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North Fork Elementary School teachers strive to combine teaching facts and principles with fun and games. Here, fifth- and sixth-graders prepare for the annual Pumpkin Drop. Each student must try to create packaging to protect the pumpkin during its fall from the top of the building. No pumpkin survived this year.

North Fork Elementary Presents On School Activities and Progress At Board of Education Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

Throughout the first half of the year, the Pendleton County Board of Education has traveled to schools across the county to hear presentations from administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and, sometimes, students.

Last week, they met with Lisa Roberson, principal of North Fork Elementary, as well as members of her faculty and staff. Board members, North Fork faculty, staff, administrators, and others had tacos and homemade desserts prior to the meeting.

The meeting opened with a second public reading for the Pendleton County Schools calendar proposed for 2024 and 25. Attendees heard about rules, laws, parameters, and other necessary details concerning it.

Nicole Hevener, associate superintendent of Pendleton

County Schools, noted that they faced issues that many others do not. She explained that "our weather is very different." Pendleton County has "to work very hard to make sure that we're not adding to the days we're attending school."

One of the major differences will come from the late date of Easter. Since it takes place on April 18, spring break will be separated from the holiday, but students and staff will still get time off for the holiday.

After the mandatory reading of information concerning the school calendar, Roberson stepped to the front of the room to give her impression of the state of the school.

During the presentation, Roberson shared the progress of the students as a whole since the beginning of the year. Pendleton County Schools does benchmark

testing at the start of the year of each student in every school. This helps administration and faculty to track student achievement and faculty effectiveness.

Regular testing numbers showed improvements since the first round of testing. Roberson showed that 50 percent of second- through sixth-grade students met or passed the 50th percentile in reading and language arts, a 19 percent rise. In math, the percentages rose from 40 percent meeting or exceeding the 50th percentile to 59 percent achieving that mark.

She described how the school was "using the reading curriculum with more fidelity" and focusing also on reinforcement of taught skills. She thanked community volunteers, such as Melissa Grimes and others, who come into the schools for

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Christmas Cheer and Winter Wonder Descend on Franklin



Greyson Eye enjoys his first visit with Santa during Franklin's Winter Wonderland celebration.

By Stephen Smoot

The Christmas season started off with festive fun last Saturday. Businesses and organizations partnered together to provide children of all ages the chance to once again celebrate the holiday season.

Pendleton County Senior and Family Services opened the morning by providing a breakfast of sausage gravy, biscuits, and eggs. Attendees could also browse for gifts at the Christmas Bazaar held

in the dining room and the online bidding continued for various works of art in the palette contest.

Janice Lantz, executive director of the center, explained that "we as the senior center want to be included in the community and be involved in the community."

Jimmy Mitchell, from Grandpap's Workshop in Franklin, offered a wide variety of handmade and decorated wood pieces. These ranged from small boxes to cutting boards and other

useful items.

"It's very important for me," Mitchell explained. He shared that they find the wood on their property, then use their own sawmill to cut and shape what they find into products for sale.

"We started in spring doing shows and after Treasure Mountain Festival, it really picked up," Mitchell said, then added, "I've been doing it ever since I was in high school."

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Community CALENDAR

Post 9666 To Meet

VFW Post 9666 will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at the post home in Sugar Grove.

PAWS To Hold Annual Meeting

PAWS will hold its annual meeting at 6 p.m. today at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about PAWS and ways one can help. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Engineering Crews Are Completing Work in County

Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone, Inc. currently has crews from an engineering company in Pendleton County completing pole staking work.

If a resident sees people at the poles in one's area, please do not be alarmed. They should have a JSI logo on the side of their vehicles and are wearing orange vests. The workers will be in the area until Dec. 22.

Senior Sponsored Meal Scheduled

Two anonymous Navy sailors will be sponsoring "Lunch on Us" for 60+ Seniors Friday at the Franklin Senior Center. The Christmas meal will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. To reserve a free lunch, call 304-358-2421 today.

Christmas Programs Scheduled at Local Churches

The Christmas season in Pendleton County is highlighted by area churches holding special services which celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

The public is cordially invited to attend the following programs.

The "Cricket County" play is back this Christmas at **St. John Lutheran Church** in Moyers. The play will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday. There will also be readings, singing, special song by the children and a nativity scene.

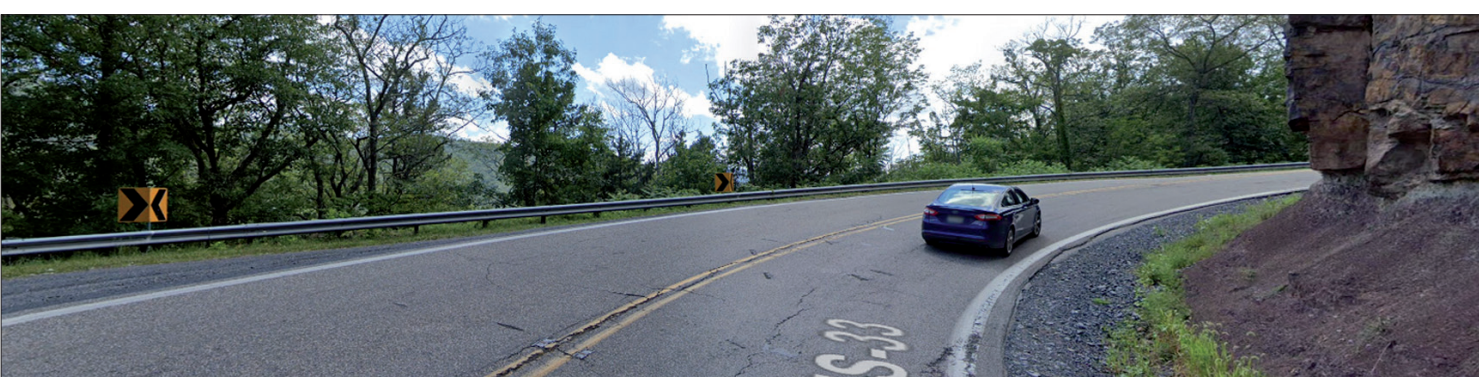
Cherry Grove Baptist Church will be having its Christmas play at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. The play will be presented by the youth of the church. Also, there will be a meal following services.

Christ Central Community Church in Upper Tract will have its annual Christmas program at 5 p.m. Sunday. The program will include the play "The Nazareth Evening News." Refreshments will follow.

On Sunday, the Christmas program, "Christmas by the Book," will be presented jointly by Francis Asbury United Methodist Church of Sugar Grove and Calvary Lutheran Church of Brandywine. The program will begin at 8:45 a.m. at **Francis Asbury United Methodist Church** and the program at 11 a.m.

The annual Christmas program at **Walnut Street United Methodist Church** in Franklin will be presented at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Improvements Scheduled For Route 33, Rawley Pike



Construction planned to enhance safety on a 1.25-mile stretch of Route 33, Rawley Pike, in Virginia.

A \$12.9 million project to enhance safety on Route 33 (Rawley Pike) in western Rockingham County, Virginia, was scheduled to begin construction on or about Dec. 11. The 1.25-mile-long project extends from Laurel Wood Lane to a half-mile east of Switzer Lake Road near the West Virginia border. This portion of Route 33 is a mountainous stretch of road with several sharp curves.

During the roughly 18-month project, contractors for the Virginia Department of Transportation will enhance safety by widening travel lanes and shoulders and improving curves.

When construction begins, Route 33 motorists should be alert for 24/7 shoulder closures and flagger traffic control as needed.

Beginning in January 2024, pilot trucks will control traffic during daylight hours. Due to the length of the work zone and occasional controlled-blasting operations, Route 33 drivers

may experience delays of 20 minutes or longer.

Motorists should also be alert for slow-moving tractor trailers and construction vehicles between the Rawley Springs area of Rockingham County, Virginia, and the West Virginia state line.

On Oct. 20, the Commonwealth Transportation Board awarded a \$12,944,921 construction contract to A.L.L. Construction Inc. of Mount Storm. The project has a contract completion date of June 19, 2025. All work is weather permitting.

Obtain traffic alerts and traveler information by dialing 511 or visiting 511Virginia.org. For other assistance, call the VDOT Customer Service Center, available 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week. Citizens can dial 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623) from anywhere in the state to report road hazards, ask transportation questions, or get information related to Virginia's roads.

West Virginia Department of Economic Development Meets with Greer Officials at Riverton Facility

By Stephen Smoot

Since Dwight D. Eisenhower's last year in the White House, limestone has been dug from the ground near Riverton. Over the decades, Greer has established itself as a major county employer and economic driver.

Like any extractive industry, however, the lime extraction and processing facility in Riverton occasionally runs into headwinds that affect its operations and profitability.

Last week, Jim Linsenmeyer, Eastern Panhandle representative for the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, met with Kyle Apple and David Harper of Greer, as well as Sherry Mongold from the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority.

The group toured the entire Greer operation from where

it extracts the raw calcium carbonate rich stone, crushes it into a manageable size, then either packages the raw material or cooks it to create calcium oxide, which has a number of environmental and industrial applications.

Linsenmeyer explained his role, as well as that of the Cabinet level department for which he works. He explained that "we're here to help businesses to grow and prosper" while helping them "increase revenues and profitability."

When asked about the number one challenge facing Greer, both the Riverton operation and Greer as a whole, Apple quickly answered, "Every so often," he explained, "the EPA rewrites regulations."

Apple went on to say, "They added four new classes of pollutants they haven't regulated before," and added that

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OBITUARIES



**Angela "Angel, Angie"
Ruth Adkins Lung**

Angela "Angel, Angie" Ruth Adkins Lung, 59, of Foley, Missouri, passed away Nov. 28, 2023, in St. Louis, Missouri. She courageously battled colorectal cancer for two years. She felt she endured one of her life purposes during the difficult journey and fiercely advocated to bring awareness to save lives in the future.

She was born on Dec. 16, 1963, in Alton, Illinois, a daughter of the late Paul L. Hill (Lois) of Elsberry, Missouri, and late Donna Ruth Franklin Chappell of Franklin.

Mrs. Lung graduated in May of 1982 from Assumption High School in Assumption, Illinois. Her Kemmerer Village family and sisters remained forever close to her heart.

She served in the U.S. Army Reserves for eight years as a medic, where she received the Army Accommodation Award. She went on to attend Dominion Business School, working as a medical office assistant for years, before graduating in 2000 from Mineral Nursing School in Keyser. She never stopped learning, and she was passionate about her patients and nursing career at Pendleton Manor. She was also a volunteer emergency medical technician in Pendleton County, as well as a medical examiner. She excelled receiving the Spirit Award EMT of the year. She was thrilled. She had a strong faith in God and was a Christian by faith.

She always lived as "big" as possible. She loved to travel, lacking only visiting four states of the United States. She was passionate about weather, storm chasing, photography, lighthouses, antiques, birds, reading, cooking, gardening, sewing, and piano. She loved her animals and became a self proclaimed "cat lady." She had a special love for following the Royal fam-

ily, watching movies, dancing, having special lunches with her cousins, and every once in a blue moon enjoyed a Jack & Coke. She had a unique sense of humor, and was wickedly witty. She lit up any room and loved to make people smile and laugh.

Her husband of six years, Larry Lung, Jr., whom she married on Sept. 9, 2017, in Godfrey, Illinois, resides in Foley, Missouri.

She is also survived by the father of her children, Rick Adkins of Sugar Grove, whom she married July 23, 1984, in St. Louis, Missouri. Her children will miss her very much. Her children include Christopher (Crystal) Adkins of Foley, Missouri, Cassandra "Cassie" Ruth (Chuck) Piel of Franklin, Randy (Sally) Adkins of Rawlings, Maryland, Archie (Stephanie) Adkins of Brandywine, Melina (Terry) Shifflett of Grottoes, Virginia, Sarah Lung and Larry Lung III, both of Jerseyville, Illinois, and Jessica (Alejandro) Lung of Bethalto, Illinois. She will also be watching over 21 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews all over the country. She is survived by several siblings, Beverly Brachear Sandoval of Nashville, Tennessee, Lydia Hill-Hatfield (Lou) of Jamestown, Missouri, Carter Hill of Frisco, Texas, Margaret Chappell (Ronnie) File and Calvin Springer (Catherine), all of Franklin.

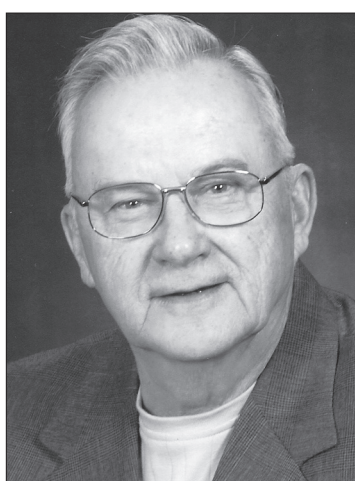
She was also preceded in death by a sister Nancy Brachear Paver Mitton, whom rests in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

Although she wished to travel the length of the Mississippi River, this past year, her son, Christopher, will ensure her ashes are spread in her intended final resting places.

The family will receive friends and family at her celebration of life from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin and from 1 to 4 p.m. (central time) at Wood River Masonic Lodge in Wood River, Illinois.

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.



**Carroll "Skinner"
Hedrick**

Carroll "Skinner" Hedrick, 90, passed away on Dec. 5, 2023.

He was born on Aug. 12, 1933, in Upper Tract to the late Alton Parker Hedrick and Mary Ruhama Harold. He lost his father when he was just six weeks old. His mother raised the family with love and the kindness of his Grandma Hattie and Granddaddy Bill Harold.

Mr. Hedrick attended the Upper Tract Grade School and graduated from Franklin High School in 1952.

Growing up, he played in the woods and creek and worked on many nearby farms for money or sometimes just a delicious meal. He loved telling stories about his adventures in this special part of the world.

In 1953, he entered the United States Air Force. During his four years of service, he trained and worked as a mechanic specializing in aircraft avionics. This knowledge took him to Korea, Japan, Okinawa and Taiwan.

After his military service, he was employed by Capital Airlines in Washington, DC, as an airline avionics mechanic. Capital Airlines merged with United Airlines and he was off to California to continue his career and raise his growing family. He worked at the San Francisco Airport. He retired in 1995 as a lead mechanic from United Airlines after 40 years of service. During his time at United, he attended Mission College in California, studying psychology.

After retirement from United Airlines, he helped care for his beloved grandson, Parker.

In 2002, he returned to West Virginia where he enjoyed being with family, see-

ing old friends and making new ones, and being blessed by wonderful neighbors.

He truly enjoyed spending his retirement years back home in Upper Tract. The kindness of many wonderful friends will never be forgotten. He was especially grateful for the companionship and assistance from Nancy Sites and Bob Vance.

Mr. Hedrick was active in the American Legion, Franklin, VFW Post 6454, Petersburg, and the Franklin Moose 769. He was a member of the Pendleton County Historical Society and National Rifle Association and a lifelong member of the West Virginia CCC Camp Museum. He volunteered as treasurer for Cherry Hill Cemetery for many years.

In 1957, he married Patricia Borrer Hedrick. Together they raised three sons, Stephen Craig, Mark Allen, and Bart William.

He is survived by Patricia "Tish" Hedrick; sons, Stephen Craig (Linda), Mark Allen (Jo-Anne); grandson, Parker; and many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings Leta Virginia Decker, Bonnie Lou Mowery and Bruce Parker Hedrick; and his son, Bart William of San Jose, California.

Deepest thanks goes to the outstanding caregivers who helped him through these past years: Joanna Blare, Terri Grogg, Mary Propst, Leana Leap, Doris Dunn and Debbie Turner. Appreciation to the wonderful Home Care Team from Petersburg Veterans Administration and Grant County Hospice. His wish was to remain in his home and each person helped to make that happen.

His family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Gary Phillips officiating. Entombment will be in Cherry Hill Cemetery in Upper Tract.

Memorials may be made to Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department.

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



**Linda Lou (Hedrick)
Ketterman**

Linda Lou (Hedrick) Ketterman, 82, of Seneca Rocks passed away on Dec. 5, 2023, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg.

She was born on March 24, 1941, in Seneca Rocks and was a daughter of the late Denver Hedrick and Zadie (Hedrick) Hedrick.

Mrs. Ketterman attended Circleville High School, where she was known for her kind heart and infectious smile. It was her selfless nature and unwavering faith that defined her throughout her life. Her spirit was characterized by

her unrelenting devotion to her loved ones and her community. She was a member of Corner United Methodist Church and Pendleton Gideons International.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Her beloved husband, Hancel Ketterman, who has been her rock and partner in every sense, survives. Together, they built a life filled with joy, laughter, and an abundance of love.

Also surviving are a sister-in-law, Bonnie Hedrick; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Edith Hedrick and Etta Reel; and three brothers, Walter Hedrick, Hobert Hedrick and Johnie Hedrick.

A funeral service was held Saturday in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with the Rev. Joseph Gerstell officiating. Interment followed in North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Corner United Methodist Church, c/o Bernice Kesner, 2108 Haslacker Road, Maysville, WV 26833 or Gideons International.

The Community Christmas Prayer Tree

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Freddie C. Hammer

Freddie C. Hammer, 75, of Shepherdstown passed away Dec. 8, 2023, at Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg.

He was born Feb. 23, 1948, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the son of the late Junius Clarence "June" and Shirley Bly (Taylor) Hammer.

Mr. Hammer was a 1966 graduate of Franklin High School and obtained a bachelor of arts degree in education from Shepherd College.

He attended Franklin Presbyterian Church.

He loved carpentry, owning and operating own wood

shop. He had worked at the VA Hospital in Martinsburg and retired after 40 years of service as a head of the maintenance department from Shepherd University.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory two sisters, Sherry Wilfong of Sugar Grove and Kitty Waggy (Curtis Jr.) of Franklin; a brother, JC Hammer (Betsy) of Franklin; a niece, Heather Aumann; two nephews, Allen Wilfong and Thomas Hammer; a great-niece, Wyndor Aumann; and a great-nephew, Beckett Aumann.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Terry Scott Hammer; two sisters-in-law, Janet Hammer and Margaret Hartman; and a brother-in-law, David Wilfong.

A graveside service was held Tuesday at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin with Pastor Mike Loudermilk officiating. Interment followed.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

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



Donna Kay Fleisher

Donna Kay Fleisher, 67 of Franklin passed away on Dec. 6, 2023, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born June 24, 1956, at Franklin (Thorn Creek), the daughter of Betty Jean (Warner) Hoover and the late Wilson "Bub" Hoover.

Mrs. Fleisher was a 1974 graduate of Franklin High School and was employed at the Korner Shop in Franklin. She had retired from Hanover Shoe

Company after working from 1974-1999.

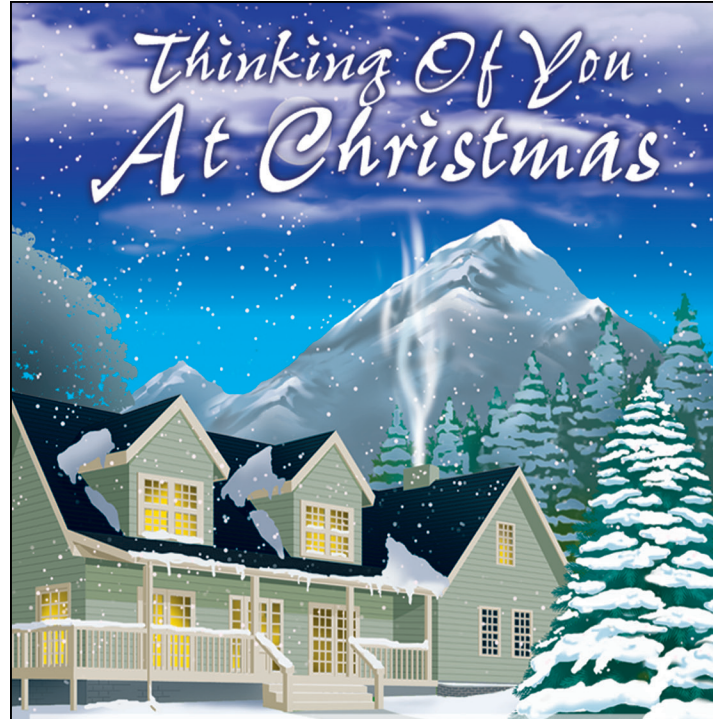
She had a love for life and spending time with her family and friends.

On June 28, 1974, she married Emory Dean Fleisher, Jr., who survives.

In addition to her husband and mother, she leaves behind to cherish her memory a son, Matthew Fleisher (Amy) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; a sister, Charlotte Thompson (Darrell) of Franklin; two brothers, Rick Hoover (Carol) and Larry Hoover (Missy), all of Franklin; two granddaughters, Chase and Haley; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A funeral service was held Saturday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Mike Loudermilk officiating.

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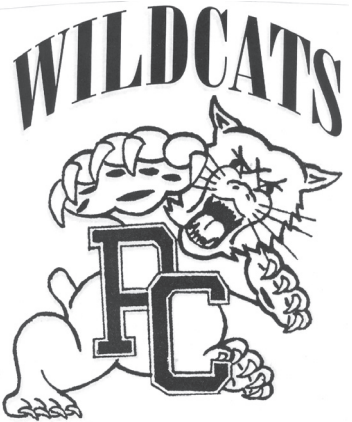
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20 Years Ago
Week of December 4, 2003

**Courthouse To Be
Featured on Christmas
Greeting Card**

A photograph of the Pendleton County Courthouse will be used this year on a seasonal card which will be distributed by a state agency, the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority.

That agency's annual Christmas season's greetings card is widely distributed in West Virginia, especially among government agencies in each of the 55 counties.

The decision to use a wintry image of the county courthouse was made by Chris Richmond, a CFIA officer, who has visited the local courthouse on past occasions and considers it one of the state's most attractive centers of county government.

Specifically, Richmond asked Shelly Kile, the executive director of the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority, to help her find a wintry scene of the pretty courthouse. "It's wonderful," Kile said. "It's great publicity for Pendleton County."

30 Years Ago
Week of December 2, 1993

**Play it Safe —
Choose a Fresh Xmas
Tree and Keep it that
Way**

Choosing a real Christmas tree can be fun for the whole family.

The West Virginia University Extension Service suggests a few simple steps to follow when selecting and caring for that tree.

First, do a freshness test. Gently grasp a branch between your thumb and forefinger and pull it toward you. Very few needles should come off in your hand if the tree is fresh. Take a look at the ground and around the tree. You shouldn't see an excessive amount of green needles on the ground. Some interior loss of brown needles is normal, however, and will occur over the lifetime of the tree.

Once you've chosen your tree, make a fresh, straight cut across the base of the trunk, about a half-inch up from the original cut. Place the tree in a stand that holds two or more quarts of water.

The most important thing to remember about caring for a real tree is to add water to the tree daily. Never let your tree stand go dry.

A seal of dried soap will form over the cut stump if the water drops below the base of the tree. This seal will prevent the tree from absorbing water later when the tree stand is refilled. If a seal does form, you'll need to make another fresh cut.

A tree will absorb as much as a gallon of water in the first 24 hours and one or more quarts a day thereafter. Water is important because it keeps the needles from drying and the boughs from drooping.

Take care to keep your tree away from heat and draft sources, such as fireplaces, radiators and television sets. Test your light cords and

connections before hanging them on the tree to make sure they're in good working order. Don't use cords with cracked insulation or broken or empty sockets. Also, be sure to unplug lights before you go to bed or leave the house.

Week of December 16, 1993
SUGAR GROVE

Ever since Saint Francis of Assisi celebrated Mass at a specially constructed manger in 1223 in Italy, nativity scenes have been an important part of Christmas celebrations. By the eighteenth century, building a model crib, or prassepio, became a tradition which spread rapidly in both church and home observations of the season. The people who made the cribs were known as figurari and the figures they produced were named pastori. This custom has spread from Europe to America and Africa and throughout the world and continues to be a meaningful part of the Christmas observance.

50 Years Ago
Week of December 6, 1973

**Warmth
No Problem for Deer**

WHOSE WOODS ARE THESE . . .

(A Weekly column of Wilderness Lore by The Woodlands and Whitewater Institute Staff, Spruce Knob Mountain)

With the arrival of winter here on Spruce Knob, complete with plunging temperatures and white landscapes, the question of warmth and how to produce and maintain it becomes a vital issue to all animals including man. In many cases the generation of heat and its efficient retention by man and beast alike, produces more than comfort, and is the difference between life and death. One only has to read Jack London's short story, "To Build A Fire," to see the fatal consequences the lack of heat in a harsh winter environment can have on one man.

After thinking about the various ways man goes about keeping himself warm when he goes out on a cold winter's day, one may well wonder how in the world our old friend the white-tailed deer keeps from freezing to death. It would appear that the deer trots around in the snow and wind of winter with little to protect him. Actually, the mechanisms a deer uses to keep warm are very effective and serve as excellent protection through the coldest of winters.

In the early fall of each year the deer begins to lose its thin summer coat. The new coat which replaces it is darker, almost a blue color. The deer are mechanisms now said to "be in the blue" but they certainly are not blue with cold. The new winter coat is thicker, composed of long crinkly hairs with many air pockets. This new coat acts as a very efficient insulator, retaining much of the heat generated by the deer's body. During especially cold weather the deer are able to loft their coats. This lofting increases the amount of

air in the coat and it becomes an even better insulator.

That the deer's coat is an effective insulator can be graphically seen after a light dusting snow. The deer's coat is covered with tiny snow particles. If much heat were escaping through the deer's coat, these snow particles would melt on contact.

The dark quality of the deer's winter coat also plays a part in keeping a deer warm on sunny but cold winter days. Dark objects tend to absorb more light and heat than light objects. Thus on a sunny day a deer's coat is partially heated by the sun.

Man has copied the air insulating principle used in the deer's coat for the retention of heat. Two examples which come to mind are home fiberglass insulation and down parkas. In these times of fuel shortage, man might also do well to look at nature's ways of producing energy and heat, one of which is the white-tailed deer's dark coat.

60 Years Ago
Week of December 12, 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.

**Lincoln Gives Views
On Reconstruction**

The two presidents—Abraham Lincoln of the United States and Jefferson Davis of the Confederate States—addressed their respective congresses 100 years ago this week, and their words and attitudes showed clearly how the Civil War was going.

The one—President Lincoln—spoke in bitter denunciations of Northern leaders in confessions of grave defeats at Vicksburg, Gettysburg and Chattanooga, and in little hope of peace.

The two messages were given the same day—December 8—to the two congresses that had just opened. In the light of history, President Lincoln's proved the more important.

Lincoln reviewed with satisfaction the progress of the war and then embarked on the peace that would follow. In so doing, he outlined in clear terms his fundamental policy toward reconstruction.

He announced that on that same day, he would issue a proclamation of general amnesty for "all persons who have, directly or by implication, participated in the existing rebellion." The proclamation was duly issued and although it contained many exceptions, it promised full pardon and restoration of rights to Southerners who would take an oath of loyalty to the United States.

Next, Lincoln suggested a method of which loyal governments could be re-established within the states of the Confederacy. Under this plan,

when loyal residents of a Southern state numbering not less than one-tenth of those voting in the 1860 presidential election—established a Republican government, that government "would be recognized as the true government of the state."

Finally, the President made crystal clear that he would stand by his Emancipation Proclamation, under this plan.

Davis' message urged one major policy: a recommendation that the Confederate conscription laws be changed to abolish the practice of Southerners hiring substitutes to serve in the military. He also urged congressional action to halt inflation.

But much of Davis' message was criticism: criticism of the Confederate troops who had fled from Missionary Ridge; criticism of England's policy of neutrality, and, most of all, criticism of the North.

He said Northern treatment of Confederate prisoners of war was one of "revolting inhumanity"; he criticized devastation of Southern farms by invading Federal armies. Northerners, he said, "refuse even to listen to proposals between us . . . We now know that the only reliable hope for peace is in the vigor of our resistance."

Neither message was an entire success. Lincoln's reconstruction policy was criticized as too favorable for the South by some, too harsh for the South by others. Davis' speech was followed the next day by another speech in Congress in which Henry Foote blamed Davis for keeping "unworthy and incompetent men in command."

Next week: Joe Johnston Gets Bragg's Command.

70 Years Ago
Week of December 3, 1953

**The Mountaineer
Gardener**

by JOHN HAMMER

Proper home curing of pork products is essential for a high-quality meat supply, points out John W. Hammer, County Agent.

Butchering should be done on a day when the carcass can be chilled out thoroughly—to 36-40 degrees F., John explains.

"The sugar-cure mixture used by 4-H club members in the "Fattening Pig" project is a bit milder than some cures," John says, "but it will produce a less salty and a more palatable product, provided it is applied carefully. The ingredients are 6 pounds of salt, 2 pounds of sugar (white or brown), and 2 ounces of saltpeter to approximately 100 pounds of pork."

Here are the directions for curing by the 4-H formula:

Mix the salt, sugar, and saltpeter thoroughly. Weigh your first ham and then weigh three-fourths of an ounce of curing mixture for each pound of ham. For example, if the ham weighs 16 pounds, weigh out three-fourths of mixture for each of those 16 pounds—or 12 ounces. Pour

the mixture into a large pan and lay the ham on top of it. Rub the mixture into all surfaces of the ham, poke some into the hock, and finish by patting all the remainder of the 12 ounces onto the lean side of the ham. Lay the ham on a table, taking care not to shake the curing mixture off the meat.

Seven days later, weigh out one-fourth ounce of curing mixture for each pound of ham, or 4 ounces for a 16-pound ham. Put the ham and the 4 ounces of mixture in the pan and repeat the rubbing and patting process, using the "new" 4 ounces of mixture and all that remained of the original 12 ounces on the ham.

Then seven days later (2 weeks after the first salting), again rub the ham with any cure remaining on the meat plus a second and final one-fourth ounce of mixture for each pound of ham.

Keep the meat in a cold place (36 to 40 degrees F. is the goal) throughout the curing period and keep it there 3 days per pound—thus, a 16-pound ham is kept in cure 48 days from the time the first portion of the mixture is rubbed on. Since this curing method uses a little less salt than some of the more familiar recipes, a little more curing time (13 days per pound) is allowed, John stresses. This extra time gives the salt a better chance to work its way uniformly through the meat, bones and joints.

Cure all joints (hams, shoulders, and picnic shoulders) in the same way, but keep all joints in cure at least 25 days for the salt to get into the shanks and bones.

Bacon can be cured with the same mixture as for hams—but less mixture should be used per pound. Most dry-cured bacon is over-cured and the surface lean is thus hardened or "burned" with the salt, John cautions.

Weigh out three-fourths of an ounce of mixture for each pound of bacon in a strip. Rub the mixture on all sides, ends, and edges, and spread the remainder evenly over the lean surface. Pile these cold, salted strips on top of each other, skin down, and let cure in a cold place for 2 weeks. Do not rub again and do not add more cure. Bacon strips which measure more than 2 inches in thickness may be left in the cure 3 weeks but will not need more than three-fourths of an ounce of curing mixture per pound, fresh weight.

A cool cellar, above the freezing temperature, is the best place for storing. After the cure is completed, brush the salt from the meat and allow the meat to soak in cold water, hams and shoulders 3 hours, bacon 30 minutes. Thoroughly scrub the soaked meat and string it for the smoke house. Hang it in the smoke house and allow it to dry over night.

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**Smith Creek/
Friends Run**

by Dave Ellis

This is the last full week of fall. It's been a warm and dry season. The area is six inches less in rainfall compared to last year.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Reva Hartman, Larry Moyers, Mary Alice Simmons, Sandy Washburn, Sandra Vandevander and Woodrow Hartman; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Tristan Hartman, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Olin Hoover, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Pam Rexrode, Nancy George, Neal Eye, Margaret Wimer, Sherman Bennett, Wendell Nelson, Donald Burns, David Bowers, Vada Bible, Ruby Gail Roberson, Gary Hess, Ruth Bauer, Jeff Evick, Linda Maxwell Looney, Gloria Moats, Sterle Lambert, Martha R. Kimble, Bennie and Mary Alice Evick, Jimmie Bennett, family of Tammy Popp, the family of Donna Fleisher and the family of Monica Flippin.

Prayer thought: "God holds out His forgiving hand as an eternal token of His love. Let's thank Him for His love, an unchanging love. He will never forget us."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Dec. 4 through Dec. 10, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Dec. 4 - 48°, 39° (46°, 24°); Dec. 5 - 43°, 34° (45°, 19°); Dec. 6 - 37°, 30° (48°, 37°); Dec. 7 - 52°, 32° (62°, 50°, .14"); Dec. 8 - 61°, 35° (50°, 40°, .03"); Dec. 9 - 56°, 41° (48°, 34°, .02") and Dec. 10 - 56°, 32°, .5" + .25" snow (45°, 36°, .04").

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Nostalgia of Christmas Fills the December Air

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

December is a delightful month filled with holiday excitement, baked goodies, cards and Christmas. The crisp cold air, the piney scent of evergreens, warm candle wax, and the cinnamon smell of fresh-baked cookies is definitely worn this month.

The trees stand stark and bare, their feet covered with fallen leaves of every color. The land is being lulled to sleep, covered with the blanket of leaves. Snow is being wished for Christmas. There have been lots of times when snow didn't appear and the weather was mild. It is the snowy ones that linger in the mind, and bring back that special feeling of Christmas. Of all the special days, Christmas evokes the most memories.

Unquestionably, one of the chief joys of Christmas is the sense of continuity, of being a part of a long and great human chain that stretches through centuries, sharing thoughts, experiences, desires, and turning the most beloved of these into cherished memories, which in a sense are ornaments on the tree of time.

People from all over the globe come together at this magical time of the year to rejoice and celebrate the recollection of memories. This occasion celebrated in common has the power to overcome differences. That is the true wonder of Christmas. It is the stuff from which dreams and memories are made, and all the more precious for that.

So, every time a hand reaches out to help another...that's Christmas.

Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding...that's Christmas.

Every time people forget their differences and realize their love for each other...that's Christmas!

To all my faithful readers and the wonderful people who have come to be in my life, "I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a holiday season that lasts through the New Year, and on through 2024."

Christmas instructions to make life better include the following:

1. Watch a Christmas movie.
2. Fill one's home with the scents of Christmas.
3. Listen to Christmas music.
4. Bake something to take to neighbors and shut ins.
5. Grab the crew to go look at Christmas



lights.

The weather has had its "ups and downs" when discussing temperatures. Sunday morning was 54 degrees with rain in the forecast. Who knows what the temperature will be in the next coming days! Sunday rain "spritz" amounted to about one-half inch. This community will take all the moisture that comes this way. Monday morning found a landscape of snow serenity with closed schools. What a beautiful sight it was!

The Parade of Lights judging will take place the week of Dec. 21 in the Sugar Grove community.

This week's quotes are as follows: "Families are like fudge — mostly sweet, with a few nuts." — Les Dawson

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." — Melody Beattie

"Read the books they don't want you to. That's where the good stuff is." — Levar Burton

"I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month." — Harlan Miller

"Christmas works like glue, it keeps us all sticking together." — Rosie Thomas

Sitting around the fireplace is the best place to hear the "Talk of The Grove."

"Pidge" Anderson had a complete reversed shoulder replacement Monday. She is doing well, now that she is home.

Phil Downs visited with K.D. Puffenbarger this week. He has completed his Christmas shopping and has all the presents wrapped up. Now, he can sit and wait for Santa to arrive!

On Saturday, Marty Smith brought his father, Donnie Smith, over from Bridgewater, Virginia, to visit Evelyn Varner.

Bob and Judy Grimm enjoyed an early Christmas with Chris and P.J. Grimm and their respective families in Uniontown, Ohio. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas lights and displays at the Akron Zoo. The couple enjoyed their weekend.

Clickety-clacks for the chin wagggers are as follows:

•It takes about 15 years to grow the average Christmas tree.

•Christmas trees have been sold in the United States since 1850.

•Each year in the United States, 3 billion Christmas cards are sent.

•Holiday purchases account for one sixth of all yearly retail sales in the United States.

•"White Christmas" by Irving Berlin is the best-selling single record of all time, with more than 100 million sales, worldwide.

December birthdays include Debbie Horst, 18th; Katelyn Frank, 20th; Roger Kiser and Genna Koontz, 21st; Sharon Gilispie, Tasha Bowers and Terri Grogg, 22nd; Carly Mitchell and Sara Harper, 22nd; Betty Lam and Suzanne Brubeck, 23rd; Brenda Allen, 24th; Dottie Lambert and Jesus, 25th; Macie Mitchell and Melissa Dahmer, 29th; Maria Miller and Doug Puffenbarger, 30th; and Bobbie Puffenbarger and Clinton Bowers, 31st.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Bob Adamson, Rick Adkins, Charles and "Pidge" Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Amumnn, Judy Austin, Lynn Beatty, Jimmie Bennett, "Bo" Boggs, Jane Conrad, Marie Cole, Norma Propst Cunningham, Christian Dasher, Bethany Eye, Isaac Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Neal Eye, the Donna Fleisher family, Loralee Gordon, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Patsy Green, Rosalee Grogg, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, George Hevener, Jackie Hill, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adelbert Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Tim Hoover, Debbie and Enos Horst, Mike Jamison, Jessica Janney, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Boyd Kimble, Danny Kimble, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Anna Mauzy, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Barbara Moats, Melvin Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Don Nilsen, Cheryl Paine, Barbara Parker, Shirley Pratt, Alda Propst, John O. Propst, Kathy Propst, Harley Propst, Sheldon Propst, Mary Puffenbarger, Nicole Reel, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Phyllis Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Kent Simmons, Robbie Sites, Donnie Smith, Connie Sulser, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Wayne Vandevander, Raymond Varner, Amy Vaus, Sheldon Waggy, Judy Williams, Ann Wimer, Junior Wimer and Margaret Wimer.

New Roadsides in Bloom Calendars Available

The 2024 Roadsides in Bloom calendar is now available to order.

The free calendar, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Adopt A Highway program, includes 12 pictures of West Virginia wildflowers growing naturally along state roadways. The pictures were chosen from dozens of entries submitted by photographers from West Virginia and surrounding states.

To order a calendar, complete the online order form, call 1-800-322-5530, or email dep.aah@wv.gov. If a person

calls and gets voicemail, please leave a message with one's name and mailing address and one will be put on the order list. Requests are limited to one calendar per household. West Virginia residents receive priority.

Co-sponsored by the WVDEP and the state Division of Highways, the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the WVDEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan and improves the quality of the state's environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter. Since the program's incep-

tion in 1988, state citizens have cleaned up close to 70,000 miles of state highways and roads during annual spring and fall Adopt-A-Highway events.

REAP, whose motto is "Keeping WV Clean and Green," was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage.

Garden Club Announces Scholarship Program

The Emma Scott Garden Club in Elkins is announcing a new scholarship program for high school and college students in the area. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be offered for those attending or applying to any two- and four-year colleges and universities in West Virginia. The scholarships are renewable every year the student attends college.

"One of most important missions of the Emma Scott Garden Club is to engage our young people in the outdoors, developing a love for gardening, care for the environment and study of the natural sciences. We hope to encourage more students to pursue careers in these areas by easing

their financial burden," stated Linda Shomo, club president.

The applicants must reside in one of the eight surrounding counties — Barbour, Grant, Hardy, Lewis, Mineral, Pendleton, Randolph, Tucker, or Upshur. They must also major in the natural sciences such as biology, agriculture,

forestry, environmental management or similar majors.

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Big Nights from Townsend and Miller Not Enough to Stave Off Heartbreak at Moorefield

By Stephen Smoot

Besides the season opening win at Union, Pendleton County's girls have traveled far and wide, competing against much larger schools and strong competition to build experience for their young team.

Tough losses against Tucker County, Musselman, Hampshire, and Buckhannon-Upshur, however, have taught lessons quickly. The rising Wildcats took on undefeated Moorefield Friday night in a regional rivalry clash that showed how far Pendleton County has come with a young roster in only a few weeks.

The Wildcats took the opening tip with Julia Mongold scoring the first basket only 30 seconds into the game. Two Moorefield free throws tied the game early, then they took the lead on a 10-foot shot.

Avery Townsend then took the ball coast to coast, scoring a layup to tie the game at four.

Townsend showed that she was ready to step into a team leading role throughout the game. She made big plays on both defense and offense to keep pace with the Yellow Jackets, who had wins over Petersburg and Pocahontas County already this season.

Early on, the teams stayed close. At the 5:36 mark Jameigh Miller, who also showed her playmaking ability against Moorefield, found Susan Vincell open underneath for a layup to tie the game at six.

Gabby DePue followed Vincell with an eight-foot basket to give her team the lead back at 8 to 6.

Moorefield used their defense to key a short run to give themselves a 12 to 8 lead, but then Townsend hit her first of many three-point shots to pull within one. Toward the end of the quarter, Townsend took the ball from Moorefield and scored at the other end for a 15 to 14 lead.

The second quarter started much as the first ended. Miller swiped the ball from Moorefield, drove the ball, and laid it in for a 17 to 14 lead. The Yellow Jackets briefly retook the lead, until Townsend took it back with a steal and a coast-to-coast layup to give her team a 19 to 18 advantage.

Later on, with 4:08 left in the first half, Jenna Smith found Mongold underneath for a layup.

Moorefield then went on an eight to nothing run over the next two minutes, but a Townsend three and a Miller free throw pulled the Wildcats back within four at the half.

The rough early road had an effect on Pendleton County. The team played at a much faster pace at Moorefield than in the opening win against Union. Team defense showed more aggressiveness and confidence and Donnie Kopp has seen key players emerging as leaders and playmakers.

Pendleton County started the second half with a defensive statement as DePue and Miller both had steals in the opening minute of play. With just under seven minutes left, Miller took the ball in the corner, drove around her defender, and floated a six-footer to pull within two.

Miller next tied up a Moorefield player to get the ball back and 30 second later buried a three-pointer to give her team back the lead at 30 to 29. Smith followed that with a



Head coach Donnie Kopp and assistant Dan Miller prepare the Wildcats for the final seconds of the rivalry game against Moorefield. Photo courtesy of Allison Vincell.

defensive play at 4:26, speeding down the court to spoil a Moorefield fast break. After the Yellow Jackets briefly reclaimed the lead, Miller once again drove to the middle and made a 15-foot pull up jumper near the foul line.

The last three minutes of the third quarter saw Townsend hitting three three-pointers, helping to end the stanza with a 40 to 35 advantage for the visitors.

Moorefield rallied at the beginning of the fourth, scoring six unanswered in the first three minutes of the quarter. The Yellow Jackets then fouled Miller, who hit two free throws. Townsend scored a layup off yet another steal and suddenly, Pendleton County retook the lead with 3:20 left, which she followed with another floor length drive and score with 2:02 left.

The Yellow Jackets called time out with 1:59 left, down

46 to 43. They missed two free throws, but hit a three to tie the game with 52 seconds left. The Wildcats committed a foul with 11 seconds left, allowing Moorefield to eke out a one-point lead. A whistle gave Pendleton County the ball with .8 seconds left.

Miller performed the quick catch and shoot, but it went long, giving Moorefield a one point victory, 47-46, but leaving the Wildcats still determined, still hungry, and with a strong sense of who they are and what they can do.

Townsend had 26 points in the effort, with Miller contributing 12. Mongold had four and the inside duo of DePue and Vincell each had two.

The Wildcats are scheduled to play Friday and Saturday in the Tip Off Tourney at Petersburg. They travel to East Hardy on Tuesday and host Tygarts Valley on Dec. 21.

Ninth Ranked Wildcat Boys Drop Season Opener at First Ranked Mountain Lions

By Stephen Smoot

"It was a dark and stormy night" serves as the much maligned opening of the 1830 Lord Edward Bulwer-Lytton novel Paul Clifford. Fortunately, this writer of tales saw better days as Britain's successful Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Similarly, Pendleton County's boys team will get past the dark and stormy night that troubled the team as it opened the season last week.

The Tucker County Mountain Lions bring a mountain of experience to their roster this year, starting with six seniors. Most teams with such experience have the ability to establish the narrative and drive the plot of a game to their liking.

Pendleton County relies on a mixed roster of seniors, juniors and sophomores, with players of all levels of experience working to contribute. Many of the core players this year, talented and aggressive though they are, will remain a work in progress as they gain experience and confidence.

That all said, Pendleton County gave Tucker County a strong first half.

In the first two and a half minutes, the Mountain Lions

crawled out to a 6 to 0 lead. Wildcat defenders remained active, denying their opponents good shot opportunities.

At the 5:20 mark in the first quarter, Josiah Kimble scored his team's first points as he buried a three-point shot. Tucker County followed with a layup, then fouled Kimble in the act of shooting. Two shots brought the Wildcats back within three, then Cashton Kisamore wrested away an offensive rebound and scored a layup to set the score at 8 to 7 Tucker County with more than four minutes left in the quarter.

Pendleton County kept the game close for most of the rest of the first half. The Mountain Lions took a six-point lead early in the second quarter. Zykijah Wright responded with a layup at the 6:34 point. Then Henry Warner grabbed an offensive rebound and scored his own layup to put the score at 18 to 16 Mountain Lions.

After a Tucker County 15-footer, Wyatt Franklin found Kimble streaking toward the basket for a layup to cut the lead to two again.

With 2:45 left, Kisamore took an offensive rebound to the basket for a layup, then blocked a shot at the other end. The score at this point was 23 to 20, Tucker County.

After Kisamore's block, the deluge.

In the last minute and thirty seconds, Tucker County went on an eight to nothing run to extend the lead to 31 to 20 at the end of the first half.

In the second half, Tucker County shut down a lot of the shot opportunities that Pendleton County enjoyed in the first. Their shooting also became much more accurate. Mountain Lion shooters hit repeatedly from the perimeter and also found a number of opportunities near the basket.

The Wildcats showed flashes of what they will become as their players gain experience. Kimble scored 14 points from the field, followed by Kisamore's seven. Chase Owens, due to injury, had limited action, but scored three points. Dusty Smith played well defensively and scored two. Wright and Justus Kuykendall also contributed two.

The West Virginia Daily News released its coaches' poll last week. Tucker County took first place with nine first place and 130 votes overall. Coaches gave Pendleton County 38 votes and a ranking of ninth. East Hardy placed seventh.

On Friday night, the Wildcats faced off with Jefferson, voted fifth in quad A, and lost 90 to 50. Monday night's home opener against Pocahontas County was postponed due to inclement weather. They were scheduled to travel to Tygarts Valley on Wednesday and will host Harman on Dec. 20.

Wildcats Earn Early Season Tournament Honors



Josiah Kimble and Avery Townsend both earned early season recognition, being named to all-star teams in tournaments at Jefferson High School and at Hampshire, respectively.



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Board of Education Discusses Effect of Population Changes And Facilities Matters

By Stephen Smoot

After a homemade meal and a thorough briefing, both put on by North Fork Elementary School's administration, faculty, and staff, Pendleton County Board of Education members conducted their official meeting.

The assemblage opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, then heard the invocation from school board president J. D. Wilkins, who said, "We ask You to bless us all."

J. P. Mowery, business manager and treasurer for the school system, informed the board that, after 25 years, it made its final monthly payment for use of the space at the old annex building. He also shared that the school system bought a school bus, with two more to be leased in the future. "This will bring us up to date for a while," he noted.

He then discussed the impending end of the alternate education building saga. "We are making a lot of progress," Mowery stated, adding that the transport of the finished structure from Huttonsville prison cost \$3,000. L and W Transportation "worked with us very reasonably" he shared.

In going over the cost of the upgraded facility, Mowery stated that "a lot of the large expenditures were made in building it," and it turned out to be "a very good product for us." He reminded all in attendance that "at least 80 percent (of the nearly \$100,000 cost) was covered

by the grant."

Mowery then turned to a difficult subject for many state schools, dropping attendance. He shared a chart dated for the years 1999 through 2024. It showed the drastic drop of the student population in approximately a quarter of a century. As the 20th century ended, Pendleton County Schools had 1,352 students. Current headcount is 846, a 37 percent drop.

He pointed out that two dramatic drops corresponded with the closing of Hanover Shoe and also the Sugar Grove Navy Base. Another took place in 2019 that had no obvious explanation.

The state counts 60 separate jurisdictions, including the 55 county systems and five charter schools. Mowery said, "The prep academies have grown the most." Of the counties, Doddridge enjoyed the top growth rate, followed by Grant, Pocahontas, and Berkeley, which did slightly better than break even.

All other counties saw their student populations drop. Pendleton County ranked 24th in school population change at 2.2 percent, close to the state average of 2.0 percent.

The negative news in school population was balanced by the report that Pendleton County Schools' preschool program had gained 12, the second highest increase in the state behind Taylor and ahead of Jackson.

"That's a good one-year piece of information," Mowery said.

In other positive news, Pendleton County continued to meet state mandates in percentage of staff serving as professional employees.

Carrie Nesselrodt, director of student services, discussed attendance. She provided a handout tracking from September to the end of November. Sonny O'Neil, board member, asked, "Is it typical for seniors to be the lowest grade level in attendance?" to which she answered in the affirmative.

Wilkins added that "considering all the colds going around, I'm pleasantly surprised by the attendance." Nesselrodt cautioned that the report did not contain the most recent weeks, in which a number of absences occurred due to illness.

"My goal," she explained "is to be good enough outside of cold season that this doesn't bring us down."

Charles Hedrick, Pendleton County Schools Superintendent, thanked Nesselrodt for gathering the data, saying, "She's really done a great job." O'Neil added, "The CIS ladies do a great job getting them to school."

He then reported that the old board office was successfully sold to the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority and praised the support for the 12 Days of Christmas Food Drive. Hedrick explained, "It carries C. A. N. through most of the winter."

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Franklin Elementary School will host.



Mike Alt, PCER Training Officer, right, presented Darrent Taylor, South Branch Day Report Center director, a certificate of appreciation for using CPR to save a heart attack victim in October. Also pictured is Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president,

County Commission Hears Reports on Grants and Progress of Animal Shelter

By Stephen Smoot

On a cold and brisk morning last week, the Pendleton County Commission held its first meeting for the month of December. Roger Dahmer, commissioner, opened the meeting with a prayer that included, "we just thank You so very much."

Karen Pitsenbarger opened by discussing the placement of an underground storage tank, saying that "obviously you can see the big pile of dirt out there. The tank will be installed soon."

Commissioners then asked Diana Mitchell, director of Pendleton 911, about the rate of calls as the temperatures dropped. She replied that "this is a very stressful time of year, but we're okay." Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, added that "they got calls on top of calls" and that the newly hired telecommunicator "got to have some action on his first shift."

Gillespie also stated that his office had received positive news from the state in terms of funding replacement radios for emergency response. In addition to the earlier report of a pending award of \$25,000 for emergency services radios, Gillespie has received word from personnel at the West Virginia Emergency Management Division that "we will be awarded an additional amount of approximately \$50,000."

Gillespie stated, "These funds are earmarked for responder radios, so they can be vehicle-mounted radios, portable/hand-held radios, or a combination. They can be placed in the hands of fire, EMS or law enforcement. We will look

at the oldest radios in the fleet, about to be deemed obsolete and those will be the ones we replace."

He also explained that "\$75,000 sounds like a large sum of money for radios, however, we need approximately \$445,000 to replace all of our obsolete radios throughout all services in Pendleton County."

Gillespie also updated the commission on another grant application. He shared that the state had delayed decision on an application to fund a new tower at Seneca Rocks until Dec. 12. Legislative rule changes and input from the West Virginia State Auditor's office created a gray area in related reporting criteria that must be figured out first. Gillespie said that "we're waiting to hear back from Charleston" on what the county must do next, but added, "I'm hopeful we'll get the grant."

Laura Brown, executive director of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority, reported that the RDA had "closed on the board of education building last Friday." She added that the county commission needed to consider who to select for the county's broadband advisory council.

Membership must include individuals representing the business community, school system, county commission, the economic development director, and an at large member.

Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, added that "we need to get an update from Thrasher, Lingo, and SKSRT" concerning their broadband and internet expansion projects. Brown replied that "we'll have that in two weeks."

Next, Amber Nesselrodt and Lauren Hagman spoke

on behalf of the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter, or PAWS. Nesselrodt gave a progress report on how the organization had spent funds over the year, including \$20,000 from the county commission.

PAWS purchased a used van to help transport animals, but Nesselrodt stated that their "main focus is the dog and cat spay and neuter program."

"With the commission's support, we were able to continue doing that," she explained. They also raised money through a summer flea market and fundraising dinner while recruiting new board members and "trying to get the word out."

Finally, Darren Taylor, director of the South Branch Day Report Center, came to request a higher match amount for the program. "Pendleton County has been a pretty good supporter of our program," he said. Counties covered by the South Branch program had contributed \$17,666.60, but now have been requested to up the amount to \$20,000.

"It keeps our sustainability funds where they need to be," Taylor shared. The commission signed the requested memorandum of understanding.

After the signing, Mike Alt, PCER training officer, took the opportunity to give a certificate of appreciation to Taylor. He had provided CPR and other lifesaving assistance to a West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles employee suffering a heart attack, contributing to saving the man's life.

Paintings Sought for Wildlife Calendar

Artists who want a chance to have their wildlife paintings featured in the 40th anniversary edition of the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar have until Feb. 14, 2024, to send their artwork to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Each year, the WVDNR selects 12 paintings for its award-winning calendar based on overall composition, quality and anatomical and contextual accuracy. All artists, especially those from West Virginia, are encouraged to submit their work. A \$200 prize is awarded for each chosen painting. The artist whose artwork is selected for the cover receives an additional \$500.

"As we celebrate 40 years of publishing the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar, we are reminded of how this incredible calendar has not only captured the essence of our state's natural

beauty but also showcased the remarkable talent of artists," said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director. "Being featured in this calendar is an honor, so we invite artists to submit their work and be part of this cherished tradition enjoyed by thousands of people across the country every year."

Art must be original color paintings on canvas or another flat surface and must depict native game and fish species or other wildlife found in West Virginia, such as snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, bats, songbirds, small mammals and nongame fish. Photographs and paintings with wildlife not found in West Virginia will not be considered. Paintings depicting hunting or fishing activities may be submitted.

The calendar is horizontal and art should be at least 14.5 inches wide by 11.5 inches high. Artists who want to send art should mail a high resolution copy to the following address: WV Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Calendar Art, PO Box 67, Elkins, WV 26241.

Artists may send multiple paintings and artwork not chosen in previous years may be resubmitted. Digital copies of paintings of at least 300dpi may be emailed to Sanya.D.George@wv.gov.

Artists with questions about the calendar may call 304-637-0245. For more information about submitting art for the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar or to purchase the 2024 edition, visit WVdnr.gov/wildlife-calendar.

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NFES Pumpkin Drop

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tutoring and other assistance.

Roberson also praised the work of a Pendleton County Middle/High School student. "We're very excited to show off our new mural," she said of the artistry of Laney Sites-Woods. Roberson also thanked a parent, Josh Clayton, who "spruced up our new entrance."

She then discussed the different events that the school had put on for students, parents, and the community as a whole. Some were meant to inspire "healthy bodies and minds" and outdoor learning, such as a square dancing class before Treasure Mountain Festival, or Experience Learning's survival skills and fishing instruction for third through sixth graders at Spruce Knob.

A luncheon for Grandparents' Day produced "a packed event with lots of love and laughter," Roberson said.

Students also enjoyed a variety of "club day" activities that combined huge helpings of education and entertainment. These included a science lab where younger students made "slime," while kids in higher grades built bottle rockets. Other options included music, and also a nature club complete with a ropes course.

Late in October, Elizabeth Harper, NFES Communities in Schools coordinator, and a number of local businesses came together to create both a Trunk or Treat dance party that produced "an afternoon of fun and fellowship with lots of giggles" and also the Fall Fest featuring "a grand evening of games."

Students also learned basic principles of physics through the annual pumpkin drop.

In November, an afternoon of music and patriotism was held, honoring 14 local veterans with singing, appreciation, and pie and coffee. The school also has a patriotism club to help teach positive values of citizenship.

They kicked off the holidays with a community Thanksgiving lunch that served 12 families. Lots of holiday cheer was on the December schedule with a door decorating contest, the 12 Days of Christmas Food Drive, an ugly sweater contest, and more.

Roberson explained, when asked about school needs, that "our kids need more one-on-one attention," but added, "we are blessed to have the staff we have in this building." She also thanked the board for recent upgrades to safety and security, but said the windows needed tint to prevent people from seeing in from outside.

Kellee Waddell from the school's Parent-Teacher-Student Organization reported that "we had a very strong fundraising year" with a "slight increase in participation by parents." They plan to send upper grades on a ski trip and adventure days for younger students. She said, "We're doing well, plugging away, always looking for more support."

Harper gave the Local School Improvement Council's report and discussed work done there to support students and beautify the school. They created a rock garden with surfaces painted to resemble book covers, replaced stage lights, and have a goal to replace the bushes outside.

Becky Heavner, president of the faculty senate, closed out the presentation. She focused on the student mindset and behavior through much of her talk.

"We've been working with behavior for several years," she said, describing incentive programs. "The kids are receiving the positive things we're doing."

Waddell also shared words of caution, saying, "The kids I'm teaching now are different from kids 15 years ago." She added that State Senator Amy Grady, also a public school teacher, is leading up the creation of a bill that will address behavior problems that have gotten quite severe in other parts of the state.

"We have talked a lot as a staff," she said. "We would like to invite anybody and everybody for a roundtable discussion."

Charles Hedrick, Pendleton County Schools superintendent, replied, "We'll try to schedule that roundtable after the holidays." He also praised North Fork, saying, "This has been very much a community school. You all do a wonderful job reaching out to the community. We appreciate all you do."

J. D. Wilkins, Pendleton County Board of Education president, added that "it's good to see the community come back to the school after COVID. That's a big deal. It makes a difference."

Sonny O'Neil, board member, ended with "thank you for the wonderful meal."

WV Department of Economic Development

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"they don't have a whole lot of data," but went ahead and made new rules anyway.

"We're stepping into a void . . . they're kind of guessing," he said.

Apple said that Greer has worked closely with Alex Mooney, Carol Miller, Joe Manchin, and also said, "Senator Capito has provided letters on our behalf." He praised the entire delegation, saying, "I am impressed with our congress people and senators. They get it. The people who represent West Virginia get it."

Meanwhile "the demand for lime is increasing. We're all basically sold out."

Lime plays a key role in a number of different fields, mostly with its ability to assist in purifying substances. The steel manufacturing process uses it to force impurities from molten metal to the top for easy removal. Compliance with a number of environmental mandates requires the use of lime. It helps to remove pollution from air released in smokestacks, treats sewage waste, removes dangerous impurities from drinking water, and cleans animal waste.

Farmers use lime to neutralize acid in the soil and assist bacteria in changing soil nitrogen into a form usable by growing plants.

Lime is so safe that brook trout thrive in the waterways running through the Riverton plant site. Apple noted that a state researcher obtained approximately 70 such fish just downstream from the plant.

As demand increases, regulatory barriers prevent the increase of both extraction and production of lime.

Another issue for Greer reflects problems faced by many employers nationally, particularly in manufacturing. Apple says that Greer "used to always have a stack of applications," but even \$19 an hour, full benefits jobs for entry level applicants have not always produced the workforce they need.

Linsenmeyer told Apple and Harper that "we act as an ombudsman, or an advocate, for our business partners." This includes representing the company's point of view when dealing with state agencies. It was noted that state agencies generally work well with business, except when state officials need approval from federal authorities on a given issue.

He added that his office can help with other problems as well. This includes creating "spotlight" pieces for the Daily 304 blog, which highlights positive news from across the state. The social media team also shares and ensures the widest possible audience.

Greer brings tremendous economic impact to both Pendleton County and the state as a whole. They have four other stone operations, as well as ownership of newspaper, radio, and other assets. Apple said, "We bring a lot of dollars into West Virginia because we mostly sell outside of West Virginia."

Linsenmeyer shared that "we appreciate the capital invested and the technology behind all of that rock . . . We appreciate your investment in this great state."

Christmas Cheer and Winter Wonder

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The Pendleton County Library also served as a morning stop. It offered hot chocolate and other goodies for people of all ages stopping by to make Christmas ornaments to be put on the town tree later in the day.

In the middle of the room, a church group doing a residency in Smoke Hole was busy crafting their creations. Four of the group, all college students from Pennsylvania, were busy making ornaments and enjoying the day. They came from One Life Institute, an organization that brings young people from around the country to do a residency at Lodestar Mountain Inn in Smoke Hole.

The group works to support various community projects. As Maggie Bauer from Lancaster stated, "We went to Treasure Mountain Festival. We've done prayer walks in the Town of Franklin and love all the shops." She added that they also volunteer at the library.

Rebekah Lowenthal, from East Stroudsburg, shared that "I really like this close knit community." Cailey Kimble, also of Lancaster, praised the town, saying, "It's so gorgeous and the people are so nice," then described her love of the food and fun at the Potomac Highlands Recreation Center.

Jared and Katie VanMeter also opened up the historic McCoy House to visitors as part of an open house celebration. They created a space where kids could make ornaments while watching "The Polar Express." They also invited visitors to tour the house and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and more.

Jared VanMeter stated that "our goal is to give back to the community." He also expressed that their priority lay in protecting and preserving the house, saying, "It's a treasure to the community."

"This place gets me so excited," Katie VanMeter shared. She also said that "I want this to be a good experience."

The VanMeters have done extensive work in restoring the McCoy House, which has a history that includes and also predates the Civil War. They plan to make the house a part of every town celebration.

Later in the afternoon, Santa and Mrs. Claus rode in the parade and greeted children. The town Christmas tree was

also dedicated and lighted to the delight of all in attendance.

Much of the organization and other work was performed by the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce.



Children of all ages made ornaments together in the front room at the McCoy House



Maggie Bauer, Lael Spencer, Rebekah Lowenthal, and Cailey Kimble, all from Pennsylvania, enjoyed ornament crafting at the Pendleton County Library.

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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.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 7, 2023. Deadline for claims is February 5, 2024.

Arthur Hooton Estate - Danielle Fidler, Executrix; Clinton Ann Bowers Estate - Maria Bowers Miller, Executrix; Mary Alice Simmons Estate - Mary Beth Paletta, Executrix; Benny Earl Nesselrodt AKA Bennie Earl Nesselrodt Estate - Tony Nesselrodt & Benny Lee Nesselrodt, Co-Executors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 1, 2023.

Elise M. White, Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission 12-7-2c



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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0460-E-42T

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY
 Rule 42T tariff filing to increase rates and charges.

NOTICE OF HEARING

On May 31, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company filed revised tariff sheets reflecting increased base rates and charges of \$207,452,687 or 13 percent in total revenues, including the proposed Infrastructure Investment Program and the Energy Assistance Outreach Program for low-income customers detailed in the filing on a combined company basis. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Base Rate Increase

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 18.07	15.0%
Commercial	\$ 55.16	12.5%
Industrial	\$478.70	9.4%
Street Lighting	\$155.13	17.2%

The effective date of the proposed increased rates and charges has been suspended through March 26, 2024 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or lesser than the average shown. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on January 24-26, 2024. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

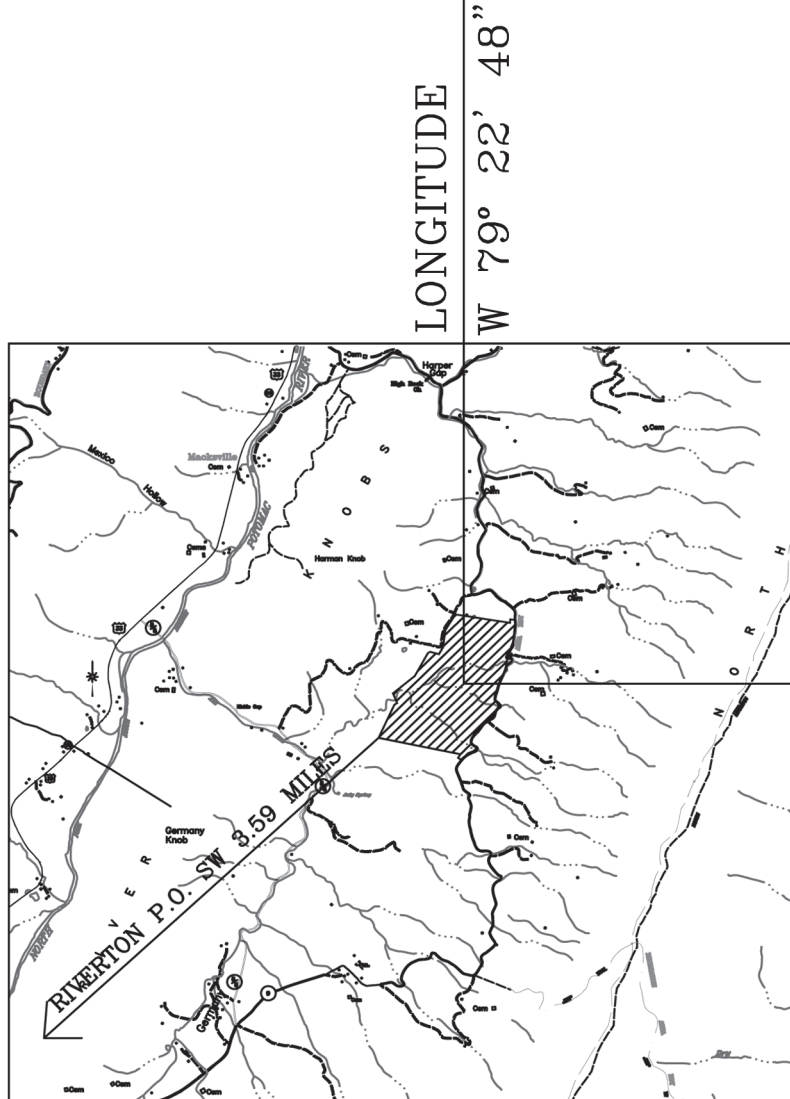
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