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Commissioners welcomed the incoming sheriff at a special meeting. Pictured, from left, are Roger Dahmer, Bradley Kimble, Carl Hevener and Jimmie Bennett.

County Commission Selects New Sheriff

By Stephen Smoot

The Pendleton County Commission's search for a new sheriff overcame a major hurdle last week.

In October, current sheriff Chad Bowers submitted a letter of resignation to the county commission. He informed the body that he would soon have accumulated enough years in public service to retire and intended to do so. Bowers stated that his retirement would be effective on Dec. 2.

Within a few weeks, the commission had reviewed replacement candidates and reached out to Nathan Hartwell of Roanoke, Virginia. Hartwell, who carries law enforcement experience from multiple jurisdictions, accepted the position. The commission approved his hiring in a November regular

For what Hartwell described as "personal reasons," however, he resigned from the post before his official start date. He also expressed his apologies to the commission for the inconvenience.

Last week, the county commission held a special meeting to confirm another candidate for the position, Bradley Kimble.

Kimble served for four years with the West Virginia Department of Corrections at multiple facilities. He said after his appointment, "I'm from Pendleton County. I wanted to come back home."

To return to his native county, Kimble applied for an open position with the sheriff's department as a bailiff and has worked in that capacity for the past one and a half

The office of sheriff in West Virginia has two responsibilities. Its most visible duties pertain to law enforcement. According to the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department website, the sheriff "provides patrol and investigative services," serves all legal papers, employs bailiffs for court hearings, handles transportation for "prisoners, mental patients, and extraditions," and issues concealed weapon licenses.

Sheriffs also operate tax collections for the county and collect fees for legal papers and home confinement fees.

The office itself dates back to medieval England under the name "shire reeve." Unlike today where sheriffs are elected by the people, the office in those days was a royal

Wimer Bags Nine Point



On Nov. 25, Ashlyn "Sis" Wimer of Franklin, age 12, harvested her biggest buck to date. She was hunting with her guide / uncle, Jackie Koontz, in Pendleton County. The nine pointer presented himself at daylight and she dropped the buck with her .243 Remington. The antlers measured 6.5" at the base and had a 19.5" outside spread.

Local Chamber of Commerce Reviews Marketing and Membership Ideas

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting. Most of the discussion centered around different ideas and methods of improving marketing and expanding membership.

One of the barriers to efficient marketing and communication for the chamber has been its website. Elizabeth Scott, executive director for the chamber, shared that "it's not an easy website to maneuver. The website is not

functional." She explained that lack of consistent service from the vendor made the site difficult to administer, especially in terms of updating information or adding events.

Scott said that people often comment that the site still carries old information.

She then discussed how much easier the Town of Franklin website functions and suggested going with the vendor for it. The board voted to approve the change despite the fact that its contract with the current provider Continued on Page 8

Seneca Rocks RDA Ends First Year on High Notes

During the past two years, Pendleton County's economic development and marketing efforts have moved in bold

directions and brought sig nificant results.

First, the county developed its own free-standing convention and visitors bureau under the direction of executive

director Amber Nesselrodt. I has taken the lead in promoting the attractions, goods, and services that bring ever increasing numbers of visitors to the region.

In May of this year came the announcement that Pendleton and Grant counties would create a new economic development authority that would serve both areas. The new authority, with the blessing of the West Virginia Economic Development Office, created a new agency to supersede the missions of the old separate county organizations that

still remain in existence. Creating the authority represented a major hurdle in itself. Regional development authorities in areas such as the New River region had already proved their utility. As Laura Brown, executive director, explained, "The biggest benefit of our regional development authority is the strengthening of our numbers.'

The counties combined efforts for a number of reasons. As Brown explained, "Similarities between Grant and Pendleton counties are easy: we're rich in agriculture, small businesses, and natural tourism assets." She added that the lifestyles and people of both counties are also similar.

Dayne Davis, who serves on the new regional development authority board, shared that "economic development is all about sourcing grants and getting access to capital to help support our

Swilled Dog Forges Mountaineer Partnership to 'Make a Difference'

By Stephen Smoot

One could say that the teaming up of Upper Tract's Swilled Dog and the West Virginia Mountaineers sounds more like a wedding than a partnership.

Fans get something old (West Virginia University's traditions of sports excellence), something new (a first release of incredibly good bourbon), and though nothing gets borrowed, all involved get to bask in the fun of following and supporting the Old Gold and

In 2021 new rules from the NCAA, along with a bill passed by the West Virginia State Legislature, allows student athletes to profit from their names, images, and likenesses. According to the West Virginia University website, this can happen in conjunction with "activities related to student-athlete business activities" or also "promotion/endorsement of products and services."

The players also must ensure that "these name, image, and likeness opportunities may occur in a manner that is consistent with the core values, mission, and principles of West Virginia University."

As Brooke Glover, owner of Swilled Dog, explained, "It connects us with people who really follow Mountaineer sports and it helps us with brand recognition."

Swilled Dog inked the agreement with Country Roads Trust, which has emerged as the leader in facilitating partnerships that link WVU athletes to NIL opportunities. Swilled Dog created a special limited edition bourbon as part of the deal. Called "1863 WV Gold," it pays homage to both the Mountaineer program and the state as a whole.

Glover shared that "people are having a lot of fun with it." An initial offering "sold Continued on Page 8

Take More Care When Preparing For and Working in Cold Conditions

By Stephen Smoot

As colder temperatures settle in, so does the added danger to life and property from fire and other temperature related issues, as well as the health of those spending time outside.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, part of the Federal Emergency Management Administration, in 2017 and 2018 "an estimated average of 32,200 heating fires in residential buildings "were reported in the United States. These fires caused 165 deaths, damages.

600 injuries, and \$367 million in property Statistically, these fires start most often between the times of 5 and 9 p.m. with most taking place between 6 and 8 p.m. Almost one third of heating related fires occurred

during these four hours. January sees the

highest percentage of any month with 20 percent of fires.

Almost four of every five heating fires come from confined areas, such as chimneys, flues, or fuel burners.

In many cases, remaining vigilant can prevent disaster. Fires in wood stoves and fireplaces create deposits of creosote, a substance composed of smoke, dirt, debris, and water vapor that becomes extremely flammable. Removing this regularly is vital for safe use.

Creosote starts as a flaky material that can easily be removed with a brush. If left to accumulate, it first forms a sticky tarlike substance, then a hardened candle wax like substance. At this point, it can be very difficult to remove without special tools. Long term exposure can also cause health

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Community

Quilters To Meet

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild will gather for their annual Christmas potluck at 6 p.m. Monday at the home of David and Holly Hubbs in Franklin.

Christmas Program Scheduled Sunday

A children's Christmas program, "Oh, What a Stellar Night," will be presented at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Franklin United Methodist Church on Main Street.

Everyone is welcome to at-

'Times' To Publish Christmas Memories, Holiday Recipes

Christmas is just around the corner. The Times would like for its readers to share with other subscribers some past Christmas memories, as well as favorite holiday

Please submit articles or recipes by Monday, Dec. 11. Both can be e-mailed to ads@ pendletontimes.com, mailed to PO Box 906, Franklin, WV 26807, or dropped off at the office.

Post 30 To Meet

American Legion Pendleton Post 30 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Star Restaurant in Franklin.

UT 4-H Club To Meet Monday

Members of the Upper Tract Producer's 4-H Club will gather for their monthly meeting and holiday party at 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Tract Firehouse.

At Franklin Church Morrisey's Staff To Visit Tuesday

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

Grand Opening of Strive to Thrive **Family Support** Center Planned

The grand opening of the Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 14. The center is located at the Eastern Action Building in Franklin (old Head Start building on Painter's Point). There will be fun activities, a visit from Santa and light refresh-

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OBITUARIES



Miranda Nicole Henderson

Miranda Nicole Henderson, 31, of Brandywine passed away Dec. 3, 2023, at

She was born on July 6, 1992, in Charlottesville, Virginia, the daughter of Rudolph and Tamara Dawn (Bodkin) Mitts of Brandy-

Ms. Henderson had previously worked at Fox's Pizza Den in Brandywine. She was employed at Brandywine Family Dining where she enjoyed working with her mother. She also worked for Pendleton Senior and Family Services in Franklin.

She attended Pendleton County High School and graduated from Winchester High School. She was a Christian by faith and loved spending time with her family and friends. She had a natural and witty sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh. Her personality was infectious and her laugh was contagious.

In addition to her parents, she leaves behind to cherish her memory a daughter, Skylar Jane Hottle and Skylar's half sisters, Jasmine and Alyssa; two sisters, Bethany Perez (Romeo), and Jaiden Dawn Mitts, all of Brandywine; a brother, Bryant Allen Mitts of Brandywine; her maternal grandparents, Bobby and Patricia Bodkin of Brandywine; a sister-in-law, Vivana Orozco Montoya of Brandywine; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and

She was preceded in death Melinda Mallow, DJ Kimble, by a brother, Anthony F. Isaac, and Devin. Henderson.

Funeral arrangements are friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Satincomplete at this time and urday at the Basagic Funeral are under the direction of Home in Franklin. Funeral the Basagic Funeral Home services will be held at 2 in Franklin.

Memorials may be made home chapel with JD Wilkins to Skylar Hottle Education officiating. Interment will Rund, c/o Tamara Mitts, 2079 Sugar Grove Rd., Brandy- Cemetery in Riverton. wine, WV 26802.

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Marvin Orlando Dice, Jr.

Marvin Orlando Dice, Jr.,

56, of Red Springs, North

Carolina, passed away Nov.

27, 2023, as the result of an

automobile accident in North

He was born on May 31,

1967, in Petersburg, the son

of Carol June (Mallow) Dice

of Riverton and the late Mar-

Mr. Dice was a 1985 gradu-

ate of Circleville High School

and a graduate of Alderson

Broaddus College, where he

obtained a master's degree in

computer science and applied

math and an associate degree

He was employed by

He was very fond of cook-

ing. He loved his family and

enjoyed coming home to West

Virginia to spend time with

His wife, Lisa R. (Cooper)

In addition to his mother

and wife, he leaves behind to

cherish his memory a step-

daughter, Whitney Cooper;

two stepsons, Donald Cooper

(Makya) and Patrick Cooper

(Niakeya); 11 step-grand-

children; aunts and uncles,

Danny Mallow (Linda) and

Sue Sponaugle (Carroll Lee),

all of Franklin, Rhonda Mal-

low (Carl Thompson) of Riv-

erton, Leona Beard of Peters-

burg, Norma Wimer of Texas,

Helen Bostic of Virginia and

Sheila Sites (Gerald) of Pe-

tersburg; and several cousins,

including a special cousin,

The family will receive

p.m. Sunday in the funeral

be at North Fork Memorial

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Monika Fischer Flippin

Monika Fischer Flippin was surrounded by beloved family members as she transitioned peacefully on Nov. 30, 2023, in Petersburg following a sudden illness.

She was born Dec. 13, 1948, in Honsolgen, Germany, to the late Margit Julie Lebeth and Hans Josef

Mrs. Flippin, along with her mother and brother, immigrated March 17, 1957, to the United States, and their family settled in Fort Seybert. She led an unintentionally adventurous childhood both in Germany and in West Virginia, amassing a vast collection of incredibly fascinating stories of her childhood.

She was a top graduate of the Franklin High School class of 1967 and was active in band, choir, and 4-H where she earned her All Star pin. She earned a bachelor of arts from West Virginia University in Morgantown.

She invested her career in public service, improving communities throughout Pendleton, Hardy, and Grant counties for more than 25 years as a social worker with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and teacher in the various county school systems. As the owner and operator of Sweedlin Greenhouse, she and her mother raised countless seedlings, including beautiful flowers and unique varieties of local heirloom tomatoes that she named after the South Fork families who shared

Mrs. Flippin was the definition of a kind and empathetic soul. She was renowned for her selfless spirit and boundless generosity, both of which she shared with reckless abandon with nearly anyone who was lucky enough to cross her path. No one in the community was forgotten as she found joy in sharing her time, homemade bread, cookies, garden vegetables, flower bouquets, and handmade Christmas wreaths.

She always had room to add one more seat at the dinner table and welcomed anyone to sit down and share a delicious homemade meal. No one left her house hungry or empty handed.

She practiced a life of diligence, and her talents were many — a beekeeper, target shooting with a custom made 45 cal. long rifle, champion homebrewer, teacher, chef, piano player, gardener, photographer, nature enthusiast, singer, mother, grandmother "Omi", and friend. Her gardens were a masterpiece, and she enjoyed canning and preserving the food that she produced. She and her husband, Jim, were a remarkable team in every aspect, enabling them to accomplish far more than any one person could on their own. They undertook all projects and adventures together including building their own homes and managing the gardens and forests on their property.

On Aug. 22, 1970, she married Jim Flippin, and they went on to create an abundant life with their two daughters, who she loved unconditionally and supported

Her husband of 53 years, Jim Flippin of Fort Seybert,

Also surviving are daughters Cecelia (Jeff) Teagarden of Fort Seybert and Jennifer Flippin (Jacob Metheny) of Fort Seybert and Moorefield, WV; half sister Barbara Linke (Klaus) of Germany; half brother Andreas Fischer of Germany; nieces, Laura Gilkeson (Jason) of Bridgewater, Virginia, Emily Hernando (Jose) of Greensboro, North Carolina, Julie Levy (Benjamin) of Florida, and Melanie Nevermann (Christoph) of Germany; her highly adored granddaughter, Bethany; honorary grandson, Edison; and numerous cherished friends who she considered

She was also preceded in passing by her brother, Hans Joachim "Butch" Fischer; mother, Margit Julie Lebeth Dahmer; and grandmother, Friederike Schuldes Lebeth.

In honoring her wishes, she was cremated. A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin.

In lieu of flowers or donations, the family requests that one celebrates her memory by pausing for a moment to share a person's time and gifts with someone around one, send flowers to a friend, or share a meal with some-



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Tammy Joseph Popp

Tammy Joseph Popp, 61, of Waynesville, North Carolina, passed away Nov. 28, 2023, at her home.

She was born Jan. 28, 1962, at Waynesville, North Carolina, and was the daughter of Winton "Bucky" Joseph of Brandywine and the late Lucille Brock Joseph.

She was a retired nurse and more recently had been a self-employed entrepreneur.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Zachary Ryan Popp; and a brother, Webster Brock Joseph.

A graveside service was held Monday at Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandywine with Pastor Mike Loudermilk officiating. Online condolences and

memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.

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

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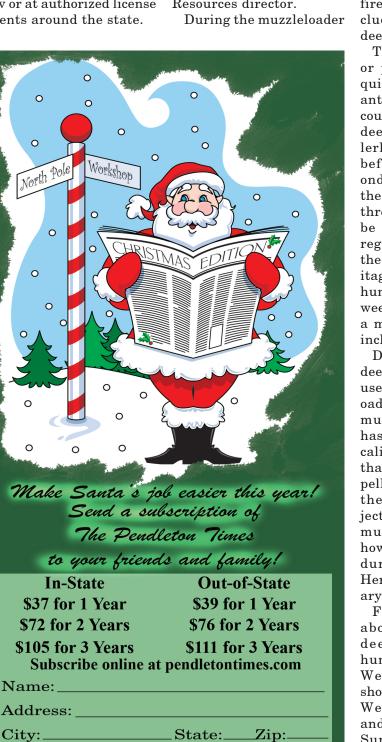
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Hunters who want a chance to harvest an additional deer during West Virginia's muzzleloader deer season must purchase an RM/RRM stamp before the season starts on Dec.

Stamps may be purchased online at WVdnr. gov or at authorized license agents around the state.

"The muzzleloader deer season is an excellent opportunity for hunters to be out when there are fewer hunters in the woods and provides an opportunity to be afield with more traditional equipment," said Brett McMillion, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources director.



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season, antlered deer are legal in all counties that have a buck firearms season and deer of either sex are legal in all counties or parts thereof that have a Class N or NN antlerless season. Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties are closed to all firearms deer hunting, including the muzzleloader deer season.

There are nine counties or parts thereof that require hunters to take an antlerless deer within the county, during any regular deer season open to antlerless deer hunting and before harvesting a second antlered deer within the county. No more than three antlered bucks may be harvested during the regular deer seasons and the 2024 Mountaineer Heritage Season combined. All hunters afield during this week are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of blaze orange.

During the muzzleloader deer season, hunters may use a single shot muzzleloading pistol or single shot muzzleloading rifle that has a bore diameter of .38 caliber or larger, provided that the encapsulated propellant charge loads from the breech and the projectile is loaded from the muzzle. These firearms, however, may not be used during the Mountaineer Heritage Season in January

For more information about the muzzleloader deer season and other hunting opportunities in West Virginia, hunters should consult the 2023-24 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations. To purchase a hunting license, visit WVdnr.gov.

Deer Muzzleloader Season Opens Dec. 11 Hunters who want a chance to harvest an additional deer during West season is an excellent opportunity for hunters to be portunity for hunters to be legal in all counties that have a buck firearms season. Students for Reading



Gateway Restaurant has teamed up with North Fork Elementary School to encourage students to read. Each nine weeks, three students will receive a free meal at the Gateway. The names of students who have the required amount of Accelerated Reading points are entered into the drawing. Receiving the reward for the first-nine weeks were, from left, Nolin Nededog (fifth grade), Kinsley Shane (second grade) and Alayna Huffman (sixth grade).

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40 Years Ago Week of November 24, 1983

Civilian Conservation Corps Was Creature of Depression 50 Years Ago

"Two hundred men of the army of the unemployed of Washington camped in the heart of the Massanutten mountains last night," according to a contemporary newspaper account of the April 17, 1933, arrival.

The first group of "campers" along with 275,000 others who would be placed in 1,300 camps across the United States in the next three months, had just enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps, probably the most successful conservation and unemployment relief program ever attempted on a national

Most of the men that came to Civilian Conservation Corps camps in the early months were ill prepared for the tasks that lay ahead. But they were in need of work, they were willing, and they would eventually develop the skills they needed to improve themselves and their new surroundings. Today, on the George Washington National Forest and across the country, the public continues to benefit from the conservation and recreation projects completed by workers of the CCC.

The first 200 arrived about 5 p.m. on April 17 at what soon would be known as Camp Roosevelt. The camp was named for President Franklin Roosevelt, who just a month earlier had introduced the legislation that made the CCC

The men were soon put to work, unpacking, peeling potatoes, and cutting wood. The problem was that many of them had never seen an ax, a pick or shovel, and few knew how to handle them.

But most were eager to learn to use the tools that would be essential in the coming months and years, and most were willing workers, according to then Capt. Leo Donovan of the U.S. Army. Donovan was assigned by the Army to establish and administer the first CCC camp.

Ninety percent of the men had never done manual labor. Donovan wrote in the July-August 1933, issue of Infantry Journal, but their spirit and willingness under adverse conditions, including weeks of bad weather, was excellent.

The high spirits of CCC enrollees is understandable. Just a few weeks earlier they were among the millions of unemployed caught in the deep Depression of the early 1930's. Many were wandering the streets of America's cities they were jobless, hungry and almost without hope.

The Civilian Conservation Corps of 50 years ago promised, first, hope. Then it provided food, shelter, and clothing. Probably most important, it gave the men of the Depression a chance to learn work skills that many would use when private sector jobs were again available.

To join the CCC, a young man had to be 17 to 25 years old, unemployed, unmarried and out of school. He served a minimum of six months to a maximum of two years in the Corps. In addition to food, clothing, and shelter, he received \$30 per month for 40 hours work per week. Of the \$30, the government sent \$25 per month home to the worker's family.

The CCC program was administered by a variety of federal and state agencies. The Department of Labor supervised the enrollment of eligible young mem. The Army and Navy oversaw the design, construction, and maintenance of work camps, and supervised day-to-day operations. The U.S. Forest Service, the Park Service, and a variety of state agencies directed specific projects conducted by the Corps.

Those projects provided skills and training that prepared enrollees by the thousands for productive working lives. They learned carpentry, cooking, plumbing, typing, and driving. Many were trained to operate pick-up trucks and dump trucks, bulldozers, road graders and cement mixers. Some worked jack hammers, air compressors, and stone

Together the CCC men constructed roads, trails, bridges and buildings. They fought forest fires, renewed timber stands and aided further development of wildlife. They built lakes and dams, telephone lines, and fire

During the nine years of the Civilian Conservation Corpsfrom 1933 until 1942 when the CCC was disbanded at the start of World War II—more than three million men worked in the program. They planted 2.4 billion trees, stocked streams with a billion fish, controlled soil erosion by constructing more than 6.6 million dams, and filled the nation's forests with uncountable numbers of a variety of wildlife. They built 126,000 miles of roads and trails and installed 89,000 miles of telephone lines.

Perhaps the most visible contributions for the modern visitor to the George Washington National Forest are the many recreation areas built or improved by the CCC. Typical of these is Sherando Lake on the Pedlar Ranger District, today one of the forest's most popular recreation areas. Sherando Lake took more than three years to construct.

Of the first group who enrolled in the CCC in 1933, Capt. Donovan said, "There has never been assembled any group of men who could eat more than a Civilian Conservation Corps company." They started eating April 17, Donovan wrote that July, "and they are still eating." But their appetites for work and learning matched their physical hunger, and the legacy of their labor is apparent in parks and forests across the nation.

Week of December 1, 1983

Pendleton Off Limits To Soviet Diplomats

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Mineral counties.

These two eastern panhandle counties are on the revised list issued by the state department, but there is no explanation why they are off-limits to the Russians.

An official of the state department explained to an inquiring journalist that with so many counties on the list, the agency cannot provide explanations for all of them even if they were inclined to

The official said there are two reasons normally that a county is restricted: security, and retaliation against the Soviet Union.

The Soviets have their own map of areas to which U.S. diplomats may not travel, and the U.S. may include areas on its list in order to match the percentage of land area that the Russians have restricted.

Another reason for the restrictions may be the fact that the Naval Radio Receiving Station is located in Pendleton County and the Alleghany Ballistics Laboratory, a research and development plant for missile engines, is located in Mineral County.

50 Years Ago Week of November 29, 1973

Hoofprints Indicate Deer Sex

WHOSE WOODS ARE THESE ...

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

Last week in this column we wrote about the rutting season of the white-tailed deer. This week we look at one specific aspect of the white-tail—a very controversial aspect at this time of year—the deer's

hoofprints. Among hunters and outdoorsmen there is much argument over whether and how you can tell the sexes of deer by their hoof prints. Many people claim that they have techniques that are certain. If anybody among our readers does have a foolproof technique

we would like to see it. Many people say that because a buck is larger, a buck's hoofs are broader, heavier and more rounded at the tips than those of a doe. Actually, for the majority of bucks and does, the opposite is probably true. Because does are protected from hunters they live longer and grow bigger.

Studies have shown that seldom do bucks live beyond three years—usually sooner rather than later a hunter gets even the most cautious buck. Occasionally though a buck will live longer than three years. Then it is true, you can tell his prints by his size.

On the other hand, does live much longer, often more than 10 years. (In the old days, when there were wolves and mountain lions, does did not live as long as they do today, for the old ones were picked off by these predators.) Otherwise, scientific studies of both bucks and does have shown that the hoofs of both sexes are identical. What is not identical is the way the deer set their hoofs down. Bucks step differently from does.

The doe, true to her womanhood, is dainty and picks up her feet carefully. As a consequence, in light snow of about one inch, her prints are of just the hoof itself. Consequently, in a light snow a buck will leave very definite drag marks, sometimes a foot long or more before he sets down his hoof.

In snow deeper than an inch, both bucks and does leave drag marks so then this method becomes unreliable. In the fall, during a buck's rut, he is most sloppy about dragging his feet and this becomes an especially good method to tell the sexes apart by their tracks. Look around after a spring snow; you will never see the number or the length of drag marks that you see in the fall during hunting season.

60 Years Ago Week of December 5, 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

> Longstreet Repulsed; **Knoxville Siege Ends**

The night was cold—a bone chilling cold that sent the temperature below the freezing mark. A fine mist fell. Huddled in their camps trying to get a little sleep without fires, 12,000 Confederate soldiers waited for

It was early morning of November 29, 100 years ago just outside Knoxville, Tenn. The soldiers were those of Gen. James B. Longstreet who for a week had besieged Knoxville and the Union troops therein commanded by Gen. Ambrose Burnside.

This night was different from those that had preceded it, however. Longstreet had been sent to Knoxville from Chattanooga to destroy Burnside's army and then to return to Chattanooga and rejoin Braxton Bragg's huge army there. But since Longstreet's departure, Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant had defeated Bragg in the gigantic battle on Missionary Ridge. Bragg now was falling back into Georgia. Longstreet was by himself.

Longstreet had gotten unofficial reports that very night of the Confederate catastrophe at Missionary Ridge, but they did not change his plans for an assault. His orders were for an attack at the first sign of dawn.

When that moment came November 29th, Confederate guns boomed out three signal shots that climbed into the sky and exploded. Immediately, the woods and fields west of Knoxville were filled with moving men in gray, assembling for their day's

Through the dim light, the Confederates hurried forward, their gun barrels flashing as the fighting began. With little resistance, they moved into

Union rifle pits, which had been captured the night before, within 200 yards of their prime target—Fort Sanders, west of

From the pits, they swarmed toward the fort itself and immediately ran into trouble. A maze of wires had been spread on the field in front of the fort, and the Confederates found themselves momentarily entangled, confused and faltering. They pushed beyond the wire only to come upon a deep, frozen ditch in front of the fort. Some jumped into the ditch but were unable to get out the other side; a few climbed over their buddies' shoulders onto the fort's parapet only to be shot or captured.

Meanwhile, Union troops fired muskets and canister down into the Confederates who, now, were stopped and milling about. It was too much. Soon, the Confederates were retreating.

That night, Longstreet got more bad news. Orders came in from Richmond, announcing Bragg's defeat at Chattanooga and telling Longstreet to fall back and rejoin Bragg. Next came word from Bragg, himself, saying Grant had sent Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, with more Union troops to aid Burnside.

Longstreet decided to stay at Knoxville until Sherman was almost on him, thereby keeping Sherman away from Bragg. Three days passed, and on December 4, Longstreet's army marched north into the Tennessee mountains, as Sherman moved into Knoxville.

The campaign at Knoxville was over; more than 1,000 men on each side had become casualties.

Next week: The two presidents speak.

MISS ANNE SIMMONS **HOMAN SHATTERS FAMILY TRADITION**

Morris Homan, local insurance executive and former assessor of Pendleton County. has lost the respect of his five brothers.

Because his wife gave birth

last week to a baby girl.

It's not that there is anything particularly wrong with having a baby girl. But the trouble is that this young lady has shattered the family tradition by being the first girl born in the Homan family in three generations.

First it was two boys, Morris' father, the late Virgil R. Homan, and his brother, Walter Homan; and in the next generation it was six boys. Morris and his five brothers, Richard, Walter, Reed, Virgil, Jr., and John; and in the current stanza, there have been six more boys, two of whom are Morris', one (now deceased) was a son of Virgil, Jr., and three are sons of Walter.

But alas! Last Thursday it was Anne Simmons Homan. Morris is blaming it all on his wife, Ruby, and she is just as pleased as can be.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

With only a few weeks until Christmas and still no snowfall, let's hope that the area will get some snow so Santa can get his sleigh here. Last year, the area didn't receive much snow at all, only .25".

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 and Martha R.

Kimble. Prayer thought: "Loving God, thank you for your promise to never leave me. I trust you to be my strength, my provision and my joy throughout my life."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Nov. 27 through Dec. 3, followed by the same for last vear, were as follows: Nov. $27 - 33^{\circ}, 28^{\circ} (55^{\circ}, 36^{\circ}, .17^{\circ});$ Nov. 28 - 28°, 17° (52°, 35°, .01"); Nov. $29 - 42^{\circ}$, 12° (53°, 37°); Nov. 30 - 52°, 27° (48°, 33°, .42"); Dec. 1 - 47°, 33°, .11" (39°, 24°); Dec. $2 - 62^{\circ}$, 47° , .19" (47° , 17°) and Dec. $3 - 63^{\circ}, 44^{\circ}, .01" (55^{\circ}, 28^{\circ},$

Total rainfall for November was 3.33", compared to 4.11" in November of 2022.

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Writer Offers Bits and Pieces from 1923

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Just for interest's sake, the writer wishes to take the reader down memory lane to 1923...100 years ago. Taking a look at the main events might prove to be quite interesting when using 2023

- •The 450-foot-long "Hollywood" sign is erected on Mount Lee as a promotion for the Hollywoodland subdivision in Beachwood Canyon, California.
- "Runnin Wild" opens on Broadway, introducing the Charleston dance to America.
- The U.S. Attorney General declares that it is legal for women
- On June 12, Harry Houdini frees himself from a straight acket while suspended upside-down, 40 feet above the streets
- •A retail war drops gasoline prices as low as six cents per
- African-American inventor Garrett Morgan patents the first electric traffic signal.
- On Oct. 16, Walt Disney and his brother, Roy O. Disney, found the Walt Disney Company.
- Opera singer Maria Callas, authors Norman Mailer and Nadine Gordimer, musicians Hank Williams and Tito Puente,
- actor Charlton Heston and test pilot Chuck Yeager were born. • The U.S. Steel Corporation initiates the eight-hour work day,
- reporting that it benefits employee relations and productivity. •Edwin Hubble uses the 100-inch telescope at Mt. Wilson to establish that the Milky Way is only one of many galaxies in the
- "The House that Babe Ruth Built," Yankee Stadium opens in the Bronx. Then Babe hits .398 with 41 homers for the season and leads his club to its first World Series title.
- Following the sudden death of Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge is sworn in as the 30th president of the United States.
- Teapot Dome, the nation's most notorious political scandal prior to Watergate, comes to public attention. The case will eventually result in the conviction of Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall, the first cabinet member in history to go to jail.
- Howard Carter opened King Tut's tomb.
- Price of a man's Mohair suit was \$14.00.
- •Big movie was Cecil B. DeMille's first version of "The Ten commandments."
- •The number one song was "Yes! We have no bananas."
- Clarence Birdseye invented frozen food.
- The Model T was one of the most popular cars.
- Indeed, the American way of life has certainly changed, due to



Pictured are, from left, are Homer Clark Smith (Feb. 20, 1905 - Feb. 3 1991) and John Floyd Crummett (Nov. 11, 1895 - Aug. 11, 1977) who married Sarah Frances "Sallie" Wilfong Crummett (June 17, 1999 - July 25, 1987).

the factors involved 100 years ago.

- Life's little instructions include the following:
- 1. Never eat a sugared doughnut when wearing a dark suit. 2. Put love notes in your child's lunch box.
- 3. Keep a pencil and pad by every phone.
- 4. Don't ride in a car if the driver is either drinking or taking
- 5. Occasionally let your children help you, even if it slows you

Fog burned away to a beautiful Saturday that boasted of warm temperatures. Very little moisture fell on Friday...something the area needs so much of. Nine-degree temperatures lasts Wednesday called for a two-hour delay for the schools.

Christmas lights are beginning to take on the eye of the beholder. Brandywine is getting pretty lit up. So too, is the Snowy Mountain Road off of Route 220.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"Another belief of mine: that everyone else my age is an adult, whereas I am merely in disguise." - Margaret Atwood

"Winter is not a season; it's a celebration." — Anamika Mishra "If you learn something new every day, you can teach some-

thing new every day."—Marth

"Happiness is when what

you think, what you say, and what you do are harmony" — Ma-

"What would men be without women? Scarce, sir...mighty scarce." — Mark Twain

Sitting by the fire is a good place to hear the "Talk of the Grove." William and Donna Arrington went to Morgantown to celebrate the second birthday of their youngest grandson, Zane

Mary Puffenbarger returned home the day before Thanksgiv-

On Saturday, Sandy Temple visited with Willard and Judy

Ava and Leslie Bowers, along with Reshella Leary and Tammy George, spent the weekend in Lewisburg. While there, they attended the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Greenbrier, and took a tour of the bunker.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggers are as follows:

- Chickens cannot sweat.
- \bullet The last day of 2023 will be 123123.
- •Barbados is named after a tree (the bearded tree).
- •Chinatown in Victoria, British Columbia is the oldest in Canada, where one can walk down the narrowest street, Fan Tan Alley, which measures 35 inches across.

Pendleton County was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 1788 from parts of Augusta, Hardy, and Rockingham counties and was named for Edmund Pendleton (1721–1803), a distinguished Virginia statesman and jurist.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Bob Adamson, Rick Adkins, Charles Anderson, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Judy Austin, Lynn Beatty, Jimmy Bennett, "Bo" Boggs, Jane Conrad, Marie Cole, Norma Propst Cunningham, Christian Dasher, Bethany Eye, Isaac Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Neal Eye, Donna Fleisher, the Monika Flippin family, Loralee Gordon, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, the Miranda Henderson family, Jackie Hill, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adelbert Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie and Enos Horst, Mike Jamison, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Boyd Kimble, Danny Kimble, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, the Angela Lung family, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, 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, the family of Marilyn Kay-Uhl, Sandra Vandevander, Wayne Vandevander, Raymond Varner, Amy Vaus, Sheldon Waggy, Judy Williams, Ann Wimer, Junior Wimer and Margaret Wimer.'

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Name Address: Parent's Name Fantastic Freshmen Contribute to Wildcat Season Opening Win

By Stephen Smoot

There was a time when freshmen did not play varsity in any sport. Bigger programs had separate freshman teams. Other schools buried freshmen on junior varsity. In every sport, Pendleton County has had to rely heavily on freshmen and they come through time and time again.

Pendleton County's girls' basketball head coach Donnie Kopp has had to throw his freshmen directly into the fire and, in the season opener, they delivered.

The Wildcats have made a habit of close opening season games with Union. Two years ago, Union upset Pendleton County, but last year, the Wildcats came home from Grant County with a win. Last week's game brought just as much drama and excitement.

Union's strengths lie in strong and steady inside play complemented by good outside shooting. With a roster full of new players and players new to contributing, Pendleton County is still forming its team identity.

The tip off went to the Tigers and they drew first blood with a layup. The first quarter saw baskets difficult to score from both teams. After giving up the first points, Pendleton County scored the next seven points off fast breaks and a Susan Vincell free throw.

Kopp's new system, borrowed from the Glenville women's and West Liberty men's program, emphasizes keeping every player fresh. All 10 players give approximately equal time with two shifts shuttled in and out hockey-style. Union used a three and a layup to tie the

game with less than five minutes to go in the quarter. Union pulled ahead briefly 11 to 7, but the Wildcats edged back to a one point deficit at the end of the quarter.

Kopp said after the game that "we missed

a lot of easy shots." The Wildcats had more opportunities than Union to score from the floor, but the shooters struggled early. Union extended the lead to 13 to 11 at the 6:11 mark in the second. Gabby DePue, fouled on the high post, hit one of two free throws, followed by a three-point shot from Jenna Smith.

Union responded with a layup, but a layup by Olivia Gonshor put her squad ahead again. Julia Mongold followed with a 15-footer to extend the lead to four, then a 17-footer with only seconds left in the half. Pendleton County took a 21 to 17 lead in the half.

The Wildcats performed well in their defense, generally running a man-to-man and a press after made shots. Union's strong inside players, however, were difficult to stop when they got the ball on the post.

The Tigers hit a pull up three to cut the lead to 21 to 20, then followed with a layup to give them a brief lead. With about five minutes left in the quarter, Gonshor buried a three-point shot that gave the Wildcats the lead that Union never took away again.

The two point guards, Nataley Hedrick and Avery Townsend, did not score a lot of points. They did, however, provide outstanding ball handling, game management, and defense. Townsend's steals helped to generate points at the other end throughout the game. DePue, Jameigh Miller, and Vincell rebounded well and limited the ability of the Tigers to use their size advantage.

Miller also hit a timely three pointer to break a 24 to 24 tie with almost three minutes left

In the second half, Kiera Heavener brought hustle and heart to the effort and held Union at bay. She had two steals in the middle of the third and more in the final stanza. She later scored a lavup off an offensive rebound.

With 3:52 left in the game, the Pendleton



Julia Mongold, Avery Townsend, Olivia Gonshor, Sarah Vincell, and Jessica Parker celebrate a season opening close win over a talented Union team.

County 40 to 35 lead looked nearly insurmountable, given the difficulty in scoring baskets for both sides. It was then that both teams played less tentatively and started attacking on offense and defense. The pace looked more mid season for both teams.

Union hit two free throws, then a layup, to come within one with 1:13 left in the game. With 43 seconds left, Townsend extended the lead with a clutch three-point goal. Union followed four seconds later with a three made off a high pick and roll at the top of the key.

Within two points and finally hitting the deep shots they wanted, Union posed a huge threat. Behind 43 to 42, they fouled Jessica Parker, one of the three freshmen on the team. Parker coolly hit two free throws to push the lead to three.

Union was tied up on their next possession, giving the Wildcats the ball. Townsend passed the ball to Parker, who was intentionally fouled with 19 seconds left. She made one, giving her team a four point lead and removing the chance of a one shot tie for the Tigers.

One should praise Parker for her coolness in a tough situation, making the plays to seal the first win of the season as a ninth grader. Kopp also stuck to his game plan when, perhaps, other coaches may have scuttled the strategy and gone with his most experienced players at the end. Showing his confidence in every player to do what was necessary, however, will pay bigger dividends going forward, regardless of how the season opener turned out.

After the game, Kopp said that he "saw flashes" of the team that he expects them to become. He praised his freshmen, who avoided most mistakes one would allow for them in the situation, exclaiming "we had Olivia Gonshor, Jessica Parker, and Sarah Vincell. They're ninth graders!"

Kopp also praised Heavener, who was a reserve last year, saying, "She works her hind end off," and has "heart."

Of his team, Kopp said, "We just have to keep the players at it and we've got to believe in it."

Townsend Earns All-Tournament Honors As Wildcats Take On Strong Slate in Romney

By Stephen Smoot

To be the best, one must play the best.

Donnie Kopp, who has coached the best, has put that maxim to work for his Wildcats early in the season. Pendleton County followed a season opening victory over Union by taking the two hour trip to Romney to compete in the Hampshire Tip-Off Tournament against quad and triple A competition.

Friday night, the Wildcats challenged Musselman. One of the most important stats to keep in mind is 1,713 to 385. Those are the student populations of the two high schools. The Applemen held a significant height advantage and enjoy a lineup composed almost entirely of battle tested juniors and seniors.

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Goliath also enjoyed the crowd's affection over the fighting and feisty Davids.

Head coach Kopp, however, got almost everything he was asking for from the contest. He said, "I just kept telling them to play it till the end."

The Wildcats, true to their moniker, came out attacking. Musselman raced ahead to a 9 to 1 lead, but had to work for that. Pendleton County's press, through the hands of Avery Townsend, Kiera Heavener, and Nataley Hedrick, took three steals from Musselman in the first 1:10 of the game.

Julia Mongold then buried a three-pointer, followed by a layup by Gabby DePue after wrestling away an offensive rebound with about two minutes left. The Applemen extended the lead to 12 to 6,

> but Jameigh Miller hit a three to pull her squad back within three with 1:41 left in the first

Musselman then put a tall and rangy player at the top of their defense to slow down the Wildcat point guards, a challenge that Hedrick and Townsend adapted to.

Early in the second quarter, Musselman took a 19 to 9 lead, but two free throws by Mongold cut that to an eight point advantage.

Pendleton County's press took their opponent out of their offensive rhythm, especially in the first half. Townsend picked the Applemen's pockets the entire game. The Wildcats also played strong inside, with DePue picking up three blocked shots and all of the players battling on both ends of the court



Jameigh Miller, Gabby DePue and Nataley Hedrick stop an Appleman drive and force a turnover.

At the end of the first half, Pendleton County found themselves down by 15, but as a result of a strong and determined effort against powerful odds.

Musselman used their advantages to wear down Pendleton County in the second half to build a substantial lead. Kopp said that "I don't ever like to lose, but if they don't fold it up and quit, that's a benefit."

Kopp's team kept attacking on offense and defense. Townsend, Mongold, Miller, and Jenna Smith started working to make plays on offense. Kopp also noted that "Gabby DePue had a bunch of blocks and rebounds."

The last plays of the contest included a steal from Townsend, an assist to Miller, and a block by Susan Vincell, showing that the team did indeed stay aggressive until the end

Another aspect of the game that Pendleton County could count as a "win" lay in the play of four underclassmen. Heavener, a sophomore, played very well on defense and rebounded strongly. Olivia Gonshor, Jessica Parker, and Vincell held their own against

much more experienced competition. The final score of the game was Musselman 67 to Pendleton

County's 28. The following day, the Wildcats took on Hampshire in the consolation game. The Trojans took the win 68-33. Pendleton County also fought in this game, making a run to cut the score to a two point deficit midway through the second quarter.

Townsend scored 11 points against Hampshire and earned alltournament honors. The team played against Tucker County and Buckhannon-Upshur earlier this week and take on Moorefield on

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Middle/High School **Honor Roll Announced**

Ali Judy, Pendleton County High School counselor, has released the honor rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period.

Principal's Honor Roll (All A's)

Seventh grade — Tatum Aumann, Ava Bowers, Laney Bowers, Anthony Henderson, Cohen Hiett, Ziva Jones, Abigail Judy, Carolina Kimble, Mason Miller, Evie Nulph and Jacey Thompson;

Eighth grade — Sam Eason, Alaena Fertig, Mason Harper, Katie Heavner, Katie Keyser and Albert Ramos-Rivera;

Ninth grade — Olivia Gonshor, Cole Harper, Spencer Hartman, Ty Heavner, Liam Simmons, Gabriella Trail, Susan Vincell and

Tenth grade — Madison Arbaugh, Breena Bowers, Mason DiFalco, Corbin Dove, Larissa Greathouse, Kiera Heavener, Dakota Huffman, Braylin Hull, Cashton Kisamore, Gena Lambert, Jameigh Miller, Jaiden Mitts, Leah Nesselrodt, Chase Owens, Emily Poling, Sadie Rowe, Lindsay Simmons, Carolyn Varner, Henry Warner and Isabelle Zirkle; Eleventh grade — Elizabeth Alt, Caleb Ar-

mentrout, Hannah Bennett, Leah Bennett, Madisen Brooks, Emma Hartman, Lydia Heavner, Ila Jones, Aubree Keiter, Jacob Mitchell, Titus Nulph, Addison Rexrode, Nicholas Rhodes, Jenna Smith, Makayla Tingler, Avery Townsend, James Vincell and Zykijah Wright; and

Twelfth grade — Kaylee Arbogast, Margaret Connor, Claire Cooney, Allie Cooper, Gabrielle DePue, Natalie Evick, Katelyn Hedrick, Nataley Hedrick, Myra Mitchell, Dillon Poling, Kacie Simon, Dillon Smith, Dusty Smith, Megan Smith and Ally Vance.

Regular Honor Roll (B/3.0 Average)

Seventh grade — Emma Alexander, Lily Brogan, Marley Champ, Blaine Cook, Yaslin Cruz, Landon Davis, Aidynn Deshawne, Colton Drake, Wyatt Haynes, Tia Heavner, Allie Herick, Isabella Jameson, Carly Kimble, Hayden Kimble, Jacob Lambert, Katelyn Myers, Kinsley Price, Bryce Propst, Jude Propst, Jazminn Severance, Jaxon Simon, Dalila Sponaugle, Avionna Thurston, Makayla Turner, McKenzie Vandevander, Kayden Warner, Lauren Williams, Ashlyn Wimer and Jackson Wimer;

Eighth grade — Charity Chan, Chesnee Colaw, John Connor, Jr., Dylan Eye, Susan George, Chloe Kisamore, Travis Owens Phoebe Pownell, Benjamin Puffenbarger Colton Roberson, Jonah See, Lauren Sisson Kaylee Teter and Danielle Warner;

Ninth grade - Alex Adams, Zander Adams, Claire Adkins, Arianna Alt, Trey Armentrout, Cayson Armstrong, Bryce Basagic, Alyssa Bennett, Ethan Gibson Summer Hull, Kali Johnson, Callie Judy, Trace Lambert, Autumn Lockard, Britton Lough, Cain Nulph, Jessica Parker, Bryn Reel, Molly Rowe, Bentley Ruddle, Colby Simmons, Rylan Tilley, Alex Tracy, Madison Waybright-Bird, Kourtney Whetzel, Brody Wimer and Brennan Wyatt;

Tenth grade — Jestani Atkins, Zackary Boggs, Ryan Bruns, Landen Champ, Madison Ciangetti, Barrett Cook, Isabella Cooper, Evelyn Ditch, Bethany Eye, Tildon Graham, Laikyn Hanna, Garrett Hartman, Makinley Hedrick, Jaydon Hess, Ruby McClanahan, Kaitlyn McQuain, Orrin Merrick, Clara Raines, Kammron Redman, Taylor Roberson, Dalton Rohrbaugh, Jonas Turner, Ronald Vanmeter, Brynlynn Waggy and Cheyanne

Eleventh grade — Sawyer Apple, Kinsley Armstrong, Baylee Beachler, Kacy Bennett, Timothy Bogan, Abigail Engle, Cortlyn Hartman, Benjamin Hartwell, Hannah Harvey, McKenna Hedrick, Ashton Hess. Dalton Hester, Ella Johnston, Josiah Kimble Isabella Lockard, Isaiah Lockard, Paigelyn Long, Gracie Lough, Julia Mongold, Jaida Reel, Bryson Ruddle, Laney Sites-Woods, Tucker Smith, Johnnie Tidd and Lucas Vandevander; and

Twelfth grade — Jacob Buck, Kaylee Callison, Josey Collier, Allison Fleming, Skyler Frame, Kinley Hinkle, Riley Howard, Tanner Huffman, Seneca Johnson, Ashlyn Judy. Bailee Kiger, Baylie Kirby, Emily Medzius Colton Pennington, Hanna Pennington Shannon Redmond, Ashley Reuss, Allden Rexrode, Alexander Reyes, Marcus Smith, Abigail Vanmeter, Bethany Vint, Selena Warner and Breanna Wolfe.

Jumpstart Savings Program Underway

State Treasurer Riley Moore has announced a new contest that will award up to \$12,000 deposited in a Jumpstart Savings Account to winners who tell the world what makes them proud to be a West Virginia skilled worker.

"When West Virginia became the first state in the country to launch my Jumpstart Savings Program, we did it to encourage and make it easier for people to enter skilled labor and trades jobs because they are the backbone of our blue-collar workforce," Moore said. "Now we want to hear your stories, and by sharing them, we want to give you the chance to win money to advance your career." Moore announced the new contest during an event with students, educators and workforce leaders Sept. 26, at BridgeValley Community and Technical College's Advanced Technology Center in South Charleston.

To enter the contest, visit www.wvjumpstart.com/contest and in 250 words or less answer the question, "What makes you proud to be a West Virginia skilled worker?" Contestants will also submit one original digital picture that best captures their answer.

Up to 20 people, based on the number of entries, will be selected to receive \$2,000 deposited into a Jumpstart Savings Account. Out of those winners, one lucky individual will be randomly selected to receive an additional \$10,000 grand prize - for a total of \$12,000 to be deposited in their Jumpstart

To be eligible, entrants must:

•Be a legal West Virginia resident who is 18 years or older as of Sept. 26.

•Be currently enrolled in or have completed one of the following programs: 1.) community and technical school; 2.) Advanced Career Education Center (ACE); 3.) License 35 school; 4.) state or federally approved apprenticeship; 5.) high school technical education; or 6.) a licensure or certification program approved as a qualifying profession by the Jumpstart Savings Program govern-

ing Board. • Agree to the contest official rules.

Entries must be received by the end of the

"In addition to raising awareness of the benefits of the Jumpstart Savings Program, we hope this contest helps display the pride West Virginians have in our skilled workforce, and in turn encourage more people to join it," Moore said. "These are great-paying jobs that will be in high demand for many years to come, so we want to do everything we can to inspire people to enter these trades.'

The Jumpstart Savings Program allows individuals who wish to pursue a wide range of skilled vocations or trades to save money and enjoy certain state income tax benefits. Individuals can make up to \$25,000 per year in contributions to a Jumpstart Savings Account that will be eligible for a state income tax deduction.

Jumpstart Savings Account funds can be used to pay for tools, equipment, supplies, and other business costs, and those funds used on qualified expenses can also be eligible for additional state tax benefits.

The program also provides an "Ignite Incentive" for certain individuals who open accounts. The state provides a \$100 seed contribution when an account's designated beneficiary is under the age of 18 or when an account is opened within 180 days of the designated beneficiary enrolling in a qualifying apprenticeship or educational program.

The Jumpstart Savings Program is overseen by the board of trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs, which has partnered with United Bank to administer the program.

More information about the program and contest is available at www.wvjumpstart.

Davis Health Welcomes New Pediatrician

Davis Health System announces that a new pediatrician, Dr. Ebba Ebba, has joined its Davis Medical Center pediatric team.

Dr. Ebba has more than 30 years of experience in pediatrics, both in private practice and in academia, and has been board certified in pediatrics since 1993. He recently relocated to Elkins from the Atlanta, Geor-

"After 30 years of practicing in different locations, most of which were in big cities, I wanted to practice in a small town with access to the great outdoors and at the same time affords me the ability to literally walk to my clinic," said Ebba.

Ebba earned his medical degree from Howard University School of Medicine in Washington, DC. He completed his residency at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, before completing his fellowship at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, DC.

He is the founding member and president of Gemini Health Care Group, a non-profit health care organization working in Sub-Saharan African countries since 2006. He also is founder and co-chair of Pediatrics by the Nile, and annual pediatric CME based in Ethiopia since 2011.

"We are extremely pleased that Dr. Ebba has joined our pediatric team," said Catherine "Mindy" Chua, D.O., M.S, DHS' chief medical officer. "Clinically, professionally and personally, he brings so much to the care of children and their parents. We are beyond happy to welcome him to Elkins."

"What attracted me most to Elkins is its small-town charm as well as its accessibil-



Dr. Ebba Ebba

ity to big city amenities of Pittsburgh and [Washington] DC within driving distance. The hospital staff and clinician colleagues have been welcoming and supportive and the patients have been appreciative," Ebba added.

Davis Medical Center Pediatrics is located on the ground floor of the outpatient clinics. Ebba joins the pediatric team of Dr. Amanda Pennington and Rachel Anger, NP. They see patients from newborn to young adult for preventive, illness and injury, and chronic disease management.

Ebba is currently taking new patients. For more information or an appointment, call the patient access center at 304-637-3894.

Contest Is Underway The qualifying round for try their hand at something

the 23rd annual West Virginia Bridge Design & Build Contest is underway.

The contest, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, BridgeWalk, West Virginia Department of Education, and WVU Tech in Beckley, challenges middle and high school students to see who can design the lowest cost bridge using bridge design build a balsa bridge to see how much force the model will stand before collapsing.

"This STEM activity gives students a chance to try engineering in a fun and competitive environment," said Jennifer Dooley, a spokesperson with WVDOT. "All around our state, there are good careers available with WVDOT. Engineers are always in demand. For more than 20 years, we have hosted the competition to give students a chance to

that may be new to them.' The contest is free and

Bridge Design and Build

open to every middle school and high school student who attends any public, private or home school in West Virginia. Finalists will be invited to compete for cash prizes at WVU Tech in Beckley in the spring. WVDOH has Windows

and MAC builds of the contest software so more stusoftware developed for students across the state will March 1, 2024, to register, dents. Finalists will also have the necessary computers to participate in the The contest is designed

to encourage STEM education and inspire tomorrow's engineers, today. Students can win cash prizes and every student who participates in the contest gets a free BridgeWalk tour for themselves and their families.

"We have had previous contest participants say they went to college to study

engineering because of the competition," said Dooley. "The goal is to help them realize how many great paths are available right here in West Virginia. WVDOT has scholarships, summer co-op opportunities, tuition reimbursement and other programs to help students if they choose to work with us, not just in engineering but

other fields as well." Students have until download their bridge design software and submit their bridge design. All materials for the competition, including a YouTube tutorial by Secretary of Transportation, Jimmy Wriston, are available on the website.

To register, download bridge design software, or find out more about the contest, visit https://wvbridgedesignandbuildcontest.com.



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lasts until August. They decided that foregoing the paid for service was more of a benefit than waiting several months before going with the new vendor.

If the board decided at that meeting, Scott related, the new vendor could have a replacement site working by Jan. 1.

Kristin Dingess, board chair, added that "starting the new year, having something the members could get the benefit of is huge." Scott mentioned that the new site could help to create a calendar of events for the entire community.

It was also suggested that an easier site could allow for more to do administrative work "so everything is not all on

Teresa Munn, owner of Loafer's Glory, then gave a presentation of an idea to promote both the chamber and area tourism. "I'm here to talk about weddings," she shared. Munn described how her lodging business went from

charging \$800 for a wedding experience to \$5,000. She added that they brought in \$11,000 in the past year and that one wedding party "dropped about \$30,000" at Pendleton County She explained that "almost every chamber site" in different

areas "has a place for weddings." In her talk, she explained how the chamber and wedding related businesses could link to each other and, with a combined effort, push the county as a wedding destination.

Munn also explained that the Trip Advisor results for Franklin showed a very limited number of local businesses and that more should submit information for free promotion on that site. Next, Scott discussed the chamber's plans for the town

Christmas celebration. She informed the board that the chamber would partner with the Moose lodge and senior center for food and event space. Gary Hess shared that the South Fork Ruritan Club would also provide candy canes and cookies for the kids.

Scott wrapped up the meeting by asking for ideas to expand membership. Munn said that it might be beneficial to include businesses outside of the county that might do business with residents or visitors. Board members suggested a discount for multiyear dues payments.

The next meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 in the town office.

Swilled Dog Partners

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out in two hours."

To keep interest high, Swilled Dog made only 1,260 bottles of 1863 WV Gold. The straight bourbon whiskey was "aged for 4.5 years using tight grained American white oak."

Glover added that "we feel like this is West Virginia's bourbon. We want people to be proud of it. The quality is there. You're getting a really great quality beverage."

She also explained that the local corn grown around Upper Tract has "really amazing properties due to the rainfall." Additionally, most of the groundwater under Pendleton County comes from limestone caverns similar to that which produces the famous Kentucky Limestone Water used by the western part of that state's famous distillers.

The deal with Country Roads Trust isn't the only big news that Swilled Dog has generated lately. "We're winning big international awards," Glover stated.

Stephen Ford of Country Roads Trust, shared that "Swilled Dog has produced a top-shelf bourbon with the passion and hard work for which Mountaineer fans are known."

Funds generated from the sales will go to support efforts to provide marketing opportunities for Mountaineer athletes.

Chamber of Commerce Swain Joins Farm **Credit Staff**



Stacy Swain

Farm Credit of the Virginias, a lending cooperative that serves Virginia, West Virginia and western Maryland, has announced that Stacy Swain assumed the role of educational program and relationship specialist for the Farm Credit Knowledge Center. FCV's Knowledge Center serves the entire association by offering educational opportunities and resources to farmers, producers and agricultural educators. Swain is based in the Romney branch office.

Swain is a lifelong West Virginian and grew up in Franklin on a small family farm, which raised cattle and sheep. She was involved with both 4-H and FFA from a young age, earning the 4-H All Star distinction and her American FFA Degree. Swain went on to pursue her passion for agriculture and education at Potomac State College, where she received an associate degree, then on to West Virginia University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural and extension education. She currently resides in Hampshire County with her family.

Prior to joining Farm Credit, Swain served as a 4-H youth development educator (4-H agent) in a nearby county where she also managed the local 4-H program for nearly 15 years.

"Besides being excited to be a part of the Farm Credit family, I am eager to continue sharing my passion for agriculture and to have the opportunity to inspire a new generation of agriculturalists," Swain shared regarding her new position at FCV.

Kyley Clevenger, Farm Credit Knowledge Center director, said, "We are beyond thrilled to welcome Stacy to the knowledge center team. In addition to her knowledge, perspective and passion for agriculture, Stacy brings experience serving the educational needs of producers, which she gained from her former position in extension."

their two children and their dogs. She is active with her kids' 4-H activities and little league. Swain also enjoys traveling to the beach, shopping, crafting and cheering for the Mountaineers.

Outside of work, Swain loves spending time with her husband,

SRRDA Year End

existing business community, but also help us get out and develop new opportunities. Ultimately what happens in Grant County impacts Pendleton and vice versa." The two counties' combined strength will make the regional authority a more attractive grant recipient.

By July, the organization had received its official name, the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority. As Davis stated, "There is no more recognizable location in West Virginia than Seneca Rocks. It speaks to our scenic beauty and endless outdoor recreation opportunities in both

Through fall, the SRRDA worked on two tracks. Externally, it worked to attract grant funding while also prioritizing major projects in both counties. The authority also worked with lawyers, the two county commissions, and state officials to get the new authority on a solid and strong foundation. The first meeting was held in September and monthly since.

One of the first wins for SRRDA came in late summer as Pendleton County learned that it would receive a BUILD WV designation. The full name of the program is "Better United In Long-Term Development West Virginia," and it provides assistance to selected communities seeking to expand housing options.

Benefits to these communities and those working to construct housing in them include "a sales tax exemption on building materials, a 10-year property value adjustment refundable tax credit, and a potential municipal business and occupation exemption."

Additionally, projects that qualify for the program must come from either an investment of \$3 million or more, or include at least six houses or residential units. Other requirements for participation include creating both significant and positive economic impact, improve the chance for the region to attract new business, and provide added opportunities for employment.

In late October, Ryan Thorne from the USDA Regional Development Office came to Franklin to celebrate two major grants to benefit Pendleton County. A \$99,000 award went

toward the SRRDA's purchase of the old Pendleton County Board of Education office on Walnut Street. Plans are in place to transform the building into an innovation hub that will host small businesses and other

entrepreneurial activities, provide remote work space, and hold classes. The other grant went to Experience Learning's Sweetwa-

ter Farms trail project. As SRRDA winds down its activities in 2023, it continues

to keep an eye on priorities going forward. In Pendleton County, this includes working with Fisher Mountain to develop its attractions and housing. Efforts in Grant County include working on the industrial park and developing prop-

WIC Announces **December Schedule**

During the month of December, Pendleton County WIC Clinic will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin. Limited services are also available from 2 to 4 p.m. on other days of the week. Call for details.

Pendleton County participants can receive services in Petersburg, if desired. The Petersburg WIC Clinic, 23 Hospital Drive, Petersburg, is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays with the following exception: closed Dec. 15

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are working. Experts suggest that it's best to change bat-

teries twice a year to ensure proper function. Some do

this when daylight savings time comes and goes to keep batteries fresh. Studies show that the amount of cold that a person can tolerate while working or enjoying the outside is relative to what they are used to. Those from southern and warmer areas should consider temperatures to be in extreme cold

range when temperatures are below freezing.

If working outside, keep track of the wind chill. Wind chills of -20°F can cause frostbite on exposed skin within 30 minutes. The body can also fall into a state of low temperature, or hypothermia. Prolonged exposure can cause shivering, fatigue, loss of coordination, confusion, and disorientation. Cold stress can even lead to heart attacks, especially with strenuous activities, such as shoveling snow. Those who have had heart conditions or other chronic conditions should check with a doctor before engaging in outside work in cold conditions.

Experts suggest that those working outside in the cold use the buddy system, or at least make sure that another person checks on them regularly in case symptoms appear quickly.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS MANAGER

Job Summary:

To perform a variety of administrative duties in support of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority (SRRDA). The position will monitor project progress across SRRDA under the direction of the Executive Director while supporting the staff administrative and clerical duties at the SRRDA offices. The community projects manager works as an essential part of the SRRDA team to further organization objectives and goals. This position may be used to fill a full time or part time position.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Oversee day-to-day operations of the Petersburg SRRDA office.
- Carry out day-to-day organizational tasks and facilitating efficient communication.
- Assist in tracking grants and submitting applicable reporting to funder.
- Work with other agencies and community organizations to further SRRDA.
- Provide support to businesses that seek SRRDA
- assistance by connecting them with applicable Assist in planning and coordination of company events.
- Manage commercial property listings for the SRRDA
- internal and external listings as well as property management. Answer phones and general email inquiries with
- relevant information.
- Secure bids for equipment and vendors for identified building projects and working with the executive director and/or operations manager in required administrative paperwork.
- Maintain office supplies inventory in Grant County.
- Prepares SRRDA Board meeting agenda, board minutes, maintenance records, documentation and files meetings paperwork with the Grant and Pendleton courthouse offices.
- Continuing education/training • Must be willing and able to travel. Less than 5%
- overall weekly time.
- Professional dress.
- Must keep office open as times designated by the
- Performs other related duties as assigned by the

Skills/Core Competencies: Self starter.

Excellent written skills and verbal communication skills.

Project management and organizational skills. Good understanding of technology, including proficiency

in Microsoft Office. Ability to learn new software.

Multitasking capability.

Problem solving. Excellent attention to detail.

Capacity to prioritize tasks.

Education and Experience: In addition to the above, the candidate should have an enthusiastic personality and willingness to take on more duties as the organization grows. Business administration work or a related field of 5+ years of experience is

preferred. Residency in one of the counties represented by the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority (Grant or Pendleton) is required.

Physical Requirements: Prolonged periods sitting at a desk and working on a computer.

Must be able to lift and carry up to 15 lb. Must be able to use steps.

The Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority will be ac-

cepting resumes for the position of 'Community Projects Manger' for the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority. Resumes along with a cover letter must be received or hand delivered, mailed or emailed to: Grant County Commission, Attention Michelle Sites, 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847, administrator@grantcountywv.org. Any questions may be addressed to Michelle Sites at 304-257-4422.

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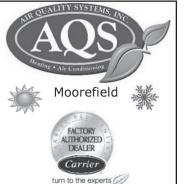
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Alpha Kappa Teachers Celebrate Homecoming

A homecoming celebration kicked off a new year for Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The October meeting, held at the Forman Community Center in Grant County, was hosted by Mineral County members. Spirit week activities led up to the meeting, which provided an opportunity to recognize the chapter's accomplishments and welcome back members who had been unable to participate recently.

Members wore red, a society color, and each received a handmade homecoming mum corsage. The meeting room, decorated in red and gold, featured a display board that highlighted chapter projects from the previous year. Newsletters, newspaper clippings, and the chapter scrapbook, all of which received top honors at the spring state convention, were available for review.

Judy Bowyer gave the blessing before the 21 attendees enjoyed a delicious brunch catered by Anita Nelson and Karen Ours. Jo Ann Harman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vickie Saville gave inspirational thoughts entitled "Welcome Home, Sisters" that spoke of the joy of reunion and rekindling connections.

"Here's Your New State President" was the program presented by Vickie Skavenski, chapter president and the new West Virginia state organization president. She reviewed goals for the 2023-2025 biennium, recapped her leadership plan, and promoted the next state conference which will be held April 5 - 6, 2024, at Canaan Valley Resort State Park.

Skavenski's theme is "DKG Proud: Proud Women Educators, Proud West Virginians, Proud Appalachians." She led members through a lively Appalachian IQ quiz, and everyone had a few laughs learning interesting facts about the region.

Peggy High and Karen Davis shared a beautiful memorial for Hampshire County member Louisa Hardy, who died in May 2023. Ruby Alvaro lovingly remembered

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Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International teachers celebrating homecoming were, from left, front row, Vickie Lambert, Jo Ann Harman, Pamela Boggs, Sue Harper and Ruby Alvaro; and back row, Janice Heavner, Beverly Mathias, Donna Bodkins, Susan Garrett, Teresa Eye, Judy Bowyer, Donna Kuhn, Vickie Skavenski, Betty Inskeep, Carolyn Harper, Karen Davis, Sharon Harr, Becky Heavner, Vickie Saville, Peggy High and Amber Champ.

honorary member Betty Coffman, who also passed in cal and state DKG chapters.

Jo Ann Harman reported on the status of the tree donation in memory of deceased Mineral County member Annette Boggs. A sugar maple will be selected and planted by the West Virginia University Jackson's Mill staff at the Annette S. Boggs STEAM Education Center.

Beverly Mathias, Janice Heavner and Bowyer were recognized as local leading ladies for their community

Skavenski awarded Saville the Recognizing Our Star Educator (Rose) Award for organizing the homecoming celebration and for all her contributions to both the lo-

Mathias, chapter treasurer, reminded members that the "Make It, Bake It, Take It" project in November will be a fundraiser with proceeds remaining in the chapter treasury.

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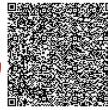
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