

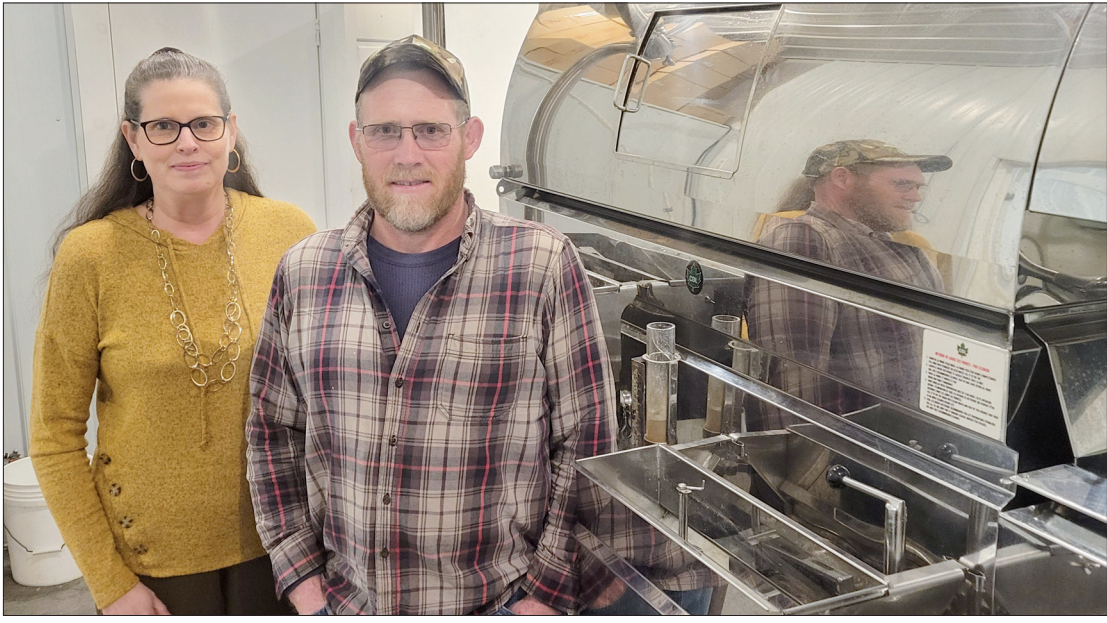
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Sarah and Mark Kimble of M and S Maple in Mozer use the most modern machinery to produce an old Mountain State staple.

Winter No Match for Sweet Attraction of Maple Days

By Stephen Smoot

The temperatures fell. The wind howled. The forecasters shared dire predictions of many inches of snow up and down the South Branch Valley and surrounding areas.

But the fast moving system graced the ground with only a few inches, not nearly enough to keep residents and visitors alike from checking out Pendleton's maple offerings.

Every year, the West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers Association sets aside two days to celebrate the production of maple based products across the state. This year those dates fall on Feb. 17 and March 16. Producers do not simply sell their wares, but often also demonstrate at least some aspects of the production of syrup or other products.

M and S Maple, a Mozer based farm owned by Mark

and Sarah Kimble, has operated as a family business for 12 years. Mark Kimble, however, has worked with maple in some fashion or another for much of his life.

"I used to tap the trees as a kid to get sap water out of them," he shared.

The family started producing syrup well before starting the business, honing their craft over the years to offer a variety of products of

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SKSRT LEADs the Way in Winning High Speed Internet Expansion Grants

By Stephen Smoot

In the first week of February, Governor Jim Justice announced preliminary approval for 10 grant awards across the state to companies engaged in broadband expansion. One third of the grants handed out, totaling approximately \$1.3 million, went to Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone in Riverton.

The grants come from the Line Extension Advancement and Development program, part of the West Virginia Broadband Investment Plan. As Jena Miller, executive director of the non-profit SKSRT explains, the "purpose is to improve access and work towards ensuring every West Virginian has access to reliable broadband service."

The three grants each will fund expansion in a different section of the county. A Brandywine based project will use a \$401,025 grant with \$120,000 in local matching funds to

bring high speed internet to 119 addresses with five miles of fiber.

Another project will extend service in Upper Tract. This one will use approximately \$900,000 in state funds with a local match of \$105,700. Sixteen miles of fiber will reach 122 addresses.

The third will apply \$611,315 from the state and \$82,000 from Pocahontas County to connect 117 addresses in the Green Bank area with nine miles of fiber.

SKSRT, along with Armstrong Communications Inc, Citynet LLC, and Comcast, were the only companies to receive grants in this, the third round of funding. Expansion funded in this round will take place not only in Pendleton and Pocahontas, but also Mineral, Marshall, Wetzel, Cabell, and Wayne counties.

Miller added, "We look forward to expanding our services and facilitating new locations. If an individual ques-

tions whether they are within the grants SKSRT has been awarded, they will need to call in and provide a formal inquiry of service for their location."

She also shared that "we will also have SKSRT employees going to areas within the projects and leaving information about our services as the timeline develops."

Justice said in a release that "these grants represent not just an investment in infrastructure, but in the future of our communities and the prosperity of our residents."

High praise was offered by Miller for the work of local leaders whose efforts laid the groundwork for this and other successes.

"Through the LEAD projects that SKSRT has been awarded, we would like to recognize and thank Mr. Rick Gillespie, Ms. Laura Brown, and the Pendleton County Commission for their input and contribution. It has been greatly appreciated!" she said.

Pendleton County Middle School Girls Post Perfection



The Pendleton County Middle School girls' basketball squad capped off a perfect season in the perfect fashion - by defeating rival Moorefield in the title game 38-10. Their unblemished season earned the team a first round bye in the Potomac Valley League tournament hosted by Romney Middle School. They also defeated Capon Bridge in the semis by a score of 46-23. Members of the team were, from left, kneeling, Remington George, Lily Brogan, Kinley Bennett, Azaela Waddell, and Laren Williams; and standing, Vaylee Harper, Laney Bowers, Kinsley Price, Tia Heavner, Alayna Huffman and Travis Heavner, coach.

Local Businesses Receive Statewide Honors in WV Living Event in Elkins

By Stephen Smoot

Surrounded by ornate and handcrafted surroundings and the echoes of West Virginia's political and economic history, area businesses received recognition as being among the best in West Virginia.

The event took place in Graceland, not the Memphis home of singer Elvis Presley, but someone more powerful and influential in his time. Graceland served as one of the summer retreats of United States Senator, one time vice presidential candidate, and business leader Henry Gasaway Davis. Originally from Piedmont, Davis played host to senators, captains of industry, and even presidents in his resort in Deer Park, Maryland, and his Graceland home in Elkins.

Graceland adorns the hill where Davis and Elkins College sits, positioned beside the equally famous Halliehurst,



Nikki Bowman Mills, owner of New South Media, left, is with Amber Nesselrodt, Pendleton County CVB director. Nesselrodt was on hand at historic Graceland to accept awards on behalf of some county winners.

home of U.S. Senator Stephen Benton Elkins.

Surrounded by stained glass windows, hand carved wooden Doric columns, and freshly prepared victuals and state produced spirits, attendees enjoyed a reception before receiving their awards.

Nikki Bowman Mills, founder of New South Media and publisher of its media outlets, including West Virginia Living, served as master of ceremonies. She referred to Graceland, now an inn, as "a beautiful spot in a special town."

Rosemary Thomas, a Davis and Elkins executive vice president, stated that "this didn't need to be just a tired stone building." The inn offers not merely lodging, but also "an experience. It is a destination we hope you will be proud of."

This year, Mills and West Virginia Living chose to hold one event to recognize the Mountain State's best, but multiple, each serving a region. "We wanted to do something a little bit special . . . a road show . . . to come to each

of the regions."

Mills then added, "It's all about building community."

"When I started this company, I had a mission . . . to change the perception of West Virginia, not just how others look at us, but how we look at ourselves." The "best of" awards help to underscore positive changes and movements in the state. She also said, "We do that by telling our stories." The magazine has handed out the awards for 13 years as a "statewide contest to market themselves and vote for their favorites."

Representing Pendleton County was Amber Nesselrodt, executive director of the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Annie Humes from the Pendleton County Farmers Market, and Luke Taylor-Ide of Future Generations University.

The first accolade awarded to a Pendleton business went to Swilled Dog as Best Cider. Voters in the poll selected the Upper Tract based producer of potent potables as the best cidery and second runner-up

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Community CALENDAR

Lenten Lunches Continue Today

The annual Lenten Lunches hosted by the Pendleton County Ministerial Association began at noon today at Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Franklin.

A meal, consisting of soups, sandwiches, desserts and drinks, will be served at noon. The message will be delivered at 12:30 p.m.

This week's meal will be provided by Mountaintop Ministries United Methodist Churches. The message will be delivered by Fletcher Hutchesson, pastor of the Circleville and Seneca Rocks Presbyterian churches.

Next week's meal will be provided by Reeds Creek United Methodist Church and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. The message will be delivered by John Windett.

County Extension Committee To Meet

The Pendleton County Extension Service Committee will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28, 2024 at the Pendleton Community Building in Franklin.

The meeting is open to the public.

TMF Committee To Gather Monday

The Treasure Mountain Festival leadership planning committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at the Town of Franklin office.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hat Party Planned At Family Support Center in Franklin

A hat party is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday at the Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center in Franklin.

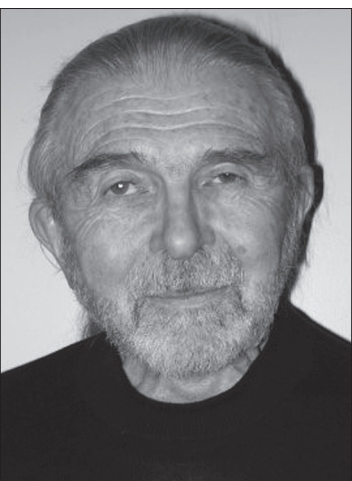
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New Deputy Added to Sheriff's Department



The Pendleton County Sheriff's Department hired J. L. Dempsey to serve as the newest deputy. He was hired on Feb. 15 and sworn in the next day by Circuit Judge H. Charles Carl.

OBITUARIES



Bernard (Barney) Mergen

designed and built in Pendleton County, lured here out of Washington, DC, by the sheer beauty of the county and the warmth of its people. He was extremely proud of his son, Andrew, and his daughter, Alexandra. He had five lifetime friends, scores of talented and productive students and colleagues, and shared residences with nine distinguished cats (serially), a giant horse named Sassy, two miniature donkeys, and a flock of laying hens – no one could ask for more.

From his remarkable mother he got his sense of humor and learned to love literature and life. When he was about 9 years old, she asked him to describe himself in three phrases. He answered without hesitation: “1. Barney Mergen. 2. A boy. 3. One among many.” He would answer the same today.

“Weather Matters” received the 2011 Louis J. Battan Award from the American Meteorological Society for “an outstanding book on the atmospheric sciences that fosters public understanding in adult audiences.” “Snow in America” was recognized by the International Skiing History Association with its Ullr Award. He tried to live his life according to the maxim of Miguel de Unamuno: “If it is nothingness that awaits us, let us make an injustice of it ... let us fight against it quixotically.” His faith came from the lines of Richard Hugo: “Pray hard to weather, the lone surviving god./that in some sudden wisdom we surrender.” He agreed with Loren Eiseley that, “It is the rain that speaks last to the heart.” (And it snowed for him on the morning he died.)

In keeping with the Mergen tradition, no memorial service is planned. In lieu of flowers and cards, he requested his friends adopt an abused animal, pick up trash along a road or riverbank, or give a homeless person \$50.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.



Lucy Gail (Dolly) Long

Lucy Gail (Dolly) Long, 82 of Seneca Rocks passed away on Feb. 16, 2024, at Hampshire Center in Romney.

She was born on March 22, 1941, in Seneca Rocks, a daughter of the late Fred Carles Dolly and Bertha Ellen (Heavener) Dolly.

Mrs. Long attended Circleville High School. She moved to Fort Ashby with her husband and later to Arlington, Virginia, and lived there for 25 years. In the early 90s, they retired back to West Virginia.

She was a homemaker and was known to help others in need. She enjoyed family and friend get-togethers and socializing. She loved her animals.

Her husband, Carl Raymond Long, preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 2011.

Surviving are a daughter, Anita F. Tekmen of Cabins; a grandson, Dakota Lee Moore; a sister, Dottie (Dolly) Fidler (Mike) of Wardensville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two infant grandsons, Joshua Byron Tekmen and Jesse Ray Tekmen; and a sister, Betty (Dolly) Miller.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Brian Hipp officiating. Interment was in the Mallow Cemetery on Timber Ridge Road in Riverton.



Roger Lee Holloway

Roger Lee Holloway, 81, of Franklin passed away Feb. 15, 2024, at his home.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1942, in Franklin, the son of the late Gae M. Huffman.

Mr. Holloway attended Franklin High School and attended Franklin Assembly of God Church.

He retired in 2004, after working 38 years as an appliance repairman for Solon Appliance Repair in Baltimore, Maryland. He had a passion for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and taking rides with his “fur baby.”

On March 14, 1990, he married the love of his life, Marguarite Ann (Sims) Holloway, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind to cherish his memory two daughters, Denise Cox (Jeffrey) and Gini Hamilton (Keith Berger); three sons, James A. Lindelof (Sueli), Charles Lindelof (Gina), and David Lindelof, Jr. (Brandi); 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; numerous cousins; and a host of friends.

In honoring his wishes, his body has been cremated.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Franklin Assembly of God Church in Franklin. A memorial service will follow at the church with Pastor Calvin Bailey officiating.

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



Baronin Frances Ellen Warner von Schilling

The Baronin Frances Ellen Warner von Schilling, 82, a resident of Cherry Grove passed away Feb. 17, 2024.

She was born March 13, 1941, in Cherry Grove, the daughter of the late Russell and Gretta (Waybright) Warner.

Ms. von Schilling was a graduate of Circleville High School and Davis & Elkins College. Later in life, she earned a master’s degree in natural science.

For more than 30 years, she worked for the United States Government. Her career began with the state department, working and living in Germany for several years. After moving back to the United States, she worked in the United States Department of Treasury, and eventually in the executive office of travel and budget in the White House. She worked in the

White House for Presidents Reagan, Bush, Clinton, and Bush.

She retired to Pendleton County to care for her parents and the family farm. Although she had been a career woman, she was a farmer at heart, and she always enjoyed her time at the farm.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (John Hart Chapter), and she attended the North Fork Church of the Brethren for many years.

She was a bibliophile collecting more than 9,000 books. She also enjoyed knitting, quilting, and farming.

Left to cherish her memory are a sister, Sherry Pillow (Denis) of Warrenton, Virginia; a nephew, Adrian Pillow of Florida; and a special cousin, Crystal Warner Gibson (Rod) of Mill Creek.

She was formerly married to the Baron Horst von Schilling.

She will be buried on her farm in a private graveside service with Pastor Mike Lambert officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the John Hart Chapter DAR, c/o John Hart Chapter DAR c/o Julia Elbon, 110 Westview Drive, Elkins, WV 26241 or the Circleville High School Preservation fund.

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

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Winter No Match for Maple Days Keiter, Nesselrodt, Henderson Named PCH/MS Students of the Month

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high quality. Production started at the beginning with 20 taps and a cast iron kettle. Now the farm uses approximately 2,100 taps feeding a modern sugar house.

Over the course of the day, Mark Kimble explained that "at times we were packed, at other times, there was no one here," but "we did pretty good." He also said the farm hosted "a pretty big group from DC."

Maple Days also allowed newer businesses an opportunity to tap into interest shown by both visitors and natives alike. Elevated Grounds, owned by Kevin and Tiffany Rawson, held a soft opening on Saturday at their location on Main Street in Franklin.

One of the inspirations for starting the business came from Tiffany Rawson's grandfather, who passed away a year ago. Kevin Rawson shared that "he was a very successful business owner. We actually named our LLC in memory of him."

He stated also that he had a long-term desire "to own a business in the community I grew up in," while his wife had always wanted to own a coffee shop. "We just put our dreams together," he said.

The Rawsons received encouragement from the Mon Forest Towns association to integrate their opening plans with Maple Days. "They wanted to see us succeed by tapping into the tourist side," he explained.

Tiffany Rawson added that "for me, Mon Forest was the general start of that idea."

Elevated Grounds obtained maple water from Cool Hollow Maple Farm, aptly located in Sugar Grove, then, as Kevin Rawson explained "I took that maple water and made a maple cold brew" coffee.

They also sold tasty maple treats from Claire's Cake Company in Monterey, Virginia. They "made all these maple pastries," he said, adding that the shop also sold maple pecan scones and a number of other products.

M and S Maple also offered a broad variety of products that originated from their own trees. These products included syrup, maple sugar, maple cream, maple cotton candy, and much more.

They even crafted maple based rye and whiskey, aged in barrels for six months.

Mark Kimble said that production was "a little bit better than last year, but not by much." The night temperatures in their area tended to stay in the mid-30s while the days saw the mercury climb into the 60s, too warm for optimal production.

And one need not wait all year for Maple Days to enjoy either establishment. Elevated Grounds plans to hold a grand opening in mid-March.

Mark Kimble says to visitors that "if you see smoke" from the production process "come on by."

WV Living Event in Elkins

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as best distillery.

Swilled Dog earned best cidery for the second year in a row. Last year they also received first runner up in both best distillery and also new libations producer.

Libations remained the theme for the next award, that of Best Libation Trail. West Virginia Living named on the Rocks Craft Beverage Trail. The trail, a partnership fostered by the Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, among other partners, encourages travelers to "discover the best craft beverage producers in the region. From hard cider to whiskey to maple moonshine, taste distinctive drinks made from locally grown and harvested ingredients."

The trail connects Swilled Dog, Dry Run Spirits in Dahmer, Still Hollow in Harman, and Big Fish Cider in Monterey, Virginia.

"There are a lot of fantastic places to drink in Pendleton County," Mills explained.

Recognition turned away from booze and toward banks that inspire confidence in their community. The honor in the Best Bank category went to Franklin based Pendleton Community Bank

"PCB has served communities in West Virginia since 1925, and it is an honor to be named 'best bank' in my home state for the second year in a row," said William A. Loving, president and CEO in a release. "We have banked generations of West Virginians since our founding, and we owe this recognition to our loyal customers who continue to support our mission."

Loving added that "I am also extremely proud of our team members who deliver superior customer service while showing a commitment to community service."

This adds to other recent honors garnered by PCB, including "Best Ag Lender and Best Home Mortgage" and several Shenandoah Valley based awards.

Seneca Rocks Hiking Trail won the award for best in its category. The "moderately challenging route extends 3.6 miles with an 839-foot rise. At the trail's terminus, one may enjoy striking views close to the rock formations or of the North Fork valley below.

Mills explained that hundreds of thousands of voters took part, but that often the winners were separated from second place by as little as 100 or even 20 votes.

Aubree Keiter, Leah Nesselrodt and Anthony Henderson have been named outstanding students of the month for December at Pendleton County High/Middle School.

Keiter of Fort Seybert, a junior, is the November Academic Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Falon and Brian Gilbert and the late Clay Keiter. She is a member of the PCHS volleyball and track teams. She is also active in FFA and National Honor Society. Her plans are to attend Potomac State College and obtain her bachelor of science in nursing.

The James Huffman Responsible Student of the Month for November is Nesselrodt. She is the daughter of Josh and Amber Nesselrodt of Franklin. A sophomore, she is a member of Upward Bound, travel club, pep club, and the Youth Soccer Recreational League. She serves as her class president, is on the A Honor Roll, and is a past Golden Horseshoe winner. This year, she is taking honors geometry. Outside of school, she plays the piano, is a member of her youth group, participates in pageants and was Miss Teen WV Trout Fest 2022. Her plans are to attend college to pursue a degree in criminology or criminal justice. She wants to travel globally and visit different cultures. She is also hopeful to join the Peace Corps and other organizations.

Henderson is the Pendleton County Middle School Student of the Month. The son of Viviana Orozco Montoya of Brandywine, he is in the seventh grade and loves playing basketball. He is active on the PCMS boys' basketball team and plans to go to college further this passion.



Aubree Keiter and Leah Nesselrodt



Anthony Henderson

Gateway Rewards NFES Students for Reading

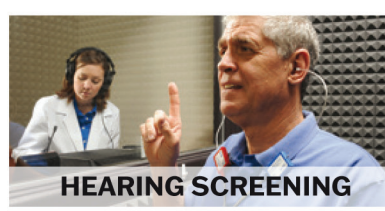


Gateway Restaurant has teamed up with North Fork Elementary School to encourage students to read. Each nine weeks, three students will receive a free meal at the Gateway. The names of students who have the required amount of Accelerated Reading points are entered into the drawing. Receiving the reward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

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10 Years Ago
Week of February 20, 2014

SUGAR GROVE

Fashion and Manners Have Seen Many Changes

The world of women's fashion has changed dramatically since the post Civil War era. A short item featured in the Page Valley Courier stated:

"For ladies only—Hoop skirts are now entirely discarded by fashionable young ladies. Round hats are exceedingly fashionable for all who are young enough to wear them. Satin ribbons for sashes now come in all colors, with double faces. The width is all the way up to 29 inches.

The new favorite shade for full dress is a warm tint of salmon, known as a melon, or more properly speaking, cantaloupe color, which lights well and suits a variety of complexions.

A new material for ladies' dresses is to be seen on fashionable promenades. It is a silken fabric of a bronze hue, and when closely fitting, it gives the wearer the appearance of a bronze statue coming down from its pedestal for a shopping excursion."

The hoop skirt had become so large by 1860 that women were encumbered trying to get through doors, sit properly, or move around in general. By 1866, the hoop skirts began to diminish, and by 1870, the bustle appeared, combined with lots of pleats and ruffles in the back.

Dresses tended to be much slimmer, narrower and closer fitting than fuller at the hem due to the petticoats. Because of all this heavy fabric pulling downward on the dress, the bustle was introduced to help support the bulk of this fabric. The bustle, sometimes called a "false rump" allowed for an abundance of fabric sewn into all manners of ruffles in the rear. This profusion of cloth in the rear allowed for fashionably small trains brushing the floor. The bustles, which were composed of pads, springs, ruffles, wire or curved boning, were mostly homemade. They often had the appearance of a stuffed pillow under the dress.

The attire complimented the correct behavior. There were 20 thoughts about correct behavior as was desired, taken from the Rockingham Register around 1875.

- Loud and boisterous laughter.
- Reading when others are talking.
- Reading aloud in company without being asked.
- Talking when others are reading.
- Spitting about the house, smoking or chewing.
- Cutting fingernails in company.
- Leaving church before worship is closed.
- Not listening to what anyone is saying in company.
- Commencing to eat as soon as one can get to the table.
- Receiving a present without an expression of gratitude.
- Correcting older persons

than oneself, especially parents.

- Whispering or laughing in the house of God.
- Gazing rudely at strangers.
- Leaving a stranger without a seat.
- A want of respect and reverence for seniors.
- Making oneself the hero of one's own story.
- Commence to talk before another has finished speaking.

40 Years Ago
Week of February 23, 1984

Masks Being Displayed In Pendleton Schools, Library

Have you ever seen a mask carved from wood, or a beautifully beaded mask for a horse?

These are just two of the interesting and unusual masks in an exhibit being displayed for Pendleton County students now through March 31.

"Masquerade," as the exhibit is called is a collection of masks from Africa, New Guinea, Great Britain and the American Indians. The masks belong to Huntington Galleries in Huntington and are part of the galleries' traveling exhibition program called Art Reach. Included with the exhibit is a trunk of various masks which the students may handle and try on.

Students will learn from this exhibit that masks down through the centuries have been used for ritual, ceremonial and protective purposes.

"Masquerade" is sponsored by the Pendleton County Committee for the Arts with assistance from the Arts and Humanities Division of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History.

50 Years Ago
Week of February 21, 1974

Great Boulders Common In Area

WHOSE WOODS ARE THESE...

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

"There is a look of wisdom in you stones./ Great boulders basking in the noonday heat./ Their grimness lightened by a fringe of sweet./ Fern or moss or green-gray lichen tones."

(Excerpt from "Boulders" by Charles Stork)

One can find the great boulders of which this poet speaks in the mountains of West Virginia—whether one drives along the winding mountain roads, or fields filled with boulders and pebbles.

Most of the rocks in the mountains are either cream-colored or gray limestone, or gray or red sandstone. The most noticeable differences between the two, in purely visual terms, is that sandstone contains sand-size grains and is often easy to crumble, whereas limestone is harder and it is very difficult to see the individual grains at all.

The majority of the hills and valleys in the mountains of

West Virginia are caused by limestone which lies below the surface. Any steady flow of water over limestone will slowly eat its way into the rock, just as sucking on a sugar cube will slowly dissolve it. In the same manner that the sugar cube will fall apart, so the limestone will collapse, causing such features as caves, small valleys and sink holes.

The name for the type of topography involving large areas of limestone is karst. Derived from the Slavic word "Krs" meaning crag of stone, it refers to a countryside full of hills and valleys, caves, sink holes, and many streams. These features are formed by water dissolving away the limestone and leaving large holes. The hills represent areas where the water has not been able to weaken the limestone, so no valleys or sinks are formed. All of us are familiar with the small sink holes we find in our fields, but many of us do not realize that some of our "hollows" are enormous sinks.

If you have seen a local topographic map, you may have noticed the numbers of areas with concentric circles, like a bullseye on a target. These circles indicate either a hill, a valley or some depression. Any series of circles without hatched lines show valleys.

One of the most interesting characteristics of karst topography is the changes that occur in land formations. As long as there is enough water to dissolve away the limestone, above the ground there will continue to be slumping (this is when areas of soil on a hillside are loosened and slide down the hill in a minor avalanche fashion), and below the ground new caves will continue to be formed. The formation of caves takes thousands of years, but one can watch the development of a slump feature and perhaps even a sink hole. Because of the amount of rainwater and the fact that West Virginia has such well-developed karst, changes in land features will continue to happen in our mountains.

60 Years Ago
Week of February 27, 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 ago.

Kilpatrick's Raid On Richmond Is Flop

Brigadier General Judson Kilpatrick was not yet 30 years old, but he already had made a reputation as a great cavalry officer of the Union army. One hundred years ago this week, Kilpatrick set out on one of his most famous and most unsuccessful exploits.

Kilpatrick led a cavalry raid on Richmond, the capitol of the Confederacy, while the city was guarded by the whole of General Robert E. Lee's veteran army. He made it all

the way to the city's outskirts, and there the raid collapsed, a spectacular flop.

The idea of Kilpatrick's raid originated in Washington, and it went like this: Kilpatrick was to set out from the Union lines along the Rapidan River in east-central Virginia, cross the river and head straight south for Richmond, skirting the east side of Lee's army. Simultaneously, General George A. Custer (the man who would become famous for his "last stand" in the West after the war) was to move southwest, on the other side of Lee's army, to divert Lee.

Once in Richmond, Kilpatrick was to wreak havoc on supplies and communications and attempt to free Union prisoners on Belle Island in the James River.

All started well. On the night of February 27th, Custer, with 2,000 cavalymen, moved out of the Federal encampment. Next night, Kilpatrick crossed the river with another 4,000 men and started south at full speed.

Near Fredericksburg, Kilpatrick divided his force. Col. Ulric Dahlgren, with 500 men turned westward, to loop around Richmond suburbs, five miles from the central city, and ran headlong into a line of Confederate troops hastily assembled to resist his advance. Skirmishing broke out, and Kilpatrick's men stopped.

Dahlgren, meanwhile, was having trouble, too. He had looped around west of Richmond as planned, but his hope to cross the James River was frustrated when he could find no ford. Therefore, he turned left and moved in on the city from the west, along the river bank, burning grist mills, barns and boats as he moved. He arrived in the western outskirts of the city on the afternoon of March 1 where he, too, ran into a line of resistance.

Both Kilpatrick and Dahlgren fought until nightfall and then gave up. Kilpatrick headed east toward the coast and federally-held Fort Monroe; Dahlgren started north-westward but his men became separated. Three hundred of his men caught up with Kilpatrick and made their escape. Dahlgren and the other 200 made their way 25 miles to Aylett, where Confederates attacked them and Dahlgren was killed. The rest fled.

Confederates later reported finding on Dahlgren's body a paper stating that his men were to burn Richmond and kill President Davis and his cabinet. The newspapers caused a sensation and brought prompt disclaimers from Federal officials in Washington. The whole truth of the paper has never been established.

Next week: Grant is promoted.

SERVICEMEN

• FORT BENNING, Ga.—Pvt. John L. Gillispie, son of Mrs. Georgia M. Huffman of Brandywine completed a 12-week infantry mechanic course at the Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., early in February.

He entered the Army last August and completed basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

• USS EVERGLADES—Roger L. Hedrick, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Hedrick of Franklin, is serving aboard the destroyer tender USS Everglades, operating out of Charleston, S. C.

Everglades departed February 8 for a tour of duty with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean area.

• LACKLAND AFB, Texas—Airman Eugene C. Frye, grandson of Mrs. Margie Bowers of Franklin, is being reassigned to Lowry AFB, Colorado, for technical training as a United States Air Force aircraft weapons systems mechanic

• LACKLAND AFB, Texas—Airman Nathan R. Propst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Propst of Moyers, is being reassigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for technical training as a United States Air Force communications-electronics specialist.

ARMY WILL DRAFT 12,000 IN APRIL

WASHINGTON — Twelve thousand men will enter the Army in April in response to a Department of Defense request to the Selective Service System.

The procurement objective in April for enlisted men who have had no prior service is 18,500, 12,000 of which will be drafted.

The April call-up will bring the total number of inductees requested of the Selective Service to 2,946,450 since the September, 1950, call.

70 Years Ago
Week of February 25, 1954

State Conservation Commission Sets Hunting and Fishing Dates; Daily Limit On Trout Cut to Eight

A cut in the daily creel limit on trout was the only major change from last year in fishing regulations and opening hunting dates set last week by the Conservation Commission.

Bag limits and closing dates of hunting seasons will be set by the commission at its April meeting.

In most cases, the commission attempted to follow closely the recommendations made by the sportsmen's groups at eight regional meetings held earlier this year.

The season on rainbow, brown and brook trout was set for April 24 through September 6. The daily limit on all species was dropped from 10 to 8 in streams and 6 to 5 in impoundments. As last year, there is no minimum length for trout which can be kept.

The season limit on trout remains 60.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Spring is getting closer as the robins have been spotted. Plus, the Easter flowers are starting to come up through the ground.

The burning law expires the last day of February. Just be careful as the winds are picking up.

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, Wanda Pittsenbarger and the family of Roger Holloway.

Prayer thought: "God may not always respond to our prayers when we like him to, but He's always working out His wise purpose. We can take heart that when He does answer, it will be right and good."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Feb. 12 through Feb. 18, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Feb. 12 - 51°, 39°, .37" (37°, 31°, .33"); Feb. 13 - 41°, 33°, .53" (55°, 23°); Feb. 14 - 45°, 30° (61°, 30°); Feb. 15 - 56°, 22° (70°, 39°); Feb. 16 - 46°, 32° (51°, 38°, .75°); Feb. 17 - 32°, 19° (54°, 25°, .46°) and Feb. 18 - 42°, 17° (49°, 18°).

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The Complexity of the English Language Makes it Difficult to Learn

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

The English language is an interesting language. Words from other languages have been borrowed and introduced. Homophones, multiple word meanings, synonyms, sarcasms, and homographs have been included to add color to the already difficult language. No wonder the English language is one of the most difficult languages to learn.

Add to that mix, are the old-time phrases:

- At the time of butchering, when lowering the hog into scalding hot water, and the hair comes off easily, it is "a good scald."
- Exaggerating the truth or telling an untruth... "They stretched their blanket."
- A mixture of food that is sticky... "akempucky."
- Wash one's hands because they are "glommy."
- "Tearing up Jack" means to raise a commotion.
- "Whipstitch" means to happen quite often.
- "Tear jerker songs" all seem to have a tragic ending.
- "Struck the funny bone" meant that it was quite hilarious.
- There was a time that "Jesus" or "God" was never used in ordinary conversation... only in prayer and testimony. It is amazing how times have changed. Now, one hears an "Oh my God" in casual, daily conversation.

How confusing this must be for those first learning the English language.

- "I need to read what I read again."
- "I am not content with this content."
- "I object to that object."

So many of these old expressions are still in use today, although funny looks are given when used. They may seem odd to the younger generation, but many older folks remember, and still sometimes use these colorful phrases.

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Don't ride in a car if the driver has been drinking.
2. Stay on one's toes.
3. Get to know one's children's teachers.
4. Never eat a sugared doughnut when wearing a dark outfit.
5. Don't take medicine in the dark.

Old Man Winter took a swipe at the hills this past Friday night, dumping several inches of snow. Snow fell on the crocuses and snow drops. They have collapsed on the ground; their petals are limp and faded. Tulips and daffodils are putting forth green shoots, hopefully awaiting warmer weather. Sunday morning temperatures were 14 degrees, but the shining sun invigorated the soul.

There is so much sickness, and perhaps it is due to the fact that there hadn't been cold enough temperatures to freeze out the bacteria and viruses.

The barren hills with the barren branches on the trees make it seem almost impossible that they might come alive again. Most residents are looking forward to another



Edward Harvey Rader (Feb. 3, 1898 - Aug. 22, 1965) was the son of Philip Emanuel and Columbia Caroline Pitsenbarger. On Feb. 4, 1939, he married Mary Evelyn Propst (April 10, 1908 -) at Dahmer. From this union, his children were Edward Lee (Aug. 27, 1939 - May 8, 2019), Philip Marshall (March 24, 1941 - April 5, 1986) and Jesse Dale (Sept. 15, 1951 - Aug. 21, 2016). Another son, Edward (Gene) (Nov. 8, 1933 - Jan. 29, 1982) was the son of Myrtle Lynn Mitchell.

springtime coming to the hills. The melodic notes of the songbirds are heard at the morning hours. There is nothing more encouraging than to hear those cheerful songs announcing another morning.

This week's quotes are as follows:

"Have enough courage to trust love one more time and always one more time." — Maya Angelou

"You may never know what results come of your actions, but if you do nothing, there will be no results." — Mahatma Gandhi

"The only thing we never get enough of is love; and the only thing we never give enough of is love." — Henry Miller

"Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart." — Victor Hugo

"Gilligan's Island is wherever you want it to be in your mind." — Bob Denver

Life sure is better once hearing the "Talk of the Grove." Shrove Tuesday had the St. John Lutheran Church

members enjoying the cruller dinner. This dinner hails back as far as when the Germans first arrived in this community. This tradition leads into the Lent season.

Knotting of quilts continues to bring out persons on Wednesdays and Fridays. This worthwhile cause reaches out to those persons displaced by disasters in this country and around the world.

Word arrived that Rosalee Grogg suffered a fall at her home, early Sunday morning. She is presently at RMH Sentara in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

On Saturday, Judy and Sam Waggy, Janet Judy, Terry Harper, Rose Brackman, and Evelyn Varner met up with Judy Costello in Staunton, Virginia. They all journeyed to the Wayne Theatre in Waynesboro, Virginia, where they enjoyed the concert given by Conway Twiddy's grandson and Loretta Lynn's granddaughter. All appreciated having gone to the concert.

Clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows: The Harlem Globetrotters played their first game in 1927.

The Royal Hawaiian Resort in Waikiki was Shirley Temple's favorite hotel in the 1930s.

Dolly Parton is the godmother to Miley Cyrus.

The human heart, which grows to about the size of a fist, beats 115,000 times and pumps about 2,000 gallons of blood per day.

Squirrels chew on tree branches to sharpen and clean their teeth.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Bob Adamson, Rick Adkins, Charles and "Pidge" Anderson, John Ashley, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Amann, Lynn Beatty, "Bo" Boggs, Dewayne Borrer, Jane Conrad, Marie Cole, Norma Propst Cunningham, Christian Dasher, Isaac Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Neal Eye, Loretta Gordon, Lola Graham, Jordan Greathouse, Patsy Green, Rosalee Grogg, JC Hammer, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, Steve and Armanda Heavner, Grace Hedrick, Edsel and Mary Ann Hogan, Virgil Homan, Jr., Adelbert Hoover, Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie and Enos Horst, Lisa and Mike Jamison, Jessica Janney, Alice Johnson, Richard Judy, Marsha Keller, Danny Kimble, Kim Kline, Tracie Knight, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Ronnie Lambert, Rex Landis, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Anna Mauzy, Ed May, Gary McDonald, 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, Tom Rader, Brandon Reel, Charles Rexrode, Jason Rexrode, Jerold "Jerry" Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Dennis Riggelman, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Phyllis Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Kent Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Donnie Smith, Stanna Smith, Steve Stump, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Evelyn Varner, Raymond Varner, Amy Vaus, Judy Williams, Ann Wimer and Margaret Wimer.

County Students Place in Regional Science Fair

The top three students placing in their division at the county science fair were eligible to compete in the regional fair held Feb. 2 at Ranson Civic Center in Ranson.

County students placing in the regional event were as follows:

- Division I (grades three to five): Behavioral and Social Sciences — Marion Williams, "Taste the Rainbow," first; Materials Science — Harley Bowers, "What Floats Your Boat?," first; Medial Science — Olivia Caplinger, "Which Is Cleaner? Fountain vs. Water Bottle Station," hon-

orable mention; and

Physics and Astronomy — Ross Pownell, "Gauss Gun," second.

Division II (grades six through eight):

Earth and Environmental — Chloe Kisamore,

"Weather Folklore," third;

Materials Science — Dylan Eye, "Are You a Bethiever?," first; and

Mathematics — Sam Eason, "Test Your Luck," third.

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Falcons Fly Back from Franklin with a Victory

By Stephen Smoot

One of the stronger programs in West Virginia class double A brought 15 wins and a balanced attack to contend with the surging Wildcats on Monday. After a tough battle, they took home a win, but by a margin likely closer than they expected.

Frankfort owned two huge wins over cross-county rival Keyser. They also defeated a strong Mountain Ridge squad and a very capable Lincoln team.

The opening tip went to Pendleton County, but the Falcons took an early 6-0, then a 16-5 lead early in the first quarter. Chase Owens, however, would not allow them to extend their lead too far. At the 1:25 point, he drove the lane and drew a foul, then completed two free throws. Twenty seconds later, he followed that with an offensive rebound and a layup to close the gap to 16-9.

Frankfort called time out and benefited from a foul, hitting two free throws of their own, but Owens answered again, drawing another foul and staying perfect from the line to put the score at the end of the first at 18-11.

Wyatt Franklin put in an exceptional game, showing confidence in his offense and also defense and rebounding that demonstrated heart and effort. Early in the second, he took a steal, then found Bradey Bowers for a layup. Shortly thereafter, Josiah Kimble drove the lane after a steal, but misfired on the shot. Franklin was there to collect the rebound and score the layup, closing the lead to seven.

For a time in the second, the game was punches and

counter punches. Frankfort hit a layup at 5:33 to extend the lead to nine, but Cashton Kisamore quickly answered with a post move and a made shot. Not long after, a Jaydon Hess pass found an open Kimble, who buried a three.

Though Frankfort had a height advantage, they did most of their damage outside, hitting a trio of three-point shots to push the lead. They enjoyed a 41-27 edge at the half.

The Falcons broke the game open in the third, methodically attacking the Wildcat defense inside and out. A strong play by Jeremiah Babo, son of former Marshall University center Serge Babo, gave his team a 64-37 lead. After the play, the Falcons seemed to lose their composure.

Pendleton County then went on an 11 to 1 run to finish the quarter, setting the score at 65-48.

For the fourth quarter, head coach Jeremy Bodkin lifted his starters and played the reserves the rest of the way. With a big game against Petersburg on Tuesday, then Moorefield today, Bodkin understood that energy is a limited resource. He also gave his reserves an exceptional opportunity to show what they could do.

And they shone. Zakijah Wright hit a layup to bring the lead under 20, followed by another made shot from Justus Kuykendall. Henry Warner also completed two free throws and a three in the fourth. Both Warner and Wright recorded athletic shot blocks as well.

In the fourth, the Wildcats outscored the Falcons 13 to seven.

Despite Frankfort's performance, the game was beneficial to Pendleton County. They played at a pace that had not al-



Chase Owens drives around the defender to score a basket against Frankfort Monday night.

ways been expected of them this season, but executed well. Wildcat players brought a sense of postseason urgency, regardless of what the score was at the time.

Cheerleaders Rise To the Occasion



The varsity cheerleading squad has kept crowds loudly supporting both teams as they played well down the stretch.

Pendleton County Looks Ahead to Sectionals After Big Win at East Hardy

By Stephen Smoot

"To be, or not to be: that is the question/ Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune/Or to take arms against a sea of troubles?"

Donnie Kopp's first year as leader of the Wildcat girls' basketball pack has seen "the heartache and the thousand natural shocks," but the season that started like an unforgiving rock-strewn path of outrageous – sometimes ridiculous – fortune has led to a well-earned conclusion through going right at the sea of troubles.

The season opened with a win at Union but then six tough losses against mostly much larger schools and much more experienced teams. Pendleton County had to throw freshmen and sophomores into the heat of tough early season competition, but that forged them into something stronger, rather than seeing them wilt under the pressure.

Last week, the team produced a 27-point reversal. They took an East Hardy squad that defeated them in Franklin 59-46 last month and delivered a sound 54-40 defeat in Baker.

From last year's team that earned a berth in the state tournament returned two starters. Avery Townsend started the season as a dependable floor leader and playmaker, but quickly assumed a much larger role than she enjoyed last year playing alongside Ana Young.

They used to say of baseball great Reggie Jackson that he was "the straw that stirred the drink." Young served in that role last year. It took only two games for Townsend to gain confidence in assuming

that role. In many contests this year, she found an extra gear that propelled her into making big plays on offense and defense, often to shut down an opponent trying to fight their way back into a game.

Kopp relied on three key players to anchor his front court. Gabby DePue brought height, athleticism, and good post offense. Jameigh Miller emerged as a rock steady freshman last year who added offensive moves to her repertoire. Both showed hard-nosed toughness in the post season last year.

Unfortunately, illness put DePue on injured reserve for nearly the entire season. Fortunately, freshman Susan Vincell brought steady play inside, keeping opponents off the boards and giving Pendleton County a steadily improving inside threat to score.

Dependable play also came from Natalie Hedrick, Julia Mongold, and Jenna Smith. The girls play sharp defense, creating turnovers with their skill and hustle. Hedrick adds a true knack for chasing down loose rebounds while Smith brings her long-range shot. Mongold's hard-charging style and single-minded determination in every game serves as a sort of microcosm.

As Kopp has said repeatedly, "There's no quit in them" and no one exemplifies that spirit more than Mongold.

Kiera Heavener saw promotion from last year's junior varsity squad and has brought a focus on defense and rebounding. She provided valuable minutes off the bench and has made big plays at key moments, including timely shot production.

Along with Vincell, Jessica Parker also showed skills and poise beyond her years.

Throughout the season, Parker has rebounded well and contributed consistently on defense. In the last month, however, she has performed more proficiently on offense, using both post moves and floor drives to complete shots. Olivia Gonshor, another freshman who will serve as part of the core of the team for years to come, made the most of her opportunities and has showed her potential all season.

After the one and six start, Pendleton County worked their way to a nine and seven run to close out the season. At the moment of writing, the team still looks ahead to a very winnable section, though results can still produce surprises, which is why Chris Berman used to repeat, "That's why they play the game."

That run over the past two months looks all the more remarkable because key performers in the past month have dealt with illness and played through nagging injuries. Privacy law prevents media outlets from hearing specific information on illness or injuries of individual players.

Regardless of the outcome this year, this team has shown themselves as one of the "enterprises of great pith and moment," producing exciting memories today with realistic goals of much more in years to come.

On Wednesday, the Wildcats, the number one seed in the section, hosted Notre Dame (No. 4), who defeated Harman (No. 5). The winner of Wednesday's game between Pendleton County and Notre Dame will face the winner of the Pocahontas County (No. 2) and Tygarts Valley (No. 3) game, also played Wednesday. That game will be played Friday on the court of the higher seed.

Wildcats Roar into Final Week of the Season, Winning Five of Last Seven

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County's march across the 2023-24 season saw the boys' basketball team struggling early, as inexperienced as lambs.

But down the stretch, the Wildcats roared like lions.

Since a closer than the score indicated setback against Tucker County on Jan. 30, Pendleton County has seen the work of the season truly come together. That included two lopsided victories over a Paw Paw team with 13 wins to their credit and a statement game at rival Moorefield.

The only blemishes during that run came at the hands of East Hardy. Max Preps currently ranks them first in West Virginia single A and 15th among all schools in the state.

Pendleton County, holding a 10 and seven record, rose to sixth in single A in the estimation of the same outlet.

At the start of the season, the Wildcats searched to establish a new identity after losing Clayton Kisamore and Jacob Beachler to graduation. Head coach Jeremy Bodkin, however, had three returning players who personified reliability in 2022-23. Josiah Kimble continued to improve his dual threat game from last year, bringing a steady outside shot and an explosive first step to offense to complement feisty aggressive defense.

Chase Owens added strength in the last year and it showed as Pendleton County increasingly used him to attack defenders on the post. His inside work helped to free up other shooters on the perimeter and also put him in a position to haul down more rebounds. Those on the offensive end often made it in the basket for points.

Senior point guard Dusty Smith does not light up the scoring sheet, but not because he lacks a shooter's touch. His job lies in marshaling the team up the floor against opponents' presses and setting the table for the rest of the offense. Smith's hustle plays on defense creating turnovers and breaking up opponents' offensive rhythms.

The success of the team relied heavily on the known quantities that the team brought from last year. Successful seasons from the supporting cast, however, served as vital factors in developing the strength of the squad. Unlike many programs, Bodkin's team earned the coach's confidence to use any player on his bench in key game situations.

Cashton Kisamore established his presence underneath early, working for rebounds and showing a deft touch with post moves. Also providing strength underneath was Zykijah Wright, an unmovable object once he establishes position on offense or defense.

Wyatt Franklin could have earned the title of Mr. Versatility, if it existed. Time and time again, he extends offensive possessions with rebounds, or ends them with outside shots. Bradey Bowers brings toughness off the bench, using aggression and skill to keep opposing offenses off-balance. In many games this year, the long, lanky, and accurate shooter Henry Warner has provided a spark off the bench, hitting key shots to push momentum.

Down the stretch, Bodkin has taken contributions from the rest of his bench as well. Justus Kuykendall's senior leadership and quick, aggressive guarding of opponents have rendered him a valuable contributor. His and Jaydon Hess's high energy defense and ball-handling allowed coaches to give more rest to key backcourt players late in close games. Caleb Armentrout has provided solid play and key minutes when opportunity allowed.

The team overcame a huge challenge mid-season that could have broken the momentum established. Inclement weather time and time again led to postponed games and canceled practices, but it did not break team focus or development.

The last week of the season offers a trifecta of challenges for Pendleton County. Frankfort brought 13 wins to town on Monday, including a signature win against a strong class AAA Lincoln squad.

On Tuesday, Pendleton County hosted Petersburg. The Vikings defeated the Wildcats twice at George Halterman court, but the last time only by five.

Max Preps ranks Petersburg ninth and Frankfort 10th in class double A.

The season ends Friday, senior night, with a hosting of the Moorefield Yellow Jackets who have been themselves stung by Pendleton County twice this season.

Nothing was inevitable about the Wildcats scratching and clawing their way to a 10-win season with a very young, but scrappy team.

One of their most remarkable traits lay in emulating the best mental qualities of great baseball pitchers (which stands to reason since two of them play that position for Sam Yokum's baseball squad). No bad game, no bad quarter, no bad possession affected them for long. They absorbed the lessons taught by coaches and game experience and applied them the next available chance.

The school of the regular season will soon close down. Postseason play in March, where teams apply the lessons learned, awaits the lions in winter.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
 IN THE MATTER OF: D.J.H.
 Civil Action No. 24-FIG-1
 Minor(s) Under the Age of 18 Years
 THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
 To the above named Respondent: Shalee D. Wilburn
 CLERK OF COURT 2-15-2c
 It appearing by affidavit in this action that after diligence to determine the address of Unknown Father, residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that Unknown Father serve upon Shannon M. Harman, whose address is 14222 Petersburg Pike, Upper Tract, WV 26866, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action, on or before March 15, 2024. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A final hearing is set for the 3rd day of April, 2024, @ 10:30 a.m. before Pendleton Co. Family Court.
 A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.
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- Presidents Day is celebrated on the third Monday in February, thanks to the 1968 Uniform Monday Holiday Act.
- Presidents Day was established in 1885 in honor of President George Washington's birthday.
- Washington's birthday was actually on Feb. 22, 1732.
- Washington's birthplace is a national monument and is located in Colonial Beach, Virginia.
- It is still officially called Washington's Birthday by the federal government.
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