funeral Home and Eddie Mullenax for the beautiful memorial service. A special thank you to Harrisonburg Sentara Hospital for the wonderful care that was provided to our loved one while he was in the hospital.
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Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority director, reported that she had made inquiries to Randolph County concerning business and property values near that county's wind farms and that they reported no negative trends. Amber Nesselrodt, Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau director, stated that Grant County officials reported that the turbines were an object of curiosity for some tourists visiting the area.

Next, the commission heard reports on structural maintenance. The new generator at the community building is on the pad and ready to be hooked up. Karen Pitsenbarger reported, however, that the HVAC system at the health department required replacement for a total cost of \$6,900. The commission approved the work. Additionally, Pitsenbarger said that the community building's HVAC might need replaced in the not-too-distant future as well.

Elise White, county clerk, reported on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). She requested to apply for funds to purchase electronic pollbook systems for each precinct. If approved, the grant would pay for 85% of the \$26,799.00 purchase price. The commission gave permission for the application.

Pendleton County's 911 dispatchers received praise approximately three hours before they started to receive reports on the first wildfires breaking out that week. Rick Gillespie reported on "numerous calls, including four helicopter transports." Commissioner Roger Dahmer read a letter of thanks and appreciation that will be sent to each 911 staffer as part of National Public Safety Telecommunications week.

Gillespie then filled the commission in on grant applications that will soon be submitted. Additionally, he shared that the National Radio Quiet Zone has put out requests for proposals for companies to study the zone.

County Commissioners also approved a set of updated levy rates, which run as follows:

- Class II Rates - 28.60
- Class III Rates - 57.20
- Class IV Rates - 57.20
- Total Projected Revenue 2,741,962
- Less Uncollectable Taxes, Exonerations and Delinquencies 137,098
- Less Tax Discount 52,097
- Total Projected Property Tax Collection 2,552,767
- Less Assessor Valuation Fund 51,055
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FFA emblem and colors, demonstrate an understanding of the FFA Code of Ethics, the proper use of the FFA jacket, the history of the organization, chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter's program of activities, have access to the official FFA manual and student handbook and submit a written application for the degree.

Lambert was awarded the FFA Star Greenhand Award. She participated in parliamentary procedure, attended meetings and rode the FFA float in the Treasure Mountain Festival parade. She is the daughter of Kathy Warner of Circleville.

Recipients of the Chapter FFA Degree were Caleb Armentrout, Timmy Bogan, Brady Bowers, Abigail Engle, Bailee Kiger, Heavner, McKenna Hedrick, Jacob Mitchell, Julia Mongold, Colton Pennington, Hanna Pennington, Makayla Tingler, Jenna Smith and Lucas Vandevander.

Chapter degrees are awarded to FFA members who have completed 180 hours (or the equivalent) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education, have an approved SAE, enrolled in an agriculture course, participated in the planning and implementation of at least three FFA activities, earned and productively invested at least \$150 or have worked at least 45 hours outside of class time, or a combination of the two, through their SAE, lead a group discussion for 15 minutes, demonstrated five parliamentary law procedures, show progress toward achievement in FFA award programs, have satisfactory academic record, completed a minimum of 10 hours of community service and submitted a written application for the degree.

The FFA Star Chapter Farmer Production award went to Armentrout, who had three different SAE programs: ham/bacon hogs, potatoes and market steers. He made over \$7,950. He is the son of Charles and Jennifer Armentrout of Circleville.

The FFA Star Chapter Agribusiness Placement Award, which is given to an individual who excels in the field of agricultural business, was presented to Colton Pennington. Working at Smith Farms, he has made and hauled hay, taken care of cattle through the summer, and completed other jobs as directed. He has worked over 600 hours in the past three years. He is a student pilot at Blue Ridge Aviation and the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport in Weyers Cave, Virginia. He is the son of Christina Arbaugh of Circleville.

Selena Hedrick will receive her State FFA degree in July at the state convention in Ripley. In order to earn a State FFA Degree, members must have received a chapter degree, been an active member for at least two years, have completed at least two years (36 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth-grade level, earned and productively invested at least \$1,000 or have worked 300 hours outside of the classroom through an SAE, demonstrated leadership ability by performing 10 parliamentary law procedures, given a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or FFA, served as an FFA officer or committee chairperson or committee member, maintain a satisfactory academic record, participated in the planning and implementation of the chapter's program of activities and in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level and completed at least 25 hours of community service in a minimum of two different activities.

The Farm Credit Award, which is presented to a FFA member who excels in recording keeping and management, was earned by Lindsey Smith. The award was presented by Trey Keyser.

J.D. Heavner presented the annual Brandon Waggy Memorial Scholarship to Lindsey Smith and Cook.

Honorary chapter membership was presented to Linda Mallow.

Mallow was born Jan. 12, 1958, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, to the late Henry and Pauline Roberson of Ruddle. She still resides in Ruddle with her husband of 44 years, Danny. She enjoys going to the beach, shopping and bossing her husband around and also cherishes her children and grandchildren. She graduated in 1976 from Franklin High School and then attended vocational school for nursing. She has been the school's secretary for 27 years.



Ryleigh Cook, chapter secretary, presents Linda Mallow an honorary membership plaque. Photo courtesy of Janice Heavner.

Honorary membership is bestowed upon individuals who have rendered outstanding services to help advance agricultural education and the FFA.

Seven FFA members participated in the annual South Branch Ham, Bacon and Egg Show. Those members were Armentrout, Lydia Heavner, McKenna Hedrick, Selena Hedrick, Kiger, Lindsey Smith and Tingler.

The Smith Golden Orange Award was presented to Lindsey Smith who sold more than 138 units of fruit.

The livestock team participated in the McCalls Livestock Challenge March 18 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Team members were Braden McCoy, who placed second overall, Kiger, Lindsey Smith and McKenna Hedrick. The team placed 14th out of 45 teams.

The poultry evaluation career development event tests students' skills in the production, processing and marketing of chickens, turkeys, processed poultry products and eggs. This year's participants were Lydia Heavner, Kiger, McCoy and Lindsey Smith.

Lydia Heavner participated in the extemporaneous public speaking leadership development event. Participants are given 30 minutes to deliver a speech on one of three assigned agricultural topics. Students must learn to think on their feet and develop an argument quickly and persuasively.

The parliamentary procedure team consisting of Lydia Heavner, Kaylee Callison, McKenna Hedrick, Tingler, Lambert and Alexandria Perry placed first in the regional competition. The team will be representing the eastern region at the state convention.

Chapter leadership awards were present to Lambert, Madison Arbaugh and Larissa Greathouse, ninth grade; Lydia Heavner, Tingler, and Armentrout, 10th grade; Callison, Kiger, and Hanna Pennington, 11th grade; and Lindsey Smith, Selena Hedrick and McCoy, 12th grade.

During FFA Week, members traveled to the county elementary schools talking about the importance of agriculture and FFA. The theme of this year was corn. Students in grades preschool to third grade were given coloring contest sheets. Winners of the annual coloring contest were awarded a medal at the banquet. Receiving this honor were pre-kindergarten - Christian Tingler, North Fork Elementary School, Dylan Hensley, Brandywine Elementary School, and Jaylynn Hedrick, Franklin Elementary School; kindergarten - Benson Harper, NFES, Cooper Wimer, BES, and Charli Hiett, FES; first grade - Layla Warner, NFES, Skylar Hottle, BES, and Lola Brooks, FES; second grade - Andelyn Vance, NFES, Gracie Hedrick, FES, and Aubrey Pitsenbarger, BES; and third grade - Sadie Wimer, NFES, Bristol Bowers, FES, and Michelina Browder, BES.

South Fork VFD

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Ward. He shared information about the State Fireman's Association banquet in August at Canaan Valley. Mongold also discussed a junior fire fighter camp at Jackson's Mill for children ages 14 to 17. "They'll get knowledge and will learn more than the average person," Mongold stated.

Three representatives from the Sugar Grove Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9666 presented awards of recognition. Robert Davis, an EMT with the Franklin Rescue Squad, received a certificate of commendation. They also gave Mike Alt from Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department "special recognition and highest praise."

Roy Bowers reflected on operations in 2022, saying "the calls last year were way up." In 2021, the department responded to 85 calls. Last year, that number rose to 100. "That's the most I remember running," Bowers noted.

Nila Bland shared some remarks about the auxiliary's work, leading with "it's good to see everyone tonight."

"You might see our new floor this year," Bland said, adding that "We've been here 20 years and we decided that we need a new floor." Also, Bland stated, "I'd like to thank Donna (Evick) for making our pies and the jellies on the table."

Bland told attendees that the station had responded to 50 calls in only four months with 29 coming in April alone. And concluded with "I hope you enjoyed the evening and hope you come back next year."

Curtis Crigler announced the new slate of officers for 2023, including Nila Bland as administrator, Roy Bowers as chief, Seth Bowers as assistant chief, Nathan Parker as captain and safety officer, and Greg Dyer as lieutenant and safety officer.

Roy Bowers then recognized those in the South Fork VFD who earned special recognition for outstanding service in 2022. These included Jeffrey Bowers for leadership, Bland for most dedicated, South Fork VFD for outstanding service, Cayden Boone for outstanding service as a junior member, Kim Hulmes for outstanding service to the community and William Copley for fireman of the year. Timothy Hook earned the Making a Difference award for response to the most calls (86 out of 100 total), Rick Gillespie for dedication to service for Pendleton County, Robert Grimm for community service to the county, and Grimm, Charles Hoover, and Steven Cook for spending 68 hours a piece protecting lives and property at the Hidden Valley fire.

The banquet started with a table of hors d'oeuvres, including a variety of cheeses, fruits, and lunch meats. Catering for the dinner was done by Sweet Treats of Moorefield. The main dinner included smoked brisket, Chesapeake Bay shrimp, pineapple glazed ham, a large variety of desserts, and more. Attendees received small jars of homemade jelly and a bag of healthcare items and other materials.

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10 Years Ago Week of April 18, 2013

SUGAR GROVE

Without modern technology, the children of “yesterday” kept quite occupied, either inside or outside, with games. Most of them were best done with a group of people. Playgrounds were especially a good place for all the social activities that took place.

The following are some games that were especially lots of fun:

Hide and seek; Kick the Can; Hopscotch; Jump-Rope; Jacks; Marbles; Red Light; Mother, May I; Simon Says; Tag; Shadow Tag; TV Tag; Blind Man’s Bluff; Red Rover; Heads Up; Seven Up; Spud; Button, Button, Who’s Got the Button?; Musical Chairs; and Telephone.

Week of May 2, 2013

School Board Mulls Two Sites for New School

The Pendleton County Board of Education accepted the state School Building Authority’s (SBA) \$9.8 million grant for construction of a new Franklin Elementary School (FES) and officially prepared to consider the offer of a second property for the site of the new school.

The board also approved the firm (Omni Associates) that will help with the design build concept for the new school.

The second property is the Dalen field and is situated within town limits below the Pendleton County Library. A nonbinding option-to-purchase had been executed in early March for property above town on Entry Mountain.

CHS Alumni Celebrate 60th Anniversary Banquet

On March 30, approximately 150 people gathered in the beautifully decorated Historic Circleville High School (CHS) gym to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the alumni banquet. The gymnasium, decorated by Patti Bennett and friends, was virtually unrecognizable with the draping of ivory and gold gossamer creating a ceiling from the famous balcony, accented with white lights and hanging beaded crystal curtains. The sides were draped with tulle covering white lights with lighted silk trees lining the sides. The tables featured floral tabletop chandeliers and silk lilies in vases. The evening began with hors d’oeuvres.

Praise was given to the class of 1954 who pioneered the annual event as a junior class fundraiser. The alumni banquet has continued each Easter weekend for 60 years.

SUGAR GROVE

In the early West Virginia days, along the Southern Appalachian mountain areas, which ranged from West Virginia to the northern section of Georgia, the winter diet for

folk consisted largely of salt pork, dried vegetables, such as beans, and wild game. The body definitely needed a good mess of greens to purify the blood and give vim and vigor for spring planting. Lacking fresh fruit and vegetables, many mountain folk in isolated areas suffered from scurvy, diseases of the mouth and gums and gastric issues caused by the lack of minerals and vitamins.

In the very early spring, the deep green leaves of the ramp were seen as a welcome addition to the supper table. These folk began enjoying ramps after having gotten the idea from the American Indians, who called the ramp “Wa-S-Di,” meaning a “smelly business.” Probably not realizing it, this was a cure for the winter complaints for the ramp is full of vitamin C. Many ramp devotees claim they possess other magical healing powers from cold prevention to the cleansing of the blood.

The harvesting of ramps has some people worried that the wild onions will be picked into extinction. Known for their pungent flavor and strong odor, ramps are becoming increasingly popular. The popular food (TV) channel, “The Chew,” featured ramps in their culinary foods, recently. Ramp festivals have brought new attention to this lowly leek, and now more restaurants are serving them up as exotic springtime delicacies

Ramps are found growing on the north side of a mountain where the dirt is real rich and is shaded. The best time to dig them is around the first week in May. The green shoots look a little like corn when it gets up about five inches.

Ramps are adaptable to many dishes. They can be cooked with eggs, potatoes, ham or omelets...the sky is the limit. Ramps are an excellent substitute for onion, but in moderation, and can be used also in corn breads, soups, grits and puddings. There are many opportunities to fill up on ramps—raw, fried, boiled, sauteed, jellied, and pickled. Wash and clean ramps as if they are onions.

The wild mountain ramp looks innocent enough. But bite into a raw one and one is sure to become a social outcast for a week. The only way the non-eater protects himself is either to run or to eat some him/herself.

20 Years Ago Week of May 1, 2003

First Annual JAKES Event Successful

Although the weather on Saturday turned out to be cool and rainy, the first annual JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) was an unqualified success, with 42 youngsters between the ages of five and 17 braving the elements for the Fort Seybert event.

It was organized and sponsored by the local Potomac Headwaters chapter of the National Wild Turkey Fed-

eration.

The archery station was manned by Mark Rexrode while Rick Gillespie was at the helm of the shooting station.

Participants were given the choice of firing at static targets with a BB gun, a .22 rifle, a .410 gauge shotgun and a .20 gauge shotgun.

Procedures Named For Anglers Catching Record Breaking Fish

By Kevin Yokum

What would you do if you had just landed a fish that might be a new state record? Few things generate as much excitement within the angling community as setting a new state record. Because of the infrequency of state record catches, landing a record-breaking fish is something few anglers are ever prepared for. Typically, anglers have no idea about the certification process involved in establishing an official record. Like most states, West Virginia has a very specific set of procedures that must be followed for a fish to be certified as a new state record.

Although breaking state records is a rarity, the trout fishing in Pendleton County is second to none, and a new record could emerge anytime anglers are on the water. During 2000, West Virginia anglers broke an astounding seven state records as the state experienced some of the best fishing in its history. Additional records were broken during 2001 and 2002, and the walleye weight record has already been shattered in 2003. Who knows, maybe you’ll land the next state record.

If you’re fortunate enough to catch a state record fish, be sure to follow the correct procedure and get the fish officially recognized as a state record. There have been cases where state record fish were not recognized, because procedures were not followed. The state must adhere to precise procedures to sustain the integrity of the state record program, because there are a few unethical anglers who try to cheat in order to gain the fame and/or money that often accompanies a state record catch. Biologists from around the country tell of elaborate schemes that some unethical individuals have devised to try to establish new state fish records.

40 Years Ago Week of May 5, 1983

DAHMER

The humming of the honeybees in the pear trees Sunday was music to the ears. May the first is a late date for the pear tree and peach tree to be in full bloom here. So far no sheep have been clipped locally, but above Circleville at the Price Arbogast farm, the sheep training and shearing school was held on April 18 and 19 as scheduled. Some gardens are too wet to plow and there are a lot of potatoes to plant yet. There were the

least potatoes planted here by May 1 this year of any year in the writer’s memory.

Raymond Smith of Hammers Run had a swarm of honeybees in April and wondered if it was too early for them to survive. Remember that little verse that ended like this: a swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.

50 Years Ago Week of May 3, 1973

Earth Slide on Route 220 Blocks Traffic Seven Hours

A massive earth slide on U.S. Route 220 four miles north of Franklin at the Hog Trough Friday night blocked the road for seven hours and resulted in two automobile accidents.

The slide occurred about 10:15 Friday night and a Department of Highways crew worked from 11 o’clock Friday night until 7 o’clock Saturday morning before one-way travel was restored.

DAHMER

J. T. Rexrode and Mrs. Virginia Crummett called at the John Dahmer home last week. Mr. Rexrode said, “I retired 7 years ago but now am busier than ever.” The Sugar Grove artist met a man at the Monterey Maple Festival, who is with the American Folk Art Co., Richmond, VA. This man gave him an order to paint 36 different old time farm scenes 18x24 inches and four of each making a total of 144 pictures.

60 Years Ago Week of May 9, 1963

100 YEARS AGO

By LON K. SAVAGE

Editor’s Note—The following is one of a series of articles on the Civil War. Each weekly installment covers events which occurred exactly 100 years ago.

Grant’s Invading Army Pours Into Mississippi

Blue-coated Federal troops poured into the state of Mississippi 100 years ago this week, beginning one of the greatest campaigns of military history.

They were the troops of General Ulysses S. Grant, and they marched into the Deep South state with spirits high and with a goal which, if reached, would go far toward ending the American Civil War. The goal: Vicksburg on the eastern banks of the Mississippi River, the “Gibraltar of the West.”

It was not the first time Federal soldiers had entered Mississippi during the Civil War—not by a long shot; but this invasion was quite different from those that had preceded it. The soldiers were stepping off big boats at the little town of Bruinsburg, 30 miles south of Vicksburg on the Mississippi River, and marching up the bank and into the Mississippi hinterlands.

It was the climax of months of planning. Grant had brought his army south on the Louisiana side of the river and while General Robert E. Lee and General Joseph Hooker were fighting, the battle of Chancellorsville had brought them across the river in boats south of Vicksburg.

The first troops started across April 30, and for more than a week they swarmed up the banks into Confederate territory, and marched off to the northeast. Next day, they met Confederates at Port Gibson and drove them back. By May 3, they had captured the important town of Grand Gulf.

In Vicksburg, Confederate Gen. John C. Pemberton watched Grant’s advance uneasily and prepared to meet an attack on Vicksburg from the south. But instead, Grant continued moving northeast toward Jackson, the state capitol. Pemberton wired his superiors for help but got none. Finally, he cautiously sent out troops to find a weak spot in Grant’s line.

Meanwhile, more Federal troops poured in until they numbered 40,000, and more were on the way. Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, commanding the tail end of Grant’s force, expressed fear as he left Bruinsburg that Grant was overextending himself, that Grant’s supply line could be cut and his army isolated in enemy territory. But Grant plunged on until his army was directly between Vicksburg and Jackson, ready to turn either way. “All we want now are men, ammunition and hard bread,” he wrote Sherman. “We can subsist our horses on the country and obtain considerable supplies for our troops.” In short, there would be no supply line; the army would feed off Mississippi farms.

To Grant, the invasion was the realization of a dream. Writing about it years later, he said that when his troops had crossed the river, he “felt a degree of relief scarcely ever equalled since...I was now in the enemy’s country... All the campaigns, labors, hardships and exposures from the month of December previous to this time that had been made and endured were for the accomplishment of this one object.”

Next week: Grant captures Jackson.

70 Years Ago Week of April 30, 1953

DAHMER

A few words concerning the fishermen which includes both old and young. On the morning of April 26 we commenced counting parked cars from the Club House of Dr. R. L. Thacker and passed by the Reunion Ground and the old McCoy Mill to Z. D. Bodkin’s gate. Within that distance we counted 45 parked cars and one dozen more at Trout Rock. No information on the catches at the time.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Another month has started, and there are a few events happening in the month of May. Trout Fest will be held Friday and Saturday. Mother’s Day is May 14. Pendleton County High School seniors will graduate on May 20 with the school year ending on May 26. Memorial Day is May 29.

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

Prayer thought: “We can express our cries of pain along with our moments of rejoicing to God, knowing He hears us and gathers us in His arms.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for April 24 through April 30 were as follows: April 24 - 56°, 26°; April 25 - 57°, 25°; April 26 - 65°, 37°; April 27 - 66°, 35°; April 28 - 57°, 48°, 1.59”; April 29 - 72°, 47° and April 30 - 59°, 48°, .96”.

Total rainfall for April was 3.97”, compared to 3.26” in April of 2022.

Year-to-date rainfall is 8.99”, compared to 9.61” for the same time period last year.

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2023 Trout Fest Pageant Winners



Cora Mullen was selected as Baby Minnow Queen while Adalynn Jade Wagoner was chosen first runner-up with Nova Shae Helsley as second runner-up. Mullen was also chosen as overall crowd favorite. All photos courtesy of LeeAnn Shreve.



Quinley McConnell was chosen as Toddler Minnow Queen. Kaisley Lynn Kiser won first runner-up, and Katherine Bailey was selected as second runner-up.



Kinley Jo Bennett was selected Miss Preteen WV Trout Fest Queen. Bella Eye won first runner-up. Raelyn Davis was selected second runner-up. Aubree Simmons was chosen Photogenic, and Eye was selected as Miss Congeniality.



Addalyn Grace Dispanet won Little Miss Minnow Queen. Hadlie Jack received the first runner-up award while Braylee Propst won second runner-up.



Sadie Rohrbaugh won Miss Minnow Queen. Sophia Bosley was chosen as first runner-up. Adelynn Grace Miller won second runner-up.



Johnna Bennett was selected Miss Teen West Virginia Trout Fest Queen. Emily McDonald was first runner-up and Madison Arbaugh second runner-up. Arbaugh also was selected as Photogenic and Miss Congeniality.



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Correction:

The McCoy House is being renovated by VanMeter Real Estate in conjunction with the family owned construction company VRER. The work on the house is not being personally done by Jared and Katie VanMeter.

Duties of Pioneer Household Were Shared by All

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

During the pioneer times, in this area, every day was a struggle to put food on the table. Pioneers had to make essential tools and meals by laboring, doing chores, such as mending the fence, making candles and soap, and the basic routines of chopping wood, hunting, sewing, weaving with the loom and spinning wheels and making shingles with the shingle horse in the barn.

Children were a source of capable helpers during this time period. They had many responsibilities that parents expected them to take on as soon as they were able. For families living on farms, tending the animals was a must. Children usually handled simpler chores such as feeding, watering, milking the cows and collecting eggs. Children as young as seven would know how to milk cows and drive a horse buggy. If a body of water was nearby, the boys would also fish. During harvest season, boys would stay at home and help harvest crops, mostly wheat and corn. Most families had a small garden that supplied the daily food. Children would gather fruits and vegetables from the garden. Kids would also run any errands that their parents demanded.

Girls everywhere had tasks, such as sweeping, cooking, knitting and sewing, just to name a few. The girls made everything from clothing to bedsheets, keeping the family warm and cozy. Cooking was no breeze either. After milking the cows, children also prepared for cooking by churning butter. Some vegetables needed to be strung for drying, and the rest readied for cooking. What the girls did have to do that the boys didn't was taking care of younger siblings. There were households of 10 or more. For pioneer families, more children meant more hands to finish necessary chores. Even the second youngest child would have a job: to rock the baby in the cradle. Some chores were also uniquely assigned to boys, such as barrel-making and horse shoeing.

To make candles, they would tie strings to a stick for easy handling, and dip the strings into boiling wax and tallow. Once a coating of wax was on a string, they would lift it out for cooling. This process would repeat until many layers made up a perfectly thick candle.

Having chores taught the children to be dependable, to have responsibilities, be self-reliant, reinforce respect, teach life skills, have a strong work ethic, and to help the family bond.

Life's daily instructions include the following:

1. Snuggle on a cold night.
2. Eating vegetables from one's own garden.
3. Climb into bed with clean sheets.
4. Have lunch with a friend.
5. Listen to the chatter of a babbling brook.

A little more than 2.2 inches of rain was so readily received. The grass seemed to turn a beautiful green over-night. Not

only that, it seemed to have grown at least an inch. Rivers and streams are swollen. The channel needs clearing, especially around the bridges, otherwise extensive damage will be the result from high water, for taxpayers to embrace in the future.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Love the world as you would love yourself." — John Denver

"I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it." — Pope Francis

"Chocolate comes from cocoa, which is a tree. That makes it a plant. Chocolate is a salad." — Anonymous.

"The earth is what we all have in common." — Wendell Berry

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you." — Jane Goodall

It is a definite to sit by the fireplace to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Jacob Mitchell (15 years old), and Sawyer Apple from Troop 162 were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout Sunday at the Eagle Court of Honor. Jacob is the son of Jamie and Dennis Mitchell, and Sawyer is the son of Kyle and Jennifer Apple. Congratulations for this awesome award! Only 5 percent of the population earn their Eagle Scouts award. Jacob earned 38 merit badges, including the Order of the Arrow, during his scouting career. Many years ago, Michael Benkert earned the same award. Other notables doing the same were President Gerald Ford and Sam Walton.

Saturday found Phil Downs motoring to Romney to visit with family. He enjoyed holding baby daughter, Harper Ann Thorne. Saturday evening, he enjoyed the South Fork firemen's banquet where there was a good turn-out.

Evelyn Varner sure enjoyed her birthday. Her daughters, Joyce Marshall, Judy Costello and Janet Judy, took her to Bath, New York, where she visited with her brother, Ona Smith. They departed last Thursday. Sights of this area, which included wineries, waterfalls, and Watkins Glenn, was enjoyed by them all. Their return trip was Sunday. Judy and Evelyn stopped in Sunday to visit with Pat and Junior Sacra of Mt. Sidney, Virginia. Evelyn spent the night with Judy before returning to her home on Monday. Then on Friday, Wanda Pitsenbarger and Evelyn spent the night with Cleo Simmons of Staunton, Virginia.

Visitors in the home of Rosalee Grogg were Marleta Wimer, Leana Leap, and Hendrix Bogan.

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

- In a single night, a mole can dig a tunnel 225 feet long.
- The Caspian Sea is actually a lake; in fact, it is the largest lake in the world.
- About 75% of Russia's doctors are women.
- The odds against being dealt 13 cards of the same suit are more than 158 million to 1.
- The first subway was built over 100 years ago, in London.



Earning Eagle Scout ranking were, from left, Sawyer Apple and Jacob Mitchell.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, Debbie Beal, the Paul Belmont family, Jed Conrad, Jeff Craig, Mary Eye, Donna Fleisher, 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, Tim Johnson, the Dan Jollie family, Richard Judy, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Willard May, Neil McLaughlin, Gary Mitchell, Melvin Moats, Sarah Moyers, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Barbara Parker, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, Kara Propst, Kathy Propst, Linda Propst, Sheldon Propst, K.D. Puffenbarger, Dick Rexrode, Gary Rexrode, Harley Propst, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Max Rodriguez, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Amy Vaus, Danny Wilburn, Judy Williams and Margaret Wimer.

Pendleton County Economic Development Authority Explores Joining Hardwood Alliance Zone

By Stephen Smoot

Last month, the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority conducted its monthly meeting. Much of the discussion focused on the prospect of Pendleton County joining the Hardwood Alliance Zone.

According to its website, the Hardwood Alliance Zone "consists of 12 counties in the heart of West Virginia's premier hardwood region. We provide a competitive advantage to the hardwood industry business in relation to relocation, expansion, and development." Barbour, Fayette, Grant, Greenbrier, Hardy, Lewis, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur, and Webster form the core counties of the alliance.

Pendleton County, along with 26 other counties in West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland, form the "labor shed" of surrounding counties, from which workers come.

The Hardwood Alliance Zone works closely with county commissions, economic development authorities, and convention and visitors bureaus to develop the best possible economic environment for hardwood related economic development.

According to their website, they accomplish this by "providing aggressive development assistance in the form of tax credits and financing programs." It also promotes use of banks in the region for capital because of their strong familiarity with the hardwood industry.

Programs include direct loan packages, industrial revenue bonds, assistance in developing needed infrastructure to accommodate increased use, tax credits, and other incentives. The Hardwood Alliance Zone also has access to the West Virginia Wood Technology Center in Elkins that provides "training and support services to the state's hardwood industry." The Hardwood Alliance Zone works as an industry economic development vehicle to sustain businesses in place while also building and/or attracting more businesses and jobs.

West Virginia is the third most forested state in the nation and grows timber at twice the rate of harvest. According to a 2018 West Virginia Division of Forestry report, "the forest products industries provided the second highest direct labor income, value-added, and output when compared to mining and oil and gas production, and agricultural production industries."

Pendleton County has played a key role in the state's hardwood industries as well. In 1973, John Crites started Allegheny Wood Products from a single sawmill in Riverton. As West Virginia Executive reported, "today it is one of the largest producers of eastern U.S. hardwoods, with six sawmills and four dry kiln facilities in West Virginia and Pennsylvania."

The EDA board discussed the requirements for joining the Hardwood Alliance Zone. Counties must pay membership dues of \$3,000 per year for the first two years with dues dropping to \$500 afterwards. Board members decided to table discussion of joining until they could more closely research the costs and benefits of participating.

In other business, the board selected bids for hay services at the Pendleton Business Center and Pendleton County Industrial Park. Gary Swecker won the award for the former and Heavner Farms the latter. Board members approved the selection with a unanimous vote. Another vote approved giving both a week-long trial period.

Finally, after exiting executive session, the board approved the personnel committee's recommendation for EDA office assistant.

Softball Sectional Play Underway

Seedings and schedules are set for the West Virginia Secondary School Athletics Commission softball sectional tournaments. Double-elimination play was scheduled to begin Monday and may continue through May 13. Sectional champions advance to best-of-three regional play, which begins May 15.

The Wildcats are in Region

II, Section 1. Game dates which may change depending upon the weather are as follows:

May 2: Game 1 – No. 5 East Hardy at No. 4 Tucker County;

May 3: Game 2 – No. 3 Moorefield at No. 2 Pendleton County and Game 3 – Game 1 winner at No. 1 Petersburg;

Thursday, May 4: Game

4 – Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser and Game 5 – Winners' bracket final;

Friday, May 5: Game 6 – Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner;

Saturday, May 6: Game 7 – Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 winner;

Monday, May 8: Game 8 – Championship; and

Tuesday, May 9: Game 9 – if necessary.

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Second, thank you to all residents and individuals who volunteered their time and donated their equipment to help fight the fire around the clock.

Third, thank you to all businesses, organizations, church groups, and individuals who donated food, drinks, and supplies everyday for all the volunteers.

We are truly blessed by the amount of love and support this community showed during the recent fires. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Historical Society Hears Presentation on SAR And DAR Membership

By Stephen Smoot

Approximately 240 years have passed since the Treaty of Paris officially ended the American War of Independence. The good work of that generation's patriots continues in the hearts and minds of Americans today, inspiring hard work and sacrifice for community, state, and nation.

The Pendleton County Historical Society met late last month in part to inform members of how they may join these illustrious groups that have done so much to preserve the history of the Revolution.

Approximately 35 gathered at the Pendleton County Library to observe the society conduct business and to attend the presentation. Paul Clayton, president of the historical society, welcomed attendees and shared information. After the reading and approval of the minutes and financial report, the board voted to end the business meeting and go straight to the presentation.

First up came Bonnie Myers, representing the Tri-County chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR came into existence 125 years ago and, according to its website, members "honor their heritage as well as make a difference in their communities across the

country and the world."

Additionally, the website explains that members' "common bond is their lineal descent from patriots of the American Revolution — any woman, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove this lineage is eligible to join."

To become a member, the applicant must prove a familial connection to a patriot of the era. This starts with an interested applicant 18 years of age or older filling out a membership interest form. As Myers explained, "patriot" need not be a person who served directly the Continental Army, naval forces, or state or other militia units. "Patriot" could refer to "someone who performed public service at that time."

On the national website, the DAR provides a list of accepted "patriotic services," including ministers who preached patriotism, those who provided general medical assistance outside their own families, foreign nationals who aided the American cause, signers of patriotic oaths and petitions, and more.

For those who do not have easy access to their personal genealogical information, the DAR offers access to an extensive database.

Next, the historical society welcomed Randy Atkins and Wes Dove from the

Fort Harrison chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, based in Rockingham County, Virginia.

According to the national website, the Sons of the American Revolution is a "non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and teaching American history to future generations." Obtaining membership in the SAR is much like the DAR's process. One can be related to the patriot ancestor by either blood or marriage, as well. The SAR "accepts patriotic service rendered, with some exceptions, for the period between 19 April 1775 and 25 November 1783."

Both the SAR and DAR websites have identified lists of patriot names that can be used to start research.

Brenna Mitchell, a member of the historical society, shared information and visual aids related to Revolutionary War pension applications. These included pictures and descriptions of battles. She also provided food and drinks for attendees to enjoy during the meeting.

The next public meeting will take place at 2 p.m. July 16 at historic Circleville High School. Discussion will center around "Caves of Pendleton County."

Tips Suggested to Avoid Scam Calls

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey offered advice to consumers following multiple recent reports of scammers using robocalls to target West Virginians.

Scammers often use legitimate phone numbers to make incessant robocalls that swindle consumers out of their hard-earned money.

"Consumers need to keep their guard up and stay alert if they receive a suspicious call," Morrisey said. "Remember, don't panic, and don't give away any personal information. Our office remains committed to making progress in combating unlawful robocalls, and we will continue to

fight these illegal and obnoxious scam calls."

If consumers receive a scam call, they should:

- Hang up. Ending the conversation is the quickest way to stop a scam.

- Verify the call. If the caller claims to represent a particular government agency, hang up and call the main number for the legitimate agency to see if that agency was trying to reach you.

- Don't trust one's caller ID. Scammers have been known to falsify or "spoof" calls to make them appear to come from a legitimate source.

- Don't give in to the scammer. Scammers are hoping consumers will

panic and surrender the information or money they are asking for out of fear.

- Report the scam.

Consumers are urged to never share personally identifiable, financial and otherwise sensitive information without verifying the legitimacy of the recipient. The same goes for never agreeing to send cash, wire money or provide numbers associated with a credit/debit card or bank account.

Anyone with questions or who believes they may have been a victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.



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Marcus Smith and his teammates placed third in the 4000-meter distance medley relay at Frankfort.

Pendleton County Boys Track Continues To Set Personal Records and Improve

By Stephen Smoot

Over the past month, the boys' track team has continued to gain momentum as the post season looms ahead. Christopher Wilburn, head coach, stated that "all athletes have shown continued progress" by the halfway point in the season. Tough competition in the opening meets helped the team to improve as well.

Wilburn added that he was impressed with the progress of newcomer Titus Nulph. Also, Sawyer Apple "has improved 110 percent from a year ago and Isaiah Lockard has come along in the 400."

On April 14, the boys competed in the Irwin Invitational, scoring 77.5 points and placing seventh against a strong field of double and single A talent. Elkins took first place honors, and the Wildcats placed above Petersburg and Braxton County.

"The competition at Elkins was local area talent with a few double A teams," Wilburn explained. He added that "it's a new track facility which resulted in a lot of PRs all around that day from sprints to the distance to the throws."

In individual results, Lockard set a personal record placing sixth and running a 12.58 on the 100 meter. He also set a personal record in the 200 meter with a time of 25.64 and placing fifth. Also placing in the 200 meter for the Wildcats was Gabriel Harvey, placing seventh with a time of 26.40.

Lockard placed third in the 400 meters, with a time of 1:56.78, and Logan Fisher set a personal record while placing seventh and hitting a 102.27 mark.

In the 800 meters, Gage Sites-Woods took first place honors with a time of 2:15.47. Marcus Smith followed with ninth place and a personal record time of 2:37.98. Wildcat runners competed very well in

the 1600-meter race with Sites-Woods placing second, running for a 5:16.44 time. Thunder Gill ran like greased lightning for a personal best 5:21.45 and fourth place. Nulph also earned a personal record with a sixth-place finish and a 5:35.18 mark

Gill also placed fourth with a 11:42.38 in the 3200 meters.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Apple claimed second place and set a personal record of 18.24. Apple earned first place in the 300-meter hurdles, setting a personal best at 47.14. Pendleton County also took first place in the 4x400 relay. Sites-Woods, Fisher, Harvey, and Lockard set a 3:55.71 time.

In the field events, Sites-Woods threw the shot put 36 feet to place ninth. Ryland Copley followed at 13th with a personal best of 29-07.25. Evan Teter followed in 14th with a 28-10.00. In the discus, Teter threw for a personal best 88-09.50. Copley followed in 12, throwing for 83-03. Victor Rhodes threw a 47-05 as well and placed 19th.

Apple took third place honors in the high jump with a 5-4:00 while Harvey placed sixth with a 5. In the long jump, Apple leapt into second place with a personal best of 17-06.00. Harvey also set a personal best with a 16-02.50 and seventh place. Finally, Marcus Smith took ninth with a mark of 15-11.00.

After the Elkins event, the team traveled to Frankfort on April 18.

On April 20, the Wildcats traveled to Keyser to compete in the Class A Potomac Valley Conference championships. Also present were Union, Pocahontas County, Petersburg, Tygarts Valley, Tucker County, Paw Paw, and East Hardy.

Lockard placed seventh in the 200-meter race with a time of 26.02. He also set a personal record while running

56.54 and fifth place in the 400 meters. Fisher took 12th place with a 1:03.21. In the 800-meter race, Sites-Woods earned fifth place with a time of 2:20.14. He also took fifth place in the 1600-meter race, earning a time of 5:16.66. Gill placed eighth with a 5:34.86.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Apple placed third and ran for a 19.88. He then placed second with a time of 48.21 in the 300-meter hurdles. Harvey took fourth and ran for a personal record of 49.95.

Pendleton County's team of Fisher, Copley, Teter, and Rhodes in the 4x100 meter relay took seventh place with a time of 56.33. In the 4x200, the team of Fisher, Smith, Teter, and Lockard placed fifth with a time of 1:56.21.

The 4x400 relay team of Fisher, Harvey, Sites-Woods, and Lockard earned a second place finish with a time of 4:00.16. Wildcat runners Gill, Sites-Woods, Smith, and Nulph ran for a time of 10:12.61 and fourth place in the 4x800 relay.

In the shot put, Teter threw for a personal best of 31 feet and 16th place. Copley followed with a 28-11.00 and Rhodes threw for a personal record of 17-04.00. Teter placed 14th in the discus with a distance of 88-09. Copley placed 19th with a 77-06 and Rhodes threw for a 44-05.

Wilburn said that his athletes "have showed grit and effort to get results," adding that "I have to give props to the mid distance and distance crews. As a whole, they've battled sickness and injuries . . . and have continued to gut it out and get better each week."

"Our current team, compared to the other teams in the area, can compete talentwise," Wilburn explained, but added that "it makes it tough being one of the smaller teams in the area," when it comes to depth.

Pendleton County Girls Build Track Record of Success Going into Post Season

By Stephen Smoot

"I'm pleased with all my returners' continued progress from last year to this year," said Christopher Wilburn, head coach of the Wildcat track squad.

Wilburn praised "a few athletes that have surprised me with them being new to the sport." These included "my volleyball girls, Aubree Keiter, Brynlynn Waggy, and Emma Hartman, all of whom have picked up new events on the fly and have continued to improve."

"I have nothing but good things to say about the team as a whole," he added.

On April 14, the team traveled to Elkins to compete at the Irwin Invitational. Laney Sites-Woods ran for eighth place and a 14.54 time in the 100 meter, followed by Keiter who set a personal best of 15.25. Riley Apple earned sixth place in the 200 meter with a time of 30.09 with Sites-Woods following at eighth and a time of 31.26. Waggy ran for a 34.99, placing 14th.

Sites-Woods took third place in the 400 meters, setting a season record of 1:11.03. Keiter ran for 1:17.23 and 11th place, while Emma Hartman took 12th and set a time of 1:20.35. In the 1600 meters, Addie Rexrode ran for a personal record of 7:45.96 and eighth place.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Apple earned sixth place with an 18.78. She won first place in the 300-meter hurdles, finishing three



Riley Apple placed first in the 300-meter hurdles at the Potomac Valley Conference track meet.

seconds ahead of the next runner at 51.53.

Wildcat runners Keiter, Hartman, Waggy, and Sites-Woods placed fifth and set a 5:14.33 time in the 4x400 relay.

In field events, BreAnna Wolfe threw for a 21 and 13th place in shot put. In discus, she placed 10th with a 60-01.50. Hartman high jumped to a fifth-place finish and a personal best height of 4-02:00. Rexrode placed eighth with a four. Apple earned second place in the long jump with a distance of 13-08.00.

Pendleton County competed in a Frankfort quad meet on the 18th against "good talent" hailing from East Hardy and Hampshire.

On the 20th, the girls traveled to Alumni Stadium to compete in the Potomac Valley Conference championships. They joined East Hardy, Paw Paw, Petersburg, Pocahontas County, Tucker County, Tygarts Valley, and Union.

In the 100-meter race, Sites-Woods placed ninth

with a 14.74. Apple took third place in the 200 meters with a personal record of 29.88. Sites-Woods followed with a personal record of 31.16 and seventh place finish. She earned sixth place in the 400 meters followed by Keiter at eighth with a timing of 1:17.72. Rexrode ran for a 7:55.98 in the 1600 meters.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Apple ran for a personal record of 18.52 and sixth place. She also set a personal best in the 300-meter hurdles, earning first place with a 51.37.

Wildcat runners Hartman, Keiter, Rexrode and Waggy earned fifth in the 4x100 relay for a 1:04.56. In the 4x200, the squad of Hartman, Keiter, Rexrode, and Waggy placed fifth with a 2:15.98. The same team also placed fourth in the 4x400 with a time of 5:07.78.

In field events, Wolfe threw the shot put 21-08.00 for 13th place and the discus 64 feet for an eighth-place mark. Rexrode took sixth place in the high jump with a mark of four feet. Apple leapt 13-01.00 for a ninth-place long jump finish.

Wilburn described how having smaller numbers has created challenges. "Though our numbers are headed in the right direction," a smaller team creates challenges of depth. Wilburn also stated that the talent competing for Pendleton County can compete well against other area teams.

Lady Wildcats Earn Honors



Lizzie Alt, Baylee Beachler and Jenna Smith earned all-tournament honors in the Bub Rigglesman Tournament. The Pendleton County Wildcat softball team placed fourth place in the tournament.

Beachler Slams Cougars in Crucial Late Season Victory

By Stephen Smoot

Coming into the East Hardy game last week, Pendleton County had enjoyed a scorching .750 winning percentage, including big wins over Hampshire, Frankfort, Moorefield, and Hedgesville. The Cougars had also knocked off larger schools during the same stretch, defeating Martinsburg, Elkins, and Tygarts Valley.

The Cougars charged out of the gate quickly, leading off with a walk, followed by a bunt single. A double drove in two runs, followed by an RBI single to put Pendleton County behind 3-0 before their first at bat.

Battling adversity, however, has served as a powerful theme for the Wildcats all season. Avery Thompson led the Wildcat half of the first with a walk. Two batters later, Lizzie Alt earned a walk, followed by another free pass granted by the East Hardy pitcher to Allie Vance. With the bases loaded, Katie Hedrick knocked in a run with an infield single. Baylee Beachler earned her first RBI

of the game with a walk of her own.

The East Hardy pitcher settled in and struck out two to end the first.

Action continued in the top of the second as East Hardy hit a one out single followed by an RBI single to put the score at 4-2.

The Wildcats kept clawing away at the Cougar lead. Townsend hit a one out single, then stole second during Jenna Smith's at bat. Pendleton County's batters consistently went deep into the count, using patience to wait for good pitches. This elevated the pitch count quickly in the early innings.

Alt dueled the pitcher effectively in her second at bat. She worked a full count, to the delight of her teammates who chanted "full count! Make it count!" And she did, battling through several foul balls before drawing a walk. Though stranded at first, such at bats take a toll on opposing pitchers.

East Hardy looked at a slim 4-3 lead going into the top of the third. Vance faced three batters and put them down



Senior Hannah Rexrode uses her power to get a stand up triple against East Hardy.

in order. Hedrick, the leadoff batter, got on base, then stole second during Beachler's at bat. Beachler drew a walk. A double steal put Hedrick on third and Beachler on second. Ashton Hess then stepped to the plate and belted a double, knocking in two runs and helping her team seize the lead.

The Wildcats never trailed again the rest of the contest.

In the top of the fourth, East Hardy got a one out infield single. Two batters and one out later, the Cougars blasted a double to centerfield. Smith

season, used her power and speed to get a stand up triple, then was knocked in by Nataley Hedrick's sacrifice RBI to set the score at 10-4.

The Cougars still had some fight in the top of the fifth. Their leadoff batter got aboard and was driven in by the subsequent batter who blasted a double. Townsend, however, robbed a hitter with a diving play to keep the ball playable for the out. A sacrifice RBI, however, gave East Hardy their second run of the inning, but the Wildcats shut down the rally with a pop out.

In the bottom of the fifth, East Hardy got the Wildcats to go down in order, but themselves could not mount a challenge in the top of the sixth. Pendleton County started their half of the sixth with a Katie Hedrick leadoff double on the very first pitch. Beachler followed by working a full count, then hitting her own double.

With runners at second and third and no outs, East Hardy hit Rexrode with a pitch to load the bases. Hess came up next. During her at bat, the Cougars had a passed ball that allowed

a run to score with runners remaining on second and third. Hess struck out, but another passed ball allowed her to reach first safely and also let two more runs score.

Hess reached second on the error, allowing head coach Charlie Padgett to reach into his toolkit and pull out a game ending play. Nataley Hedrick laid a perfect bunt down the first baseline, allowing Hess to round third and score, at which point the umpires called the game.

The East Hardy game, combined with a big win over triple A Hedgesville last week provided a crucial lift after a month of battling much larger schools. Another huge boost came from the Wildcats battling back to win a rain delayed game originally started as the second game of a double header in the middle of last month. Alt hit her second home run of the season in the 10-8 victory.

The Lady Wildcats earned the second seed and were scheduled to host Moorefield Wednesday in the first round of sectional play, weather permitting.

FES Students Earn Academic Recognition

The staff at Franklin Elementary School has released the following honor rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period.

- A Honor Roll**
 1A (Ruddle) — Brinleigh Bishop, Abbigail Cayton, Sloane Donnelly, Madalyn Griffin, Dylan Harper, Finley Harper, Maddie Grace Nesselrodt, Rosalyn Nesselrodt, Rylan Stager and Nathanael Vincell;
 1B (Nicely) — Mattox Ayala, Madison Borrer, Lola Brooks, Mia Dudley, Dani Hoover, Jaycee Jameson, Urban Jones, Ariel Martin, Chandler Mauzy, Madison Mongold, Mason Mowery, Alexander Plaughner, Emmett Sisson and Colton Whetzel;
 2A (Simmons) — Sydney Demers, Luke Kimble and Sunny Milstead;
 2B (George) — Sicily Flanigan, Gracie Hedrick, Landon Mallow, Adelynn Miller and Ava Rose;
 3A (Kimble) — Tinley Basagic, Raelynn Bergdoll and Gracelyn Mongold;
 3B (Dove) — Bristol Bowers, Olivia Caplinger, Ella Dudley, Emma Felici, Riley Hawk, Wyatt Hott, Bella Kimble, Clairra Kimble, Brantley Propst, Connor Raines and Deken Somerville;
 4A (Cook) — Braxton Beachler, Eli Boyer and Madison Kirk;
 4B (Eye) — Ava Davis, Jacob Harman, Alaina Hedrick, Cambri Hiatt, Tucker Minor, Emma Nesselrodt and Marion Williams;
 5A (Alexander) — Weston Boyer, Maiya Mongold, Lacey Mullens, Journey Rowe, Aliviah Smith and Kaylie Teter;
 5B (Plaughner) — Beckett Aumann, Allison Barbour, Bella Eye, Hannah Heavner, Kallie Keyser, Lainey Simmons and Branson Smith;
 6A (Griffin) — Tatum Aumann, Lily Brogan, Blaine Cook, Landon Davis, Tia Heavner, Ziva Jones, Carly Kimble, Hayden Kimble, Katelyn Myers, Evie Nulph and Avionna Thurston;
 6B (Shreve) — Haileigh Alt, Aidynn DeShawne, Cohen Hiatt and Jackson Wimer.
AB Honor Roll
 1A (Ruddle) — Everly Bowers;
 1B (Nicely) — Keylan Bailey and Kaci Keller;

- 2A (Simmons) — Lukas Baldwin, Silas Calhoun, Greyson Eckard, Dallis Hull and Zaidex Somerville;
 2B (George) — Vince Herb, Leah Puffenbarger and Jaedynn Severance;
 3A (Kimble) — Vincent Haynes, Isabella Hoover, Natalie Ice, Julian Jackson, Connor Judy, Destiny Michael and Bentley Varner;
 3B (Dove) — Russell Eckard and Hyrum Hartman;
 4A (Cook) — Sadie Armentrout, Kamden Hawk, Wyatt Haynes, Alexis Hedrick, Breyman Keesecker, Cooper Roberson, Acie Tilley and Bentley Wimer;
 4B (Eye) — Blayke Bennett, Kenden Champ, Garrett Lambert, Roscoe Pownell, Loralei Price and Addison Shreve;
 5A (Alexander) — Reagyn Atkins, Brian Cheesman, Jackson Hedrick, Carmella Paugh, Cheyenne Varner, Lori Wehrle and Aiden Whetzel;
 5B (Plaughner) — Greyson Boggs, Kya Brogan, Paige Errington, Daisy Hartman, Chase Rohrbaugh, Josie Verdoni and Makynna Whetzel;
 6A (Griffin) — Colton Drake, Bryce Propst, Jude Propst and Jaxon Simon; and
 6B (Shreve) — Gemma Bancroft, Rylan DeShawne, Kolby Kimble, Elijah Ruddle, Aubreyana VanMeter and Ashlyn Wimer.
Citizenship
 KA (Flanigan) — Alastor Propst and Zoe Souza;
 KB (Kimble) — Charli Hiatt and Richard Spillars-Auville;
 1A (Ruddle) — Sloane Donnelly and Hailey Ferris;
 2A (Simmons) — Alexandria Collins, Greyson Eckard and Sunny Milstead;
 2B (George) — Remington Kimble;
 3A (Kimble) — Brynleigh Ruddle and Bentley Varner;
 3B (Dove) — Olivia Caplinger and Russell Eckard;
 4A (Cook) — Breyman Keesecker and Leigha Maxson;
 4B (Eye) — Gwenith Collins
 5A (Alexander) — Carly Braham and Jordyn Ferris;
 5B (Plaughner) — Allison Barbour and Bella Eye;
 6A (Griffin) — Landon Davis and Carly Kimble;
 6B (Shreve) — Aidynn DeShawne and Ashlyn Wimer.
Top Accelerated Readers
 KA (Flanigan) — Eve Hott (40.5 points), Kinley Minor

- (27.1 points), Bryer Moyers (14.5 points) and Hendrix Bogan (10.2 points);
 KB (Kimble) — Jase Mitters (61.9 points), Paisley Hott (48.1 points), Payton Demers (39.9 points), Aubreigh Brooks (30.7 points) and Anasen Bishop (25.9 points);
 1A (Ruddle) — Abbigail Cayton (140.1 points), Maddie Grace Nesselrodt (76.9 points), Brinleigh Bishop (43.89 points) and Rosalyn Nesselrodt (36.9 points);
 1B (Nicely) — Mattox Ayala (47.6 points), Mason Mowery (46.7 points), Urban Jones (42.7 points), Rylan Warner (42.7 points) and Madison Mongold, (40.8 points);
 2A (Simmons) — Sunny Milstead (98.3 points), Luke Kimble (29.2 points), Sydney Demers (26.6 points), Dallis Hull (24 points) and Eowyn Propst (22 points);
 2B (George) — Gracie Hedrick (20.9 points), Jaedynn Severance (18.6 points), Krislee Hammer (13.6 points), Sicily Flanigan (11.6 points) and Jason Hiner (10.4 points);
 3A (Kimble) — Gracelyn Mongold (55.6 points), Raelynn Bergdoll (45.2 points), Tinley Basagic (43.9 points), Greyson Alt (19.4 points) and Vincent Haynes (35.7 points);
 3B (Dove) — Emma Felici (130.4 points), Deken Somerville (62.5 points), Wyatt Hott (42.6 points), Bristol Bowers (38.8 points) and Ella Dudley (36 points);
 4A (Cook) — Eli Boyer (208.6 points), Braxton Beachler (85.4 points), Cambria VanMeter (68.3 points), Breyman Keesecker (61.1 points) and Cayli VanMeter (59.8 points);
 4B (Eye) — Alaina Hedrick (189.6 points), Emma Nesselrodt (57 points), Cambri Hiatt (52.1 points) and Jacob Harman (50 points);
 5A (Alexander) — Weston Boyer (185.3 points), Eulaila Dahmer (123.2 points), Lacey Mullens (100.8 points), Maiya Mongold (98.7 points) and Lori Wehrle (50.5 points);
 5B (Plaughner) — Lainey Simmons (101.4 points), Hannah Heavner (77.2 points), Allison Barbour (61.2 points), Branson Smith (60.9 points) and Bella Eye (60.4 points);
 6A (Griffin) — Evie Nulph (216.3 points), Katelyn Myers (124.8 points), Carly Kimble (84.8 points), Ziva Jones (76.1 points) and Blaine Cook (68.5 points); and
 6B (Shreve) — Jackson Wimer (73.1 points), Ryder Eustler (69.5 points), Cohen Hiatt (56.2 points), Gemma Bancroft (41.7 points) and Aubreyana VanMeter (35.9 points).

New Driver's License Design Features New River Gorge Bridge

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles will begin issuing driver's licenses and identification cards with a new look and design that matches the state's tourism branding, according to Gov. Jim Justice.

"This new design reflects the immeasurable pride we have in our state's beauty," Justice said. "The New River Gorge Bridge is one of our most popular attractions. It is the centerpiece of our nation's newest national park and draws people from all over the world. By featuring it on our driver's license, we want to inspire more people to come and experience the majesty of West Virginia firsthand. It lets us continue to show the world why Almost Heaven is a must-see destination and maybe even a future home."

The new design features a background of West Virginia's historic New River Gorge Bridge in the nation's newest National Park, the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, and uses the official state branding.

The Almost Heaven tourism mark is also included on the back of each card.

The Almost Heaven brand, introduced by Justice in 2018, has been adopted widely and can now be seen on all tourism advertising, welcome centers, signage, turnpike booths, and throughout the state parks system.

"We've seen huge success with promoting the Almost Heaven West Virginia brand across the country and around the world," Chelsea Ruby, secretary of tourism said. "Adding that branding to our driver licenses is another opportunity to promote our great state. I want to thank Governor Justice for his vision for expanding tourism, with exceptional results. I also appreciate the team at our DMV for their collaboration on this exciting project."

West Virginians may apply for a duplicate license or ID card with the new design before their renewal period by visiting the DMV website at dmv.wv.gov or at any of the 25 regional DMV offices across the state.

"Our DMV is leading the nation when it comes to the issuance and security of our state driver's licenses and ID cards," Everett Frazier, commissioner of the WV DMV, said. "This new credential contains state-of-the-art security features to reduce fraud and identity theft. We encourage West Virginians to consider upgrading to a REAL ID license or ID card and take advantage of not only the beautiful background featuring our New River Gorge Bridge, but also the newest and best in security for credentials."

For more information, and to take advantage of renewing one's driver's license online from the comfort and convenience of home, visit the DMV website at dmv.wv.gov, and go to the Online Services Portal. A person may also take advantage of the REAL ID HeadStart pre-enrollment program at <http://go.wv.gov/realidheadstart>, which allows a person to upload one's documentation before going to a regional office.

Highlands Bankshares Releases Year End Results

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. has announced results of operations for the year ended 2022.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted year ended 2022 earnings of \$4,427,000 or \$3.31 per share of common stock outstanding, compared to \$4,935,000 or \$3.69 EPS for the same period of 2021.

On Feb. 13, the board of directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.45 per share. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of Feb. 27 and was paid on or about March 6. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.19%.

Return on average assets decreased in 2022 to 0.84%, as compared to 0.95% in the same period of 2021. The return on average equity decreased to 8.05% at Dec. 31, 2022, as compared to 8.30% at Dec. 31, 2021.

Total assets, as of Dec. 31, 2022, increased \$8,999,000 to \$527,422,000 compared to Dec. 31, 2021. Total liabilities increased \$13,401,000 as of Dec. 31, 2022, to \$472,399,000 compared to Dec. 31, 2021, as a result of deposit growth.

Shareholders' Equity at Dec. 31, 2022, was \$55,023,000 or \$41.16 per outstanding share, compared to Dec. 31, 2021, of \$59,425,000 or \$44.45 per outstanding share.

Jack H. Walters, chairman and chief executive officer of the holding company, stated, "Highlands is pleased to announce another year of

profitable operations, a continuation of a competitive dividend to our shareholders, and excellent growth in our loan portfolio. We continue to maintain our focus on supporting our communities, being an exemplary employer, and providing fair returns to shareholders."

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. is listed on the OTC market under the symbol HBSI (<http://www.otcmkt.com>). Highland's subsidiary banks operate 12 banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia and offer credit insurance through its wholly-owned subsidiary, HBI Life Insurance Company.

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State's Infant Utero Exposure to Drugs Higher than National Rate

Nearly one in eight infants born in West Virginia between 2020 and 2022 had in utero exposure to opioids, stimulants and/or cannabis, according to researchers at West Virginia University Health Sciences.

Amna Umer, a pediatric research associate professor in the WVU School of Medicine, said her team's new study showed West Virginia's rates of prenatal exposure to opioids and stimulants were 10 times higher than national rates.

To estimate the effects of in utero exposure to substances, the study used data from Project WATCH, a state-mandated surveillance tool funded by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, which captures maternal and infant information on about 99% of all births in the state to identify at-risk infants.

Umer's analysis of the WATCH data demonstrated that of the 34,412 live births of "singleton" babies, excluding twins, triplets or other multiples, that took place in West Virginia over the two-year span, 12.2% of newborns had in utero exposure to drugs such as oxycodone, methamphetamine or marijuana.

Umer said the most prevalent substance exposure was cannabis, with 7.9% of infants exposed to it in utero. Exposure to opioids occurred for 4.4% of the infants, and 2.1% had been exposed to stimulants while in the womb.

Slightly over 10% of the infants were exposed in utero to one of those substances, 1.7% had been exposed to two of the substances and 0.3% of infants had been exposed to all three.

The Journal of Pediatrics published Umer's findings in a paper coauthored with Christa Lilly, associate professor at the School of Public Health, and experts from the School of Medicine - Candice Lefeber, project coordinator in the department of pediatrics, Collin John, associate professor and assistant program director for the divisions of internal medicine and pediatrics, and Janine Breyer from the West Virginia Perinatal Partnership.

"We showed substance exposure to stimulants alone was associated with preterm birth, whereas opioids alone and cannabis alone were associated with low birthweight and infants being small for their gestational age," Umer said. "Infants exposed to both opioids and cannabis had greater risk than from either exposure individually."

The study data showed a 40% increased risk of preterm birth among infants exposed to stimulants alone and a 70% increase with concurrent stimulant and cannabis exposures.

The risk of infants being small for their gestational age almost doubled with concurrent exposures to opioids and cannabis, and the mean birth weight of infants exposed to these substances fell by between 200 and 500 grams.

Use of neuroactive substances by pregnant women in the U.S., including the use of multiple different substances concurrently, increased from 5.8% in 2019 to 8.3% in 2020. Those substances can decrease placental blood flow, inhibit a fetus' neurotransmitters and contribute to malnutrition.

That means more small, preterm babies, which in turn can mean neurodevelopmental and cognitive delays in later life, in addition to cardiovascular problems.

Umer emphasized that maternal substance use isn't the only factor contributing to those adverse outcomes.

"Our results suggest a complex interplay between sociodemographic factors and lifestyle circumstances," she said. "Substance use disorders can contribute to adverse neonatal outcomes, and so can many other factors we examined in the study, such as

maternal age, race, being less educated, being insured through Medicaid which indicates a low income, not having been previously pregnant, inadequate prenatal care and, importantly, maternal smoking.

"One in five women in the study smoked during pregnancy, and 64.2% of the infants exposed to in utero substances were also exposed to maternal smoking.

"Then there are important factors that Project WATCH doesn't capture, like the mother's pre-pregnancy body mass index or whether she is a victim of physical abuse. The tool doesn't track prenatal alcohol exposure either, although our previous work shows West Virginia's rural population has a high prevalence of prenatal alcohol exposure."

Umer focuses on neonatal health in West Virginia because rural communities experience significantly higher rates of substance use disorder in both the general and pregnant populations while bearing disproportionate socioeconomic burdens such as low incomes and high unemployment.

Umer's research may not apply in places that also struggle with high rates of substance use but are more racially diverse and densely populated than West Virginia. However, Umer said her findings can be generalized to other predominantly rural and underserved populations with similar socioeconomic vulnerabilities and, consequently, similarly high rates of substance use disorder.

"Early identification and intervention reduce adverse outcomes of prenatal substance use like preterm birth and low birthweight, but stigma, shame and fear of legal ramifications deter women from seeking any or limited prenatal care," Umer said. "During the two years of this study, more than 4,000 newborns were exposed to substances in utero. There is a critical need to address this crisis for the most vulnerable population in the state."

Summit Reports First Quarter Earnings

Summit Financial Group, Inc. has reported financial results for the first quarter of 2023, revealing a strong earnings performance marked by notable growth in both loans and total revenue. The company's continued success underscores its position as a reliable partner in the financial services industry, reflecting a sound strategy and solid operational execution.

The Company, which serves commercial and individual clients across West Virginia, the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, Virginia and Kentucky through Summit Community Bank, Inc., reported net income applicable to common shares of \$13.9 million, or \$1.08 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2023, as compared to \$14.9 million, or \$1.16 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2022 and \$11.5 million, or \$0.90 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2022.

"We had a strong start to the year with impressive loan and deposit growth in the first quarter of 2023, increased tangible book value per common share, and improved net interest margin. We maintained strong credit quality and improved our provision for credit losses while achieving a low efficiency ratio through expense management," noted H. Charles Maddy, III, president and chief executive officer. "Despite challenging conditions, we remain optimistic about our growth prospects and are excited about our recent acquisition of PSB Holding Corp. and its bank subsidiary, Provident State Bank, Inc., which will enable us to expand our footprint in the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware. I am confident that our bank is well-positioned to deliver long-term shareholder value through organic growth and strategic acquisitions."



JOB OPENINGS

POSITION: PART TIME PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT-MOTHER INFANT CARE CENTER — SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED: Various with alternating weekends required. Prior patient care experience preferred but not required and current West Virginia C.N.A. certification also preferred. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 05/05/2023**

POSITION: FULL TIME PATIENT HEALTH EDUCATION/STAFF DEVELOPMENT — SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED: Days, Monday - Friday. On call hours required. Bachelor's degree nursing required. Current WV RN license required. CPR/ACLS/PALS instructor, preferred. Experience in preparing others to perform health education skills. Facilitation of communication and knowledge and skill planning for institutional programs and patient level activities. One to two years related experience and/or training. Excellent customer service skills required. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 5/12/23**

POSITION: FULL TIME ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ASSISTANT- HOUSEKEEPING — SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED: Days 6:30 am to 3:00 pm, with every other weekend required. Excellent Customer services skills required. Applicant needs to be able to multitask in a fast-paced environment and work as part of a team. Must have attention to detail and maintain confidentiality. Excellent working knowledge of cleaning appliances and proper use of cleaning agents. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 05/12/2023**

POSITION: FULL TIME RN HOUSE SUPERVISOR — SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED: Nights; (3) 12-hour shifts, with rotating weekends and holidays. No call is involved for this position. Previous supervisory, charge nurse or nursing coordinator experience highly desired. Five years of nursing experience in a hospital setting required. Current West Virginia RN license required. Bachelor's degree, preferred. Oversees operations and directs hospital staff, including off-shifts and holidays. Must possess extraordinary customer service and advanced time management skills. Highly motivated with a strong work ethic. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 05/12/2023**

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POSITION: FULL TIME LABORATORY MANAGER—SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED: Days with on call and weekend hours required. One to three years of management/supervisory experience and five years of laboratory experience, preferred. Master's degree in medical technology or related science. Job duties include but are not limited to: develops the department operating budget and developing capital expenditures. Develops and maintains processes to ensure that all testing systems used for each test performed in the laboratory provide quality for all aspects of test performance. Ensures that personnel perform testing as required for accurate, reliable results. Develops and implements a process to assess and improve services provided and to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Improves and maintains management skills by participating in self-development activities such as seminars, workshops, and classes. Supervise daily lab operations, achieve a high level of professional skill and knowledge in specific areas and keep up with current developments and trends in areas of expertise. Provide oversight of technical programs and administrative activities in laboratory including quality assurance and safety programs, coordinates and manages facilities, equipment, supplies and related resources. Lab documentation, responsible for supervising lab records keeping and inspecting lab personnel record keeping maintain clear standards. Creates an environment that facilitates innovative patient care delivery and facilitates managers to participate with staff in the development of standards. Excellent Customer Service Skills required. Current West Virginia license required. ACLS and BLS certification recommended. Must be capable of multitasking and have critical thinking skills. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 05/12/2023**

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HELP WANTED Youth Transitional Housing Program Director

Status: Full-time, exempt

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RESPONSIBILITIES:
Under the supervision of the Executive Director, the Program Director shall be responsible for providing services and ensuring that their team provides services Home2MapleHill clients and the community. Services will be consistent with agency goals, objectives, mission, and style. The Program Director is responsible for facilitating the development and implementation of team goals and objectives. They will ensure that the goals and objectives are met. The Program Director's role is to provide guidance and support to team members and to serve as a link to other teams and to the Executive Director. The Program Director is responsible for staff development and evaluations in conjunction with the Executive Director. The Program Director facilitates team and individual problem solving and recognizes achievements.

- DUTIES:**
- Management of the team and project services including development, planning, implementation, and evaluation.
 - Supervision of staff (paid and volunteer) performing team & project services including supervision, hiring, and training. Direct supervision of the Program Coordinator.
 - Responsible for compliance with, State and Federal funding sources, HUD requirements, and contract compliance.
 - Linkage development and maintenance with schools, law enforcement, other agencies, family members etc. for effective service implementation.
 - Casework, this includes: individual, group and family counseling, wraparound services and other services relative to program & team goals and objectives. Including goals & objectives agreed upon with client based on Family Well Being Assessment.
 - Supervision & maintenance of case files.
 - Management of program data collection, statistics, reports to Funders. Timely submission of all required reporting.
 - Attendance & active participation in Leadership Team, team meetings, department meetings, agency meetings & other committee meetings as assigned.
 - Other duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

- REQUIREMENTS:**
- Master's Degree in human services (e.g., psychology, social work, sociology or related field) required OR bachelor's/ Associates degree in one of the above areas with a minimum of two (2) years of experience working with unhoused youth or providing direct services to youth may be substituted.
 - Minimum 4 years of experience in child, youth & family services and/or community development field.
 - Experience preferred in community-based organization.
 - Ability to work with a diverse cultural population.
 - Candidate is required to drive their personal vehicle on behalf of agency therefore, the candidate must successfully complete a motor vehicle history check. Candidate must also possess and maintain a current valid driver's license and valid auto insurance policy.

At-Will Employment Status
Please note that all employment with Eastern Regional Family Resource Network is at-will, which means your employment may be terminated at any time by you or Eastern Regional Family Resource Network without cause or advance notice. The terms and conditions of any employment may also be modified.

Equal Employment Opportunity
We are an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected.

Resumes may be sent to Rachel Wilson by May 8, 2023 by email: rachel.wilson@erfn.info If there are any other questions you may contact Rachel at 304-530-5480 ext.102.

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A public hearing will be held concerning the FY 2023-2024 budget at the May 16th, 2023 meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education. The meeting will be held at the School Board Office at 125 North Main Street in Franklin and will begin shortly after 5:30 p.m. The proposed budget will be available for inspection from May 3rd through May 16th at the Board of Education Central Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each working day and on the Pendleton County Schools' website at www.pendletoncountyschools.com 1c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Commission are required to file their objections with this Commission WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE, whichever is later.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 4, 2023. Deadline for claims is July 3, 2023.

Anthony F. Henderson Estate - Viviana Orozco Montoya, Administratrix;
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 28, 2023.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 5-4-2c

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING CONSULTANT

The Region 8 Planning and Development Council is in the process of updating its Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Council is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to assist with updating its plan. The plan covers Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral and Pendleton counties in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia. Consulting services required include any or all services necessary to a complete the plan per FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide. The Council will help with the stakeholder involvement process and be engaged in all phases of work.

Procurement of these services shall be in conformity with the applicable laws and regulations related to 2 CFR 200. Contract is awarded on a lump sum basis.

All consultants interested in being considered for this project should submit a brief proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, staffing capabilities, related prior experience and cost. Most importantly, the consultant should submit an outline of a work plan that will result in a complete Hazard Mitigation Plan that meets FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide.

The goal of the competitive procurement process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly, the proposed work plan, technical qualifications and related prior experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents may be interviewed.

Proposals should be submitted to Terry Lively at livelyt@regioneight.org by the close of business on May 16, 2023. Questions regarding this request for proposals may be directed to Terry Lively at 304-668-2823.

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Drive Safely in Work Zones

By Charlotte Lane
Public Service Commission Chairman

Even before spring flowers pop up in the yards, orange cones appear on roadways. Crews are busy repairing our highways and city streets. Drivers are urged to take extra precautions when driving through construction zones.

There are many good reasons to obey lower speed limits and use extra care. Foremost is that, on average, more than 700 fatalities occur in work zones every year. Wherever a person needs to go, saving a little time is never worth another person's life. Also consider that one or one's passengers could be injured or a person could damage a vehicle or the construction equipment. If that's not enough to slow a person down, remember that ticket amounts are double for driving infractions in construction zones.

In cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, the Public Service Commission's Transportation Division has posted extra patrols in some high traffic construction zones. The officers are there to monitor commercial trucks and buses, but everyone still needs to use caution. Rear-end crashes are extremely common in work zones, and large vehicles have huge blind spots and require extra space to stop. Never cut off a big truck!

To avoid accidents, follow a few common sense driving tips. Start by doing a little research so a person knows if there is construction on the planned route. If so, either leave early or take another route. Pay attention to all signage around the work zone. Drivers may encounter closed lanes, reduced speeds, detours or shifts in the traffic pattern. And be prepared to stop at any time.

When there is a lane closure, move over as soon as possible. Don't wait until the last minute or try to race around another vehicle to get in front of it, especially if it is a semi-truck or bus. As a person moves into the correct lane, be mindful of blind spots - ones and other drivers.

Those big orange signs that tell drivers what is happening ahead are hard to miss, but one has to pay attention. Distracted driving is more dangerous than ever in construction zones. Pay attention to traffic conditions - not one's cellphone, the radio, GPS, food and drink, or even conversation with other passengers. Whatever it is, it can wait.

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Art Students Paint Mural at State Police Office



Pendleton County High School art students painting the mural at the state police office in Franklin, from left, kneeling, Riley Apple (Seneca McDougal, the dog), Maggie Connor and Kacie Simon; and standing, Elizabeth Gonshor, Ryleigh Cook, Wyatt Franklin, Ashlyn Judy, Josey Collier, Riley Howard and Kayla Judy Scheibner (instructor). Nataley Hedrick is missing from the photo.



Pendleton County High School Art Students (juniors and seniors) were asked to create a mural for the wall at the entry way at the West Virginia State Police department in Franklin. The mural was to showcase the beauty of Pendleton County, including some West Virginia specific elements,

as well as the state police logo. Eight entries were created and submitted for the state police detachment employees, as well as Pendleton County 911 Center employees, to vote their favorite. There was a tie between two of the creations, and the students were asked

to combine elements of the two. The talented group of students arrived the morning of April 21 and began sketching an outline, followed by the painting process. The students finished the beautiful creation just in time to catch the bus back to the school for dismissal.

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