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Pendleton County Candidates Complete Filing for Primary Election

By Stephen Smoot

Filing period for the 2024 Primary Election closed on Jan. 27, but candidates who mailed their forms could have them accepted if postmarked by that date.

The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office also issued clarification regarding the Pendleton County Board of Education race. The resignation of a sitting board member opened up an unexpired term. Originally, the race was set to have one for the regular seat that was up and a separate race for the unexpired term.

Clarification issued resulted in a reorganization and simplification of the race. Now the top three vote getters will be considered the winner, unless all three come from the

same district. Then the fourth-place finisher will supersede the third-place vote getter.

Candidates filing for office are as follows: For Pendleton County Commission, Roger Dahmer of Franklin and Travis Moyers of Franklin;

For Prosecuting Attorney, April Mallow of Upper Tract;

For Pendleton County Sheriff, Bradley Kimble of Franklin and Joshua Todd Nesselrodt of Franklin

For Pendleton County Assessor, Sandie Huffman Smith of Franklin

For Magistrate Court Judge Division 1, Morgan Basagic of Franklin, Jeremy Bodkin of Upper Tract and Rev. James Young of Seneca Rocks, and Division 2, Kevin Puffen-

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Bill McWilliams, Rob Morgan, and Alec Morgan brought the "Daddyjeep" from Smithport Pennsylvania, to take on the Mountain State's rugged back roads.

Back Roads Enthusiasts Kick Off 24 Hours of Appalachia from Seneca Rocks Starting Point

By Stephen Smoot

"I haven't slept in four days," said Jedediah Smith, organizer of the 24 Hours of Appalachia road event that raised thousands for Children's Home Society. He added that "this morning when I saw everyone pulling in, it made me cry."

More than a hundred people and 75 vehicles gathered at Seneca Rocks on a cold, but sunny, Saturday morning to commence a drive across the state of just under 600 miles. Vehicles came in from up and down the East Coast, from Pennsylvania to Georgia to take a crack at a planned route that promised "gravel, mud, dirt, snow" and also some pavement.

Participants came together first at Yokum's Grille and enjoyed a breakfast put together especially for them. After signing waivers, they went to the lower lot of the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center to hear a final list of instructions before returning to Yokum's for an organized departure.

A broad range of vehicles showed up for what organizers said was "not a rally or a race," but an endurance test of man and machine. These included a number of new and modified pickup trucks and other sport vehicles designed to take a pounding. Others drove everything from newer model Jeeps, Fords, Chevrolet, Toyota and Dodge pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles to rusty

and scarred, but still classic, "redneck battle trucks."

Pride in one's vehicle make is nothing new to a state that revels in the ancient, but ever ongoing, "Ford versus Chevy" debate.

Mike Julian of Reading, Pennsylvania, brought his 1989 Toyota Land Cruiser. He said, "I follow the Back Roads of Appalachia because they do a lot of motor sports." Julian hoped for "nothing too crazy" to challenge his "35-year-old vehicle," but was excited "to see a lot of areas I've never been to."

Though he has run his vehicle in Moorefield area events, he added that, "I've never off-roaded this way, so it will be all new."

Pride in vehicle make was front and center with many drivers. Brent Kayser of Charlotte, North Carolina, was joined by Aaron Justice of Beckley. They proudly drove a green Subaru 4X4 with Kayser touting its advantages, saying that their vehicle's superior suspension won't "get our teeth rattled out of our heads." He praised the car's "low center of gravity," saying, "you won't roll it

Some seemingly unlikely vehicles, such as "Leon the Neon," owned by Peyton Owen Barnes of Walton (New York, not Roane County) donned large off road tires to prove the endurance of the plucky little Plymouth.

Leon's owner chronicled the sport sedan's saga on social media as it climbed narrow

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Children of all ages enjoy warm evenings of outdoor film fun at the historic Warners Drive-In.

Warner's Drive-In Cultural and Resource Center Receives State Arts Grant

By Stephen Smoot

Since its reopening, Warner's Drive-In has reestablished its place as a go to center for fun and entertainment on weekend nights during the warm weather months. The facility's leadership team has an expanded vision for the theater, both in terms of improving the guest experience and expanding the slate of potential offerings.

"Up to this point, the drivein has been using its grant and donated funds to renovate and restore existing infrastructure and buildings, most of which date back to the original drive-in construction in 1952," explained Bob Davis, who works on multiple committees for Warner's Drive-In and Cultural Re-

taining "several smaller grants" from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History. These grants funded "a new roof for the snack bar, rebuilt entry gates and signs, a new roof a new HVAC system for the snack building.'

Governor Jim Justice, accompanied by Secretary Randall Reid-Smith, shared the news of the latest grant from the WVDACH as part of a presentation delivered in Clarksburg's Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center. Warner's received a Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources grant for more than \$51,000.

The most recent grant, Efforts have included ob- Davis said, is "for the construction of a new restroom facility and septic system." Until now, the organization relied "on temporary fixes to our aging bathroom and septic facilities in recent years. Construction started on the screen building, and in fall with a local partner, Upper Tract based VRER Construction, and should see completion in May prior to the facility's season opening.'

Grants from WVDACH come on a dollar for dollar match basis, meaning that Warner's must match every dollar provided with money of their own from revenues or generous donors. "We had a donation from the Pianfetti Foundation and many community members to help with the matching requirement," Davis explained.

This grant helps to fulfill the initial phase of the vision for Warner's, which was to bring facilities up to date. Once the restroom and septic system work has finished, Davis says, "We plan to turn our attention to the expansion of our facilities to support programming in the perform-

In 2024, Warner's plans to upgrade screen building rooms for use as backstage and storage areas. "This is an exciting phase in our longterm plans," Davis stated, "because it takes us into a totally new area of our mission to support arts and culture in Pendleton County and the surrounding regions."

During the announcement of the 44 grant awards, Justice, alongside his constant sidekick Babydog, shared that "they're an investment in dreams, communities, and the Mountain State's bright future. The arts are the bridges that connect us, the voices that give us strength, and the colors that paint our path forward. Together, we're continuing to make West Virginia not just a state with artists, but a living, breathing work of art."

Local Producers and Other Tourist Businesses Gear Up for Maple Days

By Stephen Smoot

Once again, maple producers and sellers across the state have started gearing up for West Virginia Maple Days. This year, the West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers have selected Feb 17 and March 16 as the days to feature the entire process, from tapping the tree to plugging the product.

Though production centers around or near the South Branch and Greenbrier valleys, production takes place in every corner of the state. Producers from as far away as Wellsburg, Kenova, and Hinton will join a number of producers from Pendleton and elsewhere to showcase Mountain State maple.

Kent Leonhardt, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture, has promoted maple syrup production throughout his tenure. He visited Future Generations University's research facility at McCoy's Mill near Franklin last February to learn more about work done there. He exclaimed at the time, "It's in Pendleton County! What

a great place to do it!" Luke Taylor-Ide, vice

president of engagement offers sweet opportunities at Future Generations University near Franklin, told the West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture's Market Bulletin newsletter that "I grew up in Pendleton County. Maple syrup was always on my radar."

He added that "Mike Rechlin was our longtime dean at Future Generations. Mike's passion and hobby was researching maple syrup." Taylor-Ide also stated that "Mike is the one who really helped open my eyes to the fact maple syrup can be something more than just a hobby."

The producers association chose February and March for the time to celebrate production of local maple because it takes place in the middle of the production season. Taps work best when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, but drop below 32 degrees at night. Unseasonably warm temperatures hindered production in 2023, but conditions should be much better this year.

Pendleton County lies in the center of the region's maple producing area and

for fun and food. The Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau will host a "pop up" version of the county farmers' market.

Producers opening the doors to their operations to show off their wares include FGU's McCoy's Mill, M&S Maple, Bess Farms, Jack Mountain Maple (only in February) and Mountain Cajun Getaway.

Leonhardt was quoted in My Buckhannon as explaining that "despite the warmer temperatures, our maple operations still managed to produce a lot of syrup. Compare it to the maple-flavored corn syrup you find in big box stores, and I guarantee you'll reach for pure West Virginia maple syrup every

Despite the challenges, the Mountain State produced approximately 11,000 gallons of maple.

Warmer temperatures also affect the taste of the final product as well.

Syrup Producers Association offers a statewide map of participating businesses and other organizations.

The West Virginia Maple

Community

Post 9666 To Meet

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

Morrisey's Staff To Visit Feb. 15

A representative from Attorney General Patrick Morrisey's office will meet with residents from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Pendleton Senior and Family Services Center in

Activites Planned **At Family Support** Center in Franklin

Upcoming activities scheduled at the Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center in Franklin are movie night at 6 p.m. Friday, sweetheart painting at 4 p.m. Sunday, blood drive from noon to 5 p.m. Monday and play day from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 14.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

Quilters To Meet

The Sew and Sews Quilt Guild will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to attend

Library Friends To Hold Annual Meeting Friday

The annual meeting and pot luck dinner of the Friends of Pendleton County Library will begin at 5 p.m. Friday. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

PVCD Board To Gather Tuesday

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 by teleconference only. Call in instructions are posted on the distric webpage www.wvca.us/ district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting on the district website or by contacting the Romney office.

The public is invited to participate.

OBITUARIES



Robert "Bobby Joe" J. Armstrong

Robert "Bobby Joe" J. Armstrong, 90, of Moyers passed away Feb. 2, 2024, at Harrisonburg Health and Rehabilitation Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Mr. Armstrong, or "Bobby Joe" as he was commonly known, was born July 15, 1933, in Moyers.

He was a graduate of Franklin High School, where he excelled as an athlete and was a standout running back on the school's varsity football team. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, and was stationed in France before his discharge from service in 1956. Soon thereafter he married Juanita Anne Jones.

He was raised in and held membership with the former St. Paul Lutheran Church, held membership with St. John Lutheran Church, and attended Doe Hill United Methodist Church prior to his wife's passing. He was also a former member of the Stonewall Ruritan Club, the Treasure Mountain Swingers Square Dancers, and at one point served on the Pendleton County School Board.

On the family farm, he raised beef cattle and had a large flock of ewes; he tended to both with great pride. Additionally, he had retired from the Pendleton County Public School System as a bus driver.

Amongst his countless qualities, he was known as a man of good humor, strong work ethic, and selfless nature - always willing to lend a hand to his neighbors and friends. He was also a very caring person toward his family and community, and carried a special place in his heart for his dogs. He enjoyed time spent participating in the local bowling league, cooking holiday meals for his family (and less formal meals at the family hunt camp), as well as fishing and going on fishing trips. However, he enjoyed none of these activities greater than the time he spent with his grandchildren.

Above all else, Mr. Armstrong will be remembered as a diligent provider and loving husband, father, and grandfather to his family.

His wife, Juanita Anne Jones Armstrong, passed on July 6, 1996.

Surviving family members include his sons, Barry Armstrong and companion, Lisa Zirkle of Quicksburg, Virginia, and Craig Armstrong and wife, Elizabeth of Harrisonburg, Virginia; grandchildren, Nicole Vickery of Clemson, South Carolina, years. Justin Armstrong of Moyers, Bronson Armstrong of Franklin and Elijah Armstrong of Sugar Grove; a sister, Doris er of Deer Run. Douglas of Staunton, Virginia; a brother-in-law, Tom of Weyers Cave, Virginia, and Victor Douglas of Staunton, Virginia.

He was also preceded in death by his mother, Myrtle Wyatt Dane Armstrong.

Wednesday at Obaugh Funeral Home in McDowell, Virginia, with Rev. Jerry Smith officiating. Burial followed in St. Paul Inde- mowing grass in the snow. pendent Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were grandsons, Justin, Bronson, and Elijah Armstrong, as well as Tom Jones, Tom Wimer, and Joe Campanella.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Paul Cemetery Association, c/o Joeann Moyers, 1685 Doe Hill Road, Sugar Grove, WV 26815.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.obaughfuneral home.com.



William "Bill" Lough Heavner

William "Bill" Lough Heavner, 91, of Bridgewater, Virginia, passed away peacefully Feb. 1, 2024, at Harrisonburg Health & Rehabilitation in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He had been in declining health for several

He was born Dec. 1, 1932, and was the son of the late Gertrude and Russell Heavn-

Mr. Heavner graduated from Franklin High School Jones of Doe Hill, Virginia; in 1950 and was a faithand nephews, David Douglas ful member of Sangerville Church of the Brethren.

He liked to make things with his own hands. Throughout the valley are many rock fireplaces, picture frames, Armstrong; and grandson, and chainsaw carved bears he created. Being an avid A funeral service was held gardener, he was always eager to get started and reluctant to stop in the yard and garden each year. So much, that his grandson recalls him He passed along a love of outdoor adventures and particularly of hunting. He was lucky enough to understand how to appreciate and enjoy the simple pleasures, like the beauty of leaves in the fall or watching deer graze in a field.

He served in the Army from 1955 to 1957.

He routinely gave back to the community with acts of kindness like active participation as a big brother. He once walked from Harrisonburg, Virginia, to Oak Flat to raise money for a neighbor's wheelchair, and also raised many blisters on his feet along the way.

On Dec. 1, 1950, he married the love of his life, Louise Loan from Millboro, Virginia. They enjoyed $69 \, \mathrm{years}$ of married life.

Surviving are two sons, Michael (Kim) Heavner and Joe (Liz) Heavner; three grandchildren, Hunter (Nicole) Heavner, Matthew Heavner and Jessica Heavner; two brothers, Jerry Heavner (Phyllis) and Joe Heavner (Anna); and a sister, Mary Lee Heavner.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Lou Mason (Charlie), and Alice Heavner.

A graveside service was held Monday at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin with Pastor Steve Spire officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to Johnson Funeral and Cremation Service in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Online condolences to the family may be shared at www.johnsonfs.com.



Tommy Guy George

Tommy Guy George, 83, of Petersburg went to his Heavenly Home on Feb. 3, 2024, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg.

He was born on May 5, 1940, in Riverton and was a son of the late Walter E. and Gracie E. (Vandevander) George.

Mr. George was a 1959 graduate of Circleville High

He worked in Washington, DC, for Trailways for several years. He and his wife moved back to Petersburg and worked for the former Trenton Motor Company and later retired from Potomac Valley Transit.

He attended Riverside Church in Cabins.

His wife, Alma E. (Brooks) George, preceded him in death on April 24, 2011.

Surviving are a son, Pastor Tommy A. George and wife, April of Petersburg; three grandchildren, Haley M. Greathouse, Madison (George) Nesselrodt and husband, Nathan, and Caleb George; a great-grandson, Carter L. Nesselrodt; two brothers, Junior R. George and wife, Mary Catherine of Joppa, Maryland, and Toney M. George and wife, Nancy of Petersburg; a nephew, Eric S. George; two great-nieces; and two cherished friends, Bruce Kimble and Carrol Smith.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, H. Wayne George; and an infant sister, Nancy George.

A funeral service was held Monday in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Vivan Watts officiating. Interment was at North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riv-

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverside Church, PO Box 157, Cabins, WV 26855.

Boyd Kimble Honored in New Mexico

Boyd Kimble was well known and loved here in Franklin, WV, but he was even able to leave his mark wherever he traveled. Boyd and Leta Kimble's son, Dave Kimble, lives in Las Cruces, New Mexico, where he has worked as a state lobbyist for more the 25 years. Boyd made a trip several years ago with his son to Sante Fe to meet everyone at the Capitol and see what Dave did for a living.

He made quite the impression, because two days after Boyd's passing on December 17, 2023, Lieutenant Gover-



nor, Howie C. Morales, declared a proclamation to have the New Mexico state flag flown over the State Capitol in Sante Fe, NM, on Tuesday, December 19, in honor of Boyd Kimble. The flag was respectfully presented to Dave when he returned to Sante Fe in January for the beginning of their legislative session.

This honor was truly appreciated by the entire Kimble Family and stands as a testament to the enduring impact of Boyd Kimble's life.

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Mitchell Presented Melvin Jones Lions Club Award

Members of the Sugar Grove Lions Club met at the South Fork Rescue Squad building Jan. 25 for their monthly meeting. During the meeting, Brandon Mitchell, club president, was presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is named for Melvin Jones, the founder for Lions Club International. It is through this program that humanitarian needs are met in communities around the world. Fellowship contributions help to bring medication to prevent river blindness to people, restore the sight to individuals, and provide Lions Quest to youth. Mitchell takes great pride in knowing that he will be having an impact with so many lives, both in his community, as well as across

the globe. He plays an integral part in his community. Mentioned in the application for this award were many ways he has energized the community. He was on the steering committee for the ball field and playground in Sugar Grove which benefits the youth. He enjoys coaching for both his daughter's and son's basketball and coach pitch teams. The tractor parade has delighted many folks who attend the annual rescue



Sugar Grove Lions Club member, Brandon Mitchell, right, is presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship award by Jeff Bowers.

squad's lawn party. Or- Fellowship award, as he ganizing the bi-annual chicken barbecue fundraisers, as well as the annual Treasure Mountain Festival stand keeps him very busy. He is involved with his church and its activities, as well as his farm work which he enjoys after a day's work as a dentist in Franklin. He is also vice president of Pendleton County Farm

Mitchell rightfully deserved the Melvin Jones

definitely has an impact in his community.

His children, Macie Carson, and Carly, were in attendance while his wife, Cara, pinned the Melvin Jones Fellowship lapel pin. Jeff Bowers, the club's LCI coordinator, presented him with the plaque.

Mitchell's father, Tom Mitchell, had received the Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2013.

Candidate Filing for Primary

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berger of Upper Tract;

For Pendleton County Board of Education Eastern District, Pat Godfrey of Sugar Grove, Betty Kimble of Brandywine, and Wesley Puffenbarger of Sugar Grove, Western District, Sonny O'Neil of Seneca Rocks, and Central District, Charles Burgoyne II of Franklin, Jamie DiFalco of Franklin and Wilma "Miss Pitts" Pitsenbarger of Franklin;

For House of Delegates 67th District, Elias Coop-Gonzalez of Elkins and Cody Thompson from Elkins;

For House of Delegates 86th District, Bryan Ward of Fisher;

For State Senate, 11th District, Robert Karnes of Helvetia, Robbie Morris of Elkins and Mandy Smith Weirich of Elkins;

For Judge in the 26th Circuit Division 1, H. Charles Carl of Romney and Division 2, C. Carter Williams of Old Fields and John H. Treadway Jr. of Baker;

For Governor, Moore Capito of Charleston, Kevin "KC" Christian of Chloe, Chase Linko-Looper of St. Albans, Chris Miller of Huntington, Patrick Morrissey of Harpers Ferry, Mitch Roberts of Poca, Mac Warner of Charleston, and Steve Williams of Hunt-

For Secretary of State, Thornton Cooper of South Charleston, Ken Reed of Hedgesville, Doug Skaff Jr. from South Charleston, Kris Warner from Charleston and Brian Wood from Winfield;

For State Auditor, Caleb Hanna of Charleston, Eric Householder of Martinsburg, Mark Hunt of Charleston, Tricia Jackson of Harpers Ferry, and Mary Ann Roebuck Claytor of St. Albans;

For State Treasurer, Larry Pack of Char-

For Commissioner of Agriculture, Joshua Kent Higginbotham of Charleston, Kent Leonhardt of Fairview, and Roy Ramey of

For State Attorney General, John "J.B." McCuskey from Charleston, Richie Robb from South Charleston, Mike Stuart of South Charleston, and Teresa Toriseva from

For Intermediate Court of Appeals, Elgine Heceta McArdle of Wheeling, Mychal S. Schulz of Charleston, and S. Ryan White from Charleston:

For West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals, Haley Bunn of Charleston (Division 1) and Charles S. Trump IV from Berkeley Springs (Division 2);

For United States Senate, Bryan Bird

of Beckley, Don Blankenship from Sprigg, Glenn Elliott from Wheeling, Jim Justice of Lewisburg, Zane Lawhorn from Princeton, Don Lindsay from Baker, Bryan McKinney of Inwood, Janet McNulty from Martinsburg, Alexander X. Mooney of Charles Town, and Zachary Shrewsbury from Princeton; and

For United States House of Representatives 1st District, Derrick Evans of Prichard Carol Miller of Huntington, Chris Bob Reed of Charleston, and Jim Umberger of Lewis-

Back Roads Enthusiasts

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dirt roads with a mountain on one side and a cliff on the other. It also barreled through snow still laying thick in the roads of the highest elevations. At one point, participants stacked rocks in

a creek rushing around a flattened culvert to help Leon get through on the long journey to the finish line, set at the Mothman statue in Point Pleasant, only two blocks from the Ohio River.

Local emergency management officials and first responders made safety the first priority. Units on the scene in case of emergency included Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management, represented by Rick Gillespie. Also present were Pendleton County Emergency Rescue North Fork EMS standby, the Pendleton County Emergency Rescue Tactical Skills Team, along with training officer Mike Alt, West Virginia State Police, the Seneca Rocks Volunteer Fire Department, and a Monongahela National Forest officer.

Smith gave a 10-minute safety talk before releasing the drivers. He explained that "we have to be careful how we act, how we conduct ourselves." Smith also reminded drivers to "be respectful of hunters and their dogs."

He also urged drivers to remain respectful of each other, to not tailgate, to pass each other respectfully and safely, and "if you see one of your brothers at the side of the road, please stop and help." Back Roads of Appalachia also deployed 10 recovery vehicles in case of drivers in distress.

All vehicles required 31 inches of clearance to overcome the sometimes large obstacles in their path.

He implored drivers to appreciate their surroundings, saying, "You're going through some of the most beautiful parts of West Virginia. Take it in."

Smith then turned the "stage," the back end of a pickup truck, to Gillespie who said "Thank you for coming to West Virginia, on behalf of everyone representing the first responder community."

He added that "we fully support what you are doing. Be safe and enjoy our beautiful

Though not a race, the event did have a winner in Children's Home Society. Back Roads of Appalachia raised more than \$16,000 for the West Virginia based social service organization. "It's the first time that we've been part of an event like this," said Chris Freeman, who directs communications for Children's Home Society.

The organization just celebrated 127 years of service, having been founded in Charleston in 1896. They currently operate eight emergency child shelters, 18 community-based service programs, and a total of 28 locations serving all 55 counties. Children's Home Society works at the front lines of West Virginia's foster care crisis.

On any given day, the organization serves between 300 and 400 children in foster care.

"All funds raised," Freeman shared, "go to our foster care program statewide.



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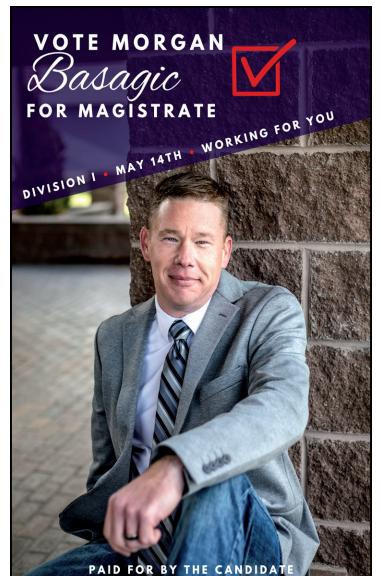
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10 Years Ago Week of February 8, 2014

SUGAR GROVE

County Experiencing an 'Old-Fashioned Winter'

The weather has been just like "the old-fashioned winter" as many folk have commented. Freezing temperatures are surely taking care of the lady bugs and stink bugs! School was once again called off on Monday, which found the area deluged with sleet and snow. The rest of the week looks rather pretentious.

20 Years Ago Week of February 5, 2004

WELD Ownership Changes Hands

Local Radio Station WELD-AM-FM, Fisher, Petersburg, changed ownership Sunday, Feb. 1. South Branch Communications, headed by Willard Earle, applied to the Federal Communications Commission in October, 2003, to transfer the ownership of the station to Thunder Associates, LLC. Curtis Durst and his wife, Sandra, own Thunder Associates

Durst was a resident of Moorefield and attended school in Moorefield through his sophomore year. His father, Jack Durst, was a West Virginia State Policeman in Moorefield until 1971 when he transferred to Romney. Curtis Durst attended his junior and senior years at Hampshire High School, attended Potomac State College in Keyser and then West Virginia University in Morgantown.

In 1981, Curtis Durst and his partners founded Starcast Systems, Inc., a radio broadcasting company which owns WKLP-1390 AM in Keyser and WBHN-1590 AM in Bryson City, NC.

For the past five years Curtis Durst has been the director of Grand Central Business Center in Keyser. Annette Keller who has been the assistant director at Grand Central Business Center has been named to fill the position being vacated by Durst at Grand Central. Sandra Durst has been the deputy clerk in the Mineral County Clerk's office for nearly 19 years and will become the office manager at WELD.

A few changes the new owners have in mind for WELD include promoting Alan Yokum to station manager and extending the hours of operation to 24 hours a day, seven days a week on both WELD-690 AM and WELD-101.7 FM.

Most of the present WELD employees have indicated that they will stay and become part of the new company. Willard Earle who has owned and managed the station since 1985 will continue to consult the new owners. Durst and Yokum have indicated that they hope Earle will continue to work on the air from time to time.

"WELD is legendary in its community service to the Potomac Highlands and we hope to expand on that," said Durst. "Although the station has a tremendous coverage area including the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia, Western Maryland, southern Pennsylvania and western Virginia, the station's area of primary concern will include the West Virginia counties of Hardy, Grant, Pendleton, Hampshire and Mineral."

Answering his most frequently asked questions, Durst said, "Yes, we will continue to broadcast the obituary announcements, ballgames of local interest, and country music with specific time periods set aside for bluegrass music and religious programs." Durst added that "the station will continue to be owned and operated by local people and we will not pipe in our music and announcers via satellite from some distant city."

30 Years Ago Week of February 10, 1994

SUGAR GROVE

Valentine's Day Originated With the Birds

There is a story that links February 14 to the birds. Long ago, people living in England believed that the birds picked their mates on this date. As a result, the people chose this day to send messages of love to one another. It really doesn't matter how the custom of sending valentines began. What does matter is that Valentine's Day is a wonderful chance for you to tell someone how much he or she means to you.

Cabin fever seems to be a well used phrase these days. Many have stated that much has been tampered with during this time. Kitchen cupboards have been cleaned, recipes filed away nicely, mending and ironing caught up, garages cleaned, photo albums added to, tempers grown shorter, toes stepped on, letter writing caught up, and on goes the list. Parents breathed a sigh of relief when school was in session for a whole week! Speaking of cabin fever, if anyone should have any news, please call 249-5935. It seems the ground hog (whistle pig) did indeed see his shadow on that noted day.

60 Years Ago Week of February 13, 1964

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

Sherman's Men Burn, Sack Meridan, Miss.

Meridan, Miss., a railroad center 150 miles east of Vicksburg, had become an important supply depot for the Confederate army during the Civil War. Perhaps more important, it had become a

center of activity for Southern guerillas who raided Union installations in the Deep South. But 100 years ago this week, Meridian, Miss., became a wasteland—ransacked, looted, wrecked and burned by Union soldiers under General William Tecumseh Sherman.

Sherman would make his reputation for destruction with Southerners later that year in his famous march across Georgia, but he gave a good preview of his warfare at Meridian.

Sherman had set out from Vicksburg with 20,000 men on February 3 to destroy the railroads there and, if things worked out well, to move on toward Selma or Mobile in Alabama.

His men easily beat down resistance as they moved across the state. They passed through Jackson February 6 and arrived at Meridian on the 14th. Outnumbered Confederates under Bishop Leonidas Polk withdrew. Then the Federals went to work.

There were 10,000 of them at the job, and they spent five days on it. Their objective was to destroy all that could be of use to the Confederate war effort, and they interpreted the objective literally.

They tore up railroad tracks from 25 to 50 miles in all directions, bending the tracks and burning the ties. Sixty-one bridges and culverts were burned. So were more than a mile of trestles.

Turning on the buildings, the soldiers burned the town arsenal, two hotels, several factories, shops and storehouses. Bales of cotton, textiles, foodstuffs and army equipment also went up in

Sherman had ordered a force of cavalry to come down from Memphis and join him in a march into Alabama. But Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest had intercepted the Union cavalry as it moved south and in a sharp fight at Okolona sent it retreating in panic back to Memphis. Although outnumbered, Forrest had out-maneuvered and out-fought the Federals to win one of his most glorious

Without the cavalry support, Sherman turned his men westward again and left the smoking ruins that marked Meridian. As his army headed back for Vicksburg, Negro slaves from throughout central Mississippi fell in behind the blue coated column and marched with them.

Soon, Sherman noticed, there were "about ten miles of Negroes" following his army—from 5,000 to 8,000 men, women and children marching they knew not where, except that they were marching away from slavery.

Next week: A fight in Flor-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dahmer Teaches 50 School Terms In 43 Years?'

The January 16th issue of the "Times" carried the picture of John Dahmer and

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the inspiring story of his continued interest in the schools. We teachers often read just such a challenge, and I was going to post the article on our teachers' bulletin board. But the article stated that he taught for more than 50 terms in Pendleton County, and then again that during his 43 years of teaching, he never used a paddle. I was afraid I'd be questioned on what he did the other seven years, so I did not post the article. Is there a misprint somewhere?

I also want to heartily endorse Mr. William C. Blackwell's letter. There are still a few places where one can enjoy the quietness and beauty of nature as God created it. Too many such places have been destroyed by commercialism. I hope Pendleton County's wonderful heritage can be preserved.

Yours truly, Lois Weiss Ida, Michigan

ing the 43 years of teaching, he taught 50 terms. —Editor

• Mr. Dahmer taught two

terms for several years. Dur-

70 Years Ago Week of February 11, 1954

Three Men To Be Inducted Tuesday

Hally Worth Sites and Harlan Bruce Sites, brothers and sons of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Sites of Mouth of Seneca, and Henry E. Bennett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett of Circleville will leave Tuesday for induction into the armed services. Hally Worth Sites volunteered so that he could go with his brother.

Auto Stolen in Maryland Found Near Upper Tract

Trooper Bill Cunningham and Sheriff Leo Skidmore recovered an automobile last Thursday that had been stolen in Maryland and abandoned on Route 220 approximately four miles north of Upper Tract.

A 1951 five passenger Cadillac, Trooper Billy Cunningham said that an examination of the title to the car showed that it had been owned by Jim Tatum, football coach at the University of Maryland, and that he had traced it to Hoffman Cadillac Sales & Co., of Hagerstown, Maryland, on February 1.

DAHMER

Mr. Ernest Bowman who takes a delightful interest in telling of past events says the first newspaper published in the county was called The Pendleton News and edited by Calvert and Campbell in the year 1873 in Franklin.

EDITORIAL

A Step Forward ---

Cedar Hill Cemetery lies on the crest of a rolling hill at the edge of Franklin. It has an ideal location because it is both well drained and easily accessible. It could

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be one of the most beautiful cemeteries found in a small town anywhere. But it isn't. Its full beauty has long been hidden because it has not been adequately maintained.

The Cemetery Committee has struggled for a number of years to obtain sufficient funds to finance a decent maintenance program. They have had little cooperation from either the lot owners or the public in general and as a result the cemetery has often looked more like a meadow than the resting place of our loved ones.

At the present, owners of cemetery lots are supposed to pay three dollars a year for the upkeep of each lot or maintain their own lot. Many of them are not making the payments nor keeping up their lots and as a result grass and weeds grow up in these lots scattered throughout the cemetery causing the whole cemetery to look ragged and unkempt.

Douglas Brown, a member of the Cemetery Committee, recently said that "the committee has never had enough money to care for the cemetery as it should be. Last year maintenance operations were cut to a minimum and it still cost \$200 more than was taken in from the up-keep payments."

All the lots should be mowed regularly. The road leading through the cemetery must be maintained, and there should be several additional water outlets installed throughout the cemetery to provide a source of water for flowers and for sprinkling lots. At present there is only one water spigot in the cemetery.

In order to set up the fund the price of the cemetery lots has been raised to \$100 as of January 1, 1954, and all persons who owned lots previous to that time are being asked to pay into the fund \$75.00 per lot. Since most of the old lots were bought for \$25 or less, the \$75 assessment plus the original cost of the lot would amount to approximately the price of the new lots. This arrangement puts owners of the old lot on an equal basis with the purchasers of the new lots.

If everyone who owns the lots in the cemetery will cooperate in this plan a fund of sufficient size can be established to provide an adequate income to maintain the cemetery in first class condition. Lot owners could forget about yearly assessments knowing that there was a perpetual income which would always be available for the needs of the cemetery.

Lot owners will be receiving letters in the next week or two requesting the \$75.00 payments to set up the permanent maintenance fund. Whether or not the plan works will be determined by the response to these letters. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a tangible contribution to a memorial which will last always.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

The first month of the year is past, and January was a month to remember. The area received more snow than the entire year of 2023. The temperatures were very cold in the middle of the month, which was followed by unusually warm temperatures. Now is the perfect time to make syrup with the temperatures being cold in the mornings and nice in the afternoons.

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, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Pam Rexrode, Nancy George, Neal Eye, Margaret Wimer, Donald Burns, David Bowers, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Ruby Gail Roberson, Ruth Bauer, Anna Mauzy, Linda Maxwell Looney, Bennie and Mary Alice Evick, Gloria Moats, Martha R. Kimble, Jimmie Bennett, Ruthalene Judy, Wayne Kimble, Stanley Propst, Leann Britton, Patsy Bennett, Kathy Puffenbarger and the family of

Rosalie Pennington Simmons. Prayer thought: "Whatever achievements or abilities God has granted us, our greatest cause for rejoicing is that if we've entrusted ourselves to

Jesus."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Jan. 29 through Feb. 4, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Jan. 29 - 42°, 29° (44°, 38°, .01"); Jan. 30 - 38°, 21° (59°, 39°); Jan. 31 - 42°, 32° (44°, 32°, .04"); Feb. 1 - 53°, 23° (44°, 27°, .5" snow); Feb. 2 - 42°, 30° (37°, 24°); Feb. 3 - 43°, 21° (25°, 12°)

and Feb. 4 - 54°, 22° (43°, 8°). Total rainfall for January was 3.92", compared to .84" in

January of 2023.

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Empathy Is Guided by the Innate Ability of the Heart

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

Mankind has two hearts.

Everyone has the heart that beats 100,000 times a day, every day that one is alive. This is an astonishing fact.

The second heart is that one that makes a person human. It is the one that makes a person care. It is the one that gives a person courage, passion, and inspiration.

This heart guided Michaelangelo to carve the statue of David. It told the Medal of Honor winner to charge into enemy lines without thinking of his own life. This heart makes one love, laugh, to be happy or sad. It is the heart that makes a person who one is, all the same and all different.

This heart of one beats within everyone. It guides a person toward one's passion. It is the driver that makes a person think higher, do better, feel stronger, and create with more feeling. Everyone has this heart.

The secret is to unlock it. The secret is to find that thing that a person is passionate about and make it one's mission in life. This is what makes great athletes, great doctors and dentists, great teachers, great bus drivers, great nurses, great next door neighbors, great mechanics and great people.

Everyone has two hearts...one that beats and one that feels.... one that makes everyone different and the same.

A Happy Valentine's Day to all the writer's readers.

- Life's little instructions to make daily living much better nclude the following:
- 1. Treat everyone a person meets like one wants to be treated.
- 2. Send lots of Valentine's cards.
- 3. Remember other people's birthdays.
- 4. Become the most positive and enthusiastic person one

5. Never waste an opportunity to tell someone one loves them. Sunday morning temperatures were 19 degrees, with the forecast for next week as being colder than the last week. Valentine quotes are as follows:

"And if the stars should ever die, we'll make our own light, ou and I." — John Mark Green

"I don't go by the rule book...I lead from the heart, not the head." — Princess Diana

"Love doesn't make the world go 'round.' Love is what makes the ride worthwhile." — Franklin P. Jones "I hope you don't mind that I put down in words how wonderful

life is while you're in the world." — Elton John "Love is the whole thing. We are only the pieces." — Rumi

Sitting by the fireplace is where one should be to hear the Talk of the Grove."

Missy Harrison, Charlotte Hoover, and Kathy Nelson have been reporting busloads of robins arriving on the Thorn. Surely their feathers will be needed this coming week.

The white snow drops have been sighted at the late Gertrude

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and Hugh Mitchell homeplace. Daffodil stems are about 4 inches above ground. According to the old groundhog, spring is around the corner! Everyone shall see.

Coming home to celebrate Tom Mitchell's birthday this past weekend were his family, Jennifer, Tim, and Allison Hoover of Bridgewater, Virginia, Damien Morris of Dayton, Virginia, Janelle Mitchell and Destiny and Jace Sroka of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Brandon, Cara, Macie, Carson, and Carly Mitchell.

Willard and Judy Rader enjoyed a visit with Benny and Linda Custer and celebrated Linda's birthday at the Gateway Restau-

Evelyn Varner paid a visit to Bridgewater, Virginia, last Tuesday, to visit her brother, Donnie, and Judy Smith. Her daughter, Judy Costello, of Verona, Virginia, spent the weekend with her. Sunday visitors were Joyce Marshall, Ali Kesterson,

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful and blessed because of all the love and support that came our way after the passing of Michael Steele through attendance at the wake and funeral, all of the sympathy cards, phone calls, messages and flowers, those who brought food to our home, the dinner that was prepared by our church family after the burial, with special thanks to Pastors Dan and Mario, David Basagic Funeral Home, the rescue squad, the Petersburg Veterans and the U.S. Army who sent >representatives to present the flag to our family.

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and Tim Baldwin.

Marleta Wimer, Terri Grogg, and Claude Castleberry continue to see to the care of Rosalee Grogg.

Spending Saturday with Phil Downs were Sue Ellen Weasonforth and Susie Ruffner of Romney.

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

- Americans send 140 million Valentine's Day cards each year.
- The conversation hearts got their start as medical lozenges
- In the 1300s Valentine's Day officially became a holiday associated with love.
- The first valentine was sent in the 15th century.
- •Nearly 250 million roses are grown for Valentine's Day.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Bob Adamson, Rick Adkins, Charles and "Pidge" Anderson, the Bobby Joe Armstrong family, John Ashley, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Lynn Beatty, "Bo" Boggs, Dewayne Borror, Jane Conrad, Marie Cole, Norma Propst Cunningham, Christian Dasher, Isaac Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Neal Eye, 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, Debbie and Enos Horst, Mike Jamison, Jessica Janney, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Danny Kimble, Dennis Kincaid, Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Rev. Angela Lambert's father, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Ronnie Lambert, Rex Landis, the Pat Lang family, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Anna Mauzy, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tom Mitchell, Barbara Moats, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Cheryl Paine, Wanda Pitsenbarger, Alda Propst, John O. Propst, Kathy Propst, Mike Propst, Sheldon Propst, Brandon Reel, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Jarod "Jerry" Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Dennis Riggleman, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Phyllis Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Kent Simmons, Robbie Sites, Donnie Smith, Stanna Smith, Steve Stump, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Evelyn Varner, Raymond Varner, Amy Vaus, Judy Williams and Margaret Wimer.

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Wildcats Battle Fourth Ranked Cougars on the Road



Josiah Kimble skies to outhustle an East Hardy player chasing down a loose ball.

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County's boys' basketball squad rolled up for a magical mystery tour last week. Two top five opponents, a trip to rival Moorefield, a lengthy bus excursion to a riot in Paw Paw, and no rest for the weary added up to a challenging stretch.

All of this took place on four consecutive days. The road trip to Baker came on the heels of a tough night in Morgan County, not for the team, but in general. Pendleton County earned an 81-46 victory, but in front of a gymnasium cleared of fans due to a hostile reaction to game officiating.

That all said, the young Wildcats took the game to the upperclass dominated Cougar squad with one loss on the year and a fourth place ranking in single A.

The Wildcats took the opening tip and also the first score. Cashton Kisamore grabbed an offensive rebound and laid it in less than 30 seconds into the action. He gave his team a 4-0 advantage a minute later doing the same thing.

Both squads gave up points grudgingly and played outstanding defense. The Wildcats used a one-two-two zone defense at times in the first quarter that disrupted East Hardy at the top of the key. The man defense was often extended past the three-point line to defend long range shots.

East Hardy stuck to a tight man to man that, like Tucker County, worked to take away Pendleton County's accurate outside shooters, but conceded opportunities to make plays after using drives to break down the defense.

The Cougars hit two free throws and a threepoint shot to regain the lead at the 3:09 point, but a Wyatt Franklin layup seized it back just 13 seconds later. The end of the first quarter saw the teams knotted up at 10.

East Hardy took the lead with a three at the 7:30 mark in the quarter, but Dusty Smith responded with a 17-foot jumper a minute later to close the lead to one. The Cougars patiently worked the ball around the outside to find three-point shooting opportunities. They did not have a lot, but what they got, they generally made. Of the 19 points they scored in the quarter, 15 came from long distance shots.

With accurate shooting, they opened up a 29-19 advantage at the half.

Smith opened second half scoring with a layup, matched by the Cougars shortly after. Chase Owens drove to the post, executed a spin move to free himself, then laid the ball in to set the score at 31-24 with 6:17 left in the third.

From the 6:38 mark, East Hardy outscored Pendleton County six to three over the remainder of the quarter, with a Josiah Kimble free throw at 3:17, the last scoring until the fourth.

The Cougars took a 10 point lead into the fourth. Both defenses maintained energy and intensity until the final seconds of the game. Pendleton County went into a press, which forced turnovers from the efficient Cougar squad. Bradey Bowers did not make the stat sheet, but contributed valuable time and high energy on defense. Wildcat offensive players also worked hard

to manufacture points. After an East Hardy three, Owens once again took his man to the post, spun around him, and scored. He followed that with an offensive rebound and a layup with 5:36 left. In the final minutes, Pendleton County whit-

tled a lead that was at 15 at the 6:48 mark down to eight with a little less than two minutes left.

Kimble played a huge role in that push. At about the three minute mark, he drove from the right wing, hit a shot, drew a foul, and hit the free throw to complete the old fashioned three-point play. Next, he fired a pass to a cutting Franklin for a score and followed that by driving and pulling up from about six feet

Pendleton County was only down 45-37 at the 1:48 point. They started working to extend the game through intentional fouling. East Hardy hit most of their foul shots. Kimble scored four more, but the Wildcats could not keep pace.

On their third game in as many days, Pendleton County gave the fourth ranked team all they wanted, but had to take the setback in

Kimble led scoring with 12 points, followed by Kisamore with 10. Smith added seven, Owens six, Franklin four, and Zykijah Wright two.

In the 81-46 Wednesday win at Paw Paw, who came into the game with 10 victories, Kimble and Owens both scored 22. Wright added eight, Henry Warner and James Kuykendall both put in seven, Franklin six, Kisamore five, and Smith and Caleb Armentrout each

The Wildcats will battle with the Cougars again tonight. Game time is 6 p.m. On Saturday. Paw Paw comes to town with the middle school game starting at 1 p.m., followed by the

Dusty Smith and Bradey Bowers push the offense up the floor during a fast break against Tucker County.

Wildcats Push Top Ranked **Mountain Lions at Home**

By Stephen Smoot

In science, the concept is called a "control." A control shows a point of comparison from which the observer can determine facts. This can take the form of a reaction or to demonstrate a change over time.

Pendleton County played Tucker County on the road in the team's opener. In the first match up the Wildcats stayed with their opponent through the first half, only trailing by 11 at the break. The Mountain Lions then delivered a knockout punch in the third quarter that sent the visiting team reeling, winning the game 68

Last week, the top team in West Virginia class A made the trip off the mountain to face a still young, but much more seasoned Wildcat squad.

The Mountain Lions took the opening tip and executed well on their initial possession, scoring a layup 17 seconds into the game. More than a minute later, Cashton Kisamore blocked the first of several shots on the night. It led to a possession where Wyatt Franklin chased down an offensive rebound, and hit a shot to tie the game at two. Two minutes after, Chase Owens hit a three-point shot to put his team up 5-4.

In the first quarter, Tucker County used a one-threeone zone that helped to open shot opportunities from the deep corners for Pendleton County shooters. Owens alone hit a trio of three-pointers.

With eight seconds left in the first stanza, Josiah Kimble pump faked, shook his man, dribbled in and drilled a shot from the foul line extended to knot the game at 18. Tucker County, however, answered with a three to lead at the end of the quarter.

Kimble opened the second quarter by taking a pass from Franklin and hitting a three at the 7:30 mark. Tucker County abandoned

the zone for the remainder of the game, trying to shut down the Wildcats' outside shooting. Wildcat guards found avenues to drive, getting around defenders and finding opportunities closer to the basket.

Tucker County looked for shots near the basket with excellent interior passing using their motion offense, but also shot consistently well from three when they found openings. They hit one to pull ahead 24-21 at the 6:26 point, but Franklin soon after poked a rebound away from an opponent, had it returned to him by a teammate, and hit a layup. Extra efforts like this from Pendleton County players often led to big plays at crucial times.

With nearly four minutes remaining in the half, a Kimble pass reached the hands of Zykijah Wright, who made a move, hit a shot, and pulled his team within one. Almost 40 seconds later, Kisamore blocked a shot, which Kimble picked up, drove cross court to the right post, then fired back to Owens on the left wing.

The Pendleton County crowd erupted when Owens completed the play with a three, giving his team the lead 32-30.

In the last seconds of the half, the Wildcats took a 36-33 lead when Dusty Smith drove, pulled up, and hit a shot from eight feet. The Mountain Lions cut the lead to one with 29 seconds left on a layup. Wright broke up one last chance Tucker County had to score by intercepting a length of the court pass.

Pendleton County came out confident in the third quarter. Only 20 seconds into the quarter, Kisamore knocked the ball away from a Mountain Lion player. Smith caught it and fired the pass back to Kisamore for a layup and a 38-35 lead, quickly followed by a

Tucker County layup

For almost two minutes, neither team could score. Kimble with a little less than six minutes left in the quarter exploded past his man and took an open lane to a layup and a 40-37 lead. A minute later, Tucker County took the lead back with a three-point shot. From that point through the end of the quarter, the Mountain Lions scored 13 to Pendleton County's five and took a 55-45 advantage.

The lead remained around 10 until the 3:28 point. Kisamore made a post move and laid the ball in shortly after that, followed by a Bradey Bowers steal. With 1:12 left in the game, Smith passed outside to Owens who hit a three to pull the Wildcats to a 65-60 disadvantage. Tucker County, however, took advantage of intentional fouls made to extend the game, hitting enough free throws to give themselves a 72-60 win.

The progression of the game showed why Tucker County earned the top ranking. They play aggressively, but with discipline, patience, and good execution. The team enjoys upper class leadership and ample height. Pendleton County pushed them hard, but Tucker executed when it mattered.

Even though a loss, the game did serve as a control. With a minute left in the December game, the Wildcats had absorbed a significant defeat. With a minute left in the game last week, Pendleton County had a shot to win the game.

And Tucker County had done nothing but improve in the meantime, but so had the home team.

Owens led the Wildcats with 21, including six three-point shots. Kimble followed with 18. Franklin and Kisamore each scored six, Smith five, and Wright and Bowers two a piece.

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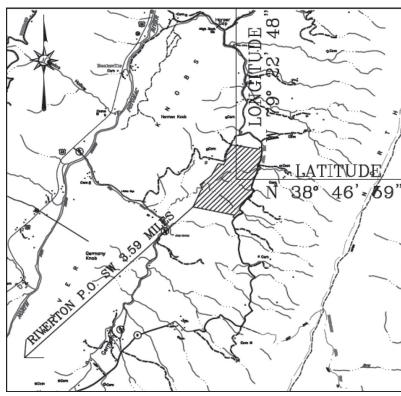
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Broadband Committee Hears Update From Thrasher and Discusses Future

Last week, the Pendleton County Broadband Committee met with Jeffrey Hartley, a representative from Thrasher, to discuss progress in broadband expansion, as well as the direction of

Members of the committee present included Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services, J. P. Mowery representing Pendleton County Schools, Carl Hevener, county commissioner, and Laura Brown, executive director of Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority

Hartley informed the group that it earned a "high level result for Pendleton County.'

He went over the Regional Optical Communications 2023 Statewide Broadband Study Report, which illustrates ongoing projects and also future opportunities for expansion. The report shared that Pendleton County has 882 targeted serviceable locations "based on the funding available."

As he continued, the group discussed a number of issues factoring into broadband plans.

Of the 882, Hartley said 294 fell under "serviceable" but had some problem, such as insufficient power, not a residence, or some other issue that rendered them inappropriate.

In some cases, addresses have service available, but residents do not know they can get it.

Connecting all of the serviceable addresses would require work on 271 miles throughout the county. Hartley informed the group that it would need "to sell these areas to providers" that could be less profitable. He also discussed how Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone (SKSRT) has seen success in obtaining grant funds recently and remained active in applying for more. If approved, they would have a total of nine active projects by mid-February.

Conditions surrounding federal support for broadband expansion will make work on projects more challenging in many cases. The Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program will inject \$42.45 billion into expanding service, but with significantly more mandates for recipients. For example, as Hartley explained, "You can't do what you

want" with BEAD grants. They fund expanding service within a geographic "polygon." "If it's in the polygon," he said, "you have to serve it." This can create challenges in remote areas with difficult terrain for everyone involved. Gillespie agreed, saying "It's a lot more micromanaged."

All planned projects for Pendleton County will rely on extending fiber through one of two ways. In most cases, it will go on exist-

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Some areas, however, even lack poles. Furthermore, landowners will sometimes refuse to allow the establishment of poles or ask too exorbitant of a price. Hartley said, "Underground is really the only option at that point."

Underground fiber currently costs an average of \$150,000 per mile. The ROC report indicates that fiber mounted on poles should cost \$50,000 per mile, but the "aerial option" as it's called could go up to \$65,000 if poles are not in place or otherwise require "make ready" preparation.

Labor, however, represents the main cost. Hartley explained that "the materials themselves are not that expensive."

Pendleton County shares an additional issue with other eastern counties in that the most practical routes sometimes must cross national forest lands. The U.S. Forest Service "has held up projects" for SKSRT due to added permitting requirements.

Another theme from the meeting lay in making sure to push the right priorities. Hartley said no one should "develop a brand new route if it is not an immediate need." Hartley made the point that the providers necessary to use the

infrastructure for service mainly look at the present, but officials

know what will come in the future. Also, "they're not going to know the county as well as you know it." Brown asked Hartlev if he could suggest a good potential future project to link Grant and Pendleton. He noted that an opportunity could exist to link lines serving Landes southward toward Mozer. He said that on the map provided in the study that what looks

like a "route to nowhere" may actually come in from another county or Virginia. While satellite based internet can come from Elon Musk's Star link or other companies like US Cellular, Hartley said that fiber remains the best option because it's "future proof." Service travels at "the speed of light" and that improvements will mainly prevent

Pendleton County has about \$10 million in current projects with potentially more to come. Hartley said the "investment off your county's efforts is super exciting."

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"Cervical cancer was once a leading cause of cancer death

for women in the United States. Through screening and HPV vaccination, the impact of this form of cancer has been greatly reduced," said Charlene Hickman, program director. That is why it is so important that we offer screenings to help women catch this type of cancer early." The BCCSP eligible population includes those who are

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Those who are underinsured have out-of-pocket cost sharing required by their health insurance that they cannot afford, which is often a barrier for getting appropriate testing. These individuals may be eligible to receive support from BCCSP to cover their out-of-pocket expenses.

HPV, or the human papillomavirus, is a common virus that can cause cervical cancer, among other types of cancer later in life. Children and adults may be protected from these cancers with the HPV vaccine between 9-45 years. For more information about HPV vaccination, talk to a health care provider.

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SGR311A 1 acre w/3 bed, 2 bath home located in Franklin. Public Water & 561 cell service & Internet avail. Franklin District. NEW LISTING \$269,900.00. SGR309A 0.44 Acres w/4 bed, 2 bath home in Frank-

lin. Two car garage w/bonus room. NEW LISTING \$229,000.00. SGR306A 6.38 (7) P. Raw Land, US RT 220N. Nice Building Site. NEW LISTING \$69,000.00.

SGR303A 18 Acres w/Unfinished 3-Story Cabin, another Older cabin and Hunting Bunkhouse w/Spectacular View of Dolly Sods. Located in Roaring Creek area, Union Dist.

Septic avail, but not hooked up. Spring, Electric, Phone/ Internet. NEW LISTING \$279,000.00. SGR302A "The Hollow" Restaurant, fully furnished, at the corner of US RT 220/US RT 33W, Franklin. Property

adjoins neighboring motel. NEW LISTING \$425,000.00 REDUCED \$320,000.00.

SGR300A 599.19 Acres, more or less, off of Sandy Ridge Rd. Hunting, Food Plots, Timber, Catfish Pond, Mtn. Views, Roads throughout. Franklin District. **NEW LISTING** \$1,795,000.00.

SGR296A 0.90 Acres w1 Bedroom Townhouse w/Loft, Riverbend Garden HOA fee, Corner Unit. **NEW LISTING \$64,900.00.** SGR290A 0.82 Acres Ray Land located in Bethel District along US RT 33 Each Labric Water available. \$15,000.00.

SGR287A 0.20 Acres w/3 Bed, 1.5 Bath Doublewide Home, close to Chamber Properties. Franklin Corp., Pendleton County. NEW LISTING REDUCED \$100,000.00

REDUCED \$89,900.00.

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land Estates Development, Milroy District, Grant County, WV. NEW LISTING \$63,250.00. Garages, Hiking/ASO Well water w/deeded access to Spring. Sugar Grove District. Covenants & Restrictions apply. \$499,900.00 REDUCED \$469,900.00.

SGR258B 3.42 Acres, w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Home. Sugar Grove District, Falcon Lane. \$259,000.00. REDUCED \$229,000.00. SGR252A 81.01 Acres, more or less, Lot 7, Seneca

Lookout, adjoins National Forest. Spring on property. North Fork hiking trail crosses. Union District. Covenants & Restrictions. **\$519,000.00**. SGR246 242.36 Acres, more or less, w/5 Bed, 2-1/2

Bath Contemporary Home as well as a Farmhouse on property. Pond, Magnificent Views. Conservation Easement. \$998,700.00.

SGR241 60.24 Acres w/Cabin. Exceptional Views, Excellent Hunting Atlands in place. Bathhouse, Electric Nearby, Cistern, Small pond. Close to National Forest. NEW LISTING \$289,000.00 REDUCED \$259,000.00. SGR236 World Class View Overlooking Germany Valley Log Cabin, 70.08 Acres, 2 bed, 2.5 Baths. Seneca Lookout.

Some Restrictions. \$799,000.00. SGR223 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2000 sq. ft. home located in town

of Franklin. \$299,000.00. SGR156 15.97 Acres, Rolling Hills Estate, Electric nearby Water available.Hardy County. \$95,000.00. REDUCED

\$89,900.00. SGR128 2-3 Bedroom Ranch w/Full Basement on 0.6386 Acres, more or lesson Bars Gap Rd, Sugar Grove District.

NEW LISTING \$169,000.00 REDUCED \$149,900.00 REDUCED \$145,000.00. **SGR056** Highland County property. Pasture, several year-round Springs, Hunting, High Speed Internet, Electric, 1.3 miles of public Road Frontage. Awesome view of Blue

Grass Valley. \$2,973,000.00. SGR042 Five Unit Townhouse property located in

Brandywine. Ea**go** it Das 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, LR and Large Kitchen. Near National Forest for hunting and fishing. Perfect for retirement income, live in one and rent the others! \$399,000.00. SGR441 Residential lots, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Bran-

dywine on Rte 33 East of Franklin. Lots from \$20,760.00. SGR247 Residential lots with town water, sewer & un-SGR282A 0.7540 which Front/Residence located in Brandywine. Needs some TLC. \$85,000.00 \$69,000.00. derground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from \$14,630.00.